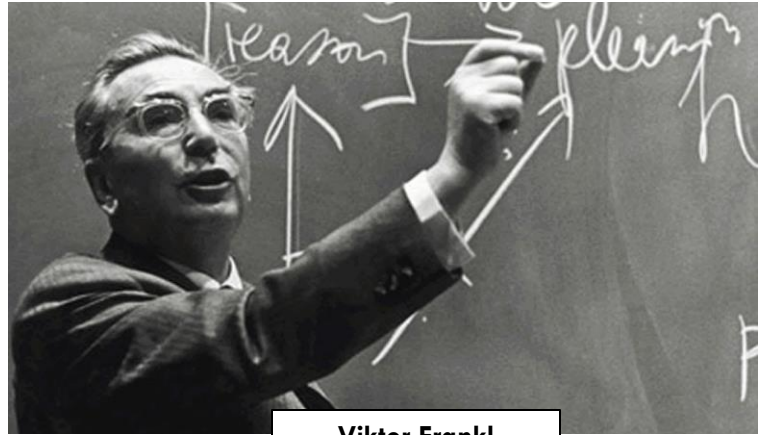


# MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING

## Experiences in a Concentration Camp

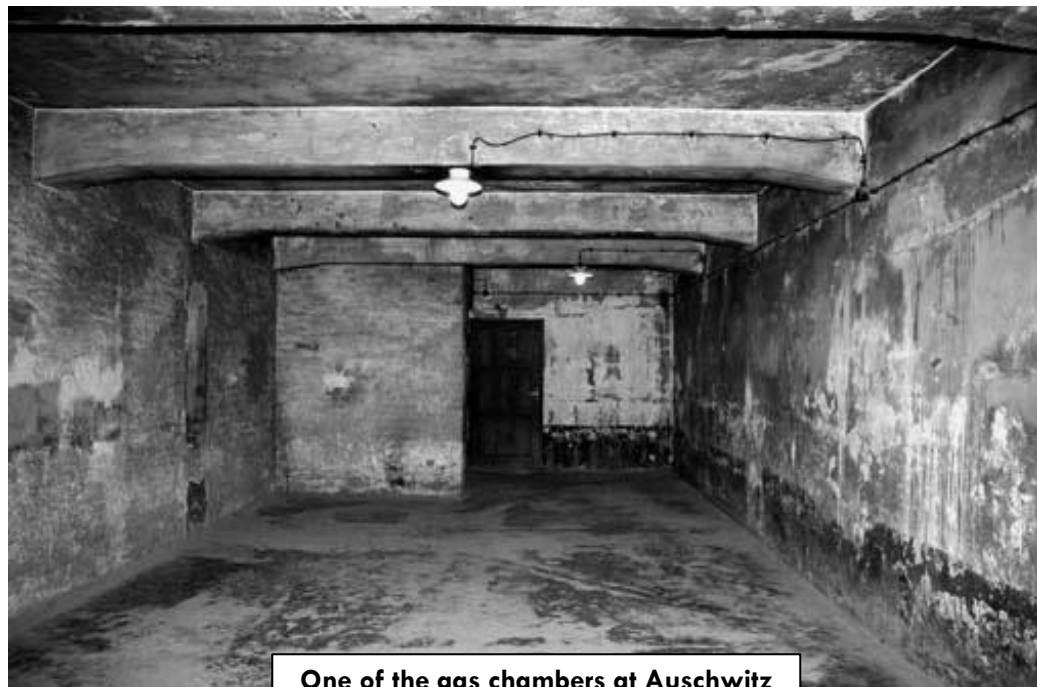
### Arrival (pages 3-20)

**NOTE:** In this section, and throughout the book, Frankl makes several references to the "SS". The SS were the organization in the Nazi government charged with running the concentration and extermination camps, among other things. The initials "SS" stood for "Schutzstaffel", which means "Protection Squadron". They were one of the Nazi Party's main instruments of terror.



Viktor Frankl

1. Who were the "Capos"? Viktor Frankl stresses that the Capos were often more cruel than the SS guards. Why do you think this was?
2. Early in the book, Frankl makes the following observation about the book's publishing history: "I had intended to write this book anonymously, using my prison number only. But when the manuscript was completed, I saw that as an anonymous publication it would lose half its value, and that I must therefore have the courage to state my convictions openly." (6-7) Why do you think he concluded that an anonymous book would have less value than a book attributed to an author? (You may wish to look at the Preface, as he discusses this issue there as well).
3. At one point in this section, Frankl describes the concept of "delusion of reprieve." Explain what he means by this term. Give FOUR examples from throughout this section of responses from Frankl or his fellow prisoners that could be described as manifestations of this delusion.



One of the gas chambers at Auschwitz