7 Evidences for an Afterlife:

1. Nature

2. Anthropology

3. Psychology

4. Ethics

5. Philosophy


7. Jesus and the Bible

Conclusion:

The cumulative evidence of nature, psychology, anthropology, science, philosophy, the Bible, the testimony of Jesus and personal experience make belief in an afterlife the most rational, plausible, and intellectually defensible conclusion to the question… “Is there life after death?”
What Does the Bible Teach about the Afterlife?

Four Summary Statements:

1. At death, every person’s soul/spirit enters immediately and consciously into the relational aspects of eternal existence.
   - Jesus’ Paradigm of the Afterlife  
     Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)
   - Paul’s Paradigm of the Afterlife  
     2 Corinthians 5:1-8 (NASB)  
     Philippians 1:22-24

2. Every person will one day **be resurrected** and live forever.
   Acts 24:14-15 (NIV)
   Luke 14:14
   Revelation 20:11-13

3. Every person will be **judged** and granted the “**extended capacity**” to fulfill in eternity the **deepest yearnings and desires** of their hearts while on earth.
   Hebrews 9:27 (NASB)
   Luke 12:8
   John 5:25-26 (NIV)

4. Every person will spend eternity in **heaven** with Christ and fellow believers, or in **hell** separated from God forever.
   Matthew 25:46 (NIV)
   Revelation 20:14-15
   John 5:24 (NIV)
A Preview of Heaven – The Great ________________:

- God is There  
  Revelation 21:1-3
- Beauty, Light, Warmth  
- Wonderful Relationships  
  Hebrews 12:22-24
- Incredible Accommodations  
  John 14:1-3
- A Fresh Start  
  1 John 3:2
  2 Corinthians 5:1-5
  Revelation 22:5; 1 Corinthians 6:3
- Various Levels of Reward  
  2 Corinthians 5:10
- Complete Rest, Protection, Contentment, Security, Peace, Purpose, and Rest  
  Revelation 21-22
- Unbridled Joy, Celebration, Worship, Laughter, and Music  
  Matthew 26:29
  Revelation 21-22
- Learning, Growing, Fellowship, Worshipping, Serving, Eating, and Discovering the Infinite Majesty of God and His Universe (yet unrevealed to us)  
  Revelation 5:8-9
  Revelation 21-22
  Revelation 22:5
- Forever

A Preview of Hell – The Horrible ________________:

- God is Not There  
  2 Thessalonians 1:9
- Punishment and Torment  
  Revelation 14:10-11
- Varying Degrees of Punishment  
  Matthew 11:21-24
- Outer Darkness  
  Matthew 8:12
- Weeping  
  Matthew 8:12
- Wailing  
  Matthew 13:40-42
- Gnashing of Teeth  
- Forever  
  Hebrews 6:2, Revelation 14:11
Why I Believe in Life After Death

Why There Must Be A Hell:

- Man’s Dignity and _______ demand a Hell.
- God’s Holiness and _______ demand a Hell.
- Sin’s ___________ demands a Hell.
- Evil’s ___________ demand a Hell.

Conclusion:

Will your eternal future be a blissful ___________ or a horrible ________?

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the various arguments for life after death. Which are the strongest in your opinion? Why?
2. Discuss the four summary statements concerning the Bible’s teaching on life after death. What was “new” to you? What was helpful? What raised questions?
4. What action step of faith do you sense God would have you take in response to this message?

For Further Study/Resources:
- Evidence of Life After Death
- Life After Death
- Recollections of Death
- The Great Divorce and The Problem of Pain
- The Real Heaven

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