

Transcendentalism

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What is their view of God?

- “Transcendentalism posited the belief that humans can intuitively transcend the limits of the senses and logic and receive higher truth directly from nature.”

-Second Great Awakening - was a series of Protestant religious revivals. They offered salvation through free grace ; gave rise to political debates on temperance, suffrage, and abolition. Also a new romanticism in poetry, literature, and paintings of nature.



What are their values?

- Self Reliance by Ralph Waldo Emerson

- Margaret Fuller

- synthesized convictions of transcendentalism and the concerns of early women's rights activists
- Transcendentalism was the most notable philosophical and religious influence on her work
- affirmed Transcendentalist verities such as human perfectibility, historical progress, and self-reliance



How do they define truth?

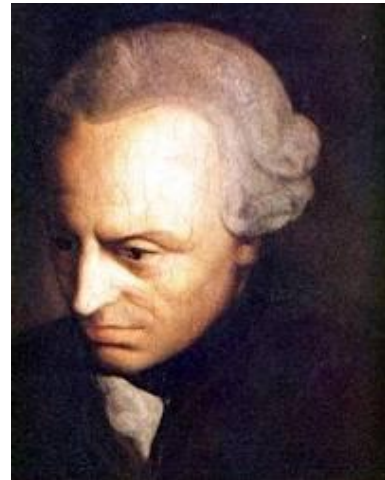
“The Transcendent Forms”

truth exists beyond reason and experience

every individual is capable of defining his or her own truth.

Immanuel Kant

Wrote “The Transcendent Forms”



Do they have an optimistic or pessimistic view of life?



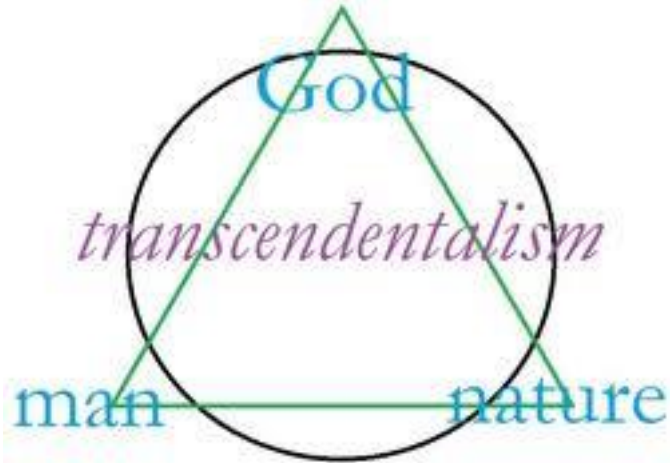
- “Nature” by Ralph Waldo Emerson

What is their view of society?

- Native Americans
- Peacefully
- Simple Life

Who is their authority?

- “Self Reliance” by Ralph Waldo Emerson



What is their view of education?

- They like conversation
- Ralph Waldo Emerson
 - groups
 - debates



Do they view man as inherently good, evil, or somewhat in between?

“Transcendentalist believed that people are inherently good and should follow their own beliefs.”

- Nathaniel Hawthorne

Modern Connections

- Ray-Ban has a new campaign called "Never Hide". It is centered around the idea of standing out and being yourself, however if you buy sunglasses from this massively popular company, and everyone else buys the same ones, aren't you just blending in by following the crowds?
- Another campaign similar to Ray-Ban's is Vera Bradley's Be Colorful campaign. As you can see in the below picture, it portrays a little girl who stands out from the crowds because she is wearing Vera Bradley and she chose to dress differently. The same idea applies, if everyone is told that by wearing Vera Bradley they will stand out and be different so they all wear it, then they will all just blend in with each other. That is society. No one is their own person. No one stands out.

