

# PURPOSE OF MAN

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A definitive editorial examining how human purpose is structured, grounded, and lived — from Eden's design to modern civilisation.

# INTRODUCTION — PURPOSE IS NOT A SENTIMENT

Purpose is not discovered by accident. It is not unlocked by slogans, or summoned by emotional intensity. Purpose is structure, not abstraction; order, not inspiration.

The modern world has mastered activity and forgotten meaning. It has perfected progress and lost direction. It has multiplied options and erased foundations.

## 1. THE GARDEN — PURPOSE AS STRUCTURE, NOT MYTH

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden to work it and keep it.” — Genesis 2:15*

Eden was not a paradise escape; it was a deployment zone. Man was placed into order — with identity, work, boundaries, and presence.

- Placed — location as intentionality
- Given identity — Imago Dei
- Given work — cultivate, govern, develop
- Given boundaries — responsibility frames freedom

### OPERATING SEQUENCE

Identity 'Assignment 'Responsibility 'Culture

Purpose begins long before ambition enters the conversation. Eden is not nostalgia; it is design.

## 2. ANCIENT LIVES — WHAT PURPOSE LOOKS LIKE UNDER PRESSURE

Scripture is not a collection of inspirational stories; it is the record of how purpose behaves under suffering, delay, power, loss, and restoration.

### Job — Integrity under suffering

Purpose holds even when everything else collapses. Job dismantles the myth that purpose is proven only in success.

### Moses — Assignment after delay

Delay is often formation. The man who fled in fear returned with clarity, authority, and mandate.

### Abraham — Direction through trust

Called without a map, promised without timelines. Purpose is walked out step-by-step.

### David — Formation in hiddenness

Before the throne, there was the field. Leadership was forged in worship and obedience long before coronation.

### Solomon — Discernment through wisdom

Purpose without wisdom becomes vanity. Capacity without alignment leads to waste.

### 3. JESUS — THE BLUEPRINT FOR HUMAN FUNCTION

Jesus does not only save mankind; He reveals mankind. He is the perfect expression of aligned identity, disciplined action, sacrificial leadership, and integrated purpose.

### 4. WORLDVIEWS — ATTEMPTS TO REPLACE THE ORIGINAL DESIGN

Civilisations rise and fall on their answer to the question of human purpose.

- Hinduism — dissolution of self.
- Buddhism — escape from desire.
- Confucianism — order without a Father.
- Islam — obedience without sonship.
- Atheism — meaning manufactured from meaninglessness.

#### THE COMPLETE SEQUENCE

Origin 'Identity' 'Meaning' 'Morality' 'Destiny'

Alternatives can manufacture ethic or discipline — but not the full chain that sustains civilisation over time.

## 5. WHY CHRISTIANITY BUILT THE MODERN WORLD

Christianity did not merely inspire private faith; it reshaped civilisation. Much of what we call “modern” is the outworking of biblical ideas entering public life.

### STILL THE HIDDEN ENGINE

Much of what the world now treats as “obvious” grew directly from Christian convictions about God, people, and order.

- Human Dignity (Imago Dei)

Every human carries divine worth regardless of status. This doctrine dismantled ancient hierarchies and seeded human rights reasoning.

- Scientific Rationalism

Belief in an orderly God produced expectation of discoverable laws — a driver of the scientific revolution.

- The Rule of Law

Even kings answer to a higher authority — foundations for constitutional government.

- Vocation

The sacred–secular divide collapses: farmer, merchant, mother, statesman all serve through craft and responsibility.

## 6. ECCLESIASTES — THE TWO-SENTENCE BLUEPRINT

*“Fear God and keep His commandments... this is the whole duty of man.” — Ecclesiastes 12:13*

This is not fear as terror; it is fear as proper orientation — reality accepted, order respected, authority acknowledged.

## 7. CONCLUSION — PURPOSE IS A MANDATE, NOT A MYSTERY

You were not designed for drift. The purpose of man is not hidden: align with God's order, embody His love, steward His world, build with clarity.

Fear God. Keep His commandments. Walk in love. Build with precision. Everything else is commentary.