

A Biblical view of a MEANINGFUL LIFE

1. **A Creator, the Triune God, brought everything into existence...**
 - the Creator had a DESIGN ... from the individual nucleus, cell, to the mature specimens of plants and animals,
 - the Creator had a PURPOSE...to show His wisdom, power, love, justice for his GLORY and good of creation,
 - the Creator gave AUTONOMY and DEPENDANCY to created beings,
 - the Creator gave HUMANKIND authority and ability to be stewards of creation.
2. **All creation is ACCOUNTABLE to the Creator:**
 - the greatest pleasure comes when a created being is accountable to its Creator and finds pleasure in fulfilling that purpose,
 - since the Creator is a personal being, he is able to communicate with a part of creation, to require accountability.
3. **The creation is RESPONSIBLE to fulfil its designed purpose:**
 - the Creator has built into the plant kingdom the ability to germinate, grow, produce fruit and reproduce,
 - the Creator has built into the animal kingdom the ability to reproduce, grow, move and fulfil wide purposes for the good of the creation and for the glory and pleasure of the Creator.
4. **The Creator endowed HUMANKIND with the NOBLEST and INTELLECTUAL desires and abilities:**
 - people were created in the image of God...to know, think, communicate, take care of selves, take care of others, take care of nature; to know, trust and seek to please their Creator,
 - people were given great capacity to discover some of the Creator's hidden mysteries, marvel at them, use them for the Creator's glory, the good of others and for self.
5. **A major DISTRUPTION occurred early in the history of people. The Bible states...**
 - the Creator made people in his image/likeness, and made them male and female,
 - the first human beings, with great intelligence, known as Adam and Eve, enjoyed fellowship with their Creator,
 - - they were allowed to be tested in obedience, and allowed to choose to disobey the Creator and break fellowship,
 - their nature was changed from loving God to being afraid of him and ashamed of each other,
 - this alienation became a part of their natural children and all of humanity since.
6. **The Creator began to REVEAL HIS ETERNAL PLAN to forgive people for their sin, restore fellowship and give NEW life.**
 - at first, animals were slain by shedding their blood, and their skins were used to cover people, symbolic of the Creator's plan to actually accomplish the payment for sin,
 - years after this, the Creator established the Passover through Moses when a lamb was slain and its blood was symbolically applied to the people to let them know that an "innocent" gave its life to forgive and give salvation to the guilty,
 - at the appointed time the Creator took to himself a human body, through the virgin Mary, and was born as the God-man and given the name Jesus, the Christ,
 - Jesus Christ proved his divinity through his life, words spoken, demonstration of authority over all nature and beings,
 - Jesus allowed people to nail him to the cross, so that he would be the one to take the punishment for sin for people, satisfy divine justice, forgive people and give them a new nature so that they could please God, serve others and find meaningful life for themselves.
7. **People are GIVEN NEW NATURES and now find GREAT FULFILLMENT in pleasing God by the power of his Holy Spirit, in sharing the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ with others, as well as ministering to the welfare of others.**
 - Christians know that God's love for them makes it so that whatever comes into their lives is under the sovereign control of their loving heavenly Father and for their good,
 - Christians enjoy the working of the Holy Spirit in their lives to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Reading the Bible, communion with God in prayer, and fellowship with other Christians are most meaningful.
8. **Christians can face death by knowing the truth and trusting God to be faithful to his promises in the Bible.**
 - a believer in Christ as Saviour and Lord, is promised that his/her soul will depart the body and be received into heaven in the presence of the Triune God,
 - a believer is promised that when the Lord Jesus Christ returns to set up his kingdom on earth, he will bring the souls of Christians with him, resurrect their bodies from the grave, reunite soul with resurrection body and restore relationship with loved ones and other believers, to enjoy the personal presence of the Triune God forever.

There is MEANINGFUL LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST...for NOW and ETERNITY. John 10:10