

P R E F A C E

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The purpose of the present thesis is a critical survey of Existentialism with special reference to some prominent existentialists like Soren Kierkegaard, Martin Heidegger and Jean-Paul Sartre with a view to finding out the place of intellect or reason in Existentialism which generally passes for a kind of anti-intellectualistic or anti-rationalistic emotionalism, and thus to make a reassessment of the intellect/emotion controversy in Existentialism from an objective stand point. And we think that this will be a new approach to the study of Existentialism, which generally follows only the beaten track.

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