

Fanon: Africana Philosopher of Existence¹

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ABSTRACT The idea of the absence of reason and philosophy among colonized cultures is very prevalent in the Western philosophical canon. The purpose of this study is to make an argument for a reading of Fanon's thought in philosophical terms and thus dispel the myth that Africans do not and cannot philosophise. The study has two main findings, firstly, that the preclusion of Africans from philosophy is based on pejorative biological stereotypes about the absence of reason among Africans. Secondly, that a compelling argument can be made for a reading of Fanon's thought in philosophical terms. The study makes use of a close reading of relevant primary and secondary literature.