



A thoughtful yet honest response to questions from his 5 year-old daughter about death...

...and without realizing it her questions were about mankind's fragile mortality and our desperate need for meaning...

Verse 1

I ve been thinking about dying

And how that's gonna be

My skin and bones give up the ghost

And I finally feel my fragile soul And all I am falls into mystery

Verse 2

Ive been thinking about after
And all the folks I wanna see
My neighbor says that this is it
My daughter says we live again
Most the time I'm somewhere in-between

Verse 3 Don't the question beg an answer Don't the song beg a dancer Don't you dare Tell me that there Hin't more to this More to this

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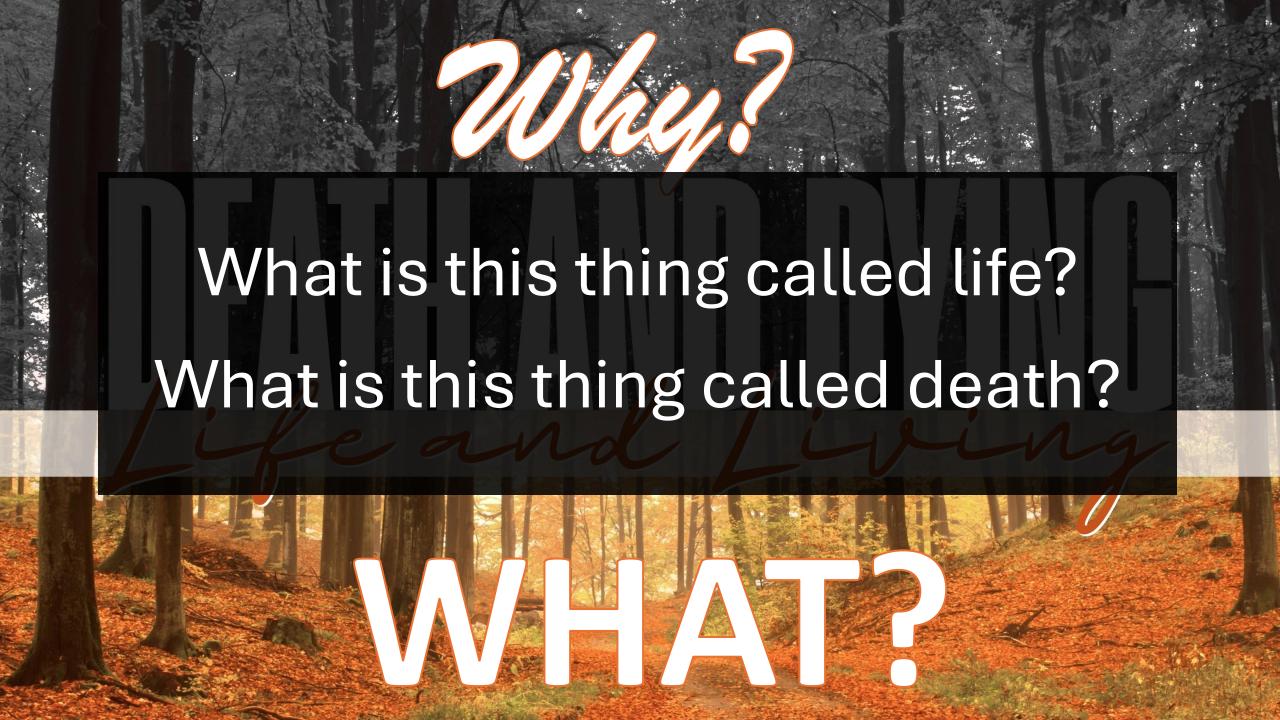
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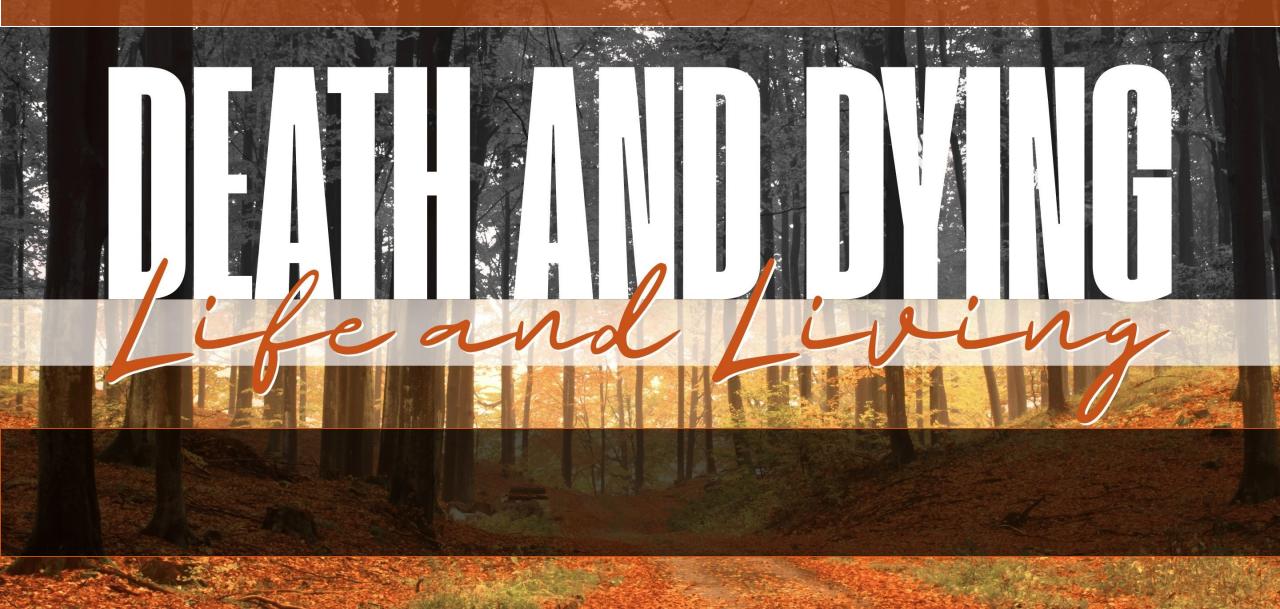
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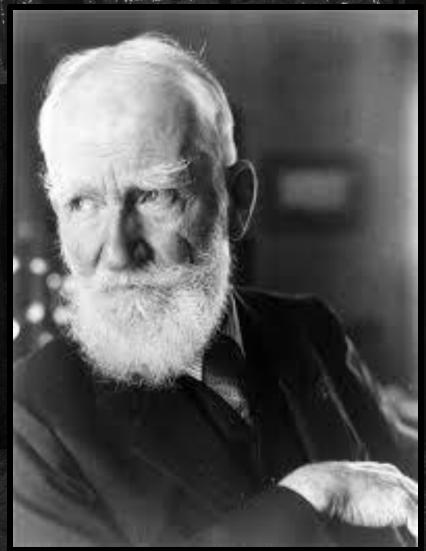
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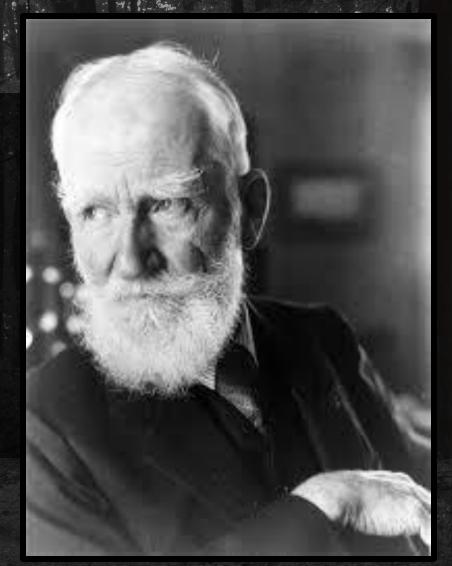


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Among the trees in the garden was one that produced life (the tree of life) and another that produced knowledge (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil), or at least eating from them did. This "knowledge" was experiential. "Good and evil" a merism (combination of opposites that make the whole) for the things that protect life and that destroy life, would be experienced if the forbidden fruit were eaten. The potential for catastrophe was great if they in self-confident pride overstepped their bounds and attempted to manipulate life. The tree of life, on the other hand, was apparently a means of preserving and promoting life for Adam and Eve in their blissful state. These trees were in the middle of the garden, apparently close to each other; they provided the basis for the testing to come.

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- ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
- And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
- ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"
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- ²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
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He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

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