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ABOUT?

**EXPLORING EMOTIONAL, CULTURAL
AND RATIONAL REASONS TO BELIEVE**

**Christianity Gives You an
Indestructible Meaning in Life**

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*What is the meaning
of meaning?*

**Meaning is different
than a goal**



**Meaning is different
than desire**



Desire

**Meaning is the understanding
of the purpose of something**



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Yes and No

“Even if you produce a great work of literature which continues to be read thousands of years from now, eventually the solar system will cool, or the universe will wind down and collapse and all trace of your effort will vanish. If your life is to matter, it can only matter “from the inside”. From the outside, it wouldn’t matter if you never existed, and after you have gone out of existence it won’t have mattered that you did exist. If one’s life has any point as part of something larger, it is still possible to ask, what is the point of that?”

Thomas Nagel

The Meaning of life

“We are here because one odd group of fishes had a peculiar fin anatomy that could transform into legs for terrestrial creatures; because the earth never froze entirely during an ice age; because a small and tenuous species, arising in Africa a quarter of a million years ago, has managed, so far, to survive by hook and by crook. We may yearn for a ‘higher’ answer — but none exists. This explanation, though superficially troubling, if not terrifying, is ultimately liberating and exhilarating. We cannot read the meaning of life passively in the facts of nature. We must construct these answers ourselves.”

