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Question

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions below:

Human beings are _____
_____ be otherwise.

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

Answer

The difference between human beings' fear of death and children's fear of darkness is that stories which they have heard throughout their lives. The children's fear of darkness is inflicted through conveying them with stories of ghosts and thieves, whereas, fear of death is inflicted through different painful situations of death stories to human beings.

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

Answer

Contemplating death as a mean of punishment for all the bad deeds an individual performs in worldly life and labelling death as an entry to eternal new life is a religious and sacred view of death.

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

Answer

Monks have narrated range of different level physical tortures upon themselves which have led them towards self-purification. These painful experiences could be equated with level of pain a person would experience at death.

4- What are the views of Seneca about death?

Answer

Seneca, the philosopher believes that the rituals, ceremonies and affirmations of death induces fear in an individual more than the death itself. These traditions exacerbate fright among people in context to death.

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

Answer

The facts that make death appear more horrible than it would be otherwise includes: unpleasant sounds of pain, a dying person makes the body is noted to have severe tremors and situation of shakiness; face and body of the deceasing human turn out to be pale and bloodless. Friends begin to weep out and relatives put funeral clothes followed by various rituals. These all facts make death more horrible.