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## HOPE BEYOND THE GRAVE: DEATH'S MYSTERY SOLVED!

JESUS HAS THE KEYS OF DEATH –THE TRUTH ABOUT DEATH

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Come with me to the enchanted land of the Nile. The massive imposing pyramids tower above the shifting desert sands of Egypt. The mighty Pharaoh's prepared for their journey beyond the grave. The pharaohs and the ancient Egyptians had an incredible fascination with death and an insatiable quest for immortality. They believed that when you die you live on immediately in the afterlife! They believed that the person's soul returned again and again to it's body. So they mastered to perfection preserving a dead body. All the statues of slaves and soldiers became real people in the afterlife. Thoughts of their afterlife compelled them to build.

They would go to their bigger than life pyramid the house of their "Ka" or "soul" They believed their soul was immortal and was released from the body at death. Four thousand years ago the Pyramids of Giza rose to the heavens! It took 20 years and over 100,000 workers to build the Great Pyramid of Cheops! The Sphinx guarded the pyramids of Giza.

The giant colossal of stones were built in the shape of the rays of the sun. They believed that the pharaoh ascended to heaven on the rays

of the sun. Deep within them all was the secret burial chamber of a

pharaoh. The massive pyramids that concealed the tombs of the mighty pharaohs were all exploited by robbers. Where would the pharaohs go next to be secretly buried?

We travel Up the Nile River past....VALLEY OF THE KINGS After the pyramid age.....the New Kingdom pharaohs were buried in tombs cut into remote cliffs in the desert valley. Here they tried to conceal the tombs of the pharaohs. They assumed all were plundered and robbed. But there was one that Howard Carter believed was still hidden deep in the sands. He was the boy king who mysteriously died prematurely by the age of 20. King Tut, the young Egyptian pharaoh of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century BC.

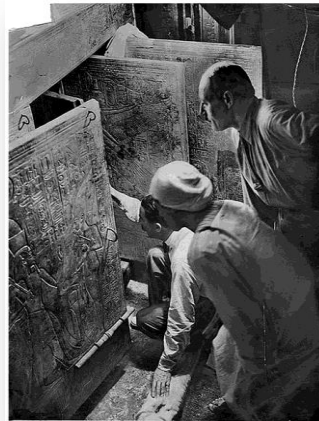
The year was 1922 and something breathtaking was about to unfold beneath the desert sands...On Nov. 4, 1922...Howard Carter and his diggers discovered a rock-cut step below the entrance to the tomb of Rameses VI. The sunken steps led to a walled-up tomb entrance. Nov. 23 work resumed. Excitement grew as symbols containing Tutankhamun's name were uncovered. On Nov. 26 Carter made a small opening and prepared to enter the chamber. The single most coveted prize in archeology is about to be discovered. Finally Howard



Carter lights a candle... For the first time in three thousand years the tomb of an Egyptian pharaoh is found intact and untouched for over 3,000 years!

What did Howard Carter find?

- They discovered a very lavish burial.
- When Howard Carter entered the tomb of Tutankhamun he found a collection of extraordinary treasures untouched for over 3000 years.
- **FOUR BOXES**, one inside the other. In the fourth box was a sandstone sarcophagus containing a nest of three coffins.
- Tut's mummy had 150 pieces of jewelry in the wrappings
- 2,000 objects in the burial chamber alone
- Total of 5,000 artifacts, counting the items from the ante-chamber and the storeroom.
- Solid gold coffin and the golden mask that enclosed the pharaoh's body.
- His solid gold inner coffin weighs about 243 lbs.
- Tutankhamun's treasure is the most spectacular of all archeological discoveries.



Ancient Egypt possessed massive wealth! Gold flowed into the treasury. Can you imagine if the treasure of this boy king was so magnificent...Why were the Pharaohs and King Tut mummified? They believed in the immortality of a disembodied soul!

