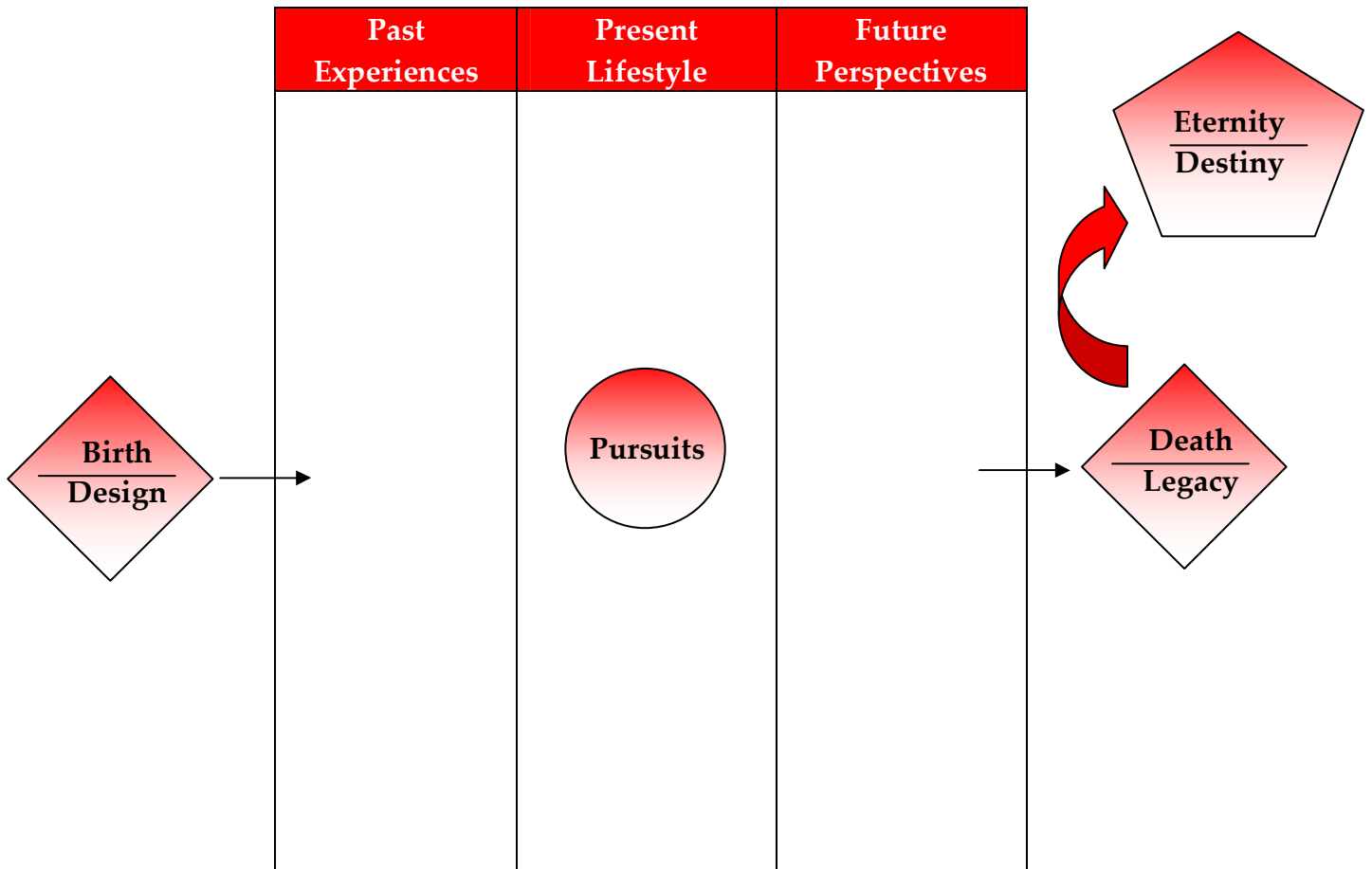


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The Adventurer’s “Sacred Oath”

I. Sacred Ground

A.



B. The Adventurer’s Sacred Oath: “I will fervently live my life according to my design, with the end in mind.”

II. Let’s Get ... Metaphysical!

A. Metaphysics = Peripheral Vision

B. Our World's Two Metaphysical Views of Life and Death

The Traditional/Religious World View

1. Says human beings **the lesser** derived from **the greater**.
2. Assumes what we can see and measure is **secondary** to what we cannot see.
3. **Allows for** the fulfillment of one of the strongest desires and anticipation of the human heart.
4. Points to a **meaningful continuance** to our lives after death (and to those who believe, a happy **continuance**)
5. Embraced by **faith**.

The Traditional/Religious World View

1. Says human beings **the greater** derived from **the lesser**.
2. Assumes what we can see and measure is **primary** – if not **exclusive** to any other reality.
3. **Denies** the fulfillment of our heart's eternal longing.
4. Points to a **meaningless ending** to our lives at death.
5. Embraced by **faith**.

C. Four Choices

1. **That's all folks – The "Dead End" Option**
2. **It's not the end, but everything will be OK – The "Blind Optimism" Option**
3. **It's not the end, but I'll be OK – The "I'm Good Enough" Option**
4. **It's not the end, but I'm uncertain and uneasy – The "I Need Help" Option**

III. Some Final Thoughts

A. An Adventurer always lives with **the end in mind**. Only with a clear and decisive view of **the end** can we ...

1. **Pursue life with a balanced and healthy perspective**
2. **Leave behind a satisfying legacy**
3. **Be ready and confident about eternity**

- B. Man has never done well when his belief goes no further than his life.
- C. Avoiding conclusions about the end is essentially a vote for a "now only" lifestyle that eventually dead ends in frustration, unnecessary regrets, and fear.
- D. If there is more to this life than death, we should do all we can to understand what's next!