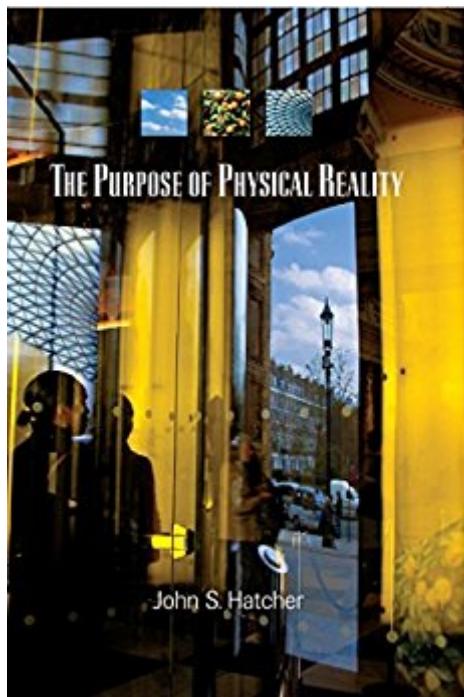


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# The Purpose Of Physical Reality



## **Synopsis**

If people are fundamentally spiritual beings, why do we begin our lives in the physical world? According to well-known Bahai author, scholar, and educator John Hatcher, the answer can be found in looking at the world as a classroom designed by God to instigate and nurture mental and spiritual growth. *The Purpose of Physical Reality* explores the components of this classroom to show how everyday experience leads to spiritual insight. Viewing life in this way, we can learn to appreciate the overall justice of the Creator's plan and the subtle interplay between human free will and divine assistance in unleashing human potential.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I was drawn to this book by the title, first the word, "purpose", given I'm the founder of Life On Purpose Institute, and a Life On Purpose Coach. then the cover seemed interesting, especially since I'm looking for cover ideas for my own book, LIFE ON PURPOSE - The Courage to Live an Unconventional Life. I really didn't plan on reading it but as I brought it home, I realized I'd never pondered what was the purpose of physical reality, especially from a spiritual perspective. So, after

a few days, I found myself browsing through the first few pages. When I learned that it was written from a B'hai perspective, I continued to read, in part because I have a client who's a B'hai and I felt this book could help me be a more effective coach with him. So, one thing lead to another and before I knew it, I was really into the book. Now, it's not the easiest of reading, especially the section where he compares the B'hai perspective with such other notable perspectives as Plato, Job, and Milton. But hidden within these pages are some very interesting insights. I came away with a new appreciation and a deeper understanding of the B'hai faith. I would go so far as to say that B'hai may be the cutting edge spiritual perspective of this age. It's inclusive, comprehensive and thought evoking. As is this book. It certainly gave me a deeper appreciation for the physical reality that we all are experiencing. I found it well worth the time to read and ponder.

Poet, philosopher, Bahai theologian, and English literature graduate studies director John S. Hatcher presents *The Purpose of Physical Reality*, a thoughtful discussion of theodicy particularly from the Bahai perspective, and the quest for metaphysical justice in a flawed physical world. Chapters address Hatcher's Bahai response to classic passages justifying God in Plato's "The Republic", The Book of Job, Boethius' "Consolation of Philosophy", and Milton's "Pardise Lost"; recommendations of physical reality "prenatal exercises for our second birth"; contemplations on Divine Sustenance and the Bahai concept of afterlife; and much more. A meditative exploration of the purpose of human existence in the physical world, especially if humans are considered to be spiritual beings, *The Purpose of Physical Reality* approaches challenging theological questions in a sedate, meticulous and serious-minded manner.

Very insightful reading. Written from a Bahai perspective it sheds light on the reason we are on this planet in a physical body and provides hopeful enlightenment of the afterlife based on Bahai writings and NDE research.

For the biggest questions in life. Who am I? Why am I here? What's my purpose? This classic book by John Hatcher provides life-changing insights that are so thoughtfully and effectively conveyed with awe-inspiring metaphors and penetrating research. If there's just one book that you read in your entire life on this most compelling subject, let it be *The Purpose of Physical Reality*.

The book is great!!!...it was slow reading for me and difficult to make all the conections, but even when you do not it still provides plenty of interpective views of the Physical Reality for spiritual

beings such as ourselves.

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