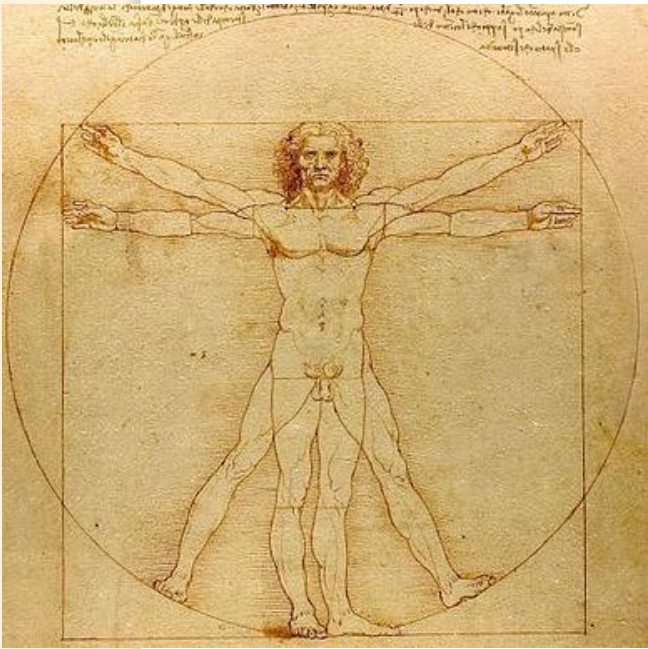


# Person and his activity. Postclassical philosophy. Existentializm.

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❑ **irrationality -**

man has been guided by

*senses; will;*

*subconsciousness*

not by reason;

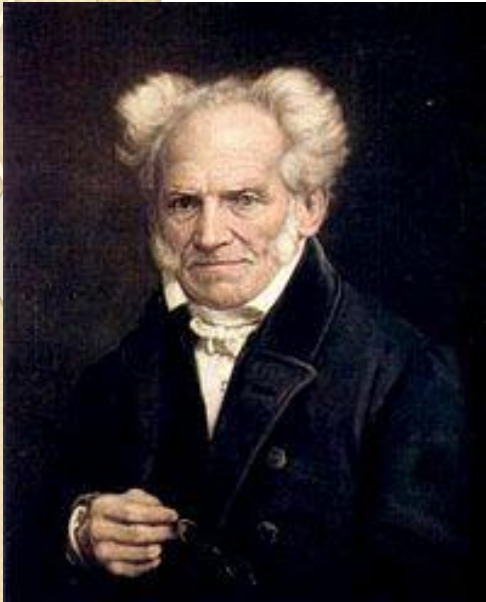
pure reason lost its primary position in

determinative of human life

❑ Idea of **progressive development** has been **crushed**

❑ phenomenon of the “grey masses”





## Arthur Schopenhauer

1788 - 1860

### ❑ «The World as Will and Representation»

❑ *Voluntarism* - the *will* is superior to the intellect and to emotion, *will* is the bases of being

❑ WILL – hunger, lust for life

❑ *Pessimism* - «*we live in the worst of all possible worlds*»

