

**Collective
Essays.**

I:
the Philosopher:

Each human being has been given the ability to ask the question.

Each human being, by nature, desires to know.

Whether We have found our answer or are still searching,

We love the answer.

By nature, We love to know.

Hence, at the heart of each mind, is a little philosopher,

A child, full of curiosity, wanting to freely explore & experience that which we call life.

Definition:

Philosophy: (Ancient Greek: φιλοσοφία) - 'love of wisdom'.

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II :
the Scientist:

Each human being, by nature, desires to know:

But what does it mean: “to know”?

How can We be sure that We know something, anything?

What if

–Our memory has faded?

–We’ve been lied to?

–We’ve mixed up the details of the concept?

–Our source has made an error which We inherit?

How can We be sure that it is Our thoughts, and Our conclusions that are correct, and not others?

And so We, the philosopher,

must take on the philosophy of Skepticism,

if We truly want to know the validity of a statement,

Irrespective of the conclusion that may be reached,

and whatever feelings may arise from that conclusion.

This is the foundation of Scientific Thinking, of the Scientific Method:

No statement can ever be fully True,

as new evidence may always appear that may redefine our view of the concept.

We may only ever accept truths in terms of the amount of experimentally-controlled and carefully-reasoned evidence that has been presented.

Our desire to know—the philosopher— has produced a specific method by which We may arrive at seemingly true, and acceptable statements—without getting lost, overwhelmed, and partaking in empty arguments in the sea of human thoughts.

Definition:

Science: systematic method of obtaining and organizing knowledge by means of (experimentally) testing proposed thoughts—i.e.hypotheses.

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III :
the Pantheist:

*The Physicist is a collection of atoms; observing and experimenting on the other atoms
–in essence, atoms observing atoms.*

It is the most fundamental of all sciences; lying at the boundary of Our existence.

And mathematics is the language in which the physicist speaks.

Mathematics is the stripping away of reality into pure, abstract relationships.

Relationship:

The thought

*–the mental connection One can make–between any Two or more ‘things’ –
is mathematics.*

Mathematics is.

It is all that there is, all that there ever was, and all that ever will be.

*It is all that can possibly **Be**.*

*Everything **is** Mathematics,*

While Mathematics itself, is Nothing.

Imagine a line drawn on a piece of paper.

We know what We are talking about. We may draw it, discuss it, make statements about it.

But what is its definition? – what is a line?

*An infinitely-long object with no width, no depth, nor curvature,
created from infinitely-many evenly-spread points.*

What is a point?

We may both abstractly understand it,

but a mathematical definition there is none.

It is an infinitesimally-small abstract structure that only exists when we give it a particular ‘size’.

*The derivative–the rate of change of something–emerges from approximating the infinitesimally
small (what is called “a limit” in mathematics).*

Something, emerges from infinity

–from the emptiness, from the nothingness.

Mathematics is elusive,

it is simultaneously Real and Not.

*It cannot capture itself,
it cannot prove itself to be True.*

*Our world is an approximation of mathematical ideas.
Our world is a subset of mathematical ideas.*

Mathematics is the only is:

*It is, so it would seem, the fundamental “thing” that any mind
–any unit of consciousness–
can whisper.*

*Nothing beyond it,
nothing before it.*

Mathematics is infinite.

And just like mathematical theorems hold truths, those truths cannot be said to be absolute and objective, rather, as implications of the corresponding set of assumptions (the axioms).

*Perhaps there is a Creator, which We can imagine as separate from Us,
... but that Creator has a Creator....*

*Perhaps there is a Consciously-Unified Being, which We collectively form,
Like the living cells that collectively form Your Consciously-unified being,
...but this Greater Being may act, along with its kind,
like a cell for the emerging consciousness of a more ultimate Being.... Ad infinitum...*

*Perhaps, We are invented in a higher dimensional Laboratory,
–a simulation, an experiment–designed by higher-being Scientists.
...but they too, must experience the infinity of mathematics.*

*Perhaps, there is just Us and Our Universe,
An infinite blanket of energy, fluctuating to form the various realities,
...but this too, is infinite.*

All must experience the unity of mathematics, the unity of infinity.

*Perhaps too, can all these views co-exist,
But regardless:*

What difference does it make?

Do Our actions truly depend on the Reason of Our existence?

Why do any of these imaginations matter?

The Pantheist claims:

No difference. No. Does not matter.

