

Do religion and God owe you meaning in life? What if they do?

Seeing religion and life about making you happy makes you entitled.

Seeing God and faith as about giving you a sense of meaning also makes you entitled. And even more so. Happiness has to be linked with meaning to be happiness.

Clearly religion and life do nothing to make you happy for certain. Same with meaning. So your response will be anger and outrage that things are not going better for you deserve them.

The popular view that morality is the greatest happiness of the greatest number is believed to cause a sense of entitlement where people are sacrificed for your happiness. Though the theory says you should give away your priceless watch if somebody else would appreciate it better you can argue that you can't be sure how happy the other will be either so you can keep it.

If you give to others for you are commanded to or because you think it will earn Heaven for you then you will give without compassion and receive without gratitude. If you give to others for you deserve to - you believe that good deserves good so you deserve to be able to be good then you will give without compassion and receive without gratitude. If you think Heaven is yours for Jesus bought it for you then you will give without compassion and receive without gratitude.

Whatever gets religious people to do good it is not faith or God or Jesus! Most of what passes for good is just people expressing their sense of entitlement perhaps to themselves. Why do you think the Bible says nobody can do good unless there is something nasty in it. We don't want to do a complete good. We just want to be choosing between greater and lesser evils.

Problems with being grateful that you are well mean you accept that you can be unwell but its good its happening to somebody else. You can feel entitled to have good things and tell yourself there must be some reason why nice John down the road deserves such a terrible life.