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PREFACE

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A simple question. YRUHRN?

With that one simple question in August 2006, over one thousand people provided answers and helped with developing this book.

We believe that YRUHRN is the first book created by a global collaboration of over 1,000 people using Amazon's Mechanical Turk and other crowdsourcing efforts.

YRUHRN is an evolving project and we welcome your participation. This introduction is being written after only 30 days from the start of this project and we are unsure what direction may evolve in the future.

One-third of profits for YRUHRN will be used for providing holiday gift cards and letters for children affected by Hurricane Katrina. If you are interested in matching or donating directly to that effort, contact us at: ideas@yruhrn.com.

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Go to www.mturk.com and search for YRUHRN to provide your own answer to the question: Why Are You Here - Right Now?

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INTRODUCTION

The mirror smooth surface of a pond is pierced by a single rain drop. Ripples expand ever outward from the point of impact. This image is often used as a metaphor for how a person's life affects the rest of the world. In fact, it is so commonly used that it has become more a cliché than a metaphor. This is surprising, especially since it is essentially inaccurate.

The problem with the pond and ripple metaphor is that it has removed the rest of the world from the surface of the water. If a rain drop is a single event in a person's life and the surface of the water is life as a whole, then there would be billions of raindrops hitting simultaneously.

The smooth as glass pond is an illusion. The reality is that the surface is a chaotic jumble of interconnected ripples. Taken as a whole, how can we possibly see the effect of a single event in one person's life amongst the maelstrom?

Even worse, if somehow we could filter out some of the chaos, this would actually change reality, much as if enhancing colors changes a photograph. The image is similar, but definitely no longer the same. And the more of the chaos we filter out from our pond, the further from the real whole we end up. If we finally get to a single raindrop and its ripples alone, we have lost the rest of humanity's impact on the water.

But what if we instead look at a single rain drop at the very instant it touches the water. Can we somehow capture this precise moment in time and record it without concern of the pattern it creates in the water? Would doing this perhaps teach us something about the pattern created by all of the drops?

This collaborative effort does precisely that. By casting a net into cyber-space we have captured a few gems and set them into the pages of this book. A simple question was asked - Why Are You Here - Right Now? From hundreds of responses we chose ones that we felt captured the spirit of the question. And if each response to the question is the gem, you will find that the narratives surrounding them is the setting.

Call it jewelry for the soul.

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Friday
here
moment
air
breathe
night
meeting
joy
weekend
date

THE PLAYFUL WIFE

I am here right now to breathe, to stretch, to reach for the joy that is Friday afternoon, post-work, pre-martini, post-skirt, pre-sweatpants, post-stale coffee breath, pre-nap and supper and time with kids and committee meetings and weekend chores. I am here right now to know a moment, a still moment of earth and air, moving fan, distant siren, ticking clock, silent phone and knowing that somewhere out there, my husband drives toward me to pick up for a Friday night date.

I am here now because it is Friday Night. I have finished a long week of work. My wife is pregnant and ready to give birth. She is tired and has gone to bed, but I am restless and have had a couple beers. I need to listen to some music and do something to occupy my mind. I am out here in our studio and am ready to do something interesting. I have a couple of robots that I am working on, but need to settle into doing anything and this seems like an easy way to do so..

In the future I am still tortured by my art, which may appear to others as a waste of time. It may appear to me as a waste of time, unless there is a piece that I can finish. Artists are the most cursed of creatures, spending most of our lives diving into the worlds that we create in order to escape the worlds that we live in.

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The future will hold what is right now. 'Future' is a word, just a concept, it is not real, or rather, it's as real as anything else we say. As real as 'three' or 'tree'. Which is to say this: The future does not exist separate from now, yet we'll all know when we get there.

Right now is in a crisis. Here is miles from home. I am being but being balanced on a knife edge. Which way do I go?

I saw something in the paper about making money online. I am a teacher and am off summers. I am bored, have been to the gym, nothing on TV. I search everything on the internet, so I thought I would give this a try to see what it is all about. I am here now because I have nothing better to do!

To me, here is a very confusing misunderstood world full of complexities of all sorts. Right now is anytime I feel motivated.

I am here because I love it. I have a passion for this place. I want to see it grow, expand and mature well. I want to help that process, to nudge it, to smooth it along. It's rewarding; it's fulfilling. Coming back here last night was coming home and felt like only hours instead of months since I had left it behind.

My job for the future is to raise my two sons to be responsible, caring individuals.

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Here is the Milky Way galaxy, a land vast, far and wide.
Where many mysteries still exist, and only time will tell what
ventures outward from our little miniscule world will
discover. Right now is the here and now, the time of essence,
when that which must be done is done.

I am here because I like to make easy money, no matter how
little.

Here can never be more than where I last was. Now is
always then and can never be sooner. Not that I ever
complained about the presents belated performance.
Through thick or thin I wouldn't be me if every sensation
gave rise to a thought that bubbled up through countless
layers of meaning, memory and belief. This clear and ever
present witness is a load of crap that I force myself to
remember time and time again.

I'm here for the mystery, excitement, and one cent.
Obviously I don't have a lot of loose change in my sofa at the
moment.

I am sitting in front of the computer screen on an old
folding chair trying desperately to earn some money to
postpone the inevitable. Being unemployed sucks. Looking
forward to starting another job I hate is even worse. I'm not
sure if this is an alternative, but it's a diversion. Right now,
that's just as good.

I'm searching for a way to create extra income. I can do
endless task on the computer, and not get paid, or I can do it
here. Granted, it's only a few cents an hour, but it's better
than nothing. 1¢ please.

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I'm in my apartment by myself because I'm feeling too anti-social to actually go out & do something productive.

I am here because I read about this page in the newspaper and now I wanted to try it by myself. I like the idea of this kind of getting money because I can help other people by answering questions and earn a little bit of money. I don't think I can get rich by this kind of work, but it is a little motivation.

I am enclosed in a fleshy tissue, forever trapped never to be freed. Here is where I reside and where I am most comfortable. When what I write is now and what have written is then, now is always.

I am here by the Will of God.

I'm here because of some of the choices I made. Some of them were right, some of them I had to make right.

I'm here to settle down with my girlfriend, though compared to the wild hedonism of my friends, I'm already married at 20. I'm here to finish my useless English degree so I can continue onto law school where I can get a degree that won't have me living hand to mouth. I'm here to get a nice suit, feel important, buy art, be a patron of the local music scene, buy a sensible car that gets great gas mileage, meet famous people and help them write their wills. I'm going to keep my friends and when I'm actually making \$100,000 a year, I'll still act like I do now: an underachieving, shy, loyal, mad genius.

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But right now I need these 10 cents to buy my girlfriend concert tickets. Some lame band or something.

I am here to bring together the moments that will last for ever.

Here follows me around.

I'm here because I'm procrastinating. I should go outside and pull weeds. Websurf...or pull weeds...websurf...pull weeds. As you can see, quite a daunting decision.

Just moved back into college, friends aren't here, it's raining, and I'm bored.

Because I desire to get a penny from a stranger, and this is easier than panhandling. Besides, you're more likely to get a quarter from panhandling, and I just want a penny!

Why am I here, as in at this webpage? Just trying to make a bit of extra money. Why am I here, as in on earth? Because God and my parents made me. I can't say as I've found my purpose yet.

I am here, my spirit and me, right here, with me.

My future is that of bearing burdens. For the first 30 years of my life, others have borne my burdens; now it is time for me to reciprocate. The reason I continue to exist, and specifically, to exist here and now, is to repay these numerous debts; as a person of conscience, I cannot do otherwise.

I am...now.

Job money
penny
moving
now louisiana
counts tx
hurricane
desperate

THE STRUGGLING SURVIVOR

Well I am in Louisiana. Just moved here from TX. Due to hurricane Rita I've been homeless for a few months. Had to stay with family all over TX. Spent all our money moving here to Louisiana because my husband worked here. 3 weeks after moving in he was let go from his job. This is why I am here. He can't find a job fast enough to pay the bills and I am desperate to make money. It's 9:am on Aug 22, 2006. I guess that would be "right now" for me. I'm writing and I'm thinking. And I am also "being". Hopefully you think this is worth a penny, cause every penny counts literally in my house right now.

I'm here to basically make some extra cash to spend on Amazon. With the holiday's coming up, you can really never be too prepared for whatever may happen.

An amazing series of choices and occurrences, and if anyone of them had gone differently, I might be somewhere else.

Forever downloading.

I am here in the car typing on my computer because my one year old is napping in the back seat.

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I am here to help my daughter through life and to help her become the wonderful person I know she can be. I am here to be there for my husband who is a strong man of himself but depends greatly on me. God has some purpose for me to be here because I overcame great odds at birth to survive. I am here to do the best I can do each day. Who knows what God has in store? I am ready though.

I am here to learn all the life lessons I can and put them into practice. I have made it through 56 years so that I can learn to keep learning.

I am here to bring joy to the world. To bring happiness to the people I meet. And also, to make tons of money and sleep with lots of women.

I am here right now because I have to go to work at twelve. I would love to just be, but I need money to pay my bills :)

I'm in Canada. I'm here cause I was born here. I love it here.

I am here right now to connect with others in the present, who have a vision of the future that is collective and transcends place - and to earn a few cents in the process.

I'm here because I'm procrastinating on working on my thesis. I was wasting time on this one message board that I waste time on now and then, and someone posted Amazon's mechanical turk site as a way to make some cash. So I strolled over here, and am now writing this little blurb for a penny.

I'm on this page right now to accept this hit. :) But if you mean why am I here on this planet - right now, I'm here because I chose to be here - right now.

It's impossible for me to be anywhere other than 'here'; wherever I go, it turns out to be called 'here' as soon as I get there.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I am where I am. Right now for me is infinite.

I am here because this is where I am supposed to be. I have followed my path and the universe has provided the life and location I currently inhabit. Arguing where or why I am would do me no good as it is not in within my control, I am here simply because I am here, and as to the why, I am here to live.

I am here right now because I am breathing.

I am here, at home, because I am hungry.

Here for me is being home with my family and being able to be available for my special needs son. Here is where I am at any certain given point in time which most often is where I feel like I need to be at that time.

Right now for me is right at this moment as I'm typing this answer in. Right now to me is right at the given moment, not 30 minutes or an hour later. Right now is often used incorrectly if you really analyze and think about it. Many of us use these 2 words in a sense of giving directions or instructing our kids to do something "right now," but when you really think about it, they can't do it right now, because right now is the present moment in which you are living.

