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The academic study of death rose to prominence during the 1960s. Courses on some aspect of death and dying can now be found at most institutions of higher learning. These courses tend to stress the psycho-social aspects of grief and bereavement, however, ignoring the religious elements inherent to the subject. This collection is the first to address the

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teaching of courses on death and dying from a religious-studies perspective.

We're all going to die.

Yet in our medically advanced, technological age, many of us see death as a distant

reality--something that happens only at the end of a long life or to other people. In *The End of the Christian Life*, Todd Billings urges Christians to resist that view.

Instead, he calls us to embrace our mortality in our daily life and faith.

This is the journey of

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genuine discipleship, Billings says, following the crucified and resurrected Lord in a world of distraction and false hopes. Drawing on his experience as a professor and father living with incurable cancer, Billings offers a personal yet deeply theological account of the gospel's expansive hope for small, mortal creatures. Artfully weaving rich theology with powerful narrative, Billings writes for church leaders and laypeople alike. Whether we are

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young or old, reeling from loss or clinging to our own prosperity, this book challenges us to walk a strange but wondrous path: in the midst of joy and lament, to receive mortal limits as a gift, an opportunity to give ourselves over to the Lord of life.

Clark-Soles began this project in order to answer the question, "What exactly does the New Testament say about death and afterlife?" It turns out that it says both more and less than one might hope or expect. By more,

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she means that every time the subject of death and what happens after death arises, it is clear that the authors' interests far exceed answering that single question. Their comments emerge from the concerns and experiences of living Christian communities, they relate to a larger theological and pastoral agenda, and their primary focus remains life on earth and the proper living of it. The texts say less than one may hope because no author sets out to answer my question directly.

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There is no systematic theology in the New Testament regarding death and afterlife. Certainly resurrection appears throughout, though differently emphasized and interpreted. Beyond that, the fascinating aspects of the question are in the details of the texts.

Therefore, the appropriate question, as it turns out, is not: What does the New Testament say about death and afterlife, but what do various New Testament texts say about it? Others have sought to unify the New Testament witness,

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glossing over the individual pictures presented by the New Testament authors. Clark-Soles revels in the snapshots of the individuals and am less interested in the family photo. Clark-Soles inquires into the specific language that each author uses regarding death and afterlife. She explores anthropology, cosmology, eschatology, and, where relevant, theology and Christology. Finally, Clark-Soles suggests ways that the stated views function in each

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situation.

The fact cannot be overlooked that we are in the midst of a sociological crisis of orientation on the grand scale. New problems and needs have become insistent, new fears and longings have come to light. Many are looking for a new foothold, a fundamental certainty, a compass for their life and the life of other human beings. The inconsistencies and ambivalence of the phenomena cannot conceal the fact that religion is

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attracting greater attention: the old religion and many new ones, the Christian religion as well as the Islamic, Hindu, and Buddhist religions. In East and West anyway the God Progress seems to have lost rapidly something of its credibility; belief in a continually better life with the aid of science and technology and also through revolution and socialism has been shaken by serious doubts. And, while the elderly have not been able - with all the aids of psychology - to

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come to terms with the meaning of death, younger people - supposedly a Òno futureÓ generation, apathetic, noncommittal, nervous, and self-destructive - are asking afresh about the missing sense of life. Meanwhile, though science did the most in the last century to destroy belief in immortality and made stupendous efforts to prolong life, it is medicine today that has broken through the taboos in regard to death and with its research into dying has given new life

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to the question of death and survival. But has medicine - or perhaps parapsychology - proved that there is life after death?

Death and the Afterlife in the New Testament

Is Salvation Possible in the Afterlife? A Biblical, Theological, and Pastoral Evaluation

Shades of Sheol

55 Answers to Questions about Life After Death

Beliefs and the Dead in Reformation England

A Christian Theology of Death and Life Eternal

Resurrection and

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Immortality in Jewish Thought

Four thousand years ago, amid tragic suffering and death, Job asked the question of the ages: "If a man dies, will he live again?" Since the dawn of history, the subject of death and the afterlife has been the great question of human existence. It's a subject that everyone wonders about. What lies behind the veil of death? Is there really life after death? Is there a place called hell? This small yet power-packed book answers, in a very straightforward, reader-friendly format, all the most-asked questions ordinary people have about death, near-death experiences, cremation, purgatory, hell, heaven, and our future bodies. You'll be amazed at what awaits us beyond

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the grave. Is There Sex in Heaven? It's a fair question! And so are the rest. Go ahead—flip to the table of contents.

