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Subject: The meaning of life?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 11:00:42 GMT

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What is the meaning of life? What is our purpose? Why are we here? Is everything purely religion? Or was our existence just a massive chance and we should consider ourselves very lucky to be here? Discuss...

If you have an opinion please don't try and force/persuade it on someone.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 13:46:32 GMT

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The answer is quite obvious. There really is only one thing it could possibly be:

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...of course, that still leaves finding the rest of the question...

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Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 14:10:55 GMT

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 14:39:47 GMT

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The meaning of life is to continue to live.

The way you can arrive at this is by looking at the most basic parts that all life has in common. Survival.

To allow the species to thrive and prosper is the only real reason life exists in the first place, and why all life is driven toward that purpose. What would be the use of existing if we were to just die out? Therefore, in order to prevent that, we must sustain the species as long as possible. To that effect, the only reason we live is to ensure our survival. Life does not have any real greater purpose, even if you include the worship of a god. If that were the greater purpose, rather than an extra, we would have developed as mindless automatons

The purpose of life has nothing to do with religion. Religion is simply our way of interpreting the will of God. I'm Roman Catholic, and even I can understand that. (Heck, I also believe in evolution and the big bang, and it's not so exclusive of God as people would like you to believe).

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Crusader](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 14:40:27 GMT

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Topics like these really gets my blood boiling but instead of starting a flame war (like I did before), I will just say that I completely agree with AoBfrost.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Nightma12](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 15:10:01 GMT

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i dont see why people cant believe in both?

i personally am a catholic however i believe that God created the universe THOUGH the big bang. and about 7 days.... there was no such thing as a day back then, therefore a day could of been any ammount of time

in this morderm day n age.. theres no denying that the big bang happened, but that dousnt mean it proves anybody religion wrong/incorrect?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 15:37:09 GMT

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God damn, warranto hit it on the head - it's all about living and continuing to live and evolve (through offspring).

Religion imo is just a load of bollocks people use to supply answers to questions that cannot be answered.

Trying to deny evolution and upholding the theory of creation just seems completely bizarre to me - there is no EVIDENCE for creation, only a belief, that as I see it comes purely from humans.

Evolution on the other hand has such an overwhelming wealth of evidence it can only be denied by people who hold beliefs and therefor close themselves off to ideas.

It is my opinion that evolution demonstrates the purpose of life to be to survive and improve yourself nothing more.

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Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 15:39:13 GMT

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 15:39:23 GMT  
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I don't think the notion of "meaning" applies to life in a larger context.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 15:41:41 GMT  
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AoBfrost wrote on Wed, 25 April 2007 11:39 I think schools should have 2 science classes during the time when they teach about evolution, 1 for evolution and 1 for creationism. They can learn about creationism in religion class because it's not science.

edit: sorry for the double post, two people posted while I was writing my first post

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 15:50:00 GMT  
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There is no good explanation of what the meaning of life is.

Do we exist by chance? Are we the pawns of something bigger than us?

Either way, I guess we can all agree that life has a way of throwing you through loops constantly in a never ending roller coaster of annoyances and disappointments. Life sucks. You just have to find the good in it more often than not. I know I have to right now, and it isn't easy... by any means.

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Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 15:59:27 GMT  
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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 16:03:13 GMT

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Creationism is a farce. Science has given us a pretty accurate indication of what really has happened over the course of the universe's several billion year old existence.

I believe a higher being put it into motion, though. I'm not sure it's the Christian god, anymore. I know that there's something higher. There's too many signs of intelligent design. I'm still considering myself a Christian, but I have a lot of thinking to do on the subject to be sure.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 16:10:12 GMT

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hey guys, not to back out or anything, but I think we all need to stop posting in this thread and let others post their opinion, gamemodding wanted this to be a fun share your idea thread, but I think we all contributed and pushed this thread into more of a debate which caused others to not post, so with that said, I will no longer post here, just so the topic can go back to its original purpose.

AoBfrost

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Nice class - God did it, the end. Evolution is infinately more complicated. Also you are forgetting the other options, from your argument any alternative theories (such as flying spaghetti monsterism) should also be taught at schools? Not forgetting that to do that would require more classrooms, teachers and tbh most kids would take the easy option just because they would get 100% on the creationism exam.

What missing links? everything that forms part of the theory of evolution is by it's very nature supported by huge scientific evidence. If you are reffering to the evoloution of humans current evidence suggests that we split off the evoloutionary ladder from chimps/bonobos only around 5 million years ago (so although we are 98-99% genetically similar we are not evolved FROM chimps). There are records of various extinct primates, the one believed to be out closest relative is detailed here: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australopithecus>

Evolution is NOT belief, or else it couldn't be adapted.

You cannot physically go back in time, but you can look at evidence of life in the past and embryology demonstrates evolution - did you know that as an embryo develops it looks the same as all the rest (a ball shaped blastula followed by gastrula - believed to be the form of the earliest multicellular life, other evidence supports this) as the embryo develops it starts to differentiate following evolution as shown:

The most basic animals are on the left, you can see how they are all similar at the ealier stages and that groups of animals (fish, reptiles & birds, mammals) all look similar at the second stage before developing the diversity brought about by evolution.



A book (however important) written without evidence does not simply become evidence.

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why obviously - many people consider themselves to be a follower of a religion but choose to make their own mind up on certain things based upon their own experience and evidence.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 16:38:21 GMT

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Of all places to ask a heavy question, you chose the Renegade forums LOL!

Alright, lets throw another crazy man's opinions into this thread, shall we?

I grew up Christian (non-denominational, which basically means 'generic'). I went to church every single sunday of my entire childhood - my dad was an elder of the church - and I was forced to wear a tie every week or I'd get in trouble. That's how religious I was, just to build some imagery.

After I grew up a little, went into the military and got exposed to more cultures and beliefs, starting learning more about myself, etc. my views started changing. I didn't want to be ignorant, so I felt it would be in my best interest to consider all options equally: a sort of fresh start.

It wasn't until I was about 22yrs old or so when I met my fiancée -- who ironically happened to be Wiccan. (Imagine our debates!) After years and years of thought and deliberation with my fiancée, we've both come to an acceptance of a slightly modified view of how I grew up and this is what it is.....and this is what \*I\* believe to be true:

I believe that there is one God, that it is the Christian God, that it is a trinity, and that Jesus was sent to save us from eternal damnation. That core Christian belief aside, I'm a very strange Christian.....because I think that a lot of the Bible is exaggerated or symbolic rather than literal, and I think a lot may have been lost in translations or when it was pieced together over the years.

I believe that the forces of nature (things like karma, survival of the fittest, evolution, etc.) are very real and are a part of our world whether the Christian Bible discusses it or not. I think there are a LOT of invisible forces surrounding our species and planet(s) that we don't know about and may quite possibly never know about. I also believe that it was probably designed this way.

The purpose of life? I can agree to "exist" - but from a Christian standpoint it's also to 'Serve the Lord's will'. I can see how people say that the sole purpose is to survive and/or evolve, but consider the fact that our minds are linear in regards to time .... and so we see one event coming before the other and no other explanation. When life as we know it was first "created" (or as some believe, "spontaneously realized"), SOMETHING had to be the catalyst. Even science will confirm that to this day. We just don't know what. And I sure as hell am not going to insist that I



know (other than what my faith in my religion tells me).

To take it one step further and expand on this topic, I think people need to start being a little more tolerant of other religions. There is so much hate in this world because of what other people believe. Take, for example, Christianity who spazzes out on people who don't convert and flood them with "you're going to burn in hell" propoganda. I know that Christianity says that you should try to 'save the lost' ... but I do not think its right to do anything more than 'plant the seed'. If they don't believe, who cares? You did your part - so stop flooding the seed with so much damn water.

Anyway, that's how I see things --and I conveniently broke things into nice proper paragraphs so people could quote and comment as desired.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 16:41:00 GMT

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Mex, you posted while I was posting - so I'd like to throw in there that although I \*DO\* believe in evolution, I don't think that humans evolved from bacteria or at the end of an evolutionary chain. I believe that they were an independent evolutionary chain.

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Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 17:10:51 GMT

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Science requires evidence.

Creationism requires belief.

