

## Article 324: A Discussion Outline.

Following is an outline I prepared for group-discussion that never occurred, maybe you'd like to use this for your next group discussion

# If Things Occur

- Do you remember the old phrase “The meaning of life is that life has no meaning”? Is this true?
- How about life has no meaning or purpose so you can create and live the meaning and purpose you desire, ...is this true?
  - If you agree or disagree, explain.
- See if you understand these definitions; ...I won't ask if you agree or disagree.
  - While **intention** is a plan of action, **intention** more-accurately refers to what you hope to achieve or attain in actioning that plan.
  - **Reason** is the basis or motive for an action which, like intention, more-accurately refers to what you hope to achieve or attain.
  - **Meaning** is that which is understood to be the goal, intention, or purpose.
  - **Purpose** is the object toward which one strives or for which something exists, such as a result, goal, or effect.
- Now consider these things.
  - If things occur unintentionally or without a reason, they must occur accidentally, ...right?
    - If you disagree, explain.
  - If there are no accidents in life, then things must occur intentionally and for a reason, ...right?
    - If you disagree, explain.
  - If things occur intentionally and for a reason, they must have meaning and purpose, ...right?
    - If you disagree, explain.
  - If things have meaning and purpose, then you do not have free will ...right?
    - If you disagree, explain.
- Putting these things together, see if you can understand that...
  - If life is intentional, it is intentional for you, ...right?
    - If you disagree, describe your response.

- If life is intentional for you , this includes all of life's reason, meaning, and purpose for you , ...right?
  - If you disagree, describe your response.
- If life is intentional for you, you have no free will, ...right?
  - If you disagree, describe your response.
- You have no problem living your self and life as you are supposed to do, ...right?
  - If you disagree, describe your response.
- Underneath it all, life sucks! ...right?
  - If you disagree, describe your response.
- Since you might not know everything about life, before you answer, consider these same statements in a different relationship, but you don't have to answer these questions.
  - If your intimate-relationship occurs unintentionally or without a reason, it must occur accidentally, ...right?
  - If there are no accidents in life, then your intimate-relationship must occur intentionally and for a reason, ...right?
  - If your intimate-relationship occurs intentionally and for a reason, it must have meaning and purpose, ...right?
  - If your intimate-relationship has meaning and purpose, then you do not have free will in your intimate relationship, ...right?
  - If your intimate-relationship is intentional, it is intentional for you, ...right?
  - If your intimate-relationship is intentional for you, this includes the intimate-relationship's reason, meaning, and purpose for you, ...right?
  - If your intimate relationship is intentional for you, you have no free will in your intimate-relationship, ...right?
  - You have no problem living your intimate-relationship as you are suppose to, ...right?
  - Underneath it all, your intimate-relationship sucks! ...right?
- Yet, despite all of this, you believe that your intimate-relationship occurred intentionally and for a reason ...and has great meaning and purpose, ...right?
  - Would you like to explain that?
    - And explain how it is one way in an intimate-relationship and completely different in life?
  - Do you really think life is meaningless and your intimate relationship is meaningful?

- Do you really think you can live your whole life and intimate-relationship intentionally so, just doing things, without any real reason, meaning, purpose ...and be happy in that?
  - This is what your language has brought you to
  - And this dilemma is the greatest reason for your sadness, illness, and unhappiness in life and your intimate-relationship.
- It will do you little good to postpone considering these things and continue living your self and life “as you usual” ..hoping for something to occur to save you ...or to meaningful your self and life, for no matter where you look, you will not find any meaning or purpose in life ...or in your life in particular.
  - And it will do you no good to hide behind my words “that life has no meaning or purpose so you can live the meaning and purpose desire “...because you don’t believe that.
  - You still declare, “I don’t know what to do” ...which means you don’t know what to do to cause the meaningful self and life you desire ...so you continue judging and hoping ...and complaining and criticizing.
- So, I’ll ask again, do you really think you can live your whole life and intimate-relationship intentionally so without “reason, meaning, purpose” ..and be happy in that?
  - If so, describe how this is possible for you!
  - If not, describe what you can do to resolve this dilemma.
  - Do not leave anything out or gloss over any step ...or make meaningless statements, for a meaningful self and life and intimate relationship depend upon your understanding this ...and telling yourself and everyone here in self –sufficient words.

### **Describe and discuss.**

- Is it possible that everything occurs intentionally and for a reason but has no meaning or purpose?
  - Is this possible?

### **Discuss.**

Well, that should certainly evoke an interesting group discussion. Try it ...you might like it!

