

Why Are You Here: Sourcing the Meaning of Life[©]

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They came out with the latest, greatest phone technology recently. Only by the time you watch, read, or hear this talk, it will all be superseded. This particular software features a virtual phone assistant to answer all the questions you want with her unique voice.

They asked her, "What is the meaning of life?" She had an assortment of answers to that question. For example, she said, "Try and be nice to people. Avoid eating fat. Read a good book every now and then. Get some walking in and try to live in peace and harmony with people of all creeds in the nations." She said another thing, "Life, a principle or force that is considered to underlie the distinctive quality of animate beings. I guess that includes me." She also said, "Another answer to the meaning of life question is to think about the questions that you ask me." Here's one you may enjoy: "All evidence to date suggests that the meaning of life is chocolate." I like this one the best. She said, "I don't know, but I think there's an app for that."

I want you to hold on to her final thought, because *there is a personal source for that.*

Driving behind a car one day, I saw the following question on the license frame: "YRUhere." I used my phone camera to take its picture, for it gave me the title of our talk. "Why are you here?" That's the human why, the human cry. It's also our subject.

"Why are you here?" It's a human cry; and a very personal cry.

In early 2010 a massive earthquake in Haiti killed about 230,000 people and left 1.3 million people homeless. My wife and I visited that shaken land to help community leaders in a small way. A year later, I was with a businessman who said he knew right away that it was an earthquake. He was driving. He got out of the car and saw the ground under the car giving away. He saw power lines breaking up, coming all the way down, nearly touching him but they got caught in trees. Away from his home by about two miles, he started trekking there. As buildings continued to crumble he could hear voices from inside broken buildings which cried, "Please save me, please save me, please save me!" Since he could not think about anything except my wife, he finally got there to find her alive.

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Let him narrate the next few moments. “Only later did I realize that everything else I owned had been blown to bits. We held hands and started walking to town. We could again hear groaning, moaning voices from the buildings, ‘Please save me, please save me, please save me.’ A year later, I ask the same question everyday, ‘Why am I here? Why am I alive?’”

That’s the question which I bring to you today, and until you find the answer, you too will ask it every day.

Why are you here? Why are you alive? Why do you exist? Why are you not dead? Especially in the face of a massive emptiness, tedium and boredom in life.

Some of you are feeling such internal pressure right now. You sense a condemnation to repetitive activity. It seems like everything has come down to a zero. You chase a bubble here, an air bubble there, and as soon as you touch it, it’s gone. We have a giant air-bubble wand to play with my grandson. We dip it in soap water and let the bubbles float. He laughs as he touches them and then it’s over. He delights in the play. Chasing air bubbles for a short time is okay for kids, but not for you.

You also ask the question because you experience entropy ending in mortality. Life seems to be breaking down. Maybe you’re very ill, like the world’s best-known atheist at this time, struck with the cancer of the esophagus. A most interesting and humorous man, nearly invincible in his argumentation, even his talking is faster than your thinking, he was recently awarded the 2011 Thinker Award. Of course he’s going through treatments. I hope he can hear, watch, read this talk because he’s asking our question right now as much as he might not care to admit it. The reality of mortality is the huge meaning-chiller. The fact that life is going to come to an end makes you ask, “Why am I here? Why am I still alive?”

I’ve actually downloaded a couple of clocks on my phone, one of which is a “death clock.” Using actuarial algorithms, the clock is supposed to tell me how long I’m going to live. That’s if my plane doesn’t crash or if I don’t get run over by a bus! There are no guarantees. With the mortality statistic always one for one, the meaning question is one you and I want to answer.

Your lack of direction and destination in life also prompts the meaning question. Somebody said, “It seems like mankind is filled with signposts, but no destination.” We find signposts – and they are not leading anywhere.

Somebody else noted, “Competence is good.” Competence can help a train run fast and smoothly, but it’ll not tell a train where to go. You may be a very competent person, but you don’t really know where to go.

Then there's the challenge of instability in the present; unpredictability about short and long-term futures. I still remember the day when Lehman Brothers, a 150+-year-old, large and historic financial institution, died. That sad morning I saw young men and women coming out of their offices in New York with attaché cases and brief cases. Forlorn others were called back from London, Hong Kong, and Singapore. These fine minds did not expect a stable and apparently strong organization to die so fast. September 16, 2008 was dubbed the "official birthday" of the current global economic crisis. A couple of years later, one of the world's richest men, in the top hundred, Adolf Merckle, 73 years old, in his country of Germany, village of Blaubeuren, jumps in front of a train and takes his life.

