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ABSTRACT

My thesis entitled (The Attitude towards Metaphysics in the Pragmatic Philosophy) consisted of an introduction, approach, three chapters and a conclusion. The approach came under the title (An Approach to Metaphysics) comprising of items, the first item was (Metaphysics- the Problematic of the Beginning and Definition), the second (Metaphysics as a Language), and the third (Metaphysics as a Term) addressing two axes (Metaphysics in term of being a search for existence) and (Metaphysics and the problematic of research) in cognition.

As to the first chapter which contained (Science and Metaphysics for Pierce), it consisted of three sections, the first section was (Pragmatics- the Beginning and the Establishment), whereas the second section was (Pierce and the Problem of Meaning) and the third (Pierce and the Logical Positivism).

The second chapter entitled (Plurality Pragmatics for James) comprised of three sections, the first section was about (Monism and Pluralism), while the second section (The Meaning of Truth) and the third section (Religious Pragmatics).

The third chapter came under the title (Instrumentalist Pragmatics for John Dewey) including four sections, the first section was on (The Denial of Philosophical Dualism) for Dewey), while the second section (Search for Certainty), the

third one (metaphysics and Science) and the fourth one (Religion).

As to the conclusion, it consisted of a group of results the research arrived at as follows: the research found that the pragmatic philosophy is a moderate philosophy that satisfies both tendencies: materialism and spiritualism, it came to solve this dualism , also the research concluded that Pierce was not against metaphysics and the speculative tradition in general, he did not pose the whole metaphysics, but it wanted by his pragmatic base to distinguish the scientific metaphysics from the traditional metaphysics and from it a rich essence could be extracted to illuminate for us the cosmology and physics and thus it becomes a part of the philosophy and a theory in the reality, i.e. of meanings it tries to establish a metaphysical doctrine that feeds from the science, extracts the methods and attributes the results, whereas James was a metaphysical philosopher with excellence for he was anxious to prove the unity of God without recognizing himself with metaphysical thinking and His existence was believed by the spiritual worlds from which he takes the power over the action and give us ethical guarantees. While Dewey was the most embarrassed one of metaphysics and the most embarrassed of entering a debate on its topics and he avoided this debate by giving metaphysics a social dimension.