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Scientific evidence at the moment points to on single occurrence that produced basic amino acids, sugars fatty acids and nucleic acid bases (monomers - the basic building blocks of all life) - by recreating the conditions thought to exist on earth at the time and passing an electrical current through (to simulate an electrical storm that would have been common in that time period) it has been possible to create these monomers from inorganic material. The amino acids produced are random and not all of the possible combinations - however ALL life on the planet contains the same set of amino acids (hence the reasoning that life evolved from this point) other amino acids have been discovered off of the planet.

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rAMEN - half the reason I dislike religion is because of the extent it is used as an excuse for humans to commit horrific acts - this control of religion and links to whoever was in power at the time throughout history is another reason why I personally cannot trust the teachings of any religion.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 17:12:04 GMT

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To begin, I devoted myself to Christ this year. Therefore I'm a Christian.

To begin my lack of faith on the Big Bang:

Scientists all agree that an equivalent exchange of matter is the only way something can form correct? How in the world then can you explain a monumental explosion happening for no reason caused by nothing then? For that matter, how can you explain the creation of the nothingness of space prior to the Big Bang?

Creationism and Religion:

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historical records of religion. These are ancient testimonials that perhaps millions of people read everyday. You see the Bible in my eyes is evidence because it was written by several men over the course of centuries. It's a collection of books with authors that had the word of God spoken to them. What would be the gain in creating this literature? None that is foreseeable, save for the fact that religion could be used to control the masses on a spiritual level. That makes no sense in the case of Christianity though

Christianity is the belief that the Lord Jesus sacrificed himself in order to pay for our sins. My church teaches that you go to Heaven by having belief that Christ died for your sins, and the degree of your reward is based on the time you spent on Earth. Therefore, my purpose for living is to ensure my eternal salvation, and the degree of the reward that follows. For more information consult the Books of Luke and Revelations in the New Testament. They depict how your name can be added to "The Book of Life."

Evolution:

There is nothing in the Bible that states that Evolution is false, even in the Book of Genesis in the Old Testament. The Book of Genesis doesn't even give any evidence to where the Garden of Eden was, therefore one could surmise that it very well have been the entire earth for all we know. Also, time to God may be different from that of man. Therefore a day to him could very well be Thousands upon millions of years to us (That is not a Church teaching, that is my own inference.). It is a well known fact that Micro-Evolution is true. Even the most devout religious types must see that or they're far too blinded by explicit words. There have been studies done with Salamanders in California that back this argument up. Although I find myself sourceless, I can explain this process from a lecture I heard in a college-level biology course:

A species of Salamanders had its population split on opposite sides of a valley. They had repeatedly mated and passed genes from one generation to another. When the two divisions of Salamanders re-merged in terms of area at the end of the valley, the two were unable to mate with each other. They had formed an entirely new species.

What is the meaning of life?

To be honest, man will never know. It's far too above our heads to comprehend. We're like cats in front of a closed door. We know that it opens, we just can't do it for ourselves.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 17:30:52 GMT

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If people want to create yet another Science vs. Religion debate, please create a new thread. Keep this one to the meaning of life, etc. as the topic creator initially asked.

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Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 17:35:53 GMT

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I think I said no evidence for creationism/intelligent design but either way a scientist would argue that those historical records have been created by humans (and kept under the control of humans for many years) If someone was to say that God spoke to them today, nobody would believe them and there is no EVIDENCE to prove that God did in fact speak to them other than their written word. Add in the fact that these books will have been translated added to and edited many times by humans. Of course this doesn't disprove anything written in them, it just means SCIENTIFICALLY they cannot be relied on as EVIDENCE.

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stillborn babies, athiests who spend their entire life doing charitable work, poor uneducated people who are never taught about christianity, anyone out of the billions of people born before christ.

But a 100 year old convicted murderer, rapist and paedophile would get in with a big reward as long as he acknowledged jesus and christianity before his death.

It strikes me that this concept encourages people to spread the word and save people by teaching them about christianity, something that has obvious benefits for the religion.

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I think almost universally religions accept that natural selection exists - it can be seen today and the continual evolution of life is supported by pretty much everyone. The divide comes in as to the origin of species and planet - many people are not comfortable with or refuse to believe that humans evolved from the same place as everything else.

P.S. It is not my intention to offend, evolution forms the backbone of the degree I am currently

studying for, I am stating my views and I am always keen to be challenged and hear alternative theories (and then debate them ).

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Sorry to stray from the topic yet again warranto, but I don't want anyone getting the wrong ideas.

For the first verse, you would have to consult a pastor on that subject, as I don't know about those cases.

Toward the 100 year old convicted murderer, rapist, and pedophile: Yes, indeed he can. Acknowledgment isn't enough though. Pastors can explain it better than I can. So I invite you to listen to the sermon "Death...Then What?" in the One Minute After you Die series that my church posted on their website. You don't have to download anything, it's streaming with quicktime. Not sure about other media players:

[http://www.kentwoodcommunitychurch.com/media/Audio/Death\\_ThenWhat.mp3](http://www.kentwoodcommunitychurch.com/media/Audio/Death_ThenWhat.mp3)

The follow-up sermon hasn't been posted yet. It's interesting even if you are an atheist. Let me tell you though, according to the teachings I've learned, your reward is directly connected with what you've done on earth. So even if you do let Christ into your heart and you've done a lot of bad things in your life, you won't get a very good heavenly reward.

That's the end of my little speech. Unless you have any other questions I won't stray this topic off any further.

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(1) gbull: congratulations on your rebirth. I won't get cheesy on you, but acceptance really opens

your eyes to the world around you and I think you'll find a much more fulfilling and enjoyable life.

(2) gbull: I think you're wrong about the Garden of Eden theory - though I see where you were going with it. It says in the Bible that the Garden was locked so that no man may ever enter again and protected by angels. Basically we were thrown out and told we could never enter it again ... so that would suggest its not the entire planet, because obviously we already cover it. It's probably somewhere near Mesopotamia or in some deep jungle not yet explored.

(3) Mex: Saying that the Bible cannot be used as 'evidence' is kinda biased; and I say this because I am to understand you're not religious or don't believe in the Bible and are thus discrediting it in order to make it better fit with your beliefs. The fact of the matter is that ANY historical document (whether diaries, the Bible, simple notes, or even legends as they are passed down) is written by man and no one else .... and ANY historical document is handled by man, translated by man, etc. Though I do agree the Bible should not be taken literally in many circumstances and may quite possibly have translation errors, I do see it as a holy and perfect book that has never been proven wrong and therefore should not be so quickly dismissed. You can even look at books such as Numbers which go as far as to detail lineage by actual figures/statistics. I highly doubt some random guy thought it'd be cool to write a book about lineage back then - find some Christian reference to it - and stick in the Bible as an 'extra read'. It obviously has some sort of value, though it is incredibly boring to read.

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MexPirate wrote on Wed, 25 April 2007 13:35

Quote:My church teaches that you go to Heaven by having belief that Christ died for your sins, and the degree of your reward is based on the time you spent on Earth. Therefore, my purpose for living is to ensure my eternal salvation, and the degree of the reward that follows.

This is something that above all else seems most "un-christian" to me. On that basis the following groups of people would be excluded from heaven:

stillborn babies, athiests who spend their entire life doing charitable work, poor uneducated people who are never taught about christianity, anyone out of the billions of people born before christ.

But a 100 year old convicted murderer, rapist and paedophile would get in with a big reward as long as he acknowledged jesus and christianity before his death.

It strikes me that this concept encourages people to spread the word and save people by teaching them about christianity, something that has obvious benefits for the religion.

This is correct, and here is why (all from the Bible):

--Salvation is the key to heaven, not deeds. Since God sees ALL sins as equal (ie. right or wrong), as far as salvation is concerend you're either with sin or without sin and therefore condemned to hell. The only way to circumvent that fate is through the sacrifice of Jesus who was without sin.

--The Bible also states that if you are not afforded the opportunity to make the decision you are not held accountable. That doesn't mean "if I dont go to church - then I dont have to get wrapped up and it and I'm safe". It means if you're stuck in the jungle or if you're a newborn that can't intelligently understand the world around you - you are exempt from this damnation.

--It also mentions that salvation, PRE-Jesus, was different: it was having faith that Christ would



come and that you were born into sin.

