

Listen to Life

Wisdom in Life's Stories

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THE MEANING OF LIFE

Kim and I sat at the restaurant, overlooking a marina. It had been a lousy week on the work-job front. We figured a respite of water and boats would be a good thing, and quickly our moods improved with the sights and sounds, and the fact that it was Friday night. Our waitress was only on the job three weeks, she said, but "if there are any questions that I can answer for you, just let me know." I looked at the menu. Then I looked up to her. "Okay, then what is the meaning of life."

I said it for levity. I heard conviction in return.

She smiled. "Meaning of life? Well, I believe that God created us for a purpose, and the meaning of life is to live that purpose as best we can with the gifts we were given." I suspect that part of her purpose is to proclaim with conviction.

I wonder how many people could respond seriously, but not overly so, to the simple question, "What is the meaning of life?" The world doesn't need tomes, dissertations and academic scholarship in the day-to-day drill of life as much as it needs individuals who can seek meaning, express their beliefs and continue their journey. And share.

What IS the meaning of life, as you see it? Is that what you live for every day? Feel free to share your answers with me...and with anyone who asks.

Listen to Life is an electronic newsletter that presents lessons for living by listening to life, based on the writing, poetry, photography, presentations and workshops of Dion McInnis. Stories such as these inspired the book, "Listen to Life: Wisdom in Life's Stories," published in 2005, available at Barnes and Noble, Amazon and Borders. Dion's next book will share his views of being father and son.

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