

Il senso della mia vita è mio e lo decido io?

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The Sense of My Life Is Mine and I Decide it?

Abstract: Philosophers have given many different answers to the question, What is the meaning of life? Eugenio Lecaldano surveys a number of them and points out that most are flawed, for various reasons. In particular, he rejects subjectivism, according to which the meaning of any particular life for a subject entirely depends on the subject's feelings of satisfaction or otherwise about it. Likewise, he rejects strong objectivism on the ground that it posits full independence from subjective assessments. Lecaldano favours moderate subjectivism that takes approval on the part of those who interact with a particular life to count as to its meaning. Here, three issues are briefly touched upon. First, various forms of subjectivism are conceivable beside the relativist one considered by Lecaldano. Second, objectivism is not easily dismissed in ethics and in the philosophy of mathematics. It is not obvious that it can be when it comes to the meaning of life. Third, it is not clear why outsiders' opinions are at all relevant, given that some outstanding individuals have given indisputable meaning to their own life precisely by going against the received view.

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