--Since murderers, rapists, and pedophiles are all sinners - just the same as "Joe across the street" who THINKS about how nice it would be to have his neighbors house" - all end up in hell just the same. Petty sin and extravegant sin are all the same in God's eyes. And no, just saying "I believe in God" before you die on your deathbed is not enough. They'd have to truely believe and accept it.

--With all that being said, Christians should not be running around saying "fine, burn in hell" or "Well I guess that just means you're going to burn in hell for eternity"; and many do. Plant the seed, say your prayer, and if they ask for help - help them. Otherwise, "have a nice day"...

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 19:20:15 GMT

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gbull, that site doesn't seem to be working atm - but it seems there is a link to dl it, so will try that later.

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Any historical document used as evidence for whatever reason would have its origins/modifications examined. It also seems plausible that due to this particular books status it would have been protected from many things (like some ancient king adding himself or changing the commandments to suit himself as one random example).

4. that sheds a little more light on the subject - it makes the concept a little more acceptable although I still cannot personally agree with it.

My hypothetical view would be that if I have had a good life and done something good for the world and the people in it, that an all knowing God would allow me in to heaven and not punish me for a set of beliefs.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 19:29:08 GMT

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The reason i started this was because i was interested to see what peoples beliefs were on the subject.

In my own opinion, life has no meaning. We're here because we're here. A lot of people say we

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are here to reproduce, survive and carry on our species. But wouldn't that be the answer to the question "What is the meaning of life on this planet?". I don't think we serve a purpose in this universe, although sad as it may seem.

Religion comes into this because some people believe that they were put here by God or another superior being to serve a purpose. I'm not saying this is right or wrong, i don't think there is a solid answer to this question.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [f100d3d](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 19:42:27 GMT

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Don't get me wrong, I'm not perfect and I also have my questions. But the core of the religion is the part about salvation - which is why many people dig so deep into it.

Which comes back to the topic of this thread:  
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?

If you mean, "What is the meaning of life, to you?" then it will be a different answer for everyone based on their religious views.

Quite frankly, organized religion has been pissing me off in the last few years (I don't go to church or anything). Take Catholicism, for example: they've recently changed their beliefs to say "we no longer believe in pergatory". WTF is that about? After thousands of years you're going to suddenly change your beliefs? Maybe their eyes were opened after their profit sharing margins went down and molestation went up?

I think that if anyone is going to be able to find peace in their life and have any hope of finding the true answer to the question this thread asks, we need to back the fuck off of eachother -- express our opinions subjectively -- and encourage spiritual enlightenment in a peaceful way. Only then will our sad little species come anywhere near answering what the meaning of life is.

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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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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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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 19:53:23 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 20:17:56 GMT  
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I once saw text running something like this pinned to a bus stop, of all places -  
Quote:  
As you wait for your bus, consider this -

The meaning of life is different for everyone, for those who say it is about having children, what about those couples who can't or don't want to have children? (It continues in this way for a while, covering most major meaning-of-life theories, I can't remember the whole text)

Any ideas?

Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 20:22:46 GMT

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 20:25:06 GMT

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 21:23:32 GMT

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and there is the unnecassary aggression we have all been expecting.

I think it is a positive step if any religion is prepared to look at their rules and change them if they feel it is right, it's all very well getting hung up on beliefs but that shouldn't get in the way of changing things when it is the right thing to do.

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I think there are a few things that the human brain is not and never will be capable of understanding, namely infinity (the infinite universe) and nothing (if it isn't infinite then what is outside it, what happens when you cease to exist). God provides answers to some of those things for many people, it is the things that we can begin to understand (such as weather not being controlled by greek gods, or imo evolution replacing creationism) that cause problems.

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I suppose humans have evolved to the point where they have enough ability and intelligence to

look outside their own existence, allowing them to provide their own "meaning of life" by developing traits and ambitions that define them. whether that be for good, evil or just playing lot's of rene

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 21:34:38 GMT  
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Oh, I don't mean to provide their own meaning of life, I just mean that what they do acts toward the survival of the species, thereby engaging in the meaning of life, be that procreation, curing diseases, proving food, etc.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 21:40:26 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [xptek](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 21:44:55 GMT  
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Why do you assume there is a meaning to life?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 21:46:59 GMT  
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Last I checked, I wasn't psycho....

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Crusader](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 21:51:46 GMT  
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MexPirate wrote on Wed, 25 April 2007 12:18

[/quoteNice class - God did it, the end.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 21:53:24 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 22:13:55 GMT  
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I was simply saying that the Catholic religion (at least how it has been traditionally) was all wrong. And I can say that factually - one Christian to another - just the same as I can say that to a Mormon.

Why? Because the Bible sits in front of all Christians as is. Some people interpret it differently and have different spinoffs, but nowhere does it say "you can write an additional book, Mormons" or "you're not allowed to pray to me you unholy P.O.S."

Granted, not all Catholics agree or comply with their religion's full set of beliefs - so my statement was not a personal attack. I just think that every religion has their [as I put it] "psychos" (religious extremists) and misrepresent the core of what the religion is all about: A personal relationship with the infinite being that created you.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [jimmyny](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 22:37:55 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 22:59:18 GMT

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What do you think it the meaning of life is?

Can we please keep this on-topic. Religion and beliefs is a very hot topic but please stay away from trying to explain why you believe / don't believe / what people do wrong...

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 23:48:26 GMT

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this topic should be locked because IronBalls has already given his opinion and, I don't know if anyone's noticed, but he knows better than anyone else

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Sniper\\_De7](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 06:22:44 GMT

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Jonty](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 06:36:46 GMT  
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Scientists say they can prove the Big Bang happened, but they can't say what caused it.  
And that's where I put God in the equation.  
I guess I'm some sort of modern Protestant.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 07:01:41 GMT  
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fl00d3d wrote on Wed, 25 April 2007 09:38 You did your part - so stop flooding the seed with so much damn water.

Very nicely put.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Crusader](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 13:59:09 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:18:08 GMT

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Psalms 119:157

Are you a God Warrior now? \*chuckles\*

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Crusader](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:24:37 GMT

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\*Chuckle\* all you want.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Jonty](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:32:26 GMT

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Cookie for anyone that gets that.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Crusader](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:42:00 GMT

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Jonty wrote on Thu, 26 April 2007 10:32"And then all those who are prideful and refuse to bow down will be laid low and made unto dust"?

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No...it's even worse.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:46:42 GMT  
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Can someone lock this? before it gets out of hand. I wish i never started it, i just thought it could be fun discussion.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:47:58 GMT  
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as if a thread about religion (this one is, even if not explicitly) isn't going to "get out of hand"  
  
an aside: IronBalls makes me depressed

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:49:53 GMT  
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this thread wasn't about religion, it was about what people believe the meaning of life is. Although, religion only comes in because some people's versions are based on their religion.

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Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 14:53:55 GMT  
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well you're an idiot. You said that it's 100% truth. No it's not. It's faith - there isn't a shred of evidence to support what you're thinking except from people who've "seen" God and from people over thousands of years old. I mean, hell, Greeks worshipped zeus and whatever else there is. Why is it any more plausible that your faith would be any more or less believable? I'm not about to try and stick my beliefs in you, unlike what you're doing (pitiful, mate). A person has a right to choose what he or she believes. I like to think that it's better for me to be an over-all better person without having to believe in a religion. There's right and then there's wrong - They clash, of course. But it's just common sense that I try to be nice and what not. Not to say I'm always nice. I don't really respect people that like to force their views on others, especially as strong as you do.

Why can't you just leave it be that people don't believe in what you do? Why do you have to be so god damn self-righteous? I shouldn't haev to acknowledge or worship any god to go to some magical place when I die. I'm a lot nicer than some other christians I've seen. But they deserve to go to this place? If that's how it works then don't sign me up, buster. I'd rather be with the people who don't need a reason to be nice other than their own god damned will and not doing what other people tell me I should do.

I'm also calling you a nut-job because even though you said you weren't posting in this thread, you just \*had\* to chime in one last time. You really have only yourself to blame on this one, kiddo. So please, just shut up already.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 16:32:40 GMT  
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I'm not directly grilling anyone here ...

But a trend I've noticed in modern religions (of all types) is that a lot of people say things that they

don't believe deep down in their heart and soul because of either ( a ) fear of retribution or embarrassment --or-- ( b ) because they think talking tough or down to a 'god' makes them feel stronger.

