

VIEWS ON RELIGION AND ATHEISM IN ALBERT CAMUS PHILOSOPHY

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Introduction. To understand if religion has a place in a human life it is needed to understand the concepts related to the question of God existence. Atheism – is a worldview that denies the existence of faith in God.

Purpose of the study. A clear understanding of the essence of atheism (by the consideration of atheism in philosophy of Albert Camus) will give each of us the ability of rational evaluation the existing provisions related to religion. “If there is no God, is life worth to live?” – the main question of Albert Camus.

Materials and methods. The main sources of the study are the works by Albert Camus. The research method of work is based on the principle of formulation of the question and search of solution.

Results. According to the aims of this work the answers to such questions as “What is the essence of atheism in the interpretation of Albert Camus?”, “What is his attitude to it?” or “What is the meaning of atheism in Albert Camus philosophy?” were given.

Conclusions. Analyzing Albert Camus views at religion we can emphasize the idea fully reflects his attitude to religion and has an atheistic nature: “If there is a sin against life, it does not seem to be hopeless but it is in rely on the life in the other world and evade the ruthless greatness of this-worldly life”.

According to Albert Camus a consciousness of modern man is deprived of religion and faith in God and he believes that consciousness is located on the boundaries without faith and search of a new point of support. It is very hard for person to accept the idea of senseless search for external support and the fact that he has to rely only on himself. The concept of a “broken” consciousness as a consciousness of absurd was expressed in Albert Camus works and was considered as an attack on religion in France in the 1940-ies. According to Albert Camus atheism can not be the result of a simple analysis of the life situation, it requires faith at more high level than religion. Atheism must be a religion as the most difficult one – the belief in the absurd. The works by Albert Camus such as “The Myth of Sisyphus” – is the gospel for himself. These works are full of atheistic views but it is incorrect to treat it as propaganda of atheism. Camus proved atheism is heroism and heroism can not preach. According to the philosopher's opinion a person can come to atheism not by reading books but instinctively himself.

Albert Camus believes that collision with senselessness of the world leads a non-religious person to the hope as a single output that lies inside him and in the creative openness of his existence.