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lt brings death back into life. The common view is that death is the opposite of life. Yet

death is part of life, from the beginning. We see this in many great writers, Dostoevsky, for example. His characters find human

communion in suffering, despite their differences. Contradictions are inherent in life, but we find our way, not a single way. It brings realism back, which is truth.

lt has been present in human societies throughout history. It has been banished because of a false view of truth, connected to a false view of freedom. It could be recognized as

philosophy. The Buddha taught people simply. There was no dogma. He did not teach them to follow him but to be masters of their own salvation. Unless this view is recognized as Philosophy, as it should be, including truth, it will again become religion, rather than a way of life, an art of living.