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Abstract

When my friend Aaron unexpectedly died several years ago, I gained firsthand experience with a growing online phenomenon: mourners turning to online spaces following the death of a loved one. In what follows, I present details from Aaron's Facebook page in order to illustrate two specific observations: 1) Digital technologies are reconfiguring the permanence of death, inviting the living to recreate the deceased as a heavenly intermediary, and 2) this continued virtual existence of the deceased alongside the constant accessibility of digital technologies is opening a space for death-related egocentrism.

As I have observed Aaron's wall over the past several years, I have at times admittedly felt like a voyeur observing the unaware. Although Aaron had, by becoming my Facebook friend, granted me permission to see his wall, I am aware that I am observing sensitive and intimate expressions I would not otherwise see. I strive to remain cognizant of the fact that Aaron is not just a Facebook profile; he is someone's son, brother, and friend. He was my friend. I hope the measures I have taken to respect Aaron's memory, identity, and those of his family and friends communicate this awareness.

Keywords

Facebook; death; digital mourning; technology; social network; digital composition; virtual life

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This book is an excellent way to give yourself and the ones you love a chance to deal with the subject of our deaths and our journey in the process of dying. I encourage you to use it as a discussion tool. Maybe even a small group study if you are courageous enough. A simply written book that shares a professional experience of death to get us to re accept death as part of life. I agree that we need this as deaths denial in some areas is encouraging an expectation that all life can be saved. Very well written - it feels like I have met the families in these pages and shed a tear for them - tears of sadness and joy. It was confronting in terms of talking about a subject a lot of us fear to face, our inevitable end of life, but it also allayed a Read more. Published 3 months ago. Kim Osterholzer. Death is the end of the conscious existence for the individual who died. The world

continues. So does the dead body, though it begins to disintegrate. Depending what is done with the body, it is integrated with the earth and continues existence as matter. Many years ago, the body of a dead dog was left to rot in the long grass beside the road where I walked to school. Or to live life the fullest so that you can face death and have no REGRETS. To live is to die. Everything will be gone someday, nothing will remain forever, nothing, that's the ultimate truth. So live a full life. 408 Views · View 2 Upvoters. James Howell.

Answered May 20, 2018. Originally Answered: Is death the end of all things? I personally don't think so.