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SUBJECT: What I Believe
About Heaven: The
Resurrected Disciples

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What I Believe About Heaven: The
Impressible Impressions

(Answers to questions most frequently asked)
(The answers have to be from the Bible. There is no
other infallible source of revelation)

I. The Number One most frequently asked:
Will we know each other in Heaven?

1. A baby is born in the home
the grand mother dies - she is expected to see a baby in heaven
a little brother dies - he is expected to see a little child in heaven
years pass, the mother dies - she is expected to see a spouse in heaven
years pass, the wife dies - she is expected to see a husband in heaven
years pass, a grandchild dies - he is expected to see a grandfather in heaven

2. The answer, each will know by intuitive
knowledge after the heavenly arrival is.

Intuitive knowledge: Th. 9: 31 "More at Elip
know to Peter, James, John as not. 7 Transfiguration;
: Matt 8: 11 "many shall come
from the east and the west, and shall sit down with
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the Kingdom of
Heaven." How do they Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

Gen. 13:13 "by now we are through & far
 away, but they fear & hate: now I know
 my pain, but they shall I know even as when
 I am broken."

We shall not know how? each the in seems
 (than we know how. In fact we shall not
 really know the good circumstances & per-
 haps we get this.

Gen. 3:5 "It that we cannot, the same shall be
 clothed in white raiment, and I will not let
 out his name out of the hand of the serpent, and
 will confer his name upon the serpent, and
 upon the serpent."

We shall know our individual names
 in heaven; we shall be known by our
 names - yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes,
 with joy in the grave.

2. In heaven we shall ^{have} a knowledge of what is developing on earth.

Heb. 12:1 "Wherefore seeing we are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

The passage certainly does not deny the thought that the saints in heaven look down upon us.

I Sam. 28:16-18 Samuel in the other world knew what was developing about King Saul on Israel in this world.

Isa. 15:7 "I say unto you, ye shall be in heaven now in much more plentiful..."

: 10 "Wherefore I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God even now inasmuch that ye are thus."

Who are these rejoicing over in the presence of the angels in heaven? The redeemed saints in heaven.

Isa. 16:23 The rich man said "Come in Hezekiah and lift up his eyes, bring in torment, as I said Abraham of thee off in Targum in his bosom."

: 27, 28 "I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house for I have five brethren, lest they also come to this place of torment."

He showed his five brethren as still lost.

Rev. 6: 9, 10 "And when he had opened the
fifth seal. I saw under the altar the souls of
them that were slain for the word of God;
and they cried with a loud voice, saying,
How long, O Lord, dost thou not judge them
and avenge their blood on the earth?"

| They know what is happening on the earth,
and follow it with intensest interest.

3. If our loved ones ^{do} not arrive in Heaven will we know? How can we be happy if someone dear to us in this life dies without Christ?

They will not be remembered. They will be as if they never lived. There is no life or existence outside Christ.

Deut. 25:19 "thou shalt blot out the remembrance of a malefactor under Heaven"

Ps. 9:5 "thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast put out their name forever and ever."

Ps. 69:28 "Let them be blotted out of the book of the living"

Ps. 109:13 "let their name be blotted out"

4. If a man had two wives on earth, or a woman had two husbands on earth, in Heaven will he have both wives or the both husbands?

This question was asked of the Lord Jesus by the Sadducees in their scorn for the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead. In Matt 22:23-30 Jesus used the law of the ^{Levitical} marriage which the next verse relates of a man who dies now required to marry the widow to raise up children to the deceased. In this instance the widows had seven different husbands. Matt 22:28

"Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her."

The answer of Jesus Matt. 22:30 "In the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven."

Angels do not have sex. They are persons but not sexed.

Angels do not procreate.

Angels do not have sexual intimacy.

Nor shall we in Heaven.

That alone, sexual intimacy, is taken away.

In several it may necessary for our
knowledge of, and enjoyment of, each other?
I know my mother with no thought, sexual intimacy.
father
mother and sister

One older couple loses their sexual intimacy
6. Gen. 18:12 Therefore Sarah laughed
within herself, saying, After I am waxed
old shall I have pleasure, my lord
being old also?"

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as we in heaven. No longer sexually
intimate as your husband and wife, but
know, enjoy, appreciate each other in the
life of our God in Heaven.
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As in the presence of friends.
is whole man

as in the presence }
as before the whole mass.

