

## **Destruction theology religion in early Wittgenstein's philosophy**

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### **Abstract**

Ludwig Josef Johann Wittgenstein is one of the famous analytic philosophers of the 20th century. He holds that ethics and religion are beyond the boundaries of language. So, "whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent." His notion about religion in the early period of his life is concise and ambiguous. For this reason, exponents and commentators of his writings adopted two different positions. Some draw a religious picture of him while some others regard him as an unbeliever. The aim of the present paper is to explore Wittgenstein's writings in the first period of his life in order to understand his stand point about God and religion. The main question of the article is what religion means from his view point? If religion is equivalent to the belief in God, or is it the practice of religious virtues as believers know, or is it something equal to ethics? Due to the conciseness of Wittgenstein's writings, we have tried to make use of the ideas of his commentators such as Norman Malcolm and Cyril Barrett.

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