**Life**

In his hand is the life of every living thing

**and the breath of every human being.**

***(Job 12:10)***

**Life is an addiction which we must all somehow learn eventually to overcome. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**Before you decide about your aim in life, check your ammunition. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Life is full of misery, loneliness, and suffering – and it’s all over much too soon. (Woody Allen)**

**Life loves to be taken by the lapel and told: “I’m with you kid. Let’s go.” (Maya Angelou)**

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**Art is a **wrestling with the meaning of life. *(Jon Vickers, opera singer)*****

**Life is the art of drawing without an eraser. *(John W. Gardner, former government official)***

**Everything happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message. *(Malcolm Muggeridge, in Guideposts magazine)***

****The arts are not a way to make a living. They are a** very human way of making life more bearable. *(Kurt Vonnegut)***

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**The nine aspects of life: The adventure of life is to learn. The purpose of life is to grow. The nature of life is to change. The challenge of life is to overcome. The essence of life is to care. The opportunity of life is to serve. The secret of life is to share. The spice of life is to dare. The joy of life is to befriend. The beauty of life is to give. (William Arthur Ward)**

**Life is the biggest bargain. We get it for nothing. (Yiddish proverb)**

**The basis of life is freedom. The purpose of life is joy. The outcome of life is growth. (Abraham/Hicks)**

**Life is 10 percent what you make it, and 90 percent how you take it. (Irving Berlin)**

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**The best things in life are postage paid, batteries included, guaranteed forever and tax-free. (Jacqueline Schiff, in Quote)**

**The best years of your life are when the kids are old enough to help shovel the snow but too young to drive the car. (Bits & Pieces) 199220**

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**Axel: “Ah, life! It just doesn’t get any better than this!” Rolf: “Is that a good thing, or a bad thing?” (J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)**

**Frank says to Ernest in the self help section of the bookstore: “That’s the problem with life. There’s plenty of owner’s manuals but no warranties.” (Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)**

**Life is trying things to see if they work. (Ray Bradbury)**

**When things are not going well, it is tempting to blame others or rush out and change something -- anything -- to make the inner pain go away. But radical, unplanned moves are neither wise nor necessary. Rather, set priorities and create a life around them. As a way to get started, list three to five answers to these questions: When filled, what physical needs make you happy, and why? What emotional needs are important to you and why? What mental needs must be filled to make you content? What other needs are important to you? What does success -- both personal and professional -- mean to you? If you survived a disaster such as an earthquake, a flood or a fire, what possession would you miss and why? From these seeds will come the information you will draw upon as you begin to build a life that is worth living. *(Odette Pollar, in Take Back Your Life)***

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**Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises. *(Samuel Butler)***

**Life is one long process of getting tired. (Samuel Butler)**

**Life is like playing a violin solo in public and learning the instrument as one goes on. (Samuel Butler)**

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**You can’t do much about the length of your life, but you can do a lot about its depth and width. *(The Best of BITS & PIECES, p. 116)***

**Grandpa: “So, does this mean that your cancer is gone for good, Mitch?” Mitch: “They don't know yet. They have to keep doing tests for two more years.” Grandpa: “It just doesn't seem fair that an old man like me should be healthy, and a young sprout like you should have cancer. But I guess if life were fair I'd have hair growing on top of my head, instead of on my back and in my ears.” (Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)**

**If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead. (Johnny Carson)**

**How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong, because someday in your life you will have been all of these. (George Washington Carver)**

**Grimm, watching the cat sleep, says: “I don't get it. How can a cat have nine lives, and still not have a life at all?” *(Mike Peters, in Mother Goose & Grimm comic strip)***

**You can’t speed life up or slow it down, but you can change its shape and color. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**Life itself is the proper binge. (Julia Child)**

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**At the end of a busy week, my 17-year-old daughter -- eldest of my four kids -- asked me why I had had children. I could never imagine my life without them, I replied. “But, Mom,” she said, “you don't have a life.” (Ora Justice, in Reader's Digest)**

**Life isn’t easy -- and little children have to face more years of it than anyone else. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

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**Life has become so complex that not even teenagers have all the answers anymore. (Catholic Digest)**

**Life is a continual process of getting used to things we never expected. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Sign on a subway wall: “Life is one contradiction after another.” Underneath is written: “No it's not.” (Parts Pups)**

