



Should there be any meaning?

Some people think there is no meaning to life; we're just a collection of atoms that will one day go their own separate ways. Certainly, if life just appeared 'by accident', without having been created by God, then it can have no purpose or meaning. Yet something inside us finds that idea deeply unsatisfactory.



Without meaning, life can become selfish and hopeless

Many people have simply lived by the age-old motto, 'Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die'. If there is no meaning to life, then I may as well try selfishly to cram as much enjoyment into my life as possible, before it ends.

The trouble is that we will often end up frustrated, unable to do what we really want, for lack of resources, ability or opportunity. Even if we do get or achieve what we wanted, we will discover that it doesn't satisfy our deepest longings.

1. Ecclesiastes 12:8 2. Ecclesiastes 12:13 3. John 11:25



Life without God is meaningless

After looking at all life offers, one of the wisest men ever described life as 'meaningless'¹. He saw that whatever wealth we gain, whatever we achieve, whatever we experience, it is all eventually lost. Our life is soon over, we all die and are eventually forgotten.

His conclusion, rather than to despair, is "fear God and keep his commandments"²; that is, lovingly respect and obey God. It's this that will bring our lives meaning and purpose: knowing God personally and serving him.



Jesus Christ gives full meaning to life

Jesus, God the Son, assures us that death is not the end, but that "the one who believes in me will live, even though they die"³. He confirmed that by rising from the dead.

So if you believe in Jesus, and he is Lord of your life, that will bring you the greatest meaning and significance. It will please and honour the God who created you for relationship with him, and lead to your never-ending joy!

So will you receive Jesus as your Lord?