**WILL**

Essence  
{Noumeno



**REPRESENTATION**

Illusion (objectivation of the  
*world will*) {Phenomenon

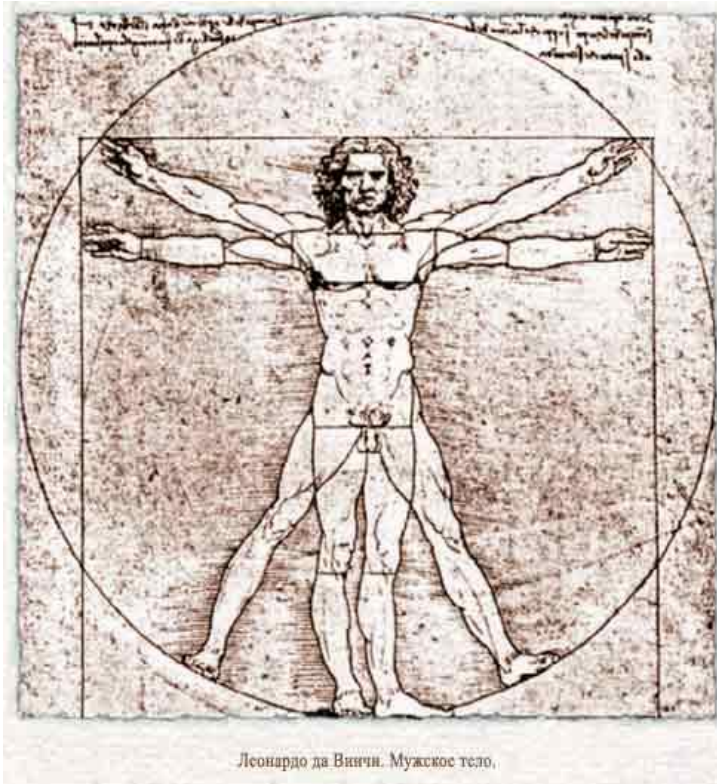
- **WILL** – rush, charge, blind desire, unconscious aspiration (typical for all things in existing world)
- **WILL** – bases and kernel of the world  
“thing-for-itself” **NOUMENON**
- **MAN** – highest stage of the will objectivation
- World of Representations exists only for our mind  
**PHENOMENON** = Nature – “things-for-us”



# Man can get to know about the world only from himself, not from the nature

- MAN
- Micro-cosmos

- WORLD
- Macro-anthropos



Леонардо да Винчи. Мужское тело.





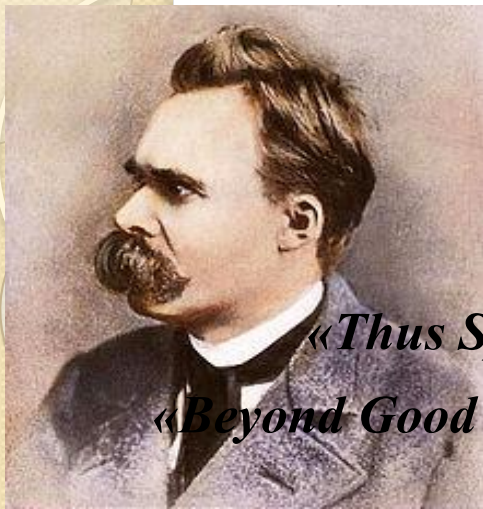
# Schopenhauer pessimism

- *« happiness is an illusion »*
- *Our will, or our desires, are continually demanding things from the world that cannot always be satisfied. And so we are continually frustrated. Even when our desires are satisfied it will only be brief. This satisfaction will then lead to an increase in our desires and, ultimately, to boredom when our desires are finally exhausted. Life, then, is suffering (an idea well-known to Buddhists).*

## some **practical suggestions** Schopenhauer put forward for managing ourselves:

- *Live in the present, making it as painless as possible.*
- *Make good use of the only thing we can control, our own minds.*
- *Our personality is central to our level of happiness.*
- *Set limits everywhere: limits on anger, desires, wealth and power. Limitations lead to something like happiness.*
- *Accept misfortunes: only dwell on them if we're responsible.*
- *Seek out solitude, other people rob us of our identities.*
- *Keep busy.*





# Friedrich Nietzsche

## 1844- 1900

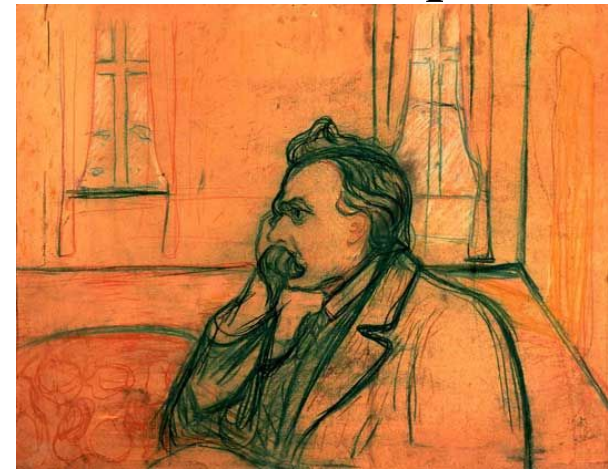
*«Thus Spoke Zarathustra: A Book for All and For None»,  
«Beyond Good and Evil», «The Antichrist»*

- ❑ **WILL for POWER, WILL for WILL—  
primary for the person`s being**
- ❑ **WILL – sense of life, yearning for  
self-realization**

