

Summary of primary authors

Theorist	Category	Notes
Susan Wolf	Objectivist	Believes in fulfilling objective standards of value for a meaningful life.
William Lane Craig	Objectivist	Emphasizes meaning derived from the existence of God and a divine purpose.
John Cottingham	Objectivist	Likely aligns with this perspective, though the specifics of his position on meaning might be nuanced.
Thomas Nagel	Absurdist	Views the search for inherent meaning as futile in a universe lacking objective purpose.
Albert Camus	Absurdist	Emphasizes the absurdity of existence and the individual's freedom to create meaning in defiance.
Søren Kierkegaard	Absurdist (with Existentialist leanings)	Acknowledges the absurdity but advocates for a "leap of faith" towards subjective commitment.
Richard Taylor	Subjectivist	Argues that meaning is derived from ongoing desires and their fulfillment.
Brooke Alan Trisel	Subjectivist	Likely shares this viewpoint, details of his position might be nuanced.
Viktor Frankl	Unique Position (closer to Objectivist)	Emphasizes individual responsibility and discovering purpose transcending the self, while acknowledging the potential for a meaningless existence.