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That said, I was given this book as a gift, I like to consider contrary viewpoints and I perceive myself as open-minded and persuadable to new ideas. I felt it fair to consider Dr. Krauthammer is an excellent writer. He is articulate, concise and often funny. He writes movingly about space exploration, baseball, chess I should begin by stating that I am not a Fox News viewer and I do not share Dr. He writes movingly about space exploration, baseball, chess and his love of dogs. In this way, Dr. Krauthammer a second star for style. Unfortunately the book also contains a great deal of political writing. On social issues, Dr. Krauthammer often argues to a point he assumes is consensus, as if any rational person would agree. On same-sex marriage, he seems to think that in comparing it to polygamy, he has eliminated dissent. Similarly, in framing European models of euthanasia, and the possibility for healthy adults to engage in physician-assisted suicide, he is drawing a line regarding autonomy. I happen to disagree with his larger conclusions on both the dangers of polygamy and euthanasia, and find Dr. Krauthammer gauzy arguments favoring tradition totally unconvincing when defending an abridgment of individual rights. While none of his political criticisms bothered me very much, I found Dr. Krauthammer dismissively glib about the benefits of psychiatry "particularly distressing because it was once his chosen profession. I suspect, in part, this is because I found his political arguments not just wrong, but decisively bad. His reasoning is often contradictory, and his memory selective. He complains, somewhat fairly I might add, about "Bush Derangement Syndrome," and liberal paranoia about Bush administration policies. There is some truth in this, but Dr. Krauthammer ignores the corollary "Obama Derangement Syndrome," the ugly right-wing accusations that the President of the United States is "the other. In some cases Dr. Krauthammer adds to this corollary. Essentially our President is presented as a quasi-socialist, when his domestic policies, weighed objectively, are not dissimilar from those of the moderate Republican administrations of Presidents Richard Nixon and George H. This is where Dr. Krauthammer and his writing truly go off-the-rails for me. He is not opposed to social programs in theory. He seems to have some respect for the social democracies of Europe. Krauthammer knows that that money spent on domestic programs will be taken from somewhere else. The most obvious candidate is in defense. After all, as he acknowledges, the United States defense budget is greater than the next nine nations, combined. And for a neo-conservative, nothing must distract from not only defense, but from our ability to project power. Krauthammer does not like the word neo-conservative though. His principle objection seems to be that its two greatest proponents were Tony Blair and George Bush. A more likely reason Dr. Krauthammer prefers the term democratic realism is because of the disastrous foreign policy implications of neo-conservatism. As a witness to recent history, I find Dr. In fact, the war was ill-conceived, ill-planned and ill-executed from the start. This should not have surprise Dr. At only the most trivial level can it be said that people want the same things. Krauthammer insists the world is Hobbesian. Liberals, he argues, want to fashion it into "a Lockean world, turning a jungle into a suburban subdivision, requiring revolution in human nature. Jefferson was a student of Locke. Our natural inalienable rights follow from Locke, not Hobbes. To dismiss them is to dismiss the American Experiment. This is something Dr. He writes lovingly in the book of Washington, D. If the world is Hobbesian, if the strong are merely looking for an opportunity to subjugate the weak, if we cannot ignore cultural differences and incompatible ideologies, why then should our foreign policy agenda be a freedom agenda? Even more maddeningly, why should our freedom agenda, this Democratic Realism, be focused on the middle east, a place where, to Dr. He asks, incredulously, " Where is it written that Arabs are incapable of democracy?

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When, on the other hand, we live our lives dedicated to those things that matter most, a greater sense of happiness rubs up against us, walks beside us, calls on us, and even moves in and redecorates our bathrooms. The choice is obvious. This is especially true in a Hollywood-centric, pop-culture saturated media-driven ethic. In such a culture, the substanceless can appear heavy with content, the silly can look profound and the meaningless can seem pregnant with meaning. So what then truly matters? See if they match up with yours. They reflect what we stand for. Values matter because a life without them is ultimately utilitarian, self-absorbed and unhappy. Our values act as anchors in storms and strings on kites, adding the tension that creates lift but also keeps us from nose-diving into trees or flapping aimlessly in the wind to nowhere.

Relationships Matter How we treat those closest to us is more significant as a measure of our character than how we treat the stranger or the person we want something from. This is sad to me. We are at our most noble and decent when we are in the service of others. When we lift people, we are likewise lifted. Besides, an isolated life is a self-absorbed one. But the irony is that a life exclusively or even mostly focused on the self is a life missing a fundamental ingredient to purpose and happiness. In the process of doing both, the rising sense of meaning and purpose and happiness in your life will be a much more constant companion.

Faith Matters We live in an age of growing faithlessness. People have lost faith in tradition and God, in organized religion, in the institution of marriage and in others. There is less faith in governments and programs and ideologies, in political parties and even in humanity. The problem is that faith is a principle of action. It inspires and leads and directs and moves us to do, to overcome, to believe and accomplish. What you believe in " what you trust as right and wrong, true and false, good and bad " plays a significant role in how happy you are able to become. Whether we are talking about faith in God or humanity or Truth or yourself, that faith is critical to living life anywhere near its potential. Faith is the expectant exercise of hope. It is the root to the tree of action. It is the seed of planning and goals and steps taken toward dreams and through challenges and into happiness. Faithlessness is life at the edge of hopelessness. It is a life untethered from an assurance beyond the obvious, seen and tangible. Faith propels us into the dark through to the other side of night. It takes us by the hand across the bridge or along the ledge when the next step is obscured and uncertain. That too is the offspring of faith. For many of us, faith in God is an added bedrock of assurance upon which we can build.

Self-Respect Matters Self-disclosure is not the same as self-exposure. Others clamor for their 15 minutes of fame as reality show contestants who reveal all their darkest secrets and character flaws in shameless overkill. Sports stars and others write tell-all autobiographies that open bedroom doors far too wide for propriety or dignity to have place. But the ability to like yourself, born of a deep respect for who you are and are becoming and the potential that is also part of your identity can radically revolutionize your life. They simply live different lives in some fundamental ways. They both eat and sleep and love their kids. But what they think about themselves and how they treat themselves and talk to themselves and what they believe about themselves are profoundly different.

Afterthoughts When I was young, I had an aunt who liked to wrap empty boxes to make Christmas appear even bigger and grander and more exciting than it already was. Sometimes we would forget which presents under the tree were the extra boxes she had wrapped. Someone would inevitably tear into the wrapping, excited about the prospects waiting inside. But all that would be had was an empty shell of a gift. All ribbon and wrapping; no substance. We can eat the food we buy or we can eat the receipt that shows how much we spent on the food we buy. We can have a meal of the substance or of the packaging the meal comes in. The other leaves us hungry for something more. The other fails to provide us with the life-sustaining nutrients of meaning and purpose and joy our lives crave to have. Roller coasters are fun. The deeper things of life like service and decency, on the other hand, are not always fun. But at the end of that ride, there is a glow in the heart that keeps on giving long after the event is over. What have you filled the empty slots of your life with? Then go to work focusing more on those things that matter most, pushing the

time-wasters further into that background, opening yourself for greater and deeper levels of meaning and opportunity, love, joy and success in those things that truly matter. You, after all, have inherent value. And let them take you to a life that is deeply and richly rewarding, meaningful and happy. What do you think? What matters most to you? What have you done to add meaning to your life? I would love to hear from you. Please share your thoughts in the comments below. And if you found this article to be of value or think others might find it so, please share with your favorite social media or all of them! Have you downloaded my eBook yet? You can get it by clicking on the link when you subscribe for updates and my free newsletter. Just click the book title. Come on, you know you want to!

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