Love, Death and Everyday Life

Abstract:

Temporality is one of the fundamental conditions by which we recognize ourselves as individuals. If our life is defined by a running ahead toward a possible temporal living, death is an indeterminate certainty that we are aware of every minute. But living and dying are not purely individual phenomena. Since the passage between past and future also implies a face-to-face relationship between people as a starting point for value and truth, time is also intensity, depth in the presence of the other. Perceived as a reality that breaches someone's individuality by its horror and absence of meaning or as the imperative call of the other, death implies a community dispersed into singular beings dependent on each other, aware of the primordial condition of their mutual existence. The sharing of this experience is the expression of a foundational responsibility. The relationship with alterity means finding oneself under a bond in which love often has the last word, this universal, human law responding to the epiphany of the face.

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