

DEATH THING

ABOUT

***DISCLAIMER AND PARTICIPANT CONTRACT:**

*This event is about creating a conversation around what we believe will happen after we die. Having not died, the participants should share a humility that they are discussing what isn't fully known or that they can prove. The goal of this dialogue is to facilitate a conversation, not host a debate. This is not a lecture. Participants aren't invited to speak on behalf of an entire organization, belief system, or be a representative of a specific way of thinking. The seats can be labeled for the participants only serving to best identify the foundation of a participant's views. It does not mean they represent the voice of that group or thinking. **It can be uncomfortable to participate, because the discussion is about sharing your own personal views about death.** Participants should share what they actually think and what they personally believe. The facilitator and other participants can ask questions about views and statements, but aren't to belittle or attack a view. The conversation is not an attempt to try and convince anyone you are right, or that someone else is wrong. Everyone is on equal footing—we are humans interacting with the world. Expertise in the world is not scarce: there will always be those more learned, more articulate, or more philosophically armed against any view. Yet your journey—your unrepeatable lived experience—remains uniquely yours to contribute to the conversation.*

RULES

You must be respectful, listen, and what you hate, do not do to anyone.

For many, this will be an exercise in listening, practicing how to talk respectfully, and disagree well.

SITUATION

We know there can be things that are inconceivable, and yet are the case.

*If you want empirical evidence that there is something more to death, physics has found none.
If you want logical/philosophical completeness, the current picture leaves huge explanatory gaps
(especially consciousness and the origin/necessity of the laws).*

GOAL

The goal is to discuss the great mystery surrounding death in a fun and engaging conversation.

We would like to change the way we talk about death and dying, because it's easy to live in a world where you don't think you'll die. The point of this dialogue is to hear a spectrum of views and beliefs, and try to better understand the conclusions others have made based on the evidence we all share—the human experience.

TAKEAWAY

Is there more to death? What do you know to be true?

Your response to what you think happens when you die provides an answer to how you believe you should live.

Everyone believes something.