

## Annotation

Diploma thesis Sociology and Existentialism. Question of “Purpose” from an Existentialist Viewpoint deals with the problem of aim and purpose of sociology. First we want to doubt what we grasp as nonproblematic reception of attitudes on what sociology actually is, which is to be found especially in common sociological discourse. We want to accomplish this by challenging sociology to defend itself against what existentialism perceives as ultimate concern of human beings and by suggesting that in order to comply with this challenge sociology should become religious in Tillich’s and Fromm’s sense. Second we aim to conceptualize what purposeful sociology would mean and analyze how sociology has been losing purpose. Third we aim to hint at what sociology should do in order to stay purposeful.