

“Why I Believe In Heaven”

John 14:1-6

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The question in Job 14:14 plagues the minds of men and women more than any other issue in life. “If a man dies, shall he live again?” comes from the oldest book in the Bible. The question has echoed in the hearts of people ever since. Parents who have lost a child and children who have lost a parent all ask, “Will we see them again?” The answer the Bible gives us is yes.

I) The Authority Of The Bible:

A) Its authority has been established by historical reliability, scientific, accuracy, and pragmatic application. However, nothing accentuates the authority of Scripture any more than the Word of Jesus.

B) When Jesus spoke about the existence of heaven, He underscored it by appealing to His own integrity. John 14:1-3

C) The Second Law of Thermodynamics says that energy and matter become more random – or things wear out – the universe is winding down, but Jesus said, Matt. 24:35.

II) The Laws Of Nature:

A) Jesus taught that “unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”

I Cor.15:35-38

B) William Jennings Bryan in his *Analogies of Nature* states, “If the Father decides to touch with Divine Power the cold and pulseless heart of a buried acorn and to make it burst forth into a new life, will He leave neglected on earth the soul of man made in the image of His Creator?”

C) This is stated in a similar way by Einstein in the First Law of Thermodynamics. This law states that matter and energy cannot be created nor destroyed. They may be transformed from one form to another but cannot be destroyed.

III) The Testimonies Of Out Of Body Experiences:

A) We have heard much about this phenomenon in recent years. But here in this passage the Apostle Paul describes his own experiences.

II Cor. 12:2-4

B) Dr. Kubler Ross and Dr. Raymond Moody, two psychiatrists, interviewed over 500 people who had died and came back.

C) Reverend A.D. Sandborn, while pastoring a church in Iowa, called on a young Christian woman who was seriously ill. She bolstered up in bed, almost in a sitting position, looking off into the distance, “Now just as soon as they open the gate, I will go in,” she whispered. Then she sank into her pillow in disappointment. “They have let Mamie go in ahead of me.” Erwin Lutzer

IV) The Last Words Of Dying People:

A) Edward Gibbeon, a noted infidel: “All Is Dark.”

B) Thomas Hobbes, rationalist: “I am taking a fearful leap in the dark.”

C) Bertrand Russell, atheist: “There is darkness without and when I die there will be darkness within.”

D) Augustus Toplady who wrote, “Rock of Ages:” “All is Light, Light, Light.”

E) The Apostle Paul: “I am ready to be offered up...”