

The First Shall Be Last and the Last First

*T*here are two kinds of death: involuntary and voluntary.

The former, the first death, serves this world, the womb of our first birth. It is a kingdom inseparable from the passage of time—and its tireless servant death—that feeds on all temporary forms of life from the moment of their creation.

The latter, the second death, serves the timeless Kingdom above this world for whose sake we may agree to surrender our life in time; so that in the willing sacrifice of our first life, we might be incorporated into an undying one...and be reborn, accordingly.

— Guy Finley