**Cynic’s guide to life: Follow your dream . . . unless it's the one where you're at work in your underwear during a fire drill. Always take time to stop and smell the roses and sooner or later, you'll inhale a bee. Do not walk behind me, I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, I may not follow. Do not walk beside me, either. Just leave me alone. If you don't like my driving, don't call anyone. Just take another road. That's why they make so many of them. Love is like a roller coaster: When it's good you don't want to get off, and when it isn't, you can't wait to throw up. (Rocky Mountain News)**

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**A man who considers that his life is of very wonderful importance is awfully close to a padded cell. (Clarence Darrow)**

**The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents and the second half by our children. (Charles Darrow, American attorney)**

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**To fulfill a dream, to be allowed to sweat over lonely labor, to be given a chance to create, is the meat and potatoes of life. The money is the gravy. (Bette Davis, in The Lonely Life)**

**It is impossible to understand one without the other. A person cannot enjoy Life until he has made peace with what the world calls Death. To understand Life in its fullest sense is to understand that there is no death, that death is but the opening of a door into a further experience of Life. (Jack E. Addington)**

**Along our path of life we get a series of detours, and we all get frustrated and impatient when we feel we have to leave the path we've chosen! But what if the real path of life is really made up of all these detours, and instead of learning the real lessons of life, we miss them because we were too busy being frustrated and impatient. *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Three of the most difficult things in life are to keep a secret, forget an injury, and make good use of leisure time. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Life is infinitely stranger than anything which the mind of man could invent. *(Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)***

**Life isn't a dress rehearsal. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Life isn’t about finding yourself, or finding anything. Life is about creating yourself and creating things. *(Bob Dylan)***

**Life becomes much easier, once you make the ridiculous assumption that everything will ultimately be O.K. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

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**Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving. *(Albert Einstein)***

**The purpose of life is to serve mankind. (Albert Einstein)**

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****To do the useful thing, to say the courageous thing, to contemplate the beautiful thing: that is enough for one man’s life. *(T. S. Eliot, in The Use of Poetry and the Use of Criticism)*****

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**All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)**

**Life is a train of moods like a string of beads; and as we pass through them they prove to be many colored lenses, which paint the world their own hue, and each shows us only what lies in its own focus. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)**

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**In this journey through a life full of emotional baggage, it sure would be nice to only have a carry on! (Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)**

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**If life's all there is, it's enough -- If not, I'll be interested to see what comes next. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**This life may be all there is -- so before it's over, I hope I've had enough. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

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**I want to experience every aspect of life -- but I want them all to be pleasant.(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**First dog: “There! I wrote a very exciting expose’ about my life!” Second dog: “But all you do is nap!” First dog: “You've read it?” (Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)**

**Life is about losing everything, gracefully. (Mia Farrow)**

**Life is a foreign language. All men mispronounce it. (Christopher Morley, novelist)**

**Every important life story has two aspects: the things a man has energy enough to do, and the things a man has stability enough to stand. (Harry Emerson Fosdick)**

**Man: “The best things in life are free!” Garfield: “How much would the second-best things cost?” (Jim Davis, in Garfield comic strip)**

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**Lucy: “Life is like a game, Charlie Brown. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose.” Charlie Brown: “I'll be happy if I just make the playoffs.” (Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)**

**Thought for the day: “Life's a game.” Ziggy: “Sure, but the problem is that I'm playing Trivial Pursuit and everybody else is playing Monopoly.” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

****Life is like a game of cards. The hand that is dealt you represents determinism; the way you play it is free will. *(Jawaharlal Nehru, Indian statesman)*****

**The game of life is not so much in holding a good hand as playing a poor hand well. (H. T. Leslie)**

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**There is more to life than increasing its speed. *(Mahatma Gandhi)***

**My life is a series of experiments in truth. *(Mahatma Gandhi)***

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**Life is what you make it: If you snooze, you lose; and if you snore, you lose more. *(Phyllis George)***

**Make your life a mission – not an intermission. (Arnold Glasgow)**

**The goal of life is living in agreement with nature. *(Zeno, 3rd century Greek philosopher)***

**What keeps people going on in life? In some cases it's courage; in others, just curiosity. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**Life isn’t fair. It’s just fairer than death, that’s all. (William Goldman)**

**Life must be a good thing -- why else would people be so eager to pass it on? (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**Life is like a grindstone -- whether it grinds you down or polishes you up depends on what you're made of. (Bits & Pieces)**

