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The Illusion of Power: Why Life Deserves the Credit Instead of Us

How Recognizing Life as a Sacred Force Can Transform Our Understanding of Responsibility, Maturity, and God's Mercy

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July 11, 2025 – The Paradox of Simplicity and Divine Complexity

This is the paradox of life:



What I am about to say about life may sound simple at first. In fact, some may hear it and think, "That is obvious," or "I already know that." But do not let the surface fool you — because this is one of those truths that hides everything in plain sight.

It is made up of one simple element, which is life, itself, yet what it produces is so elaborate, precise, and full of wisdom that no human mind can fully comprehend it (let alone recreate it).

From that one force — life births galaxies, emotions. colors. minds. nature's ecosystems, beauty, judgment, healing, death, time, order, the sun, the precise orbit of the moon, the design of DNA, the human's brain with billions of and limitless neurons thoughts, personality, oceans, healing, time et cetera. It all flows from something that appears so basic. But when you look closer, you see that there is nothing basic about it.

That is not normal. That is not science. That is not logic. That is God's wisdom made visible. And here is the paradox:

• Life is simple in origin, but unfathomable in design.

• Life looks effortless, but it is beyond any human

ability.

 Life feels natural, but it is not normal — it is miraculous.

That is what makes life so divine.



Its simplicity is not shallowness; it is the highest level of intelligence, so perfect, and so complete, that it makes the impossible seem effortless. It is grace that is disguised as ease, and that is why so many people overlook its depth.

We live in life. We move through it. It manifests our decisions. And because it feels so natural, we forget just how sacred and mysterious it really is.

But today, we're going to look deeper, that is, past the illusion of simplicity, and uncover just how much life is carrying us, and how much we owe it (and God) the credit, not ourselves.

Simplicity in Essence, Complexity in Expression

Life is one element, one force, and one breath; yet from that single element springs oceans of intricacy. It is one thing; yet it produces all things. It seems easy; yet no one can do what it does. It feels natural; yet no scientist or sage can replicate it

Therefore, there are truths so deep, and so foundational, that we live by them every day without recognizing them. One of those truths is this: life is not something that we control — it is something that carries us. And until we humble ourselves before that reality, we will continue to misuse the freedom that we think that we own.

What if the power to move, choose, speak, act, and think is not something that we possess, but something that we are

being allowed to do — temporarily, graciously, and conditionally?

It is a thought that might sound simple at first. But when you reflect on it long enough, you begin to realize just how much credit that we take for what life, and ultimately God, is doing on our behalf.

Life Is Not an Accessory – It's the Actor

Most of us walk around thinking we are the main character. We say things like "I made this happen," "I chose to do this," or "I changed my life." But what if all of that is an illusion? What if we are not the doer, but the recipient? The truth is: without life, we could not do anything at all. We could not lift a hand, form a word, take a breath, or even complete a thought. Life animates us, gives legs to our will, and breathes motion into every decision. You may have a desire in your heart, but it is life that carries that desire into action. You may form an idea, but it is life that gives it voice. Without life, our minds could be full of intention, but we would be frozen in place. So, what is life, then? Is it an agent? A channel? A silent servant? None of those words

quite fit, but they get close. Life is the unseen force that is acting on our behalf, but not at our command. It carries out everything that we do, but we are not in charge of it. We are not its master. And it can be taken from us in an instant (that is, without notice, and without appeal).



The Illusion of Control and the Humbling Reality

This understanding exposes a dangerous illusion that most of the world lives under: the illusion of control. We are raised to think that we are selfself-led, and made, determined. But if you take away the breath, the heartbeat, or the neurological spark — all of that "self" dissolves in seconds. The life in us is not a tool that we use — it is a trust that we have been given. And the moment when we misuse it to harm others, to harm ourselves, or to rebel against truth, we are not simply making a bad choice. We are abusing the sacred power of life that God lent to us. We say we are "grown," but how many grown people are walking around misusing the very breath that they have been given by breathing lies, curses, manipulation, pride, violence, or apathy into the world?

If we truly understood that we do not own life, but are carried by it, we would live in a lot more humility and a lot more gratitude.

The Deep Connection Between Life and Responsibility

Life manifests what we will and think — but that does not mean that we have power over life. It means we are held responsible for how we engage with it. The choices that we make are still ours, and the consequences still belong to us. You cannot say, "Well, life carried it out, so I'm not to blame." No. Life is faithful to perform what we decide. But we must be faithful to make decisions that align with wisdom, love, and truth. And when we don't! There is a sobering reality: God can step in and restrict our ability to move freely.

- The addict becomes enslaved to their habit.
- The reckless person becomes the property of the state.
- The manipulative soul loses the trust of everyone around them.
- The selfish person becomes isolated, trapped in the consequences of their own blindness.

principl<u>e</u> We this see everywhere: people who abuse the freedom that life gives are eventually put under supervision. That supervision physical be incarceration), emotional (like guardianship), or spiritual (like bondage or blindness). But it always reflects the same truth: you were not ready to be trusted with freedom.

Why Children Have Guardians and Some "Adults" Should, Too

Let us apply this principle to how we view maturity. In most societies, we associate adulthood with a specific age — 18, 21, etc. But that is a mistake. Age does not make you grown — wisdom does. A child has a parent to make choices for them because the child lacks the maturity to

make choices that are safe and loving. But what about the 40-year-old who still lashes out when they do not get their way? What about the politician who manipulates the public for personal gain? What about the influencer who sells lies to gain followers?



These are not grown people. These unsupervised are children in grown bodies. So, if someone continues to hurt others emotionally, spiritually, physically — that is a sign that they are not mature enough to be trusted with full autonomy. And if society will not intervene, God eventually will. Nevertheless, out mercy, not just justice. Because God knows how to put people under restriction to protect others — and to protect them from themselves.

The Real Sign of Maturity: How You Use the Life That You Have Been Given

Here is what maturity really looks like:

 You understand that you are being carried, not driving.

 You take responsibility for the choices that life allows you to manifest.

• You love others enough to restrain your own freedom.

 You fear God enough to live wisely, not arrogantly.

 You honor the gift of life, and you don't use it to glorify yourself.

When someone walks in that kind of understanding, they are finally safe to be trusted with more freedom, more leadership, and more spiritual responsibility. Because they have proven that they understand where the power really comes from and who it belongs to.

We Are Thoughts Being Thought

Here is a final, humbling reflection: what if you are not the thinker — but the thought? What if your very existence is an expression of God's mind — like a poem being written, or a song being sung? That would mean that we are not self-existing beings who are trying

to act on life — we are being thought into existence moment by moment. Our will, our dreams, and even our breath — are not ours. We are being carried. And if that is true, then the only reasonable response is worship. Not the performative kind, but the surrendering kind. The kind that says: "I have never taken a step alone. I have never drawn a breath by myself. I have only ever been carried."

Final Word: Let This Truth Transform How We Treat Life

We must stop walking around like we are the source of anything. We must stop confusing opportunities for ownership. We must stop allowing people to live unsupervised just because they have reached a certain age or status.

Life is sacred. It is power on loan. And it can be taken from us — or restricted — at any time.

So let us live in a way that honors the One who gave it. Let us be wise, careful, and full of love. Let us supervise ourselves before God has to. Let us be worthy of the freedom that we have been gifted.



And above all, let us give glory — not to ourselves — but to GOD, the true Source of all life.

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