

Does My Life Really Have a Purpose?

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Hebrews 11:3

Back in the 80's, an extraordinary paper, written by two London scientists, slipped almost unnoticed into modern scientific literature. Marshalling a list of fantastic "facts," they had come up with a "new" theory explaining the origin of the universe.

Perhaps the most significant statement of this paper, especially for the Christian believer, comes in its last pages. It reads: "The more the universe seems comprehensible, the more it also seems pointless." What a depressing thought for the person who is struggling with the vexing problems of life and the inevitable approach of death. If the entire universe is pointless, what is the point of continuing the daily struggle?

The believer's outlook on life, however, is not based on the speculations of fallible men. The Scriptures tell us: "By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God." What is more, we are told that the world continues to exist for a ***purpose***. Paraphrasing the words of Paul (Romans 8:18-25), the entire creation continues to exist for the ultimate demonstration of the complete redemption of all who are in Christ. Or, in simpler terms, the world continues to exist (and we continue to live) in the sure hope of the triumphant return of God's eternal Son. Then "the ransomed of the Lord shall return . . . with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10).

But, family, while we wait and hope, we must also work, for that is part of God's purpose for our lives too. No, not work for our salvation or maybe if I give a tad more, God will give me a kickback. Instead, we are to be "co-workers together with God," helping to achieve His purpose. As the Savior, so also we must say: "I want to work the works of Him who sent me." For, indeed, we have been "sent" and, having been sent, we are to contribute to the final attainment of His purpose: LIFE!

Therefore, each morning as we face the duties of another day within (now) the fall months, we well might pray: "Dear Lord, I know You have a purpose for me today. Grant me a willing heart so that I may serve You faithfully. A-men."

In Christ,

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