Good morning. It's Sunday morning August 20th, 7:15 am EST in Pennsylvania. I'm checking my email, checking for any available hits on MTurk, then I'll be on my way to visit family members.

Here is a small space in time. Right now is a transition point in my life. I am facing several changes in my life now. Now is a time of understanding who I am and what I want the rest of my life to be.

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I'm lazy.

My future is to work in nuclear plant. I am here in the university to study Nuclear engineering in order to work in a nuclear plant. It will be completed in 4 years.

My future seems to be good, or so I was told. If anything happen, such as terrorist plot, or war. I will likely to be killed very quickly due to the subject and matter I will be dealt with.

My mouse leads; I follow.

Physically, I am sitting on my friend's couch. I'm here because I was bored at home. They're watching a TV show that's boring, so I'm on mturk.com.

Here is where ever I happen to be at the moment. Right now is whenever it happens to be at the moment. Presently, here is my desk and now is 4:15 PM, but this may change at any second.

Here is my bedroom on my laptop. Now is 3:35 on Saturday afternoon, August 19, 2006. I am here right now because my son is napping in the next room and my husband is napping beside me.

I fell asleep for a little while but woke up and fired up the computer. I keep searching for additional ways to make a little money and found MTurk several weeks ago. It's interesting to me to see what the requests are, and every penny helps.

For da money!

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Why am I here? What will I be in the future? What will my reality be? I will be one of millions of people inhabiting the earth, taking up a space, consuming, doing, going, stopping, talking, thinking, eating, breathing, sleeping, shouting, loving, meditating, driving, laughing, crying.....just like so many others. But I hope that someone, just once, walks through the wake of the energy I just changed by one (just one) of my actions, and feels better for it. I want someone to be better off, to feel better, have a better perspective, feel loved or wanted, just by one of my normal, everyday actions or deeds. That I created positive energy somewhere in this vast soup of people on earth, that someone was happy because of me...I can think of no better effect I could have in the universe.

I am here because I have a cold. I'm afraid if I try to go to bed, I will keep my wife up.

Actions trust
regain

Anything

Karmic

Payback

regret present
past

Me

THE DEBT HOLDER

I am here in this state of karmic payback because I betrayed the trust of the person who means the most to me in this world. Now I fear that I will never regain it, and that karma will take that person away from me as the final payback for my actions. I am forced to live in the present and the past because the thought of that future is too painful to think about. I deeply regret my actions, and more than anything, I just want to make everything right again.

I am here to get rich.

Honestly, I'm here right now because I couldn't let myself fall asleep because my boyfriend took me out for pizza and I now have terrible gas. I didn't want to stay in bed with him because I was embarrassed so I came online and checked for hits to do. It's 11:48 pm here. I should go to sleep soon.

I am enjoying this moment. Here and now, all life permanent.

My mommy told me to wait here.

Mommy?

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Here. In cyberspace. Posting my thoughts to the ether. This is an exercise in increasing my vocal strength. As I work on more and more ways to express myself, I wish to be like author Anne Frasier, whose novel "Pale Immortal" is in stores now. I wish to write my own story of intrigue and suspense.

To have my lead character sink into the Low Country quicksand like the slime he is. To drag myself out of the depths of despair that are like the Catacombs of Paris. To see the sun again. To greet the sun as a new maiden ready for my pleasure.

I have a good feeling.

The time is now.

Right now is right for me.

Now is here.

I am 55 and I want to read about memories, people searching for their pasts. I want to live through others reliving what they have lost as a way of finding it again.

Looking to see what you want.

It seems like I've stopped learning, I wonder if I should go back to school? Amazing, how a B.A. means complete crap in the real world and no one bothered to warn me. Should have gone straight through to getting my M.F.A. rather than joining up here at the Cult Of Starbucks. Just Say Yes! Just Say Yes! Oh man, I'm tired of saying yes! So that's why I'm here, I am thousands of dollars in debt, I have a truly horrible job that I am far too educated and cynical to work at and I'm lost and stagnant.

Because I cannot sleep... to sleep perchance to dream... but then to wake up and find that it was a dream just is plain depressing so not sleeping just gets me tired and grumpy.

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Just getting by everyday no specific reason but every impact has an effect I want to see. If you mean at mturk well then there's a manga I want

I'm here because I'm too stupid to be somewhere else.

Why am I at this site right now? Because I'm waiting out the last few minutes of my work day and earning a penny at the same time. Because I can't get into a book in 8 minutes, because I don't feel like working on a play for 8 minutes, because I don't feel like e-mailing anyone right now.

I am here to live...just be me.. no one else. Why try and stop me? I'm fun. Fearless, beautiful and simply stunning.

I don't know. That is, I don't know which reason to believe I'm here - right now. I'm at work because I've been sick for 3 days. And for money. And it's my first legal employment in over 3 years. I'm in Minnesota instead of Indiana for the latter reason. I'm here while my wife and three sons are visiting in Indiana because I have to keep making money while my heart keeps breaking missing them. I'm here because God made me here. Thank him? Go all "Job" on him? I'm here because I evolved here. Because I chose to be here. Because my 3 sons, my raisons d'etre, came from my loins. There's no better reason than that. If I had to exist just so they could have the chance to, us together, that's it.

I am here right now to be a mom. To be a mom to my two beautiful daughters. That is my job, that is my joy. I love it, but it's hard. I am fulfilled in doing it, but often unrewarded. That is my life, that is why I am here.

I am here right now, because I want to share my philosophy of life. I believe that everything happens for a reason, even the horrible events in life. Everything that I have experienced or done that was bad made me who I am today. That is something that I wouldn't change for the world.

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To change.

Here for my is my apartment in Spokane. When is August 19th 2006.. my infant daughter is 3 months old today. I am here, to take care of my children and make a difference.. However small in the world.

Here is my bed in NY at like 7:15 in the morning cuz my boyfriend in Iraq woke me up.

To learn more about American life style, culture, music, history etc. ... to spend my free time much useful... and to earn some money.

I am here because of forces which I do not control. I was brought here and am living right now.

We are not here because we are free; we are here because we are not free. There's no denying reason, no escaping purpose. Except, of course, when you have no specific purpose whatsoever, and are simply going through whatever it is you're doing by doing or saying the first thing that comes to mind, just winging it -- in short, finding a purpose in purposelessness.

Here is the place I need to be. Now is the place I want to live forever.

I'm here in Toronto Canada.. It's Friday night, but I'm exhausted, so I'm staying in..tomorrow should be fun :)

Here is a dorm in New York City, and here is also this website, selling my time for a few cents. I'm here in the first sense to get an education, to work towards a great job, to discover what it is to be human. In the second sense, I'm making a feeble attempt to recoup some of my loses after this morning's \$300 trip to the university bookstore.

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I'm here to be good to my man and my dogs, and to have them be good to me.

Why are you here - right now? I look forward to finding out.

Why am I here, right now? Because I decided to sit down in front of my computer and have some fun. Why am I here, right now? Because my mother and father had a lovely evening a couple decades ago. Why am I here, right now? Because, somehow, in the great maelstrom of matter and energy, it all came together just this way, and I am here now. Why am I here, right now? Because I'm just drifting about in a relatively relaxed life so far.

My able
disabled
work
help physically
education perform
valued
challenges

THE TEMPORARILY UNSETTLED

I am here right now because I'm temporarily disabled. I'm not physically able to work a full-time job, but want to keep my mind sharp. I enjoy using my education and intelligence in productive ways. Mturk challenges me to find answers and learn new things. I particularly enjoy the HITs that utilize my above-average knowledge of grammar, spelling and punctuation. I am a degreed paralegal and enjoy the kind of detailed work that I performed before becoming disabled. I am here much more for the mental stimulation than the small amount paid for each HIT! However, I wish I could find challenging, stimulating and better-paying work to perform from home. I really miss being a valued member of a workforce and being able to use my abilities to help others.

A simple oriental concept says it all for me: Wu-Wei.

Happiness---opportunity---risk---

I am here to entertain myself. My son is crying in the other room--he refuses to go to bed, and this is the third time we've tried to lay him down. Here is my home, my couch. Right now is after 1:15am....*yawn*

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Because I don't have anywhere else I need to be.

Where am I right now? Well, geographically speaking, I'm in Greensburg Pennsylvania, in the United States, on the continent of North American, on the planet Earth. Spiritually speaking, I'm at a crossroads. Do I pursue the religion my parents want me to, or do I follow my heart and look deeper into the meaning of religion? I may be at this crossroad for quite a while!

Life-wise, I'm in a good place. My children are happy and healthy. I am with a man I love very much, in our own home. I am working from home, allowing me to spend quality time with my children, and still contribute monetarily to the household. But, if need be, I can walk away from my desk and tend to my daughter, or go outside and turn on a sprinkler for my son and his friends. There's nothing better than being able to see the smiles on their faces, and remembering the joys of childhood. I can study the face of my sleeping infant, hoping to remember each twitch and facial expression. I can cuddle up next to my family on the couch and enjoy the warmth. I feel comfortable and secure in this 'place' I am right now.

But where I am right now is not the end of the road, I still have far to go down this path we call life. I am looking forward to it, while enjoying the place I am currently.

Because my parents failed at changing the world, so they had kids to pass off the responsibility to.

Why am I here right now? To make money. Money I don't really need as I earn enough. Money I use to buy things I don't need. Money I used to spend on her. But she isn't here anymore. So now I just...use this to keep busy.

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So I can pay my rent!

I am here looking for momentary brain teasers. I want to preserve brain plasticity and after five decades on the planet I know that some of my neural pathways are too well-worn and I could use some others.

Why am I here? I am here because of the footprints in my path. I am the sum of the sequence of ones and zeroes behind me. I am at the end of a long journey and I am tired. I am ready to sleep. I am the last leaf fallen from a wintered tree, drifting lazily to the ground. I was.

I'm just here for the beer.

I am trying to determine whether I will ever find another job like this one, where I can sit at my desk during down time and do some turking. I am contemplating a future job where I am paid extremely well, work very few hours, and have lots of time during the week to do community volunteering. I am considering whether to start a consulting practice in order to be able to achieve all of these things.

I'm here right now because before has just gone and the next thing is going be right now but it doesn't really matter soon it will be before again. So I am here because I am here and I like it right now!

Why am I here? To love and to be loved.

