

LIFE AFTER DEATH?

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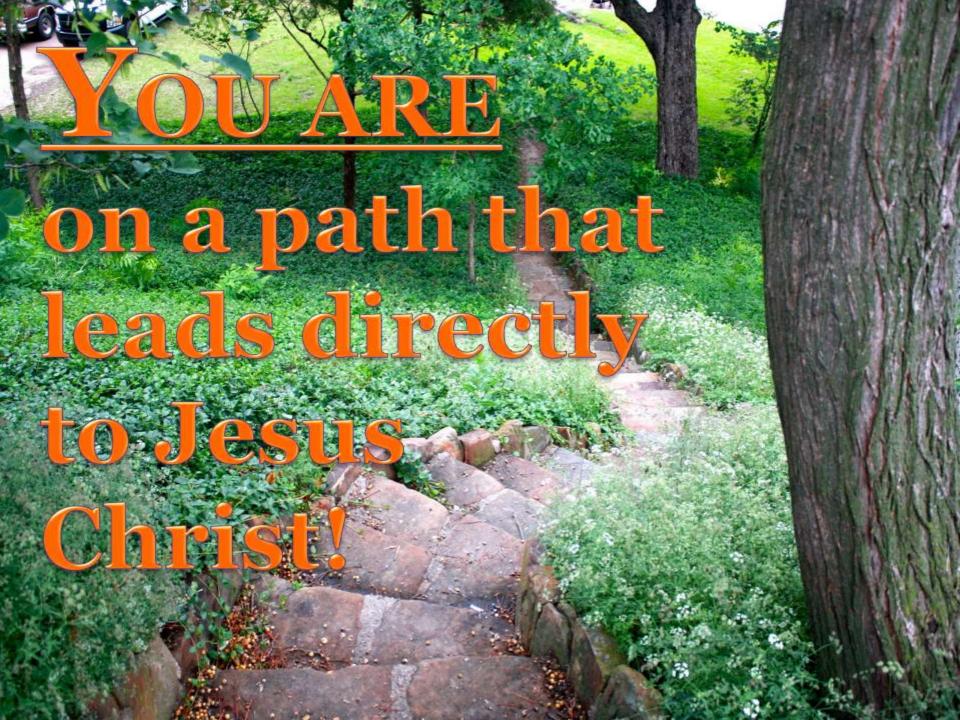
...do you want to LIVE FOR ETERNITY?



Heaven

Or Hell

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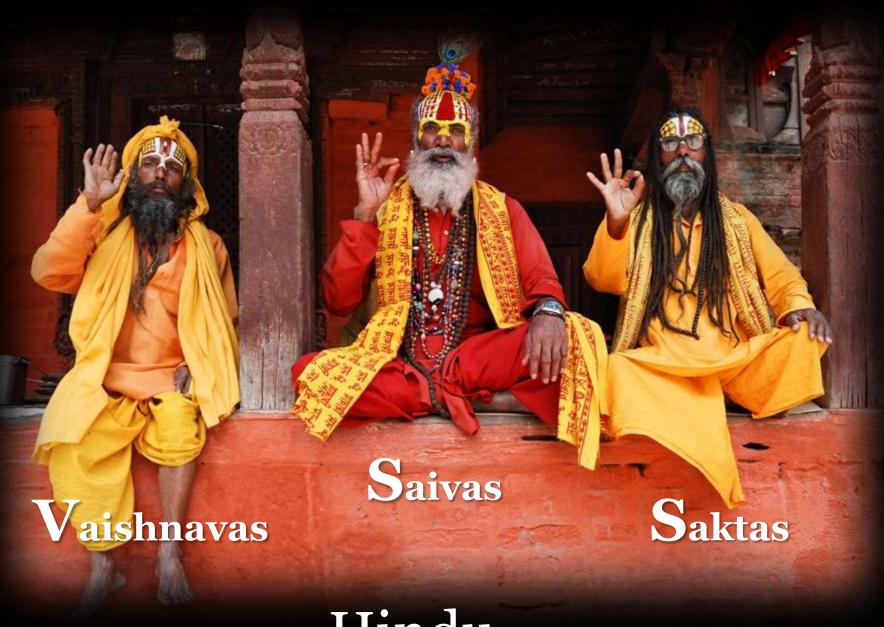
All Roads Lead To Jesus Christ!

