Questions on Happiness

Classical topics, modern answers, blind spots

ABSTRACT

Happiness is a longstanding theme in Western thought. It came under scrutiny in the following three periods: (1) Antique Greek philosophy; (2) Post-Enlightenment West-European moral philosophy, Utilitarianism in particular; and (3) Current Quality-of-Life research in the rich welfare states. Printed reflections on all this contemplation now fill a hundred meters of bookshelves. This paper takes stock of the progress made on seven classical topics. Are we now any wiser? Or is Dodge (1930) right in his contention that "the theory of the happy life has remained on about the same level that the ancient Greeks left it"? This inventory will differ from the usual review articles. The focus will not be on current technical research issues, but rather on the broader questions that prompted the enquiry. Furthermore, the aim is not only to enumerate advances in understanding, but also to mark the blind spots.

The following issues will be considered:
1) What is happiness?
2) Can happiness be measured?
3) Is unhappiness the rule?
4) How do people assess their happiness?
5) What conditions favour happiness?
6) Can happiness be promoted?
7) Should happiness be promoted?
The topic was “happiness” and I’ve collected some of the questions into a sample IELTS speaking test. Part One. What do you like to do when you are happy? What kinds of things make you happy? When do you feel the happiest? What kinds of things people in your country feel happy about? Part Two. Describe a time when you felt really happy. You should talk about: What the event was. When it occurred. Why it was a memorable and happy event for you. And give any details of the event. Part Three. Questions About Happiness. By Bonni Titgemeyer on Friday, May 27th, 2016. Photo Credit: donireewalker, Flickr. In recent times I have become obsessed with happiness. I want to be happy, all the time. I want to be able to turn to happiness in the face of adversity. I want the noise of life to be drown out by the tranquility of happy. I’ve found happiness when things are challenging physically. My end-to-end walk of the Bruce Trail is my current physical challenge. Am I happy overall now? Wow, that’s a tough question. How do you define Happiness? Happiness happens when something good or fun or positive happens. 10 Questions About Happiness. Published on July 27, 2015 July 27, 2015 • 11 Likes • 0 Comments. Yvonne F. Conte Follow. Corporate Culture Expert-Attract/Keep Good Employees-Build Strong Teams-Grow Great Leaders Keynote Speaker-8 Time Author.