

1: "Is There a Specific Reference to Heaven or Hell in the OT?"

The Case for Heaven delves into what NDE reveal about: Heaven and what it is like. If we will see people we love. We learn too what Experiencers saw in the way of.*

The first part described how the 9th Circuit might correct a problematic "test" for infringement, and this part analyzes the problems with the jury instructions. What merited reversal was the lack of another jury instruction about a basic and uncontroversial principle of copyright law that the parties agreed should have been there in some form. In short, the case is being reversed "and the Ninth Circuit is getting a chance to fix its own weird copyright law" because of what appears to have been a brain fart. An Introduction We all gasped when we heard about the reversal. Jury verdicts are hardly ever reversed. One of the few ways a jury verdict can be thrown out is if the jury was badly instructed in the law. Their job is to weigh evidence, make credibility determinations, and so forth. But at some point, they need to be told what the law is, so they can take all that evidence they weighed and apply it to the law and render a verdict. How this is accomplished might surprise you. There are several ways for jury instructions to be prepared and delivered to a jury, but the main way is this. For all other jury instructions, the parties submit their own versions of instructions they think address all of the legal issues being raised at trial, together with a short explanation of the legal authorities for their versions. The judge decides which version to use, or the judge might even craft his or her own version based on their own research. Are the instructions then typed up, collated and distributed to the jurors in a neat binder? The judge reads them to the jurors, at the very end of the case, during what is called the "jury charge. An Introduction In this case, the parties agreed that they needed an instruction about what to do with a work that is made up of unprotectable elements. If you put those unprotectable elements together in an original way, then the way you put those elements together is protectable, though not the individual elements themselves. After all, you can theoretically dissect any creative work down into non-protectable elements: Courts call this "selection and arrangement," which makes it seem more abstract than it is. Well, at least, not necessarily. When the plaintiffs finally got around to suing, Led Zeppelin argued among other things that any similarities between the songs were only for non-protectable elements, like the use of the chromatic scale. Plaintiffs argued that, even if that were true, the "selection and arrangement" of those elements were original and, by implication, that "Stairway to Heaven" took that selection and arrangement. Both parties recognized the need for an instruction on this issue. They disagreed on what it should say. They submitted competing instructions for the judge to consider. Then came the jury charge, at the very end of the case, just before the jury began deliberations. The judge began to read the instructions. Now, normally, a party would have an opportunity to object on the record to an instruction. This is a prerequisite to complaining about it on appeal. The parties waited for the instruction about what to do with works made up of unprotectable elements. This was good for Led Zeppelin, though not ideal. Led Zeppelin tried anyway. Without "originality," there is no copyright. Originality, however, is pretty easy to achieve. It also excludes material the author copied from other works including those in the public domain, but only if the author actually copied them. However, any elements from prior works or the public domain are not considered original parts and not protected by copyright. In copyright law, the "original" part of a work need not be new or novel. You might detect a pattern here as it were. The instruction about how to treat works consisting of non-protectable elements was left out. This idea is echoed in fair use. And it is echoed in the non-controversial idea that not every element of a work must be protectable for the work to be entitled to copyright protection. No, they go to one of the basic tenets of copyright law: The other interpretation is that this was a legal strategy that worked too well and backfired badly. I also strongly suspect Led Zeppelin will prevail on remand"after incurring more expense, lost time and anxiety. From to , he was an adjunct professor at Vanderbilt University Law School, where he was teaching Copyright Law.

2: Is Heaven Reasonable? (Free Bible Insert) | Cold Case Christianity

The Case for Heaven, Near Death Experiences as Evidence of the Afterlife - Kindle edition by Mally Cox-Chapman. Download it once and read it on your Kindle device, PC, phones or tablets.

There is literally nothing you cannot bring before the Heavenly Courts. In the Heavenly Courts there is a distinction made between the law courts and the equity courts, so you must know the difference in the type of requests for which you put in your prayer at the end of your Complaint or Petition. For example, under the law Deuteronomy 8: You can get a decree to return the priceless painting or pay seven times what he called you to lose by his false accusation Proverbs 6: As a Believer, you have a right to come before the Throne or Judgment Seat of Grace to obtain mercy and find grace in the time of your need Hebrews 4: You first must have a court room appearance before the Righteous Judge in the Heavenly Courts and obtain a decree or judgment before you go to the battlefield against the kingdom of darkness. The mistake of most Believers has been that they start a fight with the devil and his kingdom instead of first going to the Heavenly Court to be justified and to get a decree or judgment in your favor issued by the Righteous Judge. What does the Father as Judge consider in rendering His Judgment, which is a pattern for mankind in its rendering judgments. Jesus said in John 7: Here on earth, courts have been duplicated to a large extent after the pattern of the Heavenly Courts mentioned in the Bible, but run normally by unrighteous judges or imperfectly by ecclesiastical church hierarchy historically. In a civil case, you can have a jury trial over law matters, but not over equity matters, which are decided solely by a judge. Law matters are usually commenced by filing in court a Complaint, requesting damages, while equity matters are generally started by filing in court a Petition for specific relief, a Petition for an injunction, a Petition to dissolve a marriage, or a Petition in bankruptcy, etc. For example you can sue someone for damages for injuries in a traffic accident by filing a Complaint for personal injuries. In the present age, you can file for a family law matter by filing a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. Some causes of action have both equity relief and damages, such as an action for rescission of a contract base upon fraud in the inducement, but also for damages resulting from the fraud for compensatory losses and possible punitive damages. In Great Britain, there is a division in its court system between law and equity. There are courts of law and courts of equity in Great Britain. They also have a division between attorneys who prepare contracts, wills and trusts, deeds to real property, the forming of corporations, and the handling of business transactions, which are called Solicitors. Those attorneys in Great Britain that represent clients in court are called Barristers. In the United States, the same courts handle both law and equity matters and the same attorneys handle all matters outside courts and inside courts. In the middle ages, the Catholic Church ran most of the cases involving equity issues, along with discipline of the clergy and those committing more defenses. The Catholic Church had the authority to try cases involving breach of moral duties of its Priests and Nuns, or failure to perform religious duties. The Church also had jurisdiction regarding marriages, including adoptions, wards, divorces, legitimacy Paternity cases , wills, administration of intestate estates, and served as a registry of marriages, baptism, and deaths and burials. The Roman Catholic Church historically has demanded the right to regulate and to have exclusive jurisdiction over the conduct of its Priests and Nuns, have exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate heretical teachings, and over all matters that were exclusively within the Church government and domain. With the annulment, the marriage never occurred in the eyes of the Catholic Church. The Protestant Churches have records of abuse historically, such Salem Witch trials, where women were executed in the century. Likewise, the Catholic Church has had its abuse of judicial power over the centuries, with such things as the Spanish Inquisitions. In the last couple of decades there has been a cover-up of the priests who were pedophiles as the Catholic Church felt it had the exclusive jurisdiction over discipline of their priests. Yet, in so doing, the Catholic Church elders ignored the victims of the priests, which are being addressed with civil monetary damages. To a degree, the Catholic Church has addressed these issues and has paid compensation in the millions for the victims. What changes in the Catholic Church structure for checks and balances against this kind of abuse still has to be set up. Also, these crimes against children by clergy gave rise to the issue of whether the Priests and Nuns should be allowed to marry and to abolish the practice of