Again, I'm not knocking anyone here, but as always -- you should really think about the nature of these types of discussions and say to yourself "sure I may fool myself or other people - but 'someone else' may be watching how I represent myself.

To support what I just said, I've found myself saying things I know to be wrong (regarding religion) because I wanted to downplay the effect of my non-believer friends. If you have a religious belief, regardless of what it is, you shouldn't be fearful of what any mortal thinks about you.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Crusader](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 17:49:19 GMT

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Thanks for that grilling, f100d3d. I don't mind at all.

See, I really do believe in what I say. Also, everything I have said so far is NOT for any personal gain, power, self-motivation, or fame or status. I don't see why I need to feel powerful. I am also not trying to project any power over anyone or anything. I am just a Christian who defends his faith where so many others don't speak due to fear.

I am merely stating what I believe and I am merely DEFENDING my beliefs against assault from those who want to disprove what I believe.

You said:

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As a Christian, I have come a long way. Sure, no one is perfect and if there ever was a sinner with the most massive crimes in his hands, it's got to me. I am not saying that because it is a cliché catchphrase but it's because I mean it. I have committed so many sins and sin after sin...but there was a time when I had to stop and realize what I was doing.

I have a strong eternal relationship with Jesus Christ. I fear God...this keeps me from committing more sins and keeping the relationship positive. Christianity is not a religion, it's a relationship and the more you fear God, the closer you will stay with Him.

So in other words, I want to ease your suspicion that I, IronBalls, maybe a fake Christian who is just rambling Bible verses. No, I am not a fake...and I believe God is scrutinizing me right now as I write this post. So, He knows if I am a liar or not...if I am a cheat or not. He knows EVERYTHING about me. I know that I will pay the severe price if I lied. So, please understand.

Also, the only reason that I repeatedly keep posting in these hot topics (and in many other forums in the web) is to defend my faith and because I am not afraid. Also, it would be a crime, for me as a Christian, if I held my peace.

I don't care what anyone think of me...I sure know a lot of people in this forum lost any respect they had for me (if ever). But that is the price many who do God's work face and pay everyday. I must humble myself and say my arguments here does not amount to doing God's work but I am merely defending my faith and my beliefs.

But I am saying that I am a Christian and after establishing a relationship with Christ (which I have), I have a duty to carry out what is commanded to me: to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. That should not be intepreted as something to force ideas to others. I may not always be successful in spreading/defending the Bible but at least I tried and made some aware of the choices available in life.

Or I could have played it safe by the rules of this world...I could have been the nice IronBalls on Renforums who never said a thing...the Iron who never was frustrated or felt the need to address some topics here. Of course, then you would all have a different view of me but I don't like that life of pretending while I had something heavy on my heart that I wanted to say.

In closure, I want to say that I am not ordering or telling anyone what to do...I am just expressing my views and beliefs. I guess they are not so popular.

If you think I am not "sophisticated" or smart enough to join your so called club known as the world AND if membership in this elite cultural club of yours requires me to spit in God's face, THEN I will rather stay "ignorant."

God Bless.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 18:35:54 GMT  
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I'm pretty sure I said I wasn't calling out anyone in particular. Don't take it personally - cuz my views are more aligned with yours than a few others, here.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 19:04:11 GMT  
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Please continue all discussions about religion in the new thread.

<http://www.renegadeforums.com/index.php?t=msg&th=23999&start=0&rid=54>

Keep this thread to discussions about only the meaning of life

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 20:33:12 GMT  
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I propose that the meaning of life is different for every person.

Discuss

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 23:42:19 GMT  
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To serve a purpose.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [SlikRik](#) on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 23:50:28 GMT  
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I'd agree.

Every person probly has to some extent a different meaning, I myself have a few guesses as to what it may be, but for now, I settle with this:

Till I figure it out, I take life as it comes and try to make the best choices beneficial to the future. Why? Cuz who knows what the meaning of life is. You are here, and that's a fact. Make the best of it for you and everyone else while you're alive.

Something happened to me today that kinda makes me want to think about it more though. I saved a little girl from drowning. It was an easy save (all I had to do was dive into a shallow pool), but what if I had died while saving the girl's life? Would that have been worth my entire life to save the life of another? Seems to me that question makes the meaning of life question completely pointless.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Fri, 27 Apr 2007 03:09:44 GMT  
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Life is nature's way of keeping meat fresh.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Fri, 27 Apr 2007 08:31:51 GMT

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [archerman](#) on Sun, 08 Jul 2007 23:41:11 GMT

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [renohol](#) on Mon, 09 Jul 2007 05:25:11 GMT

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now that we're letting it "all hang out", I was raised Christian then for the last 20 plus years turned my back on thoughts of God.

But it struck me lately, could there be more than 1 God, like more than one STAR, one planet, one moon, one UNIVERSE!

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Posted by [archerman](#) on Mon, 09 Jul 2007 10:35:14 GMT  
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what do you mean with that?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Mon, 09 Jul 2007 12:26:06 GMT  
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he means that Muslim extremists warp the public image of Islam.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [archerman](#) on Mon, 09 Jul 2007 13:03:15 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Mon, 09 Jul 2007 17:28:25 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Mon, 09 Jul 2007 20:58:33 GMT  
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luv2pb wrote on Mon, 09 July 2007 12:28The meaning of life is to achieve post count +1.

LMFAO!

The meaning of life is to get more post counts in Renegadeforums! Life will be fulfilled when 1000 posts have been achieved!

archerman wrote on Mon, 09 July 2007 08:03i hope you're not considering me one of them.

Oh no.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 10 Jul 2007 11:07:07 GMT

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Not at all, I'm considering you one of the good ones

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Herr](#) on Tue, 10 Jul 2007 11:07:30 GMT

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Achievement is the key

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 10 Jul 2007 13:58:46 GMT

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Achievement of what?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 08:36:02 GMT

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RoShamBo wrote on Wed, 25 April 2007 07:00 What is the meaning of life? What is our purpose? Why are we here? Is everything purely religion? Or was our existence just a massive chance and we should consider ourselves very lucky to be here? Discuss...

If you have an opinion please don't try and force/persuade it on someone.

There is no meaning to life. We weren't "put" here for a "reason" because if that is the case, who was it who "put" us here and what is their meaning to life?

It is an endless cycle thinking of it that way. There truly is no true meaning to life, it is simply we ended up here because of some fortunate events that lead to the sustainment of life. Although some could argue that the meaning to our life is to sustain our life, to keep moving forward and keep living.

And religion.. God/gods were created by us because all seemed lost at one point in time. These questions overwhelmed the people and they sought an answer, so they relied on something like God to turn to.

Basically God is a psychological being within our (Or those who haven't realized this) minds. He is just a simple go to for answers kind of thing.

For example, if you were given the power to start your own world, with nothing but blank space and no limitations... what would you create? There would be no one to help, no one to turn to for answers, just you. What would you do? Would you model your own world after this one? Or would you make something completely new? Or would you just be baffled at what you should do? Would it be hard?

So what if you had limitations? Maybe something like having Ground to walk on. Would that make it easier? Instead of making a whole world freely from scratch, you would now be heavily bound to the limitations set.

If I am right, then it should definitely be much easier to create within limitations, rather than have nothing and turn it into something without limitations freely without help.

Wow.. I drifted off <\_< anyway, yes, so God is the one we made to turn to for help when we didn't know of what we were supposed to do. It is from this greedy creation that sprung forth different religions. Which today still plague the world and for ever threaten our "meaning" to live, to keep on living.

So my opinion is simply, if we had no religion, life would be better off, but yet people would be confused to what should be going on. It is a vicious cycle, but one that can hopefully be cleared up.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 13:11:01 GMT

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I've never turned to anyone for help. I am very much a "rely on yourself" type of person.... heck, I've never even had someone I looked up to; no "hero" of sorts.

Yet, I believe there is a God. I agree that some people use God as an excuse for many things, but it does not negate the idea that God may exist.

I have no reason to turn to God for assistance of any sort, nor do I believe he'll have reason to help me (but then again, I also believe no one, divine or not, would want to help me), so by your definition, I should not believe a God exists.

Yet, I do...

