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FINAL QUESTIONS

A Biblical View of Life After Death

lesson Two • Hebrews 9:27-28 Is Reincarnation True?

Reincarnation Misses a Vital Biblical Truth

God loves us so much that His Son Jesus died and rose again not to RECYCLE us but to REDEEM us.

Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him. Hebrews 9:27-28 NIV

Is Reincornation True?

1. An Overview of Reincarnation

- Definition: Reincarnation means to "COME AGAIN in the flesh." \geq
- **Belief:** Each individual soul lives a succession of LIVES in various human bodies \geq over the course of history (also known as "transmigration of the soul").
- **Purpose:** To gradually PURIFY the soul so that it eventually reaches a state of \geq perfection and merges back with its source (God or the "Universal Soul").

Why Are People Drawn to Reincarnation?

- Reincarnation tries to offer HOPE: if we don't get it right in this life, we have \geq another chance the next time around.
- Reincarnation claims to insure JUSTICE: according to the law of karma, we get \geq what we deserve in every life.

2. Reincornation and God's Word

What Reincarnation Teaches	What God's Word Teaches	
Reincarnation teaches that we will live and die many times.	God's Word teaches that each person lives and dies once, and then faces judgment.	Hebrews 9:27-28 John 5:28-28 Psalm 90:12 James 4:14
Reincarnation teaches that my only hope is to save myself through successive lives.	God's Word teaches that my only hope is found in the forgiveness of sins provided in Jesus Christ.	Isaiah 55:6-7 Romans 5:8 2Corinthians 5:21 Ephesians 2:8-9
Reincarnation teaches that after this life we are doomed to return again and again in hope of attaining perfection someday.	God's Word teaches that we are given eternal life through faith in Jesus and when we die we enter into the presence of the Lord.	John 3:16 Luke 23:43 2Corinthians 5:8

3. How to Respond to Reincarnation & Those Who Embrace It

- Don't be DECEIVED; ground yourself in the truth of God's Word. \succ
- Understand that there is a spiritual HUNGER in people for hope. \geq
- Be ready to SHARE the hope of Jesus with those who are searching.

Can a Person Be "Born Again"? Yes!

Not PHYSICALLY born again over and over but SPIRITUALLY born again from above, once for all, never to be repeated.

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs You are doing if God were not with him." Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit." John 3:1-6 NIV

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV