

## Aspect of Ruin – Extinction

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While being aware of our own death puts the way we see life differently, and how we conduct ourselves change, there is some form of continuation of this change that occurs as we go further.

Because with death can be put many beliefs from rebirth to simply the end, a lot see this as merely a step for another life, whatever the kind that stems from any belief, and those who see the end still have another view, although this one is more logical: That there can be a legacy to put forward, that they could be remembered. If the aim is to improve that in which one lived during its lifetime then legacy could be a good excuse to achieve this goal, however I am not satisfied with any views that settles on death in any way quickly described or skimmed as I just did.

And so I should put into words what this philosophy of Ruin allows in regards to death. The simplest way to start here is also the simplest way to finish the explanation: Extinction. In the many ways this word is used, it is probable many of its definitions could be used to apply to this:

### Extinction

1: the act of making extinct or causing to be extinguished

2: The condition or fact of being extinct or extinguished

Also : the process of becoming extinct (*extinction of a species*)

3: The process of eliminating or reducing a conditioned response by not reinforcing it

### Extinct

1: No longer burning; no longer active (*a volcano that stopped its activity*)

2: No longer existing

3: Gone out of use : SUPERSEDED ; having no qualified claimant ; an extinct title

This last one might be a little bit strange however, but at the very least the “gone out of use” is not useless.

Extinction means in our case the end of personal life, as well as the eventual extinction of Humanity, then life itself. It ties perfectly into Ruin, and could be considered as the first step. And so there is no belief in afterlife, although there I personally have nothing against the hope that there might just be something after it all. Perhaps one could hope that I am wrong, and eternity does not take place in a lightless place. If anything this topic was due to be written about for a long time, as I'd consider it the basis on my ways in abstraction as well as in reality.

Now, this way of seeing the act of dying, and death, is also a way to interpret life as well as our own lives; how we live and how to live. All of this based on not theory, but the eventuality and logical follow-up, however long it takes. Of course I would not advise any individual to take on Extinction as a mantle to wear out in the uncertainty of life, as this might enable the loss of the individual's humanity at least in part, and abrasive actions that both tap into the abstract and the material, to create a result that subtracts the overlapping components of these two only to erase the rest and put back what was removed just moments before. What all of this means is that, while it might create an overly strong fortitude in spite of everything, this strong fortitude needs fuel to be kept alive, and this fuel is our own blood; and even after all is said and done, the simple fundamentals of Ruin make it so suicide would not be out of line for a personal conclusion. If anything it would, in fact, be a logical thing. But while the coldness and harshness of the lack of life make it a hard way to grasp, all these creations of mine and explanations of my strange beliefs are a

way to prove that living should still be possible in accepted turmoil. After all, clinging onto life is for those that live, a primordial instinct. But as it is natural and as we are human, it is also possible to turn it all around and twist nature to fit the individual. Once the change becomes permanent, there is no turning back again.

To desire legacy, or anything for that matter, that would take our place in some ways after our corporeal end has arrived is as short of a term as a human life. Some individuals may be remembered for centuries to come, or maybe even millenniums may it be that historians would be willing to give way to such a memory. However, as all is clear for what will be, we ought to question to legitimacy of wishes of remembrance. As what it means to Be has no significance in this topic of Extinction, the only derivative to be gained from it would be the mere erasure of ontological questions and answers. Perhaps even, this would give way to explaining more of Ruin simply by putting aside any pre-existing conclusions to what it means to Be; again, because it isn't the focus of Extinction, and therefore is not the focus of Ruin. Indeed, we would see beyond existing itself, to reach a point where our thoughts should have no place in. We can understand life best because we are as we live. We cannot understand as well the lack of life beyond what it means materially, because we are not as we live.

And so this is the biggest hurdle to go against. There is a locked door; a mental barrier that can't open and cannot be broken through without the proper pre-existing conditions to unlock it. While this door might automatically open in the last few seconds of our lives, seeing and understanding are vastly different. The aim is to understand, rather than to see and be overcome by our fatality.

In my previous text "*Belief and Truth – A Short Extrapolation of Ruin*", I briefly talked about places of desolation on this planet that could be of use as an exercise in possible understanding. Such a thing would have to be done individually, as adding another living being to the equation would mean the failure of completing, or even beginning, this exercise.

Let us say that the introductory time spent there would be, at most, a few hours. To get acclimated first to ourselves within tangible nothingness, and so then to start to get accustomed to a completely barren place. Once that is done, thoughts should be put in order, in any way that would be desired, and then the next exercises would be about the same: To go out for a day or more at a time, with enough material on ourselves to sustain our own life.

While it is not something that can be done easily, it is also a dangerous activity, because we would be alone in a place where there is absolutely nothing that would link us to anything else. Except, perhaps, and this would be the lifeline, a satellite connection to the rest of the world. That in itself would somewhat defeat the purpose of going by ourselves, but unless one wants to end their own life in pure environments, then such a thing would be required, just in case. This being a link to civilization, it could be put aside and only be used if necessary. Self-control to not be in contact is required, but if one is willing to go towards understanding Ruin, misanthropy or being able to be in solitude seem to be a side quality that is required. Of course, one could simply not take this lifeline, if the individual is confident enough in its survival. Which, while foolish, could be understandable. While the primary aim of the exercise is an attempt to understand what can't exactly be understood by living beings, by placing what shouldn't be in a place that only materially exists without an ounce of life on it, this whole thing can also be used as long meditative times for our own lives. Because, while Ruin aims to understand eventuality, it still is a philosophy, and so is also the understanding of life, although this should appear naturally as the end is understood. After all, that to study philosophy, it to learn to die.