

Throughout the years, the concept of life requiring “spark” has been an idea shared with many. This “spark” is theorized to take the form of passion, purpose, or even power. Many claim to have a spark, something which drives them to continue living and experiencing the world around them. But there is then a question; where do these sparks come from? My theory? They are passed down from those who have come before us. Sparks are the will to live and thrive found in all living things. There is a limited quantity of them, and they are constantly shifting into different hosts at a specific time; a simultaneous moment of death of one life and the beginning of another. A spark’s task is simple; learn and understand what it means to be alive. To truly understand, a spark must begin at square-one. Starting as a single-celled organism, sparks learn how fleeting life can be. From there, a spark takes millions of lifetimes to fully-develop, confronting the infinite number of possible experiences until it finally understands what it means to live and passes. From there, the spark dissipates, a multitude of new sparks emerging from the old and beginning the cycle once again. Sparks are not determined by the genetic lineage of an individual. However, this does not diminish the importance of the individual's genetic identity. A trait carried through one's heritage, such as a higher intellect or specific palette preference, allows a spark to develop further into the realm of enlightenment. A tell-tale sign one was born with an aged “spark” is an overwhelming sense maturity and empathy, as although the life is new and is experiencing the world around them for the first time without bias or understanding, the spark which drives the will to live in the background allows the individual to see the world around them as an old friend rather than an obstacle or opponent.

There is much to explore in this theory, as “shower-thoughts” indulgent it is, but this topic interests me due to the same types of people appearing repeatedly throughout history. Psychopaths, geniuses, saints, the common man, the fool, etc.; archetypes like these have appeared to us millions of times over. And although there are scientific understandings of why these personalities appear, there hasn’t been a reason why they appear out of nowhere. If you place an intelligent child with an aged spark into an environment with the grounds to inform themselves with new ideas, you have the next “Einstein”. If you have the same child and spark but place them in an environment the spark is already familiar with, you have a person relearning the ways of the world through different eyes, preparing themselves for their next chance at enlightenment. This theory is meant to push the notion that all life is meaningful and full of purpose, no matter how one begins or ends. It strengthens the idea that we are here to learn about the world around us and the natural balances and rules said word has. From that comes the understanding of why we live.

The fictitious organization promoting and “researching” this material is “LYTE”, a scientifically based company rooted in discovering how individuals' function and thrive, how morals are created, cataloguing the numerous archetypes found within the world, and utilizing said information to create a world that values all lives. At its core, LYTE creates this theory out to be a benevolent truth due to relating to the thousands of people who need a reason to live. Negativity and the loss of purpose plague the people of this century as we cope with the plateau of progress; LYTE and the theory of sparks develop in order to convince the world that progress and purpose is ongoing and infinite.