



Thoughts of Life and Death

I am formed of soul and body, I seem to have mind, reason, sense, yet I find that none of them are really mine. Where was my body before birth, and whither will it go when I have departed? What has become of the changes produced by life's various stages in the seemingly permanent self?

Philo

Death cannot be and is not the end of life. Man transcends death in many altogether naturalistic fashions. He may be immortal biologically, through his children, in thought through the survival of memory; in influence, by virtue of the continuance of his personality as a force among those who came after him, and, ideally, through his identification with the timeless things of the spirit.... But the primary meaning of immortality in Judaism is that man contains something independent of the flesh and surviving it; his consciousness and moral capacity; his essential personality; a soul.

Milton Steinberg

There are stars whose radiance is visible on earth though they have long been extinct. There are people whose brilliance continues to light the world though they are no longer among the living. These lights are particularly bright when the night is dark.

Hannah Senesh (her last words before her execution in November 1944)