Discover another one, two, or fifty-four others that are guaranteed to intrigue you. Questions like: Do those in heaven know what's happening on earth? and Will I see my pets in heaven? Because even if you'd rather avoid the topic, death will not avoid you. So fire away! Ask the tough questions, and get the dead-on answers you need. Straightforward and easy to read, *55 Answers to Questions About Life After Death* satisfies that nagging, curious voice whispering from the corner of your mind. *Story Behind the Book*—Three key experiences in my life have come together to make this book a reality. First, as the pastor of a local

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church for thirteen years, I have had the privilege of visiting people who are facing imminent death, conducting funerals, and ministering to grieving families. During these times people often have probing questions about life after death. Second, due to my interest and writing in the area of Bible prophecy, I am frequently asked questions about the afterlife at conferences and via e-mail. Third, all kinds of books, TV shows, and groups out there today are fostering unbiblical views of life after death. Knowing that this is a subject of universal interest and great confusion, I have a passionate desire to create a user-friendly, clear, straightforward resource to answer all the key questions that people everywhere are asking about

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life's greatest mystery.

Is death the end of our story, or do we go on? If life does continue after death, where and how will we live? What happens to us after we die is not only a matter of speculation, but also a matter of debate. This is particularly true within the church, and though some would like to believe that the issue has long been settled, it most certainly remains open for discussion. In *The Death Myth*, author and theologian Brian M. Rossiter investigates what the Bible actually says about the afterlife, and he carefully explains how an honest reflection on the traditional Christian view of death will show that this view is often misguided. This traditional view—that the deceased persist and live on as conscious

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immaterial souls is a doctrine that while tenable may not cohere with scriptural truths about the nature of the soul and body, the timing of the resurrection, and the meaning of salvation. While many Christians believe that the human soul departs to either a place of bliss or a place of torment after death, few have truly evaluated the biblical teachings on the subject. More than that, the implications of our beliefs on the issue are rarely acknowledged. Can the soul live apart from the body? Do immaterial realms for the dead exist? Can ghosts or spirits communicate with the living? When these matters are deeply investigated, the conclusions may force us to reconsider everything we thought we knew about life after

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death and the very nature of our existence.

What happens after death to Jesus and to those who follow him? *Jesus and the Demise of Death* offers a constructive theology that seeks to answer that very question, carefully considering both Jesus' descent into hell and eventual resurrection as integral parts of a robust vision of the Christian bodily resurrection. Taking on the claims of N.T. Wright and Richard B. Hays, Matthew Levering draws strongly upon the work of Thomas Aquinas to propose a radical reconstruction of Christian eschatological theology--one that takes seriously the profound ways in which Christianity and its beatific vision have been enriched by Platonic thought and emphasizes the role of the

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Church community in the passage from life to death. In so doing, Levering underscores the hope in eternal life for Jesus' followers and gives readers firm and fruitful soil upon which to base conversations about the Christian's future.

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For if we are dead with Him, Then we

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will live with Him; If we endure Then
we will reign with Him; If we renounce
Then He will also deny us.

Fear Not!

Uncovering What the Bible Really
Says About the Afterlife

Death and Afterlife in the Old
Testament

Post-death existence in Athenagoras,
Tertullian, Origen and the Letter to
Rheginos

Dying to Live

The End of the Christian Life

The Early Church and the Afterlife

*For much of Christian history the
church has given no place to
Holy Saturday in its liturgy or
worship. Yet the space dividing
Calvary and the Garden may be
the best place from which to
reflect on the meaning of Christ's*

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death and resurrection. This superb work by the late Alan Lewis develops on a grand scale and in great detail a theology of Holy Saturday. The first comprehensive theology of Holy Saturday ever written, Between Cross and Resurrection shows that at the center of the biblical story and the church's creed lies a three-day narrative. Lewis explores the meaning of Holy Saturday -- the restless day of burial and waiting -- from the perspectives of narrative (hearing the story), doctrine (thinking the story), and ethics (living the story). Along the way he visits as many spiritual themes as possible in order to demonstrate the range of topics that take on fresh meaning when

