



LIVING AND DYING

“In considering the relationship between the finite and the infinite, we are led to observe that the whole field of the finite is inherently limited, in that it has no independent existence....We can see this dependent nature of the finite from the fact that every finite thing is transient....

But if the finite has no independent existence, it cannot be all that is. We are thus led to propose that the true ground of all beings is the infinite, the unlimited; and that the infinite includes and contains the finite....

The field of finite is all we can see, hear, touch, remember, and describe....The essential quality of the infinite, by contrast, is its subtlety, its intangibility. This quality is conveyed in the word 'spirit', whose root meaning is wind, or breath. This suggests an invisible but pervasive energy, to which the manifest world of the finite responds. This energy, or spirit infuses all living beings, and without it the organism must fall apart into its constituent elements. That which is truly alive in the living being is this energy or spirit, and this is never born and never dies.”¹

*This text David Bohm wrote after the death of a close friend.
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Scholarship establishment in memoriam of Prof. David Bohm after his death on 27 October 1992*

¹ “O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING ? O GRAVE, WHERE IS THY VICTORY? “ Haendel, *Messiah*, part 3, nr 24
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