

# Philosophy of Life

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One is born and if nothing goes wrong in the years to come, one grows, matures, and procreates, **That is biology.**

One eats, drinks, excretes, breathes, and sleeps. **That is physiology.**

Generally one does not live in solitude, but amongst relatives and friends. **That is socialization.**

If one is fortunate enough to have a lot of money by efforts of self (earning) or of forefathers

(inheritance) one eats better, drinks better (or worse) travels better, and lives in a place better than others who are less fortunate do. **That is economics.**

If one so desires, one accumulates a lot of money or material things. **That is the nature of most of the human beings.**

It is inevitable that one passes away one day, leaving all the accumulated things behind. The end is no different even if one has eaten better, drunk better and travelled better than others. **That is the final destiny of everyone.**

It is really quite tragic if one does not desire to do something different than that dictated by biology, physiology, human nature and destiny; something that will make a difference for those who succeed him/her. There are some people who make this effort for gains like fame. There are others who do so for self satisfaction, for the joy of creation. There are many who pretend to do this but actually don't (or can't). There are a few who do this neither for fame, nor for money, nor for self satisfaction, but for leaving behind something that will benefit others. There are some who do so as if to try and pay back to the society the debt of those who helped create the better part of the world the way it is today. **That is their philosophy of life.**

If all the people in the world were to adopt such a philosophy, it would be a world without any conflicts, manipulations, grievances and jealousies, but just happiness and peace. **I hope this is not just wishful thinking.**