

Abstract

The objective of this thesis is a view of the work of philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer, particularly with respect to his primary ideological sources which can be traced down in his original texts. Another aim is to try to include his personal and personality preconditions, which noticeably affected some of his statements and opinions, into his philosophical perspectives. By analysing Schopenhauer's approach to the earlier philosophical legacy of his predecessors, this thesis should be on the firm ground while philosophically interpreting Schopenhauer's principle ideas, especially in consideration of a peak of his whole system, the concept of ethics.

The main aim and ambition of this thesis consists in pointing out Schopenhauer's perspectives, whether they are personality or philosophical, which determine his work. Special attention will be paid to his first work – dissertation – which appears to be a main key to the understanding of Schopenhauer's whole philosophical system.

Schopenhauer's basic concept as a fruit of the work of humanistically oriented thinker should be presented at the end of the thesis, although this interpretation is not prevailing.