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WE HERE?

on the meaning of life

I shop therefore I am!

Arms Waitress

We are here to broaden our perspectives on life, to take into consideration other people's views and opinions of the world we live in. We are here to develop any God given talents we might possess as well as round out our personal experiences in life which stimulate our knowledge. For some it is merely an effort to increase their future salaries and this is not a responsible reason in my view.

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This is an ill-formed question. It assumes that there is purpose in the universe. This makes it impossible for one who does not take this view to answer the question. On the general issue of purposeness in the universe my own opinion is that there is no evidence whatever to support an affirmative answer. However, this should not be construed to mean that human life is devoid of meaning. There are many possibilities for making life meaningful not the least of which is to work toward the long term well being of both ourselves and others.

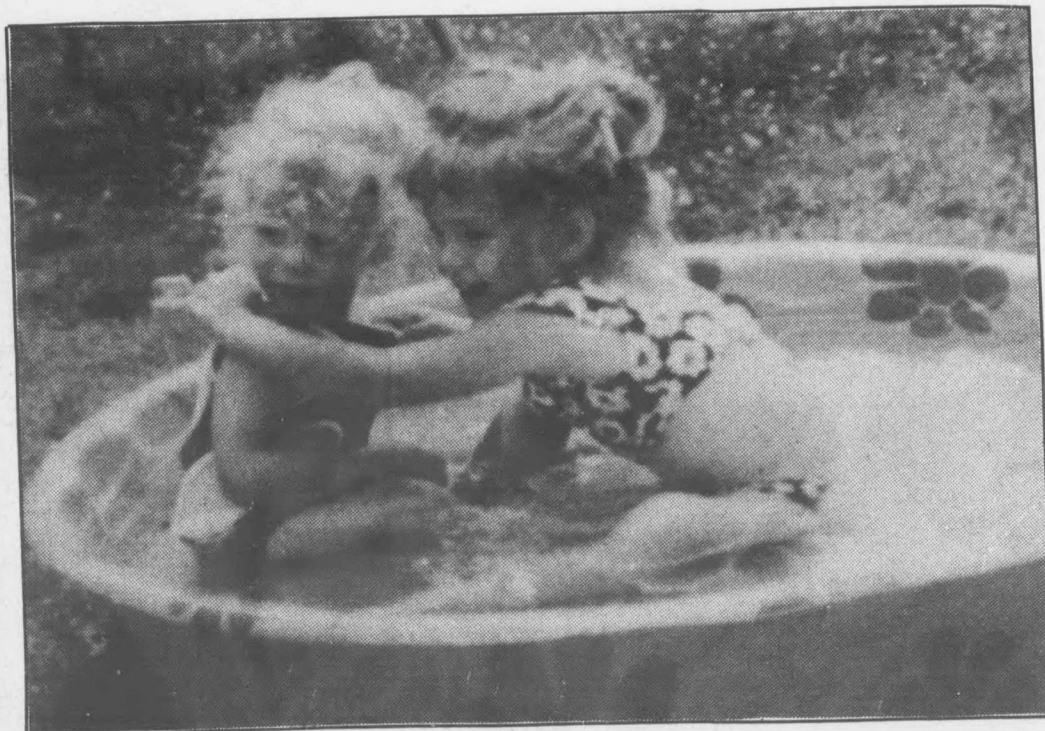
*R.C. MacDonald
Philosopher/Arts*

We are here to test ourselves, face death on Outer Limits, stand up to the Judge and take all things to the extreme. We are tempted by the Devils' Fiddle, only to be rescued by a sky lark. We are here to stand a top every mountain that stands in our way, face death til we reach the bottom, all in the name of MONA; our strength, our leader, our executioner - MONA is why we are here.

*Teluse LeTreck
Arts*

Many times I ask myself why I am here. I feel so useless and wish I could kill myself. People think I can not do anything. I guess I have to wait until the right time. I must put my life in the Lord's hand.

*Laura
Senior Citizen*



Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is as real to me as the paper on which I write. As He said about Himself, He has proven to me to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life Awareness of Him as my Emmanuel (God with us) and my Constant Companion makes mere existence LIFE. To truly experience a personal RELATIONSHIP with the LIVING LORD ends all search for the ANSWER to the riddle of life. To keep on in this WAY unravels one adventure after another. LIFE indeed has the horizontal and vertical perspectives.

*Naomi
Teacher*

I want to hear from my son. I sit here in this chair and smoke cigarette after cigarette and I wait for him to call. I wish he would call.

*Mary
Senior Citizen*

I am here to live for God and to serve God. God has special plans in my life which I want so much to fulfill. He has made me a unique individual and loves me in all my imperfectness. Each day I live I realize it is a new day to learn more about my Lord, about others and about myself. Life is both the pain of the rain and the joy of the sun, which all together creates a fulfilling rainbow. I have and will continue to experience both the rain and the sun in my life but through it all, I will grow. God never wants me to stop growing. I believe one must take chances in life because if you don't take chances in life you are not really living. To be safe and comfortable in a small world is not what I want. I want to experience the wide world God has so beautifully made. Living for God is not always easy but it takes courage. God Gives us His unending strength. Last of all I would like to say: I am here because God loves me.

*Deborah Ruth Wilton
UNB Education III*

It was somewhat of a surprise to receive a question of this kind from the "Brunswickan" which seems to have the motto of "Live now, Think later."

There are two crucial words in the question: "we" and "here". Does "we" refer to the students only and "here" means the campus, or "we" includes the faculty and the mankind in general and "here" implies planet earth?

In the first case, the obvious answer is that most students are here to get a document - by hook or crook - which will help them to insure a comfortable stay during their sojourn on this earth. In the second case, the question assumes that someone is responsible for our presence here, or our existence on this earth is somehow related to the scheme of things in the universe round us. No rationally satisfactory answer is available yet, although, satisfying answers in terms of religious beliefs do exist.

Quest for knowledge is the motto of all universities and an answer to this question is a part of such knowledge. Some day we shall find an answer or stop asking the question.

*Matin Yaqzan
Assistant Professor*

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8). Therein lies the meaning of life. Seek what is right, not just for yourself, but also for others, especially the disadvantaged: the unborn, the aged, the poor. That has meaning. Replace hate, abuse, insult and violence with kindness. Kindness, kind words, gentleness: to children, peers, superiors, even "enemies". This demands little in return, only more kindness. The meaning of life comes from God, nothing else: not self-seeking, not arrogance, not power. Neither money, nor influence, nor coercion can attain it; only a humble journeying with God. That journeying opens up a life of meaning: freedom, peace, justice, kindness. For you, for me.

*John Valk
UNB Campus Ministry*

We are here to leave the world a little better than when we came.

*Tina Green
Science III*