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Agenda

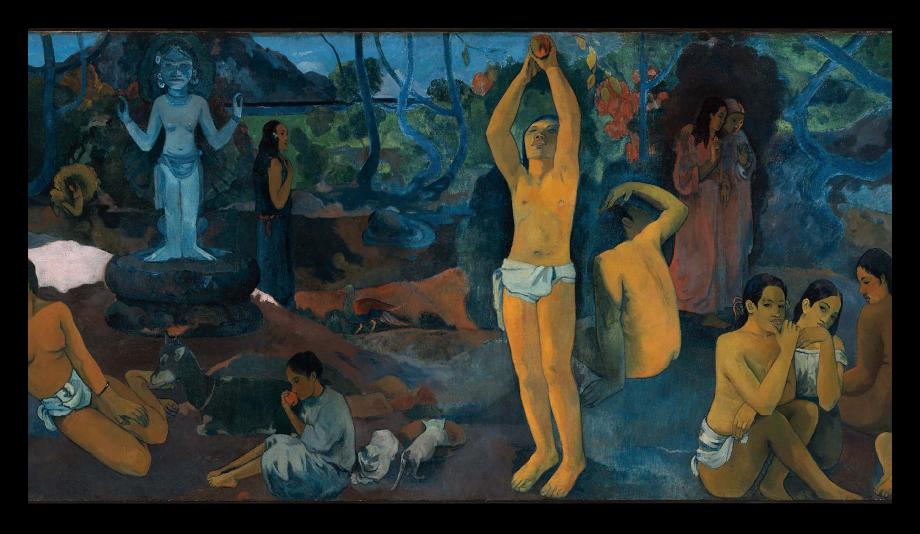
• Our yearning and need for meaning

• What is "meaning"?

• Meaning vs. Happiness

• Where does meaning come from?

The Search for Meaning



Paul Gauguin, Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?

Crisis of Despair



Jules Breton, The Song of the Lark

Pillars of Meaning

Belonging

Purpose

Storytelling

Transcendence

Belonging

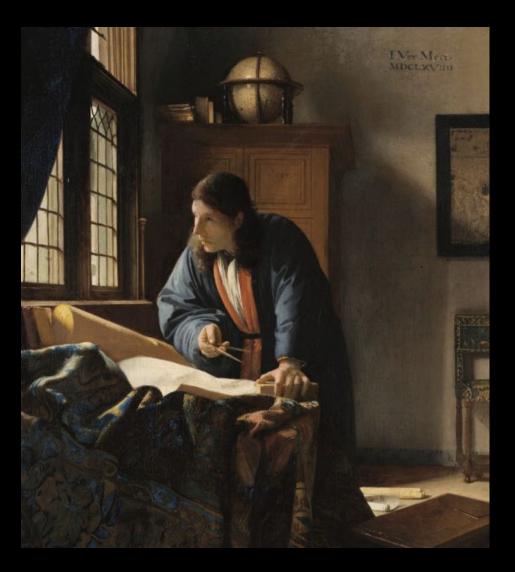


Diego Rivera, Mother and Children



Thomas Hart Benton, Romance

Purpose



Vermeer, The Geographer



European Southern Observatory, Where Heaven and Earth Collide

Storytelling









Rembrandt's self-portraits through the years



Questions?



Paul Gauguin, Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?