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## Life after Death

by Tanya Wang

Life after death is a very important and interesting topic. It is a topic that many people have researched about. There is no actual evidence as to whether or not there is life after death, but people still research the topic, hoping to come up with an answer and blame death on someone or something. I personally believe that there is an afterlife.

A political cartoon from the Philadelphia Inquirer depicted Officer Robert Wilson III's death. To put it bluntly, the cartoon was blank. There were no drawings, just the words, "A Moment of Silence for Officer Robert Wilson III and His Family." The cartoon could be either sarcastic or sincere, depending on how one viewed it. It made me start thinking about life after death, because it was about an officer's death. Questions started flowing into my brain. Is there life after death? Are there multiple lives

after death? I wanted to know more about this life after death topic, and whether or not my beliefs were true.

I decided to go on two separate websites to research information about the topic. The first site was [lifeafterdeath.info](http://lifeafterdeath.info). First, I read the philosophical view of life after death. I learned that "there is no actual direct evidence against an afterlife." This meant that there was no evidence to prove that there is an afterlife, but there was also no evidence to prove that there isn't one. While reading, more questions came to mind. What is the driving force of life? [Lifeafterdeath.info](http://lifeafterdeath.info) claimed that it was our Creator or a spiritual force. Also, the website stated something I'd never thought of before: If we came from the "other side" by being born, we should have no fear returning there. We should have no fear of death, and we don't have to worry about mortality, because our souls are

immortal. What is the meaning of life in general? Is it a test or just evolution according to science? Is it so we can improve spiritually? The site also claimed that we "need to endure a minimal amount of suffering while here on earth or otherwise we would regress spiritually." If we did not endure some amount of suffering, we would become smugger and have a "blame-the-victim" attitude that would cause us to be less empathetic. Also mentioned on the site was whether or not there was some type of energy field which would be the source of all knowledge, intelligence and power that guides the universe(s). I also suddenly thought of a question: are there other Gods and universes? The website said yes; there was a possibility that the God of our universe may have other equivalent Gods who are responsible for their own universes, and there was a God who presided over

all of them.

I also went on [truthcontest.com](http://truthcontest.com) and read about "The Present with Religion: Life after Death." The site said that "everyone dies with a damaged brain," because death occurs when the brain is too damaged to contain our consciousness. Physical death meant we lost everything physical, which includes our brain and mind, but does it mean we lose "truth" before we die? The site also claimed that when we die, we are instantly reborn into another body inside the womb of our future mom. When we leave the womb, "the environment reflects the level of awareness achieved in this lifespan." Many questions swirled around my brain, but I soon realized they couldn't be answered, because we had no actual evidence.

The information I collected from my research broadened my view of the topic. It also made me understand the issue better by answering many questions that I had. Like I had said before, I personally believe in an afterlife, but were there

more than one? Just by reading certain articles from two websites confirmed my belief in an afterlife. Both sites also answered the question about there being more than one afterlife. Depending on one's religion and beliefs, there may be one afterlife, or even five! People who are Christian will have different perspectives on an afterlife than Jewish or Muslims will. There is no true answer and evidence, so this topic will never be completely answered and confirmed.

Ultimately, whether or not an afterlife exists is a debatable question, depending on one's religion or beliefs. There is no real evidence, so none of the beliefs of an afterlife (or afterlives) are true, but they aren't wrong either. The world may never know the truth behind life after death, but we can be creative, guess, or believe what our religion claims to be true. Either way, there is no point arguing any side, because there is not a true answer that is definite.

## Share Everything (part 2)

by Jeffrey Ho

Bob: *It's boring as \_\_\_\_\_*

David: *Yeah I didn't get that, but sure. I really \_\_\_\_\_ this Calculus course man like I'm not a math guy you know. Why do we even need Calculus in life?*

Bob: *You really what Calculus?*

David: *Yeah you gotta go on FaceNet more. They're filtering more stuff now, like "\_\_\_\_\_". Oh wait you probably can't hear that but you know what I mean.*

Bob: *Wow this is starting to get ridiculous, we should ask FaceNet to be changed.*

David: *What? Your message was cut off. I guess the connection is bad.*

Bob: *I SAID THAT I REALLY DISLIKE THIS! Wait, Emma is badgering me, hold on a second.*

Bob closed his mind off of David's messages and opened it up to Emma's.

Emma: *Goodness gracious. Bob, please, you must divert your attention to the happenings at the Forums.*

Bob: *Why?*

Emma: *Just please do. I don't quite understand what is*

*happening, but by the looks of it some virus has infected the system. Everything is quite literally in turmoil. It's actually quite intimidating.*

Bob had known Emma for years, and she had never been intimidated in the face of danger.

Bob: *Ok sure, I guess. Just gotta deal with Dave first.*

Bob switched his attention to David, who was jamming his electrical circuits with messages.

Bob: *What.*

David: *Why are you always talking to Emma!? Anyways, listen: YOU GOTTA GO CHECK OUT THE FORUMS!!!!!!!*

Bob accessed the forums and was instantly hit with a wave of discord and confusion. The first thing that bombarded Bob's head was the sound of an incredibly loud and booming male voice. Talking on the forums? That was prohibited; people could only chat with text on the forums, while telepathic communications were used on the more private FaceNet.

The man's voice boomed

throughout Bob's head, and, presumably, to everyone else's.

"Lies!" the man bellowed. "Lies! Why does the government keep all of their valuable information hoarded at a database in their capitol, covered with layers upon layers of protection while dishing out falsely altered information to today's youth? Let me ask you: what does the Vietnam War mean to you? Is it another war that illustrated the superiority of American forces? During that war, hundreds of thousands of our soldiers died, died without any gains for our country! There were bodies and bodies of dead young boys, piled up on the battlefield, for what? For another loss! Another blow against the U.S.! Do you not believe me? I have access to every piece of information: yes, I hacked through the entire database. Us Americans drove out and killed thousands of Native Americans, from their own very land, for our own greedy desires! We talk about how we saved lives during the Holocaust, we condemn Com-

munist Russia for their "purges", but our own history is tainted with the black blood of greed, murder, and immorality!"

The man drew a deep shaky breath. Bob was petrified at the whole occurrence, and he was so startled and shocked that he was unable to run away from the madman, the frenzied preacher, screaming his gospel throughout cyberspace, his voice reverberating into the depths of people's minds.

"This is lunacy; this is the suppression of the citizens! Censorship? Government monitoring? Controlling the minds of our future generations? What does the American flag mean to you?" He bellowed. "It once stood for something! It stood for personal freedoms and rights! It stood for the right to have our own political and personal beliefs! It stood for the right of speech! Of religion! Of-

Suddenly, the man choked, and gasped, struggling for breath.

"So this is what our country has come to..." he whispered quietly, and he was not heard from again.

Bob shook his head at the sud-

den disturbance in cyberspace. He shuddered and tried to remember what the man had said- hundreds of thousands of men dying in the Vietnam War? Robot Teacher had never said such a thing before. Killing Native Americans? Had we not simply negotiated with their chieftains and bought their land?

Bob removed the computer headset and thought. Perhaps the insane man was correct. Perhaps something had changed with the advent of the Share Everything's. He looked at his pad of paper and pencil; they were becoming harder and harder to find. Perhaps, back when human teachers taught in brick buildings, perhaps...

Bob shook his head. What was he thinking? The man was certainly mad after all. And even still, how could he check on the man's facts? All of the books were burned, along with the destruction of the schools.

Bob tossed his paper and pencils to the side. Those obsolete tools were probably getting to his head. He should switch to those Cyberpens soon.

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