Why am I here? Because I decided to stay away from home for the summer and the best escape is one that isn't all there.

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I'm here to work. I might just make a penny or two at a time, but it adds up. I'm here to make my "free" hours not so free. I'm here to earn money for coffee because my paycheck just barely covers the mortgage and the kids' clothes.

I am here right now because this is just where I want to be.
Where I'll be tomorrow, I do not know.
Where I'll be five years from now - not sure.
Where I'll be ten years from now - no idea.
But wherever I go, it will be because I was here.

To appreciate females and all their achievements.

Here for me, is anywhere for me that I'm committed to being at a certain time of any day. Four of five days weekly, I'm committed to being at work by 6am. At a reasonable time, after 4pm, unless other arrangements have been discussed, I'm committed to being home on time. It doesn't happen often, but if I don't have any of these sorts of commitments, then here for me, is anywhere I decide to go for any reason.

I think that my right now, is about always occurring, on some level. It just depends upon what life's happenings throw our way, and the choices we make as a result of this. If I need to take care of something at work, I go to do it, because it is one of my right nows, and I stop in the restroom for example, and find someone crying. My right now has just changed, because this person may want/need something from me, right now.

I am depressed and unemployed.

Right now I'm in my room at my computer doing HITs on Amazon Mechanical Turk in order to get some extra cash for my school books.

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Looking at life from a Silophist point of view. There is no future and no past, if all time line pointers are destroyed. All "future" events are just extensions of current timeline pointers. Therefore, the answer to the question is "depends on how long of a duration the pointer should stretch. Because in the future be it 1 sec or 1 min from now, I'll still be sitting here staring into this monitor." Enjoy!

Here is upstairs in spare bedroom, in townhouse on Maslin crescent, Quakers Hill, a suburb of Sydney Australia. Right now is 6:00 PM August 21st, time to go down stairs and roll out the pizza dough.

Adult Chores
boyfriend

Acting

Home Texas

Sock
Children Amazing

Child

THE CHILDLIKE HOMEMAKER

Here is my life in a small town in texas where we try to act like adults but in the end are pretty much still children. I stay at home and do chores like a child would, do the assigned reading of home magazines, make crafts during art time, and take care of the pets. My boyfriend goes to work while I am washing his socks and comes home with homework that he must finish before we can play. We are not married mostly out of spite for my religious parents, but would like to be. So I am an adult who is actually a child acting as an adult and yet still acting like a child. I used to think I was here for some huge reason, some great event, some amazing story. Now I think I am here to launder socks.

Right now life is here, looking for questions to answer with a decent payout to accumulate a reasonable total to help supplement my income due to working for a decent living being cut short by a disability. Hoping for a pathetic penny, nickel or more to survive.

I'm here because a friend told me to come here or I'd die. I didn't want to find out if he was lying.

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Here is my bedroom, at my desk on my computer. Now is Friday afternoon, in that loll between work ending and nightlife beginning. Why I am here, now, is to relax, it's a between time where I have no responsibilities.

I'm really really bored at work. I answer maybe 5 phone calls a day. I transfer 2 of them. I get paid to do this. My boss loves me. I would quit, but I get paid too much and I need the money. I'm a poor starving college student. My summer income has to last me all year.

I am on earth as a mortal because it is God's plan for me.

I am in Columbus, OH right now. It's 11:14AM, August 19, 2006. Today I am finishing up the process of moving to Grove City, OH from Columbus, OH.

Right now...I am here...to find HITS to earn a few extra pennies...like the one I get for completing this HIT.

I'm on my desk, writing on mech.Turk instead of working
This scene takes place in Lyon, France

I am here but I am not here...maybe my body has brought me here, but my mind is in some far off universe searching for myself...the body is just a vessel for the soul...your mind is just an extent of the ever-changing universe that rotates 360 degrees around the earth...I am here because I was destined to live by the fertilization of an egg...I'm here because I choose life over death...

I saw this website on a forum and decided to check it out.
So far, so good.....Why am I here - where is here - here is in my jammies, in front of the computer, drinking coffee, waiting to start the day. Is that here? Is that right now?

I am here to support my family the best way I can right now. It's not where I want to be but I have to make the best of it.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I'm here because I read a news paper article concerning mturk and now I want to know what it is. It's my holidays from my job and we, my family and I, came back earlier from our vacation because we didn't like the region. I never saw an uglier town than the one we were. I never saw a more disgusting beach. I enjoy it at home as it is quiet and peaceful.

Here is in front of my PC - right now is the second I live in. I am here to find out more about this mturk-project while waiting for my girlfriend ... make use of your time ...

I am here right now because I screwed up really bad.

Sleep escapes me, depression overtakes, life doesn't make any sense anymore. Glad the dog is here to keep me company.

I seem to be here to make a little bit of money, but "here" as in this website is not really a physical place I can be located at. So right now I am here because I am interested in seeing how the story ends, and what lies ahead for me on this long and winding road. "Here" is a matter of perception. "Now" is fleeting.

I am here right now at college real early in the morning wishing I was still in bed.

I am in school to get a good career and be a successful woman.

I am here because I have nowhere else to go. I'm bored and lazy and can't seem to leave my chair.

Because I am not somewhere else.

YRUHRN

I am here because I enjoy the strangeness of this question. I am here because I need to add a little extra income so a penny a question adds up...slowly but surely. I am here because this couch is more comfortable than the floor. I am here because I graduated from college and I had to move somewhere so it might as well be here. I am here because my parents once had sex without a condom.

Looking for ways to make a buck, yes 1 buck.

I am here to do what I do
Here is where I do
Now is when I do
When I do nothing
now is nowhere
where is everywhere

I'm here because a penny saved is a penny earned.

I am at work at 9:52 on a Monday morning. There are a few things that I should be doing, but none of them are very important. So I'm off earning pennies.

I am at home at my computer and I can see you through my monitor.

Here for me is Sulphur, Louisiana and it is Saturday, August 19, 2006 at 5:18 pm. Life is much about my 40th birthday right now as it is towards the end of the month. I don't mind getting older - I don't really like my kids growing up so fast though. It's really the people around me who are making a big deal out of this birthday. Lifebushido. Just be. I love that. I live in the present. I don't know any other way to live. I live for the moment. I am a happy person. Whatever my stage or circumstances in life - I have always been happy - and I hope I will continue to be happy in the future. I couldn't imagine living life any other way.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I am home right now surfing the Internet. It's 5:27 and I've finished work for the day. What to do, what to do?

Here is wherever I happen to be. Right now is the ever-present moment. I am here, now, because the totality of choices in my life have brought me to this place of commitments to fulfill.

Things are exactly as they should be.

Life try
kid
you
heard further
impossible feeling
finding
Seeking

THE FREE SPIRITED EXPLORER

Being here to me is to know that you are living your life out to the fullest. Even as a kid I wanted to do and try new things to find out what I'm missing in life. I, like many other people, hate the feeling of something being missing in your life. But if you feel you're seeking something but never finding it, look no further than the people who love you. Remember that life is too short and always try to speak your mind. If a person's opinion was never heard, where would we be today. Try being able to now where stand, yet further your importance. Make yourself heard in ways you never thought possible. One quote from a Nike commercial that was never heard, "Impossible is nothing". I think that is where we stand.

I work. I learn. I make friends. Life is good. School is good. God is good. I write. I read. I laugh. I teach. I buy. I sell. Living life to the fullest in the moment, remembering the past, looking forward to the future. I am happy, because I can be. What more is there?

I am hoping that in the future Mturk might provide enough work to make a significant income supplement although it doesn't at the moment. In the future of course I might have a rather better job than I do currently so I might not have TIME to make a few cents here and there on this site. One can only hope ;).

YRUHRN

Here is home - my parents' home. This is not good, given my advanced age, which I am not going to disclose :P I don't have enough money to move out right now though.

I'm here because I am in a stale-mate. Life is at a stand-still and I need to make a decision about what I want to do. Things aren't very technologically inclined in Wyoming so I'm trying to see how the other half makes it over the net.

Right now, I'm here to do the following:

Kill some time waiting on someone at work

Check out this 'service' and see what's changed since it first started up

Try to earn some \$ to buy books I want.

Here is a place but also a time. Here is a state of being but also an action. Here is where I am but also where I reside inside. Here is where I love but also feel uncomfortable. Here is an exploration but also an abiding. Here is now in my life. Right now I am. Right now I exist. Right now I am sitting. Right now is a moment in history - my history. Right now life stands still. Right now the fan blows. Right now - it is time.

I hit you with a stick 30 times.

Because I'm an insomniac, it's 12:45 am and in 15 minutes, www.woot.com will have a new product for sale. Who can sleep?

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I believe that I was put here to be a nurturer to many generations. It has always been my way to find the innate goodness that I believe all people possess--however they may look to the outside world. I give second, third and fourth chances to persons that others have disowned, abandoned or otherwise mistreated. Others say that my kindness and compassion is a fault--some sort of weakness. I don't believe that God wants us to leave anyone to fend for himself. If it is within your power, it is your responsibility as part of the human race to help or befriend someone else in need.

Here is at work. Now is a boring Thursday afternoon. I have put in a good day for my employer, but now I have to sit around and wait for my wife to pick me up. MT makes the time fly by.

I am here right now because I believe in God and that He put me here to raise my children and enjoy life.

I'm bored at work and figured I'd make 1 cent!

I am in a comfortable place in my life right now because of good decisions I made in the past.

I'm sitting outside under the California sun waiting for the time to go by.

Why am I here right now? Well there are many reasons. My own stupidity and stubbornness for a starter. I had a great life set before me. In love with a great guy, a house, a lifestyle, and much more. I just couldn't see how much I loved that life, until it was gone. Now I am living on my own with my 2 dogs and absolutely bored with life as it is. No career or set future to speak of. I only wish I could have realized my mistakes before it was too late.

YRUHRN

I am at mturk because I'm taking a mental break from a tedious process at work. I am...because the Absolute apparently got bored.

Because I'm avoiding updating my CV which I really should do as I need to get out of my crappy job.

