

Abstract

The aim of this bachelor's thesis is to investigate the connection between developing relationships with other people and individual effort on the highest knowledge. Its intention is to examine the form of this connection between social and epistemological (or theological) sphere. Through the analysis of M. Buber's work *I and Thou* and I. Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* and *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, the thesis attempts to present and clarify what kind of relationships can we adopt towards the world, other people, and spiritual sphere. Within the scope of these relationships, the thesis wish to emphasise the specificity of interpersonal relationship. Afterwards, on the grounds of this specificity, it should be shown whether there is any special mutual dependance between interpersonal relationship and the higher knowledge. However, it might be also shown that there is not such dependance or even that in striving for higher knowledge and spiritual growth, it is necessary to surrender all finite things including interpersonal relationships. Whatever the outcome of this reflection might be, we are still human beings dealing with everyday circumstances of ordinary life. Consequently, we cannot break loose of involvement in interpersonal relationships as we are repeatably forced to return from this highest spiritual realm into the reality of our everydayness. Therefore, I shall pursue the effect of the highest spiritual realm, which we are able to reach according to both authors, on our ethical life.