

BUILDERS STORY

There are three stonecutters, and they are all cutting stones. The first stonecutter is asked, "What are you doing?" He answers angrily, "I'm cutting stones as any idiot can see." He is angry, because every day is the same. He gets up and cuts stones. His life has no purpose that he can see, and he is unhappy.

The second stonecutter is asked, "What are you doing?" He is irritable. "I am cutting stones so I can raise a family and afford a nice house." He will die an unhappy, selfish man in a nice house. He has served only himself.

The third stonecutter is asked, "And what are you doing?" He is happy. "I am cutting the stones for a great cathedral that will give comfort to thousands of people." His life has purpose, and the purpose feeds him and feeds his family and makes him feel good.

An enlightened civilization is an idea that life has been working toward since the first creature appeared on this planet.

If you fired an arrow, stopped it in its flight, and sighted along the arrow, you would see where it was going. If you stop life in flight and sight along it, you will see that it is headed toward an enlightened planetary civilization. It is like building a great cathedral, only it will comfort everyone.

Eventually every individual must decide where he or she stands in relation to this idea of an enlightened planetary civilization. Is it reasonable to you?