

## Comprehension - 2

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1. What is the difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness?

Ans: The difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness is that the former is increased by the stories associated with the torment of death; while, the latter is increased by the stories associated with ghosts and criminals.

2. What is a religious and sacred view of death?

Ans: The religious and sacred view of death is that death is the source of entry into the hereafter and is a type of punishment inflicted upon humans for the sins which they have committed throughout their lives.

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3. What are the painful experiences described by the monks in their books?

Ans: Monks in their books have written about purification of body by torturing it through pain and torment. Reading such books increases reader's fear of death.

4. What are the views of Seneca about death?

Ans: Seneca's views about death are that death itself is not horrible. The circumstances and the rituals associated with death make it horrible and frighten people.

5. What are the facts that make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise?

Ans: The groans of a dying man, his helpless pale face and body, crying of friends, mourning clothes of relatives and the sombre rituals are the horrible facts associated with death. These facts make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise.