

第 34 篇 [和死神問答] [Dialogue with Death]

命題大意：擬對‘死’命名，和其對話，寫出其回答的內容。

寫作大意：如題

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You are to interview death. Give death a name, Ask death questions and write the responses.

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01. Q: Hi, Mister, may I ask your name? For whom you are working?

R: Call me Mr. Death (or scavenger). I am working for Mr. Universe (or Almighty).

02. Q: Do you work alone? If not, who is your colleague?

R: I have a colleague Ms. Birth (or creator).

03. Q: How do you define your work scope in relation with Ms. Birth?

R: Ms. Birth is responsible for the creation of all things in the universe, while I am responsible for cleaning them afterwards, immediately or after some time. We only take care of the facts and the consequences of the birth and death, not about their occurring procedures. Birth normally occurs by chance, while death is the destination of birth. Birth and death are co-related, thus we are co-workers.

04. Q: What are your working substances ?

R: Almost everything, living or non living.

05. Q: Do you mean you even create and diminish minerals?

R: In a macro-sense, we create and diminish the celestial and planets including the earth, which are composed of all kind of minerals, gases and some energy. In a micro- sense, we create and diminish all the living things including animals, birds, fishes, insects, plants, and bacteria. I know that you are mostly concern with mankind. In our eyes, mankind and other living things are equal.

06. Q: What is the rule for you to do your job?

R: Birth and death can be considered as one thing. Causing a birth is accidental and the subsequent existence is temporary. The death of a living thing means its going back to the original status of being nothing.

07. Q: Since you are most qualified to state, can you tell me about the paradise and the hell to accommodate the souls after death alleged by some religions?

R: Paradise and hells are in the living time of the people in the world, not in the realm of death. Actually, there is no soul at all.

08. Q: Is Mr. Universe the same identity named as God in some religions?

R: Not exactly. Mr. universe is reasonable but heartless. He has boundless knowledge but no magic power. Only an infinitesimal portion of his knowledge has been awarded to you the mankind. The God in religions is a fabricated image with human heart. Some religion says "God loves the world people". Universe neither loves nor hates anyone.

09. Q: How do you value the good and evil people in your eyes? Do you treat them differently?

R: I can only say that, in general, the good persons are happier and more successful, and apt to live longer than the evils because they have a better state of mind and relationship with others. We never put a hand in favor or disfavor on the creatures. We let them live, grow and die in accordance with Darwinism.

10. Q: Frankly, we like Ms. Birth much better than you. How do you think of our partial feeling toward you?

R: Your disliking me is rootless. Should people realize that their original status being 'nothing', and their staying in the world only temporary, they would not have the slightest dislike on me. When you are returning from a trip to Europe, do you have any hatred towards the person who meets you at the airport?.

11. Q: How old are you?

R: We have lived infinitely the past and will live infinitely in the future. Because we did not have birth, so we will not have death.

12. Q: How huge is the space of your realm?

R: We are staying in an infinite space (3-dimensions X, Y, Z.). Together with the above mentioned infinite knowledge of the Universe (U), and the infinite time (T) to us, we are in a infinite five (X, Y, Z, T, and U) dimensional realm.