

## 6. *Death, Being*

*This Chapter is not only dedicated to the loved ones we have lost; It is also the appreciation of the possibility of potentiality in remaining a reality.*

*How many people will we miss, how many missed people have been and gone. I'd count myself among them, when it is time. And there are many on my fingers yet, as I discover with every recollection. But the numbers climb, of those I miss, and those I dread the will before me be gone.* LB Joun 2012

Firstly, this chapter is dedicated to Joana Franklin, whose friendship and conversation have contributed greatly to Life, Being. Beautiful wishes to you Joana.

The explanation of Death, Being is a cold hard assessment of the 'death reality' yet the beauty embedded in the realities reason shines through. Every potentiality/reality possesses beauty.

Potentiality is the foundation and reality springs from its palette. Reality from potentiality is a beautiful thing. Travelling with this wonderful actuality of a reality is the palette of more possibilities. The most basic reality possibility is the question; to be or not to be! Whenever a reality springs into being, along with many other possibilities, it brings the potential of ending. Just as something may begin it may also end; 'ending' is, itself, a potential.

Life, for all living beings, comes with the accompanying potential of death. As unfortunate as this is it is also a blessing because the possibilities of the presence of living beings on the planet are the over abundance of lives (or plague) and absence of living beings (or

extinction). Death, and the passing of entities, opens the path for more beings by making room within the possible balance of existence.

In biological science death is seen as the price to pay for sex. Unicellular organisms reproduce asexually and so they are the same as each other and do not evolve unless a mutation changes them. In theory a unicellular organism, like bacteria, can live forever; if it has enough nutrients and its waste is cleared away. The unicellular bacterium multiplies asexually by splitting into a mother and daughter cell, which are identical to each other. If all our cells could continue unchangingly then we could potentially live forever. On the other hand, sexually reproducing organisms are constantly changing and evolving. The individuals that succeed and reproduce are the ones whose genetic information gets to live on; thereby being the strongest at surviving. The death of the previous models gives the new ones a better chance of succeeding.

When a person dies it does not seem that it is for the best. Death also begs the question of "what happened to the spirit of the person?" because we can see what happens to their body and mind. Of course this opens the question of "what is the spirit?" but the answer to this question also answers the first. The spirit is the essence of the individual unit and it belongs solely to the individual. The spirit/essence cannot be transferred or recreated as it belongs to the individual that embodied it. The spirit of a dead person does live on because, in accordance with the PieCEs of L,B, the essence requires a physical medium. The spirit of a person can be carried beyond their death by the people who remember them or by the contribution, books, pictures, art, inventions, they make.

Often it is asked "How long can we live?"

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