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## Watching the Universe Die & The Universe in Bloom

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Watching the Universe Die & The Universe in Bloom is a double book of paired collections of poems. The poems in Watching the Universe Die (WTUD) indicate the dissolution of the Universe through the "heat death" caused by entropy. Heat death is the thermodynamic end of the Universe when there is no more energy left to be used in any way, all energy having been already dispersed. WTUD is divided into 5 parts: 1. Shiva the Destroyer, 2. The Extinction List, 3. Final Fade, 4. Final Grief, 5. Consciousness Goes Extinct. The poems show the Universe (through human consciousness) attempting to come to grips with the realization of its own eventual demise and dissolution through the unending expansion of space-time (which itself embodies universal and terminal heat death). The appendix of WTUD lists books and scientific articles that have elucidated this heat death of the Universe. One of the key points of the book is to precipitate in the reader the human awareness of being a standard bearer of consciousness in the Universe - and the only such standard bearer of consciousness known to us. (We may mention the evident consciousness of whales, dolphins, elephants, chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans, giant squid [?], etc., but we are not aware of the extent of their consciousness or how and if they perceive their own consciousness.) Thus to maintain consciousness in the Universe, we human beings are called to stave off our extinction for the sake of consciousness in and of the Universe. (In the same vein, we are called to prevent the extinction of the above-mentioned fellow travelers in consciousness, whales, dolphins, and the others - and to include them with us if and when we can translate our existence beyond Earth.) That we will eventually go extinct no matter what we do seems patently unavoidable as a conclusion, given our present understanding. In any case, we should attempt to prolong our existence to more deeply investigate our possibilities and, thus, the possibilities for

consciousness per se. This book is an attempt to make a Zen meditation slap to jolt us into the awareness of our dire predicament in this ever so vast cage that is space-time, the Universe. Or, we may say, it is another attempt of the Universe trying desperately to wake itself up.

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