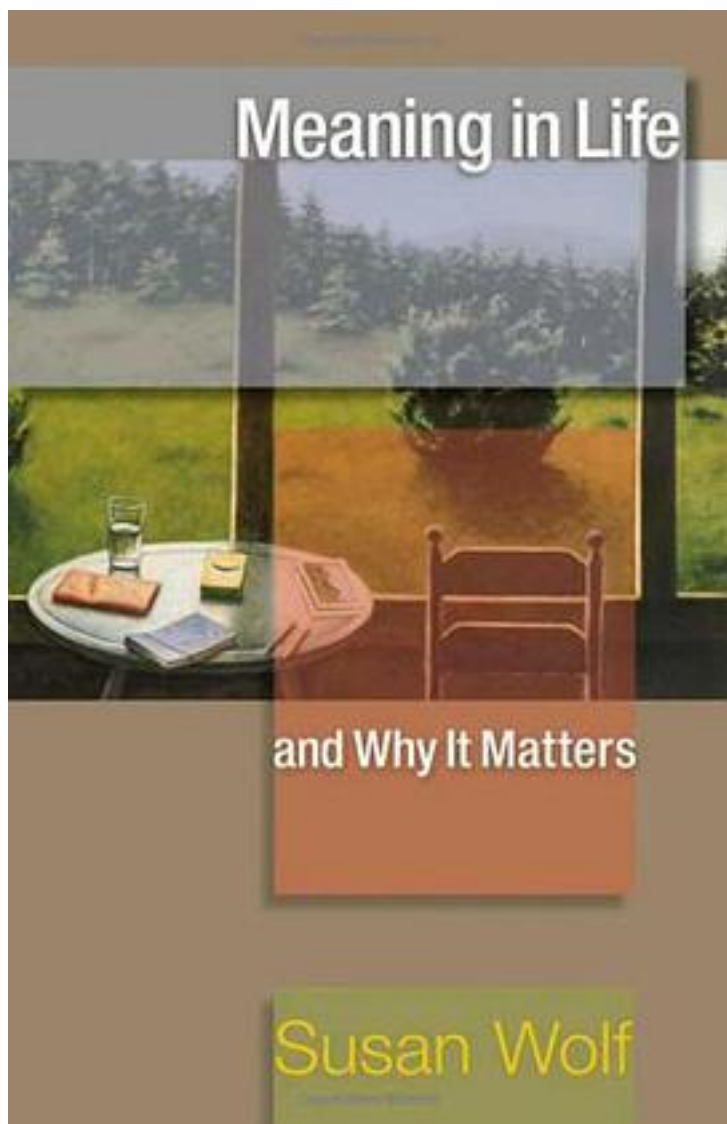


Meaning in Life and Why It Matters (The University Center for Human Values Series)



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Most people, including philosophers, tend to classify human motives as falling into one of two categories: the egoistic or the altruistic, the self-interested or the moral. According to Susan Wolf, however, much of what motivates us does not comfortably fit into this scheme. Often we act neither for our own sake nor out of duty or an impersonal concern for the world. Rather, we act out of love for objects that we rightly perceive as worthy of love - and it is these actions that give meaning to our lives. Wolf makes a compelling case that, along with happiness and morality, this kind of meaningfulness constitutes a distinctive dimension of a good life. Written in a lively and engaging style, and full of provocative examples, "Meaning in Life and Why It Matters" is a profound and original reflection on a subject of permanent human concern.

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把语义问题消解然后提出一个看似合理实则幼稚无比的argument...分析伦理学家还是一边去吧

A quick skim. Main point seems that "the meaning of life is loving attention & deep engagement--to be loving something (persons/objects) worthy of love and able to engage with/contribute to them in an active/positive way--the value of something larger than yourself. Such a meaning arises when subjective attraction meets objective attractiveness."

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简明扼要。人生意义= personal fulfillment + fulfilling values external to oneself. 虽然没有对value做positive argument, 但value来自socialization..in other words ascribing ourselves to values or causes greater than ours provides solace to our solitude. 这个argument还蛮有趣的, 目前看起来也compatible with moral skepticism. 但关于value这一块可能还是要好好想想。

share with u all : "If sth is worth living for, it is also worth dying for." "meaning in life arises from loving objects worthy of love" "To live a truly satisfying life one needs to get involved in sth bigger/other than oneself. I really cherish the time I spent on reading this book during which I think along with philosophers about meaningfulness

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