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Manuscript to be reviewed:

EELIS LAINE: Elämän chatti. 10 keskustelua elämän peruskysymyksistä (The Chat of Life. 10 Discussions on the fundamental questions in life.)

## REVIEW

In my opinion *The Chat of Life* is a reasonably good philosophical book.

In general, I would say the ten discussions are interesting and they present important aspects of life, challenging conventional thinking. They are reflections from a seeker's journey. I am not a philosopher, so I am not able to comment on the content further. In my opinion the ideas flow, the search for something new is genuine, and the book is "illustrated" with extracts from current media. Compared with your previous book this is more coherent, largely because in this book, you use the same form of expression consistently.

Elements and impressions from Eastern philosophies and the slow thinking that I find important in contemporary thinking (see also Carl Honoré: In Praise of Slow. and works by Tom Hodgkinson, I am familiar with these).

Provides ideas that the reader can take further in his or her own life. Which is why it might be useful to emphasise in the preface that taking the ideas forward is a task for the reader.

I perceived the key themes in the book to be contradiction, normativeness, significance of insight (crossing the lines of narrow-minded thinking and time-specific norms), and surpassing the (personal or extended) self-serving approach.

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