

## Your Purpose in Life

To question your purpose in life can be a wonderful adventure or quite a dangerous one, particularly for anyone who is not aware enough to accept the true answer. If not truly conscious, your Ego will use this question for selfish reasons under the guise of having wisdom and knowledge. It will convince you that your purpose must have something to do with taking action and must involve others in the world. Therein lies the danger.

What if your true purpose had nothing to do with anyone else? Suppose it was nothing more than to develop as an extension of the Truth, to simply know the True Self in its innermost state? To *not* act, but understand. Could you accept that answer? Would you travel that path?

Most will be uncomfortable with that thought. It isn't grand enough for them, nor fulfilling enough. They have involved themselves with others their entire lives. To think that their sole purpose has only to do with looking inwardly and nothing else—that will not suffice for them. What is your answer, should that be the case?

Your initial reaction may be one of negotiation. You will want to break the question down, twist it and reincarnate it to better suit your current condition—to agree with it, but only under a certain premise. Your Ego has this power over you. Very few will see the value of giving themselves to a purpose unless they agree with it.

Truth has no need to negotiate. It has the best of everything to offer, why would it bend? To bend would only be to hurt, to damage, and Truth above all knows this. You were meant to be happy—of this fact there should be no doubt. The problem, as with all problems, lies in the fact that you have this crazy idea that you know better than Truth what happiness is.

Your purpose is undoubtedly aligned with the Truth and so it is Truth that has determined your purpose. You have only to know what Truth's purpose for you may be, and it will not be known by thinking about it. It will take a different kind of effort.

The effort itself will bring you the greatest of joys. The victories in discovering it will make your earthy victories pale in comparison. It will not be what you expect. And, unfortunately, that may be the reason you stop looking for it—because you fear the unknown.

You are stuck in the trap of this kind of living. Living from your thoughts, your practical experiences, and your continual striving for desires. It is easy to forget that you have a greater purpose. And when the thought comes to mind, you approach it just as you do every other thought—you humanize it. You look for how it will please you.

You have certainly come to some conclusions about the question of purpose thus far, have you not? See how your answers or precursors to those answers have pleased you so well. See how they fit so nicely into the life you have, how good they make you look and how noble they seem. These are Ego gratifying answers; they are not the real one. The real answer will call for a more difficult path.

Some of you have been very clever and hidden in the dark by asking the question of purpose over and over and over, so as to avoid or postpone receiving the answer, secretly fearing it may not meet with your approval.

The fact is that from a *thinking* standpoint, no true purpose will ever meet with your approval. It could never be grand enough or noble enough to last. It may temporarily suffice, but only until the Ego grows tired of it and demands a better task. You can see this in your life already, if you look closely.

Though you may not currently be able to see what your true purpose is, you can first see, through awareness, what it most certainly is not.

It has nothing to do with interfering with others. You call it helping, but you can stop that as of now. You get involved because you can't help yourself and *that*—the fact that you can't help yourself—should be a clue as to how helpless you are to the situation. One helpless being helping another—this is your life.

God has given you so much already to help yourself and you have denied it, made excuses for not accepting it, and in the end chosen to remain unchanged. But at the first sign of trouble in someone else, you've rushed to his or her side. This is true, is it not?

You have never had the courage to tell someone that you are as lost as they are and not in any position to truly help, have you? This is either because you have felt you were less lost than they or that you were too fearful to admit your own shortcomings. In either case see that you have your own trouble with living; it would make no sense for your purpose to be directing others how to live.

Your purpose has nothing to do with material things. It has nothing to do with anything else, for that matter, that is temporary. This includes relationships, grand ideas and opinions. If it did, these things would have far more impact upon all of life; they would be much more permanent than they are. See that these things come and go. What reason would there be to have a purpose rooted in any of it?

Your purpose is not likely to be a task at all. There has never been a task or a cause that anyone has taken on that has helped all of mankind—can't you see that? For every social victory there has been a corresponding defeat or ill effect. For every War that has been won there have been two sides defeated. For every kind deed

there has been a gratuitous lift to an Ego. Never mind the inevitability of all of these things. Simply see that they are not part of anyone's PURPOSE.

Money will never accompany anyone's purpose. Money has zero spiritual value, so anyone who connects the two has no real interest in the Truth. Money is a practical tool in the world we live in. It is not to be hated, avoided or dispensed unthoughtfully, but do not be so insane to think it has anything to do with your purpose either.

Your purpose will not have anything to do with pleasing you, even as an underlying benefit, not in a way you can understand it anyway. It won't be a missing puzzle piece to your incomplete esteem and it will not make you *feel* noble. These are earthly rewards manifesting only in the reflection of others. The rewards will be much greater than that—and immediate. Rewards *as* you work, not just when the work is complete.

There are so many more tasks and ideas that you will mistake for your purpose. To see this you must depart from your Ego. Your Ego will keep you deeply entrenched in thoughts and illusions about your purpose in life. The allure is ever so strong because you are hypnotized by your Ego. Understanding that is the key to being free of it.

As of this moment, put yourself in charge of seeing the rest of what your purpose is not; there is no greater or fulfilling work than to see these things for yourself. Be ever so careful to stay the path of seeing what it is *not* instead of trying to see what *is* among so many illusions. It may take your entire life to find it, but the search itself will truly be the noblest of aims.

Maybe, in fact, your purpose in life is to simply find your purpose. Wouldn't that be interesting? Will you walk that path?