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**Life — A fight against death with the knowledge,**

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A fight against death with the knowledge, or rather, with the certainty of being conquered. Conciliation of general power with the not-power of benevolence.

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Leibnitz might have reflected on this and on the irony of it, that life is a combat against death with the certainty of being conquered.

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