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Most of us agree that his marriage to his own step-daughter was a sign of a damaged psyche. Of

In "Crimes and Misdemeanors" he went further, encouraging us to empathize with a man capable o

No such mistake in "Match Point." In this film, which I consider one of his very best ever, he

But to skip over all further plot details to address this theme, I think it's something of an

I can't help but think that Woody is asking the wrong question. If, as I suspect, on one level

First of all, with this film, I found myself believing that Allen is a good man. Flawed, but g

Secondly, I think that the key is not in "why are the wicked not punished" but the question "w

And troubles me not at all. It is possible of course that it is MY philosophy that is shallow,

So here it is. I think that external measurements of success are wonderful, but ultimately sat

When we sense that our own values and actions could be replicated by the entire world, to its

Of COURSE it is possible to achieve acclaim, and fame, and health, and hot sex and be evil. Ev

Yet and still, Lifewriting asks us to embrace these three qualities as markers of inner worth.

On a personal level, I believe that when our inner values and our outer actions are in alignme

Those who have been abused, neglected, uncherished, often do not develop the spiritual sensory

What IS a good life? In my mind, the correct answer to this needs no God in the universe to pu

But meanwhile, I'm going to enjoy his ruminations. They are brilliant, and heartfelt, and hear

In retrospect, 2005 was one heck of a year for movies. I hope 2006 will be as fine.

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