

Physicality As An Aspect Of Human Nature “As A Creative Act Of Overcoming Oneself”

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ABSTRACT

The Statement about human nature is the subject of numerous discussions, which, however, does not negate the presence of the substrate of its origin, manifestations, specificity, and real dynamics in space and time. In the process of analysis, we find a lot of arguments that confirm this fact, as well as a decent number of counterarguments. In this article, a priori, we proceed from the validity of the existence of the term "human nature", recognizing its ambiguity. "Physicality" is a category that denotes what a given human body naturally becomes in the course of its social modifications, so this category can certainly not be considered outside of conjunction with another very important category - "spirituality". These concepts, as well as the phenomena they denote, are interrelated. In our review, there are three main ways to interpret "Physicality". Firstly, it is the only factuality that initially claims the ontological status. Secondly, it is part of a harmonious whole that includes all non-corporeal things. The main methods used in writing the article: the unity of historical and logical, the method of reflection.

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1. Introduction

In the latest version of the understanding of physicality, the priority of the latter is obvious. In his dialogue Zinchenko V. P. and Podoroga V. A. speak about the fundamental nature of the body and our obvious inability to understand it Saykina (2014). "I will remind you of Spinoza's words: 'what the human body is capable of, no one has yet determined'" (Mamardashvili Senokosov, 2018). Further on the boundlessness of the internal potency of the body the words of M. K. Mamardashvili that "the finite body contains the perfect and infinite" are quoted (Mamardashvili., 2002). The last sign for us of self-Foundation, of the fundamental nature of physicality, is the paradox of discovering a spiritual status that is not characteristic of the body. The body becomes an authentic, authenticated identity. For it is rationally planned and created. Corporeality finally gets the desired status of intelligence, and reason-becomes not an ideal activity of consciousness, but a deed-action, as Fichte would say (Sokolov, 2001). There is a similar metamorphosis-rationalization in the era of information society, when there is a slightly belated recognition of the body's creative potential, the ability to correct the spiritual and personal component. This became possible with the development of scientific knowledge, psychoanalysis, and the transformation of sport into a social fact.

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Sports teach a person to view their body as an expression of the physical nature, create the illusion of mastering this bodily nature. But the latter makes sense given the spiritual component of human nature. The attitude to the body as a subject of creative forces is not new. Antique actively uses this principle in the implementation Paideia – the creation of man and citizen.

There is a contradictory situation - people acquire a special attitude of ownership of their own body. The transformation of the body into a source of personal enrichment. You can successfully deceive yourself with the illusion of the specificity of your body, but how far is this from the ancient ideal of harmony of body and soul, based on the principles of kalokagathos. On the one hand, physical improvement, on the other hand – the trend of successful presentation of your body. There was a powerful commercial motive for extracting money, which is expressed in participation in advertising campaigns. The external factor definitely becomes the leading factor initially. Before British leadership in the 19th century, physical development was woven into the fabric of socialization and collective ethics. In social life, you could be an ordinary citizen, but you were indirectly involved in political processes. The degree of attractiveness turned sports into a special industry. P. Bourdieu, for example, says that there was a transition of educational institutions for representatives of bourgeois society. The body exercises of the "elite" are not related to the usual social circumstances with which folk games remained connected (agricultural festivals, for example), and are devoid of the social (and religious) tasks that were present in many traditional games (for example, ritual games). Today, the use of the body in sports, as well as the use of language in education, is an end in itself (Bourdieu, 2009).

All that we see now is just the top, open based patriotic, commercial, entertainment arguments. But the formation of a person's worldview is one of the ways to become involved in social and state life. This is one of the forms of developing a person's physicality, but it is also a great way to socialize. But at the same time, in the structure of such socialization, different types of activities can successfully exist: from pharmacology and medicine to the production and use of doping drugs. Not the most worthy case for asserting person's superiority in the world. I don't want to use the word "war", but in reality, the use of doping is not only a violation of the code of sports honor, it is a war of worldviews.

Regarding doping, p. Bourdieu writes (Bourdieu, 2009). that this is the fate of plebeians, for whom victory at any cost is important... For the elite, winning by the rules is important. The class character of sport is again emphasized... A sporting career is not considered an acceptable future for children of the bourgeoisie, but it serves as one of the few channels of vertical mobility open to children from subordinate classes.

How did sport, which had the meaning of entertainment, become an international model of behavior and social fact? Why, in any case, do we see this as a way of realizing the individual? A person becomes physically prepared, able to control himself, overcome everything possible and impossible. This also applies to stress tolerance, which is not typical for all people. These are really the most important skills. Find an activity that can be compared to sports. It seems that no activity can compare

with sports. Previously, it was necessary to strengthen the body, the ability to be realized in the military field. Sport was needed so that a warrior, a soldier, could protect the state and his family. It was mainly used by people from the "higher" strata of society (Elias, 1971). And they had the opportunity in the future to become a hero who would become part of the ruling power. Today, sport has been part of our life since childhood, revealing the care of our body. That is, by forming a healthy body, we contribute to the formation of a clear intelligence.