I am in a large house on a lake-side up about 8,000 feet above sea level. I have four-wheel drive and snow shoes and I am surrounded by my family and it's winter, so we're snowed in. We love being snowed in. Our house is more like a lodge than a house--it's always a party here--and our house is where all the neighbors come when they start getting cabin fever and need to be entertained. There's always a pot of soup and fresh biscuits here, and great big thermoses of hot water and hot chocolate and coffee, and we have a huge round fireplace that warms the whole place. We have a deck around us on three sides on both the second and third floors and we usually have out of town guests too. But it's not primitive here. We watch hummingbirds and play the guitar and host weddings, but we also have our computers and TV and holograph technology. I've written four novels now, and the last two were best sellers. My children are happy and healthy, as the rest of my family is. And I'm grateful.

Because I've lost the direction I had in my life and I am in the process of finding a new one. For now, I'm at my desk looking for ways to make ends meet.

I'm here right now, to get my first "hit." I'm basically trying to figure out how this whole thing works... I think I did it???

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Here right now is Las Vegas, NV sitting in front of my computer writing this. Right now for me is comfortable, relaxing and never being happier. My family is healthy, safe, secure and ready for whatever life has to offer us.

The future is created by now. So now I am here thinking about the future that I will create right now.

I am just being.

My future, career related, I want to work with computers being on the forefront of things. Would be neat, but I don't want to be the one getting attention. I'm one of those people that wants to not be stressed and to have time. More recent, I want to get back into school, but my problems with money and ambition are quite a bit lacking. So I don't really know where to start as a general theme. But for here and now, I want a back bone.

I am bored.

I am in Illinois. 5:52pm

I think I should do other more productive things instead of this.

That's what I'm thinking right now

Living
window
facing
dawn
bird
star
mom
day
granddaughter
Planet

THE THANKFUL GRANDMOTHER

Why am I here? On the computer or in the room, on this planet, facing another day, or just living. I am here because I like to answer questions, on this planet because I was created by mom and dad, facing another day because I arose to the dawn and a screeching bird outside my window and living and enjoying each and every day listening to my granddaughter sing Twinkle Little Star and thankful that I can do so.

I am here because I want to be. I need to be, I like to help and be a helper to those who need it. And getting paid is good. Anonymous help is always fun, and exciting. Go help.

I was just browsing through the Turks and had time to kill while my wife was in the shower...so out of curiosity picked this up!

I am here to be
From here I go on and then
Find the future's prize

I am here because I am here.

To poke and peak at this turk that is mechanical.

YRUHRN

I am here right now, meaning at home, because I am too tired to go out. I am looking at this hit here because I want some money to buy books. Right now is the temporal unit of measure known as Eastern Standard Time at around 11:07 in the evening.

Because I am lost.

In about two months, I will start doing my college applications. I'm a bit nervous about the thought of college, but I think that I will be successful in that aspect of my life.

In terms of my body, I want to grow at least 3 more inches before I'm 21 and I want to end up at around 165 pounds.

I hope to find a nice girl to go to prom with and hopefully go to the same college that she does. I want a relationship that lasts throughout college and I wish to marry that girl. I'm thinking about having two kids when I'm around 28. I like the name Phillip for a boy and the name Hazel for a girl.

I am here to bring art and the human experience to the masses.

I am here to be trampled upon by the whims of fortune, never knowing what the future holds; and to have a lot of fun in the course of it.

To prepare myself for what's to come....

I am on this site as yet another in a long series of diversions in an attempt to avoid responsibility!

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I'm here in Tempe, Arizona looking for an education. I'm looking for excitement and all things that are new. I'm here to start a new chapter of my life.

I've been at this job for 12 years now. My stock options vested, and we were able to add on to the house like we always wanted. I'll always wonder how my life would be different if we'd had that second child like my wife and I wanted.

Coloring the realm of my dreams.

San cabo. aaaa! Molokai!

Children's footsteps slow my path.

The future shall be breathless as the sun rests in green.

Aquarium released.

A very large, flat, black boat has brought my shampoo. Too funny.

Life shall be grand.

I am here right now to try to earn some extra income for our family so we can buy things we like in life. We do anything we can to get some Amazon help ever now and then to afford things we want in life.

I'm here right now in Richmond to look at the sun and answer this question. Right now is the day after yesterday.

I'm here because watching gold on TV is boring! So I sit and type while my baby daughter sleeps.

Here is a state of mind. I am where I choose to be. Right now is merely a way for man to try and capture one just being. It is a phrase with no meaning and ever elusive, that can never truly capture anything for time in itself is just an illusion.

For my future I simply hope to be in the same place as in the past.

Right now, as always, the future is unknown. Right now, the future is being planned, based on prediction informed by information and history. Opportunities are here right now that were not here a few short years ago. Too many opportunities. I must choose, but the choice is not entirely in my control. History weighs me down. Not because it limits my thinking, but because it colors the views of people who I may need to advance my goals. The future is open, offering the potential to bring me to new heights. But on what scale? Life is always an adventure.

My children, my home.

I don't see myself here in the far future. Something bigger will come along as technology progresses.

I am on the path directly to where I want to be. I have the funds to bum around college now until I have a degree. I have a friend in a high position at a financial institution who can secure me a loan so I can purchase my goal in life, a comic book shop, from another, older friend who runs it now. I have the blessing of my parents to just live in their home and run my own comic book shop until the loan is paid off and I can establish myself as my own person.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I am here because this is a morning ritual for me to surf the worldwide web seeking truth, justice, and a few extra cents.

I **think**
different

Lovely
girlfriend being

Up present
women

wife

THE AMOROUS WRITER

I think I'm here right now because I have almost no control over what happens in my life. All day I think about being a writer and sleeping with lots of different women, but I still get up and go to work (as something entirely different from being a writer) and then go home to my lovely girlfriend - soon to be my wife to be.

Right here, right now is just a figment of my imagination.
This HIT isn't real.

I am here because I am a poor college student looking to make money.

I'm hunched over a keyboard. I'm here for one cent. I'll be somewhere else later. Then I'll be back. Round and round it goes.

Here for me is enjoying where ever I am at, at the moment.
Right now for me is living and enjoying the moment.
Enjoy the PATH/JOURNEY.
Do not be in such a hurry to get to the end of your walk.

I am here because I realized after many years that I work better on my own terms, on my own time, and in my own home.

I'm here to learn.

YRUHRN

I'm here right now because classes are over for the summer and though I have a job offer it hasn't yet started.

My 'here' is in my home in Seattle on Lake Union. I'm 31 and married and have a small dog, I will be 32 in two weeks. The day after my thirty-second birthday I will have lived away from home for as long as I ever lived at home. Scary. In those 16 years I've lived on both coasts, graduated from prep school and college and worked in the software industry.

It is raining, so I have turned on my computer and am alternately turking and staring out the window waiting for the rain to let up, so I can go shopping without getting wet.

Perhaps because it is to be, perhaps it isn't. But where I am and when I am doesn't matter so long as I am.

I'm here right now just trying to make the dollars so I can feed my babies.

Why are any of us here right now?

Here is nowhere exactly. We are all just some dust in the universe, which is expanding so fast (which is impossible, by the way...). Time doesn't exist. But for us, it exists. What happened was yesterday, and what will happen is tomorrow...

I am here? Do I exist?

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Those questions help to keep me grounded and shake off the plastic buildup on my energetic side. I am thirsty for some apple juice, I loves it. Apple juice is the nectar of the gods. My hands itch, I think that means I'm horny? I'm listening to Frank Zappa and loving it. That man was a genius. Hungry hungry hungry hungry. Never mind I got extra fat storage buildup. Feel the burn. O look, something shiny. ITS A PENNY weeeee!!! MY GUITAR WANTS TO KILL YOUR MOMMA!! BOOM BUH BOOM BOOM BAAAHHHHH. I wish my wife would get back from her sister's soon. I want to see my kids. Stupid sister in law. meh.

I'm waiting for dinner.

I'm here just to procreate and proliferate the human race.
That's it.
Now is now. Humans are just animals. Nothing else to it.

I am here...because I am in love.
Because I work from home.
Because I am, at the moment, alone.

Had no luck with the dating site so I looked for something else.

Well, if I use society's current standards my objective should be to earn, consume, earn, consume, and perhaps create another consumer or three for future use, so that rich people can get richer. I don't like that fact, but I'm under no delusions. Nor do I intend to do that. I think I'll follow my own whims instead. Screw'em.

YRUHRN

Right now I am part of the universe observing itself.

I am in the UK, Oxford

I am here cause I am working on my PhD

but most of the time I am not here my mind travels back
home that I miss so much....

To pass wisdom along to my children, so they can help make
the world a better place.

For the chicks!

I am here (in San Antonio, TX), right now (12:54am),
because I am working for a San Antonio-based business and
I'm waiting for a client. Mystically speaking, I am here now
because of all the possible worlds and all the possible times,
this is the only one in which I exist.

When I dance in my head I am. When I dance in front of
others, I wish I wasn't.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Here place
between

Dream

Hopes Edge

Wanted ending
rotted

Nowhere

THE HOPELESS DREAMER

Here is a place I don't want to be. Here is the ending of old hopes and rotted out dreams. Here is the edge between what I wanted to be, and what I am dangerously close to being. Here is nowhere.

Pure chance.

Why I am here right now !!!! Simply, I am here right now just because God wantedand what God wants, no one can rub that, so in the end what God does is good for every human being

My couch. I'm on my couch because it was a hard, but good, day. Now I am relaxing and being pleased that the day went as well as hoped, despite the bumps. I qualified. Now it's time to take a moment to relax, and contemplate the next step.

I am a carrier of life. There are many of us, but our numbers are finite.

I am here to be a model, a guide, a parent, a lover, a friend, an ear and a shoulder, a talker. I am here to live, to breathe, to be strong and yet to give those things meaning.

Here for me is this website, and I am here for the money. Show me the money! In the future I will use the money to buy something, this 10 cents will not get me far.

YRUHRN

I am here to create and draw, for art, but that is my sole purpose as envisioned by my open consciousness, I am a random event by pure chance, the genes of my ancestors combined into me, I am here in this point in time from chance and I create my own purpose. And I'm on Mturk because I want enough credits for the 'Disney's gargoyles' dvds.

Here is 3 years into college and not knowing whether to continue or not. When is the time in my life where I don't care about what I'm doing next month/week or tomorrow, I make the most of right now.

I am here because it's the Tuesday after a bank holiday and I can't settle down to work. I've just discovered Amazon Mechanical Turk and was intrigued by this open-ended question.

Here is work (project management for a recruitment website) in the UK, a small office building in central London. Here is sitting next to the window watching pigeons congregate outside on a roof in a little huddle. Right now is this very moment, nothing else.

