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Life is described as having the following: capacity for growth, reproduction, functional activity, and death. And so after reading the article, *Transhumanism and the Promise of the Bodiless Mind in the Original Ghost in the Shell* I became curious about life and death. One pillar of Transhumanism is the idea that one day humans can live forever. If people no longer die, how long until they lose their sense of "life"? For example, in almost every vampire movie the vampire has lived for x amount of years; and almost every time they are depressed and lonely, despise the fact that they live forever. Could that possibly be foreshadowing of our future when we achieve immortality. In my mind, humans are more obsessed with discovering how to live forever. Not necessarily themselves living forever. Also due to the fact that only the extremely rich would have access to this lifestyle.

One part of Ghost in the Shell that struck me was Majors loss of humanity, and feeling like a puppet. When people start to enhance their bodies with cybernetics they are also allowing companies involved access to your body in a new way. What is stopping them from downloading whatever data you may provide while you sleep? I understand the benefits are there, but something about this creeps me out.