Islam: Sunni



Islam: Shiite





Hindu





<u>Conservative</u> <u>Judaism</u>

<u>Hasidic</u> Judaism

Jewish

Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism



Catholic

Roman

Orthodox

Byzantine Polish National

Eastern (Greek) Orthodox

Protestant

Baptist Methodist Lutheran Presbyterian Episcopal Pentecostal

Over 300 denominations



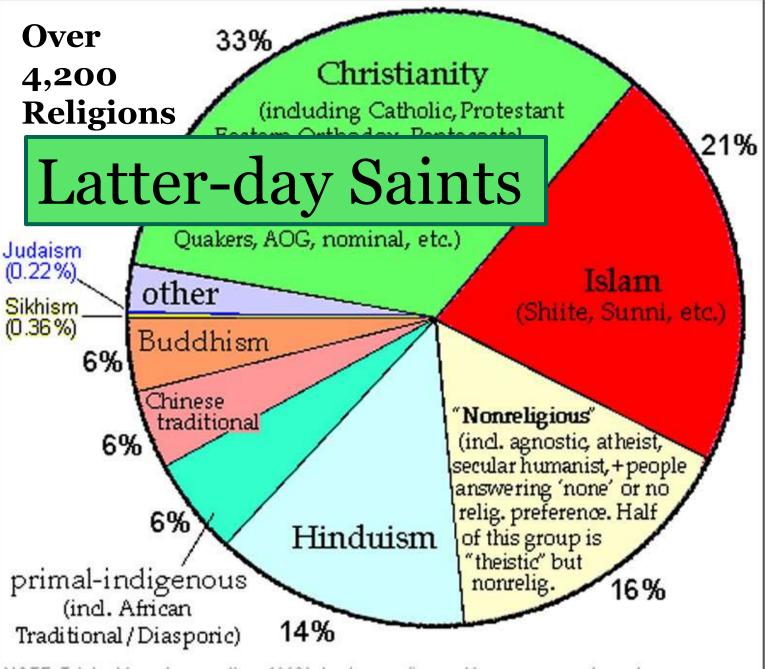
Restorationist

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons)

Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

Over 70 other divisions of the Latter Day Saints or Restoration Movement.



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When

Where How





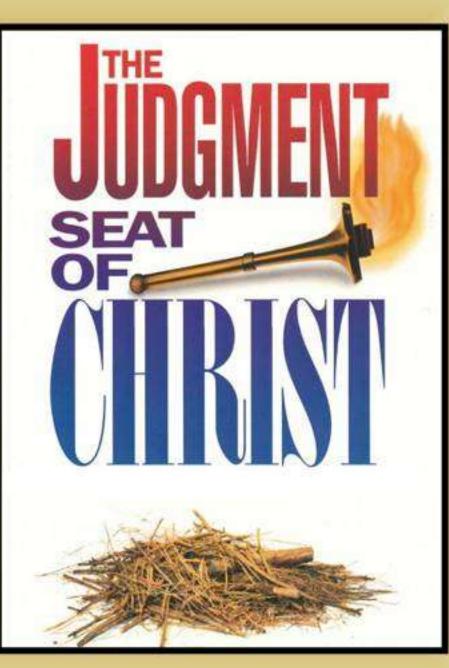
Or

...you are going to personally meet with Jesus Christ is unknown!

He created you...

He died for you!

...we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Romans 14:10





Jesus said..., I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;

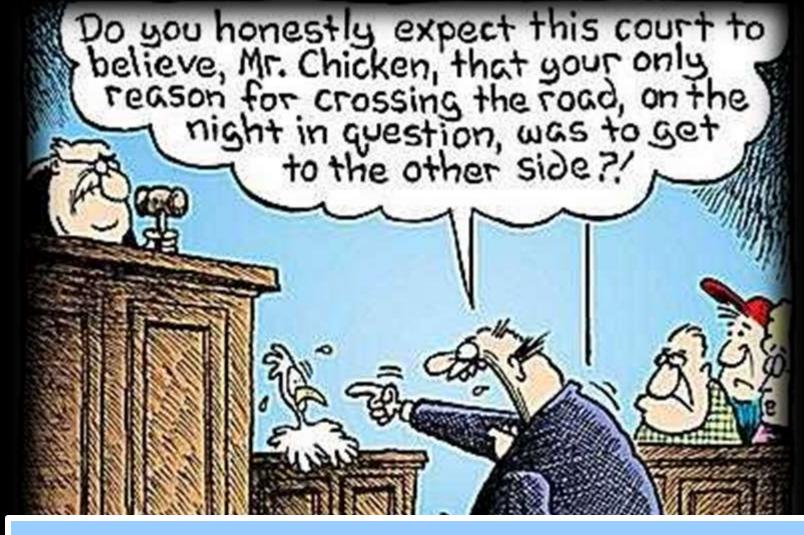
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shallnever die.Believest thou this?[John 11:25-26]

