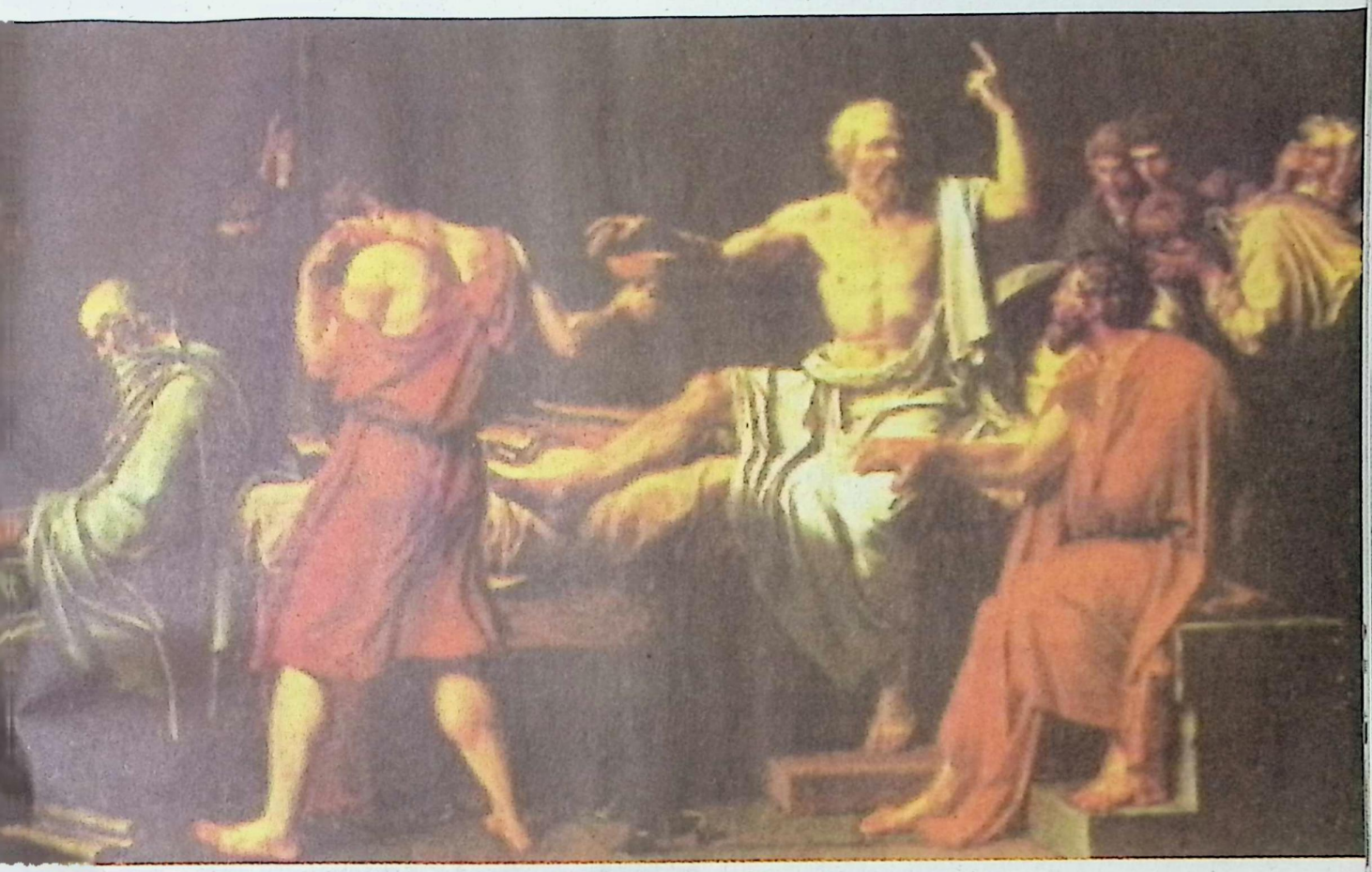


Philosophy of Life, Philosophy for Life

WHEN the first cave-man in prehistoric gloom looked at the vast sky in utter surprise and wondered aloud, "What is my position in the vastness," philosophy forthwith bloomed into existence. His surprise was supplemented by other questions like "What is this vastness that I see around? Where have I come from and where shall I go to? Why am I in the place where I am now?" All these questions made him meditate, turning him into a philosopher. Philosophy is basically asking questions about life and seeking answer to those questions. It is the result of human quest for the meaning of life. It primarily springs from the curiosity of mind and leads to the acquisition of knowledge. The progress of human society through the creation of newer and higher civilisations largely hinges upon the intellectual pursuit pertaining to the fundamental questions of life. Philosophy encompasses all aspects of life, making it possible for the Homo sapiens to move to the way of enlightenment, spiritually or materially.



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All individuals have their own philosophy of life, though they may not be conscious of it. Philosophy constitutes the vision of the individuals by means of which they look around the world, and on the basis of which they conduct their life. All their actions reflect their philosophy. People may be progressive-minded or conservative, modern or old-fashioned, benevolent or malevolent. These characteristics come from their philosophy of life. In what way people will get along is dependent on how they view the world. The world-view grows in an individual naturally and spontaneously in interaction with the environment. Moral philosophy in particular gives an individual the sense of good and evil.