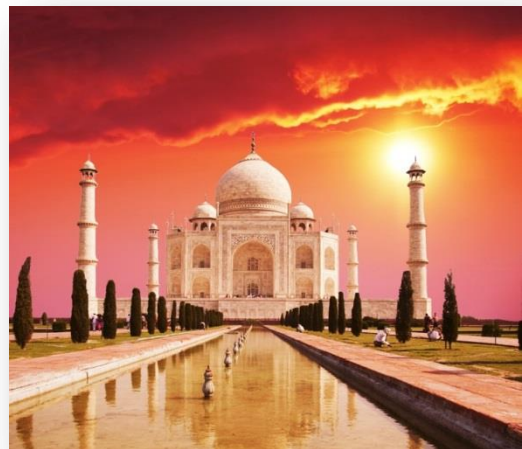
Are the Pharaoh's of ancient Egypt alive enjoying their treasures in afterlife? No! Because the Bible never uses the term immortal soul or immortality of the soul. So this is the secret buried with them all: the Pharaohs well, are really dead. Could it be that all the hard work was for NOTHING!

The search for the treasure of truth about life & death is worth it all. Death – it is certain and for many it is confusing.

To most, death is a troubling mystery. **GOOD NEWS: GOD'S WORD SOLVES DEATH'S MYSTERY!** Man makes complicated what God makes clear. We cannot afford guessing about this one! Death is a fact of life that we must all face; therefore, it is wise to know the facts and to be prepared when death comes. God wants little children to understand this important subject.

When a man dies... **WHAT NEXT?** What happens when a man dies? What really happens at death? Is death the end or just the beginning? Does man have an immortal soul? Where do we go when we die?

- 86% of American's believe in the Afterlife -- Harris Poll
- If you were to ask the average person on the street these probing questions about death, you would get a lot of different answers.
- Limbo? Purgatory? Hell Fire? HEAVEN? Reincarnation? Are Americans becoming more Hindu?
- Over a million Hindus live in the United States. 1 billion who live on Earth. 24 percent of Americans believe in reincarnation 2008 Harris poll.
- Hinduism, teaches that selves come back to earth again and again in different bodies. Sacred Cow?



Where are our beloved dead? Can we find a hope beyond the grave? Are the dead, dead? There are many Grave Errors About Death popular today!

- Movie: Sixth Sense starring Bruce Willis featured a young boy troubled – "I see dead people."
- Television series: MEDIUM – She sees what others can't.

Can the dead communicate with the living? What is Spiritualism? "a belief that spirits of the dead communicate with the living." Webster's Dictionary

- CBS recently aired this daring series...GHOST WHISPERER - She claims to "see and talk to dead people."

- In 2005, NBC aired Revelations, In which the spirit of a dead girl is able to mouth messages through the lips of another comatose girl about the end time.
- Popular Talk Shows have had Psychics on their shows claiming to contact the dead.

Almost half of Americans believe they have had contact with someone who died.

One widower in Regina, Saskatchewan Canada declared to me with certainty that her husband who had died continues to come and get in bed with her at night.

One woman in Longview, Texas told me she married her husband after he died and she proudly showed me the ring which she said her husband gave her.

What does the Bible teach about what happens when a man dies? "When a few years are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return." Job 16:22 "As a cloud vanishes and is gone, so he who goes down to the grave does not return. He will never come to his house again." Job 7:9,10

What event marks the rise of modern spiritualism? THIS EVENT BROUGHT A SUDDEN CHANGE IN VIEWS ABOUT DEATH. The birthplace of Modern Spiritualism. Upon this site stood the Hydesville cottage the home of the Fox sisters through whose mediumship communication with the spirit world was established. March 31, 1848 The two young girls, Margertha and Katie Fox and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fox. Heard Rumors the house was haunted. Called the phantom "Mr. Split-foot". Established communication. Two girls became spirit mediums. This is no laughing matter! Casper, the Friendly Ghost - Harmless entertainment?



What was Satan's first lie? Five words = big lie! "You shall not surely die..." Genesis 3:4 This is a bold twist of the truth.

- I. Spiritism claims the dead are not dead. "The fundamental principle of spiritism is that human beings survive bodily death, and that occasionally not yet fully understood, we can communicate with those who have gone before." J Arthur Hill, Spiritism: History, Phenomena, and Doctrine, p. 25
- II. II Spiritism claims the dead communicate with the living. "There is no death in the graveyard. I have frequent talks with the dead. I cannot doubt that people live after death for I frequently talk with them." Sir Oliver Lodge

What is our protection from Spiritualism? "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? For the living to the dead?" "To the Law and the Testimony: if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:19,20

Can we expect incredible deceptive miracles in the last days? Revelation 16:13,14; 13:13,14

Who are the spirits of spiritualism? Revelation 16:14

Can satan and his demons masquerade as a godly uncle or a loving aunt or a very caring brother who has passed away? "And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." 2 Corinthians 11:14

Can we trust our senses alone?

