

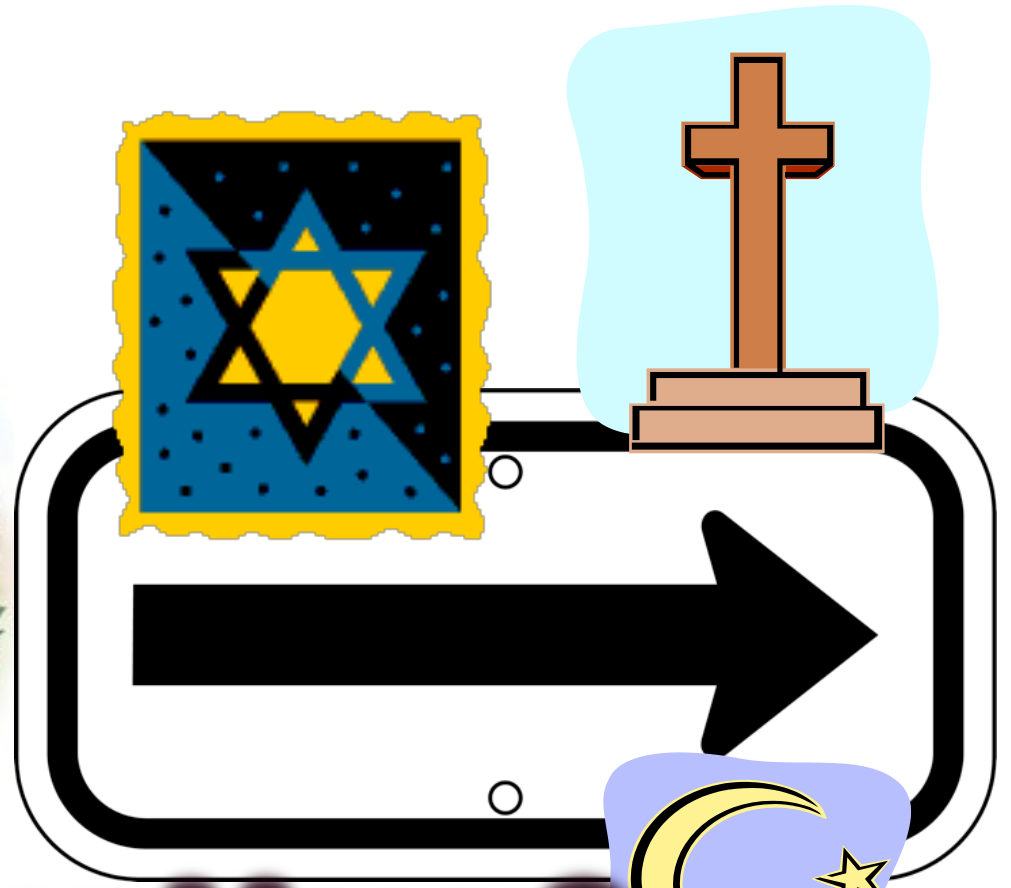
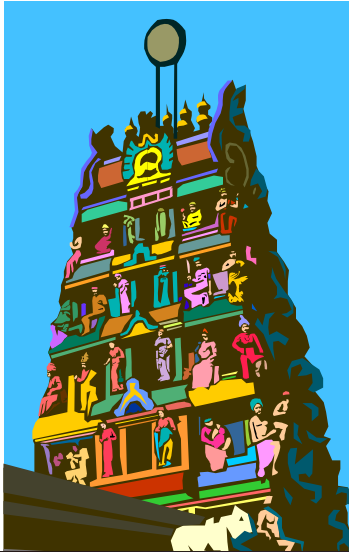


Reincarnation

REINCARNATION

**The What, The Why
& Our Response**

Is history ...

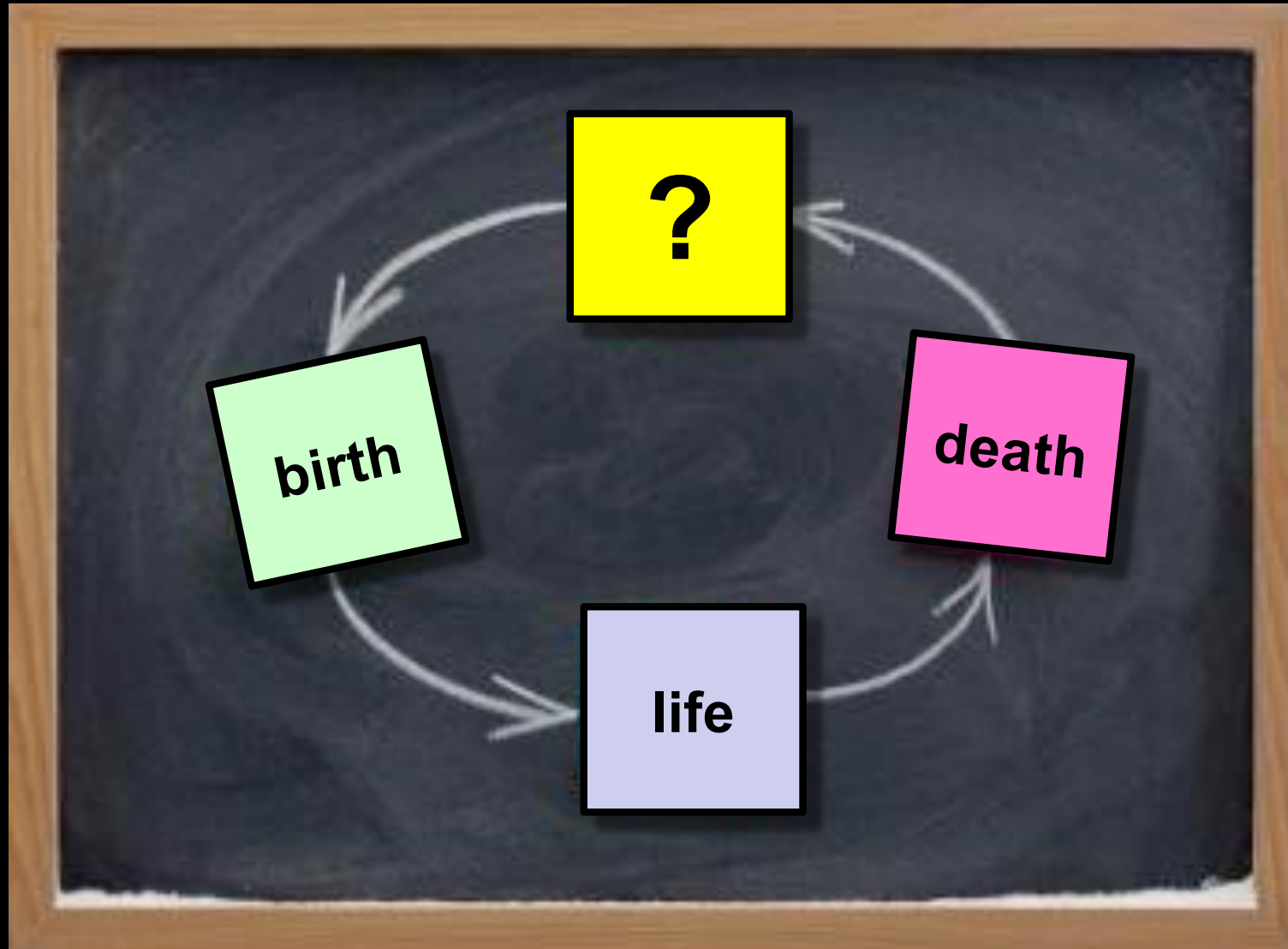


Cyclical? or Linear?