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 14:23:38 GMT

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So, you atheists, who do you think Jesus was? Just some random guy who thought it would be cool to tell people he was the son of God? And out of pure coincidence he was born from a virgin? And he believed in himself so much that he healed people? And out of luck died and came back from the dead? The reason God doesn't want people to know muh about him is because he wants us to have faith in him even without us knowing about him. It'll all be explained up in heaven, I'm sure. And, what I think, I think anybody can go to heaven even if you believe in some other god. It say he is very forgiving, so he should just judge on how well you live your life. I think he does just that.

And for me: I turn to God for help every day.

And as for razorblade saying that the world is better off without religion is total BS. There may be wars about religion, but if there were none people would go crazy and start more wars because they aren't afraid of somebody punishing them in the after life.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 14:49:34 GMT

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 14:57:06 GMT

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mrpirate wrote on Thu, 09 August 2007 09:49wow Jesus did all that? I guess I believe in god now  
Good News!

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [reborn](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 15:14:55 GMT  
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The meaning of life is to achieve freedom from suffering.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Slave](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 15:33:41 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 15:41:31 GMT  
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Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 15:47:55 GMT  
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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 19:17:39 GMT  
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I said "people at one time" for a reason.  
Basically nowadays it doesn't matter if God exists at all, because there is more of a reason to get out of bed in the morning then there used to be. Tell me, if it was the 1600s, and your entire town had been destroyed, and you where the only survivor, and you were only 10 years old. What would you do? Can you still say that your a "rely on yourself" kind of person?



@ Sn1per74, Jesus was a smart man. He wasn't insane and he wasn't some random dude to wake up and say "Hey, I am going to say I'm God today"

He simply saw the horrors of the world and what the world was like without a reference or any sort of help. So he explained to people to live for something and they will get something.

Does it really matter if he is wrong? It gives people a purpose to keep moving forward. Doesn't matter if God exists or not, he was smart the way he handled it.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 19:24:00 GMT  
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Actually, I would be.

People tend to turn to God for strength just as often as for blame... I've done, and would do neither.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 23:12:04 GMT  
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I don't blame anything on God. He challenges you and rewards you. You just have to accept it.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [nopol10](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 01:34:30 GMT  
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Woohoo! Buddhism ftw.

There is no meaning to life.

Go on, go be emo and kill yourself.

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I prefer Buddhism as opposed to Christianity because the school of thought in Christian beliefs is very much one of a human exceptionalism, and clings to an un-darwin belief.  
I prefer compassion to all sentient beings.

There is most likely some bible quote saying be nice to animals..  
But at the heart of Christianity in the book of Genesis it really underlines the Christian stand point, saying that animals are to serve God, as man is to serve him.

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Posted by [Jamie or NuneGa](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 15:22:43 GMT  
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NuNeGa wrote on Fri, 10 August 2007 11:22the meaning of life is to discover the meaning of life... that should confuse ya

Not confuse, it's just very much open to interpretation.

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Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 16:50:05 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 16:57:02 GMT  
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fuck that.

I demand equal horse colour representation

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 17:02:17 GMT  
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Humans are just as much animals as that squirrel in your front yard is. That means we have the exact same meaning to life as any other living thing on the planet.

Do any other animals have any religions? No.. it just means humans are hopeless <\_<.

IMO, all religions are evil, and should be forgotten or else it will end the world.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 17:44:33 GMT  
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mrpirate wrote on Fri, 10 August 2007 10:57fuck that.

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Pfff.. go after Santa Clause first.

A dozen coloured animals forced into late-night round-the-world shifts with minimal rest times while the white man they are pulling whips them and sits comfortably while they do all the hard work?

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Whether you're Buddhist or not is irrelevant, gaining freedom from suffering and true enlightenment is not only the meaning of life, but the meaning of life, death and rebirth... No one truly dies. You're constantly "reborn".

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Sure he doesn't want you to be cruel to animals. But there life is still considered to be less, they're never going to evolve and get into heaven, they don't have a chance at all. They are here to serve. Hence why he will be riding them... He didn't say he will be sitting on the backs of humans...

It's just that darn human exceptionalism that gets me everytime.

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Ah man, that made me laugh on so many levels...

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Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 17:52:04 GMT

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not to mention the elves...

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 20:23:29 GMT

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It never says "Animals will never go to heaven" I'm sure they will.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 23:19:47 GMT

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Not my point. My point is despite all their wonderful meanings for being created, religion is ultimately the main source of evil in the world and will eventually lead to humanity's undoing.

I can give you an example to. Look at the War in Iraq. Do you know why that the US, although is attempting to help, are still losing men by the end of the day? Why Iraqi people are still fighting back? It is because they believe it is their religion to do so.

And that is only one example. Another example would be the Holocaust. I can go on forever.

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Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Fri, 10 Aug 2007 23:39:46 GMT

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religion, in my eyes, is unnecessary and divisive; I don't think the world would suffer if people realized how ridiculous it is

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
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Agreed.

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Your right, it is how it started out to be.. but not any more.

Basically everything bad that happens these days can always be traced back to religion.

It is like a double edge sword. It has good intentions, but it also has after effects that can sometimes out way the reason for doing it in the first place.

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I can give you an example to. Look at the War in Iraq. Do you know why that the US, although is attempting to help, are still losing men by the end of the day? Why Iraqi people are still fighting back? It is because they believe it is their religion to do so.

But the United States did not invade to spread Christianity but to try to give them a government that will rule by law not by blood. Granted, the Iraqi's are fighting back with religion as their excuse but it is not the case in all wars. It is the reason with which people use to respond to a situation...here in the Iraq war, that reason is religion.

You may choose to not believe the Bible but some stories in it can be used to look at the argument.

Take Cain for example. God never said "you can't murder" and there was no laws that He had set in the early chapters of Genesis. And yet, Cain murdered Abel out of pure jealousy, greed, and hatred. What religion caused this? None, but his mind caused him to do it.

Humans are flawed creations...we have something hard-wired inside us...and when things don't go our way or go against us, it makes us tick. It is a natural reaction and we can't really help it. No outside variables (like religion) play their part in initially influencing our decision but our mind, our body, our thoughts and emotions; all the things that comes with us naturally.

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And that is only one example. Another example would be the Holocaust. I can go on forever.

Hitler did not kill Jews because of their religion...but because they were supposedly inferior to the Aryan race. Remember that the Holocaust includes not only Jews, but Poles, Roma, Slavs and many more peoples.

It was a war that was started on the basis of national pride (German superiority), greed (for land, resources, world domination and global respect), racial superiority complex and so on.

I have black hair, black eyes, and dark skin but I do not practice the Jewish religion. Hitler would still have killed me because I would have then automatically belonged to an "inferior" race...a race so inferior he thought was unfit to live. Only blonde hair, blue eyes, fair skin and evidence of German blood would have saved me from Hitler. So where was religion in this whole thing? Nowhere.

Of course there were wars caused by religion but then again, it simply proves that religion or religions is just another variable out of the many mentioned above that can cause divisiveness and lead to war.

Religion simply CANNOT be the source of evil all by itself.



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It is how it started out to be and it is how it still is.

So, I guess all wars in the 21st century are gonna be based on religion? So, India and Pakistan fight because Pakistan is Muslim and India is Hindu? Russians and Chechens are fighting because of their respective religion? North Korea hates the world because of religion? Yes, religion is involved but don't forget nationalism, pride, greed for land and resources, the need to showcase power and so on.

Don't look at one war and simply apply it to all wars. Look at other places of conflict...not just Iraq and Iran.

Of course, I agree with you that most of the coming decades in this century will see the war or wars between extremist Islam and the West but it had not always been the case. And that should not make you say that religion is the source of evil. Looking at the terrorists today, we will be tempted to label off religion as evil but don't forget to look at history and the many other reasons for which mankind went to war against itself.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 11 Aug 2007 17:23:14 GMT

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It doesn't matter if he was against their religion or not.. the fact of the matter is that he killed BY a specific religion.

Tell me, if there was no religion, how do you suppose he would of separated them from everyone else? He wouldn't. He would of attempted to kill EVERYONE that he thought was inferior. But it wouldn't of happened that way because if he attempted to kill everyone, he wouldn't of been accepted into power.

And I said above, religion means right, but doesn't always repay right.

You said that I said that wars are all based on religion. I didn't say that. I said that all wars.. or any act of violence can be traced back to religion.

I didn't say religion was directly involved.

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BUT It would make those who follow any religion ever so deeply, go... err.. insane.. because, like I said above it is a double edge sword.

