

# VITALITY

The editor of THE YARN ROLL, who posed the question Why are we alive?, apparently likes to move around in the tangled shrubbery of philosophy. But, on the other hand, he may be in the throes of great fear and trembling as he contemplates the futility of human life. If the first is the case, it is good; if the second is the case, it is bad. And for this

reason the only answer to that question is: Man must live for the sake of living, even if this sounds strange and single-minded. For man, the whole purpose, the whole meaning of life, lies in life itself, in the process of living. To comprehend the purpose and meaning of life, one must above all love life and become totally submerged in the turmoil of living; it is only then that one can grasp the meaning of life and understand why one is alive. Unlike every thing that man has created, life requires no theory; he who understands the sheer experience of living will by the same token understand the theory of life.



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