

Life gains meaning through knowledge, hope and faith

I may just be clearing my conscience, but some part of me really cares about people. I want to stand up and scream and preach hell-fire and damnation when I see people wasting away because of their own self destruction.

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all of us choose to give up in such a dramatic manner, but it seems like everyone is giving up in some way or another. I see drunkenness and mediocrity and people working hard just to make money and be powerful members of the

community. I hate to burst any bubbles, but these things are meaningless.

The best things, however clichéd and melodramatic, are the things that I cling to the most and hope to celebrate with my last breath: hope and faith.

Frankly, if you believe that life is just the result of a billion years' worth of accidents and evolutionary luck, you're a fool.

Even if the human race is an accident, we're here now. How can people spend 70 or 80 years just getting by and just existing? When you die, you die and what's left after that? The memories? The knowledge and wisdom gained over a lifetime?

Meaningless, meaningless — nothing but chasing after the wind.

The knowledge one gains is a tool to teach the weak and the young. So use it now, because you may not be here tomorrow. When you look back on your life in general or the parts of your life that meant something (such as the days here at A&M)

the reflections will tell you that it was worthwhile or that it was for nothing.

It's something we all have to face, our own personal judgments of ourselves. Think about it.

"I ask you Lord why you enlightened me, without the enlightenment of all my folks. He said 'cause I set myself on a quest for truth and He was there to quench my thirst.

But I am still thirsty." — Speech.

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