- There have been many reports of alleged sightings....Weeping Madonna's?
- 16 million pilgrims visit Medjugorje each year. Is seeing always worth believing?

Other blatant examples of promotion of spiritualism:

- CNN interviewed book author Bonnie McEaney regarding her book MESSAGES: Signs, Visits, and Premonitions from Loved Ones Lost on 9/11 Reports of visitations... Some saw. Some heard. Some felt embraced by loved ones. Some even felt enveloped by a loved one's cologne or aftershave.
- Movie starring Ted Danson - Living With The Dead - VISIONS OF DEAD PEOPLE
- Books: Talking to Heaven a New York Times Bestseller by James Van Praagh

- Television program - The Dead will tell - It all began when she put on a ring... She became convinced that Marie is trying to make contact with her...
- Beatles - "LUCY IN THE SKY WITH DIAMONDS."
- At the memorial for Michael Jackson, king of pop music, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, Brooke Shields said: "Although our heart's are aching we need to look up where's he's undoubtedly perched in a crescent moon and we need to smile." Brooke Shields, July 7, 2009

## Two certainties of life: Death and Taxation

### What is beyond the grave?

- The so called great philosopher Socrates preparing to drink poison and induce his death said: "Farewell, I go the way of all flesh, but whether to life or oblivion, I know not." Socrates
- "Stop my friend, as you go by. As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, you soon shall be. So, prepare yourself to follow me." To follow you I am not content until I know just where you went.
- The big question remains: "If a man dies, will he live again?" Job 14:14
- God did not create us to die. If we are going to understand death we must understand how God created us, the reverse of death.



HOW DID GOD CREATE MAN? Genesis 2:7 Dust + Breath = Living Soul / Body + Breath = a Living Soul

What is another word for this "Breath of Life"? "All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils." Job 27:3  
BREATH = SPIRIT

### What happens when a man dies? Ecclesiastes 12:7 - DEATH IS CREATION IN REVERSE

- What returns to God at death? The spirit!
- What is this "spirit"? The breath!
- James 2:26 "the body without the spirit (breath) is dead" "spirit" = pneuma
- The Hebrew word ruach "spirit" means "breath" Ecclesiastes 12:7

### Isn't the soul immortal?

- Pagan Greeks, especially the philosopher Plato taught: the human soul is imperishable.
- Islam, Buddhism & Hinduism believe in the afterlife when they receive rewards or punishments.
- Only God is immortal. 1 Timothy 6:16
- Man is mortal. Job 4:17
- We seek for immortality. Romans 2:7

We receive immortality when Jesus comes again.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet." 1 Cor. 15:52 "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Cor. 15:53

No such thing as an immortal soul.

Can a soul die? "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4,20

### What is a "Soul"?

- Revelation 16:3 Souls (fish) in the sea die in plague.
- 1 Peter 3:20 8 souls saved from the flood.
- Acts 27:37 276 souls on board ship.



- Acts 2:41 3,000 souls join the church.
- PRECIOUS SOUL
- The Bible uses the term "Soul" 1,600, but never once as immortal souls, an undying soul, an everlasting soul.
- Never die. This is a Smooth, pleasing, but blatantly false teaching. 2 Timothy 2:2-4

How did this false doctrine become popular in the Christian churches of today? The Papal Power Has popularized false teachings about death. Listen to this prophecy: "All the world marveled and followed the beast." Revelation 13:3

What happens when a man dies? Body = light bulb /  
Breath = electricity

Where does the light go? Body = light bulb / Breath = electricity

THE BIBLE NEVER SAYS THE SOUL RETURNS TO GOD AT DEATH.

