

The Question of Life

The meaning of life is thought to be a complex question. It is one questioned by philosophers all over the world, without a solution that makes sense to everyone. In the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams, this idea is being explored with giant computers from the future. The complexity of this question makes the genius computer create another computer, named Earth. On Earth, a youtube channel named Kurzgesagt investigates what life is. The novel proposes to express the meaning of life through a funny standpoint, while the brain of the book makes the question much more serious, and to the point of nothingness.

In Kurzgesagt, the answer to the question of life is nonexistent, much like in the book. Kurzgesagt's video titled "What is life" edges around its own question, creating even more questions to think about. Since everything is made of the same thing, it doesn't matter if one is alive or dead. We are all technically the same; the only reason that living beings are even living is because the cells function in a particular way that makes us alive. For example, the lamp and I are made of the same substance, so we are the same. This, in relation to the question of life, starts to make sense. Life is just an orderly pattern that is different from the dead, and therefore, life is death. In this way, there is no answer to the question of life. There is no meaning of life, because this...

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is what life means to the computer. In other words, it is like asking what the above means: life just is. Although the truth is, life could also be a joke.

This happens exactly in the book, where a more comical stand off is given to the question. The book tells that there is no question, and that the question is an invalid one. The answer is irrelevant if the question is irrelevant, and therefore "Forty-two," said Deep Thought, with infinite majesty and calm." There is no significance in the number 42 itself. The fact is that the question couldn't be comprehended, and therefore the question had no answer. The computer created the Earth because the earth had enjoyments, ups, and downs. Therefore, by seeing these people live their lives, the question of life might be observable. The definition of philosophy is "the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence, especially when considered as an academic discipline." Now apply this to the story, which twists knowledge, reality, and existence. The question itself gets convoluted into no question at all, in a process where the computer takes forever.

When the computer works such as Kurz works, and the book includes the computer in it, everything is bound to be true. A question of life is bound to be divided into many subcategories like what is life made of(?), or why do we live(?). A question as broad as life is not worth the scramble. Life is life and death is death; that's it. Throughout the essay, one thing has been stated thoroughly, which is that there is no question. The question of life is not a question of life, but a mere thought or whatever a person thinks the question of life could be. Is life ~~real~~?

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