requiring celibacy. Celibacy is contrary to Biblical teaching in 1 Timothy 4: Peter, who the Roman Catholic Church contends was the first Pope, was married. In these edicts the bishops were to practice abstinence if they were married a few days before they ministered the Eucharist. Yet, in AD , the Council of Nicea, convened by Constantine, rejected Celibacy requirement for Priests who were already married, but disallowed Priests to marry after ordination. In AD , the Council of Aix-la-Chapelle openly confirmed that abortions and infanticide took place in convents and monasteries to cover up sexual violations of uncelibate clergy. Bishop Ulrich at that time argued from scripture and common sense that the only way to purify the Roman Catholic Church from violation of celibacy regulations by clergy was to permit Priests and Nuns to marry after ordination. However, at the Council of Trent in the eleventh century, the Roman Catholic Church made it a law that Celibacy was a condition precedent for the conferring of Orders of Priesthood. Yet, I do see a failure to lead by example. Thus, the Roman Catholic Church has officially decreed against the use of artificial birth control. This is a failure of their fiduciary duties to live by example. Roman Catholic Church Popes, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Nuns, and other leaders should marry and have as many children as possible as examples to other Roman Catholics. The New Testament is really the Last Will and Testament of Jesus, with the recordation of testimony, tribulations, failures, and works of the heirs of salvation. A Will has a Testator, an Executor, and Heirs. A Will has to be probated in Court, where the assets are itemized and the heirs are recognized. The Probate Judge requires the Holy Spirit to marshal all the assets and show an accounting to the Judge. The reason is not all the heirs have been found, recognized, adjudicated with such identification, as new born again Believers are added daily. And if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? How much more things that pertain to this life? Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? Why do ye not rather take wrong? Why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Paul always expressed love as the ultimate motive in any discipline. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 2: In 1 Timothy 5: Also, when a televangelist becomes famous, he or she is really a target for the public under the sway of the devil. They are attacked by people in public and even are targeted by the government, such as the IRS. The secular media takes great pleasure when a pastor, evangelist, or teacher has been discovered to have been accused of committing a sin in violation of even the civil or criminal laws of the land. Sometimes, you are being persecuted for no wrongdoing on your part. For example, in , Sharon Brown, a flight attendant on Continental Airlines filed a lawsuit stating that Victoria Osteen, wife of TV minister Joel Osteen, assaulted her in after Victoria requested several times for them to clean up a liquid mess in the armrest in her first-class seat on the airplane. At the trial in , all the passenger witnesses on board in the first class seating section testified that no physical touching occurred by Victoria Osteen, but rather the confrontation was strictly verbal. The Jury trial lasted one week, and the jury in a short time returned a verdict in favor of Victoria Osteen. The foreman commented afterwards to the press that the jury felt it was a totally non-meritorious and frivolous lawsuit and the jury wished they had the authority to award attorney fees to Victoria Osteen. For three years Victoria Osteen was held in false light. After the jury verdict, very little attention in the news was reported that Victoria Osteen was found innocent of any wrongdoing. Sharon Brown tried to extract money from the Osteens before the trial in settlement, warning them that their bad publicity could harm their large Christian ministry, but the Osteens are principled people and went to trial because Victoria was innocent. Yet, it cost the Osteens several hundred thousand dollars in attorney fees to defend Victoria and seek justice. Brown did not have to reimburse the Osteens for their attorney fees. I have the same problem as an attorney at law. Most people are prejudice against attorneys and it is difficult for an attorney to get a fair trial in front of a jury. People have their prejudices and profile people based upon their race, gender, religion, national origin, or profession. Another example was the criminal trial of Jim Bakker. Jim Bakker was found guilty by a jury, but the abuse came by the Judge in the sentencing stage following the trial. Jim Bakker eventually served five years in prison. The body of Christ has restored Jim Bakker to ministry after his repentance, which is the mandate in Galatians 6: Ministers have to know they will be treated by worldly judges very harshly, with greater sentences than other people committing similar crimes. It is better to go to the complaining witnesses and settle the matter and avoid the secular court system. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy

brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: It is in the Heavenly Courts. The prophetic word that is the testimony of Jesus is that you shall never die, but will have everlasting life, are blessed in this life and the life to come, are more than a conqueror in this life, and that you have been called and chosen by God for good works in His kingdom. The testimony of Jesus is in the Heavenly Courts on your behalf, and He prophesizes your future blessing. Thus, the devil has a right to have his day in court. On the battlefield is where you use weapons of warfare. Believers are seated in heavenly places including behind the counsel table in the Heavenly Court with Christ Jesus Ephesians 2: The Holy Spirit teaches Believers how to conduct themselves in Heavenly Courtroom procedures, and is their Comforter when Believers go through their trials and tribulations. As a Believer, you should not be afraid to go to the Heavenly Courts. Your debts and sins have been forgiven and you have been pardoned from all sins. The Righteous Judge will issue an injunction against the kingdom of darkness to stop harassing you and return whatever was stolen by them. God tries the righteous Believer in His Heavenly Courts to proclaim the effectiveness of the suffering and sacrificial benefits bought by His Son, Christ Jesus, and to test the faith of the Believer. Although we are forgiven of our sins, we may not be living His Kingdom life with abundance. We are saved and no longer condemned Romans 8: Many Believers accept the truth that they are saved and have the gift of eternal life if the sweet by and by. Yet, they are not enjoying life abundantly in this life. It may be hard for Believers to have heartfelt acceptance that Father God will allow them to go through trials and tribulations for their maturity, even though the persecution may be caused by the devil or just a natural circumstance that all men encounter 1 Corinthians It rains on the just and unjust.

