

NEITHER SUN NOR DEATH CAN BE LOOKED AT FACE TO FACE
Francois de la Rochefoucauld, (1613-1680)

FACING THE SUN WHILE AGING

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**THE MAN WHOSE THOUGHTS AND
FEELINGS ARE ENLARGED BY HISTORY
WILL WISH TO BE A TRANSMITTER, AND TO
TRANSMIT, SO FAR AS MAY BE, WHAT HIS
SUCCESSORS WILL JUDGE TO HAVE BEEN
GOOD**

Bertrand Russell, 1872-1970

- **DO ALL MEDICAL ACTS AIM AT THE PATIENT OR DO THEY SERVE OUR OWN NEEDS?**
- **DOES TECHNOLOGY SERVE MAN OR ENSLAVE HIM?**
- **IS RESEARCH ORIENTED TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT OR THE PHYSICIAN?**

MAIN FEARS : NATURAL PHENOMENA AND DEATH

**“NOTHING IS MORE HORRIBLE THAN FEAR
ITSELF”**

Francis Bacon, 1561-1626

**“MEN CALL DEATH SOMETHING WHICH IS
SIMPLY THE DISASSOCIATION OF
ELEMENTS”**

Anaxagoras, 428 b.C., Empedoclis, 500 b.C.

**THE CORRECT CONCEPTION AND
UNDERSTANDING OF UNIVERSE LEADS TO
SERENITY OF SOUL AND SECURES FREE
THOUGHT AND HAPPINESS**

Epicure, 341-271 b.C.

**“DEATH DOES NOT CONCERN US, WHILE
WE EXIST DEATH DOES NOT EXIST, AND
WHEN DEATH COMES WE WILL NOT EXIST”**

Epicure, Letter to Menikea

**NOWADAYS, WE FIND OURSELVES CAUGHT AS
CAPTIVES IN THE PERSUIT OF OUR OWN
PASSIONS FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE TO STOP OR
DELAY OUR AGING PROCESS.....**

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**BUT THE LIMIT OF TIME IS THERE. WE SHOULD
HAVE NO FUTILE DEMANDS FOR PROLONGING
OUR LIFE.....**

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**THIS IS PROBABLY RELATED WITH FAITH, THE
BELIEF TO IMMORTALITY.**

**WE SELDOM KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY
THAT THIS OR THAT CANNOT HAPPEN.....**

**IT MUST BE SAID THAT IMMORTALITY
APPEARS EXCEEDINGLY IMPROBABLE**

Bertrand Russell, 1872-1970

**“ MAN IS AN ANIMAL THAT WISHES
KNOWLEDGE”**

Aristotle, 384-322 b.C.

**“MAN IS AN ANIMAL THAT DOES NOT WISH
KNOWLEDGE BUT WISHES FAITH, AND
MORE ACCURATELY WISHES THE
CONFIDENCE OF FAITH”**

Cornelius Castoriadis, 1922-1997

“MODERN MAN LIVES IN A WILD RHYTHM IN ORDER TO FORGET THAT HE IS MORTAL AND WHATEVER HE DOES HAS ABSOLUTELY NO MEANING”

Blaise Pascal, 1623-1662

GREEK MYTHOLOGY REVEALS THE CO-EXISTENCE OF CHAOS AND COSMOS, WHERE THERE IS NO MEANING FOR MAN, NO SALVATION EXISTS, NOR HOPE, NO REWARD, NO RELATION BETWEEN HIS ACTIONS, HIS QUALITIES AND HIS DESTINY, BUT ONLY THE IMMORTALITY OF FAME AND GLORY.

**“SIMPLE EXISTANCE IS INJUSTICE,
IS EXAGGERATION, IS VIOLENCE”**

Anaximandros, 610-520 b.C.

**“SLEEP IS GOOD, DEATH IS BETTER; HOWEVER IT
WOULD BE BEST NEVER TO HAVE BEEN BORN”**

Heinrich Heine, 1797-1856

**WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH ALL THESE BELIEFS?
WHY DO WE ENGAGE OURSELVES WITH
PHILOSOPHY?**

**“PHILOSOPHY TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE
WITHOUT A RELAXING CERTAINTY WHILE
WE ARE NOT PARALYZED BY DOUBTS”**

Bertrand Russell, 1872-1970

**“WE DO NOT PHILOSOPHIZE IN ORDER TO
SAVE THE REVOLUTION, BUT TO SAVE
OUR COHERENCE”**

Cornillius Castoriadis, 1922-1997

“PHILOSOPHY IS THE BEST MEDICINE OF MIND”

Markus Tullius Cicero, 106-43 b.C.

**“WHAT CAN I KNOW? WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT CAN I
HOPE FOR?”**

Immanuel Kant, 1724-1804

**WHAT CAN I HOPE FOR : NOTHING
ANSWERED THE GREEKS 2000 YEARS AGO**

**“NEITHER NATURE OR HISTORY CAN TELL US WHAT WE
HAVE TO DO. WE ARE THE ONES WHO INTRODUCE AIMS
AND MEANING TO NATURE AND HISTORY”**

Karl Popper, 1902-1994



**“HE DOES NOT SEEM TO ME TO BE A FREE MAN
WHO DOES NOT SOMETIMES DO NOTHING”**

Marcus Tullius Cicero, 106-43 b.C.

**“LOOSE SOME OF YOUR TIME, SO YOU CAN HAVE
SOME DIGNITY LEFT”**

Odysseas Elytis, Nobel Price for Literature, 1979

