

**Did you ever wonder about life's meaning?  
This is my story**

I was a little 10-year-old at camp. One night I went outside. I was there alone, no one was there with me. I was in awe as I looked up at the nighttime sky.

As I stood there in the stillness, looking up at the vast magnificence above me, I felt very little, and I began to wonder about where I, and mankind, fit into this huge universe. At that moment, I felt that man was something very special, and that there had to be more to life than just being a speck in time. There had to be something more than being on the earth just to marry, have kids, work, and then die.

But what was that “something?” From that point onward my search began...

For the next 14 years, that question kept gnawing at me, and deep within me, no matter how many things I tried, there was a void that could never be filled.

During those years, I considered myself to be an atheist, but in a biology class, I dissected a lowly little worm. As I examined it, I was amazed at all the life systems inside of it. It was through that dissection, that I knew there had to be God, but “Who was He?” and “Where could I find Him?”

I found myself dabbling into Eastern religions, meditating, yoga, etc. I also tried Western religions, even visiting a different denomination each week. I tried whatever I could to find God, but to no avail.

After graduating from college, I fulfilled my two dreams of moving to Boston and beginning my teaching career. I should have been satisfied, but I wasn't. Many events occurred that year, including a tragedy that struck my family. My world fell apart. I was empty, alone, and without God.

One day, I was sitting in front of my apartment building, talking to a friend. Someone came by and began to speak with my friend about God. He began to speak words I had never heard in my life. He opened the New Testament and began to read some verses. Never, in all my searching, had I heard words as these! My heart began to burn within me!

My friend walked away, but I had to hear more! As we talked, this person found out how many things I had tried, yet still remained empty. He said, “If I were you, I would give Jesus a chance!” And so, I opened my heart to pray to receive the Lord. As I prayed, something happened within me! I knew that my search had ended and the deep hunger within me was finally satisfied! I had no doubt that not only had I found my God, but also my Lord and Savior!

Is there an emptiness within you? If there is, I would ask you the same question, “Why not give Jesus a chance?” You can receive His life by opening your heart to Him –

Romans 10:9 says, “that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

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## **Gazing Up At Nighttime's Sky**

Gazing up at nighttime's sky,  
Did you ever question why,  
You are living on this earth?  
What's the meaning of your birth?  
Just to marry, work, then die?

Gnawing, yearning inside cries?  
Shrug it off, you often try.  
Questions which do not subside,  
Emptiness seems to reside,  
Nothing ever satisfies.

As you lay in bed at night,  
Though your future may be bright,  
Void within, something's not right.  
Seeming happy, inside strife,  
Is there something more to life?

Yes indeed there's something more!  
Answer you've been searching for,  
Christ would like to live in you,  
Fill the void, your heart renew,  
Be your life and future too.

No more will you question "Why?"  
No more give a woeful sigh.  
For the Lord is rich to all,  
Who upon His name will call,  
His salvation reaches all.