Facing instability you ask the question, "Why am I here?"

What about the internal conflict you experience when your morality and practice collide? When chasing lots of meanings in life confuses you because of their ethical compromises? The world's largest Ponzi pyramid scheme was foisted on unsuspecting people who have now lost everything, and the man in charge of it has been put in to a prison for about 150 years. His 46-year-old son took his life because he couldn't bear the challenge of being questioned in terms of his own morality and ethics. "It's impossible for a normal, thinking human being to know that some things are wrong and some things are right – if he's thinking at all" said a philosopher. If he's normal, he'll be thinking about right and wrong.

Then there's sadness, basic sadness, as you sense your aloneness. You feel abandoned. You feel not only alone when you're by yourself but when you're with a thousand people. With a hundred-thousand people in the football game, you sense you're alone and sad. You regret how life has turned out to be.

It's good for you to ask why you are here. Leonard Woolf, the great British man of letters, husband of Virginia Woolf, the essayist, says, "It seems like I've done perfectly useless work for the last five to seven years. The world would have had no difference had I played ping-pong as I was sitting in the committee meeting or board meeting." He said, "I have ground out 150,000–200,000 hours of work and it makes no difference." If that's the situation you're in, you should be asking the question "Why am I here?"

In fact there's a group of thinkers, "nihilists," who say there's really nothing more than the reality of simply facing and feeling what they think is a constitutional defect. The genetic defect is something in you that prevents meaning from arising at all. I kind of agree with that assessment. However, that defect doesn't keep you from *yearning* for meaning...from looking for meaning...from searching for meaning in your hunger for it. Don't give up on that.

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Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the great French Alsatian mission doctor in Central Africa, said, "In Central Africa we have sleeping sickness. The greatest problem is you don't know that you've got the problem." And he said, "I want to warn you of a sleeping sickness of the soul. When you've lost all interest in life, lost enthusiasm, watch out for the sleeping sickness of the soul."

My friend, if you are disappointed with life today, if you've exhausted all your resources, if you've gone from one meaning source to another, manufacturing stuff to quiet the question, and you still ask the question of meaning, I want you to listen very, very carefully. Because I want to give you not simply a software update, not simply a hardware upgrade. I want to change the entire system.

For 28 years I had one computer operating system that became vulnerable to virus attacks. Told about a new system not so vulnerable to virus attacks, I waited for 15 years to really consider it. Last year when in a remote place away from backups, I lost recent versions of created precious material. Finally, I converted to a new maker and operating system. Though I'm still getting used to this new system, I have great confidence that I can take it all over the world and feel safe.

Similarly, I'm talking about a conversion. Not just an upgrade. Not just an update, but a conversion to a new operating system, even a new maker.

Why. Are. You. Here?

I'm going to talk about our subject by way of common questions. I learned from Viktor Frankl, the great philosopher, prophet and psychologist of meaning, who went through massive, dastardly acts against him in concentration camps that "If you know the 'why,' you can put up with any 'what.'" Alternately, Nietzsche, the German philosopher, said, "If you know the 'why,' you can put up with any 'how.'"

I shall look at the "why" and the "what" but also the "where" and the "how" before I come to the all-important final question.

The Why

First, the *why* of meaning. The significance of meaning. Why do you ask the question? Because you are human. It's a *human* cry, it's a *human* why. Animals and machines don't ask that. They don't get on computers and google the question of meaning in life. They do not get on smartphones and ask virtual phone assistants for the meaning of life.

Machines don't have the freedom to ask that question. I read one morning in the summer of 2011 of how NASA sent Robonaut 2 to assist their astronaut at the International Space Station. From earth they awakened the humanized robot's power system to help the mechanized human with a few assisting roles. Robonaut 2 tweeted, "One small step for man, one giant step for Tinman." It was actually not Robonaut 2 who tweeted it; a very human being tweeted it from NASA. Machines are only as good as their last instructions. They do not ask the question about the meaning of life because they don't have freedom to choose.

Mere animals don't ask that question either. They do things instinctively, while you can do things intentionally. Humans live accidentally, on purpose. Animals may live purposefully, but only by accident;

Presently, about 10 million species have been counted. Really 8.7 million plus or minus 1.2 million. An Oxford evolutionary biologist notes that most of the large mammals and birds have been found and that there are possibly 10 million to 50 million species. The lower you get on the global bio-diversity scale, the more species you get. For example, in a spoonful of soil you can get maybe 10,000 kinds of bacteria. None of those species asks the question of the meaning of life. *You* ask that question.

