

Why Are We on Earth at All?

A reflection on certainty, judgment, and the purpose of earthly life

The Question of Certainty

Once an event has occurred, it has a 100% chance of having happened, instead of a 99.9999999999999999% chance of happening. How can one be certain that an event will happen in the future when it has not happened yet? Our time on Earth can therefore be compared to three types of examples.

The Profession

When you have a hobby, an interest, or a focus, you might decide to learn about it in preparation for having a related profession. You would then perform the most essential activities surrounding that profession. This preparation can be compared to our time on Earth: it is the period in which we develop the abilities, character, and record that will later be judged. Afterward comes the handing over of your *cumulata veritas* (CV) and *résumé*, followed by an interview. In that interview, you are judged on whether you qualify for the profession, which position and workplace are appropriate for you, where you will spend most of your working time, how many hours you will work, and what pay you qualify to receive. Only after this process is complete is your professional place earned and determined. The corresponding final judgment would then concern the afterlife: a vast amount of information would be considered in determining the amount of paradise your soul is worthy of having and where it would be best placed.

The Equation

As a second example, suppose we have the equation $2 + 2 = 4$. Without working it out, however, the entire equation would not even be knowable; there would be nothing yet to place in the position of the variable that represents you. Would you want to estimate the answer to such an equation? Perhaps in some instances, but not when the importance of obtaining a precise answer is so great that it would determine how your variable would fit into other equations. Consider, for example, that your variable would be placed in more complex equations, alongside other people's variables. Now amplify the amount of time that the afterlife represents: forever. One can readily understand the necessity of this life on Earth.

The Lover

As a third example, consider your lover. You first wanted to explore whether they were a good fit for you. Such a process happened over time for the sake of stability in determining who would become your lifelong partner. Eventually, after you gained confidence that they would be the best lifelong partner for you, you proposed marriage. Even then, there was a period of engagement. Only at the very end of this process did you marry, with the expectation that the marriage would last for the entire time you were both alive on Earth.

If certainty is required before an eternal placement can be made, then earthly life is the period in which the equation is worked out, the CV is formed, and the relationship is tested before the final decision.