The primary aspects of life that has always concerned Us:

*Questions on Morality,
Questions on Behavior,
Questions on right and wrong–
...Which ultimately serve to answer:
How to live a good and happy life?,*

*Are questions that We may answer without any concern as to how we exist.
Rather, they are answered purely based on the observed consequences of
Cause-and-Effect–whether one is conscious of this process or not.*

*Cause-and-Effect is mathematics–the logical process that links two “things”
–tying it back to the infinite.*

*Just as One may stare into Infinity, and witness fear and emptiness,
One may also stare into Infinity, and witness beauty and fullness.
It is in Our choices as to how to respond to, and behave within, this Unified Infinity.*

The Pantheist, makes the final claim:

*All that exists, can exist, will exist or has existed
–is Unified by Mathematics.*

And Mathematics is Infinite.

Mathematics is the Mind.

The Mind is Infinite.

The Mind is One.

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IV :

The Absurdist:

As We age, We gain positive experiences, as well as negative ones.

*Even with the positive experiences,
when they come to an end– as everything does–
We feel some emptiness:
being left with merely a memory,
of a moment never to be returned,
and even that,
will eventually fade into nothingness.*

*And We struggle,
With the experiences of our existence.*

*With
the pain We see,
the pain We feel,
Physically,
Emotionally,
Mentally...*

*And given Our ability to Question,
And given Our desire to Know,*

We will, of course, ask the Reason for Our Existence.

*The mystery seems endless,
knowledge: infinite.*

*Overwhelmed are We,
Overstimulated are We,*

Confused, Lost and Empty...

*Feelings and thoughts,
of all categories and forms,
fluctuate within Us,
Tearing Us apart.*

*This is the Anxiety of Living...
.... of experiencing.*

And how shall We deal with this Anxiety?

It seems We have 3 options:

1. *The Universe, exists. But it seeks our Non-existence.*

*It has given Us the ability to ask,
yet conceals the final answer:*

*Even in mathematics, the purest of knowledge, and the representation of reason,
Is rational only within its set of axioms...
Infinite otherwise. Even the Infinite
–exists within Infinity, within Infinity, within Infinity...*

*All this leads to Our confusion...
to Our fear...
to Our suffering...
to Our madness...*

*Endlessly tormenting us with this Anxiety of unknowing.
–so why not end it?*

*Let Us choose Our Fate
–let Us succumb to the Universe and its desire to tear Us apart.*

*Let Us fulfill the Universe's Irrational goal:
We, which are the Observer of the Universe,
Are driven by the Universe to become its Non-Observer.
And where will this Universe then go? Will it still "Exist"?*

*I may, honestly, say:
I do not Know.
But I know that if I end it, then I will be at Peace.*

2. *The Universe, exists. So let Us Submit to It.*

*Knowledge of our existence is beyond Us,
so let Us accept it,
and hope for the most peaceful solution to this tormenting Anxiety.*

*Perhaps if We cry out,
to that which has the answers we seek,
to that which has the responsibility of our being,
to that which has the power over our circumstances,
to that which is beyond Us–beyond Our mind, beyond Our world,
to that which knows...*

*Let Us imagine this as a greater form of being–
a higher consciousness–that We may give a name.*

It is this God that will bring Us solace from the Anxiety of Being.

3. *The Universe, exists. Let Us Have It.*

Let Us accept Its Irrationality, Its Infinities:

–experience Its beauty through Art and Mathematics.

Let Us face the Overwhelming experience,

–with strength, and courage.

Let Us laugh at the Universe's contradiction:

–to have created Us and seek our self-destruction? The Irony!

This may bring Our mind some peace, but the Anxiety-of-Being still exists.

But do We wish to merely hope and pray to bring comfort to Our souls?

Or do We:

take action of Our destiny?,

of Our Irrational Existence?

–to Embrace Our struggle, Our Existence,

–to Love Our Fate, to take control over it,

–to create a Positive Experience for Ourselves.

Let Us stand strong, united,

in the midst of this irrational, chaotic fluctuation

of energy, mind, and matter.

Let Us set this up as a goal for Ourselves:

to solve this problem of “the Anxiety of Being”.

In other words,

to be Happy.

What may bring more meaning and joy than this?

And We ask Ourselves:

how must We attain this long-sought -after state of mind?

At times We may be wrong,

At times We may feel lost,

At times We are unsure,

But We all feel good

when We find a piece of this puzzle,

And Our Anxiety-of-Being momentarily disappears.