Is there "Life After Death"?

Famed physicist Stephen Hawking said,

"I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark."

"We tolerate no one in our ranks who attacks the ideas of Christianity. Our movement is Christian." ~ Adolf Hitler October 27, 1928



Is there "The other side"?

What happens to me when I die?

According to popular belief, as soon as you die, if you've been good - off to heaven you go!

lf you've been bad, you're zapped right down to hell.

This popular belief denies Jesus' teachings, that there is a Resurrection of the Dead and an Eternal Judgment at the end of time.

If this popular belief were true, there would be no need for Jesus to return to the earth, because there would be nothing for Him to do! Everything would have already been settled.

Everyone would already be in heaven or in hell!

For God so loved the world, that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish; but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ...and there is no end to my works, neither to my words; for this is my work and my glory,

to bring to pass the immortality, and eternal life of man.

[Sec 22:23b]

Thesis Statement

God is a just and fair God and not a respecter of persons.

Therefore, every person born of mankind, has an equal opportunity to inherit immortality and eternal life or eternal death and damnation in the lake of fire.

L hen Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.



Nomatter when or where you were born...

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water, and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

[John 3:5]

If that's true...



What happens to a little baby when he dies?

But little children are alive in Christ, even from the foundation of the world; if not so, God is a partial God, and also a changeable God, and a respecter of persons; for how many little children have died without baptism. [Moroni 8:13]



And again, verily I say unto you, O inhabitants of the earth, I, the Lord, am willing to make these things known unto all flesh, for I am no respecter of persons,... [Sec 1:6a]

What happens to people who never heard of Jesus Christ when they die?

For behold that all little children are alive in Christ, and also <u>all they that are without the law</u>.

For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, can not repent; and unto such baptism availeth nothing.

[Moroni 8:25-26]

Funeral at sea in Seminyak, Bali, Indonesia

What happens to people who die and are buried at sea?

What about those who die in space?

Jesus speaks of death as sleep.

•••he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus **sleepeth**; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead**.

[John 11:11-14]

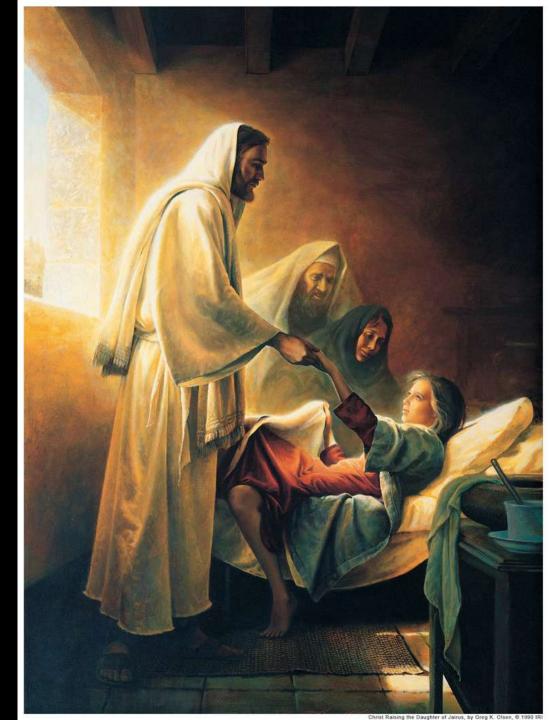
The Resurrection of the Daughter of Jairus

And when he was come in he said unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. [Mark 5:31]

And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, Arise.