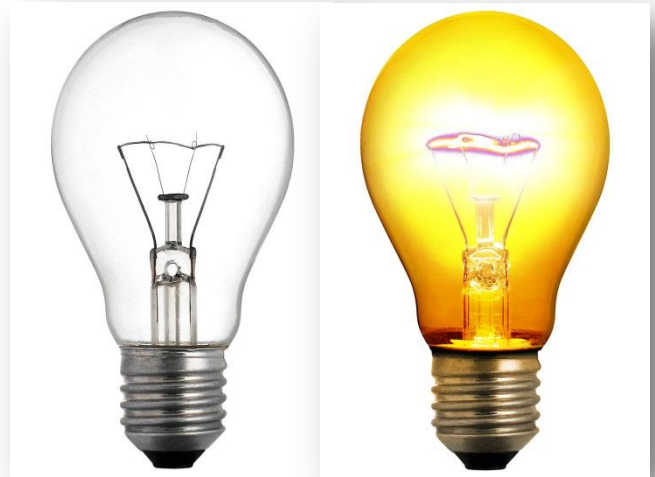
Where are the dead? John 5:28,29

What is the only hope for those who trust in Jesus? John 5:28,29

Where is King David? Acts 2:29,34

What does the Bible call death?

- Death is called a sleep 66 times in the Bible.
- 1 & 2 Kings & 2 Chronicles use the expression "he slept (died) with his fathers" 37 times.
- "Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death." Psalms 13:3



How did Jesus view death?

- Jesus called death a sleep.
- Matthew 9:24 "The girl is not dead but asleep."
- Mark 5:39 "The child is not dead but asleep."
- Luke 8:52 "She is not dead but asleep."
- John 11:11,14 "Lazarus has fallen asleep." "Lazarus sleeps" "Lazarus is dead" "dead for four days" "I am the resurrection and the life" "Lazarus come forth!" John 11:11-14,25,43
- Lazarus was dead for 4 days, but to him it was but a moment.

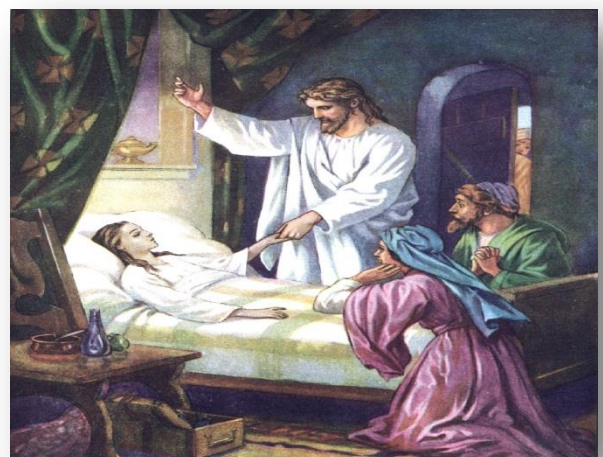
How much does a dead person know?

- "The living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything." Ecclesiastes 9:5
- Many believe that when you die suddenly you know more than ever before.
- "His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Psalms 146:4
- "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." Psalms 115:17

All four gospel writers understood Jesus teaching of death as a sleep until the Resurrection.

What did those who were resurrected from death have to say about what they experienced after they died?  
NOTHING! The silence of the grave!

- Widow's son – 1 Kings 17:17-24
- Shunammite's son – 2 Kings 4:32-37
- Jairus' daughter – Luke 8:40-42
- Widow's son – Luke 7:11
- Lazarus – John 11
- Special resurrection – Matthew 27
- Dorcas – Acts 9:36-40
- Eutychus – Acts 20



Are you ready now to hear the key point we have learned thus far? **THE DEAD ARE DEAD**

- DEATH - BEST GOOD NIGHT'S REST EVER.
- DEATH – Illustration: “I slept like a log.” A log is dead wood.

What about the thief on the cross? Luke 23:42,43

Did Jesus go to paradise that day? “I have not yet ascended to My Father.” John 20:17

According to John 14:1-3 Jesus receives us when He comes again and not at death.

When did Paul believe he would be with the Lord? “that Day” “His appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7,8

When are we going to be present with the Lord? “absent from the (carnal, lowly) body 2 Corinthians 5:6,8

In what condition will we be present with the Lord? “who will transform our lowly body that it will be conformed to His glorious body...” Philippians 3:21

When does Jesus receive the righteous who die?

- John 14:1-3 Not at death but at the Second Coming of Jesus.
- “We shall be like Him” 1 John 3:2

Elijah, Enoch, Moses and Jesus ascended into heaven bodily.

