



*Our
Time
is Limited*

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{ LEARN FROM THE DEATH
OF THE MAN WHO SHATTERED THE WORLD }

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PART 1

THE CONTEMPLATION
OF STEVE JOBS' DEATH

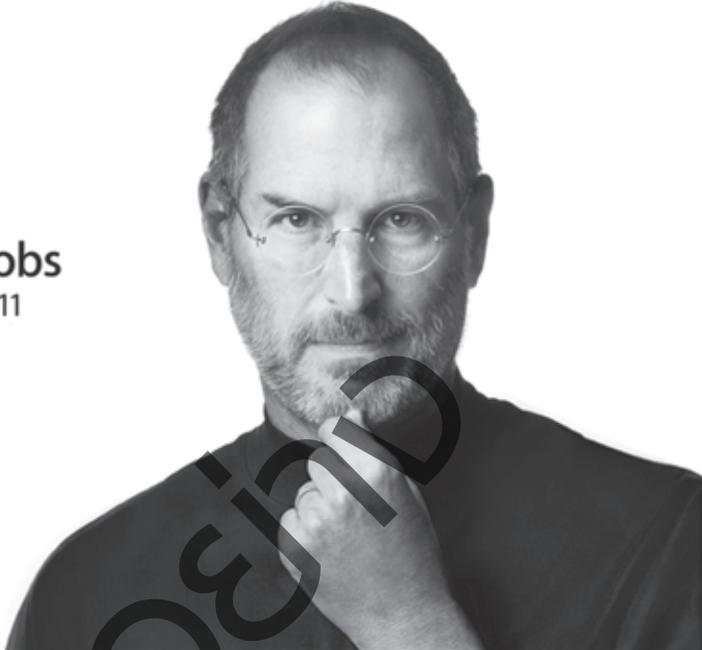
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Thinking about how I might be approaching death very soon is an important tool that I have used in how I make important decisions in life. Because almost everything, whether it be hope, pride, fear of loosing face or making any mistakes usually does not mean anything once compared to death. Only the really important things matter. Contemplating about death is the best way for me to not think about the things that I might loose. We are all naked, there is no reason to not do the things we want to do.

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Steve Jobs

A black and white portrait of Steve Jobs, wearing his signature round glasses and a dark turtleneck. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile, and his right hand is raised to his chin in a thoughtful pose. The background is plain white.

Steve Jobs

1955-2011

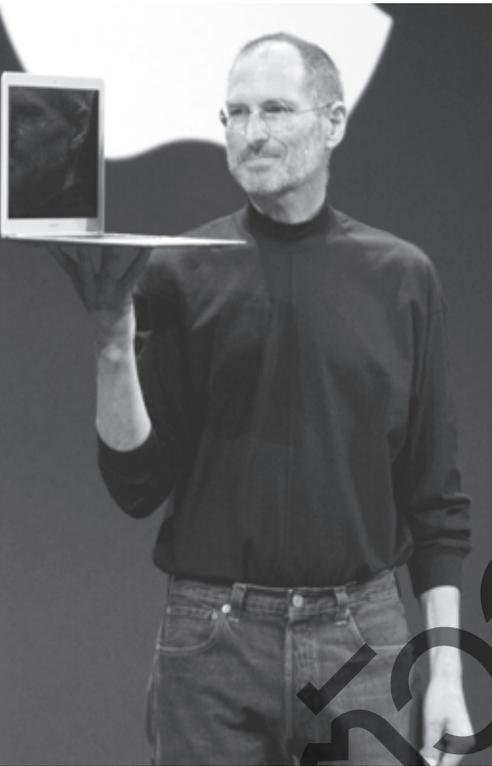
On the morning of the 6th October 2011, after waking up and doing going about daily routine, I heard one of my students running towards me and pointing to my Apple computer. On the computer screen there was a picture of Steve Jobs with a short shocking message that said "Steve Jobs 1955-2011." The student asked what did this mean? I blurted out the answer without even thinking, "He's gone now."

From there, I walked to my prayer room downstairs. When my student turned on the TV, I saw that there was breaking news on *BBC*. We had lost one of the most important person of our century. There was reference to what *Barack Obama* had said in a press conference, “The world has lost a visionary.” Followed by *Steve Wozniak*, co-founder of Apple and many more important followed with speeches and eulogies. All of these people were leaders of the world, important people. It was hard not to think that it was everyone from every industry from all corners of the world.

For me, the lost of Steve Jobs made it feel like I had lost a relative of great respect that I was so familiar with. Not only because I was using an Apple computer myself which was the brainchild of Steve Jobs, but because I had always admired Steve Jobs’ perspective and method of working for many years. The things that went through my head, the things wrote or said and advised all seemed to revolve around and relate to me.

For me, Steve Jobs was an interesting innovator and an interesting Buddhist. They are something about him and his virtue and morals, there was important especially in this and age. All the elements of how he lived his life could be picked out and studied. He was a role model of humankind and was an extraordinarily lively person in midst of the billions of people living in this century.

If *Thomas Alva Edison* was a great inventor of his time, today Steve Jobs would be the greatest innovator that the world had seen, and it would hard to replace him.



Apple's unique of a product launch.

It was not only because Steve Jobs had invented the everyday tools that change how we communicate, use our senses, work, live, think, write, indulge entertainment and created countless means of convenience, but he also re-created the way we think, the way we believe, our perspectives of the world, of life and how we adapt to the ever changing world.

Jobs was highly respected in his field. Technology that Jobs created could have been compared to a religion named Apple. A religion that spread throughout into the hundreds of millions. The high numbers of profit that came from his intellect reached heights that no other company ever seen before. Apple was one of the most valuable companies in the world. This was

his success in terms business for him, but he did not only succeed in business but also as a thinker, innovator, creator of inspirations, a lecturer, a developer, a brand builder, a communicator, a planner and as a leader. He succeeds with grace that no one would be able to reach. All of his product launches were crowded with

people from the media expressing curiosity, who followed him closely watching his every step.

Steve Jobs was a brilliance of our time.

Leaving us, left the world in shock, starting from his family in Palo Alto California to the press and from the press to the public. The fact that someone could hurt and influence so many people is not an easy task. It was because he blessed the world with so much that was why Steve Jobs was so valuable, valuable enough for all of America to mourn his death.

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STUDYING
STEVE JOBS

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