
Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 16:14:29 GMT

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mrpirate wrote on Wed, 27 June 2007 09:26 But that's the whole point, though, don't you see?

Believing that your personal experience has any relevance in determining truth is ridiculous, because everybody's personal experiences will point their beliefs in different (and often contradictory) directions.

Personal experience is the only thing that we can rightfully claim as a "fact", unless you want to settle claiming what you don't experience as simply a belief (you are told something or read something and must choose whether or not it is truth). If you experience it personally, it is a fact.

However, even a fact can be misinterpreted or misunderstood. A good example of the is the SCIENTIFIC FACT that heat transfer is done through an invisible liquid called "caloric" (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caloric_theory). This was a SCIENTIFIC FACT that was treated as truth - and even proved as truth in several experiments. Heat transfer can only be experienced through the "personal experience" mean in order to be proven as a fact, however this did not prevent the interpretation of the fact to be wrong . Something does cause heat transfer (fact proven through personal experience), it is just not an invisible liquid which does this (incorrect interpretation of the personal experience).

Edit to clarify last paragraph
