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It is no doubt true that we cannot go through life without sorrow. There can be no sunshine without shade. We must not complain that roses have thorns, but rather be grateful that thorns bear flowers. Our existence here is so complex that we must expect much sorrow and much suffering. Many people distress and torment themselves about the mystery of existence. But although a good man may at times be angry with the world, it is certain that no man was ever discontented with the world that did his duty in it. The world is a looking-glass, if you smile, it smiles, if you frown, it frowns back. If you look at it through a red glass, all seems red and rosy: if through a blue, all blue, if through a smoked one, all dull and dingy. Always try then to look at the bright side of things, almost everything in the world has a bright side. There are some persons whose smile, the sound of whose voice, whose very presence seems like a ray of sunshine and brightens a whole room. Greet everybody with a bright smile, kind words and a pleasant welcome. It is not enough to love those who are near and dear to us. We must show that we do so. While, however, we should be grateful, and enjoy to the full the innumerable blessings of life, we cannot expect to have no sorrows or anxieties. Life has been described as a comedy to those who think, and a tragedy to those feel. It is indeed a tragedy at times and a comedy very often, but as a rule; it is what we choose to make it. No evil, said Socrates, can happen to a Goodman, either in Life or Death. —

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Human perception of life.

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Life cannot go without sorrows. The human presence on planet is complex subject. Human should always remain ready to face uncertainties. This world is like a mirror image, it behaves according to the human actions. Human perception towards life depends upon the lens he uses to see the life. It is better to use the positive lens to remain happy and be good to those around us and be thankful to the countless blessings of life. Life is name of comedies and tragedies. It is mostly tragedies and seldom comedies. Life is indeed what we expect from it.

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