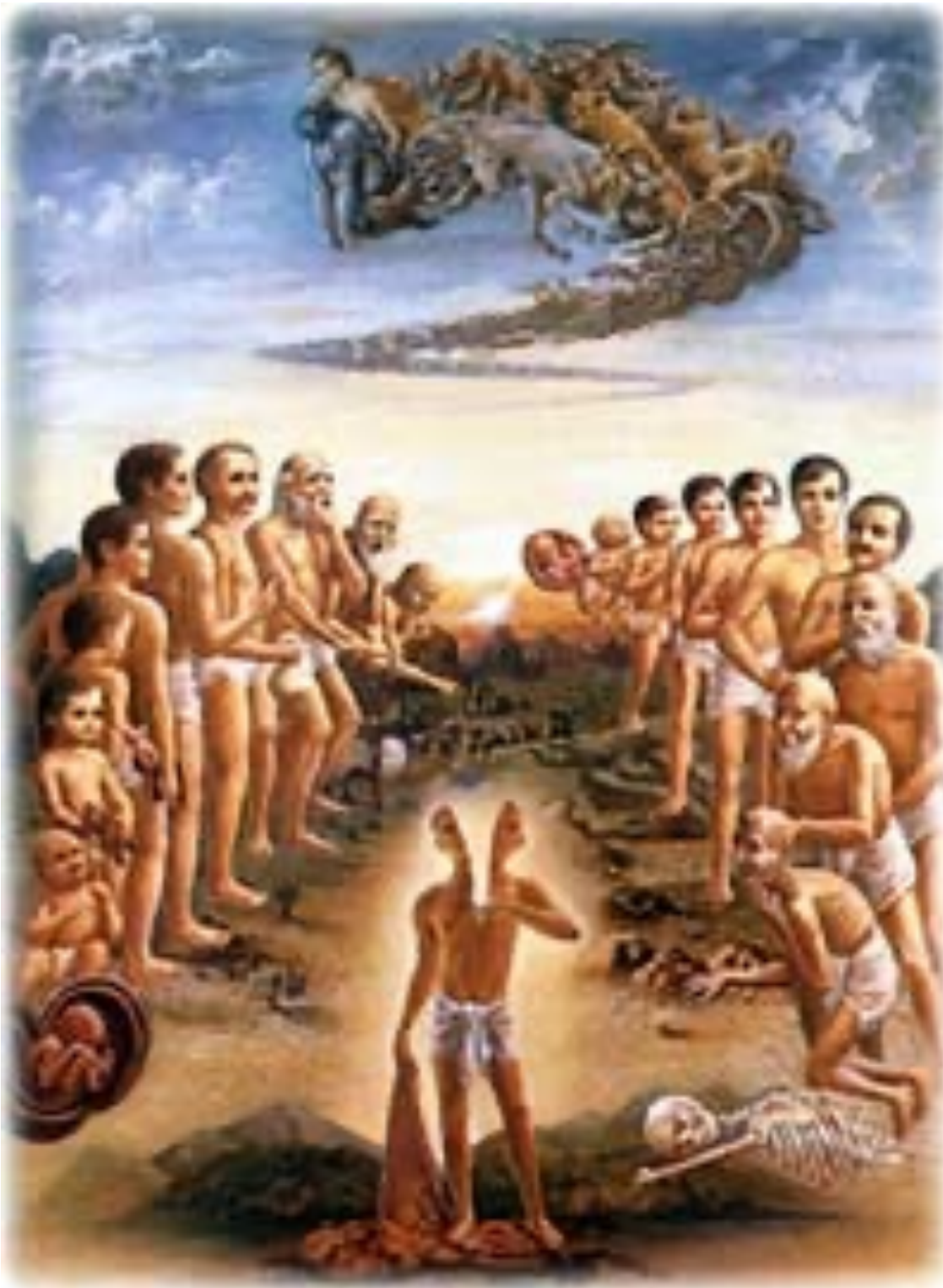
What is Reincarnation?

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Some Terms

Reincarnation
believes that
after death
people return to
earth again in
another human
body (cf. Latin
carne, “flesh”)



Transmigration is similar, saying one could become an animal (bird, cow, flea, cockroach) or inanimate object (rock, piece of chalk, etc.) in the next life.



