

The Meaning of Life

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“If your worldview can't explain the world, don't reject the world, find a new worldview”
(Randy Bannister, RZIM)

Are there Reasons for Faith in God?

1. Why is there life at all, let alone meaning?

Everything has a cause or there can be no effect, except for the first uncaused cause.

Atheists: There is life because of and from no life.

Christianity: There is life because there was life (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)

1. Why is the universe comprehensible?

Organized, mathematical, predictable

Is it by design or by chance?

If atheism is true, human opinion is not legitimate—opinion is not a legitimate result of a chemical reaction.

If evolution is true, when is the mind evolved enough to really be trustworthy?— maybe the universe is being piloted by a bunch of idiots.

If you don't believe in God as the origin, on what basis can you trust your mind?

3. Why do people have an eternal longing?

“If I find myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probably explanation is that I was made for another world” (C.S. Lewis “Mere Christianity”)

If there is no eternal transcendent God, why are people's longing so lofty?

4. Why do people value beauty?

If we are simply a collection of chemical reactions configured for survival, there is no rational explanation for noticing beauty—it serves no survival purpose.

5. Why is there justice, goodness, morality?

Question: If there is a God, why is there so much evil cruelty and justice?

“Who told you the world is cruel, evil? What's the measure? If there wasn't a God where would you even get the idea/sense of good and evil, just or unjust?” (C.S. Lewis)

“1) If God does not exist, then objective morals, values and duties do not exist; 2) objective morals, values and duties do exist; 3) Therefore God exists” (C.S. Lewis)

6. What do you do with Jesus who is the Christ?

Christianity is an historical religion—a verifiable setting, reporting of...time, place, events, names.

Reasons for faith or for shutting down the idea of God and meaning of life:

- Incarnation
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection

An elaborate hoax or truth?

Atheists, Buddhists, Muslims, all believe in Jesus and believe he is good. Based on what they believe about life, he has to be a liar and liars are not good.

FAITH MUST ALWAYS MAKE THE JOURNEY FROM FACTS TO COMMITMENT.

Faith—fides (Latin) “to trust”

Is there meaning to life?

If Jesus, yes—Have faith in God (Jn 14:1-6)

If no Jesus, no God, no meaning

Is it reasonable to have faith in God? Yes.

Is it reasonable to remove God as a possible explanation for the way things are? No.