

“What Do I believe about the life to come?”

Romans 6

Life Altering questions.

What do I believe about life
after death and why do I
believe it?

How has this belief shaped my
life?

Am I prepared to put that
belief to the test?



What do we believe about life after death?

- Belief in heaven has stayed over 80% since the late 1960s, while belief in life after death remains roughly in the range of 70%.
- In a 2014 CBS News poll, the most recent on the subject, 66% of respondents said they believed in heaven and hell, 11% in heaven only, and 17% in neither.
- In a 2013 Pew poll, 27% of agnostics and 13% of atheists said they believed in some kind of afterlife.



Those who believe in heaven are certain that they are going.

- In a 2014 CBS News poll, 82% said they would, 2% said they were headed to hell, while 9% said neither, and 7% didn't know.
- A 2010 60 Minutes/Vanity Fair poll found that 65% of Americans believed that people go to heaven, hell or purgatory after death, 7% believed they go to another dimension, 6% believed they are reborn on earth, and 2% believed they become ghosts.
- Just 13% did not believe there is any afterlife, and 7% didn't know.
- One in five Americans expressed belief in reincarnation



Some religious beliefs on life after death:



- **Atheism** Some Atheists don't believe in any sort of life after death, but others believe in the existence of spirits, afterlife, or reincarnation.
- **Buddhism** Buddhists believe in reincarnation. However, being in this reincarnation cycle is considered a suffering experience, and the goal is to escape this cycle by reaching Nirvana.
- **Hinduism** Hindus believe in reincarnation after death and that the soul, receives a new body and life depending on Karma. They believe you can be reincarnated as not only humans, but also animals, insects, and plants. The goal is to be released from the reincarnation cycle and released to be with Brahman.
- **Christianity** What Christian belief in the afterlife depends on what denomination, but most believe in the resurrection of Jesus, and that moral choices you make on Earth affect your eternal experience.. Catholic Christians believe in Purgatory, a place where the dead destined for Heaven must first go if they need purification for their sins.
- **Judaism** Jews focus more on their life on Earth, but most Jews believe there is an afterlife, but it can come in many forms. Some Jews believe in a reincarnation cycle, while others believe in a heaven-like paradise.
- **Islam** Muslims believe that death is the end of physical life on Earth, but the soul lives on. The soul goes to the Angel of Death to wait for Judgment. On Judgment Day, their actions during their time on Earth will be judged to determine whether they go to paradise, or Hell.
- **Spiritualism** Spiritualists believe that the afterlife, or spirit world, is a realm where spirits continue to evolve. They believe souls live on and take their consciousness with them. They believe souls can interact with those living on Earth through mediums in the spirit world and physical world.



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- People 50 and over basic beliefs: nearly three quarters (73 percent) agree with the statement “I believe in life after death.”
- 86 percent say there’s a heaven, while somewhat fewer (70 percent) believe in hell.
- Among those with a household income of \$75,000 or more per year, 78 percent believe in heaven—compared with 90 percent of those earning \$25,000 or less.
- Similarly, 77 percent of college-educated people think there’s a heaven, compared with 89 percent of those who have a high school diploma or less.

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What it takes to go to Heaven.

- The largest group, 29% of those who believe in heaven, responded that the prerequisite is to “believe in Jesus Christ.” 25% percent said people who “are good” get in. Another 10 % said that people who “believe in one God” are welcomed into heaven. Likewise, 10 % took a come-one, come-all philosophy, saying everyone gets into heaven.
- 88 % of people believe they’ll be in heaven after they die.
- 23% of those responding said they believe in reincarnation.
- Nearly one quarter of those responding agreed with the statement “I believe that when I die, that’s the end.”

The Question that you need to answer today is simple.”

What do You believe?”

“Why do you believe that?”

Oct. of 2004 George Barna study.

“ These contradictions are further evidence that many Americans adopt simplistic views of life and the afterlife based upon ideas drawn from disparate sources, such as movies, music and novels, without carefully considering those beliefs. Consequently, the labels attached to people – whether it be ‘born again’ or ‘atheist’ may not give us as much insight into the person’s beliefs as we might assume.”



What do you believe about life after death and why do you believe it?

- *Joh 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, :26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"*
- Do we truly believe what the Bible tells us about life after death?

