

What Makes Life Worth Living? 4301

I. Background

- A. Born in Bangalore, India
- B. Generations of officers in British Army
 - 1. Grandfather—General
 - 2. Father—Colonel
 - 3. Uncle—Brigadier
- C. Age 5, sent to England to be educated
- D. Ages 9–25, educated in boarding institutions
- E. Age 13, admitted to Eton College on scholarship
 - 1. Even today the boys wear tail coats and pin-striped trousers (used to wear top hats)
 - 2. Attended chapel 8 times per week (Anglican)
- F. Age 15, confirmed in Anglican Church—the harder I tried to be good the worse I got
- G. Age 18, admitted to King’s College, Cambridge, as senior scholar of the year
 - 1. Concluded that Christianity was not relevant
 - 2. Studied philosophy (mainly Greek) for 7 years
 - 3. One of the youngest to be elected to a fellowship in King’s College, Cambridge
- H. Unanswered question: What makes life worth living?
- I. Volunteered for the Royal Army Medical Corps
 - 1. Took Bible to read as work of philosophy
 - 2. Saved in barracks in 1941
 - 3. Baptized in Holy Spirit
 - 4. Received word from God:
 - a. “It shall be like a little stream, the little stream shall become a river, the river shall become a great river, the great river shall become a sea, the sea shall become a mighty ocean, and it shall be through thee; but how, thou must not know, thou canst not know, thou shalt not know.”
 - b. God spoke “Palestine” many times
 - 5. Spent 3 years in deserts of North Africa:
 - a. Egypt, Libya and the Sudan
 - b. Developed skin disease (chronic eczema)
 - c. In hospital 1 year
 - d. Searched Bible for verses on healing
 - e. Word from God through lady Brigadier (Salvation Army): “Consider the work of Calvary; a perfect work, perfect in every respect, perfect in every aspect”
 - f. Healed of skin disease (Prov. 4:20–22)
- J. Stationed in Palestine at hospital on Mt. of Olives—called by God to be a teacher of the Scriptures
- K. Met Lydia and God spoke again: “I have joined you together under the same yoke and in the same harness”
- L. Married February 1946 in Jerusalem

II. Application: Discover What God Has Called You To Do