

Topic : Mortality : A Reason to Live and Love

The fact that man is mortal makes him able to use his talents and resolve mysteries of life. All our instincts and emotions are related to the fact of mortality. If life was immortal no one would have desire to have children and carry out his succession. This is the reason why an individual love his family and friends more than anything else.

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Practically all the progress that man has made is due to the fact that he is mortal. He has recognized that he is in this world only for a little while, and this knowledge has been a goad to stimulate him to make diligent use of whatever talents he is endowed with. The secrets of Nature have been wrested from her grudging fingers by men who knowing they were mortal, have sought to comprehend the mysteries of the world around them in the hope that knowledge might enable them, if not to circumvent death, at least to ameliorate the asperities of life for themselves and others. All our instincts and emotions are reinforced by death. If we were not mortal, the paternal and maternal instincts would not dominate our lives so strongly as they do. If we knew that we should never die, we should have no desire for children to perpetuate our names and carry on the succession of the race. Thus, ultimately, we should arrive at a world without a child; and a world without a child would be a place in which there was no call for some of the most beautiful emotions to which the human soul can give expression. And death lends a peculiar sanctity to human love. A man may love his books, but the love he bears to his wife, his children, or his friends is something deeper and more sublime; it is a love intensified and purified by the thought that human life is a finite thing which may at any moment be touched by the finger of death.