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### **Existential Perspective**

**Question 1:** The existential approach sees human nature as open, flexible, and capable of a wide range of experiences. The person is in a constant process of becoming.

Existential thinkers avoid restrictive models that categorize or label people. Instead, they look for universals that can be observed cross-culturally. There is no existential personality theory that divides humanity into types or reduces people to partial components. Instead, there is a description of the different levels of experience and existence that people inevitably face.

From this perspective, I see that the majority of the points are in agreement with the Christian worldview. In Proposition 6 of this view, the author states that: "The existentialist does not view death negatively but argues that awareness of death as a basic human condition gives meaning to life". While Christians see death as a passage to eternal life. They believe that after death all is not over, but death is seen as the path to eternal life, which allows them to view death positively as the existential perspective. The apostle Paul declares that "For I expect and fully hope that I shall never be ashamed, but continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. "And I trust that my life will honor Christ, whether I live or die. Because for me, to live means to live for Christ, and to die is even better" Philippians 1:20-21. This statement from Paul makes it clear to us that Christians view death the same way as Existentialists.

Nevertheless, contrary to the Christian view, existentialists believe that human beings should live according to their desire. Yet the bible says, "Love not the world, nor the things that are in the world: if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" 1 John 2:15.

“Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity against God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world constitutes himself an enemy of God” James 4:4. We can deduce from these verses that Christians are not free to do what they want or to have any company. Christians have certain restrictions, limits they cannot cross, which is different from the existential perspective. Christians must avoid certain things in order to stay in the will of God and be able to obtain eternal life.