

MEANING.....???

Living Day to Day
Filling Hours with Our Steps,
What Is the Purpose?

Where is All This Scurrying About
By All These Molecules and Galaxies Going?

At Every Scale No One Knows,
No Direction, No Objective, No Intention, No Goal,
Just BEING!!

We Manufacture Goals Within This Vacuum of Purpose
And Pretend They are Meaningful.

We Can Keep Busy and Try to Ignore the Problem,
But Eventually We Know Whatever We Do
Contributes Nothing to a Pointless Universe!

Change Happens Everywhere All the Time –
Vibrating Quantum Strings, Earthquakes, Supernova,
Black Holes, White Holes, Big Bang, Big Crunch,
To What End?

We Can Be a Speck of Dust or the Milky Way Galaxy,
It Does Not Matter
Because There Is No Intent in Any of It!

Is the Point of It to Point Out that There is No Point?

Why Are We Conscious of Our Consciousness?
Why Can We Know There is No Answer to Why?
Why??

Existence Has No Purpose,
Everything Just IS.

WE MAKE MEANING
(And We Fight Over Whose Version of Meaninglessness is Most Meaningful)

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Yes, the view expressed emotionally in the above “poem” is nihilistic. From my point of view, that is unfortunately where humans are currently situated in any truly honest assessment of our place in reality. Of course we do not like having to accept this fact, and we struggle for ways to deny it. Committing to the “best” of the tortured religious or existential proposals that we can derive is pragmatically our only option, but, at least in our background awareness, we always need to recognize that there is no real answer in our “Sleights of Mind.”

I do not subscribe to any of the many religious prescriptions of divine agency to resolve the nihilism challenge. So, some form of existentialism is my other option. What follow are the key points in my best “Sleight of Mind” version from the existential position:

- 1) We vigorously explore Everything in the Microverse and Macroverse.
 - a. We have been spectacularly successful in probing the material “machinery” of our micro and macro domains, but we have nowhere found any evidence of Purpose in these machinations.
 - b. Still, we must leave open the possibility that we may discover Purpose and Meaning in the 95% of reality that we do not yet understand: Energy, Dark Matter, Dark Energy, Multiverse? Is Purpose not revealed in the 5% Material/Physical sphere of reality that has been the focus of our being and attention?
- 2) In the meantime, and continuing my “Sleight of Mind” proposal:
 - a. We focus our Everyday attention on our local planet Earth which circumscribes nearly all of our human behavior.
 - b. We impose on ourselves a fundamental goal: to promote our species’ long term survival by requiring all humans and their societies to behave responsibly at all relationship levels so as to sustain ourselves socially and ecologically for the duration of our species’ viability.
 1. To achieve this responsible behavior, the “worldviews” of all of our societies must achieve a balance between the inputs of our cooperatively oriented spiritual-inspirational-unification perspective and our competitively oriented material-intellectual-analytical perspective.
- 3) All of the particulars in how humans can arrange and conduct themselves on Earth are options beneath commitment to this primary goal from a balanced perspective.
- 4) When and If we discover Purpose and Meaning in the grand scheme of Existence, we need to make all appropriate adjustments.

Facing a Nihilistic Reality, This is My Simplest, “Sleight of Mind,” Proposal.