And another thing, I not once in this thread said I was against religion, you can go back and check if you must, but I didn't. All I said is that I don't trust it.

It is better to stay clear of it, than along with it, IMO. Because when I compare what I think the right thing to do with most of the religions that say the right thing to do is, I believe what I think is better.

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I think we all know which religion you are talking about here

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Then why do you refuse to mention Islam? It's pretty obvious you were talking about Islam but yet you do not point it out. Your generalization of ALL religions with Islam is what is causing a needless argument here.

This is a Heated Discussions and Debates forum...you should feel free to say whatever you want.

You sure CANNOT generalize Christianity with Islam...but that is what you have been doing so far. True, religions have some connection/similarities to each other but you failed to point out Islam in your arguments; a religion that has been twisted by some of its followers to include evil clauses.

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True for Islam (i.e the most extremist of its followers; terrorists) but not applicable to Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, and many others.

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And why do you care? So what if he is indeed wrong? So what? He should be allowed to practice

his beliefs without criticism no matter how strange it is to you.

How does it possibly affect your life? Is it so annoying to you that you need to disturb his peaceful practices by pointing out that he is wrong..and then causing him needless grief?

If he believes that it will give him peace on Earth and eternal life in Heaven, then so be it. He should be free to practice it without restraint and objections by others.

There are some areas we as a society can correct each other in...but when it comes to religion (especially one where it DOES NOT affect you negatively), let them be.

Why cause more contention and strife by saying that they are wrong? This is the same kind of attitude that starts off needless arguments.

Sure, you can freely use your intellect to reason but you must use that same intellect to first make sure your questioning won't bring needless strife to this already fragile world.

P.S: Sorry for the double post.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Sat, 11 Aug 2007 20:11:42 GMT  
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I don't really care what he believes. But if you're telling me that religious people are all about living and letting live, you've gotta be from a different planet.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Sat, 11 Aug 2007 21:43:50 GMT  
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Religion (ie. the belief in a god) does not dictate killing. Heck, even Satanism does not permit outright killing, and that is a religion aimed at the worship of "evil"

Religion, however, makes a great target to get people to do what you want them to, not because religion is wrong, but because people use it for the wrong reasons.

The ultimate culprit here is beliefs. The only reason religion gets all the "credit", is because it is based entirely on a belief structure. People, regardless of who it is or what it is based in, will not give up their beliefs... for anything.

Just take a look at the thread about the possibility of people being implanted with microchips that can track their location... people are quite ready to revolt because of their BELIEF that their right to privacy is paramount. That has nothing to do with religion, but yet, it would not get nearly the same kind of treatment as someone coming up and saying "my religion says I can not have it

implanted in me". People would be all over that claiming that religion is just something evil that the person is using as an excuse.

Religion is not evil. The people who use it for evil are evil.

It's the same argument people have to support the right to bear arms. It's not the gun that kills people, it's the person holding the gun who kills people. Therefore, they say that the gun should be left alone and the punishment should only happen to the person who used the item for evil.

Religion does not cause violence.

The same argument as before... it's the person who uses religion as the excuse for violence. However, for every person who uses it for violence, there is someone who uses religion as an "excuse" to not cause violence. There are many people who would take violent actions, but don't only because their religion says it is wrong.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 04:21:56 GMT

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I'm stopping posting. I'm getting very aggravated and upset that people are saying religion is the source of most evil. I can't STAND it. Thank you StarBuzz for sticking up for me, I really appreciate it. It means a lot to me.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 05:03:34 GMT

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I'm not saying religion is the root of evil, it's just a manifestation of it

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 05:28:57 GMT

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Wait, you think God doesn't exist because he's unnecessary? Hillary Clinton is unnecessary in my eyes, to bad the that logic doesn't follow the same suit. :/

Besides, the world would be better off in my opinion if they practiced ANY kind of religion that was good at it's core. Maybe then there would be substantially less rape, murder, and overall loose morality.



While I see the argument that religion can and has been used as a vessel to vie for control over people on a spiritual and/or idealistic level in some cases, don't blame God for those instances and then claim he doesn't exist just because you see him as unnecessary.

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Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 05:54:12 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [nopol10](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 11:36:25 GMT  
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And what about the big bang-big crunch-big bang-big crunch-repeat theory?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:39:26 GMT  
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Where did god come from?

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-Ghost-

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 13:44:48 GMT

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Ghostshaw wrote on Sun, 12 August 2007 08:39Where did god come from?

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It says in the Bible that God doesn't want you to know that. He said you will understand it when you get into heaven. Besides, I'm sure our human minds can't comprehend it. THIS IS THE MEANING OF LIFE THREAD, not let's try to convince people on this forum that God isn't real thread. If you still try to convince me, I'm no going to change my opinion. No matter WHAT you say.

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Scientists say the universe came from ABSOLUTELY nothing. So why can't you believe God exists? You believe the universe exists. You live in it. It came from NOTHING. Part of you believing he's there is faith. It's part of the religion. You have faith that the universe exists. Why

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not in God too?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 16:50:57 GMT

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When was the last time you touched another galaxy?

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you can see other galaxies. you can't see god.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 18:54:09 GMT

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I LIED!

I am posting again.

There is this theory called the "Anthropic Principle"

The theory states that the Universe that we observe is there because we, as Humans can observe it. It exists because we, as Humans, know it to exist that way. The Universe exists just to support humans and life on Earth.

In other words "Humans observe, therefore the Universe is"

If humans had not evolved enough to acknowledge the existence of the Universe, it wouldn't matter if the Universe existed or not, now would it? Would the Universe still exist?

Well, people say if Humans didn't discover the Universe, it would still exist. But it brings up one point, however.

Why is it that the Universe can support Human life? It would only take a slight change in

gravitational pull and the Universe would never be able to support a planet such as Earth. So why does the Universe support our lives?

I got this from The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya (YES AN ANIME)  
but read more on it here: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic\\_principle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic_principle)  
Check here too: <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/rossuk/c-anthro.htm>

That second link has a list of things that show that it is only by a THIN margin that life is even POSSIBLE in the universe.

# Gravity is roughly  $10^{39}$  times weaker than electromagnetism. If gravity had been  $10^{33}$  times weaker than electromagnetism, "stars would be a billion times less massive and would burn a million times faster."

# The nuclear weak force is  $10^{28}$  times the strength of gravity. Had the weak force been slightly weaker, all the hydrogen in the universe would have been turned to helium (making water impossible, for example).

# A stronger nuclear strong force (by as little as 2 percent) would have prevented the formation of protons--yielding a universe without atoms. Decreasing it by 5 percent would have given us a universe without stars.

# If the difference in mass between a proton and a neutron were not exactly as it is--roughly twice the mass of an electron--then all neutrons would have become protons or vice versa. Say good-bye to chemistry as we know it--and to life.

# The very nature of water--so vital to life--is something of a mystery (a point noticed by one of the forerunners of anthropic reasoning in the nineteenth century, Harvard biologist Lawrence Henderson). Unique amongst the molecules, water is lighter in its solid than liquid form: Ice floats. If it did not, the oceans would freeze from the bottom up and earth would now be covered with solid ice. This property in turn is traceable to the unique properties of the hydrogen atom.

# The synthesis of carbon--the vital core of all organic molecules--on a significant scale involves what scientists view as an astonishing coincidence in the ratio of the strong force to electromagnetism. This ratio makes it possible for carbon-12 to reach an excited state of exactly 7.65 MeV at the temperature typical of the centre of stars, which creates a resonance involving helium-4, beryllium-8, and carbon-12--allowing the necessary binding to take place during a tiny window of opportunity  $10^{-17}$  seconds long.

Taken from <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/rossuk/c-anthro.htm>

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It really depends. Because this particular view of the Anthropic Principle relates directly to Humanity.

It is different to say:

"3 People saw the Universe, therefore it is"

Than to say:

"Humanity discovered the universe, therefore it is"

Now I am not doubting you, I honestly do not care any which way about God or the like. You guys want to keep arguing, fine. Just know that I made a completely different point that the rest of you turned into a religion argument. I am not apart of it.

That Anthropic Principle post was directed to the person who was saying he believes in the Universe because it is tangible.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Sun, 12 Aug 2007 23:22:23 GMT

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Intangible things cannot exist then? Computer data is intangible, copyrights are also intangible. Do these things not exist?

