

MY PURPOSE IN LIFE
(WHY AM I HERE?)

I'm not sure why I'm reading this book. I don't even know why I'm wasting my time. If I see one more book on my purpose in life, I think I will scream.

Sure it's a nice thought to think that I am important enough to have a specific assignment in this life ---- but get real! I am but one of six billion people in this world. Does anyone really know I exist? Besides, I'm not buying this idea that we were all created by some "supreme being." Now tell me, how could that be?

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If I'm not mistaken, there is a new birth every seven seconds and a death every eleven seconds. Now, who in the world is capable of keeping up with a production schedule like that? Nope, I'm not buying that kind of weird thinking. I'll just stick to my own theory.

Now that I think about this, what is my theory? What do I really think? Did I just appear on this earth out of nowhere? No, I had parents, a mother and a father. So obviously, I believe in conception and reproduction. Even the animals reproduce in the same manner as us humans.

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I have seen puppies being born and even cows giving birth to calves. So, I guess we didn't just "appear" on this earth. No, I believe I understand the reproduction process. I guess the question is did some "supreme being" cause it all to happen?

I must admit, I find it fascinating that nobody else in this whole world has the same fingerprint as mine. You would think, out of six billion people, surely some would be alike --- but, they're not. And now with DNA testing, we are learning we are unique in more ways than just fingerprints.

Hold on! Perhaps I am getting ahead of

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myself. I know they are teaching our kids the theory of evolution in our public schools, so I guess scientists have proven the theory of evolution, or have they? Maybe it is just what some scientists believe. Do you remember reading how some scientists use to believe the world was flat? Well that turned out to be incorrect.

I am not sure I understand the evolution theory, but I believe some people say we all evolved from apes, or fish or something. Come to think of it, I have met some people that just might make you believe we came from donkeys (if you know what I mean).

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But I guess the big question is why did we stop evolving? Why aren't monkeys at the zoo turning into people?

How come you can only breed a male cow to a female cow to produce another cow? Or, in order to reproduce a sheep, you must breed a male sheep to a female sheep. Even in cloning it's a sheep to a sheep or a pig to a pig.

Why can't you breed a horse to a cow and produce an off-spring? It wouldn't be a "horse of course!" But you know what I mean. There must be a reason. Someone must have thought about this in advance.

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But, speaking of cloning, why aren't scientists crossing apes with a man to produce a super man? Come to think of it; maybe that's what they're trying to do with steroids in professional sports! But, let's get back to the subject - was I created for a specific purpose? And if so, what's the purpose? Am I supposed to fill a void that existed on this earth before I was born? Am I so unique that no one else can do the things I do, or think the same thoughts that I think? Now, that is something to really think about.

Speaking of thinking, how in the world does the brain work? How can it store all of that information, and recall it so

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quickly? Even childhood memories are recalled just as though they were yesterday. What kind of storage capacity does the brain contain -- 600 gigabits or what?

And think about this; the brain is not just for memory. The brain controls everything we do - all the bodily functions. It tells you when to smile, when to speak, when to react to pain, when to express happiness, when to express sorrow, etc. Wow, what an organ!

I guess the brain is an organ. I know the heart is an organ. Also, if you are an organ donor they can use all that

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stuff - even your eyes. Now I wonder, if I donate someone my eyes, will they see the same things I use to see? No, I don't think so, because I believe the brain controls what you see.

The same thing with the heart; we always associate the heart with love. Just look at all the valentines. They always picture the heart as a symbol of love. So, if I were to have a heart transplant, would I still love my wife, or would I love the wife of the heart donor?

Boy, the more I think about this, the more complicated it gets. No, I believe the brain controls our emotions and

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love is just one of our emotions. Well, I'm not sure where I'm going with this. You know some people subscribe to the "big-bang" theory. We just all of a sudden appeared on earth and someday - we'll all just leave.

Now that is simple enough! But if that is the case, where did we come from? And, who or what created the "thing" that went bang? Also, if we just all of a sudden leave ----- where do we go?

And why were we developed so uniquely if we were just going to be thrown away? Why put in all the effort to develop such a complex human being?

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Also, if we were meant to just appear, or to just evolve into something on this earth; why do we have an inborn affection for one another? Why do we desire to have children? Why are family bonds so important? Why do we mourn the loss of friends and family members when they die?

If we just appear and disappear, why are we emotionally intertwined? There must be a connection somewhere. Mankind must have a connection or a relationship with one another for some reason.

Could it be that God did create us just like the Bible says? Isn't it conceivable

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that we were all created in God's image and that all the plants and animals on this earth were created by God to be used and enjoyed by man?

But why would God do that? What could His purpose have been? I do know, the Bible says He did it for His pleasure.

I don't know about you, but I'll bet God is not too pleased with the way some of us are acting today!

If we are all from one family, the family of God, why are we always fighting one another?

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Did God really create us for His pleasure? Are we giving God pleasure? Better yet, am I giving God pleasure? I need to give that some more thought.

Why do husbands and wives decide to have children? If you are a father or mother, why did you decide to have children? Did you want someone to play with? Or did you want someone to look and act just like you?

Did you want someone to love, nurture, protect, and enjoy watching them grow-up and being part of their everyday life? Seeing them develop into responsible, loving, caring adults with children of their own - does that give

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you pleasure? Well, apparently God feels the same way about us. If, we are all God's children, then it is conceivable that our parenting, loving, and caring instincts all came from God.

I must admit, it does seem logical that God is indeed our Heavenly Father! But, if that is the case, why must we experience death? We have all lost family members and loved ones. Some died peacefully, and some in painful, tragic ways.

I'm not sure I understand why, although there is something to the business about "the cycle of life." We experience that every day.

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Winter follows fall, spring follows winter, summer follows spring, etc. Farmers recognize there is a time to plant seeds and a time to harvest the crop.

If you plant corn seed you reap a crop of corn. You don't plant corn and reap wheat! Come to think of it, I have read in the Bible, "you reap what you sow." Galatians 6:7

But, getting back to the death of loved ones; why would God let that happen if He truly loves us? Why do bad things sometimes happen to good people? And why do some bad people seem to be prosperous?

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However, I have seen some very wealthy individuals who, even though they had everything money could buy, they were still very lonely, unhappy, unfulfilled, sad people. Obviously, something was missing in their life.

Conversely, I have seen people who were struggling to get by; just barely making it financially, but they were happy and contented. Their children helped one another and looked out for one another. Even though they weren't able to buy the cool clothes, the latest cell phone, the IPOD, the fancy car, etc., they seemed to be at peace with life.

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Obviously, they had found happiness and contentment in their situation. Now go figure! Did they know some secret they're not sharing with everyone else? Maybe there is a peace, or a certainty to life that I have yet to discover?

I remember learning a Bible verse; "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus) that who-so-ever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." JOHN 3:16

Hmmmm --- now that's a cool thought! If you believe in Jesus, and follow His teaching, you will have everlasting life! In other words, death has no hold on

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you because you will go to live with Jesus after your life on this earth. Now that is very, very reassuring.

Maybe there is something to this. Maybe God does have a purpose for me. Maybe that's why he made me unlike any other person. Maybe I am unique!

You know - this is starting to make sense to me. Obviously, God had a purpose for me before I was even born. In the Bible it says, "He knew me before I was even formed in my mother's womb." Jeremiah 1:5

That is exactly why He made me special. I must have a special purpose in life. Now the question is, what is

that purpose -- and how do I find it?

It would seem my first step would be to acknowledge that I do believe there is a God!

The creation of this world, and our very being, is proof enough for me. This didn't just happen by accident. Everything is just too precise; humans, animals, plants, rain, snow, the air we breathe, earth's atmosphere, seasonal weather changes, etc. It was all made so precise. God has to be the creator of it all.

Also, I believe my second step is to acknowledge; Jesus is the Son of God!

It seems logical, because prophets foretold the birth of a savior, the son of God, hundreds of years before Jesus was even born.

And, an angel told Mary and Joseph that she would give birth to Jesus, the son of God, even though Mary was still a virgin!

Then when Jesus was born, an Angel of The Lord appeared to the shepherds in the fields nearby, and told them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

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And suddenly a great company of the heavenly hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:1-14

The fact that Jesus would be our Savior --- the ultimate sacrifice for our sins, makes sense to me.

The Bible tells us in the early days, Priests would offer sacrifices to God, seeking the forgiveness of sin. Lambs would be sacrificed in the temple and the blood of the lamb would be used ceremoniously as a way to pay the "debt of sin."

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Writer's Note:

"Why do we have to pay for our sins you ask?"

Well, when you sin, you disobey God. You've broken the law. And when you break the law, what happens? You must pay a price. In today's world, if you break the speed limit and get caught, you pay a fine. It is the same, starting with the first man and woman, Adam and Eve.

God created Adam and Eve, and He gave them a perfect world in which to live, The Garden of Eden. This was a paradise indeed. They had everything they needed to live a life of peace and

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harmony. But, they chose to disobey God.

You see, God gave them, and He gives us, freewill - the ability to make choices and decisions on our own. Neither they, nor are we, programmed robots. We all make choices in life. Sometimes we make good choices and sometimes bad.

Adam and Eve made a bad choice when they disobeyed God, thus committing the very first sin known to mankind.

As a result of their disobedience, you and I have been paying the price ever since. That first sin caused all of us to

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be born into sin when we come into this world. And, the penalty for sin is death!

If you want life, that 'sin debt' must be paid. And through God's masterful plan, he gave us a way to pay for our sins. But, here again, you must make a choice. You have to take action to achieve this gift of life.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was crucified on the cross as 'payment' for our sins. God then raised Jesus from the grave on the third day and Jesus now lives in Heaven where He is seated at the right-hand of God. Romans 8:34

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And Jesus said, 'The only way to the Father is through me.' John 14:6

Jesus also said, 'The thief (Satan) comes to steal, kill and destroy. I have come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly.' John 10:10

This is just as God told Moses, 'See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. Now, choose life so that you and your children may live.' Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Now, this is where you must take action. You must make a choice! You can choose Jesus - or - you can choose Satan. There is no in-between!

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Yes, it is your choice. I pray that you choose Jesus. If that is your choice, your third step is to pray this prayer:

'Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. I believe you died for my sins. I believe you arose from the grave on the third day. I believe you are now living in Heaven at the right-hand of God the Father.

Jesus, I am a sinner, please forgive my sins; come into my heart. Jesus, I repent (turn-away) from sin, and I make the commitment to study your word and follow your teachings as I live each day. Thank you, Jesus. In your precious name I pray, amen.'

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As a result of your decision and your earnest prayer; God has forgiven all your sins. God has given you eternal life. God has placed The Holy Spirit inside your heart, to guide, counsel, and protect you in your daily walk with Christ.

Congratulations! You are now a Born Again Christian!

You see, it is all pretty simple, almost too simple to believe, yet it is true. But, God doesn't force himself on you. He lets you make the choice.

God Bless You, you made the right choice."

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Now, let me see, where was I? Oh yeah, my purpose in life. **Now I understand, without God in my life, I can never really find my purpose.** After all, God made me! So He must know why He made me - and - for what purpose. So, let's proceed.

What do I enjoy doing? What do I seem to have a natural knack for? What particular skills do I have? I need to think about these things because these are good indicators for what my purpose may be.

I can understand if everybody was a skilled mechanic, who would build our houses?

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If everyone was a skilled carpenter who would fly the airplanes? Who would drive the trucks? Who would run the trains? Who would be the inventors, the doctors, the scientists, the explorers?

The same thing applies to people in sales or teaching. It takes special inborn skills to be a good salesperson or a good teacher.

As I look around me, it is evident everybody I know has a particular skill set. They are not all alike. Everybody is different and skilled at different things. Now I must find-out my special skill set.

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Writer's Note:

"Don't worry. You don't have to figure this out all by yourself. When you accepted Jesus Christ, you opened up a whole new world of possibilities. You are now a child of God. He is your Heavenly Father.

Start building that personal relationship with Jesus. Remember, Jesus is the way to the Father. He is your intercessor. Jesus is at the right hand of God. Ask all things in Jesus' name. Jesus is your advocate.

When you were a child and needed help, who did you call upon? Was it your father or perhaps your mother?

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Well, that's what God wants you to do. He wants you to call on Him.

God delights in you spending time with Him and prayer is a powerful tool. The Bible says, 'If you want wisdom, ask for it.' James 1:5

God wants to know the desires of your heart. The Bible says, 'Ask, and you will receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened.' Matthew 7:7-8

Don't be afraid to ask God, 'What do you want me to do? What is my purpose in life?' God will give you the answer. And, once you have found your true purpose in life, and pursue it with

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passion and enthusiasm, your life will never be the same. You will get up each morning looking forward to what the day may bring.

Now, this is not something that will happen overnight. But, if you earnestly apply yourself, and seek God's guidance and counsel, you will discover your purpose and a sense of peace that cannot be explained.

Well, I could go on and on. But, it is now up to you and God.

Yes, I said it is now up to you and God!"

You know, I'm beginning to see, this really does make sense. I believe I do have a purpose in life. I'm not here by accident. I do have a purpose, and I can't wait to find it and pursue it.

Let me see, where do I start? I think I'll check-out the Bible. I know I can find some guidance there.

Maybe I should call a friend or a family member that knows something about Christianity.

Also, I believe I'll drop in at the neighborhood church next Sunday, you know; the one that's always talking about Jesus. I know they will be more

than happy to help me learn more and guide my way in this new life I have chosen. I'm sure they have some classes to help me learn more about God's Word.

Hey, I'm getting excited about this. I truly believe I am special! I now know that I have a purpose in this life. God made me special for a reason. I can't wait another moment to pursue the purpose that God has for me.

Writer's Note:

"Yes, it is exciting when we learn that we are all special in God's eyes!"

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Well, you are on your way. Oh, one last thing. The Bible says, 'And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.'
Colossians 3:17

And remember, you are not alone. Jesus is walking right beside you every step of the way. Jesus said, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'
Matthew 28:20

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God said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' **Deuteronomy 31:6**

The Apostle Paul said, 'With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.' **Ephesians 3:20**

"My prayer for you is that God will bless you in your daily walk with Jesus. I know, from personal experience, He most certainly will! Now go and live your new life of purpose."

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