**Don’t go through life, grow through life. (Dr. Eric Butterworth, Unity Minister)**

**Half of life is if. (Bits & Pieces)**

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**I thought I had a handle on life, but then it fell off. (Barbara Johnson)**

Too often man handles life as he does the bad weather. He whiles away the time as he waits for it to stop. *(Alfred Polgar, Austrian journalist)*

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**The hardest thing in life to learn is which bridge to cross and which to burn.  (David Russell)**

**The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**Life is hard. After all, it kills you. *(Katharine Hepburn)***

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**They say that the highway of life is made up of detours. I'd just prefer a few more rest stops and a lot less toll booths! (Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)**

**Frank says to Ernest: “The highway of life would be more upbeat if it weren't one-way.” (Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)**

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**Life in the information age: Home is where you hang your @. The e-mail of the species is more deadly than the mail. Great groups from little icons grow. Too many clicks spoil the browse. The geek shall inherit the earth. Fax is stranger than fiction. What boots up must come down. Windows will never cease. Modulation in all things. Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him to use the Net and he won't bother you for weeks. (Rocky Mountain News)**

**We should all regret doing wrong and delight in doing right -- but life isn’t that simple. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**The obstinate insisting that tweetledum is not tweetledee is the bone and marrow of life. (William James)**

**Life is not long, and too much of it should not be spent in idle deliberation how it shall be spent. (Samuel Johnson)**

**It is the role of symbols to give a meaning to the life of man. (Carl Jung)**

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**Life must be lived forwards but can only be understood backwards. *(Soren Kierkegaard)***

**Life has its own hidden forces which you can only discover by living. (Soren Kierkegaard)**

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**I think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it begins to make sense. *(Rabbi Harold Kushner)***

**The ladder of life is full of splinters, but they always prick the hardest when we’re sliding down. (William L. Brownell)**

**Life is something to do when you can’t get to sleep. (Fran Lebowitz)**

**Life is what happens to us when we are busy making other plans. *(John Lennon)***

**It was a tough weekend for fans. Do you wait in line to buy the new “Harry Potter” book, do you wait in line to see “The Hulk” or do you maybe go home and get a life? (Jay Leno)**

**Dolly: “What does a lifetime consist of, Billy?” Billy: It’s usually a lot of ‘yesterdays,’ no ‘tomorrows’ and part of a ‘today.’” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**The most exhausting thing in life is being insecure. (Anne Morrow Lindbergh, American writer)**

**We are not here to make a living; we are here to make a life. (W. E. Russell)**

**Is not life in itself a thing of goodness, irrespective of whether the course it takes for us can be called a “happy” one? (Thomas Mann, author)**

**It is cruelly arbitrary to put all the play and learning into childhood, all the work into middle age, and all the regrets into old age. (Margaret Mead)**

**The meaning of life is finding your gift; the purpose of life is giving it away. (Joy J. Golliver)**

**The very meaninglessness of life forces man to make his own meaning. (Stanley Kubrick)**

**Just because my life is a mess doesn’t necessarily mean I can’t help you with yours. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**The great tragedy of life is not that people set their sights too high and fail to achieve their goals but they set their sights too low and do. (Michelangelo)**

**Wife to husband with face buried in newspaper: “Has it ever occurred to you that there might be more to life that just what’s going on in the world?” (Joe Mirachi, in Saturday Review)**

**There are three ingredients in the good life: learning, earning, and yearning. (Christopher Morley)**

**Even in exciting times, most of life, for most people, is not very romantic. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**The mystery of life is not a problem to be solved, but is a reality to be experienced. (J. J. Van der Leeuw)**

**You know your life needs more excitement when your greatest challenge all week is removing the lint from your dryer's lint-screen all in one piece. (Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)**

**Life is never so bad at its worst that it is impossible to live; it is never so good at its best that it is easy to live. (Gabriel Heatter, American radio commentator)**

**If we have our own “why” of life, we can bear almost any “how.” *(Friedrich Nietzsche)***

**Life’s like a novel with the end ripped out. (Rascal Flatts, in “Stand”)**

For a long time it seemed to me that life was about to begin – real life -- but there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life. (Alfred D’Souza)

**Most do not fully see this truth that life is difficult. Instead they moan more or less incessantly, noisily or subtly, about the enormity of their problems, their burdens, and their difficulties as if life were generally easy, as if life should be easy. *((Scott Peck)***