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Anthropic Theory.

Applies to it has to be because we know it to be. Doesn't need to BE tangible. You don't need to hold it to know it is there.

Copyrights and computer data is CREATED by humans. Therefore it exists because we brought it into the world.

It is different when it comes to something else like the Universe. Humans didn't know of the existence of the Universe until it was discovered.

If Humans didn't discover the Universe, would it exist?

I know I said I wouldn't but, if Jesus never existed, would God exist?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 00:53:50 GMT

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Ugh... why is it that people continuously have to use the supposed failings in the understanding of something to "prove" the subject of that understanding is false?

For arguments sake, lets say that every single religion in the world got it wrong in what they think God is. Does that mean the source of this idea (God) is also false?

No, it just means the understanding of that subject matter is wrong. Heck, science does this quite

often. Thinks the answer is something, only to eventually prove that understanding wrong. Does it mean that the subject matter was also wrong? No, just the understanding of it. One thing that I love to quote in this is the SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN AS TRUTH idea of Caloric. An INVISIBLE liquid is responsible for heat transfer. Science, through experiments PROVED this to be correct. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caloric>

As it is known now, this is not how heat transfer occurs. The understanding was mistaken, but the subject matter was still very much valid.

The same could be said for religion. To "prove" God's existence is wrong because some religion got it wrong is ludicrous.

Tell me what you think of this statement(Sorry Crimson, only using this because it's something common to this forum):

"Crimson created cheating programs. I know this to be true because many people have said it."

That would be a false/misunderstood statement. Therefore because that is wrong, Crimson must not exist. After all, that's the same logic that is being used whenever people use something religion got wrong as "proof" God does not exist.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 00:57:21 GMT

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razorblade001 wrote on Sun, 12 August 2007 17:43

If Humans didn't discover the Universe, would it exist?  
I know I said I wouldn't but, if Jesus never existed, would God exist?

Double post, I know... just wanted to keep these two ideas separate.

If it can not be measured it can not exist.

At least, that's yet another reason people use to say that God can not exist. There is no way to "measure" God.

However, once again, this is ludicrous. Did you know that around the 1900's (I think), the scientific community was ready to declare science as obsolete because they thought that everything to discover had been discovered?

I guess at that point in time, Atoms must not have existed, nor the multitude of planets discovered since then... they were never there until they were discovered.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 02:13:07 GMT  
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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 04:28:28 GMT  
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Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 04:29:26 GMT  
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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 04:45:41 GMT  
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Thx

nikki6ixx wrote on Mon, 13 August 2007 00:28 We're some Alien's Grade 10 science project that he forgot about until the night before the due date.

OH!!! DON'T EVEN GET ME STARTED ON THEORIES WHERE WE CAME FROM!  
TOO LATE!

Ready, this is how it is broken down. \*ahem\*

Long, long ago, before the creation of the Earth, there was a similar planet to earth on a far off star system. On this planet, Humanoid beings (I say humanoid because environment effects changes in the way life survives) lived there. Well, there was this problem, and in their years of

living, they mastered genetics and understood basic space travel and transport.

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They launch this(ese) rock(s) into space hoping that they will one day find a suitable home, and grow into a new life.

Now, early in the life of Earth, before the atmosphere was created, the Earth was pelted with hundreds of thousands of meteors a day! Whos to say that one of these rocks was (one of) the rock(s) that 'they' launched into space for spices survival?

A meteor that carried the seeds of life, crashed into Earth, and spread life out once again.

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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 04:52:17 GMT

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I doubt they'd be too pleased with us. If there really were aliens watching us, I'm sure they would have given up after Fred Durst sold a bazillion albums.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 04:54:55 GMT  
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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 04:59:31 GMT  
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Fair enough. But I still think they would have given up after Limp Bizkit sold a bazillion albums. If you created a race, and they bought 31 million copies of Bizkit albums, wouldn't you give up on them too?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 05:09:51 GMT  
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Knowing that I wasn't getting any of the money they got with those sales, yes I would leave them to die too.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 08:50:39 GMT  
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99.9999999999% of the UFO sightings are either secret american experimental planes(there is a black UAF with a budget just as big as the white UAF) or normal planes, or natural phenomena.

-Ghost-

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [nopol10](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 09:47:18 GMT  
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Maybe we're just a computer program created by some super advanced race...

It may be that our Universe had existed all along but the evidences seem to point away from that.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Mon, 13 Aug 2007 10:19:32 GMT  
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Tbh the race doesn't have to be that advanced, heck once we get quantum computers in say 10-20 years we will be able to do it ourselves....

-Ghost-

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [nopol10](#) on Tue, 14 Aug 2007 11:41:35 GMT  
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What happens if there's a power failure?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Tue, 14 Aug 2007 13:25:57 GMT  
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nopol10 wrote on Tue, 14 August 2007 06:41 What happens if there's a power failure?

+1

I don't see our race doing anything 'advanced' to be honest. We can't even get our toasters to work properly.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Tue, 14 Aug 2007 16:10:04 GMT  
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Or stupid appliance clocks...

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 14 Aug 2007 16:16:43 GMT  
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adjective

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Tue, 14 Aug 2007 16:22:44 GMT  
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No, it's here!

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Tue, 14 Aug 2007 16:22:56 GMT  
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To read the dictionary?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 14 Aug 2007 18:59:43 GMT

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Warranto wins!

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Wed, 15 Aug 2007 06:49:53 GMT

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Lets have cookie party.

\*turns on hard-core techno and blinding strobe lights\*

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 15 Aug 2007 07:02:56 GMT

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Sorry everyone, I've found the meaning of living.

[http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20070813/van\\_halen\\_070813/20070813?hub=Entertainment](http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20070813/van_halen_070813/20070813?hub=Entertainment)

I needs a ticket.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [nopol10](#) on Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:17:32 GMT

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No, the meaning of life is here:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meaning\\_of\\_liff](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meaning_of_liff)

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Thu, 16 Aug 2007 11:31:17 GMT

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Monty python people, monty python.

-Ghost-

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 17 Aug 2007 01:51:47 GMT

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The meaning of life is to have the most fun before you die.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Fri, 17 Aug 2007 01:53:14 GMT

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to serve a purpose?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Fri, 17 Aug 2007 16:17:15 GMT

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The meaning of life is to die later!

It is only a fluke that Humans are smarter than the raccoon digging through your garbage.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [kikiller](#) on Thu, 23 Aug 2007 01:20:06 GMT

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I beleive the meaning of life is to gain knowlegde and survive.  
i am roman catholic btw to.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Tue, 28 Aug 2007 02:45:34 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [argathol3](#) on Tue, 28 Aug 2007 14:43:27 GMT  
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coz blind...  
they give themSELVES a reason to be alive..  
Church-1  
Humanity-0

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Rocko](#) on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 01:09:37 GMT  
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I was proving a point. Now don't talk.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Tankkiller](#) on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 20:22:09 GMT  
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I still say that god started the big bang. Since you can't create or destroy energy, time or space, I say there is a god.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [SeargentSarg](#) on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 20:34:00 GMT

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Here it is!

<http://achievements.schrankmonster.de/Achievement.aspx?text=No%20Life%20-%20G>

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Wed, 29 Aug 2007 20:35:35 GMT

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What is outside our universe?

(that will make your mind whant to implode.)

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Tunaman](#) on Fri, 31 Aug 2007 07:50:31 GMT

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 31 Aug 2007 08:48:05 GMT  
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NVM.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [qwertwert125](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 18:56:29 GMT  
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THE ANSWER TO LIFE IS "NO" not NO, not no, but "NO"

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [qwertwert125](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 19:00:25 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 19:26:59 GMT  
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You prove yourself wrong by your own logic, "where did that 'divine being' come from".

What i believe is that there is a cosmos, a place outside outside our universe that is infinitely big where time doesn't exist. The universes inside it would look like bubbles floating inside of it.

There are 1000s of theories on how the universe started, only 1 is right, but which 1?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [qwertwert125](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 20:31:19 GMT

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the divine being is devine, and has always exsisted.  
even though this is very hard to grasp, its still the only thing thats possible.

the bible defines god as never haveing a begining. he may or may not have set things in motion.  
other religioons have this concept in common too: thier god never had a begining.  
religious theoyrs on gods without beginings is a non-secular backup to my idea.

so the question now becomes who done it, rather than how.

and yes maybe that devine being DID have a beginign, and was brought in by some force, but then that thing would have to have been brought in.

the point is, some force that didnt have a begining started the chain. without ignition, the rocket wont launch.

