

Philosophy / Les Mis.

Please consider the following philosophical beliefs. Where do you see these beliefs expressed within the book Les Misérables? Please don't just offer a character's name, but rather offer a brief (1-3 sentence) explanation of how these are demonstrated within the text.

Machiavelli
The employment of cunning and duplicity
in general daily behavior.

Please confine your answer to members of the Thenardier family

Dualism
For one to truly understand happiness,
they must understand an equal measure of
sadness, evil and good, dark and light, etc.

Thomas Hobbes
People exist within a person-to-person
cold war with one another. There is an
intrinsic rivalry of competition which
they, themselves, may be unaware of.

Please confine your answer to Eponine as the focal person.

Kierkegaard
The absurdity of certain religious 'truths'
prevent us from reaching God rationally.

Nietzsche

Claimed that the loss of God would eventually lead to the loss of any universal perspective on things, and along with it any coherent sense of objective truth.

Nihilism (Nietzsche) and nihilist opposition (Camus)

Nietzsche: says "A nihilist is a man who judges that the real world ought not to be, and that the world as it is ought to be does not exist. According to this view, our existence (action, suffering, willing, feeling) has no meaning."

Albert Camus opposed the nihilism viewpoint

Socrates

"What we ought to consider is not so much what people in general will say about us but how we stand with the expert in right and wrong, the one authority who represents the actual truth."

John Locke

Government is an agreement between those who govern and those who are governed. Citizens allow themselves to be governed in exchange for certain expectations of behavior and protections from their ruler.

Your answer may best address the Friends of the ABC

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Sisyphus

Please confine your answer to either Javert or Jean Val Jean

In Greek mythology, he is being punished (for his self-aggrandizing craftiness and deceitfulness) by being forced to roll an immense boulder up a hill, only to watch it come back to him, repeating this action for eternity.