It is too early in the morning on this lovely Saturday, and I am at the computer. I am here because I can't sleep.

Right now? In my home office, the morning after the night before, wondering if the reason I don't have a hangover is that I am still a little drunk. Hell of a party!

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

A day is only a day
A night is only a night
Then why each time
Either goes by
I feel like I lost something invaluable?

Cos I got no place else to go ... sniff.

To inspire and provide for my family and friends. Even one cent at a time....

Waiting for my daughters bus to show up so we can go home.

Without a doubt, the ability to make a few dollars while sitting at work waiting for the next busy time appeals to me.

A friend's wife signed into this site and it is driving him crazy. We have discussed it many times and I have grown quite curious. So, I am here trying to see what the attraction is and how it all works. Why am I here right now? Fridays with too much free time and not any bosses do tend to lead one to goof now doesn't it?

I am intrigued by the possibilities of life without physical contact.

I am here as a result of an inevitable chain of events, blah blah blah that led me to this moment in time. I am here, because I did not choose to kill myself. I am here, because I did not die in a freak accident, or of disease, or in my mother's womb. This is a strange question. Will I really get a real penny for answering it? This is my first HIT.

YRUHRN

Here is Arizona at my computer, right now is 3:45pm on a Friday afternoon, why am I here? Because I wouldn't mind making a few extra bucks and I find HITs interesting. (especially these kind...)

In the middle of life wondering what is next.

In a trivial sense I am here because I choose to be here. More cosmically, I am here because I can't find the right words to respond to my father's e-mail. It's sitting there, open in another window, right now. About once a minute I add another sentence to my reply.

Here right now is Denver Colorado in the physical state. In the mental state it's with the boyfriend that is moving to Seattle Washington. Right here right now is the 21 of August and I'm still hoping that time will stop so that I will have more time to spend with the boyfriend.

To fulfill the plan of God.

I'm here right now because I have nothing better to do with my time.

I am on Earth. Italy. At work. Right now is when I just finished my coffee while photoshopping a cow.

I am here for my family. Some days I feel like I'm here just to cook and clean and make money to keep things in the house we need. But most days, I'm here because my family needs me and loves me, and needs me to love them back. The other stuff just comes with the job.

To earn a penny.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I exist in order to communicate, through art, the world of a depressive to so-called normals. I exist halfway between the dark and light and can communicate from dark to light in ways that are understood. I am depression's poster child. Angstoria, Oregon.

All huge
meaningful

know
role bits
bytes
universe data

Machine

THE COG IN THE MACHINE

I really believe that the universe is just one big computer program, and all of us, all of life, just constitutes a few bits and bytes of data working on some huge problem. So right now I'm just a tiny little cog in a huge machine trying to help the universe come up with a solution to something. I don't know what that something is, but I know it's important, and even though my role is small it's meaningful.

I'm here to prove that I can be. I'm here to prove that not all disabilities are death sentences, nor condemning one to misery. I'm here because I've got things to do in life and I'm going to do them.

I am here to make art.

Boredom, that's why I'm here.

I am here right now because I'm in between jobs and need to keep myself busy. A busy brain is better than one that is sitting on the shelf getting stale.

Right now I am sitting at home answering this HIT. I am doing this right now because my daughter is taking a nap and I need a mental break.

I am exhausted. I am tired all of the time. I need to lose some weight. I am still happy.

TO EARN MONE...eehh...PENNIES!!! (and sooooo proud of it)

Right here and right now is a spark of a moment in time and space that only exists once and never exists again.

Probability? I'm a Christian, but I still can't claim to know the answers to this one. It is said, men are that they might have joy. Well, there's a fair lot of it right now.

I am here because I have free time. Right now is this moment.

Here is in my home office drinking coffee on a Saturday morning with the dog chasing the cats.

A LONG time ago, there was AMIX : "American information exchange: where you get paid for being online." We're talking pre GUI, 286 machines connecting to a central server (pre internet) at 300 bps. Phil Salin, entrepreneurial whiz-kid, good guy, first private space exploration effort... (you get the picture) headed up the effort. Basically it was just like this space - people with needs connecting with people who could help out. I've been a big fan of this idea of distributed micro-efforts and micro payments for, geeze, 15 years or so. I'm here 'cause I'd like to see this effort (or something akin to it) succeed.

I think I am I think.

I believe that I am here right now to raise my children to be better than I, to make their lives better, and in turn, allow them to make the world better.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Well, I am primarily because I like to receive something for nothing, which is what mturk seems like to me!

Right now I came to check out the hits and look at my balance. I was bored at work so I thought I'd work at my so called convenient 'second job'. Gotta make some extra cash to spend on my vacation!

As for why I'm here considering life a whole. I haven't fully figured that one out yet other than to 'enjoy life and have fun'. What's the point in working yourself to death if you can't enjoy some free time.

I'm a little perplexed by this HIT, but I'll give it a shot. Here for me is my desk in my office in New York City, NY, United States, Planet Earth. But hopefully here will be a bar with my friends in about 45 minutes.

I am a palm tree.

I am curious, yellow.

"Philosophy is a walk on a slippery dock.

Religion is a light in the fog. "

Eddie Brickell and New Bohemians,

"What I am"

Eagerly waiting the new HIT to reveal the mystery of Stonehenge, the Bermuda Triangle, or just the conundrum laid down above.

YRUHRN

I am here on this earth, as Richard Dawkins eloquently phrased it, to have the privilege to die. Out of the countless possibilities that could have been me, I am the human that was born. I am the one who was allowed the opportunity to breathe the breath of life. That is why I am here, right now.

I am here to be a part of the world wide community. I am honing my internet skills, my thought processes and above all ... I'm having fun. The future? to be safe, happy and healthy.

Here is where I am. No one is where I am at the moment and no one can be. Only because of my decisions I am here right now. All my life is my duty. I am the person who is responsible for me. No one else can decide what will happen in my life. Only if I let someone else decide. With my decision I have the possibility and responsibility to create my life. If I let someone else decide, I have no longer the possibility to live my life my own way. My life is the sum of all my decisions. That is why I am here right now.

To be or not to be this is the question!

I am in Bronxville, NY, a little suburb, in my apartment. I am here because Christmas shopping season is in a matter of months, and I want to not have to spend actual money on it. The goal is to have MTurk pay for Christmas.

I am exploring the possibilities of the Internet.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Why her
question
asking
myself cancer
young
behind sons
friend

THE GRIEVING LOVED ONE

I'm sitting at home staring at this computer and asking myself this same question? I just found out that my 29 year old friend just died from breast cancer that spread to her lungs. She left behind a husband and two young sons. So now I'm sitting here asking myself why am I here? Why is she not going to be here to raise her sons and live her life? Why am I here?

Not only am I a slave to the dollar, I am also a slave to the penny.

Because God said so.

This is an interesting question; it could be answered any number of ways. I could say I was bored, or that I was looking for some easy money; I could say that I'm here because I was born, or because my choices led me here, or because some deity or other omnipotent entity wished me to be... the list goes on. I'll settle on that I'm here simply because I need to be. By which I don't mean the website. I don't really need to be here. I'm not THAT desperate for cash and/or entertainment. At least, I hope I'm not.

I'm here right now because I'm not in another place. I'm in home right now because I'm not in work. I'm here right now because I'm not watching TV right now. I'm here right now but I can be tomorrow in grave.

YRUHRN

I'm here because I think I'm here.

Sooo...

I'm here because I want to take care of my kids' future, trying to make a few more bucks for their college tuition, etc. That about sums it up...

Well, to wonder how cost effective it is to work for the mechanical turk. I mean, is it just exploitation to pay people so little for such work? I dunno. Needs more examination.

I am here right now trying to make something useful out of some wasted time waiting for someone. "Here" is Hawaii, "Now" is Saturday morning.

Right now I am parked in my RV along the Atlantic Ocean on Cape Breton Island, in Nova Scotia. It is a calm, peaceful day. Slightly overcast with a nice cool breeze. I can look up from the screen and see seagulls swooping down upon the water and hear the waves gently lapping upon the shore. Here is peaceful. Every day, every moment is now. Living life to its fullest.

Right now is NOT 5:30 am tomorrow morning: when I have to get up for teaching now that summer is over.

Here...buffalo....end of summer.....being a grown up is right around the corner, again. Now is the fading moments of my inconsistency, as the poet said, it is here now, and in England, only not England really, just some hot summer night in western New York while rain threatens.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I am here to learn, work, succeed and evolve. I am not here to live.

I'm here at mturk to make one penny by answering your question.

Why are you here is a question asked by many for tens of thousands of years. There is no singular answer because everyone's perspective differs. Quite literally, we are all here in order to reproduce and pass down our genes, but our existence seems to be flawed. If reproducing is all we live for, then how come after we have children and they have their own jobs, we don't kill ourselves, there is no longer a need for us. Life seems to be the prelude to death. It is very odd that we live to die.

I am here because I am bored out of my mind and this beat having to do any real work.

I am here to discover God's plan for my life, and to carry it out.

I had a friend who worked at Google tell me about this website and I decided to check it out. I am also currently killing time for two weeks before starting work and figured if I did enough of these I could buy a DVD on Amazon.

Because I was made by my parents, and them before them and so on...

Don't want to go to sleep yet, so needed something to do.

YRUHRN

Right this moment, as I am typing this, I am in a hotel room in Blue Ash, OH. I am here because of work. I work as a means of collecting money to buy material possessions I use to increase the pleasure I derive from life. I also work because it is a good use of time, as in I feel that I accomplish something worth doing.

Just wanting to see what challenges I can find.

I simply wanted to see what weird requests were currently on mturk.

I'm at home here in Indiana for the moment, because my husband is getting experience in maintenance in a big corporation before he can be transferred to Florida in 5 years.

I'm here to earn a little money so I can buy myself a new book I've always wanted to get and since I can't get a job yet, this site saved me some time.

Because I don't have a life!

Basically, I'm both here in the comfort of my home, and here in the cyberspace, hunting for cents for a job...I'm here to satisfy various and sometimes extremely strange curiosities of people for their cents, hoping it's worth it in the end.

