

What Do Religions Say?

C1

I think that when you die your body stays on earth and your spirit or soul goes up to heaven to be with God, and all those who have died before.

Christian, male, aged 11

C2

I believe that there is life after death as your spirit continues to live after you have died. Death is sad because you feel unable to see friends and family again.

Christian, female, aged 7

C3

Death seems sad, and it really is to other people, but actually it is another adventure.

Christian, female, aged 11

C4

I think all people go to heaven because God forgives all sinners. I don't believe in hell because I can't imagine God punishing his family.

Christian, female, aged 11

C5

Jesus said: "do not store up riches for yourself on earth... but in heaven. For your heart will always be where your riches are".

Bible (Christian Holy Book)

C6

Jesus said: "whoever lives and believes in me shall never die".

Bible (Christian Holy Book)

H1

When I die I will have my ashes scattered over the River Ganges.

Hindu, male aged 13

H2

Death is like going to a new school, leaving somewhere you really like and going somewhere you do not know your way.

Hindu, female, aged 11

H3

I think that when people die they come back as someone else and live a different life, or they come back as an animal. They never remember their life before.

Hindu, female, aged 13

H4

I think that there must be life after death, because there must be a purpose to our life after life on this earth.

Hindu, male, aged 15

H5

Worn out garments are shed by the body. Worn out bodies are shed by the dweller. Within the body new bodies are put on by the dweller, like garments.

Bhagavad Gita (Hindu Holy Book)

H6

The reward for a good deed performed in this world will be enjoyed in the next world.

(Hindu Holy Book)

What do the religions say?

M1

When we die there is punishment and reward in the next life. If we did something good we go to heaven and if we were bad we go to hell. We also get punished, or rewarded, in our grave.

Muslim, female aged 13

M2

I believe that when we die, there will be a judgement day. On this day Allah will judge us and go through everything that we have done in life.

Muslim, female, aged 14

M3

I strongly believe that there is a reason for our existence which is to be honest, respect others and live a life where you help the needy and share what you have got. After death God will reward me.

Muslim, male, aged 14

M4

I believe that when we die we have an angel on the right shoulder and an angel on the left. They tell God my good and bad points. If I go to heaven I know that I will see my dad.

Muslim, male, aged 10

M5

God promises, to all who believe, that they will live in the Garden of Eden, and enjoy God's good pleasure.

Qur'an (Muslim Holy Book)

M6

You prefer this life, although the life to come is better and more enduring.

Qur'an (Muslim Holy Book)

N1

I think when you die you just rot and that is the end of you.

No religious belief,
male , aged 8

N2

Death is death and once you're dead you're like a blank sheet of paper, but people still have memories.

No religious belief,
male , aged 10

N3

I think that when you die you stay under ground, but you're spirit is still with the people you love.

No religious belief,
female , aged 11

N4

I feel that when you die you go up to heaven. If friends or relations have died you will be with them and this time never leave them.

No religious belief,
female , aged 8

N5

I am not sure if I think there is an afterlife, but I hope so. I say to myself there is another life because I don't want to think that when I die I am left in a hole in the ground.

No religious belief,
male , aged 15

N6

I would like to believe that there is life after death, but I know there is nothing to prove there is, so I try not to think about it.

No religious belief,
male , aged 14