

ABSTRACT

This dissertation thesis goes into the depths of philosophical reflection on the nature of human existence and its relationship to life and death, especially for individuals who have gone through extreme life situations. The thesis explores attitudes towards free will, life and death in people who have found themselves on the brink of life, whether due to addiction, illness or other life-threatening situations. The aim is not only to analyse changes in these individuals' attitudes towards life and death, but also to explore the intellectual and philosophical development that may be prompted by this existential limit. Regardless of the cause of this confrontation with the limit of life and death, we seek to uncover how this experience affects the deeper dimensions of human existence.

The work is based on the conviction that illness, although challenging on the physical plane, has an extraordinary effect on the spiritual sphere. It also highlights the impact of illness on the physical and spiritual aspects of the human being and seeks to show this by examining the works of great philosophers whose ideas have shaped the world. We will support this claim by analysing the works of important philosophers whose ideas have shaped our understanding of human existence. From Aristotle to Descartes, Nietzsche to Heidegger, we will attempt to connect theoretical concepts to specific life stories.

In analyzing the life stories of individuals confronted with drug addiction, alcoholism, and cancer, we will provide an interdisciplinary perspective on the connection between theoretical concepts of freedom and thought and concrete existential situations. This dissertation not only explores the theoretical concepts of philosophers, but also brings philosophical reflection into the practical context of life destinies, creating a bridge between abstract theories and concrete life realities.