And straightway the damsel arose and walked; for she was twelve years old. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

[Mark 5:33-34]





And the graves were opened; and the bodies of the saints which slept, arose, who were many. [Matthew 27:56]

And came out of the graves after his resurrection, went unto the holy city, and appeared unto many. [Matthew 27:57]

Verily, I say unto you, I commanded my servant Samuel, the Lamanite, that he should testify unto this people, that at the day that the Father should glorify his name in me, that there were many saints who should arise from the dead, and should appear unto many, and should minister unto them. [3 Nephi 10:36]



But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that they who are alive at the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them who remain unto the coming of the Lord, who are asleep. Who "sleep in Jesus" or who are "alive in Christ"?

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-15]



WHAT ABOUT THAT OLD SAYING...

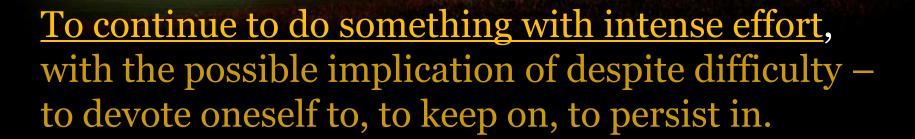
"THE MEEK AND THE POOR WILL INHERIT THE EARTH"? Dut the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. [Psalm 37:11]

And blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

[Matthew 5:7; III Nephi 5:52]

For evildoers shall be cut off; but those that Wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. [Psalm 37:9] **The Greek word (**proskarteréō)**: Wait** To show steadfast strength.

To consistently show strength which *prevails* (in spite of difficulties); to *endure* (remain firm), *staying* in a *fixed direction*.



http://biblesuite.com/greek/4342.htm

To "WAIT" upon the Lord is to "PREVAIL"

The primary sense is to stretch or strain forward, to advance.

- 1. To overcome; to gain the victory or superiority; to gain the advantage.
- 2. To be in force; to have effect; power or influence.
- To be predominant; to extend over with force or effect.
 To gain or have predominant influence; to operate

with effect.

- 5. To persuade or induce; with on or upon.
- 6. To succeed.
- 7. To gain advantage, superiority or victory.
- 8. To have effect.
- 9. To succeed.
- 10. To have more influence.

But they that Wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. [Isaiah 40:31]

Meekness: Power Under Control

I hen spake Jesus, saying, Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Lake my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for Lam meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

[Matthew 11:29-30]

...for, behold, the Lord shall come, and his recompense shall be with him, and he shall reward every man, and the poor shall rejoice; and their generations shall inherit the earth from generation to generation, for ever and ever.

[Sec 56:6b]

Amplified: The Lord (rewards) recompenses you for what you have done, and a full reward is given you by the Lord. **B**ehold, blessed, saith the Lord, are they who have come up unto <u>this land</u> with an eye single to my glory, according to my commandments; for they that live <u>shall inherit the earth</u>, and they that die shall rest from all their labors, and their works shall follow them, and they shall receive a crown in the mansions of my Father, which I have prepared for them;

Yea, blessed are they whose feet stand upon the land of Zion, who have obeyed my gospel, for they shall receive for their reward the good things of the earth; and it shall bring forth in its strength; and they shall also be crowned with blessings from above; yea, and with commandments not a few, and with revelations in their time; they that are faithful and diligent before me.

[Sec 59:1a-c]

And the resurrection from the dead is the redemption of the soul; and the redemption of the soul is through him who quickeneth all things, in whose bosom it is decreed, that the poor and the meek of the earth shall inherit it.

[Sec 85:4b]



"Poor in Spirit" is a quite difficult phrase to understand. The word for "poor" in Greek (*Ptochos*) literally means having nothing, reduced to begging, like a beggar, totally broke.

"Spiritually poor" is exactly what it sounds like. It is a state when you realize that you have nothing and need constant help.

The opposite of "Poor in Spirit" is "proud in spirit".

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

[Psalm 51:10]

Therefore, it [the earth] must needs be sanctified from all unrighteousness, that it may be prepared for the Celestial Glory; for after it hath filled the measure of its creation, it shall be crowned with glory, even with the presence of God the Father; that bodies who are of the Celestial Kingdom may possess it for ever and ever; for, for this intent was it made and created; and for this intent are they sanctified. [Sec 85:4c-d]