3: The Case for Christ – Lee Strobel – Heaven in Mind

The Case for Heaven examines the nature of the afterlife as it is revealed through the near-death experiences of more than fifty people from all walks of life. Author Mally Cox-Chapman documents the accounts of the "experiencers," and examines the significance of their revelations.

Even without the guidance of Scripture, there are good reasons to believe our lives will not end at the point of our physical death. The existence of an afterlife is reasonable, particularly given our dual nature as immaterial souls possessing physical bodies. But what precisely happens to each of us, as living souls, when our physical bodies cease to exist? What will we experience the moment we close our eyes for the last time in this temporal life? The Christian worldview offers an answer to this question, and it can be found by surveying the teaching of the New Testament: For those of us who are believers, the instant our earthly bodies die our souls will be united with Jesus in the afterlife: We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. Save yourself and us! We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. But our experience in Heaven prior to the earthly return of Jesus and the resurrection of our bodies, while much better than our life here on earth, will not be complete. It will only be part of the experience we will one day have when Jesus returns to earth and resurrects the bodies of those who are already with Him in spirit. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Only then, after the resurrection, will our joy and satisfaction be made complete; only then will we be able to experience the full physical, spiritual and emotional joy we were originally designed for. While believers will be united with God, unbelievers will not. The New Testament describes two different places where the unrighteous go after death. This is described as the place where the unrighteous go immediately upon death to await their final destination. Take a look at this story Jesus told in the Gospel of Luke: And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom. This was actually a real location just south of Jerusalem where, at one low point in the history of the Jews, disobedient Israelites offered their children as human sacrifices to the pagan God, Molech. Later, this infamous valley became a place where waste from the city was dumped and burned in fires stoked day and night. Jesus chose this place as a metaphor to describe another real place, the eternal resting place of those in Hades who finally receive their resurrection bodies and are judged forever. While believers receive their resurrection bodies and stay in heaven with God, unbelievers receive their resurrection bodies and are moved from Hades to Gehenna. At the Point of Death Each of us will leave our earthly bodies in the grave and our disembodied souls will go immediately into the presence of God or into Hades. Our destination is determined purely by our acceptance or rejection of God through our faith in Jesus Christ. While our experience after death will be tangible, it will not be complete. A complete afterlife can only be experienced with both our body and our soul. If we have rejected Jesus, we will move from Hades to Gehenna and experience the fullness of judgment. The afterlife is the focus of much popular media. Books and movies describing Heaven or Hell are plentiful, but few of them are consistent with the teaching of the Bible. Comment or Subscribe to J.

4: The Case for Heaven – White Horse Inn

Near-death experience stories are neither to be discounted as total fabrication nor recalibrated as a final apologetic for the Christian case for heaven.