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viewed from the vantage point of Holy Saturday. Between Cross and Resurrection is not only incisive and elegantly written, but it is also a uniquely moving work deeply rooted in Christian experience. While writing this book Lewis experienced his own Holy Saturday in suffering from and finally succumbing to cancer. He considered Between Cross and Resurrection to be the culmination of his life's work. This book taps into popular culture's insatiable appetite for the supernatural. Written in a popular style, Heaven and the Afterlife touches on many topics related to life after death, including amazing near-death experiences, accounts from the Bible, testimonies, theories, and

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what some of the world's religions believe. It will demystify the afterlife with information about heaven, hell, ghosts, angels, near-death experiences, and much more, helping readers gain a solid understanding of the often-confusing subject of life after death. The book culminates by presenting Jesus as the answer to eternal peace and how readers can spend eternity with him. Garlow and Wall write not only for believers, but also for seekers or anyone looking for straight, simple answers to the fascinating subject of the world beyond this life.

Screening the Afterlife is a unique and fascinating exploration of the 'last things' as envisaged by modern filmmakers.

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Drawing on a range of films from Flatliners and What Dreams May Come to Working Girl and The Shawshank Redemption, it offers the first comprehensive examination of death and the afterlife within the growing field of religion and film. Topics addressed include: the survival of personhood after death the language of resurrection and immortality Near-Death Experiences and Mind-Dependent Worlds the portrayal of 'heaven' and 'hell'. Students taking courses on eschatology will find this a stimulating and thought provoking resource, while scholars will relish Deacy's theological insight and understanding.

Death, Resurrection, and Human

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Destiny: Christian and Muslim Perspectives is a record of the 2012 Building Bridges seminar for leading Christian and Muslim scholars, convened by Rowan Williams, then Archbishop of Canterbury. The essays in this volume explore what the Bible and Qur'ān—and the Christian and Islamic theological traditions—have to say about death, resurrection, and human destiny. Special attention is given to the writings of al-Ghazali and Dante. Other essays explore the notion of the good death. Funeral practices of each tradition are explained. Relevant texts are included with commentary, as are personal reflections on death by several of the seminar participants. An account of the

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informal conversations at the seminar conveys a vivid sense of the lively, penetrating, but respectful dialogue which took place. Three short pieces by Rowan Williams provide his opening comments at the seminar and his reflections on its proceedings. The volume also contains an analysis of the Building Bridges Seminar after a decade of his leadership.

Death and the Afterlife from a Christian Perspective

Life After Death?

Death And The Afterlife

Christian Interpretation of Personal Eschatology

The Fate of the Soul in Theology, Liturgy, and Art

A History of Life after Death

Beyond Death

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This is the first comprehensive study of one of the most important aspects of the Reformation in England: its impact on the status of the dead. Protestant reformers insisted vehemently that between heaven and hell there was no 'middle place' of purgatory where the souls of the departed could be assisted by the prayers of those still living on earth. This was no remote theological proposition, but a revolutionary doctrine affecting the lives of all sixteenth-century English people, and the ways in which their Church and society were organized. This book illuminates the (sometimes ambivalent) attitudes towards the dead to be discerned in pre-

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Reformation religious culture, and traces (up to about 1630) the uncertain progress of the 'reformation of the dead' attempted by Protestant authorities, as they sought both to stamp out traditional rituals and to provide the replacements acceptable in an increasingly fragmented religious world. It also provides detailed surveys of Protestant perceptions of the afterlife, of the cultural meanings of the appearance of ghosts, and of the patterns of commemoration and memory which became characteristic of post-Reformation England. Together these topics constitute an important case-study in the nature and tempo

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of the English Reformation as an agent of social and cultural transformation. The book speaks directly to the central concerns of current Reformation scholarship, addressing questions posed by 'revisionist' historians about the vibrancy and resilience of traditional religious culture, and by 'post-revisionists' about the penetration of reformed ideas. Dr Marshall demonstrates not only that the dead can be regarded as a significant 'marker' of religious and cultural change, but that a persistent concern with their status did a great deal to fashion the distinctive appearance of the English Reformation as a whole, and to create its peculiarities and

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contradictory impulses.

