

MARX AS AN EXISTENTIAL HUMANIST

EXISTENTIAL:

First one is, then one becomes (non-essentialism).

HUMANIST:

The quality of human life is the highest value.

MARX AND THE NATURE OF HUMAN NATURE

HUMAN SPECIES-BEING:

While humans are inherently social, altruistic, creative, productive, adaptive, and material, there is no human species-specific behavior.

THE PROFOUND HUMAN QUESTION:

What do you want to be when you grow up?
(What do you want to make of yourself; what do you want do with your life?)

MAKING A LIFE ("Get a life!")

We are free to choose but not free to choose any way we want.
Making a life means putting yourself into effect through labor.
Making a life means making a living, means having a job