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What is Life?

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Life... Although this word is only four letters long, it has an ocean of meanings. Everyone's life is various, people have different views, experiences about life. Someone likens life to a canvas that can draw anything he wants, including all colors he dreams of. Another person compares life to a song, considers the lyrics to be a written destiny and considers himself to be its performer. I liken life to an empty paper. We shape our lives on this paper with our own hands. How we fill in this paper depends on our skill. It may be completed with our freedoms, dreams, goals, experiences... If we fill it with beautiful inscriptions, this paper will be preserved for a long time, the viewer will enjoy it, if the inscriptions are opposite, it can be seen only by the garbage can. So is life. When a person is born and grows up, he dreams and sets goals. In this way, he`ll have to overcome any difficulties. He tries to do good deeds. But others live their lives ugly, like bad writing on a paper.

There may be any situation in life. Life is a good experience for some and a lesson for others. Yes, experiences that lead to understanding the essence of life... I think, the events that lead to understanding life have happened in the lives of many. For example, I knew how beautiful and priceless life is, the freedom given to us, when my legs stopped moving and I could not walk. It all started suddenly... Before I was 16, I looked at life differently, I was always in a positive mood, I was a cheerful girl and helped my loved ones to share a good mood. I would get along well with my friends. Until I was 16, I didn't think about problems (there were almost no problems in my life). At that time, I was a lyceum graduate. It was winter. I was in an accident when I was crossing a highway, the roads were icy and slippery, I lost consciousness, when I opened my eyes I was in the hospital. My father entered the room (I rarely saw my father, he was away for a long time because of his work), I was glad to see him and wanted to hug him, but I could not stand, my legs didn`t feel anything, I lay down crying. I was in bed for about 6 months. Then, I would move in a special wheelchair. I`d love to go to the garden behind our house and be alone

and see nature, free-flying birds, my peers playing, and I`d like to return to my former state and be with them. Although a year has passed since that accident, I still can't use my legs. Knowing that the doctors didn`t have a positive opinion of me, I completely gave up my hope. I started to think negatively, I cried all night thinking that if I can't walk, no one needs me, they think I'm useless. One day, as usual, while enjoying nature, a puppy with three legs came to me. Even though it`s a very cute puppy, but it didn't have one leg, it kept moving and didn't stop. I asked myself why it`s moving now that it didn't have one leg, but I wasn't moving even though I had legs. Afterwards, I started trying to get out of the wheelchair every day and take a step. What motivated me then was the condition of this puppy. Now, thanks to it, I can move freely on my feet, as before. So, we don`t know the vitality and beauty of life until we are under a problem.

Life is the most beautiful and precious gift given by God. We need to appreciate it and use it effectively. We should look at life in a positive way. No matter how difficult life is for a person, he must act patiently and overcome difficulties. "Melody of life"... The life of a person, who feels this melody, will be more beautiful. Be happy, Love yourself, Enjoy every moment. If these aren't among your life formula, change your formula today and follow it!