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d. _____ and _____.

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2) No chance of Immortality: You are ultimately alone and there is no chance of redemption or hope beyond the grave.

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3) No assurance that Justice will prevail: The idea of justice is little more than a byproduct of evolution and there's no assurance that evil will not have the last word before all fades to black. If God exists, there is hope. If God does not exist, then the only option is despair.

Key: Hedonism/Power/Honor/Family and friends

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