

IDEALISM

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IDEALISM

- The word 'idealism' signifies two terms: 'idea' and 'ideal'.
- Plato conceived of ideas as the basis of his philosophy.
- His philosophy of idealism which represents more of ideas can better be known as idealism.
- It is an old philosophy.



CONCEPT OF IDEALISM

- Idealism is a philosophical position which adheres to the view that nothing exists except an idea in the mind of man, the mind of God or in a super or supra-natural realm.
- It deals with certain basic questions of human life.
- It holds that mind or spirit, as each man experiences it in himself, is fundamentally real and that the totality of the universe is somehow mind or spirit in its essence.
- To the idealist the reality is spiritual in nature rather than physical, mental rather than material. Ideas are eternal and unchanging.



CHARACTERISTICS OF IDEALISM

- The universe exists in spirit.
- Mechanical explanation of the universe is inadequate.
- Teleological explanation of the universe.
- Man is central in creation.
- Emphasis upon normative and social sciences.
- Normative description of the universe.
- Conceptualism.
- Universe is knowable.
- Greater emphasis upon the mental or spiritual aspect of the universe.



IDEALISM AND METHOD OF TEACHING

- Questioning
- Discussion
- Lecture Method
- Imitation



IDEALISM AND EDUCATION

- An idealist's concept of education is something which leads one to the highest moral conduct and deepest spiritual insight.
- Education, according to idealism, is a spiritual necessity and not a natural necessity.
- Education must convert original nature of man into spiritual nature.
- In the words of Ruskin, 'Education must enable mankind through its culture to enter more and more fully into the spiritual realm'.



IDEALISM AND AIMS OF EDUCATION

- Idealism has greatly contributed to the aims of education. They are:
 - Exaltation of Human Personality.
 - Universal education.
 - Enrichment of cultural environment.
 - Cultivation of moral Values.

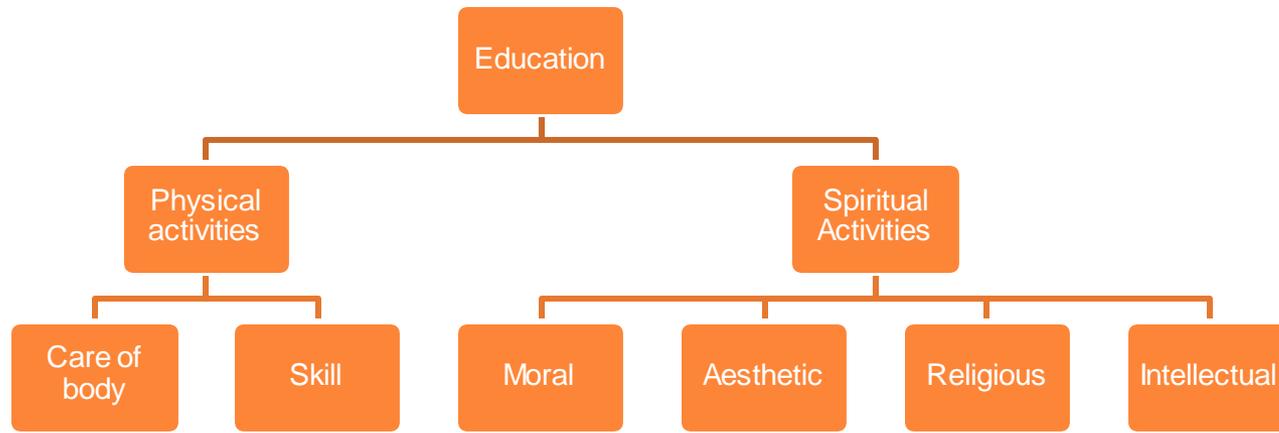


IDEALISM AND CURRICULUM

- Idealism attaches great importance to those subjects which provide significant knowledge and wisdom.
- These experiences correspond to various activities through which one has to acquire the highest good and inherent values.



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IDEALISM AND DISCIPLINE

- Self-insight and self-analysis are the main disciplinary factors



IDEALISM AND TEACHER

- Teacher should be:
 - Role model
 - Friend, philosopher and guide
 - Perfector of mind
 - Compendium of all virtues.
 - Co-worker of God.
 - Apostle of peace and progress.
 - Maker of democracy.
 - Priest of man's spiritual heritage.
 - Personification of reality.



Questions

1. Write down any five difference between naturalism and idealism.



THANK YOU

