

## **About How Babies Were Born**

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*Imagine if you knew the day you were going to die.*

*Imagine if, since the day you were born, your death's date was already scheduled.*

*Once it was like that, just like that.*

Long ago, when children were born, as soon as they left their mothers' belly, as if it was by magic or by spell, they would open their eyes and say loudly the date when they were going to die.

This sounds as a strange scene nowadays. A newborn who would barely has opened his or her eyes and then speak loudly and clearly, for everyone to hear, the date he or she would leave this life again.

Some people said it was an angel speaking through the newborn. They said that it was the angel of life and death. Upon each person's birth, the angel of life and death would announce when they would meet that soul again.

There was great anticipation for that moment of birth, where everyone would learn the gender and the date of the baby's death.

It was common for the father and the grandparents to look forward to the sex and the death's date of the baby, and, when the first person leaf the room where the mother had delivered the baby, they asked, "so... is a boy or a girl?" and "When will he (or she) die?"

Then they would celebrate or grieve, according to the sex and to how long the baby was going to live.

They had what was called the death's horoscope. People of that time had two zodiac signs; one, of the birth, and other, of the death. There were forecasts for both and love matches as well.

*You may be wondering what you would do if you knew the  
date of your death, aren't you?*

*Perhaps you are asking if this would be good or bad,  
if would have some benefit of it.*

This was what happened to the people of that time. Like this time, there were all sorts of people. There were people who were more organized, who prepared farewells, some parties, they gave away some gifts of gratitude to all those who were important during his or her life. There were also people who tried to take some advantages of this knowledge. They tried to be close to people who were near to their deaths, with interest in inheritance, in social positions, successions; you know this kind of people.

Some other people tried to do everything they could to forget the date of their death. They did that for several reasons. It was too hard for them to see this date each day coming closer and closer. Some tried to be alone. Some lied about their death's date, saying that it was earlier or later than the real date.

Time was passing and the many problems were being created because everyone knew everybody's death's date. Each day a new problem happened. What should be something natural had become a weight for everybody.

*Everybody would die, right? Why does the fact of knowing  
the exact date make everything so confusing?  
There was maybe no good reason for that,  
but that was what began happening.*

Mainly young people were trying suicide. For them it was truly hard to live waiting for their deathday. You could only guess what happened. Suicide did not work as it was supposed to do. To be even worse, these young people often spent the rest of their days in a bed, dying slowly, sometimes in coma, vegetative, sometimes for years, until their death's day arrive.

One day, a great politician, during an election, had his life devastated when a farce was created. They said he was a big liar, they said that he would die in less than one year. They found even a fake midwife to confirm their lie. He sank in the polls and he was not elected. Well, surely he didn't die. The irony was that his opponent died during his term, but his party, the opposition, kept governing.

One young man, on the morning of the day of his death, did not support the anguish of knowing that that was his last day. He could not know how his death would be and, fearing that it could be something with so much suffering and too much painful, he killed himself. He was found, at noon, hung on the shower in his bathroom.

A woman knew a boy who, coincidentally, would die on the same day of her husband. She thought this was a really interesting coincidence and then she introduced them to each other. They become great friends. Years later, her husband found both, she and the friend,

making out in their bed. Outraged, he took a gun and killed his friend. When he saw what he had done, that he had killed a man, he committed suicide.

Thousands of similar cases occurred. This made the political and religious authorities decide to take some action against this fact. It was not possible to continue living this way. People could not be aware of the date of their deaths. Something should be done.

At first, the church started preaching that the voice was heard at birth was a bad omen and it should be ignored. But this did not work. Then they started saying that it was the devil himself that appeared in that moment, to say the baby's death's day. This did not work either. The people were still hearing and knowing the day of their deaths. The problem was not for those who were saying it, but for those who heard it.

The church was disoriented, not knowing what to do. So they began to excommunicate those who spoke about the subject, either who asked the date of death or who told. It was a forbidden subject to talk about. The governments were somehow forced to follow the rule of the church and everything seemed to be resolved. But, of course, the information did not stop. Since that time there was gossip. The midwife would tell the baby's mom, who would tell to her child, and so on. Everyone knew, even if it was not openly declared.

The governments of the world and the church decided to join in a big conference. After days and days of debate, ideas, suggestions, and they did not find any solution to this situation.

The greatest wise person of that time, who was known for his cunning and coolness in his advices, was called. He had one idea that surely was going to stop the problem of babies saying their death's date. However, everyone would have to participate. Everybody should be involved and engaged in order to make the plan works definitively.

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The church had the obligation to bless, despite the cruelty.

The doctors had to find a medical explanation that was scientifically proved, saying that should be done in that exact way.

The society had to accept, still and silent the desire of God, or, if they preferred, for the skeptical ones, which was recommended by the science.

The midwives had to do the worst job, execute the plan.

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*§1 – To the present date, it's mandatory, all around the world, that all children, after being delivered, receive a slap in their butt.*

*§2 – The slap has to be strong enough to make them cry, instead of talk.*