

The Absurdity of Absurdism (?)

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"According to Camus, one's freedom—and the opportunity to give life meaning—lies in the recognition of absurdity. If the absurd experience is truly the realization that the universe is fundamentally devoid of absolutes, then we as individuals are truly free. "To live without appeal,"[60] as he puts it, is a philosophical move to define absolutes and universals subjectively, rather than objectively. The freedom of man is thus established in one's natural ability and opportunity to create their own meaning and purpose; to decide (or think) for oneself. The individual becomes the most precious unit of existence, representing a set of unique ideals that can be characterized as an entire universe in its own right. In acknowledging the absurdity of seeking any inherent meaning, but continuing this search regardless, one can be happy, gradually developing meaning from the search alone.

Camus states in The Myth of Sisyphus: "Thus I draw from the absurd three consequences, which are my revolt, my freedom, and my passion. By the mere activity of consciousness I transform into a rule of life what was an invitation to death, and I refuse suicide."[61] "Revolt" here refers to the refusal of suicide and search for meaning despite the revelation of the Absurd; "Freedom" refers to the lack of imprisonment by religious devotion or others' moral codes; "Passion" refers to the most wholehearted experiencing of life, since hope has been rejected, and so he concludes that every moment must be lived fully."

As I understand it, it's more about accepting the reality with it's absurd nature and still living passionately, full of life despite knowing the ultimate meaninglessness of it all, camus didn't think there was any ultimate or objective meaning, he thought we exist because we exist, as simple as that, The absurdity comes when we as rational and curious beings try to make rational sense of a ultimately irrational universe, when we try to find some deeper or ultimate meaning in a ultimately meaningless universe with no objective and absolute standards,

existentialism recognises that objective meaning, which is common to all human beings may not exist, so they think that an individual should find their own subjective meaning instead, Absurdism doesn't do that, they don't try to find meaning in a meaningless universe, reason in a irrational universe, they just accept the reality as it is, and still live in defiance of it, with freedom and passion, despite knowing the ultimate meaninglessness of it all,

it's a life affirming philosophy which is pretty vast and can mean many different things, I am only scratching the surface now, absurdity can mean the search of a grand reason in a ultimately meaningless world, or it can also mean signify the human limitation which constraints us from ever truly grasping the world, it means the rejection of absolute standards or values, because they change with time and circumstances and a lot more,

there a lot of definitions of what the word 'absurdity ' in absurdism actually means, but I am pretty sure it doesn't mean denying the world by calling it absurd and escaping into your little hole, instead it means recognising and making peace with the absurdity of it all and still living defiantly,

I am currently reading "the stranger" by Albert camus, I hope it will give me more Clarity on his philosophy.

Of course, I may be totally wrong about this, so take it with a grain of salt ☹️