Stephen Jay Gould

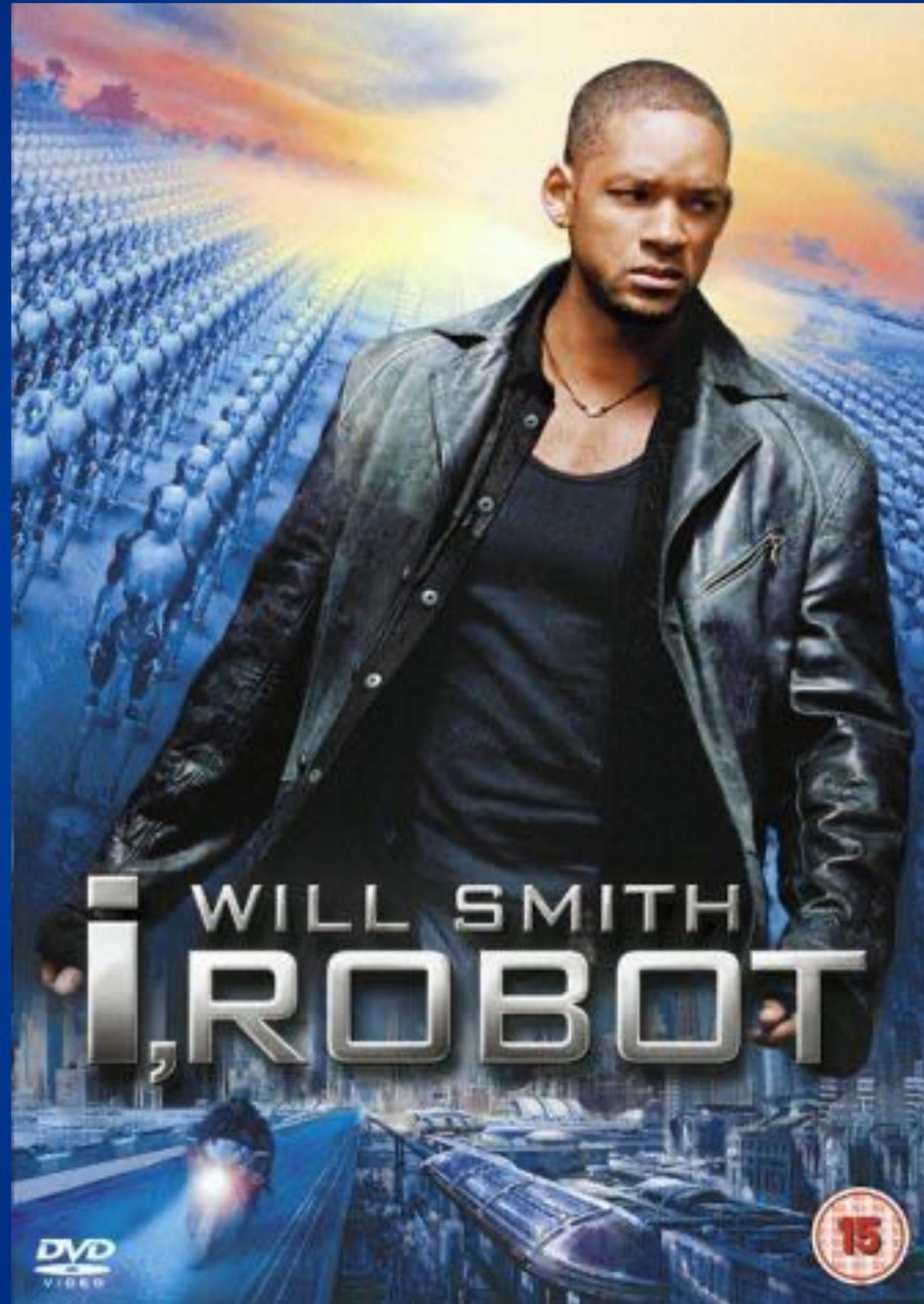
Life Magazine

“The cosmos does not give us one iota of evidence for God. The universe is mostly cold, bleak, airless and uninhabitable. So we secularists see a universe without any purpose, and we realize we must forge our own purpose and ethics, and not derive them from a God for which there is no purpose or evidence.”

Jerry Coyne
Chicago University

"But although the universe is purposeless, our lives aren't. We make our own purposes, and they are real. Right now my purpose is to write this piece, and then I'll work on a book I'm writing, and later I'll have dinner with a friend, soon I'll go to Poland to visit some more friends, maybe later I'll read a nice book and learn something. These are real purposes."

Jerry Coyne
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“Now that I have fulfilled my purpose, I don’t know what to do.”

Detective Spooner: “I guess you’ll have to find your way like the rest of us, Sonny...That’s what it means to be free.”

**Created meaning
isn't rational**

“If Nature is all that exists - in other words, if there is no God and no life of some quite different sort somewhere outside Nature - then all stories will end in the same way: in a universe from which all life is banished without possibility of return. It will have been an accidental flicker, and there will be no one even to remember it.”

C.S. Lewis

On Living in An Atomic Age

“You might decide simply to have as good a time as possible. The universe is a universe of nonsense, but since you are here, grab what you can. Unfortunately, however, there is, on these terms, so very little left to grab - only the coarsest sensual pleasures. You can't, except in the lowest animal sense, be in love with a girl if you know (and keep on remembering)...

C.S. Lewis

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...that all the beauties both of her person and of her character are a momentary and accidental pattern produced by the collision of atoms, and that your own response to them is only a sort of psychic phosphorescence arising from the behavior of your genes.

C.S. Lewis

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You can't go on getting any very serious pleasure from music if you know and remember that its air of significance is a pure illusion, that you like it only because your nervous system is irrationally conditioned to like it. You may still, in the lowest sense, have a "good time"; but just in so far as it becomes very good, just in so far as it ever threatens to push you on from cold sensuality into real warmth and enthusiasm and joy, so far you will be forced to feel the hopeless disharmony between your own emotions and the universe in which you really live."

C.S. Lewis

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“My question ... was the simplest of questions, lying in the soul of every man from the foolish child to the wisest elder: it was a question without an answer to which one cannot live, as I had found by experience. It was: “What will come of what I am doing today or shall do tomorrow? What will come of my whole life?” Differently expressed, the question is: “Why should I live, why wish for anything, or do anything?” It can also be expressed thus: “Is there any meaning in my life that the inevitable death awaiting me does not destroy?”

Leo Tolstoy

A Confession

**Self-created meaning
isn't durable**

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of mankind. And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not grasp it.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1 : 1-5, 14



“For Greek thought in general, and for Stoicism in particular, the idea that the Logos could designate anything other than the rational order of the universe was unthinkable. In their eyes, to claim that a mere mortal could constitute the Logos, or the word incarnate, as the Gospels express it, was insanity...by resting its case upon a definition of the human person and an unprecedented idea of love, Christianity was to have an incalculable effect upon the history of ideas... [and] the philosophy of human rights.”

Luc Ferry

The Victory of Christianity