

The Concept of Anxiety (1844)

We build our lives
thru the choices we make

↳ the # of possibilities → lost in the infinite
dizziness

anxiety is the dizziness of freedom

"paradox of choice"

KIERKEGAARD

father of existentialism

"judging philosophers by
their lives rather than
simply by their intellectual
or facts"

opposes to Hegel's "arrive @
absolute knowledge thru science of logic"

indirect communication of
works to "have" it to
the reader to 'know' themselves

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Existential Stages

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- 2) Ethical → "the universal" / prevailing social norms
- 3) Religious → only on the basis of faith, an individual
can become a true self
faith > reason

First existentialist
"Existence precedes essence" (Sartre rejected his
existence of God)

human → individual
(not a member
of a species)

ethical/religious truth
is known thru individual
existence (subjectivity > objectivity)

individual
(leap of) faith ≈ doubt!!

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"doubt is conquered by faith,
just as it is faith which has
brought doubt into the world"

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He strongly opposed to
mediation by clergy

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(1813 - 1855)

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x Hegelianism

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magnum opus

Life can only be understood backwards,
but it must be lived forwards

↳ Beautiful! {St. John's dots...}