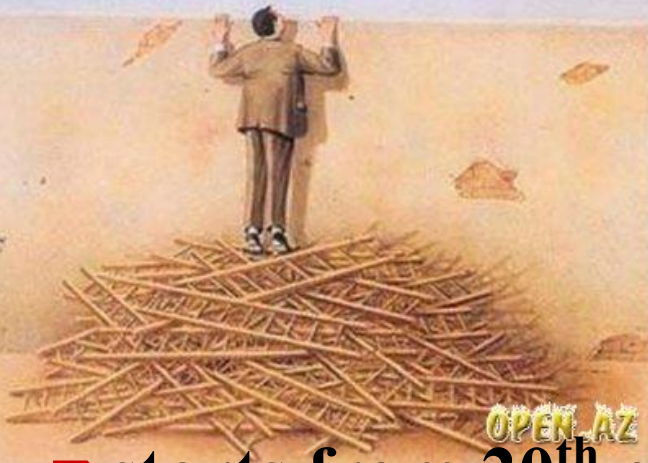


- ***“God is dead”*** – secularization of European society had effectively 'killed' the Abrahamic god, who had served as the basis for meaning and value in the West for more than a thousand years
- ***“Übermensch” (“overman”, “superman“)*** – natural man’s evolution when moral values must be changed by will, life energy
- ***“ push those who falling”*** – moral nihilism
- **Christianity** – bases for human weakness

- *I teach you the overman. Man is something that shall be overcome. What have you done to overcome him?... All beings so far have created something beyond themselves; and do you want to be the ebb of this great flood, and even go back to the beasts rather than overcome man? What is ape to man? A laughing stock or painful embarrassment. And man shall be that to overman: a laughingstock or painful embarrassment. You have made your way from worm to man, and much in you is still worm. Once you were apes, and even now, too, man is more ape than any ape... The overman is the meaning of the earth. Let your will say: the overman shall be the meaning of the earth... Man is a rope, tied between beast and overman—a rope over an abyss ... what is great in man is that he is a bridge and not an end.*



# Existentialism



- ❑ starts from 20<sup>th</sup> of XXct.
- ❑ *France: J-P Sartre, A. Camus* (atheistic)
- Germany: M. Heidegger, K. Jaspers* (religious)
- ❑ *exisistere = to exist*
- ❑ *ex+ sistere = over (above) + to exist*
- ❑ *existence prefers essence*
- ❑ stressed on concrete individual existence:  
subjectivity, individual freedom, choice



# Moral individualism

- The highest good for individual – **to find your unique place in life**
- You must choose **your own way** of life without the aid of universal, objective standards
- **No objective rational bases can be found for moral decisions**

# Søren Kierkegaard

## 1813 -1855



- ❑ the first existentialist philosopher
- ❑ 3 stages of spiritual development:
  - ✓ **aesthetical** – searching for pleasures
  - ✓ **ethical** – moral duties
  - ✓ **religious** – faith in God
- ❑ despair precedes faith

# Jean-Paul Sartre

## 1905 - 1980



Person has **no any prescribed sense**

- ❑ we are **doomed for freedom**
- ❑ Reality doesn't put any aims for us, **general sense of human life doesn't exist**
- ❑ Existentialism – is a humanism
- ❑ the worst person is the person who shift responsibility on another
- ❑ Feelings give ability to avoid choice
- ❑ Essence of things can be percept



# Albert Camus

## 1913-1960

- “The Myth of Sisyphus”
- **Man has being throw away to the strange indifferent world without any sense**
- **Man is only one thing, one creature who has pretensions on sense of life**