A valuable reference work on a subject largely ignored by the Church in recent years.

The resurrection of the dead was, as Tertullian says, 'the chief article of the whole Christian faith' (*De resurrectione* 39.3) and one of those beliefs which most distinguished Christian thought from much other contemporary thinking. This book looks at the way in which post-death existence is represented in the work of the early Church Fathers - notably Athenagoras, Tertullian, and Origen - and the Letter to Rheginos, and how these representations compare with its treatment both in Scripture and in contemporary, modern

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theological reflection. Examining these attitudes to life after death, and putting them into conversation with more modern interpretations, the book asks four main questions.

Firstly, whether resurrection happens immediately after death. Secondly, if there is continuity or discontinuity of space and time between death and a resurrection life. Thirdly, it explores whether post-death existence was thought to be embodied or not, and if so how might it be embodied. Finally, it addresses the issue of continuity, or discontinuity, of personal identity after death. This book sheds light on the formation of a key doctrine of Christian faith. As such, it will be of

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significant interest to scholars and academics working in the History of Religion, Theology and Patristics.

Get ready for life after death.

Combining three books that together have sold nearly 1 million copies, *Heaven and the Afterlife* gives you Erwin Lutzer's best reflections on eternity and what it means for you today. The trilogy includes: *One Minute After You Die*. A simple and moving explanation of what the Bible teaches about death, this book makes you consider a sobering truth: one minute after you die, your life will not be over. Rather, it will be just beginning—in a place of unimaginable bliss or indescribable gloom. Are you ready for that

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moment? How You Can Be Sure You Will Spend Eternity with God summarizes the Bible's teaching on salvation, answering questions like, "What role do I play in my own salvation? Can I lose my salvation if I commit a serious sin? What if I doubt that I'm saved?" Your Eternal Reward. This book explores the often-overlooked Scriptures about reward and judgment for Christians, answering questions like, "How will believers be judged? Do rewards for faithfulness vary? If heaven is perfect, why do rewards even matter?" Together these books will help you live faithfully today, readying you for that final hour

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when you meet your Maker.

Grace beyond the Grave

Afterlife

On the Resurrection of the Dead

A Theological and Practical

Workbook on Death, Dying and

Beareavement

Rethinking Heaven, the

Resurrection, and the Mission of the

Church

Exploring the Evidence for

Immortality

Christian and Muslim Perspectives

For years Christians have been asking, "If you died tonight, do you know where you would go?" It turns out that many believers have been giving the wrong

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answer. It is not heaven. Award-winning author N. T. Wright outlines the present confusion about a Christian's future hope and shows how it is deeply intertwined with how we live today. Wright, who is one of today's premier Bible scholars, asserts that Christianity's most distinctive idea is bodily resurrection. He provides a magisterial defense for a literal resurrection of Jesus and shows how this became the cornerstone for the Christian community's hope in the bodily resurrection of all people at the end of the

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age. Wright then explores our expectation of "new heavens and a new earth," revealing what happens to the dead until then and what will happen with the "second coming" of Jesus. For many, including many Christians, all this will come as a great surprise. Wright convincingly argues that what we believe about life after death directly affects what we believe about life before death. For if God intends to renew the whole creation—and if this has already begun in Jesus's resurrection—the church cannot stop at "saving

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souls" but must anticipate the eventual renewal by working for God's kingdom in the wider world, bringing healing and hope in the present life. Lively and accessible, this book will surprise and excite all who are interested in the meaning of life, not only after death but before it. With J. Nicholas Reid. Foreword by Jerry Bridges. Are you not sure what happens after death? Ligon sheds light on the subject by sharing his pastoral wisdom."Such a man is Ligon Duncan who is both a scholar and a pastor.

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The state of the individual after death continues to be one of the great human questions. "Life after Death?" analyzes the interpretation of personal eschatology of five contemporary Christian theologians: Ladislaus Boros, a contemporary of Karl Rahner, Nels Ferre, Emil Brunner, Oscar Cullmann, and John Hick. The opening chapter deals with death rituals and customs as well as major philosophical interpretations of death. The final chapter compares and contrasts the

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theologians' ideas and includes the author's interpretation of personal eschatology."

