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Subject: Re: The meaning of life?  
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Of all places to ask a heavy question, you chose the Renegade forums LOL!

Alright, lets throw another crazy man's opinions into this thread, shall we?

I grew up Christian (non-denominational, which basically means 'generic'). I went to church every single sunday of my entire childhood - my dad was an elder of the church - and I was forced to wear a tie every week or I'd get in trouble. That's how religious I was, just to build some imagery.

After I grew up a little, went into the military and got exposed to more cultures and beliefs, starting learning more about myself, etc. my views started changing. I didn't want to be ignorant, so I felt it would be in my best interest to consider all options equally: a sort of fresh start.

It wasn't until I was about 22yrs old or so when I met my fiancée -- who ironically happened to be Wiccan. (Imagine our debates!) After years and years of thought and deliberation with my fiancée, we've both come to an acceptance of a slightly modified view of how I grew up and this is what it is.....and this is what \*I\* believe to be true:

I believe that there is one God, that it is the Christian God, that it is a trinity, and that Jesus was sent to save us from eternal damnation. That core Christian belief aside, I'm a very strange Christian.....because I think that a lot of the Bible is exaggerated or symbolic rather than literal, and I think a lot may have been lost in translations or when it was pieced together over the years.

I believe that the forces of nature (things like karma, survival of the fittest, evolution, etc.) are very real and are a part of our world whether the Christian Bible discusses it or not. I think there are a LOT of invisible forces surrounding our species and planet(s) that we don't know about and may quite possibly never know about. I also believe that it was probably designed this way.

The purpose of life? I can agree to "exist" - but from a Christian standpoint it's also to 'Serve the Lord's will'. I can see how people say that the sole purpose is to survive and/or evolve, but consider the fact that our minds are linear in regards to time ..... and so we see one event coming before the other and no other explanation. When life as we know it was first "created" (or as some believe, "spontaneously realized"), SOMETHING had to be the catalyst. Even science will confirm that to this day. We just don't know what. And I sure as hell am not going to insist that I know (other than what my faith in my religion tells me).

To take it one step further and expand on this topic, I think people need to start being a little more tolerant of other religions. There is so much hate in this world because of what other people believe. Take, for example, Christianity who spazzes out on people who don't convert and flood them with "you're going to burn in hell" propoganda. I know that Christianity says that you should try to 'save the lost' ... but I do not think its right to do anything more than 'plant the seed'. If they don't believe, who cares? You did your part - so stop flooding the seed with so much damn water.

Anyway, that's how I see things --and I conveniently broke things into nice proper paragraphs so people could quote and comment as desired.

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