
What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by STARCHRIS - 2006/09/15 15:26

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Chris

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Jas3960 - 2006/09/15 21:09

I believe there are two meanings of life - to live yourself and to create new life. :(I'm just sad that I may never do the last one.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by juublewuuble - 2006/09/15 21:24

The meaning of life I think is to be unique and follow your ambitions. However, I think a little of faerie fun is to be considered in anyone's life. :evil: :whistle: I think that the meaning of life is actually not at all important as we are what we are and I don't think that we should worry about it - as we make our lives as what we want it to be.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Gumdropster - 2006/09/15 22:02

The meaning of life was sold on ebay for \$3.50 a few months ago. :) But in my mind there is no specific meaning of all life, but every person has their own meaning of life.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Nait_Boi - 2006/09/15 22:38

Well Duh. Isn't it easy to tell...the meaning of life is to make me happy :) hehe

No, but really. I agree with gumdropster. No set meaning for everyone, just smaller meanings for each people.

My meaning is still unknown to me, much like everything else in my life...What's you'r mean?

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by lemonscented - 2006/09/16 02:55

i agree that the meaning varies with each person. if you love money, then thats your meaning.... but if you love love, then thats you rmeaning. personally, my reason for living is lollypops. i love lollypops and i cannot imagine living life without them. lol :lol:

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Co0_Coo_Kawaii - 2006/09/21 15:49

According to Monty Python (as read by Palin in drag), the meaning of life is:

'Try and be nice to people, avoid eating fat, read a good book every now and then, get some walking in, and try and live together in peace and harmony with people of all creeds and nations.'

But honestly I have to agree with Gumdropster on this one, there's no specific meaning of all life, but everyone has their own meaning of life: cheer:

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by k_owen - 2006/09/21 20:38

There is no one meaning of life, as this would vary according to the person, but at the end of our life, I think the only two things which matter are:

1. What we have become - what kind of persons we have had developed into during our existence, if wonderful and beautiful persons, or arrogant assholes lol
2. What we leave behind - we as human beings have the possibility of creating things, creation is a sheer act of will, if we all leave the world just a bit better from what we found it, then our existence would have not only served to us, but also to others.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by salsasexyboi - 2006/09/26 16:29

meaning of life is to live everyday to its full before you die.

xxx

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by mc2 - 2006/09/27 09:38

the meaning of live is to learn and improve xD

and have fun while at it!

haha i'm so stewpid
arghz dun kill me

:laugh:

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by LostChaos - 2006/09/30 20:17

here is what i think (i have several theories):

1. the meaning of life is 42
 2. life was just an accident
 3. to reproduce and to keep the species alive
 4. to be amusement to some higher power
- thats about all my theories.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by MrChaps88 - 2006/10/01 04:33

life is scary.....
i wish it was like death....death is simple and certain
life is so complex even if you dont want it to be.
i wake up every mouring and i just dont know anymore what it is about.
but that is what is good about it...i have the ability to do that...to think and to choose....

the meaning of life is to live.....

Tim
xxx

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by colm - 2006/10/02 17:55

Life is the esence of being. This esence is made up of many things. Life is the balance of ideas, morals, ideals. Ideas push us to do many things which we all question inside. Our morals is what controls us and what makes our actions sometimes rational. Our morals allow people to place what they have learn about life and apply this into actions. Our ideals allows us to aim high therefore allowing us to have more meaning ful lives becuase there is nothing impossible there just things that are difficult. Everysingle human has a different idea of what the meaning of life is.

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by chironnightwolf - 2006/10/06 05:44

What if the answer is much easier than we think?

When someone asks the meaning of life, we always assume that, since it's such a deeply thought question, that the answer has to be deep.

I believe that the true meaning of life is GIVING meaning to your life.
There is a Native American proverb by a Chief by the name of White Elk that states "When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Life your life so that when you die, the world cries, and you rejoice."