Gregory of Tours was a bishop of late antiquity who was famously devoted to promoting the efficacy of saintly powers. In his writings, both historical and hagiographical, Gregory depicted the saints and reprobates of his age. This book analyses Gregory's writings about death and the afterlife, thereby illuminating the bishop's pastoral imperative to save souls and revealing his opinions

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about the fates of Merovingian royals, among many others he mentions in his voluminous text. The study provides insight into Gallic peoples living at the dawning of the Middle Ages and their hopes and fears about the otherworld. It offers an original, nuanced interpretation of Gregory's motives for penning his works, particularly the *Historiae*, which remained unfinished upon the author's death.

**The Myth of an Afterlife
How Embracing Our
Mortality Frees Us to Truly
Live**

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The Death of Death A Theological Introduction Life After Death After We Die Death and Afterlife

For all their reputed and professed preoccupation with the afterlife, the Byzantines had no systematic conception of the fate of the soul between death and the Last Judgement. Death and the Afterlife in Byzantium marries for the first time liturgical, theological, literary, and material evidence to investigate a fundamental question: what did the Byzantines believe happened after death? This

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interdisciplinary study provides an in-depth analysis and synthesis of hagiography, theological treatises, apocryphal texts and liturgical services, as well as images of the fate of the soul in manuscript and monumental decoration. It also places the imagery of the afterlife, both literary and artistic, within the context of Byzantine culture, spirituality, and soteriology. The book intends to be the definitive study on concepts of the afterlife in Byzantium, and its interdisciplinary structure will appeal to students and specialists

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from a variety of areas in medieval studies.

'In a book of such varied contents, it is certain that everyone will find something which will challenge and inform - and indeed, on occasion, inspire.' - John

Bowker, Church Times

Throughout history human beings have been preoccupied with personal survival after death. As a consequence, most world religions proclaim that life continues beyond the grave, and they have depicted the Hereafter in a variety of forms. These various conceptions constitute answers to the most perplexing spiritual questions: Will we remember

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our former lives in the Hereafter? Will we have bodies? Can bodiless souls recognize each other? Will we continue to have personal identity? Will we be punished or rewarded, or absorbed into the Godhead? These issues serve as the basis of this collection of essays which provide a framework for understanding traditional conceptions of the Hereafter as well as new perspectives.

Grace beyond the Grave explores the possibility of the opportunity for repentance and salvation on the other side of the grave. Stephen Jonathan, pastor and theologian, explores

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posthumous salvation as a viable evangelical alternative to the traditional view that death ends all possibility of salvation, doing so with humanity, integrity, and devotion to Scripture. Jonathan is not dissuaded from asking provocative questions for fear of being thought unorthodox. While scholarly, *Grace beyond the Grave* will be of benefit to pastors, theological students, and lay people alike. During nearly three decades of a teaching ministry, Jonathan became increasingly conscious that the common, mechanical answers to the more pressing

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questions are often inadequate and need revisiting. Grace beyond the Grave will both unsettle the "theologically comfortable" and reassure the open-minded in equal measure.

Because every single one of us will die, most of us would like to know what—if anything—awaits us afterward, not to mention the fate of lost loved ones. Given the nearly universal vested interest in deciding this question in favor of an afterlife, it is no surprise that the vast majority of books on the topic affirm the reality of life after death without a backward glance. But the evidence of

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our senses and the ever-gaining strength of scientific evidence strongly suggest otherwise. In *The Myth of an Afterlife: The Case against Life after Death*, Michael Martin and Keith Augustine collect a series of contributions that redress this imbalance in the literature by providing a strong, comprehensive, and up-to-date casebook of the chief arguments against an afterlife. Divided into four separate sections, this collection opens with a broad overview of the issues, as contributors consider the strongest evidence of whether or not we survive death—in

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particular the biological basis of all mental states and their grounding in brain activity that ceases to function at death. Next, contributors consider a host of conceptual and empirical difficulties that confront the various ways of “surviving” death—from bodiless minds to bodily resurrection to any form of posthumous survival. Then essayists turn to internal inconsistencies between traditional theological conceptions of an afterlife—heaven, hell, karmic rebirth—and widely held ethical principles central to the belief systems supporting those

