

# Humans – The Struggle in Obscurity

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Reality is a nearly infinite, multi-dimensional cosmic complex in which everything at every scale is expanding, totally integrated, and constantly changing. Unfortunately, our greatest scientific and cultural truths regarding this reality are merely approximations based on our extraordinarily limited scope of knowledge. There are no absolute truths, though our cultures – and especially our religions – reflect the fact that we very much want to believe there are, so we can answer questions about the meaning of our lives and existence in general. We struggle against this gigantic barrier puzzled by the ultimate question as to why we are positioned to ask this “Why” question to begin with. Of course, our “why” question itself may be illusory or totally off the mark! We do not know, and it is the greatest likelihood that we will never resolve this larger “why” paradox.

All the rest of what we say and do in life occurs under this grand umbrella of fundamental ignorance and insignificance. But as self-absorbed as we humans are, most of us find a lot to do and much to declare – some of it of value at human and Earthly scales; all of it completely meaningless and irrelevant at larger scales.

In response to this situation, there are basically three approaches we humans can take: 1) ignore the issue and strive to benefit ourselves and our group – large or small, 2) live responsibly and contribute to sustaining the global social and ecological system, and 3) commit to one of our religious belief systems and hope for immortality in an alternative reality. All three of these options are out there, and we can do some mixing and matching to suit ourselves.

We can always hope that the inevitable changes in Reality’s future will somehow confirm our significance as human beings. If our current supreme arrogance does not assign us to the species’ dust bin, maybe prospective genetic engineering, artificial intelligence, and robotics will offer us a path to the preeminence we want to assign ourselves. Yes, there is such magnificent potential. But, unfortunately, there is also the capacity for such pervasive and disastrous stupidity. We modern humans are on the threshold of complex society and even species extinction. Will we provide ourselves with the opportunity to persist and maybe even advance in our minor scale obscurity? Or will we promote a more rapid path to our Earthly termination?

Humans DO Have Choices as We Struggle to Find Meaning for Ourselves  
At Least Within Our Tiny Scale of Reality!