

Why we are here
Steven James

The common man speaks his mind. It is well worth listening

This is a delightfully naïve analysis by a 79-year-old guy who admits up front that he is not a writer. He does not have a high school diploma. He worked as a cigarette seller. Yet, he has an uncommon folk wisdom that is worth reading – it doesn't take long, as the book is only 37 pages. Though he does not include a table of contents, there are about eight major headings.

He offers his views on the authenticity of the Bible, a number of contemporary social issues, contemporary political issues, and ultimately why we are here.

His conclusion is quite contemporary. He writes: "“ why are we here”? I do believe that we are here to help the planet regenerate and refresh. Look at the devastation we have engaged in. Look at devouring of the planets resources we have accomplished. Look at the centuries of wars and battles we have fought. I believe that we are no more or less important than any other living thing or creature on this planet."

My conclusion is different. I would say that we are self replicators, descended of self replicators, and we are here to reproduce our kind and culture. Religion has traditionally aided us in that effort. But I have to admit, with the same delightful humility that Stevens possesses, but this is only one man's opinion. The most compelling thing about this book is his humility.

I would recommend this book to politicians. The average voter is speaking from his heart. He deserves compassion, understanding, and appreciation.