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notions. In the final section, authors offer critical evaluations of the main types of evidence for an afterlife. Fully interdisciplinary, *The Myth of an Afterlife: The Case against Life after Death* brings together a variety of fields of research to make that case, including cognitive neuroscience, philosophy of mind, personal identity, philosophy of religion, moral philosophy, psychical research, and anomalistic psychology. As the definitive casebook of arguments against life after death, this collection is required reading for any instructor, researcher, and

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student of philosophy, religious studies, or theology. It is sure to raise provocative issues new to readers, regardless of background, from those who believe fervently in the reality of an afterlife to those who do not or are undecided on the matter. The Truth about Tomorrow and What it Means for Today Death and Afterlife Pages Gregory Tourhb Death, Resurrection, and Human Destiny Theological and Philosophical Reflections of Life after Death Screening the Afterlife Theology, Philosophy, and the Question of Life After

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Death

Surprised by Hope

This is a key resource for reflective practitioners who want to explore subjects such as death, dying, bereavement and funerals from a theological perspective. The book engages readers to reflect theologically on issues of loss, grief, healing, the search for meaning and joy. Such theological reflection is vital for the development of good and grounded pastoral

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THIS SINGLE-PERSPECTIVE,

ONENESS THEOLOGICAL

Argument was written

with the sole purpose of

providing Biblical

truth, understanding,

clarity, as well as

revelation to all

individuals-the Believer

and non-Believer alike,

with regard to an

extremely important,

highly misunderstood,

mis-taught,

controversial, as well

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as notorious subject matter-Life After Death/the Afterlife/the Hereafter. Now, in achieving this objective, I have chosen to utilize an in-depth approach of the Word of God. In short, I have provided several key Scriptures in the hope of removing any non-Biblical views as well as misconceptions of such a vital Biblical subject matter; thus, improving one's Christian walk with God. With this said, I would

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like to submit the following Thesis as the central assertion of this theological paper: Life After Death/the Afterlife does exist! Hence, the true Biblical Stand, with reference to the Afterlife, is set-forth according to the Word of God via Divine-revelation of "the deep and secret things" of God. Not, as advocated by countless 21st-Century Christian (so called) denominations, claiming that one's spirit (not soul, by the

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way) immediately goes to Heaven following physical, bodily death. The general presupposition, then, rests solely upon the following Claim: One's spirit (again, not one's soul) will either enter into an intermediate place for the departed spirits of the righteous, awaiting resurrection-The Bosom of Abraham (a.k.a., Paradise), or it will go straight to a place of constant torment, anguish, destruction,

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misery, punishment, and fire-Hell (a.k.a., Tartaros), following physical, bodily death, depending upon the state of one's spirit.

Meaning, is one's spirit spiritually alive or spiritually dead? In short and plainly stated, the existence of Purgatory and/or Limbo are non-existent! By the way, this Single-perspective, Oneness Theological Argument will be presented from a purely Apostolic Doctrinal perspective-

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God's perspective. With this said, the current viewpoint of Orthodoxy (Secular) Christianity, then, may be said to be laden with numerous Scriptural, spiritual, and theological inconsistencies. In other words, after doing my own Biblical study and research, I have encountered much error being taught within many Christian denominations (Orthodoxy as well as Oneness alike) as being Biblical. With this said, contrary to

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standard expository writing guidelines, it is my professional opinion that this has occurred due to a lack of Biblical understanding, faulty Biblical research, spiritual blindness and deafness, improper application of hermeneutics and exegesis, as well as being guilty of not having a proper walk with God (c.f., Ephesians 3:17). This, unfortunately, has caused non-Biblical

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doctrinal teaching that has led to false doctrine regarding Life After Death/the Afterlife/the Hereafter. With this said, as you carefully read through this Single-perspective, Oneness Theological Argument, I ask that you sincerely pray-seeking after The Wisdom of God-asking God to unveil His truth, in order to open-up your spiritual eyes and unplug your spiritual ears; to provide complete understanding and

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clarity of this profound, life-impacting subject matter; as well as, to reveal the reality of Life After Death existing (including the spiritual significance of The Afterlife) as clearly described within Luke 16:19-31.

