

# Themes in Existentialism

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Freedom and Angst, joy and suffering, affirmation and despair, life and decadence—these and other dimensions of the human condition will be explored in this course through the writings of philosophers of existence in a variety of intellectual traditions such as Christianity; Judaism; Islam; Zen Buddhism; Occidental atheism; Africana thought; modern scientism; and more. From the canonical to the iconoclastic, we will see what these authors—African American, Algerian, Danish, French, German, Japanese, South African—have to say on what it means be human and to make a choice in the modern and postmodern worlds.

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