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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 19:50:14 GMT

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MexPirate wrote on Wed, 25 April 2007 13:20f100ded, 3. I think you misunderstood my comments, my point was more that the concept that the people who wrote it talked to god cannot be evidenced - it is something you simply have to believe (obviously hard if you have no belief in God). Assuming that it was indeed Gods words they will have been altered somewhat over time as languages do not directly translate and it seems likely that interpretation of it by the people responsible for copying/translating it would have occurred.

Just to point something out, as far as ancient text goes, the Bible is reported to be the most accurately translated and true-to-the-original text in history. Even if you don't believe what it says, it still has that going for it. (This is not the church acknowledging the accuracy, but other, neutral, third parties).

However, that's not to say qualifications of a word has not changed. ie. Many people in the old testament are stated to have lived 100's of years. But considering when it was written, what would they have considered a year? Our own Calendar only dates back to the Roman times. (Interesting assumption: assuming a "year" back then would have been decided by phases of a moon, 12 lunar months in our year translates into people mentioned in the old testament to be approximately 70-80 of our years)

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