

The Last Words of Charles Darwin

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As I contemplate it (not much, but sometimes) in my elder years now, I **find** that I am not afraid of death either. {Emphasis on that word "find" -- it doesn't really feel like a decision: I just **find** myself in agreement with Epicurus; but maybe I have internalized his teaching on the subject as just plainly making sense.}

EDIT: But I just recalled some lines I wrote a few years ago --

How tragic for the the single flame to fear
annihilation in the larger fire,

or waterdrop to be afraid to fall
again into the vastness of the sea.

Or maybe just "nothing, nothing, nothing -- nothing at all..." (With apologies to Archibald MacLeish, "The End of the World".) And thus nothing to fear ...