

## AMERICA LITERARY THOUGHT

<b>PRIME ASPECTS</b>	<b>Aquinas</b>	<b>Enlightenment</b>	<b>Unitarianism</b>	<b>Pragmatism</b>	<b>Freudianism</b>	<b>Marxism</b>
<b>Religious</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Prime Mover</b>	God; triune, all powerful, benevolent	God: One, powerful, initially benevolent, now detached	God: One, powerful benevolent	Natural forces: God a projection of human ideals	Libido	Economic forces
<b>Universe</b>	Creation of God, unknowable, good	Creation of God, but man's charge; eventually knowable and good	Creation of god, but man's charge: eventually knowable and good	Exists as an observed fact, mechanistic	No Theory	Exists as an observed fact, mechanistic but dynamic
<b>Man</b>	God's creature (Not an animal)	God's creature (Not an animal)	God's creature (Not an animal)	Product of evolution, animal	Biological accident, animal	Product of evolution, animal
<b>Nature</b>	Created by God for the use of man, benevolent	Created by God, benevolent, mechanistic, and proof of God's existence	Created by God, benevolent, and proof of God's existence	Product of evolution, exists as observable fact	No theory	Product of evolution, not intrinsically hostile
<b>Human Nature</b>	Corrupted by Original Sin, weak, prone to error	Perfectible	Partakes of the Divine nature	Perfectible through scientific trial and error	Egoistic, sexually motivated	Perfectible; shaped by economic environment
<b>Source of Evil</b>	Devil- a fallen angel	Ignorance and the "passions"	Human perversity	Ignorance and failure to adapt to the environment	Excessive repression of libidinous instincts	The profit motive plus social and economic inequalities
<b>Attitude Towards Life</b>	Optimistic-in the hereafter	Optimistic-progress through reason	Optimistic-progress through faith and good works	Optimistic-progress through rational group effort	Not strongly marked, can be either	Optimistic-progress through economic evolution
<b>Man's Will</b>	Free	Free	Free	Free	Not free	Free within the evolutionary process
<b>Man's Duty</b>	Faith, observance of Church offices, morality and good works	To cultivate reason, do good works	To imitate goodness of God	To achieve the good society	To achieve the balanced psyche	To achieve the good society through revolution of the proletariat
<b>Social Attitude</b>	Obedience to authority	Environmentalist, ethical, humanitarian	Environmentalist, ethical, humanitarian	Environmentalist, scientific social experimentation	Accepts principle of social responsibility (superego)	Class consciousness, but ultimate goal of classless Utopia
<b>Man's Destiny</b>	Heaven (by way of purgatory), or hell	Happiness on earth, rewards and punishments hereafter	Progress forever	Happiness on earth	Happiness on earth	Happiness on earth
<b>How Determined</b>	Faith and good works	Good works and rationality	Good works and rationality	Application of scientific method to living	Through mental hygiene, reconditioning	Dialectical process- revolution of proletariat

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<u>PRIME ASPECTS</u>	<b>Puritanism Calvinism</b>	<b>Transcendentalism</b>	<b>Naturalism</b>	<b>Literary Existentialism</b>
<b>Religious</b>	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Prime Mover</b>	God; triune, all-powerful, good, just wrathful	Oversoul, not anthropomorphic, good	Natural forces	Natural forces
<b>Universe</b>	Creation of God; predestined, unknowable	Manifestation of creative power of the Oversoul	Exists as an observed fact, mechanistic, chaotic	No theory
<b>Man</b>	God's creature (not an animal)	Same as above	Product of evolution, animal	Biological accident; a perceiving consciousness
<b>Nature</b>	Created by god, but often hostile, evil and a source of temptation	Same as above, benevolent, and proof of Divine existence	Product of evolution, indifferent, even hostile	Insensate, impenetrable Being
<b>Human Nature</b>	Corrupted by Original Sin, depraved	Basically good (comes from Oversoul)	Selfish, cruel, egotistic	No universal human nature: existence precedes essence
<b>Source of Evil</b>	Man's nature (through Adam's fall)	Evil non-existent	Man's nature and social conventions	Bad faith: taking refuge in some false public image of oneself
<b>Attitude Towards Life</b>	Deterministic (Predestination)	Optimistic-inevitable progress	Pessimistic	Qualified optimism: the individual has power to shape his own life
<b>Man's Will</b>	Not Free	Free--self-reliance plus compensation (not logically consistent)	Not free	Free
<b>Man's Duty</b>	Faith, the glorification of God, and preparation for the afterlife	To realize its fullest capabilities	Man's actions irrelevant	To achieve an authentic life
<b>Social Attitude</b>	Obedience to authority, spiritual stewardship of all men	Individualistic and humanitarian	Disillusioned-cynical	Varies with the existentialist—generally, the individual is held to be socially responsible
<b>Man's Destiny</b>	Election or reprobation	Reemergence with the Oversoul	Frustration and unhappiness in life, ending in death and oblivion	To create his own essence
<b>How Determined</b>	Will of God	Cultivation of innate Divinity	In the course of nature	By the nature of consciousness

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