

Q. What are Messiah's views on life?

Or, Given in your own words, the main ideas contained in the lesson 'Life and Death'.
BA-II(H) 14/5 Ecclesiastes

— God is impartial. He makes no difference between the Good and the Evil, the Rich and the Poor.

As long as there is life in the body, this desire to do evil persists.

However, one should not think that this life is essentially bad or that it is wicked. There is no evil in life itself. It is worth living. Man should therefore, make the best of the time he is allotted in this world. It is better to live than to die. But death comes to all. It cannot be shunned. It should be embraced in the right spirit.

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Life, however, is better than Death. The living have knowledge, but the dead have nothing. Everything is denied to those who have died. There is no ray of hope for them. The living cherish hope. They are in the know of the fact that they will die sooner or later. They have some knowledge, although their knowledge may often be disagreeable to them. They may not like to know that they will one day die. But the fact remains that they know it. The dead do not know even that.

People are soon swept into the limbo of oblivion after their death. No thought of them remains in the hearts of people. After death they are not capable of feeling any emotions. They do not feel the heat of the sun. They are not capable of feeling any emotions. All the love, envy and hatred that they may have nourished for others as human beings are gone. They don't feel anything, ~~and~~ be it worldly or spiritually, physical or mental. They no longer have any share in the activities of the world. They can not take part in what goes on here.

Man should therefore try to make the most of life.

He should make the most of the short time that has been allotted to him in the materialistic world. He should take for granted whatever God gives him, be it good or bad. He should be content with what he has. That does not mean that he should not ~~not~~ make any effort to lead a happy life here.

People should try to be as happy as they possibly can be. But at the same time they should refrain from leading a sinful life. They should be pure in thought, word and deed. Life is the only opportunity they have of being happy. Once they are dead, they will have no power in their hands. Life is the only time they can utilize for work. They should therefore make the most of this opportunity. All that they can possibly do should be done. For after death there is no work to be done.

Everybody should make an effort to get along in his life. The rich will not necessarily prosper.

The poor should also make an effort. They may be as prosperous as the poor. The weak may be victorious over the strong, and the poor over the rich. Chance can make the impossible. Chance may be in his favour. Man should therefore play upto this game.

With time everything perishes. There is no getting away from it. Everything that is materialistic will perish. It will cease to be, worldly things are all temporal. Only the spiritual are permanent and eternal. Each man will one day die. He should therefore make the most of the time he is here in the world.

Nobody knows when his time will end. Death comes unannounced. Death for man is like the net for fishes. They are caught ~~by~~ they know not when just as the birds are caught they

Know not when just as the birds are caught in the trap, so also an end is put to man's life by death. Death may come when man is the last prepared for it. He should therefore always be ready for death. He should live a pious life so that he may not have to fear death.

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Wisdom in this world is appreciated by very few people. It is only the wise who recognize wisdom. The fools have no use for it. Often, however, wisdom is better than physical strength. Man should, therefore, live wisely. He should always remember God.