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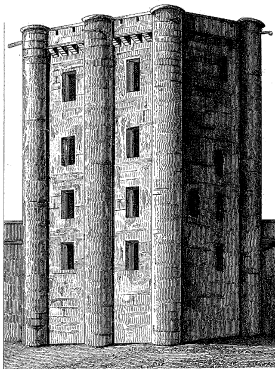
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*"Mark well her bulwarks,
consider her palaces, that
you may tell it to the
generation following"*
Psalms 48:13

While cleaning out some stacks of files that had been collecting on my desk, I ran across an article that appeared in the Washington Post on April 4, 2015. The title of which was "Tech Titans' Latest Project: Defy Death". In light of all the talk about AI killing off mankind as a result of an article that appeared in the September 22, 2026 issue of Nature; quoting former "Anthropic" researcher Jacob Coxon who resigned and upon doing so warned that advanced systems could spiral out of control and threaten humanity by the end of the decade. Hmm, on one hand technology defying death (or at least trying to) while on the other hand killing off mankind. Quite a conundrum.

Oracle founder Larry Ellison is quoted as having said, "Death has never made any sense to me" he went furth and said, "How can a person be there and then just vanish, just not be there?" Ellison made his desire to live forever and back it rather powerfully when he invested/donated over \$400 million to anti-aging research. Noted tech investor, Peter Thiel views death views death not as a natural inevitability, but as an enemy and a technical problem to be fought. He as well is investing heavily in seeking a way to defy death.

All of those seeking to defy death are just a tad bit late. Death has already been defeated. Speaking to Martha following the death of her brother Lazarus, "I am the

resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26) Notice fully that Jesus identified Himself, "I am" a full on divine declarative. He is the source and power behind the statement of promise. Full assurance can be placed in what Jesus said, that those who place their trust in Him will never, die.



There will be physical death a fact well documented and there is nothing anyone can do to change that. At some point all will die. We are finite beings (see Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14) "*A time to be born, and a time to die.*" (Ecclesiastes 3:2). But that isn't the end! "*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. The one who has the Son has the life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.*" (1John 5:11-12) If we are found in Christ, then we indeed have life (see 2Corinthians 5:1-8; Romans 8:10-11). Now consider as well what Jesus said, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.*" (John 14:6)

Just think about the billions upon billions of dollars being wasted to try and "defy death" when the solution has already been provided and that freely. "*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" what a powerful message of life and hope.

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