**Life is like pizza. Even when it’s bad it’s good. (Paula Devicq, in TV Guide)**

**I see life as like being attacked by a bear. You can run, you can pretend to be dead, or you can make yourself bigger. (Amy Poehler, comedian)**

**Life has taught me that it is not for our faults that we are disliked and even hated, but for our qualities. *(Bernard Berenson, Lithuanian-American art critic and author)***

**Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and make the best of it, without knowing what is going to happen next. Delicious ambiguity. (Gilda Radner)**

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**The reason life works at all is that not everyone in your tribe is nuts on the same day. *(Anne Lamott, author)***

**There are a thousand thousand reasons to live this life, every one of them sufficient. *(Marilynne Robinson, novelist)***

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**Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save. (Will Rogers)**

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**The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience. (Eleanor Roosevelt, First lady of the U.S.)**

**I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life.(Eleanor Roosevelt)**

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**In life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is: hit the line hard. (Theodore Roosevelt)**

Life is like an onion – you peel off one layer at a time, and sometimes you weep. (Carl Sandburg)

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**Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use. (Charles M. Schulz, United Feature Syndicate)**

**Lucy: “Hey, Chuck, do you ever think about college?” Charlie Brown: “Well, not really.” Lucy: “There's your problem. Your life doesn't have any direction. A life should be planned like inning by inning.” Charlie Brown: “I tried that. The visitors are still at bat.” (Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)**

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**The tragedy of life is what dies inside a man while he lives. (Albert Schweitzer)**

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**The secret of life is learning to make a fool of yourself gracefully. (James Redfield's grandfather)**

**The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well. (Horace Walpole, author)**

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**Life isn't fair, but you can be. (Tom Selleck, actor and film producer)**

**Life is like a play: It’s not the length but the excellence of the acting that matters. (Seneca, in The Wall Street Journal)**

**Life is a series of experiments so don’t expect success every time. (Rose L. Korotkin)**

**Hagar: “When I was younger, I thought I was going to set the world on fire!” Servant: “What happened?” Hagar: “Somehow life took my matches away!” (Chris Browne, in Hagar The Horrible comic strip)**

**Life is like a sewer: What you get out of it depends on what you put into it. (Tom Lehrer, comedian)**

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**Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. (George Bernard Shaw)**

**This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. . . . Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible. (George Bernard Shaw)**

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**Nothing is more destined to create deep-seated anxieties in people than the false assumption that life should be free from anxieties. *(Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)***

**Life is too short, and the time we waste in yawning never can be regained. (Stendahl)**

**Life is too short to have anything but delusional notions about yourself. (Gene Simmons, rock star)**

**Life is pretty simple: You do some stuff. Most fails. Some works. You do more of what works. If it works big, others quickly copy it. Then you do something else. The trick is in the doing something else. *(Tom Peters, in Chicago Tribune)***

**The unexamined life is not worth living. *(Socrates)***

**You could spend your whole life trying to preserve it, but never really doing anything with it. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life. *(Robert Louis Stevenson)***

**May you live all the days of your life. (Jonathan Swift)**

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**Life has taught me that it is not for our faults that we are disliked and even hated, but for our qualities. (Bernard Berenson, Lithuanian-American art critic and author)**

**Life has taught me to think, but thinking has not taught me how to live. (Alexander Herzen, Russian author)**

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**The tragedy of life is not that the beautiful things die young; it is that they grow old and mean. (Raymond Chandler)**

**The trouble with life isn’t that there is no answer, it’s that there are so many answers. (Ruth Benedict, anthropologist)**

**Life is something like a trumpet. If you don’t put anything in, you won’t get anything out. (W. C. Handy, composer)**

**Life may be trying to tell me something, but I’m afraid it’s not a friendly message. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

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**The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. (Mark Twain)**

**There was never yet an uninteresting life. Such a thing is an impossibility. Inside of the dullest exterior there is a drama, a comedy and a tragedy. (Mark Twain)**

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**The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place. *(St. Therese of Lisieux)***

**Life has a value only when it has something valuable as its object. *(Hegel)***

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**Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars. *(Henry Van Dyke)***

**Life has a way of overgrowing its achievements as well as its ruins. (Edith Wharton, American author)**

When life puts you in tough situations, don’t say “Why me?’ say “Try me.” (Your Daily Bread)

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