

# 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.}

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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.

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