I am here to ensure the health and well being of my future generations. After I first produce some progeny, of course.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Eyes watch
below
air gates
heaven superiority
pieces claim
look

THE OMNIPOTENT ENIGMA

Here is a place filled with air that looks down on you. An air of superiority, but in the bad sense. Here is where I come to close eyes on those who look too much and leave them speechless (jaws dropped and everything). Now is this instance, where I claim the bottomless pit and become the maintenance guy for the locks in the gates of heaven. Now is the time when I oil the hinges and polish the knobs. Now is when I impost my air of self importance (the air of superiority) and when people show up at the gates, I send them back or down. Now is when I pick up the pieces of those I rejected under a false pretense and tell them that yes, eating snot was THAT bad and they'll have to pay for it. Or...now is when I cook dinner and silently watch the street below my window, quietly minding its own business.

I am here to play baseball, eat, sleep, and make people happy.

Right now I am here for me.

YRUHRN

I am here! In this body and have been for the past 30 years! I have been thinking about the world in general that I see through the eyes of this body! I hear what's happening around me with these pair of ears! But, apart from all these, when I ponder over why I am here. What I am doing here and if this is the right time for me to stop for awhile on this journey and start to think of what exactly I am doing here, once again I have no ideas. But, one thing I am sure of is that this is the right place for me and the right time for me to be here! Yes! The time would arrive when I would be needed elsewhere and when I would say Goodbye to this abode of mine, but until then I shall be right here and carry on doing what I am supposed to do!

Until then, I shall just go on watching this exciting world pass me by showing me the various kaleidoscopic views of it slowly swirl by!

I'm here because I am.

Here is my family. Right now is in my children's laughter.

Here is where I am. I don't live in some past or some pain. Live for the now. I was created to do the will of the one who created me - so that is what I do.

I'm here because I have nothing really better to do. You see, I was at school the other day and I left the power cord to my good laptop. So the battery dies and I'm like, ugghhhh. So I had some money save for some books that I wanted to grab. Just your ordinary action adventure reads, but the laptop needed its power. So I ordered that. Then I remembered about this and decided to work here for my books. So, that why I'm here.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I am here right now to start working on my goals so I can have a future. In the future, I would like to have a business with my husband where we both are a team. Right now, I am working at saving, planning, and training so when the day finally comes, we will be ready.

It's 10:45 AM on Monday morning, and I'm at work. I come to this site to make a little extra money surfing the web.

Somehow it seems more productive to come to this site and do a few HITS than to spend an hour or so reading random blogs. All the money I make is poured back to Amazon.com though, in the form of random book purchases.

Sitting in a chair missing my husband. When is right now basically the same thing sitting in a chair missing my husband, right now it's about nine thirty at night, where in some southern state that I just can't believe I've ended up in.

Right now is feeling lost, empty, and feeling very, very bored.

There is no future or past, there is only now. The future only exists as the now of our imagination and the past only as the now of our memories. The now of our past is our guide that leads us to a particular now in our myriad imagined futures. Paradoxically, our future rarely becomes what we imagine now. Is this because we lack sufficient imagination or one greater than us imagines?

Here is here. Now is now. It keeps changing and I go with it. I am here because that's how it is at the moment. When I'm unhappy with it, I'll change it.

Insomnia.

YRUHRN

I am here in order to get to the place I need to be next. It is a brief way station on the trail to my future.

Here is our first home, with our first puppy. Time is 30something, feels like I am finally 'get' life, ya know? Maturity. Music is My Muse, The Net is My release. How about u?

I read an article on Salon.com profiling this site, so instead of working on my Ph.D. research, I decided to check it out. Now I can't stop responding to these HITs. That answers your Why question. As for Where? I'm sitting at my computer in my darkened living room. When? PST although it's not my usual time zone.

I am here to change policy so that people will have access to more affordable medicines.

Here is trapped in illusion of sequential time. Now is over before it began but hasn't happened yet either. Looking back, I was in that time and that place by choice. Events had disillusioned me and I sorely needed breathing space.

I needed time to just watch the wheels go 'round.. to scratch what itched...

To regain joy in the simple things.

To not only stop and smell the roses but to make the rose bed my life.

That phase was what it was and ended when it ended.

That's most of the beauty of it- stepping back from life you begin to really see the individual trees in the forest.

And that made all the difference.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I am here because I want to receive money for completed hits so I might accumulate enough to buy a book called Being and Time. I don't think I'm going to make it.

I am currently in the South of France on paternity leave contemplating the wonder of my new born son.

I am here because I have nowhere else to be. Here is my home, right now is this stage of my life.

I am here, yet you are not.

Here is the existence I find myself suddenly in, here is my room, here is wherever I 'go'. I bring my 'here' with me. Right now is constantly passing, by the time I knew when it was, and started to write it...'now' suddenly changed, right now is a continuous thing, that I can never pin down. It's dynamic.

I'm here because I find myself here, and I'm constantly amused, puzzled and amazed at the fact that I *am* here.

I'm at work browsing the internet for additional work at home opps. Today has been a rather unusual day and I am screaming to get out of this J.O.B....

I want to have a family, to complete myself...to advance further from the daily single life...I want to have kids and teach them things and treat them the way I wished to be treated.

YRUHRN

I'm here right now because I quit my job for the summer and I haven't checked out mturk since they had all those address lookup hits. I made like, \$23.76 in total back when it first came out and it was totally not worth it. I am bored so I am checking through these hits to make a couple of pennies and buy myself a hotdog on Amazon. Hopefully it wont be moldy by the time I get it.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Cash career
here

stuck time
hungry friend
ready home

now

THE TROUBLED STUDENT

I am stuck between this time after college and seemingly time before life truly starts, and I'm having trouble figuring out my place in all this. I've got a job that could be a career, but do I want it to be a career? So I guess I'm biding my time and waiting for something to happen. Here is Columbus. Here is my rental home that I can't wait to get out of. Here is in front of my new computer that I bought partially with MTurk money and cash incentives from signing up with Vonage. And right now is Saturday. Right now is feeling rushed because I have to go to a wedding for a friend who isn't really a friend at all. Right now is hungry. Right now is ready to lose weight. Right now is ready for change.

I am in the middle of a raging thunderstorm, with raindrops slamming against every window. It's a few minutes past ten, and I hope by eleven it clears up, since I'm going to a midnight party at my friend's, who works the evening shift.

I am here to recruit all women to become lesbians.

I'm in front of a computer.

YRUHRN

Can't sleep.
Can't be fully awake.
Where will the coin land?
Yes or no
Solve the koan
and let it roll.

I got lost on the way to my Amazon account page?

I am here to have fun.

I am here right now to be the best that I can be, to teach the best that I can teach, and to learn the best that I can learn.

To myself, I am the student and the world is the teacher. To my child, not only is the world his teacher, but also myself.

I am here in order to pay for my future of becoming a social justice philosopher. I want to help others; however not a school or university, but instead at some sort of shelter. I want to be able to use reason to show others the necessity of every person.

God put me here for a purpose, now, today.

I am here right now at work. On the mTurk to keep myself busy during the slow times and make a few cents.

It is right now in the morning after my first meeting and in the middle of my first coffee break. It is late August and near the end of the summer. Life is busy but I like it that way.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I am here to contribute to my fellow man. This mTurk system can be far-reaching and will lead to something wonderful. Thank you.

Curiosity,
intense anticipation.
Unwavering angst.
Was that almost a Haiku?

I don't really understand this, but here goes.
My physical self is at home in a chair in my family room.
My mental self is everywhere; in my past, in my present, and in my future.

I'm here to slowly accumulate income in my idle hours, because at the moment I'm a 21 year old girl who's just returned from touring with a circus swing band for 6 weeks, I'm dead broke, staying with my ex boyfriend, and needing to do something constructive with my time.

Time may or may not be linear; existence may or may not be relative--there's no way to know for sure. I try to remember that perception is not necessarily analogous with reality, but it's easy to forget. What about the future? If time is cyclical, isn't the future in part determined by the past?

YRUHRN

The future is a series of lighthouses during a hurricane. They must be out there, they have to be, if they don't then we're all screwed.

All you can do is try to keep on living. That's all. By the time you recognize the blurred light as a lighthouse, you're already sailing past it: In recognition it becomes the present, a non-issue, and then the past, and guess what? It's still raining, and you better keep moving or you'll drown.

To see if there is a better way to get work done than by hiring employees. Perhaps this will eliminate headaches such as human resources nightmares.

I believe we are here to piss some random higher power off or to destroy the planet. I am not quite sure yet my turn on this plane has not yet ended. Oh, and to answer the other questions, Earth, specifically Eastern Connecticut is where the people who designed the current maps have told me I currently reside. And when is, who knows when, time is irrelevant. I just look at the sky once and a while.

I am here right now for absolutely no good reason. Just sitting and work and plinking away. Actually it is probably because I need to do several things at once and this just adds to my confusion.

I am here on a small planet in a huge galaxy in a bigger universe. Right now is 14 billion years after that universe started. I take the long view of things, I guess.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Here for me is well actually a really good place right now, I mean I was feeling pretty down and out for a while but all is well now. It's funny because it's not like there was a defining moment that made me change how I was feeling so why I am here is a pretty good question cause I'm not really sure. I have no idea.

I'm here. Which is to say North Kingstown, Rhode Island, USA, Earth, Solar system, Milky Way, Universe, etc. Now is never possible to nail down, because with even the slightest time it takes to describe it, it's gone.

My All Me
Answer
status hemming
Niche hawing
Wonder
Question

THE WORRIED SEEKER

I've been trying to figure this out for sometime now. Often I wonder what exactly what my purpose is going to be, my place, my niche in the world and I have not been able to give myself an answer to this question yet. This is all very disconcerting for me, as you may imagine. I'm worried that while I'm hemming and hawing over my status life is passing me by at an unimaginably fast rate. I suppose all I can do at this point is wait and see and stay the course.

Yes I can write, and think. Here is here, not there. When is now. To be. Or not?

I am trying to avoid studying and writing up my lab report. It's 12:46am CST.

My future will be better than my present. I will complete my studies, and will do anything I can to help my country recover from the crisis it's in. I believe that I can make a change because I'm young and everyone shares my hope of peace.

Why am I here? Because my friend sent me the link to this place yesterday, and I am currently unemployed and I gotta make every little cent that I can. If you know of anything else I can do, let me know. Damn, the things we'll do for a penny...

YRUHRN

Life should not mean but be.

I'm here, on this planet, for now, the duration of my life,
because I really don't have anything better to do.

I'm bored at work and figured I could earn a paltry amount
of money working on odd requests like this one.

I am just burning up a few minutes while my six year old is
in the shower. I need to be close by and I can hear him from
where I'm sitting right now.

