

## ***What do most people today think happens at death?***

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## ***What does the Bible say happens at death?***

1. No activity in the grave (Ecclesiastes 9.5-6, 10; Psalm 6.4-5; 146.4)
2. Death is like sleep (Acts 13.36; 1 Corinthians 15.17-20)
3. tons of death is like sleep verses (<http://kingdomready.org/Verse%20List%20-%20Sleep%20of%20Death.pdf> )

## ***Why do people believe that at death their soul departs?***

“When the body died, parts of its soul known as ka (body double) and the ba (personality) would go to the Kingdom of the Dead. While the soul dwelt in the Fields of Aaru, Osiris demanded work as payback for the protection he provided. Statues were placed in the tombs to serve as substitutes for the deceased.

Arriving at one's reward in afterlife was a demanding ordeal, requiring a sin-free heart and the ability to recite the spells, passwords, and formulae of the Book of the Dead. In the Hall of Two Truths, the deceased's heart was weighed against the Shu feather of truth and justice taken from the headdress of the goddess Ma'at.[6] If the heart was lighter than the feather, they could pass on, but if it were heavier they would be devoured by the demon Ammit.

Egyptians also believed that being mummified was the only way to have an afterlife. Only if the corpse had been properly embalmed and entombed in a mastaba, could the dead live again in the Fields of Yalu and accompany the Sun on its daily ride. Due to the dangers the afterlife posed, the Book of the Dead was placed in the tomb with the body.” (Wikipedia, Life After Death)

“In his Myth of Er, Plato describes souls being judged immediately after death and sent either to the heavens for a reward or underground for punishment. After their respective judgments have been enjoyed or suffered, the souls are reincarnated.

The Greek god Hades is known in Greek mythology as the king of the underworld, a bleak place in between the place of torment and the place of rest, where most souls live after death. Some heroes of Greek legend are allowed to visit the underworld.” (Wikipedia, Life After Death)

Socrates - story about taking the hemlock poison

“And what is that which is termed death, but this very separation and release of the soul from the body?” (Plato, in Phaedo)

Aristotle->Alexander the Great

“The belief in the immortality of the soul came to the Jews from contact with Greek thought and chiefly through the philosophy of Plato, its principal exponent, who was led to it through Orphic and Eleusinian mysteries in which Babylonian and Egyptian views were strangely blended” (The Jewish Encyclopedia, 1901).

1. common phrases used to talk about death

a. passed away, taken by God, went on, became an angel, looking down on me, departed, on to a better place

***What is the solution to death? Resurrection.***

1. one day those who sleep in the dust will awake (Daniel 12.2; John 5.28-29)

2. this happens when Jesus returns (1 Corinthians 15.20-23)

***How does Jesus' resurrection relate to our resurrection?***

1. Jesus died, remained dead for three days, and then was resurrected (1 Corinthians 15.3-4)

2. Because Jesus was raised we can be comforted in knowing that we too will be raised (1 Thessalonians 4.13-19)