

Lives and their Meanings.



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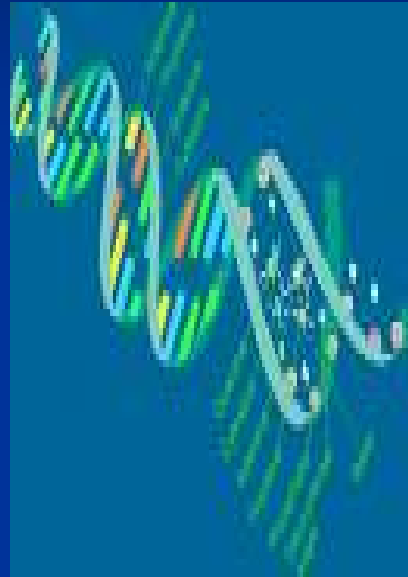
The growth of a human soul

- An organic process: Aristotle
 - From seed
- Rooted:
 - Nourished
 - A place to stand
- In a space of its own
 - Self definition
 - Integrity



The seed

- Identification of origins
- Tracing of descent
- Creation of expectations



Roots

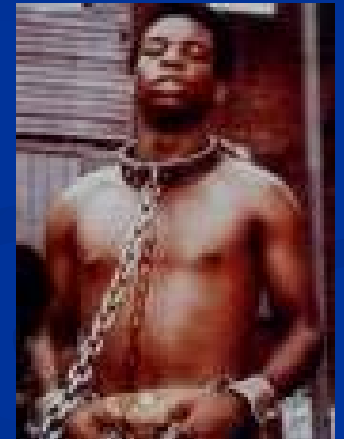
- A source of nourishment

- Strength
- Inspir(it)ation



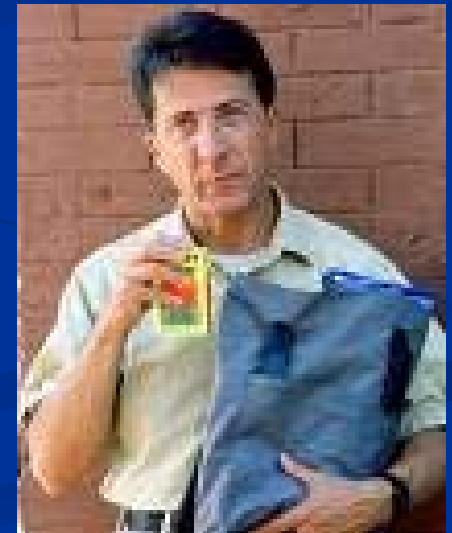
- A context of belonging

- Meaning
- Support
- Constraint



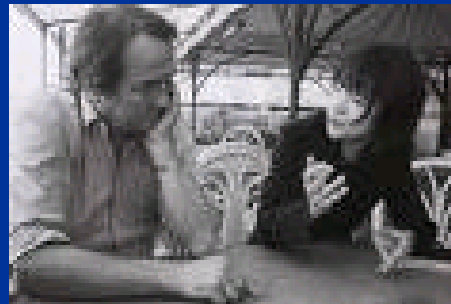
Meaning and context

- Identities and contexts
- A fish out of water
- Scaffolding
- Structure



Being-with

- The sharing of worlds
(Irruption and ethics)
- Growth in the
company of another
stimulated by that
other
- Being inspir(it)ed



A self of one's own

- Self definition



- Integrity



- Self governance



Constructing a meaningful life

- Being recognised
- A task or role
- A circle of friends
- Memorable moments



A life and its meaning

To make sense of ourselves and our world to ourselves and others, we tell tales – tales of truth, tall tales, tales of wisdom and woe – and listen to tales told by others. Stories, with their beginnings, middles, and ends, redeem life from contingency and make it something other than a meaningless succession of events R.Carson, “The Moral of the Story,” in *Stories and their Limits* ed. H.Lindemann Nelson, at 233.

