

The Four Faces of Death

Death the Destroyer of Life

I am not yet fully grown. My body is tall and straight, and I am strong and able. Yet there is much to learn about the world and much to enjoy. When I have found my place in the world I shall give back to those who supported me in my youth. I shall create new life and bestow upon it all the benefits that have been bestowed upon me. I shall not fail in these tasks. Yet I do not account for Death, the Destroyer of Life. Death can take away all that has been given to me. Death has the power to destroy my own life and the lives I may help to create. It is not yet time. It will not be time for many years. Not until my work is complete.

Death the Reaper

My work is complete. I am done and finished. I have succeeded and I have failed; I have tried and I have been tested. All that I am has grown and endured, and is now used up. I am content. I have now no place on Earth, no reason to stay. I shall not remain in life when there is no hope of further enjoyment for myself, or of giving useful service to those around me. I am open to Death; I welcome you as a long lost friend. I am ripe for picking.

Death the Deliverer

I am hurting. My body is a temple of pain where I worship at the altar. I do penance though I have not sinned and am not capable of sinning in sufficient measure to justify this pain. I crave release; deliverance from hurt. Death will be my deliverer, but when will he come? If I could summon him at this moment I surely would. I would pay any price, yet I have nothing to offer. I value nothing except the hope that I will be finished soon. Death, please come. Death, please come tonight.

Death the Guide

I want to open my eyes and see the whole Universe in a single glance. I want a view so wide that my entire life will be a grain of sand on a vast beach. I shall know that life in completeness, as I shall know every other life that is and has ever been. I shall know all the lives that are to come. All of this in a moment of my new existence, and then more. Every direction in every dimension will be open for me to explore. Everyone will be with me and we will know each other. Death, be my guide.