Human identity with human ability...because the freedom to reflect, to observe, to interpret, to apply, is human. *You* look for meaning. You're a consummate "meaning-maker." You can make meanings of the smallest things. You can pursue the smallest things and make meaning in your life.

A friend of mine was about to take his life. He said the only thing which kept him alive was the fact that his pet dog needed epilepsy medicine to stay alive. Even the smallest purpose can keep you alive.

Now of course there are those who say, "No such thing exists as meaning in life. The only meaning in life is to eat and have sex." Survival and reproduction. I have met people who hold and live out this opinion. During a major wedding anniversary, my wife and I got to be in the beautiful Bahamas. We found a special deal of a cruise called "Booze and Cruise." We should have known that it would be a little interesting with a name like that. It was certainly – because we found human beings acting as animals, at the edge of their instinctual nerve-endings. They were boozing and cruising. They de-humanized themselves. Indeed, the more you act like an animal, the more you act like a machine; you get de-humanized.

Is there a possibility that you can become re-humanized? I am here to say there's the possibility of an answer, only you can't find it by yourself, in yourself. Some say you should keep on searching for the rest of your life – that the search

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itself is the meaning. Instead, I want to give you a *Source* and a *Supply* of meaning.

The What

Now let's look at the *what* of meaning. That is, the *meaning* of meaning. It depends on whom you talk to, but usually meaning is simply the positive opposite of whatever you seem to be lacking. So, if your life is not full, then fullness is the meaning of life. If you feel your life is restless, then stability and rest is the meaning of life. If you feel your life is rootless, then having a good foundation is the meaning of life. If you feel your life is rudderless, you do not know how and where to go, then, guess what...finding direction and destination becomes the meaning of life. Consult a dictionary, the meaning of life, they will say, is found in a sense of value, of significance and consequence.

But let me address the "what" of meaning in a different manner, from *ways* of being human. Because you are human our strategy arises from an existential, philosophical, practical understanding of the meaning of life. It's the *human why*, the *human cry*.

As human *knowings*, some people find meaning in life in learning more, accumulating knowledge, in making discoveries going to libraries and laboratories and seeing how human knowledge can advance humanness.

Human *lovings* can also give you meaning of life. Especially loves and relationships. Hopefully, you love people rather than things. Loving people is valid. Loving things is stupid.

In human *havings*, people find meaning in life in what they possess. The more stuff they have, they more stuff possesses you. As you possibly know, the world's most expensive private home was built in Mumbai, India. The owner of the home does not go to his home very often, even though it's a luxury home. The neighbors say they don't find the lights on very much. He throws parties there. He entertains guests there – diplomats, world leaders – but he does not live there. They wonder if he's trying to turn it into a hotel because he has recently bought interest into a huge hotel chain. Others wonder if he's superstitious because of the way the design structure of the building seems to bring bad luck. I actually heard "it's bad luck to be superstitious." In any case, human *havings* bring meaning to life; bring *meanings* to life.

Human *doings*. Many fall into this way of being human. Wonderful experiences and activities provide meaning in life. I have a friend who teaches people how to skydive and scuba-dive and go shotgun shooting and skeet shooting as some of the fine experience of life. Everybody has a great time. His

human doing gives him meaning as he helps other human doings to find meaning in their doings.

More others find meaning in life in success and achievements. As I write this talk annual Nobel Prizes are being given out for Physics and Chemistry. Successful achievements indeed.

And yet others find meaning in virtues and values, in helping people in difficulties. There's so much need in the human race, I hope you're doing something to help better the human situation. You will find some meaning doing that.

However, human knowings, human lovings, human havings and human doings only give you certain human *feelings* – a state or a condition you experience “as” meaning in life. Here is a helpful definition: “Meaning is found in something you create, experience or change.” Or, another, “Meaning is found in something you do, someone you love, and something you hope for.”

In Melbourne, Australia, I opened a newspaper to read of a man from Britain had put his entire life for sale on eBay. At first the bidding was really high. It went up to nearly £1,000,000, and then they found out it was all fake bids. He was disappointed as the bidding for his life went down to just £192,000. “Well,” he said, “I lost my wife so I want to put everything on sale. My house, my car, my job, my friends, everything is for sale.” He lost hope. At the very end he said, “There's something I'd like to do. If this deal matures and the money comes through, I'd like to go climb the Eiffel Tower. That is something I'd like to achieve.” Something you'd like to do, something you hope for, someone you love.