I am here to live my life to the fullest, create new life, then
die.

The right now for me is sitting in the midst of a forest
commuting with nature, talking to all the forest creatures
and becoming one with the earth. Because when I am there
I am not trying to get to somewhere, because I'm already
there just being.

I'm here for Ella, Isa, Eli and Cathy
I'm here for the people with whom I work
I'm here for reaching level 40 on World of Warcraft and
obtaining my steed
I'm here for the next ride on my motorcycle
I'm here for my friends
I'm here for the next smile from a person I love In the here
and now.

In the future I will still be stuck here because THE WORLD
IS KEEPING ME DOWN!

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Here for me is right here.
Now for me is right now.
Life for me is not life
If I am not here right now.

Why do people always need a reason to be? That's silly. If you live life and don't harm any other member of your species if you can help it and maybe contribute a little to improve the species (and no, that does not necessarily mean breed more of them) a bit, that should be enough.

I am living thousands of miles from where I was born to be with my husband. I like it here, but I hate working from home. I want an office now.

I am here right now because I have no where else to be.

I am here because this is the right moment to be here for me. I feel that i have to be here on this website now. It may be a chance to earn some money.

Right now is worthless. But maybe I can get a penny out of it.

Well, I'm publishing a book about my life that I hope can help others. I'm hoping my activism, my generosity, and the sharing of my experiences make others lives better. I think that is why I am here.

YRUHRN

I am waiting for work to do in my last days of working.. At the end of the week, I will start the next phase of my life as a graduate student. THAT is where I should be right now, but at this moment in time I am simply waiting for that next step to begin.

I think, we are here, because everyone has a place in a big community.

If there is one place empty, the community is not filled to 100%.

Right now is the first step in the future - not after the past or in the "now".

Here is Columbiaville, Michigan. I'm here right now because my parents built this house a year ago, and since I helped too I might as well live in it. It's a nice house on a lake too. Only problem is that we don't have a boat or landline broadband internet, but I fixed that by getting wireless internet. All in all a great place to live, it's just really far away from anyplace useful.

I am here to have a family. I've always wanted to have children my whole life. My maternal instinct started to kick in at 15 when I volunteered my time at Day Camp or other activities for children. I knew I had to make a difference in children's lives how. Now I'm getting my degree in Teacher's Education so I can make that difference. And one day I would like to have children of my own so I can teach them how wonderful it is to help others.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Here is "alive", which I almost wasn't just a few months ago. Right now is when my daughter is 16. I am here right now because she will need me to see her through to a fulfilling adulthood.

I'm at Amazon mTurk in order to make a few bucks, or at least be amused and make a few cents.

To experience the life that is before me...us and to make life better for the future. I am not sure how but everyday as I wonder why people do what they do and certain events unfold the mystery deepens, but the answer is clearer. We learn from our past and yet we don't deviate much from the path. Right now I am here to return this HIT and to think about why you are here right now.

Right now, I am tired, but I am alive.

So far my body is not fighting cancer anymore, so I have less worries.

I am at mturk to try to make some money to offset my ebay spending, since I am in college. I am devoted to college because of my interest in biology and microbiology.

I want to make a difference.

What is here for me.

1. some money, is that so bad?
2. something to do.
3. I am in a college dorm right now.

What is here for me is friendship and learning.

Right now for me, is the past since it took time to say, "right now."

To me, there is no real present time...

Time flow
sequences

beta
turk describe
here
amazon series

omnipresent

THE SCIENTIFIC PHILOSOPHER

Why am I here-- right now, doing this HIT? Because I'm still on summer vacation from school (-which starts in September-) and so I have less to do than I normally do, and because I stumbled here and wanted to know if it was worth my time. I saw a CNET news article for the Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Beta), so I followed it to Amazon Web Services -- from there I saw the Amazon Mechanical Turk (Beta), which lead me here. Why am I here, on earth? Because something made it that way - whether it was God (maybe, I think he/it/they exist(s), but I think religion is silly), or whether it was chance, or destiny, or whatever. (Which of those it is, I don't know - since I'm not omnipresent or whatever.) Why am I here, in my chair? Because I can afford it... for now. What about my right now? Hmm... well, that keeps moving, so it's hard to describe. Because time flows... or, rather, it seems to flow. It's really a series of individual sequences, and we are moving so fast through them that we think that it flows... sort of like a picture book. And if time travel becomes impossible, the reason for it is that we would never be able to be faster than the current that runs through the flow of time...

YRUHRN

I'm really THAT desperate for money. I've been looking for creative ways to make money, and this seemed really cool.

I was surfing the web and stumbled upon the "mechanical turk" concept. I had never heard of it before and was quite fascinated with the idea that I could complete a task better than a computer! Which is why I am here...I THINK! no no, don't take it THAT way. I literally do think, I think. Right now, I am also being somewhat "bad" in that I am supposed to be hard at work being a radio DJ, but since I have a long track playing, well, we can surf the web and answer email!! (and investigate the "mechanical turk." Obviously, I am going to have to think (I THINK!) long and hard about what I am going to be doing with my hard earned pay of ONE CENT. OW, strange to think I can be purchased for a coin which is worth less than the amount of money spent producing it. I guess, that is what I WILL BE THINKING of when I leave this particular HIT...

I can't sleep that is why I am here plus I am bored.

It's Sunday. Free time. Free money. Quiet. Husband and child left the house for the morning.....Whee!!!

I am here because I was born.

I'll bet this is for those darn nonsense words used to trick spam filters. Yep, I think that's it: Studebaker. Pepperoni. Mystery theatre. Peter Falk. Conspiracy theory. Absurdist chiropodist. I guess that's not an answer to the question, except in the most oblique way allowable.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I am here because I survived it. The change. The Event. The Pulse. The Apocalypse. Many people didn't. I don't deserve it; I didn't do anything to earn it. But here I am, putting one foot in front of the other and breathing one contaminated breath after another, building and rebuilding not because I believe in it but because I have no choice. It turns out the human is a machine after all, propelled by will. I am here, and I put one stone on top of another with aging and bruised hands. I don't know why I build; I just do. Somebody has to.

Right now, I'm here to complete this HIT and get paid for it, lol. However, in a more spiritual sense, I'm here to attain enlightenment and to help others do the same. For me, that means being mindful in what I think, say or do, so that every moment can be an opportunity for positivity or growth.

It's not always easy though because of past and present drama, not to mention fears concerning drama in the future. But those things are an unavoidable part of life.

The main thing is to just keep doing whatever you need to do in order to be more compassionate, patient and wise.

I seek truth and beauty. But I don't share it.

To be happy.

Taking a break from studying for GMAT.

YRUHRN

Here am I in front of my computer, peering through the monitor to the world outside, a world far beyond the brick walls of my house, beyond the gate leading the street, beyond the borders of this country and up toward the sky.

I'm here, at my computer, trying to make a bit of money and keep from getting bored, while not leaving the quiet darkened room I am in because of a migraine headache. Beyond that I honestly don't know, although I have taken classes in philosophy of mind, existentialism, and cognitive psychology, they have just left me more metaphysically confused than before.

I will go on to get a BS in computer science and my incredible career will fall short when an out of control garbage truck destroys most of my vital organs. I would probably have cured cancer, solved world hunger, and single-handedly fought off several alien invasions, but instead, the world will suffer.

I am in San Jose, CA. It is now 17:38 hours on Tuesday, the 29th of August, 2006. Here I am now breathing and typing, just for you and me and a copper penny. But I can do many other things too! I am just being for now.

I think that living in a big city has a lot of disadvantages like pollution or a traffic jam. I live in small city and I'm happy.

I am here right now to see what I can do with my life. I am here at college to learn, so that I can make money and survive. I am here to learn how to make decisions and take responsibility. Right now is today, but what I do today and who I am today will affect all of the days after.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I'm here because I'm bored. Yeah.

Yes, I can write. Quite well as a matter of fact. This is an interesting question. I guess I'm right here sitting at my computer at 11:00 pm because I am trying to earn enough money to quit my day job in February. Why February? It just sounds like a good month. Seriously, because I set a six month goal and that is when my six months are up. Where, you ask? In good ole Sedro Woolley Washington. Hope this is worth the penny for the hit. Have a wonderful day!!! :)

"Here" is planet Earth, somewhere in a universe. More locally, it's the Southwest High Desert in New Mexico. Right now is Sunday Afternoon, 27 August 2006, about a quarter after 2pm, MDT. I'm here, because we came to New Mexico with a research company thirty-six years ago, and settled in, never finding this place so obnoxious...or any other place so attractive...that we felt compelled to leave. It isn't "home." It's just where we happen to be.

I'm here on this site right now because I'm procrastinating. my lease ends tomorrow and I have to have all my stuff out and it's stressing me out more than anything. I don't have enough money to pay my last utility bill or buy gas and the car's on the "E" line. somehow I feel marginally less useless if I'm doing hits rather than just sitting on my bed panicking.

I'm here because this is where and when I choose to be.

Sitting in front of a laptop in my home office in Sunnyvale, CA wondering whether or not the sod that was recently installed in my front yard will survive.

Have choices
opportunities
event
random
existence
certain
connection
conversation
Me

THE SERENDIPITOUS TRAVELER

I am here because of series of seemingly random connections, conversations, events, and thoughts have led me along a path that ended with me being right where I am, when I am. It has been a matter of talking to certain people, having certain conversations, taking certain opportunities. If one piece of the chain was missing, I would be somewhere else doing something else. Now, of course, not all choices that I have made in my life have been integral to leading me along this path, but I can only see in retrospect which ones have been the ones that mattered. Getting married was not one of those life-changing events, but taking a temporary job was, for example. So, I move throughout my existence trying to keep my eyes open for the next connection, the next opportunity to influence my future, and I work very hard at those that I think will be those opportunities, with the knowledge that they may or may not make the difference.

I'm here to make some money. Or do you mean life?
If you mean life I'm here to have a good time and make people happy.

Right now is every minute of my life. Right now is NOW.
Although that is now the past.

Physically I am at home right now, in my room, on my chair, in front of my computer. Mentally, I am not here, my mind is lost and confused thinking about a girl...

Because I made a conscious choice to keep going when I hit rock bottom. I figured (correctly) that it couldn't get any worse. That's why I'm here.

I am here because it was meant to be. As soon as the universe was created, everything became defined. Right now I am here to do my part, whether by the will of the Divine, or the way of science, I am here because it was meant to be and cannot be changed.