I argue this for my own sake, to back my own beliefs, and to convince myself that i am not weak in them, not to convince others.

on your cosmos theory, that univrs had to have been put into exsistance somehow, unless it is the devine being that set things in motion, either way, my theory is correct.

who knows, maybe your cosmos is what many religions call thier god.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 22:48:19 GMT

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It is too much for our minds to grasp. give up on trying to figure it out.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [qwertwert125](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 23:29:42 GMT

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theres no shame in quesitoning the unknown. the unknown is the only reason humans dont end thier lives. if there was no unknown, if everyone knew that when we died, we'd rot in the ground, with no afterlife, or that the moment we died we went to a better place, then what would stop us from killing ourselves?

the unknown is what has kept our race alive for as long as it has been alive.

i kno there are those who THINK we rot in the gorund. i mean if we knew beyond a shadow of a doubt, that there was or wasnt ANYTHING after death.

and then theres the human curiosity to persue that incredible question: WHY

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Matix101](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 23:30:16 GMT  
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stop wasting ur time

there is no meaning of life

ur born, u go to school, get laid, get a job, get old, die

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [qwertwert125](#) on Thu, 27 Sep 2007 23:35:07 GMT  
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no meaning = no life.

from what you said, the meaning of life is to be born, live, and die.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [w0dka](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 15:15:24 GMT  
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believ in a divine being is like belief that New York exist. I never leaved europe. I never saw New York myself. So why should i trust you that New York exists? Or why should you trust me that

Leipzig exists?

I'm a atheist. But why won't let people belief what they wan't to belief in?

I thing god is something to explain things you couldn't explain.  
So in general it's a good invention to let the majority of the people let sleep in peace without bothering with global science and things we don't understand now or can't handle in public

If you didn't know how the universe work just say "God done it." until you can prove something else.

Why not.... i've got no problem with that as long as you don't build a church righth in front of my house and ring the bells every 15minutes.

I think their is no reason in life. Maybe from science view: to create other life. If we make babs, get eaten by a animal we've done our work

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Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 15:52:02 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 29 Sep 2007 18:25:00 GMT

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That isn't logical proof.. it is guess work...

You say that this divine being has always existed. Since the beginning of time.

So who created time?

Something can't always be. If you think about it... how was everything started. Was it just nothing? And if it was just nothing how is that possible?

It is beyond our comprehension to imagine nothing.

Think about the universe, is the universe just infinite empty space? How is that possible? If it isn't infinite, what contains the universe? What is at the edge of all this?

What is nothing? Is that just infinite space?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Rocko](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 05:32:28 GMT

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if you take the side of there being a divine being but also a christian how can you prove that jesus really is magical and not just some person who was good at optical illusions.

People in other societies have taken in random fags as godly figures. I don't see how they are more or less correct then christianity is.

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 16:54:37 GMT

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Posted by [w0dka](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 21:12:12 GMT  
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mrpirate wrote on Sun, 30 September 2007 13:53 dinosaurs didn't exist

yep they 're dead.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [ron paul](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 22:45:50 GMT  
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"the meaning of life is to dress up in a fursuit and rub against others in fursuits - jball"

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 22:48:08 GMT  
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Or...

"the meaning of life is to be a pseudo-intellectual who cannot help but to voice his meaningless and, often times, drug-induced opinion." - mindtzar

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [ron paul](#) on Sun, 30 Sep 2007 22:51:27 GMT  
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blazer here postin drunk as fuck: meta as fuck yo

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 03:23:27 GMT  
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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [ron paul](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 09:32:22 GMT  
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Blazer wrote on Sun, 30 September 2007 22:23?

send hal;p itt

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [ron paul](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 09:37:33 GMT  
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Hogosphere in Web2.0 wrote on Mon, 01 October 2007 04:32Blazer wrote on Sun, 30 September 2007 22:23?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Ryu](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 10:54:08 GMT  
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Does not compute.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [jimmyny](#) on Mon, 01 Oct 2007 13:35:26 GMT  
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Ryu wrote on Mon, 01 October 2007 05:54Does not compute.

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shit, where's the any key??!!

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 01:20:36 GMT  
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mrpirate wrote on Sun, 30 September 2007 13:53dinosaurs didn't exist

Says who?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [ron paul](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 01:43:26 GMT  
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Jecht wrote on Mon, 01 October 2007 20:20mrpirate wrote on Sun, 30 September 2007 13:53dinosaurs didn't exist

Says who?

dinosaurs and dinosaur fossils are simply lies and direct products of the liberal agenda:

also buttes itt

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 03:44:28 GMT  
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I have a personal relationship with jesus; he told me there were no dinosaurs

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 04:00:05 GMT  
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Then how do you explain Newt Gingrich?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 08:48:00 GMT

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Take the old testament with a grain of salt gentlemen

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 09:31:26 GMT

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Humans trying to understand the meaning of the life and universe is like an amoeba trying to understand the wall street journal. Not gonna happen anytime in this millenium.

Seriously. Look at humans. Think for a moment if you were an advanced alien race that was studying the earth. You would see shit like potheads looking at mold growing on the wall and thinking it's profound, people killing each other by tens of thousands daily, clinging to various religions, and sex still being the #1 thing that drives mankind. Do you really think we are ready or even capable of understanding or appreciating the universe or the meaning of life? I would image any advanced civilization would study us for about 20 mins and put us in the same category as we would put primates, if even that high, and mark their calendars to come back in 1,000 years to see if we were yet capable of being more than bloodthirsty barbarians with delusions of being masters of the universe. Of course we probably won't even be around by then, as we will have either blown up the earth with nukes, or poisoned the planet to the point of lifelessness.

Yeah go ahead and disagree and pretend that the human race is advanced and everthing will be cool like on star trek. But then go to the bad part of your town after midnight and stand on a street corner and see how safe you feel around your fellow man, and then see if you think humans are all that. Sure there are good aspects to humanity as well, but there is no doubt that we are still more barbaric than civilized.

Anyhow, why does there even have to be a \*meaning\* to life? Is it not enough to simply live and try to better ones self? Why must everything be a puzzle that you cheat to solve now, now, now. Instant gratification - that's all people want these days. Again, not very advanced thinking. Or is it that you are afraid that we are nothing more than a swarm of gnats, that are born, mate, and die, without anyone or anything giving a shit?

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 11:09:23 GMT

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I disagree!

Primates are way too smart!

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Jerad2142](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 13:46:42 GMT  
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razorblade001 wrote on Tue, 02 October 2007 05:09I disagree!

Primates are way too smart!

They are not smart, they simply do what the have been shown hundreds of times over by those lab techs.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 17:02:13 GMT  
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I hate how humans have overated themselves.

I bet the hippos think we humans are the most ugliest fags ever just as we think hippos are the shit.

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Tue, 02 Oct 2007 17:27:16 GMT  
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[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pale\\_Blue\\_Dot](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pale_Blue_Dot)

Take a look at that and tell me again how significant humanity is.

Totally disagree with Sagan's opinion on theology, but the weight of the pic speaks volumes

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
Posted by [ron paul](#) on Wed, 03 Oct 2007 17:00:52 GMT  
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Yeah and that's called learning, and the ability to learn means intelligence of some degree. But if you're trying to tell me primates discovering the concept of 0 on their own is not intelligence then..

also: buttes itt

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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [qwertwert125](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2007 18:42:13 GMT

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but really if you think about it, something had to start in the first place, and no ordinary hing could "begin" in our own dimension. something HAD to have set things in motion. for every action there is an equal and oposite reaction, there can be no reaction without the action. some being that had control over some form of energy, being swinging a bat, or pushing something, or telekenieses, ect, had to set things in motion.

\*desperately needs a giberish translator\* i really cannot explain things the way i see them lol.

like this?: im in the infinite void of space. there is only me, a ball, and a bat. the ball is staitonary. there is nothing else in exsistance ANYWHERE. i can only swing the bat, i can do nothing else. is that ball gonna move unless i hit it? is the universe gonna begin unless something hits it?