

Groundhog Day

1. How and why was Phil trapped?

Phil was sent to do the report about the Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. After finishing the report Phil wanted to get out of Punxsutawney, unfortunately, there was a blizzard, so he had to spend another night in the town. However, in the next morning, he woke up and found that it was the Groundhog Day again and again every morning.

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

In my opinion, Groundhog Day is not quite a religious movie. However, there is some connection between Groundhog Day and religion and belief is that connection. Since religion created from believe of people and the Groundhog Day is the traditional festival which people believe that groundhog's behavior can forecast the weather. On 2nd February, people will celebrate for the Groundhog Day and forecast the weather from the behavior of the groundhog, if the groundhog pops its head from its burrow and sees its shadow, this means the winter will continue for six more weeks. Therefore, Groundhog Day has some connect to the religion but it is not a religious movie.

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

After he woke up on the same Groundhog Day, he realized that this day is yesterday, everything plays exactly the same as it did before, so he has trapped in the time loop. He can do anything he wants to. At first, he did my crazy thing such as ate a lot of high cholesterol food, drove recklessly, or even jumped from the building. However, what he has done will have no effect to him. After he has tired of these time

loop, he changed himself to be a good person and helps other people. Finally, he becomes a friend of everyone and learns the meaning of life.

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

Phil's journey related to Existentialism because existentialism is a philosophy that focus on freedom and liberty. In his journey, he got trapped in the Groundhog Day, this means everyday is a Groundhog Day and everything happens exactly the same way as it did before and repeats again and again. Since everyday is the same, he will have unlimited freedom. He can do everything he wants because there is no tomorrow whatever he did will have no effect.

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

If I were trapped in a Groundhog Day, first of all, I would do everything I want to. Since I have unlimited freedom, I can do everything even kill someone I hate or do some silly thing that I never did. I will travel to everywhere or celebrate the Groundhog Day over again and again and do several things until I am bore and eventually I will be the happiness person and the saddest person at the same time because I cannot start the next day just get stuck in the same day forever.

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

Life is the precious thing that cannot define the value. We can learn such a several things during our life time. In my opinion, during our life time the news experience happens all the time, it is us not the god who decide the life style, so I believe that everyone can design their own life. For me, meaning of life is to live happily and freely.

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