Philosophy in a Meaningless Life
A System of Nihilism, Consciousness and Reality

James Tartaglia

"A superb and original work. Tartaglia addresses head-on the question of the meaning of life — which he calls 'the keystone of philosophy' — and gives an uncompromising nihilist answer to it. But rather than turning to gloom and despair, he shows how nihilism is, in a certain sense, neither good nor bad; and that it can be used to address some central traditional questions of philosophy: about consciousness, time and universals. Elegantly written and very readable, this is a unique work of philosophy that deserves a wide readership." Tim Crane, Knightbridge Professor of Philosophy, University of Cambridge, UK

"Tartaglia’s fascinating book on nihilism argues that if life as a whole lacks meaning, then so does fretting about it. Like a philosophical Franz Klammer, Tartaglia slaloms adroitly round delusions that flag our downhill path from absence to annihilation. On the way he has engaging things to say, among much else, about absurdity, the nature of mind, the tedium of childhood, and the notion that human life might have been created by aliens as reality TV entertainment." Glen Newey, Professor of Practical Philosophy, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

35% off with this flyer!

Hardback | 232 pp | December 2015 | 9781474247702 | £65.00 £42.25

Philosophy in a Meaningless Life provides an account of the nature of philosophy which is rooted in the question of the meaning of life. It makes a powerful and vivid case for believing that this question is neither obscure nor obsolete, but reflects a quintessentially human concern to which other traditional philosophical problems can be readily related; allowing them to be reconnected with natural interest, and providing a diagnosis of the typical lines of opposition across philosophy’s debates.

James Tartaglia looks at the various ways philosophers have tried to avoid the conclusion that life is meaningless, and in the process have distanced philosophy from the concept of transcendence. Rejecting all of this, Tartaglia embraces nihilism ('we are here with nothing to do'), and uses transcendence both to provide a new solution to the problem of consciousness, and to explain away perplexities about time and universals. He concludes that with more self-awareness, philosophy can attain higher status within a culture increasingly in need of it.

Table of Contents

Preface
Introduction
1. The Meaninglessness of Life
2. A Survey of Misguided Coping Strategies: Does Nihilism Ruin Your Life?
3. On What Philosophy Is
4. The Problem of Consciousness
5. Consciousness: The Transcendent Hypothesis
6. Time
7. Universals
8. Nihilism, Transcendence, and Philosophy
Bibliography
Index

James Tartaglia is Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at Keele University, UK
Order Form

To order this book, please fill out the following form and return to the address below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ISBN</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Discount Code*</th>
<th>Price</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9781474247702</td>
<td>Philosophy in a Meaningless Life</td>
<td></td>
<td>£42.25</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please remember to add Postage and Packaging:
UK: Postage is free for orders of £25 and over. Europe: per order + £1 per item.
Rest of World: per order + £1 per item

This offer is available to individuals only. It is not available in the Americas, Australia or New Zealand. Web code only valid for books showing as available on website.

Payment Details

I enclose a cheque made payable to Macmillan Distribution (MDL)

☐ Please debit VISA / MASTERCARD / MAESTRO / AMERICAN EXPRESS / JCB (delete as necessary)

Card Number: ___________________________
Issue No. (Maestro Only): ________________
Start Date (Maestro Only): ________________
Expiry Date: ____________________________
Security Code: __________________________

All credit card payments are processed by our distributor, Macmillan Distribution (MDL)

Contact and Delivery Details

Name
Address
Post Code
Country
Telephone
Email

☐ From time to time we would like to send you details of relevant Bloomsbury Group products and special offers by post. If you WOULD NOT like to receive this information please tick here.
☐ If you WOULD like to receive book information and special offers by email, please tick here and make sure you provide your email address above.

Bloomsbury Publishing Plc. is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy
For full details of our Privacy & Cookie Policy, visit www.bloomsbury.com/privacy-policy

How to Order

Web: Enter the discount code above at the checkout on www.bloomsbury.com
Post: Return this form to Macmillan Distribution Ltd, Brunel Road, Houndmills, Basingstoke RG21 6XT, UK
Telephone: Call +44(0)1256 302699 quoting the discount code above