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Meaning of Life – Variations of Interconnectedness

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Abstract

Mathias Risse's book-in-progress *Learning from Indigenous Philosophy: Towards a Renewed Engagement in Times of Technological Disruption and Ecological Devastation* seeks to build bridges between contemporary Western philosophy and Indigenous philosophy, a rich source of topics in light of the major crises of the 21st century. Chapter 10 is about meaning of life. It compares Robert Nozick's account (a quintessential piece of contemporary analytical philosophy) with approaches from two Native American authors, Wub-e-ke-niew and Lame Deer. These approaches have certain interesting overlaps (focused on the theme of interconnectedness), but Nozick makes the notion of choice central to his approach, and there's little room for choice in the work of these two Indigenous authors.