January 24, at 9: Jesus said greater things would we do because He will speak to us and lead us to all truths. The courts of heaven are for those who are walking in the Spirit, that's why He said we should worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Daisy Daughter April 9, at 7: He Word is God inspired. How can you say that? We fellowship with Him in prayer and by spending time with Him but The Bible is our compass. The more I read your replies it makes sense why your serving this erroneous hypocrisy. Please has the Lord to forgive you and take this down. God will forgive you but have got to get out of pride. You blew it with this. Roxanne K April 5, at 4: Some people say that they are not going into any Heavenly courts, but they must not have read in Ephesians that we are seated in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We are to rule and reign from our Heavenly position in Christ. If we are seated in Christ Jesus, then we are already in the Courtroom seated at the right hand of the Father. We need to learn our identity in Christ. As a matter of fact, we only enter the courts of Heaven because of what Jesus did on the cross. We would not be able to enter the court or approach the Father without first being clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Daisy Daughter April 9, at 6: Praying that God will touch your mind and open your understanding to the error in this. J July 7, at 6: God never intended to establish a Christian religion. God is beyond what you can imagine and picture through Bible. And in fact, Bible is not a complete word of God. Everything that God speaks is His Word, even today! What denomination do you belong to? There are many cases in the bible that talks about courts of Heaven. We are bought by the Blood of Lamb so we can walk in supernatural just like Jesus. Mature and faithful sons and daughters is what Father is interesting in. Jesus is our prototype that means we operate just like He did and walked on earth. And we are instructed to go there. Which we have access to because of the blood of Jesus. Our Father who is in Heaven. Your name is holy. Mercy triumphs over judgement. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. Thanks for sharing your notes on this. Is there more than one adversary the devil? Or do you mean witches, familiar spirits, spirit of Jezebel, water spirits, etc? Divine Diva Thank you for this article. I am preparing my case. Lillian Bwire May 13, at 5: I will enter his courts with Praise. I will say this is the day that the LORD has made. I will rejoice for he has made me glad. God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform. There is a counsel in heaven with 24 Elders and they receive the prayers of saints. Study scripture nothing satanic at all in this article. Just great revelation to those deep in Spirit-The intercessors May 25, at 2: In my case and in my walk, the Lord has always taught me by giving me a spiritual experience first. He would then back me up, teach me through the word, or a teaching from one of His trusted servants. These servant of God have been taken to levels, totally other, they are forerunners. Regrettably some of are still at the milk stage, and cling to the bottle. The 5th chapter of Hebrews and chapter 6, first five verses is always a challenge to me. What is the strong meat? What are the teachings that go beyond the rudimentary doctrines. What more is there to learn, participate in and be a part of creating? The invitation is open, the acceptance is volitional, the correct choice has eternal results. DJ May 30, at 9: In those situations, we have the ability to come before the Father to present our case in the courts of Heaven for that person. As a recent example, a waitress poured out her heart and I asked her if I may pray about the situation. She gave me the legal authority to present her case, which I did. I took her situation to the Heavenly courts, claimed the power of the spirit and the blood of Christ for her citing her given authority to claim victory for her. I had the legal authority to bind Satan in prayer on her behalf in heavenly realms. God provided the verdict. Two days later she sent me a text saying it was a miracle. Her mother was delivered. Praise God for His Courts! June 12, at I totally believe that. But my question is what then do we do; is it to sit and fold our hands looking to the sky for His coming. There are dimensions to God we cannot even imagine. Pray that He will give a broader understanding of spiritual knowledge. June 13, at What then do we just sit and fold our hands looking to the sky for His coming? Paul

August 24, at 7: I have been praying asking God to help me to better understand this very important revelation. May God bless and continue to use to you to empower his saints.

5: RIAA Court Filing In Stairway To Heaven Case Warns Against *OVERPROTECTION* By Copyright | Te

The case for Heaven's existence and perfect nature should cause us to examine the nature of Salvation as offered through the sacrifice of Christ. The reasonable existence of Heaven points to the reasonable necessity of Jesus' death on the cross.

The RIAA is telling a court that it needs to be careful about too much copyright protection. After all, I can imagine how they could easily end up on either side of such a case. But, of course, to make that argument would require the RIAA to actually admit that copyright can go too far. Anyway, who among you ever expected the following in an RIAA brief: Copyright law thus needs to carefully calibrate and balance its rules to prevent both over- and underprotection. The panel opinion badly overprotects, and in doing so is inconsistent with other federal appeals court decisions that have addressed the same issues. Who are you and what have you done with the real RIAA? This Court should also correct the precedent set by the panel allowing findings of infringement based on the use of uncopyrightable elements. Most compositions share some elements with past compositions—sequences of three notes, motifs, standard rhythmic passages, arpeggios, chromatic scales, and the like. The universe of notes and scales is sharply limited. To keep every work from infringing—and to keep authors from being able to claim ownership of otherwise unprotected elements—this Court has stressed that selection and arrangement is infringed only when there is virtual identity between two works, not loose resemblance. The same principle should be recognized for music. This Court has long recognized this principle in claims involving visual art that allegedly creatively combines public domain elements, as with the sculptures in *Satava* or the photographs in *Ets-Hokin and Rentmeester*. The same should apply to music. I also agree with the RIAA in saying that the "inverse ratio" rule is incredibly stupid. This is the rule adopted by some courts that the amount of "substantial similarity" necessary to show infringement decreases with the amount of "access" the accused infringer had to the original work. But, as the RIAA notes, that makes no sense especially these days: Indeed, while as a practical matter few composers create works that are strikingly similar to older ones, nearly all composers enjoy a striking level of access to a vast range of works: They hear them online, on the radio, at concerts, at home, and elsewhere. Indeed, they may hear them without ever seeking them out—played as mood music in elevators, supermarkets, and restaurants, or as incidental music in a film or in a television or radio commercial. The case is not about the copyright in the sound recordings, but in the composition which are not the same. Unsurprisingly, Judge Klausner concluded that, because of this, it was better for the jury not to hear the sound recording at all, especially since hearing the sound recording would do vanishingly little to help the jury determine anything else such as access. Finally, the RIAA correctly! But is this really so? Imagine Page sitting there, relistening to the recording of *Taurus* which he had already recently heard when preparing for the trial, III ER The jurors are watching his demeanor, an unusual thing for people to do when they are listening to a song together with someone. What would they be looking for on his face that would in any way bear on the question whether he had heard the song nearly 50 years before, in to ? Anyway, thanks to Led Zeppelin and Professor Volokh for actually creating a scenario where the RIAA and I are mostly on the same page -- and that page is warning about the negative consequences of overprotection of copyright in harming artists and limiting cultural output.

