

Ecd. 1 <sup>1-4</sup>

3

SUBJECT: The meaning of  
and Death

1/92  
(6F)

Ecd. 1:1-4

# THE MEANING OF LIFE AND DEATH

1. His consciousness of death, everywhere

2:15-16

3:13-21

not only Solomon: Ec. 49:10-15

2. His consciousness of the apparent meaninglessness, everywhere  
Text Eccl. 1:2 (31 times)

(1) vain report "..."

(2) Popularity with which he compares to great, he but as forgotten who are big in their own eyes?

(3) Life like playing water - no future

(4) Life like little waves of the sea, but they do not rise, no memory of them

3. His consciousness of <sup>lack of</sup> wisdom, pleasure, riches (possessions), <sup>achievement</sup> <sup>of their world</sup> <sup>in the world</sup> <sup>of their world</sup>  
Eccl. 1:15-16 joyful work, but <sup>achievement</sup> <sup>of their world</sup> <sup>in the world</sup> <sup>of their world</sup>  
Eccl. 2:12-13 <sup>achievement</sup> <sup>of their world</sup> <sup>in the world</sup> <sup>of their world</sup>  
Eccl. Solomon's system of power: why do I build a house and plant a vineyard?

4. Lack of it all

(a) Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-92) but painted Royal Academy in a word, gaily, an artist who is his own master, a model of personal freedom to his own end, did not & say, personally committed to the company of God - even a letter - who admitted but it - history - but it lacks that

all life is deep, lacks that  
without that, man is not man - just a man  
art is art - just an animal  
lit. is lit. - just an animal  
man is man - just an animal



1. What is that leak?  
 (1) Eccl. 3:11 "But has put eternity in the heart"  
 even in this pessimistic essay, "It's 41 from  
 cannot escape it: a bell in the soul deep rings  
 : a knock at the door, deep beating  
 (Rev. 3:20; Polman's heart purity  
 : quotations "..."

(2) God has placed an infinite hunger for the eternal in the heart  
 its way out <sup>as God</sup> Gen. 1:26 "in our image"  
 its way out Gen. 8:3 "and by hand also"  
 its way out <sup>Gen. 12:1</sup> "as the heart purts..."

Nothing can destroy it: attrition, agony, penance, sinners, philosophy  
 - its still, quiet work in the heart  
 - haunted you in your dream / music  
 - a silent moment under the infinite stars  
 - sorrow  
 of job, yet could not repair from griefs -  
 - death - a useful name

2. God play this long in our hearts to lead us?  
 ridicules our hopes, longings, prayers, tears  
 Abraham ch. 11:3-10 then with his wife in heaven, laughter...  
 Moses Ex. 32:31, 32 "I will be angry in heaven, travels...  
 David Ps 51:1-3, 11, 12 "I will be angry, boaster...  
 Peter "I will be angry" "I will be angry" silence  
 Paul "I will be angry" "I will be angry"  
 John Rev 1:9 "I will be angry"  
 questions to a lion in Col 1:7  
 savants, kings  
 Cremona, Lombard

3. Our life, hope, dreams to end in mystery?  
 the life, death, ▽ - mystery?  
 the <sup>body</sup> word, salvation? - " " mystery?  
 the mystery? of death - " " mystery?  
 to live - " " " " " " " " mystery?



4. No.

(1) The question of God  
80. 2. 14

To the glorious in heart, the world, life, death, full of meaning,  
The world itself, yet only to the mind for being with <sup>purpose</sup> <sup>life</sup> <sup>with?</sup>  
All this is confusion, hopelessness, mystery. <sup>the mind</sup> <sup>the mind</sup>  
"Oh Body, Body" . . . . .

(2) The way to the Body  
Nov. 21, 22

The new other world is actually, really the true, oldest world  
The first world of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> real world is  
" . . . . . " - life  
" . . . . . " - form  
" . . . . . " - body

I am a stranger here  
Haven't I?

P. 1/92

Augustine (forget God is youth/old, forget  
years) The City of God, first opening paragraph,  
"O God, thou hast made us for thyself, and we  
are restless until we rest in thee."  
In one of his last letters, "wherever we are,  
there is no place where he is not with us  
are."

Henry Thoreau: "I hear, smell, taste,  
see, feel that Everlasting something to  
which we are allied, and which is at once  
our Maker, our Abode, our Duty, and our  
very selves."

Augustine SABBATER, "Why am I religious?  
Because I cannot help it. It is a  
moral necessity of my being."

In a novel by H. H. Wells a young girl  
repudiates, revolts against, everything, but  
cries out, "yet we've got to devote  
ourselves to something; we're made  
that way."

Prof. Robert A. Millikan: "Everyone who  
reflects at all believes, in one way or  
another, in God. It is to me inevitable  
that a real atheist could exist at all."



Walt Whitman:

I think I could turn and live with  
animals, they are so placid & self-contained.  
I stand and look at them long & long.

They do not sweat and whine about  
their condition;

They do not lie awake in the dark  
& weep for their sins;

They do not make me guilty  
discussing <sup>THEIR</sup> duty to you.

---

Why can I not be like them?  
Because they live in the world, & me; and you  
have placid eternity in your hands.

We seek to escape, you, the factory: "let us  
eat, drink, & be merry, for tomorrow  
we die."  
But it does not work.

This world can never give  
The bliss for which we sigh.  
'Tis not the whole of life to live  
Nor all of death to die.

Beyond this veil of tears  
There is a life above -  
Unmeasured by the flight of years,  
Eternal in the God of Love.