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*“The land of truth is
surrounded by a wide
and stormy ocean”*

Immanuel Kant,
*Critique of Pure Reason*¹

*“What has been will be again,
what has been done will be done again;
there is nothing new under the sun”*
Ecclesiastes 1:9²

The word in Chinese is *Lingchi*. The literal meaning is slicing. But it became known as death by a thousand cuts – a form of torture-cum-execution widely practised under the Liao dynasty (916–1125 CE). But in modern parlance it has become synonymous with a slow, almost imperceptible demise

