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### **Abstract**

*Our contemporary world is marked by its admirably rapid technological advancements as well as its increasing sensitivity towards healthy living. There is a higher commitment to individual freedom with a complex digital connectivity and interaction so that spatial distances that could have limited communication are reduced to a screen-click. An ever-stronger and more intense, albeit, less intimate social connections are observed; so that there is the subtle danger of the person being immersed in hyper-virtual relations with little or no interest for the society's most basic unit - the home. Our current culture reveals that little is known of the essential impact of the home in human life. Since man is naturally a relational being, thanks to his singular rational attribute; each human life is born into a context. That context has as its nucleus the home which is the source from which*

*human life surges, blossoms and develops. The question now remains: if the home is really the first societal cell of human existence, can we say that the development of the human's distinguishing core quality begins from there? In other words, do the first and subsequent acts of intellectual operations characteristic of the human person have their primary and crucial development in the home?*

*The paper aims to affirmatively tackle the aforesaid questions using phenomenological observations and conclusions. Employing mainly the descriptive method, the paper would seek to do a textual analysis of classic and contemporary authors in the fields of philosophy and psychology who have contributed in one way or the other in the study of human cognitive and intellectual development. The analysis would serve as the base for the interpretation of the ordinary human phenomenological experiences in order to demonstrate the crucial role the home plays as the primus fons of the human person's intellectual maturity.*

### **Full Paper**

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