Let me give you a meaning-string: Meaning is not the same as purpose. Meaning reaches back to purpose, because unless you have purpose, you won't have meaning. And meaning is not the same as happiness. Meaning reaches forward to happiness. Unless you have meaning, you won't have happiness. But you need both purpose and happiness as wings to fly the plane called meaning.

Sourcing the Meaning of life

Now we come to the *where* of meaning. Not only the “why” and the “what,” but also the “where” of meaning. I'm drawing from our subtitle, “Sourcing the Meaning of Life,” to pursue this particular segment.

The Where

The story is told of a man who wanted to get rid of his wife's cat. So he took the cat 10 kilometres away and tried to lose it, and when he drove back

home, he found the cat already waiting for him. The next day he took the cat 20 kilometers away, and by the time he found the way home, he found his cat waiting for him. So he did some planning on how he could lose the cat perfectly. He took a left and a right, another left and right, and a right and a right and a left and a left and went across a bridge and took a left and a left and a right and right, left and right, right and left, and finally found a perfect place to lose his wife's cat. Several hours later, he phones his wife and says, "Is the cat home?" His wife says, "Yes, why do you ask?" And the man says, "Would you put the cat on the phone so I can find my way home?"

He lost direction. He tried to confuse the cat and confused himself. So, where do *you* go to find meaning? Do you confuse yourself in trying to find meaning? Let me explore the sourcing analogy intimated in our subtitle. As you know, sourcing is used in business as a process to find the source and supply of goods and services. Usually, it's tangible goods and services but here we are talking about an intangible good and an intangible service that we all need--the meaning of life.

Well, we can start with *in-sourcing*. That is, looking inside and considering yourself as the meaning of life. Now, if you could find the meaning of life inside you, then the nihilists would be wrong. But there *is* a genetic constitutional defect inside you, which keeps you from the resources you need and prevents you from gaining meaning. Again, the defect doesn't prevent you from the need and the yearning for meaning. Only you can't find meaning inside your self. It's the human limitation; human nature.

A burglar had to pay taxes, more taxes than he had anticipated. He went back to his employment in burglarizing. Ran to a huge grocery store and straight to the safe. On the knob of the safe a note read, "Please do not use dynamite. The safe is open." Relieved that he didn't have to destroy the safe, he turned the knob. Immediately a huge sandbag landed on his head, he went flat, the whole store was lit by floodlights, and it sent off sirens and warnings and alerts to the police. When the police finally got there and put him on the stretcher, carrying the injured man out, the burglar remarked, "My confidence in human nature is badly and rudely shaken."

Truly, we don't have any confidence in human nature. You can't go in-source for the same reason you can't go *out-source* – another option. To out-source is to subcontract a non-core function--something you cannot do for yourself, but you need to do for yourself. Except meaning-finding is not a non-core function. It's a core function. If it's location, location, location in real estate; in humanness, it's meaning, meaning, meaning.

If you subcontract the meaning function to an out-source who faces the same problem as you do in terms of human nature, you're not going to find meaning in another person like you. You'll be perplexed.

I was told of a young man who wanted to find the meaning of life. He had spent years looking for it, read all the books and looked at all the websites, and heard of a holy man sitting on top of the Himalayas who possessed the meaning of life. The young man eventually gets there, climbs up the mountain, and approaches the man seated in a meditative pose. He humbly asks, "Honored teacher, great sir, will you please tell me the meaning of life?" The holy man stroked his beard and whispered: "Life is a mountain." The young man said, "Life is a mountain?" And the hermit cried loudly, "You mean life is not a mountain?"

You don't know the meaning of life and others like you don't know the meaning of life. Because in-sourcing is insufficient, we've got to go outside to somebody greater than other in-sourcers. In out-sourcing we can't find the meaning of life so we've got to go beyond us to somebody stronger than us who doesn't have to outsource his finding of meaning.

A third option is *crowd-sourcing*. Is crowd-sourcing a means of finding human meaning? You know crowd-sourcing puts the question out and asks for solutions. It gets everybody talking about it and listens to collective input. However, the same genetic constitutional defect affects all in the crowd. All we can do is to accumulate ignorance. Collective wisdom is as ignorant as individual wisdom in this case. It's crowd-sourcing. You'll simply be following the herd, doing what everybody else does, everything everybody else does. You get caught in many, many meanings in life without knowing the meaning of life.