Just something to think about. ;)

Post edited by: chironnightwolf, at: 2006/10/06 09:47

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Jeichek - 2006/10/08 13:32

Technically, the meaning of 'life' is only a dictionary entry away. (I know that's not what you meant though.)

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by swmana - 2006/10/14 03:55

wow, I thought I had a good answer, but now I don't know. . . well, from what I can tell, people go around asking themselves this question most of the time(not literally) but in the things they do and say. I believe the meaning of life has a voice. You guys notice those feelings that nag you when you know you should do something that you should do but you not? Well, ever notice if you payed attention to it and did what it wanted you to do, you automatically felt better? What if the meaning of life is in the littel things we do everyday. A wave, a real smile, a kiss, a hug, having a worthwhile goal. I don't know, does it make sense?

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by tistria - 2006/10/14 07:57

Post edited by: tistria, at: 2008/05/01 17:34

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by water_weaver - 2006/10/16 07:09

I don't personally believe there is a meaning to life. Humans are the only creature who would question that, and there are so many other creatures around that don't even worry about it. I also think it interesting that humans believe there has to be a meaning to everything. Things happen. That's about it. Sure, there's cause and effect, but that's not the same as a reason, at least not in this case. Basically, to me, if something isn't able to be applied universally, including to the animal kingdom, then it isn't really truthful.....Just a thought.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by pinkchair - 2006/11/02 00:42

What is the meaning of life? I DON'T KNOW!!!!!!!

So while you guys ponder it, I'll go live it;)

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by swmana - 2006/11/02 07:02

But pinkchair, how do you know your living life if you don't know what it is . . .

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by pinkchair - 2006/11/02 08:16

Life is what you make it. That's all I have to say otherwise I'll go on for 50 pages.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by panny - 2006/12/02 21:15

i think that the meaning of life is all peceptional i mean if you are a religous person then the meaning of this life is to behave in a manner that gives you access to the next but if you believe that when you die all you do is rot then the meaning of your life is to live it to the extreme an have fun as you will not be able to do anything when it is over i think though either way you should do a bit of both as noone knows for certain what is going to happen and before anyone starts to bite my head off as they do when i post thingd like ht is its just my oppinion if you don't believe then that is your problem

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Paranoid Marvin - 2007/01/05 15:35

LostChaos wrote:

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Lol, someone who has read a good book.

The answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe and everything may be 42, but we need to know the ultimate question!

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by demo123 - 2007/01/11 22:57

Wow, the meaning of life is such an easy question to answer. Think about it, everybodys life follows the same path as another, so everyone's individual. So, it's the way the question is worded that confuses people and makes everyone think it's an unanswerable question. The "meaning of life" is basically singular, meaning it only focusses on one life, but there are so many of us there would need to be millions of answers. If u believe in God, then your life has already been mapped out for u, with the occasional free will thrown in, but if u don't believe in him, then the meaning of life will be what u want it to be. Make your own decisions. The meaning of life IS an unanswerable question, so word it differently then u might start getting some answers.

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by demo123 - 2007/01/11 23:00

oops, i meant - nobody's life follows the same path as another", sorry lol

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by smnglvr - 2007/01/19 03:59

Some people say life is only a bridge. Perhaps this is its only function. For me it seems the most interesting and the least depressing.

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by C_Dude - 2007/03/18 03:11

I believe there has never been/ isn't/ will never be a conclusive answer to the meaning of life and the purpose of the universe. Every time we discuss this, we always just come to one conclusion...

