I would like to present a work in progress concerning philosophies on death. I will put forth the following arguments:

- our urge to give life meaning has to do with the fact that our existence is circumscribed by existential phenomenon that we cannot control
- there seems to be a relation between how a person perceives death and his or hers developed life-view
- western philosophy has been preoccupied by death in different ways which is due to the androcentrism of philosophy
- existential experiences may be preverbal and alike regardless of sex, gender and class

I will analyze and discuss those arguments, which may on the surface look contradictory, through a reading of a few different philosophers and their views on death.

My conclusion will be: Death like any other existential phenomenon, is primordial. It is “there” and in no need of language. It is pure. But when we put those experiences into context they become genderized and powerized. How this is done will reflect our different philosophies and life-views.