Elijah & Moses came to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration bodily.

What about near death visions and out of the body experiences?  
Approximately ten percent Americans may have had an out of body experience.

Out-of-body experiences

- Episodes in which a person’s conscious self seems to leave their body.
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- They report that they can look down or back at their body.
- They seem to be released from their body temporarily.

What about near-death experiences?

- Patients are critically ill.
- Heart stops beating for a few moments.

NDE’S Personal Accounts:

- They feel that they are Floating over their bodies .
- They seem to be drawn down a tunnel toward a bright light.

What can cause OBE’s?

- *Mind altering drugs.*
- *Trauma or a Close brush with death.*
- *Brain disorders i.e. epilepsy or schizophrenia.*

Electrical stimulation can create the SENSATION of being outside the body.

Do out-of-body experiences prove that humans have souls—that the “real” person is a soul that can exist outside of my body?

Bottom line: “FEEL” IS NOT THE SAME AS “REAL”

The Bible always comes first!

What about our dreams and sensory perception vs. reality?

- Have you had a Déjà vu experience? It can be dramatic!



- Déjà vu (French for "already seen" 63% of the adult American population, for example).
- Two forms of Déjà vu Already lived through... never happened before. Already visited... never been in this place before.
- Just because millions experience déjà vu does not mean it is reality!

Have you ever had a dream that you ...

- Were being chased by a pit bull?
- Were being chased by a bear, lion or some other kind of animal?
- Were being chased by an alien?
- Were being chased by some mad, angry person or persons?

Have you ever had a dream that you ...

- Were falling off a cliff?
- Were falling out of an airplane?
- Were falling off a building?
- Were falling off a roof top?
- Were falling off a tree branch?
- Were falling off a bridge?



What is our only hope beyond the grave?

- John 14:1-3
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-55
- 1 Thess. 4:16-18
- Revelation 14:13
- 1 John 5:11,12
- Revelation 21:4
- Revelation 1:18 Do you have the assurance of eternal life? 1 John 5:11-13
- True Comfort is based on the Bible. "COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS." 1 Thess. 4:18

What is the most comforting truth about death?

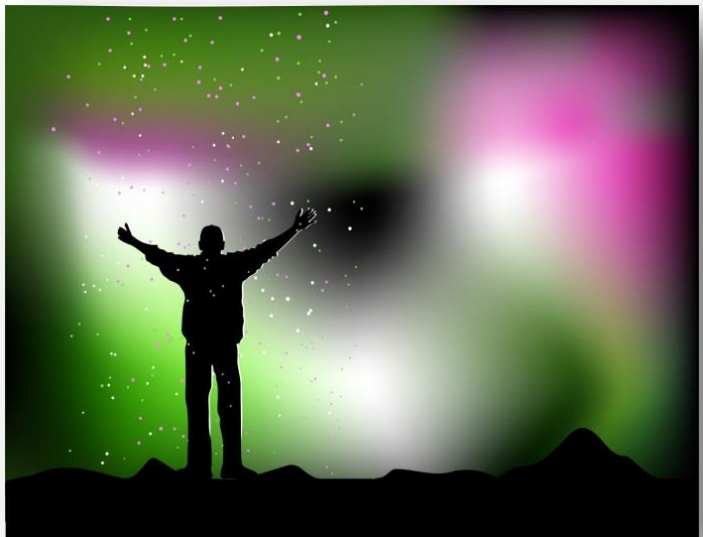
"died in the Lord" "that they may rest"

Revelation 14:13

What did Jesus die to give to us? "I am alive forevermore." Revelation 1:18

Jesus loves us so much that He...

- Died for our sins.
- Paid the ransom for us.
- Conquered death.
- Removes our fear of death.
- Offers us the gift of eternal life.



What good news does the Bible give us about when we go to Heaven? Revelation 21:4

Inscriptions in the catacombs say: Pagan: "Goodbye forever". Christian: "Goodnight until the morning!"

**WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE WHEN WE SEE JESUS!** Life is a gift so is eternal life.

What happened when Jesus died? Matthew 27:52<sup>52</sup> and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised."

Psalm 104:29-30<sup>29</sup> You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. <sup>30</sup> You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.