



PURPOSE!
Discover-Plan-Pursue
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Singer, songwriter. Born Kurt Donald Cobain on February 20, 1967, in Aberdeen, Washington. A talented, troubled performer, Kurt Cobain became a rock legend with his band Nirvana in the 1990s.

Despite their antiestablishment and punk tendencies, Nirvana made the leap to a major label in 1991 when they signed with Geffen Records. That same year, they released **Nevermind**, which spearheaded a music revolution. With the raw edges of punk and the blistering guitars of metal, their sound was labeled "grunge" for its murky and rough qualities.

The single "**Smells Like Teen Spirit**"—like many Nirvana tracks—modulated between the soft and the thrashing. And Cobain was equally convincing as he sang the song's mellow chorus and as he screamed its final lines. It proved to be the group's biggest single and helped take the entire album to the top of the charts.

Soon, Cobain was being called one of the best songwriters of his generation. This along with the rapid rise of the group put pressure on the talented and sensitive 24-year-old. Cobain began to worry about how his music was being received and how to regain control of a seemingly uncontrollable future. He had started using heroin in the early 1990s. The drug provided an escape as well as some relief for his chronic stomach problems.

A few days later, Love had an intervention for Cobain, trying to convince him to get off drugs. She herself traveled to Los Angeles after the event to try to get clean. Cobain eventually checked into a chemical dependency clinic in Los Angeles, but left after only a few days.

On April 5, 1994, in the guest house behind his Seattle home, Cobain committed suicide. He placed a shotgun into his mouth and fired, killing himself instantly. He left a lengthy suicide note in which he addressed his many fans as well as his wife and young daughter.

To Boddah

Speaking from the tongue of an experienced simpleton who obviously would rather be an emasculated, infantile complain-ee. This note should be pretty easy to understand.

All the warnings from the punk rock 101 courses over the years, since my first introduction to the, shall we say, ethics involved with independence and the embracement of your community has proven to be very true. **I haven't felt the excitement of listening to as well as creating music along with reading and writing for too many years now. I feel guilty beyond words about these things.**

For example when we're back stage and the lights go out and the manic roar of the crowds begins., it doesn't affect me the way in which it did for Freddie Mercury, who seemed to love, relish in the the love and adoration from the crowd which is something I totally admire and envy. The fact is, I can't fool you, any one of you. It simply isn't fair to you or me. The worst crime I can think of would be to rip people off by faking it and pretending as if I'm having 100% fun. Sometimes I feel as if I should have a punch-in time clock before I walk out on stage. I've tried everything within my power to appreciate it (and I do, God, believe me I do, but it's not enough). I appreciate the fact that I and we have affected and entertained a lot of



people. It must be one of those narcissists who only appreciate things when they're gone. I'm too sensitive. I need to be slightly numb in order to regain the enthusiasms I once had as a child. On our last 3 tours, I've had a much better appreciation for all the people I've known personally, and as fans of our music, but I still can't get over the frustration, the guilt and empathy I have for everyone. There's good in all of us and I think I simply love people too much, so much that it makes me feel too f*****g sad. The sad little, sensitive, unappreciative, Pisces, Jesus man. Why don't you just enjoy it? I don't know!

I have a goddess of a wife who sweats ambition and empathy and a daughter who reminds me too much of what I used to be, full of love and joy, kissing every person she meets because everyone is good and will do her no harm. And that terrifies me to the point to where I can barely function. I can't stand the thought of Frances becoming the miserable, self-destructive, death rocker that I've become.

I have it good, very good, and I'm grateful, but since the age of seven, I've become hateful towards all humans in general. Only because it seems so easy for people to get along that have empathy. Only because I love and feel sorry for people too much I guess.

Thank you all from the pit of my burning, nauseous stomach for your letters and concern during the past years. I'm too much of an erratic, moody baby! I don't have the passion anymore, and so remember, it's better to burn out than to fade away.

Peace, love, empathy.

Kurt Cobain

Frances and Courtney, I'll be at your alter.

Please keep going Courtney, for Frances.

For her life, which will be so much happier without me.

I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU!

1, WHY IS PURPOSE IMPORTANT

Success (money, prestige, power, influence) flatters but does not provide a lasting sense of fulfillment, if not motivated by a deep sense of PURPOSE.

To really enjoy living, we need to have a PURPOSE that goes beyond just success.

Even business enterprises, attempt to define a purpose that is beyond just being profitable or successful.

Coca-Cola:

"To refresh the world; to inspire moments of optimism and happiness; to create value and make a difference."

Ford Motor Company (early days):

"To democratize the automobile."

Google:

"To organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful."

Steve Jobs was so driven by the purpose for his company he lured away John Sculley (then Pepsi CEO in 1983) with these now famous words: "Do you want to sell sugar water for the rest of your life, or do you want to come with me and change the world? John Sculley became CEO of Apple on April 8, 1983, a position he held until leaving in 1993.



So what is PURPOSE?

