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Becoming

Your life's calling will reveal itself to you through your seeking and your actions. The voyage and the experience are the rewards.

Life is just life. But living is becoming - a succession of experiences, of lives.

God

Often, over time, religions are about steering society more than about spirituality.

Self Realization

Being in the present is giving that moment and its experience independence from your life of accumulated memories and emotions - allowing you to step away from you, freeing you from you.

Remember, if you are unhappy, it's not the world that must change, but you.

Technology

Even though the world is fragmenting politically and culturally, we are all more interconnected and live in digital networks.

Europe

Today, Europe is the keeper of traditional western culture. America is having an identity crisis and Britain is becoming an island again, which makes it more important for Europe to come together.

Maybe more than in any other environment, Europe empowers individual projects of beauty and physical human connection. On the other hand their influence and reach is limited. This is as opposed to what comes out of America and East Asia, digital and punchy.

East vs West

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The Western approach on disease is to attack it; the Eastern way is to protect the body: a targeted versus a holistic philosophy.

The Daoist will wait for the catch, the Buddhist will thrive for equilibrium, Confucians will apply themselves to tasks and family, and Western existentialists will engage as individuals - different approaches to life.

Artificial Intelligence

Even if we speculate that all can be explained by science and algorithms, there may always be a space beyond, unexpected, allowing for metaphysical imagination. Something further and unknown.

Humans endeavor to reconcile their separation from the whole and try to understand their finality.

Space

Give yourself the time and space early on in your journey to take in life's lessons and allow change.

We will be liberated if we take full advantage of time and space, and go beyond. Game them

To be liberated is to live beyond time and space - is that even possible?

Culture

Those who belong to cultures with a strong sense of individual duty or a direct relationship to a god tend to be the most organized and hard working. They are also the least joyful.

Empower the individual and encourage a multitude of cultural practices, while cooperating on meta issues.

Evolution

Our biology will be affected by the AIs we are developing. Intelligent machines are part of evolution. Humans are complex programs passed on from generation to generation. Soon, those programs will be able to self modify.

Ideas

New ideas to help us navigate our fast-changing environment include thinkers in addition to policy makers and technologists.

A powerful idea is like a stone hitting the water, expanding and rippling wide.

Existence vs Essence

Existence is about change and movement, discovery, surprises, renewal, conquering the unknown.

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previously posted as: Existence is change and movement, discovery, surprises, exploring both the known and the unknown. The journey of life.

Change

The one thing in life we can count on is change.

Biological

We have had crises and chaos in the past, but this is the first time in human history that we may be faced with challenges which we not only have caused, but which could escape our ability to manage, like climate.

In antiquity humans and animals were combined symbolically - we are still merging, but now with machines.

Morals

The rule of law as a code of conduct based on fairness is an essential fabric for healthy societies, enabling human dignity and capacities.

Energy

Energy is the biggest factor in our lives. It enabled our progress and the industrial revolution, it now is threatening our planet. Yet, its correct use will save us.

Children

What should you wish for your children: a life of happiness and health versus your vision of accomplished, meaningful and moral lives - their lives or the ones you want them to lead (not that your ideas aren't the right ones to help them)?

Political

Traditional political parties in the West are outdated as both left and right now lack an inspiring comprehensive and contemporary narrative.

America

America and democracy always had a free pass, yet both are in danger now.

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Time

The privilege of time is that you have choices. The chance to invest, waste and explore. Reflect and reset.

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We spend our lives literally depleting our time in various ways - hopefully productive and pleasurable, but always using it up as opposed to having excess time. Life is the quantum of time and energy given to every one of us, each within personal context, equipped with individual genes. What we do with those constitutes our lives. Often, the most precious time is alone, or waiting for the other.

Energy

Action for itself is overrated. The right action will nourish and empower, the wrong action will weaken your energy.

Freedom

With freedom you become an existentialist. Yet, liberty is lost with the burden of being an existentialist. Become a Daoist to regain freedom. As an existentialist, stream with and into the Dao, and so it goes round and round, the yin and yang of engagement and letting go.

Taoism implies freedom

Art

Photography or video are technologies that reflect a reality expressed through the lens of their creator. What makes them art is the point of view of the one taking images.

Creativity is increasingly commoditized.

Capitalism

In the coming world, humans will have to find meaning beyond their jobs as traditional work disappears.

Children

Death doesn't exist for children, just living.

[1] When a child you experienced traumas. Growing up and when an adult you will live in spite of them. You will attempt to assuage them.

[2] Understanding and healing will give you freedom and relief, allow who you can be and open more of life to you.

Me vs Others

What is the point of life beyond survival: conquering, enjoying, understanding, a mix of those, or ultimately, just connecting?

For the world to function, individuals have two responsibilities: to themselves and to the other: a commitment to engage oneself and society.

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Death

After death all is gone, but while alive, all is - even the dead are alive, and the future is forever.

Death takes the independent life, the independent experience, back into the Whole, affirming Oneness.

Beat death by living.

Consciousness

Privacy will disappear: what will then happen to individual consciousness and feelings?

To create an AI which has a true sense of self, it can't just be. It must see itself as separate from itself, like in front of a mirror, beyond its origins, allowing uncertainty, elements of chance and surprise, and theoretically freedom and free will. That is how consciousness is revealed.

Artificial Intelligence

An AI may be the best expression of zen: it just is, unseparated from itself, without a sense of self.

Geopolitics

The planet is ever more connected and technologies ever more powerful. Yet countries are divided within and between each other, and (Western) governments and the best tech companies don't cooperate. How from this messiness will we build a safe and prosperous world?

Existence vs Essence

The Truth is everything or nothingness.

When you find Truth, you become Truth, and overcome duality. The individual disappears in Oneness and life is no longer yours.

Quantum

Living is the manifestation of a quantum reality as it continuously assembles experiences from different parts of life.

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Life

Life is the only time when you are you, living and becoming you.

Will to Live

Life starts with the Will to Live.

Asia

America is exciting and savage, Europe civilized and beautiful, Asia is finding its way, at tension between individuals and community.

Ultimately, no one in Asia can be an enemy of China and survive.

Love

In the age of digital relations, people want human touch, community, local connectivity and to united national dreams.

Los Angeles

In LA, no matter how unequal, everyone experiences the same sunny, bright blue light, the endless horizon of the city, its infinity, and its connection to nature.

All cities have a dark life, sunny ones like Los Angeles too.

China

In a world of rapid transformation, people want to believe in something simple. So far we are failing in the West. China is combining technological and lifestyle change with old fashioned politics.

Yin and Yang

The energy of life combines positives and negatives (Yin/yang) continuously, balancing forces to sustain itself, "the Way" forward.

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Will to Live

When societies are divided and lost they need a meta-narrative: religions, political movements, a mission.

Oneness

Humans and their technologies are so deeply connected that they cannot think of themselves apart.

Live Life

Challenges are part of life. Even if unwelcome, accept them as trials. From them you will learn, strengthen yourself and find more life on the other side.

You start on the path of life by walking on it - to be fashioned by your steps on the journey of existence.

Politics

The best political system balances care for the community by individuals with community care for the individual.

America

In America, we need a new political movement that doesn't exist yet.

Oneness

Science and humanities need to join to build a healthy future.

Homeostasis

Sustainability relies on the continuous rebalancing of energy generation which self-renews.

Free Will

Life is a game. If you doubt it, death and randomness will remind you. That doesn't take away that you might want to be good at it; yet beyond your control.

Essence as an absolute

Are there absolutes? All is embedded in culture. Followed by experience. Everything is relative.

Live Life

Much of living life, your life, is to give yourself permission.