# Sigmund Freud

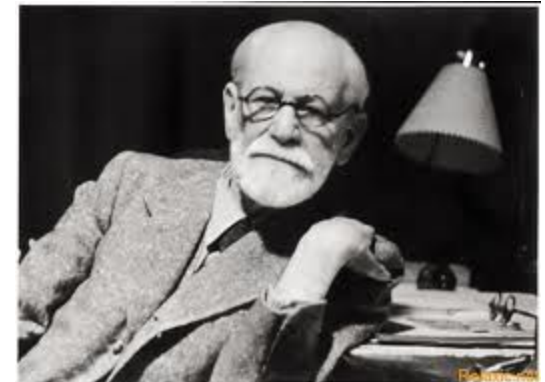
## 1856 - 1939

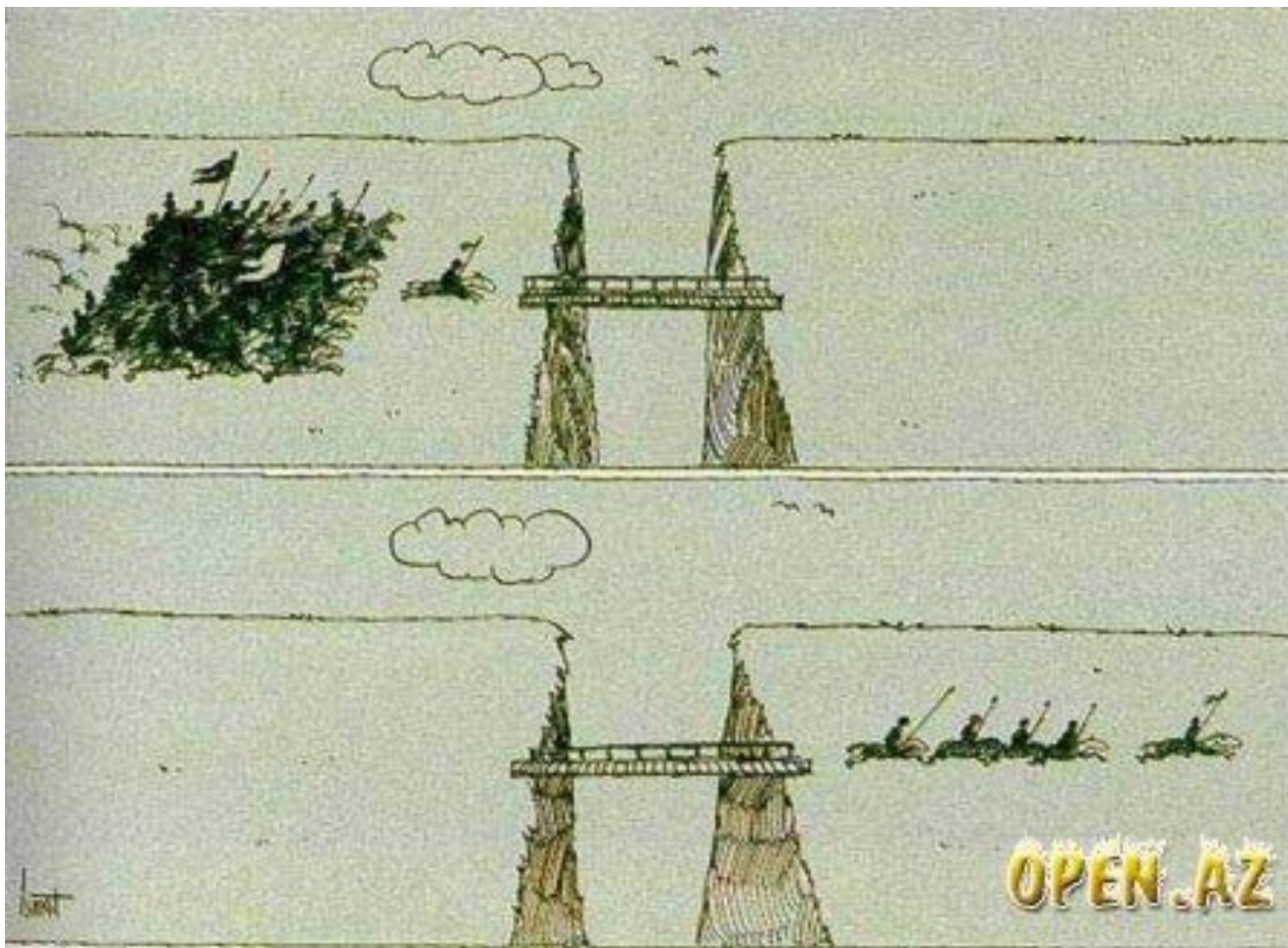
«*The Interpretation of Dreams*»,

«*Totem and Taboo*»,

«*The Ego and the Id*»

- ❑ Discovering “unconscious”
- ❑ dominating *libido* (sexual attraction)
- ❑ **Sublimation**





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