2. Methods

The method of unity of historical and logical was used in the article to search for the phenomenon of physicality, human nature, ways of mastering human nature. The unity of the historical logical is manifested as a process of correlation of the biological (bodily) and spiritual components of human nature. Historically, these (non-unique) components could only develop in a joint dynamic. Physicality is a visible, obvious and stable backbone of the multi-faceted nature of man, a visual criterion that contributes to understanding the nature of man as a whole. The method of reflection is important for understanding the physicality of human nature "as a whole, aware of its organization, reflection is an ability acquired by consciousness to focus on itself and master itself as an object that has its own specific stability and its own specific meaning-the ability to no longer just to learn, but to learn oneself; not just to know, but to know what you know" . The method of reflection allows us to consider the physicality of a person as an imperishable substratum of being. In the article, the physicality of a person is studied as a universal and objective meaning that concentrates various non-corporeal meanings. The basic meaning of corporeality allows us to analyze the various hypostases of human nature.

3. Results

the Problem of human nature, the mastery of its nature is a subject of long-standing disputes in the history of philosophy. However, it was never forgotten. This circumstance once again eloquently testifies to the real relevance and subject matter of disputes. The names of researchers we have listed are only a small part of the authors who not only recognize the nature of man, but also consider the physicality of man as a kind of indicator of the evolution of not only humanity, but of the entire socio-natural reality as a whole. It's A. Adler, J. Habermas, F. Mihina, Yves Charles Zarka, Griffith. James, W. Morgan), P. Teilhard de Chardin, M. K. Mamardashvili, E. Norbert, J. Huizinga, Jacques le Goff . V. A. Podoroga, V. P. Zinchenko, F. Bacon, T. Alkemeyer, K. Eisenberg and others.

Mihina F. the article "Human Nature – One of Anthropological Insolubilia?" criticizes those authors who do not recognize the existence of human nature in principle. In his opinion, something strange is happening in modern philosophy: many philosophers do not seem to believe that there is such a thing as human nature. The concept of "human nature", problems with its definition in the past and present of philosophical thinking and in academic traditions represent and form the intention of the author of the study. The author's efforts are to define the characteristics of the term in a broad arc of historical and philosophical thinking through its elected representatives. One of the

ways to build a philosophy of life, a philosophy of the possible future, a strategy to ensure the continuity of human history is a philosophical and specifically scientific study of the person himself, the desire to understand the nature of man. Historically, this is where we find ourselves in a special situation - countless attempts to characterize human nature, despite their huge number, do not lead to any conclusion, at least so far they have not been successfully completed. Despite everything, the author based his speculations on the belief that this problem is worthy of discussion (Mihina, 2019).

Yves Charles Zarka in the article "Does the Concept of Human Nature Still Make Sense?" claims that when we turn to the phenomenon of human historicity, we must inevitably examine the concept of human nature, since it seems that historicity excludes the idea of historical or transhistorical human nature. In this article, the author, on the one hand, examines the extent to which the consideration of human historicity can lead to doubts about the concept of human nature, and on the other hand, examines the question of whether human nature has retained its significance, despite the harsh criticism that it has faced. From the very beginning, it should be noted that the concept of human nature has existed since the 19th century. The purpose of criticism of most scientific disciplines is not only in the context of thinking that overestimates the history of mankind. This criticism clearly took the form of a challenge to this philosophical concept.

Let's look at the philosophical aspects of this concept. Marx has an important position on the question with which we are dealing. But not everything is as clear as it may seem. He studied the history of companies, or rather their relationship to another, i.e. from one social form to another. From this point of view, man is a historical being, on the one hand, because of his material existence, and on the other - the forms in which he imagines his existence and the world. It seems historical to consider the dimension of man in the structures of his social existence. It causes a complete failure of the idea of a nature that would go beyond this story. All the more so because of the prospect of a proletarian revolution, thanks to which the people will break free from exploitation and class domination. It should provoke a resurgence incomparable to the changes that have occurred in the past, pushing this past into prehistory and opening up the real story. In other words, man is a developing being who gets by himself only for himself in history and in history, and not on the basis of historical nature, which would ultimately define it from the very beginning. We may, however, ask whether there are no ideas in the work of the young Marx, especially in the manuscripts of 1844, which are a prerequisite for the idea of alienation as a result of the alienation of labor. In other words, in addition to these texts from the youth, the idea of a classless society that should emerge from the opposites of capitalism and from the revolution of the proletariat, in a sense, this implies the opening of itself to a radically new world, but in another sense, for Marx and Engels, this world also represents a new discovery of primitive society, which was also a classless society. This, finally, was the reason why Walter Benjamin saw the creation of this society as a secular form of redemption, of forgiveness, not of original sin, but of the formation of a class. If this is the case, then

the result of the story will be the return of the person to himself. In itself, that is, at least something like its nature.

