

# meaningful work

What makes work meaningful?

What contribution, if any, does work make to a **good life**?



Join us as Dr. Veltman explores the nature of meaningful work and argues that meaningful work is a necessary component of human well-being. Work is central in the good life in part because it promotes a host of moral and personal goods, including self-respect, dignity, autonomy, self-actualization and purposiveness. Yet meaningful work is a limited good; not every person can participate in meaningful work. The limited availability of meaningful work, Veltman argues, does not undermine its necessity for human well-being.

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