

**What is life all about?**

Many people when they look at life, begin to ask serious questions about what life is all about. Despite our technological advances we still see all humanities problems remain unchanged. Daily our newspapers inform us of a downward spiral of violence, insecurity and morality. Often it seems the very foundations that our society are built upon seem shaken and challenged. From family break up, to loss of stable employment, from crimes on the elderly, to the violation of the innocent, people as never before are asking the question:-

**“ What is the real meaning, what is the real purpose of life?”**

Some people say that there is no overall meaning, that everything including you and me are an accident of nature, and at the very best our meaning is but to continue the species through procreation. With the shadow of nuclear war hanging over us and scientists predicting numerous ways the world will end:-

**“What is the real hope, truth and security that we can put our trust in today?”**

Within the Christian faith we find the answers to the tough questions of life. Within the Christian faith we find the real origin and purpose of why we as human beings were put on this earth.

**Why were we created?**

Despite what some scientists say but cannot prove, the creation of humanity was not the result of some random accident of nature. Christians believe that each person is a valuable part of a master plan which has been instigated by God. Genesis 1 – 2 tells us that out of His creative mind God created the heavens and the earth. Once He had filled the earth with life, He decided to create a being that would be the crown of His creation. The being would have the capacity to experience and value a relationship with the Creator God in a unique way which the rest of creation could not. So God created man and woman and gave them a **Threefold Purpose:-**

**Firstly:-** To enjoy and experience a relationship with God.

**Secondly:-** To look after His creation responsibly.

**Thirdly:-** To multiply and occupy the whole earth.

Our creation was not an accident, but a deliberate act of God to create a being superior to the rest of creation with the wonderful ability to experience His love and provision.

**“If we do not have this relationship with the Creator God then we are not fulfilling the Original Purpose each one of us was created for.”**



**Famous Quote**

“ Countries like ours are full of people who have all the material comforts as they desire, together with such non-material blessings as a happy family and yet lead lives of quiet and at times noisy desperation, understanding nothing but the fact there is a hole inside of them. And however much food and drink they pour into it, however many cars and television sets they stuff into it and however many well balanced children and loyal friends they parade around the edges of it.....

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**Made in God’s image!**

We are told something even more wonderful than just the fact of this loving relationship we were created for. In Genesis Ch1 v 26 – 27 that God made us in His own image. What does this mean? It means that when God created us He gave us special attributes that were similar to some of those He Himself possesses. The reason He created us this way was so that we would have both the natural and spiritual abilities to make contact with Him and enjoy His love. God is a Spiritual Being and so to have a relationship with Him we were created with a spirit.

**Ways we are created in His image:-**

**Given a Spirit** so that we have a living relationship with a Spiritual God.

**Rational Mind** able to conceive ideas, make decisions and think through concepts.

**Ability to be creative and imaginative.**

**Created to Worship** and have a sense of wonder and awe.

**Ability to express complex emotions and feelings.**

All these attributes were given to enable us to have a relationship of closeness and intimacy with the God who created us.