Why am I here right now?

Here is Chicago. I am here because my life brought me here. I fell in love with the city the first time I visited it, and I knew that it would eventually be my home. It's a chance to find myself, to explore who I can be without restrictions of Small Town USA, where I grew up. It's a chance to be wacky and wild and experience life, and still have a wonderful husband and a wonderful home to return to, every day. Why am I here? Who knows, really. I've got a purpose. Until it's clear, I'm just going to keep on living my life.

Am I here because I want to be here? Am I here because FATE tells me I should be? Or am I only here to improve my typing skills, which are sort of lacking at the moment? I am here because of the decision I have made, poorly or not. Is it fate? I don't know... nor do I really care. I don't want to know. I am here because I am.

To see how much money I can rack up!

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

I'm in Pennsylvania on a Saturday evening checking out available hits on Mechanical Turk. Sad, huh?

I'm here sitting in Australia because I'm passing some time and being bored why not I say.

I am sitting at my computer in the dark right now with the screen turned down low because my eyes are hurting. I've been on the net all day. All my friends are here and I got caught up in discussions. I am lonely. I am waiting for my long distance lover to call. I have been checking out this site and doing hits to earn a bit of money to buy books. I love to read. I started to read because I turned two years old. Words have always fascinated me, stories have provided and escape and reference books a way to teach myself many things that otherwise I would not know.

I'm lost. I don't know where I am. Its dark, but when I feel my eyes open, they feel as if they're being blinded by the sun. I don't want to be in this place. Please, somebody, please show me the door out of here.

The door out of the darkness. Please, somebody...

I don't want to be alone...

I am here because I believe that my future holds great things for me, and that I will go on to do great things and help people. I am writing this because it will hopefully add just a bit more cash to my future, and get me that much closer to my dreams of being self sufficient and on my own.

YRUHRN

I will do great things, and people might never know it, because I do not want to do it for the fame, I want to do it because someone needs to, and I believe that I have the ability. I believe that I can make a difference and that it would be irresponsible of me if I didn't try!

I'm here because I need money.

I am here right now, browsing the HIT's, in hope of a chance to earn a few meager dollars. This money earned would inevitably be used to buy a new book or movie. This, though, is just my physical location.

Inside my mind, here is just a location on a plane, that has been defined by my own mind in attempt to cope with reality. In other words, I am nothing, yet everything, simultaneously.

I define right now as the frame of mind I am currently in.. Slightly sleep deprived, but still functioning. Right now is being alive, for the next moment I could cease to exist.

Here, I breathe.

I stand and soak in.

I am the fulcrum of my world,
balancing dark and light on my shoulders
as a burden to bear for all days.

All days are made up of the ones before them.

I am here right now as a result of so many seeming unrelated coincidences that there has to be a reason.

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Because I should be doing homework.

To earn a little cash.

I am simply here, but then why is anyone here? We are here because we were put here for a reason. I am here to live a fulfilling life and be happy, which is not always the case. Yes, I can think. I think quite well, but when I do, I just simply do. Right now is this very moment, and I take each moment at a time. Life is not always fair, but it is up to you to make it whatever you want it to be.

I am here, right here, at this very moment, to figure out why I'm here. Once I figure that out, I can touch more lives than I ever thought possible. This moment is just a detour, a small break, in a journey toward being immortal.

Making money while watching TV, the best multi task.
Getting paid to watch TV.

Yeah...so anyways, give me my penny.

CREDITS & DEDICATIONS

I dedicate this book to all the children of Hurricane Katrina - children whose lives have been turned upside down. May this book give them inspiration and direction.

Lisa Baker - Mechanicsville, VA

"More than happy to be right where I am, right now."

Dedicating a book of thoughts and dreams to those who need thoughts and dreams...

Barbara Barrick - Woodbridge, VA

"Now loving life more at home taking care of MY love and appreciating LIFE."

To my wife and children who, of all that walk the earth, are most precious to me.

Bob Castleman - Buffalo, NY

"Intrepid explorer of the edges of reality."

Dedicated to my parents Joseph P. and Mary J. Finn; they are the reason why I am here.

Michelle R. Finn - Cincinnati, OH

"A highly educated individual."

I dedicate this book to my family, who have always been there for me, and have never doubted my dreams, no matter how crazy they might be. Also to anyone who finds themselves at a place in life where the question of why seems unanswerable, you are not alone.

Renea Champion Hawk- Greensburg, PA

"Now happily using my creativity and passion for a new challenge to work from home."

This book is dedicated to my son who always keeps asking the question 'Why?' and to my husband who I fall in love with all over again every time I watch him with our son.

Traci LeMire - Tracy, CA

"Before my life really began, I was a recruiter."

I dedicate this book to my husband Dan and our son Logan, who are my inspiration in everything I do and every choice I make. I also dedicate this to my mom Pam, who always supported me in every endeavor. She is the reason I'm here at all, and made me who I am today.

Shannon Maciejewski - Detroit, MI

"My eventual career goal is to work at home to be with my family."

CREDITS & DEDICATIONS

To Margo, for teaching me that greatness is born from a tiny spark of inspiration.

Raquel Martin - AZ

"Independent publisher and serial entrepreneur."

I dedicate this book to my husband, daughter, mom, dad, and sister. I love you all!

Kelly McDonald - LaGrange, KY

I dedicate this book to my husband, whose support has made my participation possible, and whose gift of two beautiful girls has made my 'why' much more apparent to me, and to all people everywhere who are looking for their 'why'.

JoAnna Prewitt - Woodland Park, CO

"At home to enjoy my girls before these early years are gone forever."

I dedicate this book to all of the amazing people who helped our family get through the storms that we have weathered. Without all of you I would not be in the place I am right now!

Suzi Scott- Grand Blanc, MI

"Professional photographer."

I dedicate this book to all that find contentment within its pages.

Verice Smith - Birmingham, AL

"Working to show that Virtual Assistants are contributors to the growing economy, and hope one day to be a published writer."

I dedicate this book to my husband: Jamie, my dear daughter: Hailey and my darling son: Andrew, for these three are there for me everyday, in every way, and they are the reason I am here right now.

Danielle Tucker - Port Deposit, MD

"I work from home so I can be with my two beautiful children."

I dedicate this book to everyone who has had their lives, just like my own family, completely turned upside down. And, just like them, I dedicate it to my family."

Debi Heusser - Newark, DE

"Dreams really do come true"

I dedicate this book to the creative Ishidos who made this book happen.

Steve Kantor - Bethesda, MD

SERENDIPITY

Late one night, I had logged into mturk.com. I am not really sure why. I had not checked the site in almost a year. On the HITs page there was a HIT called "Why Are You Here - Right Now?", which paid a penny to answer a question.

I answered the question. I noticed two key phrases in that question, "Lifebushido" and "Steve Kantor". I typed these keywords into Google. I found some positive reviews written about his company. I emailed a job inquiry to him. Why not?

Since then we have published a book. This book. I went from a penny HIT on MTurk, to a position helping coordinate this project which is filled with talented people who have a big dream. I guess it was a lucky penny.

Raquel Martin, Production Coordinator

Almost a year ago I started my search for a work at home job. For the first few months I found nothing but scams and business opportunities, all expecting me to pay for work. Finally, in June, I discovered Amazon's Mechanical Turk. Something completely flexible, no worry about background distractions or noise from the children.

Late one night as I was going through the HITs available, I stumbled across one that was offering a penny for the answer to 'Why Are You Here - Right Now?', so I thought, "What the heck! Why not? I'll answer it for a penny!" Oh, how that penny has changed my life!

10 days later, I received an email from Steve asking me to check out a project idea. The idea was to turn all the answers received from MTurk into a book. Again I thought, "What the heck! Why not?!"

That started this amazing journey from idea to book. I went from someone just hoping and praying for some kind of big opportunity to someone actually involved and coordinating this wondrous vision into reality.

And now it is real. A very big real!
Thank goodness for my 'lucky penny'!

Renea Champion Hawk, Marketing Coordinator

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

THE MAKING OF YRUHRN

How did this book happen? How does anything happen? Well, someone has an idea and things start to happen, often in unpredictable ways.

I was exploring Amazon's Mechanical Turk service, www.mturk.com, because I'm a huge believer in unique talents and the wisdom of crowds. For my business, I explore a variety of new web services. Rather than have me describe Mturk, you can visit the website and read an overview. I did some HITs myself and then went over to create some HITs, because I like to create.

I clicked on "Create HIT" and sat there staring at the screen, trying to think of something. Maybe I was wondering to myself, "why am I here", and then I realized that there were probably hundreds or thousands of people each day staring at Mturk. It was clearly not solely to make significant money - they were probably there for a variety of reasons, just like me. So, I guess I posed the question "Why Are You Here - Right Now?" I decided to hire a few hundred people and pay them \$.01 each to answer. I checked back a few hours later and was amazed to find many answers of creative diversity. After taking a bike ride down to the Potomac River and reading about ten pages, I realized this was good stuff and perhaps could become a book. I emailed a few hundred recent job applicants to my company, Lifebushido, and over 40 responded with positive comments and a desire to help turn these answers into a book. Over the next 30 days, about 20 people came together in an entrepreneurial venture to create this book.

I started my new company, Lifebushido, in January 2006. Lifebushido is building a global network of people working part-time from home with flexible hours, using their unique talents. Although YRUHRN was not part of any big business plan, I believe it strongly shows the power of a global network of people using their unique talents.

If our efforts and this book lead just one person to read this book and be moved to think deeply about the question and their own unique talents, this project will be a success. If that person is you, we would love to hear from you - email us at yruhrn@aweber.com.

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Bethesda, MD
September 2006

Here life

living penny *why*

Now

moment

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work

My

morning

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love

people

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Money

good

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home

Time

live

question

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Ok, now it's your turn:
Why Are You Here - Right Now?

YRUHRN

**Ask your family:
Why Are You Here - Right Now?**

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Ask your friends:
Why Are You Here - Right Now?

Here

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

One person posed the question using Amazon's Mechanical Turk online service; paying respondents a penny for their answers.

That person then collaborated with entrepreneurs working from their homes to create this book. The team has never met face to face. This is a true virtual collaborative project.



The book you are holding is the completed effort of 1,000 people from around the world. The diversity of answers within reflect the profound nature of the question. Read the answers of a global voice, then tell us:

Why Are You Here - Right Now?

love

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Time