

Running Head: Existentialism

Existentialism

Pastor Steven Winterhalter

The Evangelistic Center

February 18, 2007

## EXISTENTIALISM

A central proposition of existentialism is that existence precedes essence, that is that [God's or] a human being's existence is more fundamental than any meaning which may be ascribed [God or] to human life (wikipedia.org).

## CHICK PUBLICATION

In outer space was a power source composed of...

## IMPLICIT RELATIVITY

Implies that God is relative to creation by declaring that he exists somewhere in outer space. Is the star of Bethlehem being confused with the presence of God? If God is in outer space, show me a star chart and point to where he is. Maybe someday we could fly a space craft over and visit with him.

Omnipresent God is everywhere all the time. Physically?

**Matthew 2:1, 2.** 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

## EXPLICIT RELATIVITY

The Bible states that creation is explicitly relative to God.

**Hebrews 11:3.** 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

**Genesis 1:1-2.** 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

### GOD EXISTS ABOVE ALL THINGS

“...no finite knowledge can fully know the infinite One...” -Dionysius

What is needed more than an idea of God is an experience of God’s existence and presence.

God “...is super-essentially exalted above all things...” -Dionysius

How are we who are existentially different from God experience Him?

Through Jesus Christ!

God is an “... entity which really contains the sum of all perfections” -Rene Descarte

Man can only experience the infinite perfection of God to the fullness of the finite being’s capacity.

**Colossians 2:6-10.** 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: