

The Meaning of Life

The solar system is massive – If the earth was the size of a peppercorn, the solar system would have a diameter of several miles. The galaxy is enormous – If the solar system was the size of a pin head, our Milky Way galaxy would measure over 10,000 miles across. The universe is practically infinite – There may be up to 500,000,000,000 galaxies in the entire universe, each of which contains an equally large number of stars. Basically we inhabit a minuscule rock in a practically endless universe, we share this tiny speck with six or seven billion other humans, we are completely dwarfed by the infinity of time and space – so how can anything we do be of any significance whatsoever?

Albert Einstein said: “A human being is a part of a whole, called by us universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest... a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.”

The goal of life is to attain omnipotence and omniscience on the highest cosmic plane (49), and the meaning of life is actively working towards that goal. All life is potential perfection, and life's experiences enable that potential to become a reality. The universe only exists so that we can realise our potential. We are all of the same origin and we are all working towards the same goal. We all gradually evolve from ignorance to omniscience, from bondage to freedom, from impotence to omnipotence, and from individuality to unity.

People generally have no interest in the meaning of life until they reach the transition point between the civilised and developed stages, but there is a big difference between knowing the meaning of life and actively trying to achieve that meaning. People generally don't actively start working at realising the meaning of life (developing their consciousness) until they reach the transition point between the developed and humanistic stages. The meaning of life is the evolution of consciousness, but it is not just a phrase or a concept – it is a way of life. It means making the most of every opportunity that life provides us with to facilitate the development our consciousness, and this involves the self-activation of ever-higher kinds of consciousness. Becoming your soul (3:7) is the goal in the human kingdom, becoming your spirit (5:7) is the goal in the fifth kingdom and becoming a god (7:7) is the goal in the sixth kingdom.

Higher levels of consciousness cannot be attained while we remain attached to the lower levels. Clinging to the dense material reality as if it were the only true reality does nothing to further our evolution. The more we evolve, the less we want the things that everyone else wants: fame, money, power, possessions, respect, acceptance, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, etc. People at the lower stages can't imagine why anyone would want to give up these things and they certainly wouldn't willingly do so. But we don't need to sacrifice these things or give them up reluctantly; we simply grow out of them when the time is right, just as a child grows out of playing with toys. The more we develop, the less we want to go through life in a physically numbed state or an emotionally induced fantasy, and the more we want to be fully lucid and in control of our own destiny.

We are born into this world with nothing and we can take nothing with us when we die, so what is the use in acquiring a whole load of material possessions in the middle? The only possession we can, and do, take with us at the end of an incarnation is our consciousness. So it follows that the only thing worth acquiring in life is a higher level of consciousness – nothing else matters. Getting an education, holding down a good job, being rich and famous, getting married and having children are not our primary goals; they are just

secondary factors that facilitate life on Earth. None of these factors directly contribute to our primary goal – the development of consciousness.

The average person believes their persona is their “self”. They therefore live to satisfy the persona’s desires and consequently make little progress with the evolution of their soul. They say “you only live once” and feel they must accomplish and acquire all they can before they die – to them there is no meaning of life. That kind of thinking dominates the vast majority of our human incarnations, which is why our progress is so slow. But eventually we grow tired of life on the merry-go-round and start looking for something more. That is the time when we need to know the meaning of life, because without knowing what we have to achieve; how can we achieve it? Once we focus on our goal we can begin to make some real progress.

Every individual is a unique character with a unique set of life experiences, and most people’s mission in life is simply to gain more experience – gaining experience to take back to the soul so that it can be used to create a better “persona” next time around. Life is just a sequence of scenarios and situations which our consciousness can use for its development:

- Qualitative development – the refining of consciousness towards emotional, intellectual, moral and spiritual perfection.
- Quantitative development – increasing the quantity and power of refined conscious energy. It is essential to increase the quality before increasing the quantity or else the power is likely to corrupt the persona.

To give our lives meaning we need to make the most of the opportunities that confront us. We need to remember that everything in life is an opportunity for our consciousness to develop. We must not squander those opportunities or waste our lives on meaningless activities or get overly caught up in emotionality of life. Life is a long series of present moments that can only be experienced in the “now”. So don’t waste your present moments agonising over past moments or worrying over what you might experience in future moments.

Life is cyclic in nature and involves a lot of repetition, but human beings are generally slow learners. We may incarnate into human form a hundred thousand times yet no two lives will be the same, each will (hopefully) be a slight improvement on the last, drawing on the lessons previously learned. The same applies to all existence; each manifestation is slightly more ordered and less chaotic than the one that preceded it. The ultimate goal of existence is the omniscience, omnipotence and liberation of all monads (beings). As always, there are those who surge ahead, those who go with the flow and those who lag behind. None of these paths is any better or worse than the others, because all paths lead to the same goal and all will eventually achieve that goal.