



What's life all about?

That surely has to be the best question in the world – ever! Yet why is it the one big question most people seem to shirk away from?

The foolish man is the one who walks through life without addressing the big issues – and can there be any bigger issue than this one! It's the daddy of them all!

So where do we start?

Christians believe that the Bible is God's word for us written down to tell us all we need to know about life. So let's try and understand our life in relation to what the Bible says in 4 main points:

1 - Life is God's idea

3 - Life is taken by God

2 - Life is given by God

4 - Life has a meaning

1 - Life is God's idea

Genesis is the first book in the Bible. The first few chapters describe the wonder of the creation of the earth. The first 5 words of the Bible are the foundation for what every Christian believes – **"In the beginning God created..."** That's our starting point. God is the author and founder of creation. These 5 words are loaded with information for us to begin to piece together an answer for our big question:

- It suggests that God was there at the beginning of all things.
- It suggests that before anything was created, God was there. That means that God existed before our framework of time, space, anything seen, or anything that could be touched.
- It suggests that God thought through the idea of creating life.
- It suggests that God therefore created absolutely everything as we know it – breathtaking!!

Therefore life itself was, in the beginning God's idea, thought up by him and created by him. All of creation was orchestrated by God – he was the creator, the composer and the conductor all in one.



2 - Life is given by God

Genesis chapter 2v7 states: **"The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being"**

It was God who formed man from the dust of the earth. Man became alive when God breathed his breath in him. Life was started in man by God's first breath and it was that life giving breath that transformed the bones, flesh and skin into a living being that breathed, talked and walked. The Bible therefore tells us that it was God who first breathed life into being. Life is God's idea and life is given by God.





3 – Life is taken by God

Depending upon how you look at it, there is only one depressing fact that I the writer know about you the reader. I won't probably ever know your name, where you live, or what job you'll end up doing but I do know this one thing – one day you will die! That's the only fact that I definitely know will happen to everyone who reads this – death comes to us all. So in relation to our big question, how important is it that we find out as much about it as possible.

In Genesis chapter 3 v19 we read this:

"By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

There is a book in the Bible called Hebrews. In chapter 9 verse 27 the writer puts it simply

"man is destined to die once and after that to face judgement"

If God is the life giver perhaps you might say 'so he must be the death giver.' Here we must understand that death was not created by God but is a result of something that went horribly wrong. It is God's judgement against mankind for turning their backs on him (See ['What's the big deal about Jesus'](#) page for more on this) Man has brought death upon himself. So God in his right judgement will take life when he is ready.



4 – Life has a meaning

Maybe you're now thinking 'so what? God is the life giver and he takes life away in his own time - what's the point of living?' It's a good question. It looks pretty bleak for man if one day we all face death and after that the judgement of God. Is there any meaning to life?

There is a verse in the Bible found in the book of John chapter 10: ***"I have come that they may have life; and have it to the full."***

Here a man called Jesus who claims that he is the life giver and that he brings a fullness to life – a life even without death!

We have come to understand that God alone is the life giver and God alone will take life away. So who is this man Jesus?

Life does have a meaning – the meaning is found in Jesus. There is hope for mankind. Don't just stop here at the half way house – read on, it could be the most important thing you read – [What's the big deal about Jesus?](#)