II Will you be the Only Person of the Trinity who shall see his Heaven?

1. yes. There is one God and only one. We shall not see three Gods in Heaven.

The only God there is, is God.

Deut. 4:4 the Shema: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord."

The only God we shall feel is the Holy Spirit.

Being "filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18) we shall experience Christ living in us (Rom. 8:9, 10)

The only God we shall see is Jesus. John 14:8 "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father!"

2. Will we have the nail scars in his hands?

yes. Isa. 53:5 "Behold, my hands and feet that it is I myself"

Isa. 53:10 "And he showed them his hands and his feet."

John 20:25 (the disciples said to Thomas)

"We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into the wounds, I will not believe."

→ I stand at his side, I will not believe.

∴ 27 Then he saith to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands, and reach thither thy hand and thrust it into my side, and be not faithless but believing.

∴ 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

3. Sometime, for a moment, the risen Jesus was not recognized.

Mk. 16:12 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. The two disciples & Emmaus.

John 20:11-15 Mary Magdalene. Her sad face dimmed with tears for eyes.

John 21:4 the fog of the long night hours hid partly the bodies on the sea shore.

But all of this for an earthly moment. Jesus revealed himself to those he loved (and who loved him) in his chosen time and way.

III. Can you eat all you want in
Heaven and not get fat? Such as
Doughnuts and Biggie?

Yes.

Jesus ate. St 28: 41-43 "Jesus said,
Have we here any meat? And they gave
him a piece of a broiled fish and 2 an
anoycomb, and he took it and did eat
before them."

Rev. 19: 9 "as he saith unto me,
Write, Blessed are they which are called
unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."

Rev. 22: 3 "In the midst of the
street of it, was there the tree of life
which bare twelve manner of fruit
and yielded her fruit every month."

This brings to mind the miracle of
assimilation, of constructive metabolism.
You are what you eat. (If not believe this,
see what happens to you if you stop
eating) Before you say as a table
are dishes of food; eat it, and it

becomes open, lifted, raised, quickened
into another realm of life, in thought,
mind, emotion, living. Dead,
inanimate matter by a miracle
of co-ordination - metabolism - is
quickened into life, etc.

When we are resurrected,
glorified spirit-body eat, the food
is raised as quickened on this
and level higher. It becomes a
miraculous part of the spiritual body.

IV. Questions About Going To Heaven

1. Will angels escort us to Heaven?
yes. Jh. 16: 22 "and it came to pass that the
beggar died and was carried by the angels
into Abraham's bosom."

2. Will we go to Heaven when we die
or to an intermediate state?

We go to an intermediate state when we
die, called Paradise, waiting for the
resurrection of our bodies. But Paul
in I Cor. 13: 3, 4 uses the word "Paradise"
for "Heaven." Where Jesus is still in
Heaven now.

3. Do people who commit suicide go
to Heaven?

Yes if they are saved.

I Sam. 28: 19 "Tomorrow shalt thou be
with me" Samuel to Saul.

We can be sick in any part, our
living resistance: head, heart, foot,
hand, face. We can also be sick in
our mind, in our soul. Does God hate
us because we are sick? Disown us?

Jesus is the Great Physician. He will
heal us up there in body and in soul.
The retarded will be retarded no more.
The crippled will be crippled no longer.
And the sick in mind will be healed
no more.

4. Do homosexuals go to heaven?
We all are tempted to sin:

heterosexuals to those of opposite sex
homosexuals to those of the same sex.

We all must ask for strength to overcome:
the heterosexuals to remain chaste, pure
the homosexuals to save in both,
as for Jesus to save us both.

5. Will animals go to heaven?

The Garden of Eden was filled with
animals
Gen. 2:25
Gen. 3:1

The millennium is described as being
at peace with the whole animal world:

Isa. 11:6-9 "The wolf shall dwell with the
lamb and the leopard shall lie down with
the kid, and the calf and the young lion
together."

Rom. 8: 19-23 around the delivery
of the whole creation (the word $\kappa\tau\acute{\iota}\sigma\iota\varsigma$ is
used as the subject in verses 19, 20, 21 and 23)
your beloved yet will be there also.

