

Evolution
Or
Creation
A subtle opinion

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Acknowledgment

Throughout my years, I have encountered and related with people from all walks of life—family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, mentors, and strangers who became significant in ways they may never realize. Each relationship, whether fleeting, professional, familiar or profound, contributed to the fabric of my understanding as those interactions make me think on the individuality of each person and how we weaved a different relationship individually. I cannot claim to offer a universal truth about life, creation, or evolution, only my own reflections born from my own lived experiences.

Life's experiences have shaped me into the person I am today—"older and wiser," as the saying goes. Like so many people, I have faced both joys and hardships throughout my lifetime that have molded my perspective, allowing me to speak about life from my own lens and personal journey as I contemplate the topic of life on Earth with all of its joys and sorrows, therefore I cannot give you or write an opinion about life, as I contemplate if evolution or creation is the answer to our existence, from the perspective of someone else's thinking because I will be talking about someone else's opinion and not mine. This is the reason I do not quote someone else's opinion, books, or writings but mine; my experiences and observations: my opinion.

I do take general ideas written about this subject along with my observation, logic and way of thinking to come to my own conclusions.

Growing up in different parts of the world, I was shaped by diverse traditions and cultures, each influencing my outlook in distinct ways. Living under dictatorship taught me the value of freedom—the ability to speak, move, and live without fear. I witnessed the weight of political unrest, the reality of civil war, and the sacrifices made by those fighting to have their voices heard and for a better future.

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I have also seen nature's power, as a teenager while living overseas, I experienced earthquakes that reshaped cities and killed thousands, and lately, Hurricane Katrina here in the USA while I lived in Louisiana, which left a lasting impact on so many lives. Loss has been a familiar presence, as I have grieved family members, friends, and colleagues. Yet, alongside these struggles, life has gifted me moments of deep happiness—marriage, the birth of a child, career milestones, travel, and the simple joys of a shared meal.

We all respond to life's trials in different ways. Some turn their hardships into fuel for growth and understanding, while others struggle to make sense of the unfairness of life, complain and can only see the difficulties that life brings. Why do we react differently to the same circumstances as so many people who lived the same experience?

Somehow the sum of our unique experiences defines us in different ways.

So, I acknowledge and thank the people that through all different relationships I had and still have, who have influenced and shaped me—many of whom may never know the impact they have had in me, I also think the experiences I lived through my growing years and up to now, had helped me to become the person I am today. To my friends, family, and every individual whose presence has helped me grow, I am grateful, many will never know. And to anyone finding their own path amid life's ups and downs—when faced with lemons, I hope you find a way to make lemonade.

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