Philip S. Johnston examines Israelite views on death and afterlife as reflected in the Hebrew Bible and in material remains, and sets them in their cultural, literary and

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theological contexts.

A New Metaphysics of
Afterlife for Christian
Thought

Life After Death:

The Case against Life
After Death

A Study of the Afterlife
in World Religions

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*Aspects of death and the afterlife
are hotly debated among
evangelical Christians. In this
NSBT volume Paul Williamson
works through Old and New
Testament passages, taking care*

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to understand the ancient Near Eastern and Greco-Roman backgrounds. Showing that there is exegetical support for the traditional evangelical understanding of death and the afterlife, he questions the growing popularity of alternative understandings.

How do we make sense of death--in theology, in philosophy, in experience? How do religions other than Christianity deal with death and with dying? In the now predominantly secular societies of the West, what are we to make of the theologies of death developed by writers such as Becker, Hick, Thielicke, and Macquarrie? Ray Anderson tackles his subject with

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clarity and without sentimentality. He discusses first the treatment--and indeed, the denial--of death by contemporary Western society, and its place in other religious traditions. Going on to discuss the origins of a Christian theology of death, he examines the legacy of Judaism and seeks to lay the foundations for a Christian anthropology in the unity of the body and soul. Death, he argues, is alien to God's determination of our personhood. Outlining a classic Christian understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, he explores the implications of the Passion for our own mortality. Even if the sting of death has been

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removed, the experience of dying and bereavement remains. Ray Anderson considers pastoral approaches to dying in the light of his observations and arguments and makes his case for a reintegration of the experience of dying into our communities. Peter C. Phan, noted for his theological exploration of the afterlife, presents an easily understood study of what eternal life means from a Catholic/Christian view. In Living Into Death, Dying Into Life: A Christian Theology of Death and Life Eternal Professor Phan elaborates and expands material first presented in twelve lectures. Drawing heavily from the

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Christian Tradition, Phan identifies sections in the Old Testament and especially the New Testament that are relevant to eschatology, which is the search for an understanding of God's final kingdom. Seen in the preaching of Jesus as presented in the Gospels, the Kingdom of God is both here now and also fulfilled at the end of time. Professor Phan is able to connect Scriptural representations of the afterlife with the ramifications of eternal life in our present everyday life. This book is intended for audiences seeking to understand the death of a loved one, an impending death, or death in general; as well as those who are

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seeking a general spiritual or theological understanding of eternal life as presented by Jesus Christ.

A Christian philosophical theology of death and resurrection.

A Theology of Holy Saturday

Living Into Death, Dying Into Life

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Resurrection, Afterlife, and the

Fate of the Christian

Teaching Death and Dying

Life After Death Part II - Orthodox

Theologians

Death - and what lies beyond

- is not something you

consider every day. But the

thought of it raises some

intriguing questions: Are

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there good reasons for believing in life after death? What is the afterlife like? How valid are the reports of near death experiences? Do heaven and hell exist? And if so, how can hell be reconciled with a loving God? By sharing the very latest scientific, philosophical, anthropological, ethical, and theological evidence on life after death, noted Christian scholars Habermas and Moreland present a strong case for immortality with this book. They begin by taking up the question of whether life after death is real and

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what evidence supports its reality. They then explore what the afterlife is like and go on to show how having this reality in your future should affect the way you live here and now. This book will reassure you that there's no need to fear death - as long as you're prepared eternity that follows. It's also a great aid in developing a serious biblical, rational, and even scientific defense for the belief in life beyond the grave.

