

## PHILOSOPHY

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### **The Phenomenon of Old Age: A Socio-Philosophical Analysis**

The article provides a socio-philosophical analysis of the understanding of the phenomenon of old age from antiquity to the present day. Based on primary sources and modern research on the topic, it is shown how the views of thinkers on this age period in human life have changed depending on the stages in the development of society, as well as on the philosophical worldviews. The idea is substantiated that with the socio-economic, political, scientific and technological progress, interest in this issue is constantly increasing. The authors also pointed out the practical importance of philosophical understanding of the phenomenon of old age both for each individual and for society as a whole, since the leading trend in changing the age structure of society today is the aging of the population both in the world as a whole and in Russia in particular.

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