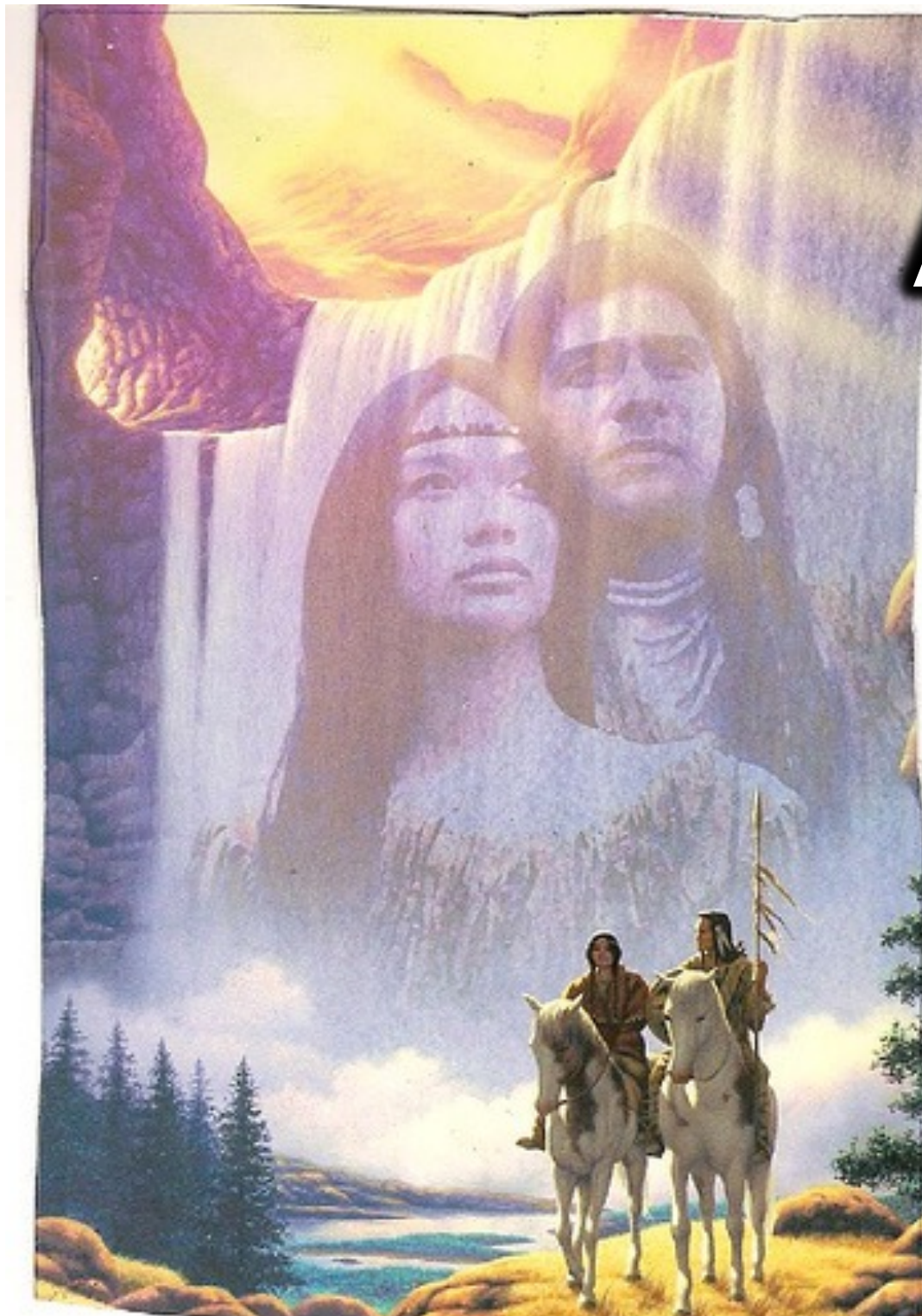
Karma (good and bad thoughts, words, and deeds in this life) decides the status of the new body—economically, intellectually, physically, etc.





Funny?

