**Syllabus**

**Viktor E. Frankl**

**Man’s Search for “Ultimate Meaning”**

**(Psychology of Religion)**

(Prague Humanities Institute)

This is a basic course in Existential Psychology and Psychiatry. In this course, we study the work of Viennese psychiatrist Viktor E. Frankl the founder of the school of “Logotherapy” who set-forth the basic principles of “Existential Psychiatry” in his work: “Man’s Search for Ultimate Meaning” (1947). In this above work Frankl provides us with a series of introductory essays and lectures within the field of Existential Psychology and Logotherapy which deals specifically with such “meta-psychological’ issues and themes as: the “Spiritual Unconscious”, “Existential Analysis of Conscience”, “Psychotherapy and Theology,” “Existential Analysis of Dreams”, the “Unconscious Religious”, as well as Frankl’s concept of the “Essence of Existential Analysis” as reflected in his concept of Existential Psychology. Moreover, the basic themes developed within these short essays will help throw light on the metaphysical basis and spiritual dimension of the concept “Logotherapy” in Frankl’s psychology. Students will be expected to present lively debate topics each week in class from their assigned readings of the text.

**Required Texts:**

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