V. Explain "the new heavens and the new
earth" of Rom. 21:1

1. They are not annihilated; matter
is everlasting, indestructible. The creation will
be re-created in perfection, like our
bodies that can decay or be burned, but
re-made, resurrected.

Jesus spoke of this recreation in Matt 19:28
as $\pi\alpha\lambda\iota\gamma\gamma\epsilon\upsilon\epsilon\sigma\iota\varsigma$, "regeneration"

Peter spoke of it in Acts 3:21 as
 $\alpha\pi\omicron\kappa\alpha\tau\acute{\alpha}\sigma\tau\omicron\iota\varsigma$, "restitution"

Peter wrote of it in II Peter 3:6, 7, 10
as $\καὶ ὁ οὐρανὸς ὡς πυρὶν$ "purging as by fire"

Jesus in Matt. 26: 28 "This is my blood
of the new covenant, shed for the remission
of sins."

Paul in Rom. 5: 8 "God commendeth his love toward
us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ
died for us." : 10 "by the death of his Son we shall
be saved"

VI. Why Do I Fear Death and Going To Heaven?

1. This is God's way of keeping us in
this present world and work, ~~at~~ our
assigned tasks. I naturally do not draw back
from death. Death is a forgetful error,
the last one that shall be destroyed
(I Cor. 15: 26)

2. Our shortcomings, weaknesses, and sins
make us hesitate before facing the Great
Judge of all the earth. Although we
are Christians, saved by the blood of
crucified One, what) our sins? God
says they are completely blotted out
and remembered against us no more.
Isa. 43: 25 "I, even I, am he that
blot out thy transgressions for mine own
sake, and will not mention thy sins."

Isa. 44: 22 "I have blotted out, as
a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a
cloud, thy sins, for I have redeemed thee."

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Dogs in heaven? A minister answers



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Dear Ann Landers: A long time ago you ran a letter from a boy whose dog had died. He wanted to know if dogs went to heaven. It would be a big help, he said, if he were sure that when HE died, his dog would be up there waiting for him.

As I recall, you consulted several clergymen. Most said animals do not have souls, and therefore they would not go to heaven. One kind Congregational minister replied that he wasn't sure, but he didn't see anything wrong

with telling the youngster that he would probably see his dog in heaven because everything up there was "perfect."

Several days ago I read a column on that very subject by Rev. Dale Turner, who writes for a Seattle paper. I am sending a condensed version in the hope that you will print it. — A Seattle Reader

Dear Seattle: Thanks for a real heartwarmer. I loved it. Here it is:

"Looking back across the years I see how important dogs have been in my life. I had been an ordained minister only a few weeks when I received a call from an 8-year-old boy. His dog had been killed by a car. 'Mr. Turner,' the lad sobbed, 'do you do funerals for dogs?'"

"I didn't know quite how to respond, but I recalled the Scriptures' affirmation of God's knowing when even a sparrow falls. I replied, 'Why not?' and I conducted a little ceremony for the boy's pet. He was very pleased and then asked, 'Is my dog going to heaven?' I wasn't prepared for that question, but my love for animals got me through it. I'm sure I made the child feel better."

"Several years later I had my own personal experience that provided the answer I had never been sure of."

"Our wonderful dachshund, Gretta, died, and we were eager to bring another dog into our home. We went to the pound to get the dachshund whose photo had appeared in the paper. By the time we arrived, it had been claimed. Another puppy, sensing our mission, poked her nose through the wire fence. The look in her eyes seemed to say, 'Please pick me.' We did. And we named her Pick."

"Whenever I came home, Pick was there to greet me. I'd say, 'Pick, you've got it made. Other animals work for their keep. A canary sings, cows give milk, chickens lay eggs, but you don't have to do anything but hang around.'"

"After 14 years, Pick became very sick and there was nothing to be done except put her out of her misery. With a heavy heart I drove her to the vet's, who did what had to be done. I then went back to my study and wept for hours."

"A few days later, a parishioner who knew of my grief sent me this poem. It healed my sorrow. Perhaps it will help others. I'd like to share it."

"I explained to St. Peter,
I'd rather stay here,
Outside the pearly gate.
I won't be a nuisance,
I won't even bark,
I'll be very patient and wait.
I'll be here, chewing on a celestial bone,
No matter how long you may be.
I'd miss you so much, if I went in alone,
It wouldn't be heaven for me."

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