We can't comprehend it. We'll never know it. It's fun to try thinking about it. But if disappointed? don't worry about it. Because it won't matter. It's only in your head. Just live your life how you want to live it. And don't let the ultimate question, nag ya through living. :)

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Gumdropster - 2007/03/18 04:24

Great answer, and quite right too! Think about it, how in the world would we be able to deviate from doing what we were meant to do anyways? There must be a reason why we do the things we do.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Cjays - 2007/03/18 04:34

If u've ever seen Monty Python's - The Meaning of Life, The last sketch says it all. The universe song just shows that Gumdropster is rite, every1 makes their own meaning of life.:blink:

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by bj* - 2007/03/18 05:14

Procreation!! jk

I think it would be bad if we found the meaning of life, because of two things:

- 1) Finding it is probably the most important philosophical question of all time, and if it was made public knowledge, everything else would seem futile and pointless, thus creating an apathetic and depressing society.
 - 2) If it was some sort of mission, everyone would be so consumed in trying to achieve it that it would suck all the fun out of life.
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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by borto - 2007/03/18 10:06

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Posted by Gumdropster - 2007/03/18 10:20

Sensibly said Borto... The invisible man is just dumb. Not as ridiculous as the scientologists' Xenu though, :P

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by borto - 2007/03/18 12:35

Agreed, haha :lol:

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by C_Dude - 2007/03/18 18:40

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... forty. two. :whistle: :dry:

kudos to those who know of the reference :P

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by tipas1 - 2007/03/18 19:56

Funny... Everyone is free to believe why we live. But, there will never be any way to determine the reason why we exist. This fact is, and will remain, that it is beyond our comprehension. If we find a "plausible" answer we will need to support that with some other reasoning which would be the cause of that plausibility entering in an infinite circle of constant action->result. I believe we are here to better ourselves through evolution, maintain our specie and not repeat the mistakes of our ancestors.

Post edited by: tipas1, at: 2007/03/18 19:59

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Posted by chemical_flare - 2007/03/19 04:06

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And being gay, we are biological failures :pinch:

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Does there exist anyone who doesn't? Wow... I thought everyone had seen Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.. I've only

seen the cool OLD series though, not the movie...

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:P Well, what I meant was that we create our own meaning on a personal level by what we do with our own lives. I reject the meaning imposed upon us by the organized religions, which is what I meant by the invisible man. :lol:

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by dragon_14 - 2007/03/20 19:29

Very ambitious post....

Some say the meaning of life is to find eudaimonia, that is a greek term for complete happiness that can not be taken away by anything, a form of peaceful existence in happiness. They say this can be done by achieving virtue. Among the important ones most people are missing are wisdom and self-control. Get those and some courage and justice and you will have found the meaning of life.

But others say it's to examine all topics on earth, to quote Socrates "The unexamined life is not worth living"

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Toddius - 2007/03/21 11:07

Ok this is my theory "the meaning of life is... it is completly meaningless its just a sick joke by a higher power to torture our souls" yes I'm a very happy preson

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Paranoid Marvin - 2007/03/21 14:43

First of all, let's consult the Pythons!

Well, it's nothing very special. Uh, try and be nice to people, avoid eating fat, read a good book every now and then, get some walking in, and try and live together in peace and harmony with people of all creeds and nations. And, finally, here are some completely gratuitous pictures of penises to annoy the censors and to hopefully spark some sort of controversy, which, it seems, the only way, these days, to get the jaded, video-sated public off their fucking arses and back in the sodding cinema. Family entertainment, bollocks! What they want is filth! People doing things to each other with chainsaws during Tupperware parties. Babysitters being stabbed with knitting needles by gay presidential candidates. Vigilante groups strangling chickens, armed bands of theatre critics exterminating mutant goats... Where's the fun in pictures? Oh, well, there we are. Here's the theme music. Goodnight.

Or how about Deep Thought?

"Forty-two," said Deep Thought, with infinite majesty and calm.

Well, at least we know there is no god!

"I refuse to prove that I exist," says God, "for proof denies faith, and without faith I am nothing."

"But," says Man, "the Babel fish is a dead giveaway isn't it? It could not have evolved by chance. It proves that you exist, and so therefore, by your own arguments, you don't. Q.E.D."

"Oh dear," says God, "I hadn't thought of that," and promptly vanishes in a puff of logic."

"Oh, that was easy," says Man, and for an encore goes on to prove that black is white and white is black and gets himself killed on the next zebra crossing. While most leading theologians believe this argument to be a load of dingo's kidneys, that didn't stop Oolon Colluphid from using it as the central theme of his best-selling book, Well That About Wraps It Up For God.

I like to quote Douglas Adams and Monty Python as you can guess - geniuses!

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by random_jack - 2007/03/23 03:41

Before i write this, honestly i am not a depressive in anyway lol - i am actually a really happy person! :)
But i do think that life, school work marriage kids all that stuff is just a procrastination of death. Thats the meaning of life - so enjoy it!!!!

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Jalpeonic - 2007/03/23 08:42

Hmm... That's quite a dozy to actually say. All one can do is really theorize on such a debate. That, or it could be quite simple depending upon how one views it. I would have to go on the assumption that life was created for the sole purpose for living. For some, it's just instinct in their respective cycle of life, for others, it could be a passion to explore the parallels of their origins, their planet, or have a overall better understanding of what lies beyond the borders of our world. For humanized society to achieve the pentacle of glory in the quest for enlightenment. Either way, we all live and die trying to obtain the same thing - to survive.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by durlington - 2007/06/11 18:55

Theres a reason why we all die but human beings still have not come to accept it. From the Egyptians who build huge pyramids to Donald Trump who owns his own tv show. Every human wants to matter for eternity. Thinking about being lost in oblivion after our brief period of 70 yrs (or less depends on if you practice safe sex and other factors like how often you eat Mcdonalds and whether you are a candidate to become roadkill) on a less than perfect Earth is pretty scary. Of course there are ppl who want to die, suicidals, I know what its like, but I can only say it is a last resort. If given the choice I rather share my life with Josh Hartnett and grow chocolate berries in our garden.

So with an idea of eternity and perfection set in our hearts, we have to reconcile the imperfect world where things die and teens grow acne. Obviously we are able to see beyond our physical circumstances i.e. we are spiritual beings and the physical world is just a shell we happen to live in. Of course if you believe that we are just advanced monkeys and a cosmic accident theres no pt in talking about any of this anyway so you might as well be content being a sexually unsatisfied hairless primate. Cuz the fact that anyone would even ask what is the meaning of life shows that we care more about the physical experiences. And why would we evolve that capacity if survival is the main impetus for evolution and that we know hardly helps.

Since then we are spiritual beings, there must be a creator. The big question is then, who is he? Obviously if he created us, there is a way we can know who he is without making a random guess and banking your eternity on it. Some people think him to be the Giant Spaghetti Monster. If thats where you put your eternity and money on, go ahead. Pasta is great but I can hardly bring myself to worship it. Now, we are faced with the very touchy and unpopular issue of religion. There are so many variations each claiming to be the truth, where do we start?

First, accept that there can only be one truth. Truth is objective. Kinda like the color of your underwear. Unless God is confused or a trickster and thus would be unworthy of our worship anyway. My second advice is, be open to accept who God shall reveal himself to be, yes, even if your peas start glowing. Cuz the biggest problem I see is, most people have prejudices about certain things before even knowing enough about it. Like how in middle school we label someone a geek and never let him be our friend. The label 'geek' is a prejudice, and he can never prove that he is not a geek because we do not give him even the slightest bit of chance to prove that he can be the life of the party. I think thats how most ppl treat God or whatever you want to call your creator, but I'll use God for simplicity's sake.

So forget religion. Its either the truth or its a lie. Forget about your bad religious experiences where your priest stole some peanut buttercups from you. The priest has nohign to do with who God is. God made you and he can reach you if your heart is open to him. Just cry out from the bottom of your heart. He will hear you, cuz he made your heart to beat for him.

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by durlington - 2007/06/11 18:55

oops double post

Post edited by: durlington, at: 2007/06/11 19:03

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Mark42 - 2007/06/12 01:50

There is no meaning. We're just bacteria who happen to have feelings and brains and can think and love. God was created by us because people couldn't explain things like the sunrise and the stars, but now we know that they're just huge balls of gas thousands of miles away.

