

Abstract

This study aims to discover the relationship between religion and political philosophy through the works of Hannah Arendt and Leo Strauss. The research is based on reviewing some of their major works, as well as secondary sources that provide a clearer understanding of the philosophers individually and the relation of their philosophies to each other. The first section is dedicated to the review of Hannah Arendt and Leo Strauss. The works investigated include: *Between Past and Future*, *The Human Condition*, and *Religion and Politics* by Hannah Arendt; and *What is Political Philosophy?*, *Persecution and the Art of Writing*, as well as *Reason and Revelation* by Leo Strauss. It allows to pinpoint their ideas and serves as a foundation for comparative analysis. The second section is dedicated to comparative analysis based on exploring the research question through the lens of three commonly detected themes: authority, modernity, and politics. The results show how interdependent the disciplines of religion and political philosophy are. It is manifested through a significant likeness of the philosophers in their thoughts but is also displayed through the commonality of and between the identified themes. The results might force one to make a choice, and perhaps even challenge to identify the common ground between religion and political philosophy in their life.

Keywords

politics, religion, political philosophy, Hannah Arendt, Leo Strauss, authority, modernity

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Political Philosophy and Religion through the Minds of Hannah Arendt and Leo Strauss.