

Meaning – The Search For Purpose In Reality

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At every scale of matter and energy that we have penetrated we discover it is all universally connected and exists as one constantly changing phenomenon.

We find universality but no cause/purpose/goal for universal change at any scale – no answer for our fundamental “Why Do We Exist?” question. We are left with nothing more than participation in an ongoing system of change.

In addition, our micro and macro search of our reality reveals that individually and collectively we humans are totally insignificant in reality’s vastness. Given this situation, we can not justify committing to a hypothetical god supposedly focused on us as “His” pinnacle material creation. In short, the primary assertions of our major religions are no longer sufficient or credible.

So, we look elsewhere. Does the answer to our “why” question lie in proposed “hidden” dimensions of reality that our vast technology has not yet revealed? Or are these hypothetical, mathematically derived “dimensions” merely our next version of a god in which to take refuge? Maybe – maybe not!

Presently we participate in the oneness of a vast reality none of which has an identifiable, underlying purpose.

Confounded, we retreat into our immediate scales of existence [Earth bound existentialism] where we identify either personal/economic survival-competition-ME oriented-dominance goals [conservative] or social/ecological oneness-cooperation-WE oriented-unity goals [liberal]. We then apply these goals in order to judge the state of our lives and institutions. This imposition of dynamically opposed values/goals is confusing, depends on defining complex surrounding circumstances, and ends up promoting conflict at all scales. No Answer Here!

We strive to find meaning
For our existence in our enormous reality –
A seemingly purposeless system
Defined only by perpetual change.

If there is some objective
In this ubiquitous condition of change,
It continues to elude us.