In 1982 there was a war between Britain and Argentina over a beautiful set of islands called Falkland or Malvinas Islands. The Royal Air Force pilots noticed there were thousands of penguins on certain islands. Since they were bored, they kept the penguins entertained, and thereby entertaining themselves. For example, they would fly their planes near the ocean line and about 10,000 penguins would watch them. Then the pilots would turn around and go the other way, and all the penguins would turn around and watch. It was almost like watching a slow-motion tennis match. After doing that a few times, the pilots got bored again. They invented something else. They asked, "What if we came over them?" So they would fly the planes above the penguins and these 10,000 penguins would look up, up, up, up, up and as the planes flew, they would all fall on their back.

That happens when you're crowd-sourcing. Do what everybody does and fall on your back. Penguins can get back up easier physically, than humans can get back up spiritually, emotionally, and psychologically. That on-your-back

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position is not very conducive to finding the meaning of life. You need somebody greater than, higher than, stronger than, outside, beyond, above the human situation.

Can we source meaning anywhere else? Can we find another supplier? Can we look outside ourselves, beyond ourselves, above ourselves and yet find something delivered to us, among us and inside the human race? A universal, absolute, infinite, holistic supply for everything that we need in terms of meaning of life? Yes! This is where we go to the fourth question, the HOW of finding meaning.

The How

In a hilarious story on sourcing the meaning of life, God created dogs on the first day. He told the dog, "You know, I want you to bark at strangers and anybody who comes into your house for 20 years." And the dog says, "I can't do that for 20 years. What if I gave you 10 years back and just did that for 10 years," God agreed.

On the second day, God created a monkey and said, "For 20 years I want you to entertain people, do monkey tricks." And the monkey said, "20 years of monkey tricks may be a little bit too long. Why don't I give you 10 years back and you give me just 10 years to do that?"

On the third day, God created a cow and told the cow, "You've got to lie under the hot sun, be a slave to the farmer and his family, work on the farm, and provide milk for 60 years." The cow replied, "60 years. That's a long time, God, to do that. What if I gave you 40 back and you give me just 20 years to do this." God says, "That's fine."

On the fourth day, the story goes, God created man. And He told man, "You have 20 years to eat, enjoy, live life, marry, whatever you need to do." And man said, "Only 20 years to do that? I'd like to do that longer. What if you gave me the 40 years the cow gave you, the 10 years the monkey gave you, and the 10 years the dog gave you, so I will live a long life?"

The story goes: that's why for the first 20 years we enjoy life and have a good time. For the next 40 we slave like cows. For the next 10 we are like monkeys doing grand tricks for our grandkids. And for the final 10 we are like dogs, barking at strangers because they come into our house. That's how the meaning of life comes to us says the story-teller.

Since you have to be sourcing all this any way, I'm going to ask you to engage in strategic sourcing. *Strategic* sourcing. Not just an ordinary source?

Can we find a strategic source? Yes, it is possible. This strategic source looked inside you and noticed you don't have any resources to find meaning. You have completely exhausted your sources. He monitors your effectiveness and your efficiencies and identifies large parts of your life you are simply wasting. You don't have anything to give or bring to solving the problem.

This strategic source provides a new operating system for your life, a conversion prospect for your life. Now, non-persons cannot give humans personal meaning. This strategic source has to be a person, for only a person can give a person meaning.

Remember virtual phone assistant said, "there's a personal app for that"? Indeed, there's a personal source for the meaning of life. He is also a unique source. He does a spend-analysis of your life and says "since you don't have any more spending possible, I will give it to you free."

This personal, strategic source is a total supplier of meaning. He is battle-tested, has done the heavy lifting for you, and has beaten the genetic defect, and now carries the heavy weights so you can welcome Him as savior of the meaning of life. As the source of the meaning of your life, and as the supplier of the meaning of your life. And that's why I come to the fifth movement: the WHO of meaning.

The WHO

The question then is addressed by *who* becomes the meaning-giver, meaning-maker, and meaning-keeper of your life? As a personal source, he must be human source. He needs to be on the ground with us. Onsite. He needs to feel and face the reality of meaninglessness, the problems of rudderless living, reference-less living, rootless living and restless living. And yet He needs to come from outside and beyond, above the human situation so we can have a stronger, fuller, permanent source.

