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The Pantheism Controversy Lessings perceives human development in a different way. His assertions are rather controversial since he alludes that all human beings undergo a developmental process which is progressive. In as much as this is true, the controversy comes from the fact that Lessings alludes that there is an element of divine intervention in the process of development of a human being. In fact, he asserts that the process is progressive through what he christens divine revelation.

He came up with a very unusual connotation to refer to his theory. The term, autotheonomy, refers to both aspects of autonomy together with theonomy in the course of development of a person's life. In retrospect, the stipulations by Lessings can be perceived to be controversial bearing in mind that not all human population ascribe to the concept of existence of a supreme deity. In addition, there is no proof which confirms that the process of human process is gradual through a process entailing religious intervention. In as much as the development of people is usually through stages, the aspect of having invoking divinity on it bears no relevance at all. In fact, the conviction that Lessings has over the argument he proposes comes from the fact that he was a deeply religious person. His spirituality could have contributed to his mindset. In fact, a liberal argument would imply that such a mindset made his arguments lose impartiality as well as objective. In summary, it is still very controversial to imply that there is a divine intervention in the process of human development. The uniqueness of human development is not yet fully understood since people are mere mortals and they have their limitations and inadequacies.