6: What Happens to Our Souls When We Die? | Cold Case Christianity

The Case for Heaven considers these questions through interviews with more than fifty people whose lives were transformed by near-death experiences. Their stories serve as inspiring examples for everyone in search of spiritual fulfillment.

Did Jesus really exist? Can we trust the gospels as genuine biographies of Jesus? Can we trust the memory of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? Why is the gospel of John so different and even confusing? Did they not intentionally modify the story to fit their purpose? Did the disciples of Jesus invent it to justify their acts? Lee Strobel uses his legal background to investigate and to interview knowledgeable scholars. What is appreciable is the depth of the investigation so that through his quest we are given the opportunity to understand what led bright and rational men to believe in Jesus Christ. When I started to read the book, I was not sure about what to expect. I was wondering if it would be another simplistic book defending Christianity, but I was surprised by the quality of the arguments. Lee Strobel studied at Yale law school and was a legal editor of the Chicago Tribune. Jesus of Nazareth, a man who lived years ago in a far away country. He uses as examples many crime cases he worked on as journalist to illustrate his approach. The book searches to answer questions many unbelievers and believers ask. I personally learned many things about the writing process of the Bible. It did strengthen my faith in its trustworthiness. Craig Blomberg argued brilliantly for the reliability of the gospels. The facts were probably known and spread by many two or three years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the gospel of Mark might have been written within the thirty years which is incredibly short compared to the other biographies from ancient times. For example, the life of Alexander the Great was written more than years after and most of scholars consider it trustable. Another powerful argument is the reality of the resurrection. It is a compelling argumentation. The most persuasive argument is that no one would die for a something he knows is a lie, but the apostles did. If they invented the resurrection as many think they did, then their behavior would be irrational. We know people can die for ideas but only because they believe it is true! In conclusion, the Case for Christ is a must-read book. It is a diligent and objective work. I have found it a bit too succinct at times but Strobel gave many references to dig deeper. At the end, you may want to become Christian if you take it seriously, or you can still irrationally dismiss the truth.

7: Principles for the Courtroom of Heaven - Unlocking the Gold

We are reopening the rapture and taking a look at every angle in this video. When it could start, what time of the end we are in, and if we need to take a relook at a few things that we might of.

It was both very interesting and informative. The author gave example after example of different near death experiences and provided a religious interpretation of each story. I really enjoyed the different types of encounters people had and was relieved that it was a little different from the other books that I have read. I am not sure if the author completely convinced me that near death experiences are real. I des In my quest for more knowledge on the afterlife I have chosen to read this book. I desperately want to believe that they are, but wonder why people would really want to come back if heaven was so great. I could understand hell, but not heaven. My only fall back with this book is that it did not keep me engrossed. I found myself putting the book down and waiting a day or so to pick it up with determination to finish it. I felt like it was a chore reading certain parts of the book. The author is a very talented writer and is genuine with her information that she is sharing. However, it just did not click with me. If you are person that enjoys books about heaven, the afterlife, and near death experiences than this book is for you. I do not recommend this book for people that are into near death experiences about both heaven and hell. I did not see really anything that covered hellish experiences, but maybe I overlooked something. This was an inspiring book, but what really compels me in reading is the story, the fiction, the escapism. I stopped reading this book at one point, because I thought it was messing with my theology. It proposes the idea that Jesus is as good a way as any to get to heaven, but is not the only way. But I decided to go ahead and finish it. I really did enjoy it. As someone who is never happy with herself, ever, that idea is extremely comforting to me. A Journalist who has had a NDE herself, decides to research and interview dozens of people who have had near death experiences. There is a lot to learn from their experiences -- all positive, good, and comforting.

