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What is really being asked is the "meaning of life" and that is a never-ending search. Many have said that the journey is what matters most not the destination. I suppose that is true, I have had a most interesting journey so far, filled with great joy and deepest sorrow. This knowledge I have gained has been both a god-send and a curse. I have found great satisfaction in discovering truths, of myself and others. Often it could be described as a "religious" experience, and often I have no other way to express it.

And yet, at the same time as the great truths can be uplifting and enlightening they have their dark side as well. Knowing one side also allows one to know the other, practically by default. That is why good and bad can often seem the same! The right and true decision can also be the most awful and can create the most damage, the most heart ache and the most pain. At times I envy the truly "organised" religious for they have been told, and tell themselves, to look at only the benefits of these experiences, "God works in mysterious ways". They often do not recognise the existence of the darkness in their lives. Follow the righteous path and God will take care of the rest. And when Darkness befalls them they often ask why God has forsaken them, not realising that he has not done that at all, rather it is with the Great Truths that Darkness walks, side by side. And it does not take much to wander where one would see an easier, less strenuous and far less damaging path and so stumble headlong into the Darkness.

Great truths carry great responsibility to oneself and to others. They are what makes the truly universal stories, and morality plays, so eternally appealing. They represent the struggle for decency in often terrible situations where the "cure" is far more awful than the "disease". The Great Truths are narrow paths in a treacherous landscape of existence where many lie in wait on the sides of the path enticing "searchers" to an easier way.

To be sure, many people cannot see the difference between the Great Truths and the Darkness and merely blunder along. Some succeed having lived a "charmed life" filled with "dumb luck" and many others fall to the wayside, and beyond, mired in misgiving, pity and blaming a "third" party for their misfortunes. Most people make conscious decisions whether to stray from the path of the Great Truths or to remain on it, come what may. Those with the courage to forge ahead for the Great Truths accept the harshness of their journey along with the great joy that comes. Many, many more, however, decide to take the easier route and are therefore relegated to a lesser level of satisfaction (usually only material), and accepting the illusion that they have "made it", while all the while dreaming of something they can no longer have. They can rejoin the journey, but to do it they must forsake all they have become comfortable with, leave it behind (purify themselves, in a way) and not look back. A very difficult task, not unheard of, but rare, indeed.