

# Summum bonum (Atheist & Bishop podcast)

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I don't think you can answer "Why did you do that?" with "Because I'm alive" and have it have any real meaning.

By definition, if you're dead you don't exist; you can't perform any action if you don't exist.

If I say, "Because it gives pleasure" or "it gives me a pleasurable feeling," and you ask why; then I can say "Because of biology and natural selection, etc." but that's gilding the lily to my mind. But biology and natural selection can't be motivating factors. They are the scaffolding that makes my living possible, but they don't answer "why"... Maybe "how." We feel because we're alive. When we're alive, we feel. Our \*feelings\* answer the why, if we're honest with ourselves.