

DEATH THING

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

DEFINING "DEATH"

Is death merely the end of the body, the separation of soul from body, the cessation of consciousness, or something else entirely?

FEARING THE UNKNOWN

Is it more foolish to fear something that might be nothingness (like dreamless sleep) or something that might be judgment and continued existence?

DEFINING "BIRTH"

*Is our birth the moment a body emerges into the world, the first breath, the instant of conception, or something prior that we cannot see?
Has your soul existed in prior lives or states?*

MEANING OF LIFE

Is there something more to the universe than matter, energy and the laws of physics?

MAGICAL, MYSTICAL, SPIRITUAL

*What would count as evidence that magic or the spiritual realm exists independently of human belief or perception?
Is the spiritual realm governed by laws, or is it truly beyond rules?*

SOUL

*When a person dies, the body clearly perishes.
What would count as evidence — right now, in your own experience — that anything non-bodily continues?*

AFTERLIFE

If different people imagine radically different afterlives (eternal reward/punishment, reincarnation, annihilation, union with the divine), how do we decide which—if any—is more likely, or does the question itself miss the point?

LIVING IN LIGHT OF DEATH

Does knowing we will die make life more valuable, less valuable, or leave its value unchanged?