

LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS

WHY AM I HERE?

Isaiah 43:7

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Why did I not die at birth, come forth from the womb and expire?

Job 3:11

Does life have any ultimate meaning and purpose?

1. Those who reject God and the Bible are forced to say no.

"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "Vanity of vanities!"

All is vanity." Ecclesiastes 1:2

A. If there is no God, you are a random accident.

In a universe of blind physical forces and genetic replication some people are going to get hurt, other people are going to get lucky, and you won't find any rhyme or reason in it, nor any justice. The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil and no good, nothing but blind, pitiless indifference. Richard Dawkins

B. If there is no God, you are totally irrelevant and pointless.

"We're just a bit of pollution.... If you got rid of us...the universe would be largely the same. We're completely irrelevant." Professor Lawrence Krauss

"Life ... is a tale Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, Signifying nothing." William Shakespeare, Macbeth

2. Those who accept God and the Bible gladly say yes.

A. God is a purposeful God.

The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, even the wicked for the day of evil. Proverbs 16:4

B. God created you in His image so you could know Him.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26-27

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

C. God created you for His glory so you could glorify Him.

Bring everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made. Isaiah 43:7 GW

1. We glorify God by loving and obeying Him.

2. We glorify God by abiding in Him and bearing fruit.

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." John 15:5, 8

D. God created you for His pleasure so you could enjoy Him.

In Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever. Psalm 16:11

God is waiting for you to bow your knee to Jesus.