

The Meaning of Life

One Life, Leeds Atheist Society

Monty Python's Meaning of Life

Why are we here? What's life all about?
Is God really real, or is there some doubt?
Well, tonight, we're going to sort it all out,
For, tonight, it's 'The Meaning of Life'.

What's the point of all this hoax?
Is it the chicken and the egg time?
Are we just yolks?
Or, perhaps, we're just one of God's
little jokes.
Well, ça c'est 'The Meaning of Life'.

Is life just a game where
we make up the rules
While we're searching
for something to say,
Or are we just simply spiralling coils
Of self-replicating DN-
nay, nay, nay, nay, nay, nay.

What is life? What is our fate?
Is there a Heaven and Hell?
Do we reincarnate?
Is mankind evolving, or is it too late?
Well, tonight, here's 'The Meaning of Life'.

For millions, this 'life' is a sad vale of tears,
Sitting 'round with really nothing to say
While the scientists say
we're just simply spiralling coils
Of self-replicating DN-
nay, nay, nay, nay, nay, nay.

So, just why-- why are we here,
And just what-- what-- what--
what do we fear?
Well, ce soir, for a change,
it will all be made clear,
For this is 'The Meaning of Life'.
C'est le sens de la vie.
This is 'The Meaning of Life'.

For Now, Avenue Q

P Why does everything have to be so hard?

GC Maybe you'll never find your purpose.

CE Lots of people don't.

P But then- I don't know why I'm even alive!

KM Well, who does, really?

KM Everyone's a little bit unsatisfied.

B Everyone goes 'round a little empty inside.

GC Take a breath,

GC Look around,

B Swallow your pride,

KM For now...

B,K,CE For now...

N Nothing lasts,

R Life goes on,

N Full of surprises.

R You'll be faced with problems of all shapes and sizes.

You're going to have to make a few compromises...

For now...

For now...

But only for now! (For now)

Only for now! (For now)

Only for now! (For now)

Only for now!

L For now we're healthy.

B For now we're employed.

BrS For now we're happy...

KM If not overjoyed.

P And we'll accept the things we cannot avoid,
for now...

GC For now...

TM For now...

KM For now...

For Now II

But only for now! (For now)
Only for now! (For now)
Only for now! (For now)
Only for now!

Only for now! *For now there's life!*
Only for now! *For now there's love!*
Only for now! *For now there's work!*
For now there's happiness!
But only for now! *For now discomfort!*
Only for now! *For now there's friendship!*
Only for now! *For now!*
Only for now!

Only for now!
Sex! Is only for now!
Your hair! Is only for now!
George Bush! Is only for now!

Don't stress, relax,
Let life roll off your backs,
Except for death and paying taxes,
Everything in life is only for now!

N Each time you smile...
...only for now

KM It'll only last a while.
...only for now

P Life may be scary...
...only for now
But it's only temporary

Ba-dum ba-dum ...

P Everything in life is only for now

Because, The Beatles, Elliott Smith

Because the world is round, it turns me on
Because the world is round
Because the wind is high, it blows my mind
Because the wind is high
Love is old, love is new
Love is all, love is you
Because the sky is blue, it makes me cry
Because the sky is blue

Life on Mars, David Bowie

It's a God awful small affair
To the girl with the mousey hair
But her mummy is yelling, "No!"
And her daddy has told her to go
But her friend is nowhere to be seen
Now she walks through her sunken dream
To the seats with the clearest view
And she's hooked to the silver screen
But the film is saddening bore
For she's lived it ten times or more
She could spit in the eyes of fools
As they ask her to focus on

Sailors
Fighting in the dance hall
Oh man!
Look at those cavemen go
It's the freakiest show
Take a look at the lawman
Beating up the wrong guy
Oh man!
Wonder if he'll ever know
He's in the best selling show
Is there life on Mars?

It's on America's tortured brow
That Mickey Mouse has grown up a cow
Now the workers have struck for fame
'Cause Lennon's on sale again
See the mice in their million hordes
From Ibiza to the Norfolk Broads
Rule Britannia is out of bounds
To my mother, my dog, and clowns
But the film is a sadd'ning bore
'Cause I wrote it ten times or more
It's about to be writ again
As I ask you to focus on

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Meek Shall Inherit, Little Shop

[Bernstein]

Hey Seymour Krelborn, you prince you
My name is Bernstein, I'm with N.B.C.
I came down here to convince you
To do a weekly T.V. show for me
Seymour Krelborn's Gardening Tips
For half an hour on Saturday's at four
T.V.'s first home-gardeing program
You'll make a mint and our ratings will soar

Chorus [Girls]:

They say the meek shall inherit
You know the book doesn't lie
It's not a question of merit
It's not demand and supply
They say the meek gonna get it
And you a meek little guy
You know the meek are gonna get
What's comin' to 'em by and by

[Mrs. Luce]

I'd like a word with you, lover
I'm sure you know me, the Editor's wife
We want your face on the cover
of the December 3rd issue of Life
Yes the front of Life Magazine
That's an honor we so seldom grant
We'll send someone down, let's say Thursday
for shots of you and your beautiful plant

Chorus

[Skip Snip]

Forget the cable we sent you
It's nice to meet you, the pleasure is yours
Now let my firm represent you
We want to book you on lecturing tours
College campus, Rotary Club
The kind of bookings my office can do
Show the plant, then talk, answer questions
It's educational, lucrative too

[SEYMOUR]

Mys future's starting, I've got to let it
Stick with that plant and gee
My bank account will thrive
What am I saying? No way! Forget it!
it's much too dangerous to keep the plant alive
I take these offers,
That means more killing
Who knew success would come with
Messy, nasty strings?
I sign these contracts
That means I'm willing
to keep on doing bloody, awful, evil things!

Meek Shall Inherit II

No! No! There's only so far you can bend
No! No! This nightmare must come to an end
No! No! You've got no alternative
Seymour old boy
Though it means you'll be broke again and
unemployed
it's the only solution, It can't be avoided-
The vegetable must be destroyed!

But then there's Audrey, lovely Audrey
If life were tawdry and impoverished as before
she might not like me, she might not want me
Without my plant, she might not love me
anymore

[Girls]
They say the meek shall inherit
You know the book doesn't lie
It's not a question of merit
It's not demand and supply
You'll make a fortune, we swear it
if on this fact you rely
You know the meek are gonna get
What's comin' to 'em
By and by

Gangsta's Paradise, Coolio

As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I take a look at my life and realize
there's not much left
coz I've been blastin and laughin so long, that
even my mama thinks that my mind is gone
but I ain't never crossed a man
that didn't deserve it
me be treated like a punk
you know that's unheard of
you better watch how you're talking,
and where you're walking
or you and your homies might be lined in chalk

I really hate to trip but I gotta, loc
As I Grow I see myself in the pistol smoke, fool
I'm the kinda G the little homies wanna be like
on my knees in the night,
saying prayers in the streetlight

been spending most their lives,
living in the gangsta's paradise
repeated

They got the situation, they got me facin'
I can't live a normal life,
I was raised by the stripes
so I gotta be down with the hood team
too much television watching
got me chasing dreams

I'm an educated fool with money on my mind
got my 10 in my hand and a gleam in my eye
I'm a loc'd out gangsta set trippin' banger
and my homies is down
so don't arouse my anger, fool
death ain't nothing but a heartbeat away,
I'm living life, do or die, what can I say
I'm 23 now, but will I live to see 24
the way things are going I don't know

Gangsta's Paradise II

[Chorus:]

Tell me why are we, so blind to see
That the one's we hurt, are you and me
been spending most their lives, living in the
gangsta's paradise
been spending most their lives, living in the
gangsta's paradise
spending most our lives, living in the gangsta's
paradise
spending most our lives, living in the gangsta's
paradise

Power and the money, money and the power
minute after minute, hour after hour
everybody's running, but half of them ain't
looking
what's going on in the kitchen, but I don't know
what's kickin'
they say I gotta learn, but nobody's here to teach
me
if they can't understand it, how can they reach
me

I guess they can't, I guess they won't
I guess they front, that's why I know my life is
out of luck, fool

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gangsta's paradise
spending most our lives, living in the gangsta's
paradise
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Tell me why are we, so blind to see
That the one's we hurt, are you and me
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That the one's we hurt, are you and me

Always Look on the Bright Side of Life

Some things in life are bad
They can really make you mad
Other things just make you swear and curse.
When you're chewing on life's gristle
Don't grumble, give a whistle
And this'll help things turn out for the best...

And...always look on the bright side of life...
Always look on the light side of life...

If life seems jolly rotten
There's something you've forgotten
And that's to laugh and smile
and dance and sing.

When you're feeling in the dumps
Don't be silly chumps
Just purse your lips and whistle - that's the thing.

And...always look on the bright side of life...
Always look on the light side of life...

For life is quite absurd
And death's the final word
You must always face the curtain with a bow.
Forget about your sin - give the audience a grin
Enjoy it - it's your last chance anyhow.

So always look on the bright side of death
Just before you draw your terminal breath

Life's a piece of shit
When you look at it

Life's a laugh and death's a joke, it's true.
You'll see it's all a show

Keep 'em laughing as you go
Just remember that the last laugh is on you.

And always look on the bright side of life...

Always look on the right side of life...
(Come on guys, cheer up!)

Always look on the bright side of life...

Always look on the bright side of life...

(Worse things happen at sea, you know.)

Always look on the bright side of life...

(I mean - what have you got to lose?)

(You know, you come from nothing - you're
going back to nothing.

What have you lost? Nothing!)

Always look on the right side of life...