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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

The Purpose of Life is...

meaningless: life has no ultimate purpose

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The Purpose of Life is...

to contribute to the greater good of mankind

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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

The Purpose of Life is...

to improve yourself and build good karma

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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

The Purpose of Life is...

whatever you make of it

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The Purpose of Life is...

to prepare for something greater

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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

The Purpose of Life is...

to live in harmony with God

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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

My Life is...

part of a cosmic experiment

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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

MyLife is...

in the 'matrix'; virtual reality

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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

My Life is...

a puppet, a source of amusement

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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

My Life is...

a work of art, a gloriously creative expression

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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

My Life is...

a machine, cause and effect with no freedom

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Does Life Have Any Ultimate Purpose?

My Life is...

doomed!



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Our evidence for this is...

Our concept of God is...

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