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What happens, or where do we go, after people die? Is death final?

I. Introduction

A. Open statement

1. People live their lives carelessly not given thought to where they would go when they die.

B. Supporting statement:

1. Benjamin Franklin said, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." His words, though slightly humorous, remind us of a very real truth: One of the things we all have in common is that everyone dies.

C. Thesis

1. Although my answer stems from my Christian beliefs, I found it interesting that many different cultures have different religion views on death. Buddhism beliefs in reincarnation, and Jehovah witnesses believe that hell does not exist, they say when a person dies, their existence completely stops.

Paragraph 1:

Buddhism does believe in a form of life after death. Unlike other religions, they do not believe in a creator God. They do not believe in an eternal or everlasting soul.

Although they believe in reincarnation which means taking on another body in their next

life (the cycle of death and rebirth). They do not believe in the existence of the soul. Buddhism does not believe in heaven or hell.

Paragraph 2:

Jehovah Witnesses believe that when you die you die and that is it. They say there is no afterlife and you do not go anywhere but stay here on earth. Their belief is that a time will come when the world is cleansed of all the evil influences, and when paradise is restored on earth, then all the dead people will be resurrected. Jehovah witnesses say they will be on earth like physical human beings. Also, they believe all the dead people will cease to live but they will be the one making that choice. Jehovah witnesses do not believe in hell. They believe that only God can live in heaven and has chosen 144,000 people who will go to heaven, only those who lived in the first century during Jesus' time on earth.

Paragraph 3:

As a believer in Christ I believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe that when I die I will get to live in Heaven with Jesus for all eternity. Example, in the book of John 14:2 says; In my father's house there are many mansions; If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. The Bible also says in John 3:16, " For God so loved the world that he gave his one only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal

life.” One of the first things the bible tells us about the creation of man is that God created Adam from the dust. In Genesis 3:19 we are told, “for dust you are and dust you will return.” That means those who received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and put their trust in him will make it to the kingdom of heaven. Our flesh bodies will return back to dust but our soul will arise to be with Jesus.. Solomon explains in the bible (Ecclesiastes 3:1) There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die. I believe if people knew what would happen and where they would go after they die, they would reconcile with the Lord before leaving this earth.

In conclusion, Although my answer stems from my Christian beliefs, I found it interesting that many different cultures have different religious views on death. I like what Benjamin Franklin said, “In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” His words, though slightly humorous, remind us of a very real truth: One of the things we all have in common is that everyone dies.