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Latino Studies is enriched by an interdisciplinary perspective. Historians, sociologists, anthropologists, political scientists, demographers, linguists, as well as religion, ethnicity, and culture scholars, among others, bring a varied, multifaceted approach to the understanding of a people whose roots are all over the Americas and whose permanent home is north of the Rio Grande. Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies offers an authoritative, trustworthy, and up-to-date intellectual

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map to this ever-changing discipline."--Editorial page. This unique Handbook provides a sophisticated, scholarly overview of the most advanced thought regarding the idea of life after death. Its comprehensive coverage encompasses historical, religious, philosophical and scientific thinking. Starting with an overview of ancient thought on the topic, The Palgrave Handbook of the Afterlife examines in detail the philosophical coherence of the main traditional notions of the nature of the

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afterlife including heaven, hell, purgatory and rebirth. In addition (and breaking with traditional conceptions) it also explores the most recent exciting advance – digital models. Later sections include analysis of various possible metaphysical accounts that might make sense of the afterlife (including substance dualism, emergent dualism and materialism) and the science of near death experiences as well as the links between human psychology and our attitude to the afterlife. Key features:

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- *A major section on the meaning of the afterlife which includes chapters on fear, purpose, evil, and issues regarding identity*

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researching attitudes to and
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What happens the second we die? If heaven is a real place, who will live there? If hell exists, where is it located? What do near-death experiences mean? Can the dead speak to us? And more...

Life After Death as a Medical, Philosophical, and Theological Problem

Does death end life, or is it the passage from one stage of life to another? In *The Death of Death*, noted theologian Neil Gillman offers readers an original and compelling

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argument that Judaism, a religion often thought to pay little attention to the afterlife, not only presents us with rich ideas on this subject?but delivers a deathblow to death itself. Combining astute scholarship with keen historical, theological and liturgical insights, Gillman outlines the evolution of Jewish thought about bodily resurrection and spiritual immortality. Beginning with the near-silence of the Bible on the afterlife, he traces the development of these two

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doctrines through Jewish history. He also describes why today, somewhat surprisingly, more contemporary Jewish scholars?including Gillman?have unabashedly reaffirmed the notion of bodily resurrection. In this innovative and personal synthesis, Gillman creates a strikingly modern statement on resurrection and immortality. The Death of Death gives new and fascinating life to an ancient debate. This new work is an intellectual and spiritual milestone

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for all of us interested in the meaning of life, as well as the meaning of death.

For in that sleep of death what dreams may come? The end of life has never meant the extinction of hope. People perpetually have yearned for, and often been terrified by, continuance beyond the horizon of mortality.

Ranging across time and space, Philip Almond here takes his readers on a remarkable journey to worlds both of torment and delight. He travels to the banks of the Styx, where

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Charon the grizzled boatman ferries a departing spirit across the river only if a gold obol is first placed for payment on the tongue of its corpse. He transports us to the legendary Isles of the Blessed, walks the hallowed ground of the Elysian Fields and plumbs the murky depths of Tartarus, primordial dungeon of the Titans. The pitiable souls of the damned are seen to clog the soot-filled caverns of Lucifer even as the elect ascend to Paradise. Including medieval fears

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for the fate of those consumed by cannibals, early modern ideas about the Last Day and modern scientific explorations of the domains of the dead, this first full treatment of the afterlife in Western thought evokes many rich imaginings of Heaven, Hell, Purgatory and Limbo.

Christian tradition has largely held three theological affirmations on the resurrection of the physical body. Firstly, that bodily resurrection is not a superfluous hope of afterlife. Secondly,

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there is immediate post-mortem existence in Paradise. Finally, there is numerical identity between pre-mortem and post-resurrection human beings. The same tradition also largely adheres to a robust doctrine of The Intermediate State, a paradisiacal disembodied state of existence following the biological death of a human being. This book argues that these positions are in fact internally inconsistent, and so a new theological model for life after death is required.

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The opening arguments of the book aim to show that The Intermediate State actually undermines the necessity of bodily resurrection.

Additionally, substance dualism, a principle The Intermediate State requires, is shown to be equally untenable in this context. In response to this, the metaphysics of the afterlife in Christian theology is re-evaluated, and after investigating physicalist and constitutionist replacements for substance dualist metaphysics, a new

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theory called
"Eschatological
Presentism" is put
forward. This model
combines a broadly
Thomistic hylemorphic
metaphysics with a novel
theory of Time. This is an
innovative examination of
the doctrine of life after
death. It will, therefore,
be of great interest to
scholars of analytic
theology and philosophy of
religion.

Jesus and the Demise of
Death

Theology, Death and Dying
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**Between Cross and
Resurrection
Eternal Life?**