AFTER DEATH, WHAT?
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I. FIRST, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF UNIVERSAL BELIEF IN AN AFTERLIFE.

A. The belief in immortality is a timeless conviction not just of the majority of Americans but the majority of the world.

B. From the Egyptian pyramids to Hindu reincarnation, it is nearly impossible to find any society, modern or ancient, that does not believe in the immortality of the soul.

1. The soul is the immaterial part of man. Although it can’t be measured, weighed or scientifically analyzed, most people on our planet believes it exists after our body dies.

2. One writer calls this “The democracy of the Dead”.

II. SECOND, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF OUR LONGING HEARTS FOR AN AFTERLIFE.

A. The human heart hungers for more than this life offers.

B. Even the brightest and most talented of people reach the end of their lives longing for something more. The Psalmist expresses this desire for something more well--Psa. 39:4.

C. This longing for something more comes from God, according to King Solomon—Ecc. 3:11.

Ecclesiastes 3:11
He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart....

III. THIRD, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF NDE’S FOR AN AFTERLIFE.

A. In the last 30 years there have been literally thousands of reports of NDE’s.

B. Skeptics argue that all of these can be explained as incorrect definitions of clinical death or by the effects of drugs.

C. One writer puts it, “Death is not the end of the road, but a bend in the road.”
IV. FOURTH, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT OF AN AFTERLIFE.

A. Some skeptics argue that an afterlife is a N.T. idea.

B. The Psalmist, however, speaks with confidence about an afterlife—Psa. 73:24-26.

C. The prophet Daniel also wrote about an afterlife—Daniel 12:2.

D. The Bible’s most beloved psalm, written by King David, also looks forward to the afterlife—Psalms 23:6.

V. FIFTH, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF OUR ETERNAL GOD FOR AN AFTERLIFE.


B. This same Bible that says God is eternal also says in Genesis 1:27 that we are created in God’s image which must include the promise of an afterlife.

VI. SIXTH, THERE IS THE EVIDENCE OF JESUS’ WORDS ABOUT AN AFTERLIFE.

A. Jesus told the repentant thief on the cross before he died— “Today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).


VII. SEVENTH, THE GREATEST EVIDENCE FOR AN AFTERLIFE IS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

A. The prophet Isaiah predicted it 700 hundred of years before it happened—Isa. 53:5.

B. Jesus also confirms the reality of an afterlife in John 11:25-26.