

Exploring Beliefs: Life After Death

Learning objective: To understand different religious and non-religious perspectives on what happens after death, including concepts of heaven, reincarnation, and legacy.

Read each question carefully and consider how different worldviews approach the mystery of life after death. Use these cards to test your knowledge or discuss with a partner.

What is meant by the term 'Afterlife'?

A belief that an essential part of an individual, such as the soul or consciousness, continues to exist after the physical body has died.

How do many Christians describe 'Heaven'?

A state or place of eternal life and peace in the presence of God, where suffering no longer exists.

What is 'Reincarnation' as believed in traditions like Hinduism and Buddhism?

The belief that the soul or spirit is reborn into a new physical body or form after death to continue its journey.

In Islam, what is the concept of 'Akhirah'?

The belief in the afterlife, where individuals are held accountable for their actions on Earth and may be rewarded in paradise.

How might a humanist view 'life after death'?

They may not believe in a soul or afterlife, instead focusing on the 'legacy' a person leaves behind through their actions, memories, and the positive impact they had on others.

What is the meaning of 'Resurrection'?

The belief that a person who has died is restored to life, often associated with spiritual transformation.

Who is our friend Ellie in this context?

Ellie the elephant, who loves history, reminds us that remembering the stories of those who have passed away is a way to honor their lives.

Why is the concept of a 'soul' important in many religions?

It represents the non-physical part of a human being that is often thought to survive death and define a person's true identity.

What is a 'legacy' in the context of someone's life?

The lasting influence, lessons, or achievements left behind by a person that continue to affect the world after they are gone.

True or False: All people hold the same belief about what happens after we die.

False. There is a wide variety of beliefs across different religions and non-religious worldviews.