Death serves as the horizon against which our lives unfold and shapes the choices we make about how to live. Religious traditions are among the most important sources of human understandings of death and what, if anything, lies beyond. Since death is a human universal, it makes an excellent topic for comparative reflection.

This talk will focus on views of death and the afterlife in Judaism, Islam and Buddhism, and we will explore similarities and differences among the three traditions, as well as the significant diversity of beliefs and practices regarding death found within each tradition.

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