

Epilogue

The Meaning, The “Point” Of It All

The meaning, the import, the significance – the “point” of one’s life, and for that matter the “point” of everyone’s life and of all life collectively, and even of the universe all have two aspects:

[1] In the “long run” looking back when everything is over with, finished, “completed” or not, and

[2] In the “short run”, that is one’s own life, one’s own being, here, now.

IN THE “LONG RUN”

It is of no importance. No one will be there to note anything, not “how it all turned out” nor what is thought of us then. Not only that; all civilizations, all accomplishments, all planets, all stars the entire universe will have died, decayed and dispersed to the point of being essentially nothing, that from which it all came.

AH – BUT IN THE “SHORT RUN”

The meaning, the import, the significance, the “point” of it all is precisely whatever we make of it. It is within our power – completely under our control – because it depends entirely on what we think, what our “attitude” is, and the energy, strength and determination we bring to them.

One could choose a life focused on *possessions*, on their acquisition, amassing, and consumption even though that choice results in never being satisfied, never having enough, and continually fearing losing that which one has acquired. Such a life is one of taking, not giving. It is not a creative life. It is a life forgotten and dismissed in the end.

Or, one could choose a life focused on *perfections*, on their development and employment to the benefit of others and for one's own satisfaction. And, that choice results in being fulfilled and at peace with oneself as compared to a life focused on possessions with its constant need and apprehension. It is the choice of perfections which requires energy, strength and determination, and that is the choice of the sharing, contributing and creative person.

The life of amassing possessions can have no meaning other than that that person exists only for himself and, therefore is of no objective value to anyone else, is of no value at all.

For one's own life to have meaning it must have sharing, contributing and creating. And, that is the "point" of it all.

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