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VIKTOR FRANKYL - MEANING MAKING

CHOOSE ONE PASSAGE FROM VIKTOR FRANKYL'S BOOK "MAN'S SEARCH FOR MEANING" TO REFLECT ON IN THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

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"WHAT MATTERS, THEREFORE, IS NOT THE MEANING OF LIFE IN GENERAL BUT RATHER THE SPECIFIC MEANING OF A PERSON'S LIFE AT A GIVEN MOMENT. TO PUT THE QUESTION IN GENERAL TERMS WOULD BE COMPARABLE TO THE QUESTION POSED TO A CHESS CHAMPION: "TELL ME, MASTER, WHAT IS THE BEST MOVE IN THE WORLD?" THERE SIMPLY IS NO SUCH THING AS THE BEST OR EVEN A GOOD MOVE APART FROM A PARTICULAR SITUATION IN A GAME AND THE PARTICULAR PERSONALITY OF ONE'S OPPONENT."

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"DON'T AIM AT SUCCESS -- THE MORE YOU AIM AT IT AND MAKE IT A TARGET, THE MORE YOU ARE GOING TO MISS IT. FOR SUCCESS, LIKE HAPPINESS, CANNOT BE PURSUED; IT MUST ENSUE, AND IT ONLY DOES SO AS THE UNINTENDED SIDE-EFFECT OF ONE'S PERSONAL DEDICATION TO A CAUSE GREATER THAN ONESELF, OR AS THE BY-PRODUCT OF ONE'S SURRENDER TO A PERSON OTHER THAN ONESELF."

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE MEAN TO YOU?

HOW DO YOU FEEL THIS PASSAGE RELATES TO YOUR JOURNEY TO CHOOSING A MAJOR?