Nietzsche's critique of human nature is much more radical. For Nietzsche, man is an unnatural thing, a disease that must be diagnosed in terms of the struggle of forces that permeate him and, in general, permeate their entire life. And at the same time, in terms of the values created by the antagonism of these forces and the domination they establish. The criticism is not historical, but genealogical. Man, as we know him, is a product of the morality of resentment—a Christian morality that must be destroyed, ruined, in order to receive the free flow of the will. Of course, thanks to morality, resentment and its values, a person has become interesting, but also tragically weak and sick. Overcoming man, too man, is the goal of rethinking all values, especially good and evil. This is the idea of the *Übermensch*, which presupposes a rebirth to the man beyond. In this context, the idea of an irresistible human nature can be considered a product of the morality of resentment, which seeks to resist the full expansion of life and the creative forces that affect life. From the idea of human nature only its designation as a philosophical instrument for the naturalization of human diseases remains here.

There is a connection between the statement that God is dead and the statement that man is dead, it is just its correlate. In the twentieth century, one of the most radical attacks on the idea of human nature and Heidegger's humanism occurred: *Dasein* is built on the destruction of the idea of human nature. Heidegger's attitude will be decisive not only for the entire philosophy of the second half of the 20th century, but also for all the Humanities and social Sciences. *Dasein*, literally being here, denotes this being that we are and that is related to ourselves, to others, and to the world - why is it in its existence as such a question of its being. Human nature does not exist, it is thrown into this world, a being without a reason. The existential structures that define it do not matter (Zarka, 2018).

4. Conclusions (Summary)

In the views of N. Elias and other authors, at first glance, it seems that some of the questions here are based on incorrect assumptions. Is it only in modern societies that people first began to enjoy sports? Didn't people play football in England and other European countries during the middle Ages? Did not the courtiers of Louis XIV have their own tennis courts and enjoy this "game of palms" (*jeudepaume*)? And before all the ancient Greeks, the great initiators of "athletics" and other "sports" - did not they, like us, organize local and international sports competitions on a Grand scale? (Elias, 1971).

5. Conclusion

According to many researchers, the legacy of Enlightenment in the form of rationalism was overcome, remained in the past, in the XX century, the eyes were significantly turned towards irrationalism. This also affected the understanding of human nature, the statement about the significance of the bodily nature of man as a reliable, i.e. ontologically self-sufficient, trustworthy Foundation. According to J. Heising: "we know that not everything can be measured by the standard of

reasonableness. The very progressive development of thinking has taught us that reason alone is not enough. A deeper and more versatile view of things than pure rationalism has given us an additional meaning in these things" .

The new challenges of history persistently demand an answer from us. All questions eventually come to the "human" instance. What proportionality in human nature should be taken as correct and humane? "With the advent of new technologies, we reach the amazing body of "digital" disappearing. In fact, we are entering probably the most global anthropological crisis for which humanity, in my opinion, may not be ready. There are technologies that do not correspond in any way to the human body experience. Never before has a man encountered this. There was always a weak reference, but a man was always looking for compensation, constantly restoring the humanly.

Here we are faced with the neutral ideology of virtualism, the virtual world, which is absolutely devalued, it absolutely does not respond to the human... That is, absolutely, in no way distinguishes the human" (Zinchenko & Podoroga, 2004).

However, there are also unexpected and discouraging trends. If the certainty of the corporeal does not give us confidence in our understanding of human nature, are there any alternatives? B. G. Sokolov writes about the desire for self-confidence, lost along with the idea of God. This place in the social space is occupied by bodily practices with rational resources and goals. It's not even a sport in the classic sense. He calls it rational alignment in the field of bodybuilding — it is not only the internal organization of training methods. This is a whole industry, an industry that covers all areas of life. And in this regard, bodybuilding multiplies the technologies and ways of functioning of any sphere of modern life. The body can be completed. Culture can do this.

Here it is perfect physicality, satisfaction with your beauty! This is the illusion of your omnipotence: "the body becomes an authentic, authenticated identity. For it is rationally planned and created. Corporeality finally gets the desired status of intelligence, and reason-becomes not an ideal activity of consciousness, but a deed-action, as Fichte would say" [7]. Well, one more step towards yourself is passed...

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