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Death Clock

 Based on my answers to the survey, the Death Clock has predicted my day of death to be July 6, 2074. If this information was accurate and unchangeable, it wouldn’t really change the way that I live my life. If this information were true, that would mean that I would be 85 years old upon my death, which I think is good long life that gives me plenty of time to accomplish and enjoy the things that I wish to do during my lifetime.

 If knowing the day of my death also gave me the ability to choose my outcome or afterlife, and the options that I had to choose from were reincarnation, universalism, nihilism, divinity, judgment or creationism, the one that appeals to me the least and that I would not choose would be nihilism. The non-existence that is nihilism, to exist one minute and then to be completely gone the next, is not something that I like the sound of. I don’t think that most people would like the sound of no longer existing either. If that is what you had to look forward to upon death, I could see why someone would be afraid to die and how living forever would have a certain appeal to it. And in a way, reincarnation would be like immortality because even though you die, you return again in various different forms in a continuous cycle. While it would be an interesting existence because of all the different things you would get to experience while living as various forms, reincarnation would not be an outcome of death that I would choose for myself. I don’t think I would want to be stuck in that cycle for however long it would take me to end it and reach nirvana.

 Creationism might be a plausible choice for me because I would be able to create my own existence, which I think would be kind of fun. It could be anything that I wanted, no matter how outrageous or silly or weird it might be to someone else, it wouldn’t matter because it would be my existence. While this could be a possible choice for me, I think that the most appealing afterlife to me would be a combination of universalism, divinity, and judgment. I think that universalism would be nice because no matter what, you would go to heaven upon dying because there is no other option, that is the only reality. Divinity also sounds like a good deal because at one point or another you would become a deity, and I don’t think that there would be many downsides to becoming a powerful all encompassing being. And while some people might find the thought of judgment a restricting or repressing outcome, I think that it would be a good and would also be the most fair outcome because upon death you would get what you gave in life. And I think that I would choose a combination of those three over creationism because I think that living in heaven and being in the presence of God would probably be way better than anything that I could ever imagine or dream of.

I think that my choice of afterlife shows the influence of our death ethos here in America because the outcome that I would choose and the opinions that I have are based on the Judeo-Christian teachings that are prevalent in our country because those are the teachings that the United States was founded on.

I think that this assignment and the website that has the death clock says a lot about the human condition. The fact that someone created a website that calculates when you’re going to die says a great deal itself. While it’s not meant to be taken seriously, because no one can say for sure when you’re going to die, I think that there are people that desperately want to know when they’re going to die and what’s going to happen to them. I think that most of humanity has a curiosity towards and also an aversion to death, because we as humans like having knowledge and knowing how things work but we don’t have a way to prove or find out what happens to us after death other than what happens to our bodies. I think that we have an aversion towards death because it is the unknown, and also because it’s not a pleasant thing to experience. No one likes to or wants to go through the experience of losing a loved one, but at the same time we all have to because it’s an inevitable part of life.