

Chapter 14

The Meaning Of Life

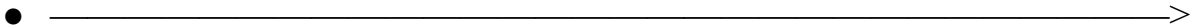
The meaning of life -- our primary purpose -- is to give our hearts to God, and then help others to do the same.

Use your imagination for a minute: The dot and the line:

Let's say that the dot is 1/8 inch in diameter:

The point is: that little dot represents your life, around 75 years on average.

Let's also imagine that the line represents the eternal life of your soul and spirit. This is the real "you".



The line represents a row of dots. Every 75 years another dot is added to the end of the line.

Thus one inch of "line" contains 8 "dots", and represents 600 years.

Therefore one foot (12 inches) is: $12 \times 600 = 7200$ years.

And therefore, 1 mile (5280 feet) is: $7200 \times 5280 = 38,016,000$ years! That's over 38 million years, and the line hasn't even reached the edge of town yet!

To put it back into 75-year lifetimes, one mile would represent 506,880 lifetimes.

Are you with me so far? Good!

Now, here's what all that means:

Your line comes into being at the same moment as your human life does. But, unlike the dot, the line continues to live on forever after your body dies.

Have you ever thought of this? The real "you" is already in eternity!

The arrowhead at the end of the timeline indicates that the line continues beyond this screen. In fact, the line never ends. The line, representing your immortal soul, comes into being when your human body does, but it extends off the screen and continues on and on forever.

In the timeline diagram, the line is about 50 times longer than the dot, again depending on your device. Assuming an average life span of 75 years, the line represents nearly 4,000 years of your eternal life.

The line had a beginning, but it will never end!

The line goes off the screen you are viewing this on and extends out into space. For example:

When the line extends to the orbit of the moon, over 121 billion lifetimes!

That's just to the moon.

When the line of 75-year lifetimes reaches the Orion Nebula (about 1300 light years distant), more than 3.8 billion trillion lifetimes will have passed!

Do you realize this? When this imaginary line of 75-year lifetimes eventually reaches to the edge of the universe, it will still represent just the first moment of eternity! Your transformed body and spirit -- conscious and aware -- will live on throughout trillions upon trillions upon trillions of lifetimes... eternally!

The question is... where?

“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26)

“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.” (Philippians 3: 20-21)

Our purpose in life is to help one another to get ready to go home.