

**DEATH:**  
**Liminal Spaces & the Metaphors That Bridge Them**

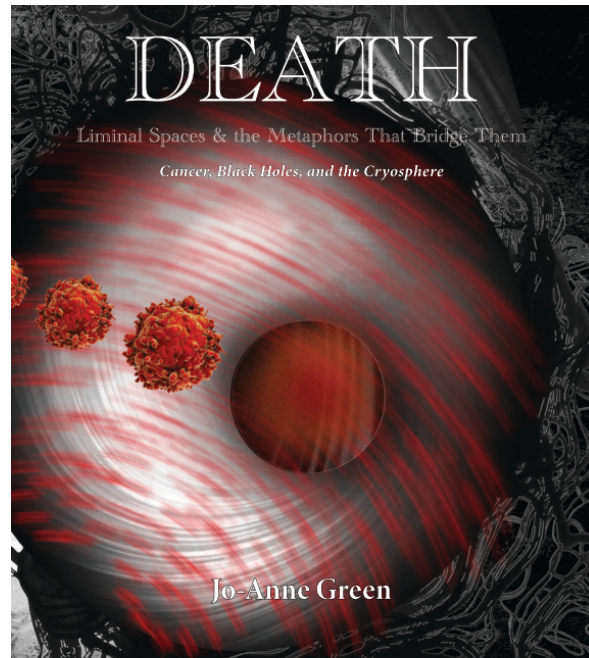
*Cancer, Black Holes, and the Cryosphere*

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This essay is an exploration of beginnings, becomings and endings. It explores the three elements that I combined to create my series of *Photocollages*, **DEATH: Cancer, Black Holes**, and the **Cryosphere**. After living with Metastatic Breast Cancer for almost seven years I recently decided to stop treatment knowing full well that I will die very soon. How does one go from *living* with a terminal disease to *dying* from it? What constitutes the liminal space between these two states? I have organized my thoughts around what it means to be alive, to have agency, and to build a Self and subsequently lose it. The more we accept how interconnected all living systems are the better chance we have of understanding how relationships between us hold the answers to life and death, the origins of the universe, and the survival of our planet.