

# Death

**Until the eighteenth century, religions considered death and its aftermath central to the meaning of life. ... The only modern ideology that still awards death a central role is nationalism.**

**In its more poetic and desperate moments, nationalism promises that whoever dies for the nation will live forever in its collective memory. Yet this premise is so fuzzy that even most nationalists do not know what to make of it.**

**Yuval Noah Harari, *Sapiens***