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THE HISTORIOSOPHY OF ARNOLD TOYNBEE

(Summary)

The article presents the basic views of the renowned British historian and philosopher of history (historiosopher) Arnold Toynbee (1889–1975), outlined above all in his 12-volume work 'A Study of History'. First of all, his understanding of the specifics of the emergence, development and existence of civilizations is examined. Special attention is paid to the criteria formulated by the British historian for the development of civilizations. Emphasis is placed on the topic of the relation between society and the individual, which is an essential element in Toynbee's historiosophy. His views on the decline of civilizations and the "universal state" are also traced, as well as his scenarios for the future of civilizations.