You should also look up the definition of a supplier. A supplier is really a *specialized* outsource. One writer says "specialized outsource with deliverables." I've got such a strategic, specialized outsource who provides a global supply, universal supply, free supply, immediate supply, eternal supply and infinite supply of meaning.

This is what He said. "I came so that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly." Hear it again. **"I came that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly."**

"I came." Who's the "I" here? He's an identifiable person. He's not an abstract principle or a force. He is an "I." A person. In history and geography.

Just like you and me. "I came." Came to us from where? While He is inside history and geography, He comes from outside, beyond and above.

His reasons for coming?

One, that you might have life. *That you might have life.* He says, "I'm the unique source of life—I am the life." That implies, you don't have life! You've lost life in the middle of your living. In the chasing of many meanings in life, you've not known the meaning of life."

He's also claiming something about Himself – that you can have life because He himself is the life.

In this life, this present life, only a person who has life can give life to others. Only a person who has permanent life can give permanent life to others. He says a hundred thieves, a thousand robbers have stolen your life in giving you false hopes and false loves.

Instead, He says, "I can give you everlasting meaning. I am the unique source of an *everlasting life of meaning.*" He uses the present tense, "have life," meaning you can start right now. You can have life right now, the meaning of life itself. Now.

The second part of His wonderful free offer reads, "I can give you life more abundantly." Not only an everlasting life of meaning, but an overflowing life of meaning, right now. *Overflowing life of meaning.* I can give you the meaning of life so that all your other meanings in life can be enhanced, if they are appropriate and legitimate pursuits. I can give you unconstrained, enjoyable, full life regardless of what you face – what problem, what challenge, what experience, what activity. Regardless of what you lack, I can give you overflowing life. A life of meaning."

And how can He make that offer? Because our meaningless is the consequence of our genetic defect. Our constitutional inability to find meaning on our own messes it all up for us. When we try to find meaning on our own, we break every standard of perfection there is. We fail our own expectations of ourselves, let alone God's expectations of us.

We have transgressed. We have fallen a-prey to wrongdoings. We have wrong motives, wrong virtues, wrong values. None of us is perfect. And because of that we're condemned not only to meaninglessness right now but to *everlasting* meaninglessness. Everlasting meaninglessness, the very definition of hell, bids and beckons us to find a savior of our meaning.

So our meaning-gifter says, "I have come to take your penalty on me. By taking your deathly consequences on myself, I can be your Savior. You can have what do not deserve and not capable of sourcing, by my provision. Also, I prove with persuasive credibility that I can be the Savior of your life, the Savior of your meaning, by rising from the dead."

If you haven't guessed the Who, the One Who promised, Who gives you this benefit, Who assures you of life's meaning, the only person who has ever claimed to be the life in His very own being was God Himself. Jesus says, "I am life. I am the resurrection and the life. I can give you an everlasting life of meaning forever and an overflowing life of meaning, right away, beginning right now."

I started this presentation with the horrific Haitian earthquake and a friend who daily asks, "why am I here," after hearing haunting voices from the rubble crying, "Please save me." In addition to being the chairman of Haiti's largest private bank, he also owned an architectural firm as well as an engineering firm. As I heard their groaning he said, "I constructed a huge crane contraption, attached a concrete bucket to the crane, and let the bucket down to save one person at a time. All they had to do was trust the concrete bucket and be rescued." I said to him, "Sir, you have just the answer your question, 'Why am I here?'"

God too, like you, has constructed a crane contraption from heaven to earth. He has let down a concrete rescue bucket, the Lord Jesus Christ. Anybody who wants to be rescued and saved from a life of crumbled, crushed groaning and moaning has simply to trust Him and be rescued.

My friend, I find part of my meaning of life in sharing that meaning of life with you. Will you trust God's concrete bucket of the Lord Jesus Christ? Just tell him, "I want to have life. I want to have an everlasting life of meaning, and an overflowing life of meaning. I want to be rescued from meaninglessness. I trust You to be the Savior of my life, the Savior of my meaning." He will rescue you at this very moment.

Would you write to me? Contact me through our Web site. We would like to help sharpen these thoughts for you, to help you evaluate and point you to an opportunity assessment of your life that will give you the meaning of life in the middle of the many meanings in life. You can have many meanings in life, but you can have only one meaning of life. The Lord Jesus says, "I have come that you might have an everlasting life of meaning, so that you might have, starting right now, an overflowing life of meaning."