

The Journey to find the meaning of Life

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Liam was a curious little boy who was always searching for adventure. One day he thought about what the word "life" meant. He asked many people in his town, but they never gave him the proper answer he wanted. So, he decided to embark on a journey, to find the real meaning of life. He packed his bag and stuffed it with food. Then he got a small map of the area, and set off, determined to find the meaning of life.

He walked into a forest where he met different animals. Rabbits went into their burrows while birds flew into their nests. A deer looked at Liam as he walked into a whole new world, protected and hidden by trees. He never thought that the forests people cut down belonged to creatures who live there. He walked up to a deer and said hello. The deer stared at him, and bowed. Liam said, "I wanted to know the meaning of life. Can you help me?". The deer was surprised by this unusual question. It isn't every day that it is asked to define what life is. "I don't know what life means dear boy, but for us animals, it's all about surviving in the wild. We also want to live. So, we'd obviously find food and shelter to survive like humans." Liam smiled and thanked it. He knew it wasn't the full answer, but something told him that it was part of the puzzle.

So, Liam continued his journey and ended up near a river. Liam didn't know how to swim. There was no way he could get to the other side. But the boy didn't give up, because he needed his answers. He encouraged himself by thinking that he can't get to the other side of the river, without crossing it. He found some logs and made a bridge like path. The logs were heavy, but Liam knew he had to try. He made the bridge and walked across. When he jumped to the other side, Liam's bag fell off and went down a waterfall. He stared at it in dismay. The food was in the bag! However, Liam had the map in his hand which turned out to be quite handy. There was a small cottage on a nearby hill, and Liam hoped he could get

some food from there.

Liam kept walking and reached the cottage. He took a moment to catch his breath, when he found himself looking down at a breathtaking scene. He was so high up that he could see his town with tiny houses with red roofs on top. The forests looked like a green blanket covering the ground. Some areas had brown patches indicating the number of trees that had been cut down. Liam suddenly saw a woman standing by his side. He felt nervous, standing next to a stranger, until he saw her warm smile. "It's beautiful, isn't it?", she said. Liam said, "Yes. I never thought the world looked so different when you look from above." "Everything looks different when you look at it from a different perspective.", she replied. Liam remembered what he came for. He politely asked the woman for some food and she brought him some delicious sandwiches and a slice of apple pie with some juice. They talked to each other, and Liam told her about his journey. And he asked her the same question he asked the deer. She replied, "Think about your journey. Life is quite similar to that. We come across challenges in life and have to face them, the way you crossed the river. Sometimes it might look like we failed but keep on going. In life, we have to enjoy the small joys as well, like eating up here, looking at this scene. And most importantly, life is about looking out for other lives. Like those animals you met. I'd say life is one long journey. Just like yours." Liam smiled as he knew he'd completed the puzzle.

I believe she's right. Life is a journey with ups and downs we have to face. And we can't forget, that like our lives, all life on Earth matters.