8: Heaven - Wikipedia

Author Dinesh D'Souza says new scientific thinking bolsters the case for life after death. the idea of resurrected bodies and realms like heaven and hell don't seem so outrageous.

Mesopotamia[edit] Ruins of the Ekur temple in Nippur , believed by the ancient Mesopotamians to be the "Dur-an-ki", the "mooring-rope" of heaven and earth. Ancient Mesopotamian religion The ancient Mesopotamians regarded the sky as a series of domes usually three, but sometimes seven covering the flat earth. Only the gods dwell with Shamash forever. Canaanite religion Almost nothing is known of Bronze Age pre BC Canaanite views of heaven, and the archaeological findings at Ugarit destroyed c. Hittite mythology The ancient Hittites believed that some deities lived in Heaven, while others lived in remote places on earth, such as mountains, where humans had little access. In the Song of Kumarbi , Alalu was king in heaven for nine years before giving birth to his son, Anu. Anu was himself overthrown by his son, Kumarbi. Hundley, the text in both of these instances is ambiguous regarding the significance of the actions being described [27] and in neither of these cases does the text explain what happened to the subject afterwards. Heaven Christianity The Assumption of the Virgin by Francesco Botticini at the National Gallery London, shows three hierarchies and nine orders of angels, each with different characteristics. Descriptions of heaven in the New Testament are more fully developed than those in the Old Testament, but are still generally vague. In traditional Christianity, it is considered a state or condition of existence rather than a particular place somewhere in the cosmos of the supreme fulfillment of theosis in the beatific vision of the Godhead. The resurrected Jesus is said to have ascended to heaven where he now sits at the Right Hand of God and will return to earth in the Second Coming. Various people have been said to have entered heaven while still alive , including Enoch , Elijah and Jesus himself, after his resurrection. According to Roman Catholic teaching , Mary, mother of Jesus , is also said to have been assumed into heaven and is titled the Queen of Heaven. It is our meeting with the Father which takes place in the risen Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit. The Torah has little to say on the subject of survival after death, but by the time of the rabbis two ideas had made inroads among the Jews: Originally, the two ideas of immortality and resurrection were different but in rabbinic thought they are combined: This world is like a lobby before the World to Come; prepare yourself in the lobby so that you may enter the banquet hall. The only certainty is that each man must die - beyond that we can only guess. Rich of the website "Judaism ", Judaism, unlike other world-religions, is not focused on the quest of getting into heaven but on life and how to live it. The second heaven is dually controlled by Zachariel and Raphael. It was in this heaven that Moses , during his visit to Paradise, encountered the angel Nuriel who stood " parasangs high, with a retinue of 50 myriads of angels all fashioned out of water and fire". Also, Raqia is considered the realm where the fallen angels are imprisoned and the planets fastened. The third heaven, under the leadership of Anahel , serves as the home of the Garden of Eden and the Tree of Life ; it is also the realm where manna , the holy food of angels, is produced. The fourth heaven is ruled by the Archangel Michael , and according to Talmud Hagiga 12, it contains the heavenly Jerusalem , the Temple, and the Altar. The fifth heaven is under the administration of Samael. It is also where the Ishim and the Song-Uttering Choirs reside. The sixth heaven falls under the jurisdiction of Sachiel. The seventh heaven, under the leadership of Cassiel , is the holiest of the seven heavens because it houses the Throne of Glory attended by the Seven Archangels and serves as the realm in which God dwells; underneath the throne itself lies the abode of all unborn human souls. It is also considered the home of the Seraphim , the Cherubim , and the Hayyoth.

9: - The Case for Heaven by Mally Cox-Chapman

No one is saying that pleading our case in the courts of Heaven is taking the place of what Jesus did on the cross. As a matter of fact, we only enter the courts of Heaven because of what Jesus did on the cross.

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