

Groundhog Day

1. How and why was Phil trapped?

The movie does not clearly explain how Phil got trapped. Phil finds out as he wakes up in the morning and everything repeats itself. He is trapped so that he could learn from each passing day and finally improve himself.

2. Is Groundhog Day a religious movie? Explain your answer.

Groundhog Day is not a religious movie but it characterized Phil as a God.

There is a scene in the movie that Phil was in the diner, talking to Rita about God. He said that God knows everything because he has been around long enough to find out everything and that Phil himself is stuck in Groundhog Day long enough to know a lot of thing about the town. Then, he shows Rita that he really know everything about people in the diner and what is going to happen next.

Moreover, Phil is exempted from the responsibility of his own action as when he wakes up, the things he did on the previous day just did not matter. Groundhog Day is not a religious movie or anti-religious movie, but it depreciates the value of God.

3. How would you characterize the phases that Phil goes through? What does he learn as a result of his experience?

At the beginning Phil enjoys his abnormal ability. He did things without fear of the consequences. Later on, he gets desperate and wants to end the time loop by commits suicide over and over again. He fails. Phil consults with Rita and she suggests him to make the best out of it. Phil does what Rita suggests him and finally, he escapes the time loop. It was like a kid growing up. At first, that kid has fun and lives his life day by day. Later on, that kid grows up. Every day, the man goes to work. He gets bored and wants to escape his daily life. At the last stage, the man finds out the meaning of life and wants to do good things for the society.

4. How is Phil's journey related to Existentialism?

Existentialism refers to the uniqueness of the individuals, and the consequences of the infinite choices that they have. Phil's journey is directly related to Existentialism. During the time that Phil is stuck in Groundhog Day, Phil does different thing every day. At the end of the day, the outcome differs.

5. *What would you do if you were trapped in a "Groundhog Day"?*

If I was trapped in the Groundhog Day and I realize that I was trapped in the time loop, I would probably do what I always wanted to do but I have never had a chance. I would make the most out of my opportunity and enjoy it.

6. *What does your answer to the previous question say about your beliefs about the meaning of life?*

I believe that everyone has a dream and we are born to achieve our dream. That is our ultimate goal of life. Doing what I always wanted is the way to achieve my dream.