Sorry for the downer post:(

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Posted by Kev1n - 2007/06/12 04:34

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aww don't be so gloomy. though I can't think of a brighter outlook right now either =p

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by dragon_14 - 2007/06/12 13:56

The meaning of life is a few things, first of all it's 42:)

On a slightly more serious note, there isn't much to say about the meaning of life other than that it is to live. Any further meaning that anyone wants to find in life is something they need to create for themselves. Find that which drives your life and follow it as far as you can.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by mjcwas545 - 2007/06/13 15:44

Personal fulfillment.... that's why we have free will :)

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by dmadison91 - 2007/06/24 19:02

the term "meaning of life" is poorly worded. Obviously we are not looking for the definition of life. Rather, we seek the "purpose of life". And the purpose of life is simply to reproduce. That's it. We evolve in ways that best suite our ability to reproduce. All of life revolves around reproduction. We evolved the ability to speak, use tools, etc. all so that we can live longer, and ultimately find a mate.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by jonezen_7777 - 2007/06/25 08:07

i think the meaning of life is to forward the human race in some small way even if it isn't extraordinary.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by dalelees - 2007/06/27 06:18

i believe the meaning of life is to learn as much as you can and pass this on to your children

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by JasonDM - 2007/06/28 01:09

The meaning of life is to ponder the meaning of life. ;)

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by ilublustar - 2007/07/07 16:04

The meaning of life is being born, getting education, working, then working, then working, and then dying. That's why people are born. To work for the world. Depressing?

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Artiste - 2007/07/08 04:04

Why are people so bothered about the meaning of life? It's already happened. Better off questioning the meaning of

DEATH.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by there_i_go - 2007/10/25 14:25

i dont think there's an answer to that question

every life is different and follows a different path, so there's a different meaning to everybodys life.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by aldiss - 2007/10/26 01:58

The meaning of life? ... hmm ... thats a tough one ... i'd say its
'live fast, die young and leave a good looking corpse'

Just a guess :P

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by coley2k7 - 2007/10/28 17:13

The meaning of life is to luv and create we are just bloody chemicals nuffin spechial i think we will all die soon as the world might end:woohoo: :woohoo: :woohoo:

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by KnightXMimic - 2007/11/01 01:40

My personnel philosophic motto on the meaning of life is just to simply live in a way that can be beneficial to family,friends,and society as a whole. (Such as volunteering at the youth center or a homeless shelter)

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by HarrisonSJ - 2007/11/01 09:39

I don't think there's any meaning of any life, there's no point to anything's life.

Some say the point is to reproduce, but we only do that to let the next generation reproduce.

We don't `do` anything.

These things are so hard to express in words.

It might seem depressing to some, but it just makes me wacky and willing to do anything :woohoo: thinking how pointless and insignificant things that I do, and who I am.

Post edited by: HarrisonSJ, at: 2007/11/01 09:41

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by CuteBlackBoy - 2007/11/02 03:50

Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Palachinov - 2007/11/08 03:02

The meaning of life? There is no meaning to life. Just live it.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by matrixfan1 - 2007/11/09 00:14

The meaning of life is life itself.

If the universe wasn't here what would there be? nada-
better than nothing isn't it?

The point is to be alive and to contribute all of our experiences together when we die to pass on through our genes in the hope that one day FAR in the future our family of mankind will find what it means to be a pure and full person.

Hope is life. - but don't be too hopeful - hope can be a drug - everything that has an upside has a downside. - so if you hope too much, you're in for a big disappointment

"Death is the road to awe"

Post edited by: matrixfan1, at: 2007/11/09 00:16

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Regret - 2007/11/16 11:08

Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about.

Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened.

Douglas Adams

Personally I do not know the real meaning of life, if one exists; but in the meantime my aim is to contribute in some small way to the development of humanity as a whole, in hope that in some way this will help future generations to become closer to answering the question.

