

Cycle – Recycle – Change

Grow – Decay – Construct – Demolish

Add – Subtract – Enlarge – Diminish

Gain – Lose – Develop – Contract

Assemble – Separate – Increase – Decrease

Create – Destroy – Collect – Disperse

Advance – Retreat – Unite – Divide

Integrate – Sever – Progress – Decline

Evolve – Devolve – Emerge – Retire

Consolidate – Dissipate.

Life – Death – Life – Death – Life – Death

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No Beginnings

No Endings

Just Oppositions We Impose on Change.

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## Commentary

All of our oppositions are gross simplifications of continua in reality.

We regard death as a big change, but it is most often the result of an accumulation of many small changes at lesser biological levels. And after death, the decaying process is equally the result of a great many small changes at all physiological levels. In general, changes at lesser scales underlie changes at ever greater scales. We are the ones who attribute relative value to the results of changes at particular scales. Ongoing change is a constant at all scales where no such “evaluations” are made – they just occur! At the essential level, a supernova is no different from the wiggle of a quark – just change at a different scale in our completely interconnected, totally unified reality. For us humans, living at our scale of reality, death is perceived as a significant, larger scale event, but our judgment is imposed on a change that is merely occurring in the perpetual flow in the infinite web of change. Birth is no more the “beginning” of life than death is the “end point” because there are no true beginnings or endings at any of the scales that we artificially discriminate in the cosmic web of change.

Language, which artificially carves up reality into separate “categories” of actions and things, plays a huge role in our conception of reality and sets up the underlying conditions for the false attribution of different values to different “actions” at different “scales.” “Life” and “Death” are two of these pragmatically useful but unfortunately false attributions of great, singular importance.

Change is Real and Fundamental.

Life and Death are Artificial Constructs

Inflated with False Significance,

And

We Suffer the Consequences –

The Need for Religious Fabrications Being the Greatest of These.