

Quotes from: *The Tae'anaryn & The Voyage of Imagination's Dawn*

Book 7

Humdug, dwarf scholar, in a private letter to his uncle's son.

You are amazing, you are wonderful!

You can do things no one else can do!

Wherever you are, the world is much better!

Wherever you're not, we're missing one you!

Sagemaster Coure DeFeur, in private conversation, 316CY.

*It can well be seen that the greatest single predictor of future life success amongst scholars is not intelligence, nor one's family wealth, nor even royal status of birth! I have trained humans for over three hundred years, and you know the ones who will always be happier and more successful? They have self-control, and exercise extraordinary patience and commendable self-restraint. Now, I do not advocate a life devoid of joy and simple pleasures, no. Yet those who succumb to transitory pleasures or look for immediate gratifications will always meet a bitter fate in the end. If I could offer you a single gold coin **now**, or a handful of such coins if you leave the first coin sitting along on the table for a day, would **you** wait?*

Brandish, just prior to his arrest in 202 CY.

*"You waste too much time on being afraid of some god's judgement! Most are willing to forgive, and the other gods care so little about you that your witless deeds are simply ignored. So live a little; go to a party! Buy a new posk! Burn down your enemy's barn! Life is too brief to not have a little **fun!**"*

San Glasstone, Blithfling scholar, 219 CY.

*Have faith, little one, and you shall see; that if you work hard, and stay strong, there are gods enough in the heavens for at least **one** of them to **eventually** take pity on you!*

Nemon, 3rd Sage of Lumos, keeper of Times.

When all seems grim, remember, look for allies in the most unlikely of places.

We are not of this world. Every heart yearns for the place where it belongs, where it came from before this mortal frame. We wander in life, at times so terribly lost, for a place we cannot find. Cast out on a dangerous sea, all we seek is a safe harbour. The purpose in life ... is to return back home.

King Dunnkan, 314CY.

If all I could hope for was to die with a good conscience that I had done the humanly best I could just to help my fellow humanity, even if I died on a dread assassin's blade, I would die peacefully.

Gundren Oakfellow, dwarfven prince of the Eisenhügel.

The purpose of life is not to be happy, it's to feel like it has made a difference that we have lived at all.

General Bon Sure'e, 314 CY.

The courageous know no fear? No, that is a lie. To be courageous is to feel that fear, and to do the right thing anyway!

Recollections of the tae'anaryl.

*The wizard sighed, 'Sadly, we have not found that to be the case. Some must **make** their mistakes before they learn from them.'*

Lumos herself, as written by Taup Elfkin, 2nd Sage of Lumos.

*Does life have a purpose? I think it does; to become – to recognise that the divine already lives within you. To experience, yes, but to **become**. To learn, yes, but to discover things you **couldn't know**. To approach perfection, to love beyond what mortals alone can ever understand! ... The purpose of life is to touch the divine.*

Words of the goddess of the waters. Spoken by Drou Negerthaal, half-twarnae priestess

Why live? To make a difference; your difference. To win a war, to speak honestly to your father. You are here for a job only you can do. So be yourself, your own true, powerful self.

The purpose of life is to discover your gift.

The work of life is to develop it.

The meaning of life is to give your gift away.

Darrix, cited in 'The year in jail', by the Tae'anaryn.

'We might not get to choose the day we die, but we do get to choose the kind of life we live today.'

Toni, cited in Recollections of the Tae'anaryl.

Thank you, my friends. And remember; you don't only live once; you live every day. So choose life.

Being alive is the meaning! Life is wonderful and fascinating even without a purpose. Sense it, experience it, feel pain and joy and failure. Sentience is a wonderful privilege denied to most.

Arbagoa, Hamadryad stagewrite and adventurer

The two most important days of your life is the day you are born, and the day you find out why.

Tomin, Archpaladin of Serros, 313 CY.

Pray as you will, you cannot be more than the destiny that claims you. The purpose of your life is to serve the gods, the one who chooses you, whether you like it or not. You are made to be a certain way; act like it.

Kjalessa, 314 CY, cited in the Year in Jail

She nodded. No other battle would test her father more, and no other battle would make him stronger. He had to face this – alone; with all her love and prayers, but alone.

Dali Gedzelai, 316CY, cited in 'The Year in Jail.'

The more we care for the happiness of others, the greater our own sense of well-being becomes.

Élu Choisi, sage and counsellor to the Elven Queensage of the North – Sagesse L'aimé. Recollections of the Tae'anaryl.

*You're all rather precious, don't you think? The purpose of life is to **live**. Life upon life, creating its own kind in form, time and time again. Each together, contributing to the balance that allows all things to live that live upon this world. Your life, of necessity, will be brief; and you will one day be food to those whose lives you once consumed. So if you can find any **joy** in your life, well, then I think you have found a good thing.*

Tobiius, archmage and prisoner of Emerel. Cited by Coure DeFeur, according to the castle records CY 314

Tobiius snarled. 'You are all so precious. There are no "gods", just those powerful enough to impose their wanton whims on others. We may once have been a creation of the gods, but we are left to ourselves, occasionally getting their help when we amuse them enough. But life and fate are our own ... at least, for those who are willing to admit that truth.'

Elven Queensage of the North – Sagesse L'aimé.

We live for only one reason: To learn how to love. Power is not important. Wealth, fame, all fade and die. Only love carries into forever.

Tam, wildsage of the Goddess of the Waters Waaglah. In a personal communication with a deeply depressed student.

Every character in a story, even a historical story, is now nothing more than a simple idea, a memory, a concept of all they were and a collection of the stories that surround them. You are a concept too, and will one day live on only in the memories of those whose lives you touched. Whether your life has a purpose or not really isn't the issue here. For even if life itself has no purpose, those who love you will miss you, when you are nothing more than a thought within their hearts ...

*What is the
purpose of life?*