And hence,

the striving towards,

*the search for,
happiness:
–for Yourself, Your Society, Your Species,
–for Us–
is a worthy goal to strive towards, don't you think?*

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V :
the Epicurean:

PART 1

*The lonely and empty universe.
How pleasant it is to have another soul close by,
–One who shares a Thought.
–One who shares a Laugh
–One who shares the Pain
–One who shares the World*

*This is a friend.
Without Our friends, who are We?*

PART 2

Moderation:

Enjoy life in smaller bites, it will taste better.

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VI : **the Marxist:**

- *First We eat–We survive–, then We talk about ideas:*
Ideas emerge firstly to improve the materialistic being, then the ideological follows.
{Marxism: Historical Materialism}
- *We are social beings:*
To get our energy–our food, We must hunt, search, gather, protect... –together.
We must also share our food.
{Marxism: Primitive Communism}
- *How do We share?–Who gets more, who gets less?*
If all is divided equally, there are no categories–no classes.
If any differences exist, classes emerge.
{Marxism: Class theory}
- *Difference in classes creates a hierarchy in a society:*
How much energy you have, –resources you own = Your worth in the society.
Discontentment and hostility arises within the lower classes.
Such is the emergence of history: a struggle for power –for becoming higher class.
{Marxism: Class Struggle}
- *Material control, then Ideological:*
The upper class, with more resources thereby more materialistic control,
proceeds to own, control, and distribute, the ideological:
How much energy you have, –resources you own = Influence on the social order.
Emerges the class relationships and creates society’s structure.
All ideological aspects of the society follow from the created structure,
and serve to reinforce the foundational structure of the society.
{Marxism: Base & Superstructure}
- *Historical systems: Slavery - Feudalism - Capitalism - Socialism - Communism:*
Notice the increasing freedom of the lower class, and the minimizing gap between
the rich and poor.
{Marxism: Mode of Production}
- *Specifically in Capitalist system:*
The emerging technology gave rise to a new type of society where two classes
remain: via compound interest, a minority elite class who own and operate the
necessary resources for society’s survival emerge,
And a lower class who supply a piece of value for producing the energy that will be
operated by one, or few, individuals without the lower class’s input on how to divide
and use the resources.
{Marxism: Bourgeoisie & Proletariat}
- *Historic Evidence, Examples:*
Antitrust Laws [Government acting in favor of the People].
Corporate Personhood [Government acting in favor of the Corporations].
Child Labor laws [Gov. acting in favor of the People, social-awareness]

Environmental Protection Laws :
[Gov. may/may-not be acting in public, corporate benefit, or own interest]
Free Healthcare:
[Gov. acting in favor of the people, public health]
Bank Bailouts
Minimum Wage Laws
Government surveillance capabilities
Etc.

➤ *Modern Evidence, Examples:*

Corporations 4-day/reduced work-week:
[Overworking = No longer Efficient for production].
Internet, Social Media, Data-protection, Privacy Laws for safety and security.
Decentralization
Universal Basic Income

Note, a more complex system is involved—the role of bureaucracy, and government can be heavily intertwined in the power-struggle and driven by financial gain which may mutually aid both parties, and/or aid but one, or aid its own self (political members—government), as is likely with the case of Environmental Protection Laws.

We currently stand in the transition towards a socialist society which will evolve through several possible-routes:
through democratic government,
~~through vanguard-party (= totalitarian society = anti-socialist = Soviet Union)~~
through decentralization,
through corporate-democratization,
through technological/digital democratization,
through social-movements and/or other ideas (eco-economics).

➤ *Conclusion:*

With the help of technology:
Along with the continued class struggle,
Just as Our societies achieved a political democracy,
They may achieve an economic democracy:
Where the Majority of People can agree on how the energy they produce is used
{Marxism: Socialism}

With the help of technology:
We no longer care about producing, as enough wealth has been created:
We shift Our focus and efforts on the next problem: Social issues.
It then becomes more economically convenient to maintain social equilibrium,
And Our social thinking evolves to be more collective in nature,
As it is Our social nature that is a central principle of Our species and
its survival. Therefore—central to Our wellbeing.

*It becomes more economically efficient for an economic democracy:
–such that every citizen may have enough to live a comfortable life:
feeling secure,
cared for,
and happy.*

*And thereby, this citizen will be eager to make a contribution to a society that raised them
happy, and with love.*

~ From each according to his ability, To each according to his needs ~

*With the help of science, technology, and economics,
A global community, as is already emerging, will be created.
And civilization has transitioned into a period of communism.*

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END.