

## *Dying vs. Deadness*

We should not fear  
dying;  
it is, rather,  
deadness  
that we should abhor.

Dying is  
a beginning;  
deadness is, well,  
a dead end!

Dying is a passage  
from life to life;  
deadness is  
a going nowhere,  
even in this life.

Dying is a transition;  
deadness is immobility.

Dying is fruition;  
deadness is decay.  
Dying has a destination;  
deadness never departs.

The tragedy of deadness is  
that even though  
you have life,  
you're not alive.  
The glory of dying is  
that even though  
you die,  
you are still living.

To numb yourself against  
sorrow and suffering  
is to deaden your capacity  
to live.

However, to endure the  
pain and negativity  
is to assert your power  
of being alive.

If a seed is dead,  
it doesn't produce life;  
but if it's alive and dies,  
it blossoms into  
wondrous vitality.

The Paschal Paradox  
teaches us that  
there are ways  
of living  
that lead to  
deadness,  
and there is a way  
of dying  
that looks to  
fullness of life.

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