

KINGDOM APPLICATION FOR LIVING

2-Introduction



(This is a summary of the Introduction in Myles Munroe's book 'Applying the Kingdom')¹

Deep inside of every person on Earth is a search for the meaning of life. Included in that need are the searches for life's purpose, personal significance and genuine self value. These needs are so pervasive that they are common to people from all races and cultures. These quests have such a preoccupation in them that religions have been established to provide the solution.

As this internal search is so common among all of humanity, could it be that it's evidence of a loss we've all had in the distant past? If it was a loss of something important, what are we all looking for? What was it that we lost and when did it happen? And most importantly, how can we get it back?

People actually don't know what they're searching for. All they know is that something's missing, causing their lives to be unfulfilled. Although they can't identify what it is, they try many things to fill the void. They look for meaning in amounting wealth, in power, buying possessions, and pursuing pleasure. Many look for it in religion, but to no avail. Even Christians, who find some meaning in life, put off their life's fulfilment to a time after death when they're in Heaven. Many search for life's meaning in science, in philosophical thought, or in intellectualism. Those who are distraught, turn to alcohol and drugs of various kinds to ease the pain of their quandary. The high death rate from suicide² in the world today is testimony to the fact that the search for genuine meaning is not being achieved by most people.

All of us want to have control over our circumstances and our surrounding environment, even if there's some hindrance to effecting it. This control urge can be used for evil, but it's source is actually righteous. You see, we all have an in-built drive to rule and dominate as a constituent of our creation as planet-managers. For most of us, we're not in control of our lives at all, and that frustrates us. However, the gnawing thought is always there, "I don't think I'm where I'm supposed to be, but I don't know how to get there." Still, we continue living, desperate to get a solution to what's driving us. This yearning deep inside us for mastery and fulfilment is never totally achieved, and that causes us to develop a destiny for ourselves which is different to the one we are currently living.

What was lost was our identity as Father's sons and our role in managing the planet for him. This was what we were created for and it was lost from every person at The Fall when Adam ceded our authority to Satan. Therefore the answer to our quest is in our sonship with it's rulership role. Our original role was to rule as kings on Earth, as vice-regents of the King of Heaven. That desire, ability and knowledge to rule was instilled in us by our Creator so we'd have the capacity to exercise dominion over the natural realm. Our purpose in ruling was to extend his government, authority, and influence, from Heaven, into the world.

Our deepest heart-felt desire (even though we don't know it) is to return to that place of dominion that we were intended to enjoy as Adam's descendants.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

 $^{1-\}underline{www.amazon.com.au/Applying-Kingdom-Rediscovering-Priority-Mankind-ebook/dp/B0051GN802}$

^{2 – &}quot;More than 700 000 people die due to suicide every year." <u>www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/suicide</u>