It is ***the reason*** for which you live, it is ***the what*** for which you are striving, it is ***the why*** for your existence, it is the deep ***underlying motivation*** for your pursuits, it is ***the fire*** in your passion, it is ***the zeal*** that keeps you going, it is ***the guide*** for your life-decisions.

A man without a PURPOSE is like a ship without a rudder, a body without life, a dream without a pursuer, an athlete without a race.

And we must not confuse PURPOSE with success.
success gratifies, purpose satisfies.
success give you a "kick", purpose makes you stick.

Sometime our lives are so busy, week after week, month after month, year after year – we do not have the time to ponder on PURPOSE? After all as students we have exams to worry about, as professionals we have our careers to build, our sales targets to meet, our tough bosses to appease, and on and on....why worry about PURPOSE!

You need to pause and ask yourself a question, do I have a PURPOSE?

Are you enjoying success in terms of money, power, influence - and still deep inside you feel like a "misfit" - a square peg in a round hole?

If your friends looked at you they may envy you because everything seem to be going just right for you - but you are keenly aware that deep down within there is a black hole - a big empty void - that refuses to get filled, an emptiness that you can't seem to fill with anything you have?

After all the excitement, the success, the celebration, the accolades that you seem to enjoy - deep inside you there is a gnawing feeling that there must be more to life than all this - there must be something long lasting, more meaningful, genuinely satisfying, more purposeful - than all this?

Then i think you are at a "moment of reckoning" - a point and time in your life when you can recognize that there must be a HIGHER PURPOSE to life - than merely living!

2, THERE IS A DIVINE PURPOSE (A HIGHER PURPOSE)

Some of us try to look within to discover the meaning and PURPOSE of life. But on the inside – in our own selves – we are empty, often confused, very aware of our weaknesses, broken, hurt, really messed up. So that is the wrong place to go looking for PURPOSE.

God created us and so we must begin with Him. We must go to our Creator, the One who made us – to discover His PURPOSE in making us.

Colossians 1:16

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels--everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him.



You were born by His purpose, and therefore, for His purpose.

You are not an accident – you are the master piece of the Creator, the poem of the Greatest Poet, the painting of the greatest Artist, you are uniquely designed by the greatest Designer.

Psalm 139:13-16

Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God--you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration--what a creation!

You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.

Isaiah 44:2

GOD who made you has something to say to you; the God who formed you in the womb wants to help you. Don't be afraid,

When God created you, He gave you certain gifts, talents. He designed you - your "make-up" suited to accomplish something. This is your heavenly assignment, the higher purpose, the divine destiny - you are supposed to be living for.

The question to challenge yourself with is Am I fulfilling my God-given purpose for my life? What am I living for? What is it that gives "meaning" to my life – or is my life just an empty existence?

Rick Warren in his best selling book "The Purpose Driven Life" gives us five broad areas of PURPOSE in life

PURPOSE #1 : You were planned for God's pleasure (relationship with God, worship of God)

PURPOSE #2 : You were formed for God's family (being part of a community of believers)

PURPOSE #3 : You were created to become like Christ (transformed into His character)

PURPOSE #4 : You were shaped for serving God (serving God, ministry)

PURPOSE #5 : You were made for a Mission (sharing with others what God has done in you)

I believe all of want to do something of significance in life. We like to leave our mark in history. Doing something significant leaves us with a sense of fulfillment.

Significance comes from fulfilling the God-given purpose for which you were made.

3, DISCOVERING DIVINE DESTINY

A, Begins with a personal relationship with God.

Psalm 25:12 Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

Talk about sin that keeps us from knowing God and also how Jesus is the Way.

B, Ask Him to reveal.

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.



C, He creates the right desires within you. You being to see things from His perspective. Your motivations are inspired by His heartbeat.

Psalm 37:23,24

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the LORD upholds him with His hand.

He guides you through His Word. The inner working of His Holy Spirit. Through the counsel of godly people, etc.

"The problem that infuriates you the most is often the problem God has assigned you to solve" (Mike Murdoc)

D, Then you pursue what He desires for you, step by step.

Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

Some of you sitting here today may have started out on this journey – but you SEEM LOST today.

Somewhere along the way you have lost sense of purpose in life? You have lost sense of direction - where is all this taking me? Or maybe you lost steam - no more motivation, no zeal or zest for life?

Sometimes to move forward we need to go BACK TO THE BEGINNING.

Retrace your steps back to the place, the moment, where it all started – when you came to the Lord and said "Lord here I am – Anywhere, Anything, Anytime"

4, CHALLENGES TO LIVING A LIFE OF PURPOSE

Pursuing a heavenly purpose is not always easy. There will be challenges along the way.

The constant challenge of choices -

- for self vs for others
- self motivated vs God given
- immediate gratification vs delayed fulfillment
- "buying on credit is merely stripping your future to enjoy your present" - Mike Murdoc
- indulgent vs sacrificial
- peer approved vs God approved
- my size vs God sized
- temporal vs eternal

Proverbs 11:28 A life devoted to things is a dead life, a stump; a God-shaped life is a flourishing tree.

5, INVITATION

Mark 8:36,37

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Who Am I? video/song by Casting Crowns

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