

## A Sermon on Death as a Temporal Construct

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for March 19th, 2023 (and beyond)

This sermon is in dialogue format like many others. Death is defined as the action or fact of dying. Dying is defined as occurring at or connected with the time that someone dies. Die is defined as to stop living. Temporal is defined as relating to time. And, construct is defined as form (an idea or theory) by bringing together various conceptual elements, typically over a period of time. Definitions are from Oxford Languages via Google. Death is a temporal construct understood only in relation to animated temporal forms and is otherwise illusory.

### DIALOGUE

Scientist #1: Humans are made of atoms. (Source: <https://www.symmetrymagazine.org/article/the-particle-physics-of-you> ) Atoms never die, just change forms. (Source: <https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/22/world/dan-levitt-whats-gotten-into-you-book-scen/index.html> ) Death only has meaning as a temporal construct.

Scientist #2: Humans are made of energy. The first law of thermodynamics simply states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed: it is the conservation of energy. (Source: <http://large.stanford.edu/courses/2014/ph240/labonta1/> ) I concur that death only has meaning as a temporal construct.

Scientist #3: The maximum energy one human can generate at one time is 2,000 watts. (Source: <http://large.stanford.edu/courses/2014/ph240/labonta1/>) A 220 pound person would need to generate 1,388,888 watts to reach escape velocity and leave the earth. Some spiritualists think the human soul weights 21 grams/ .04 pounds. If that were true, the soul would need to generate only approximately 252 watts to reach escape velocity.

Scientist #2: Responding to #3, the energy leaves the matter of a form through a slow release of heat that can last 36 hours. Even if the soul is in the heat released, the amount of time it takes to move on means any existent soul is not going to reach escape velocity. The energy/atoms forming matter continually take new forms, but never die.

Scientist #3: If all this is true, then Jesus has been here the whole time in some form.

Scientist #1: Unless Jesus never existed or is a fictional portrayal of another historical figure such as Spartacus. The timing and overall story suggests Spartacus.

Scientist #2: Then, Spartacus may be a form that Jesus took or vice versa.

Scientist #3: We're all here now and that's all that matters.

END DIALOGUE

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