Failing that, 42.:whistle:

Post edited by: Regret, at: 2007/11/16 11:11

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by BravoLima - 2007/11/20 22:51

I have a feeling the creator of this thread just wants attention :) , such an ambiguous question.

As an atheist, I see no higher order giving a meaning to life. My belief is far more pathetically romantic. We give live our own meaning..... most of you anyway, I never liked meaning much.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by chris_my_man - 2007/11/24 23:23

i have to agree, no one was born for a reason sorry. your just one of the 5 billion others out there who happen to exist. You make your own choices and that determines your life and your meaning :P

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Dvoid - 2007/11/26 17:56

Hmmmmmm tough one

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The meaning of life really can really depend on person to person... who are we to say something is the exact meaning of life. But still, my personal belief is that the meaning of life is the survival of the human race. As long as that is upheld then the true meaning lies in the everyday person being happy...

Still, what do I know. Its just one opinion in a million... :)

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Jellyman - 2007/12/05 13:11

Ahh! the curse of human intelligence. At the end of the day we are a species of animal, and how many animals do you see actively pondering the meaning of life? we are put here to carry out our animalistic functions, to add and detract to the ecosystem, to add and detract from our population and then to die-thus going back to the earth and soil. So yeah we are just here to do what animals do, we just do it differently

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Jacob1991 - 2008/01/03 22:17

I don't know what life means. Godot does, however, so let's wait on him to tell us the answer. He'll be arriving soon.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Eric Hallowell - 2008/01/07 09:56

I believe that the meaning of life is to live and try to make other people better and influence those who need it. So basically i think we are put on this earth to make it better for others:blush:

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by ich_bin_gut - 2008/01/07 17:59

Jacob1991 wrote:

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perhaps we're waiting in the wrong thread.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Timbo - 2008/01/09 23:28

I think the meaning of life is to live a life of ambition and passion and every once in a while do something crazy.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by C_Dude - 2008/01/10 08:34

I think if anyone ever found out, their head would quite literally explode...

Although I also think NOBODY will EVER find out...

But I suppose you never know.

So for now, we just give ourselves that reason. :)

It doesn't have to be a reason that supports the existence of all and everything in the universe, just enough to get you along content/ happy/ satisfied in life. Which is probably what we'd all want anyway.

Be it...

Your job

Your family

Your friends

Your partner

Your passion

Your beliefs

Your faith in the next life

Something else predictable

Something else completely far-fetched

Whatever purpose you choose your existence to serve

However many

Live for it. Remain loyal to it. Believe and maintain integrity towards it, despite the many deterrents you'll face. If you truly believe it's what your existence is for, you'll find a way for it to see you through.

Ugh... Just sounds like a sugar-coated way of expressing existentialism... But meh :P

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by dragon_14 - 2008/01/10 09:39

C_Dude wrote:

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That sounds familiar.... The suspicison that if anyone found out the answer the universe would be fundamentally changed so that it would become even more complex, but you never know it may have already happened... 6x7= :)

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Odisey - 2008/01/11 09:35

The meaning of life...Well I think life is too amazing to have something to do with the word "meaning" :)

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by there_i_go - 2008/03/27 07:26

Everyone's life follows a different path, so how can there just be a meaning to an overall existence? You can't just lump everything into one extreme answer, you gotta break up the question to suit the individual.

Anyway, why would anyone want to know the answer, isn't it more fun to make it up as you go along?

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by C_Dude - 2008/03/31 06:42

I reckon these quests for the true meaning(s) should be limited to being motivated by enlightenment... You won't ever get a conclusion. There are endless variables, that no human brain will ever be able to consider, calculate and conclude from.

So sure, look for an answer to the question. But know that in doing so, you're pursuing nothing more than enlightenment. It's probably one of the greatest things you could get from trying.

Cause otherwise man, people really haven't got a choice except for to be content with what they have had/ are having/ will have.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by rasputin - 2008/04/07 05:22

What is the Meaning of life?

Simple question. What is the thing that all of us want?

HAPINESS!!!

How do you get happy?

LOVE IS THE WAY TO HAPINESS!!!

We only have one life. Live it, love it and enjoy it...

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by chemical_flare - 2008/04/07 14:44

There is no meaning to life. There is no evil. There is no good. There is no bad. Do whatever you please, there's no one to judge you...

Post edited by: chemical_flare, at: 2008/04/07 14:46

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Tessen - 2008/04/07 18:53

idk.

The beauty of having no script is that you can make your own. The curse? You just might go crazy before you succeed. My new 'thing' is visualising my purpose as being as balanced as possible. Its like...trying to have a clear, responsive mind, able to see all as is. Well I guess its not really mine, more taoist. I don't even know how to explain it lol.

I agree with a previous poster though. In essence, we were born into the life and death cycle of this earth, that's it. (or is it :woohoo:)

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by the_crampo - 2008/04/08 02:26

chemical_flare wrote:

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Post edited by: chemical_flare, at: 2008/04/07 14:46

Just to let you know, there are no mainstream philosophers (if any AT ALL), socio-economists or religious believers that seriously consider that there is no evil. They may bicker about what the word means, wether or not it is usefull and how it should be used. But there is absolute consensus that there are negative acts that do negative things that must be avoided.

And I cannot understand why anyone would believe otherwise, its pretty obvious.

Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by chemical_flare - 2008/04/08 12:55

I don't care what some jack ass sitting in some university says about "evil". Its just a term used to describe the fact that humans are just as much animals as a dog, we will do what benefits us the best. Even if you take charity into account, the people doing charity work are just doing it to raise their own "moral" level above others, even if they delude themselves into thinking they are doing it for others. Even if they care about other people, they only do so because we as humans have evolutionarily evolved to feel that emotion.

Sorry...I'm not usually such a prick! But these slow forums bring out my inner atheist :laugh:

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by the_crampo - 2008/04/09 05:13

there is no way that i would ever accept such a negative, scientific, hopeless, anti-humanitarian perspective that humans are always disposed to do evil. what does existence mean if there is nothing good? we might as well all kill ourselves. but we dont, we all live for the good that there is in life. because there is some good, and striving for the good is what makes us human. giving up and saying there is no hope makes us pointless robots.

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by Shuggy - 2008/04/12 03:17

Well, Erm, it's hard to say because originally everyone would have been straight, so the meaning of live would to have sex to make new life, otherwise, if people didn't reproduce, there would be no life to to have a meaning. But now that you get big pufs like us,its kinda hard to ay so.. lets leave the straight people to do the reproducing of more gay people, and let the gay people do all the shopping. :pinch: :laugh:

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Re:What is the Meaning of life?

Posted by BravoLima - 2008/04/13 05:46

the_crampo:

As always, your reading comprehension fails you. He didn't say we're always disposed to do evil. To begin with, he said there's no evil.

We, like every other animal, are self-serving. We're sophisticated, so this extends to helping others to help ourselves, but is a biological drive to make sure we keep doing this function that does reflect positively on us.

If we really gave a shit about starving African children, the charity organisations wouldn't need to invoke our emotional empathy by showing them starving on tv in such detail. They wouldn't need to waste the money telling us in such detail how our little pretend-adopted kid is getting on, with the next sentence asking for just a little more money.

We give to feel good about ourselves, we give to receive.

We, ultimately, are selfish. Religious morality tends to frown on this, yet our biology is stronger than our silly beliefs. Jesus himself said to give without expecting to receive. The contradiction is that he expects to receive a place in heaven for his good. He's only giving to be a good person, and to wind up in heaven.

What does existence mean? Read some of the responses, including mine. The only reason monkeys don't ponder their existence is because they apparently lack the intellectual capacity. It's the same reason they don't play video games... well, most of them anyway.

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