***"You're going back as a Mayfly....
Have a nice day!"***

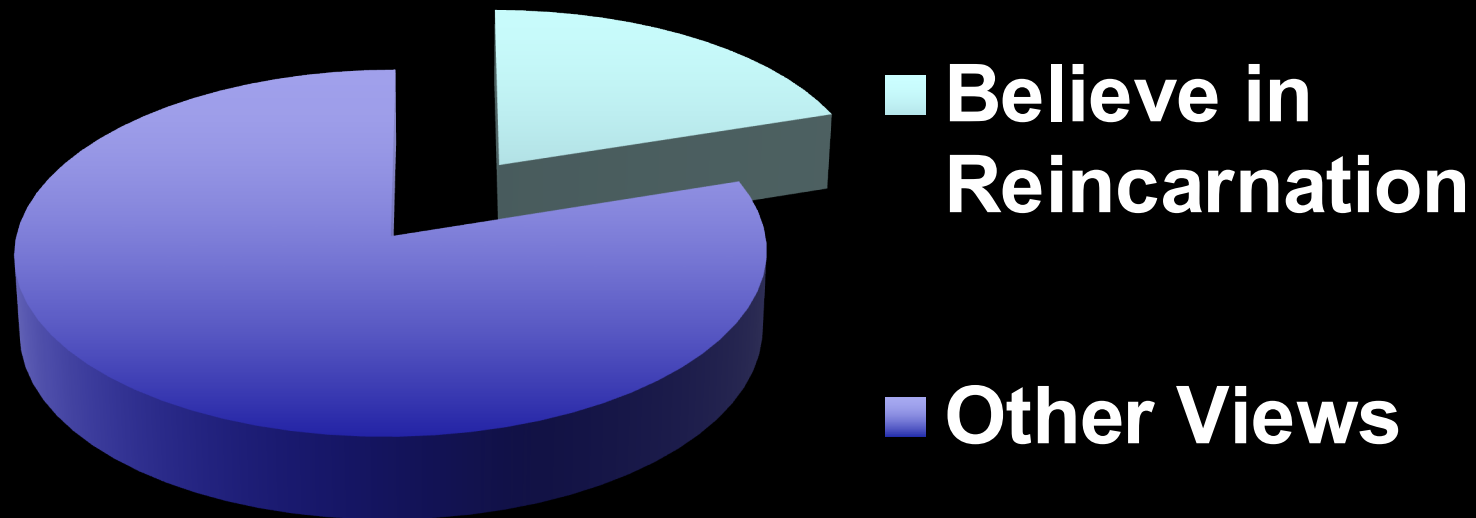


Pantheism^{17a}
Among Native Americans

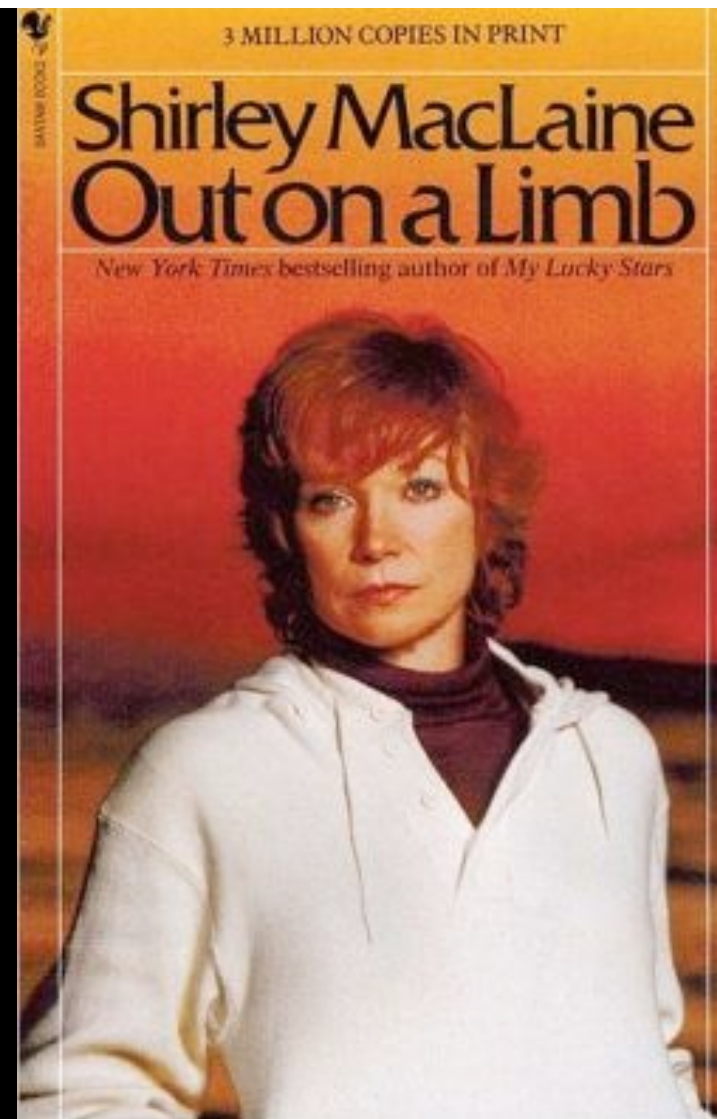
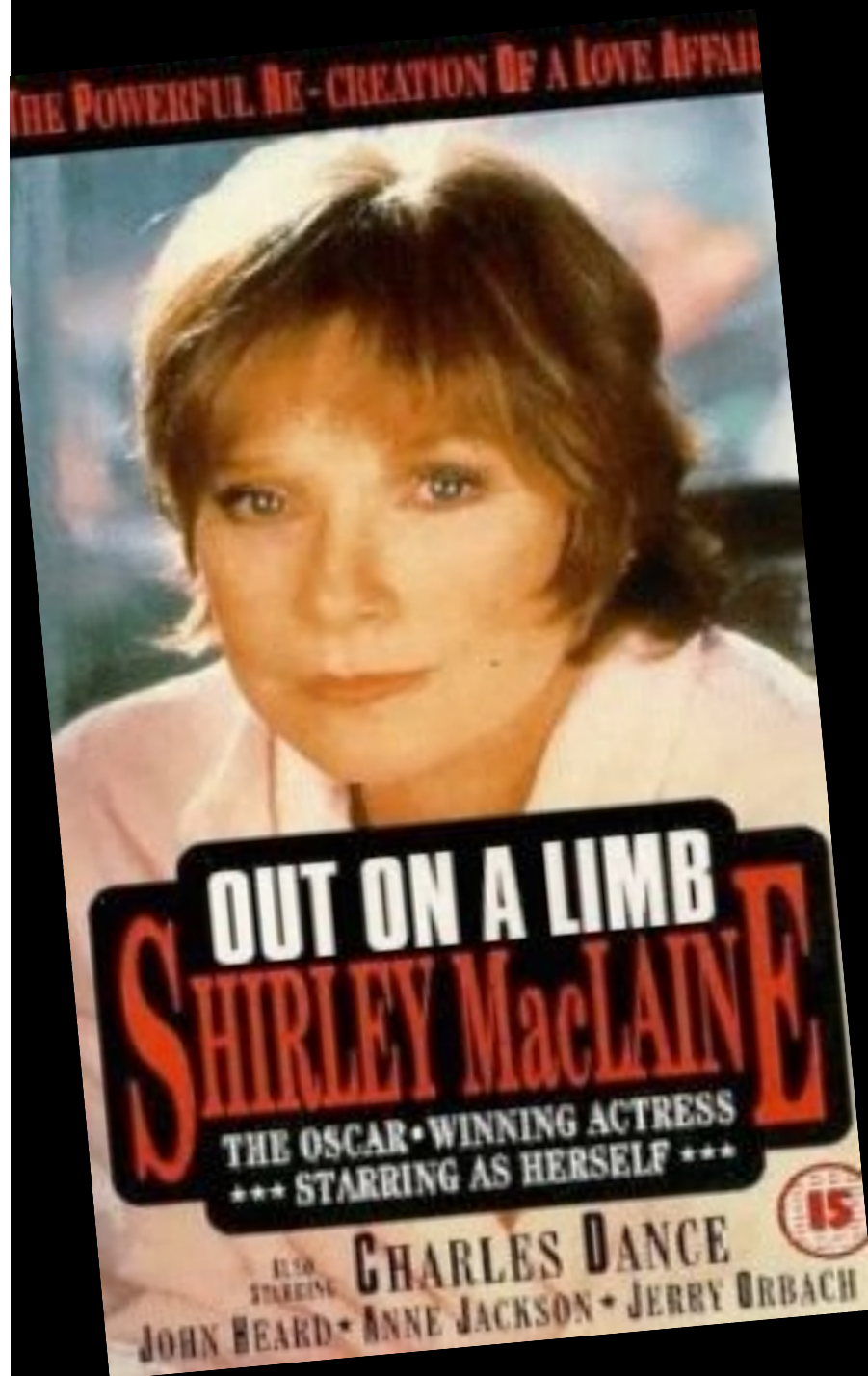
Pantheism (Greek *pan*, "all" + *theism*, "God") is the worldview of reincarnation in which God is an impersonal force; the universe is God and God is the universe.

Reincarnation in America^{17a}

1 in 5 Americans!



Gallup Poll 2005



Shirley MacLaine's 1987 book influenced the USA towards reincarnation

Five Arguments of Reincarnation Critiqued



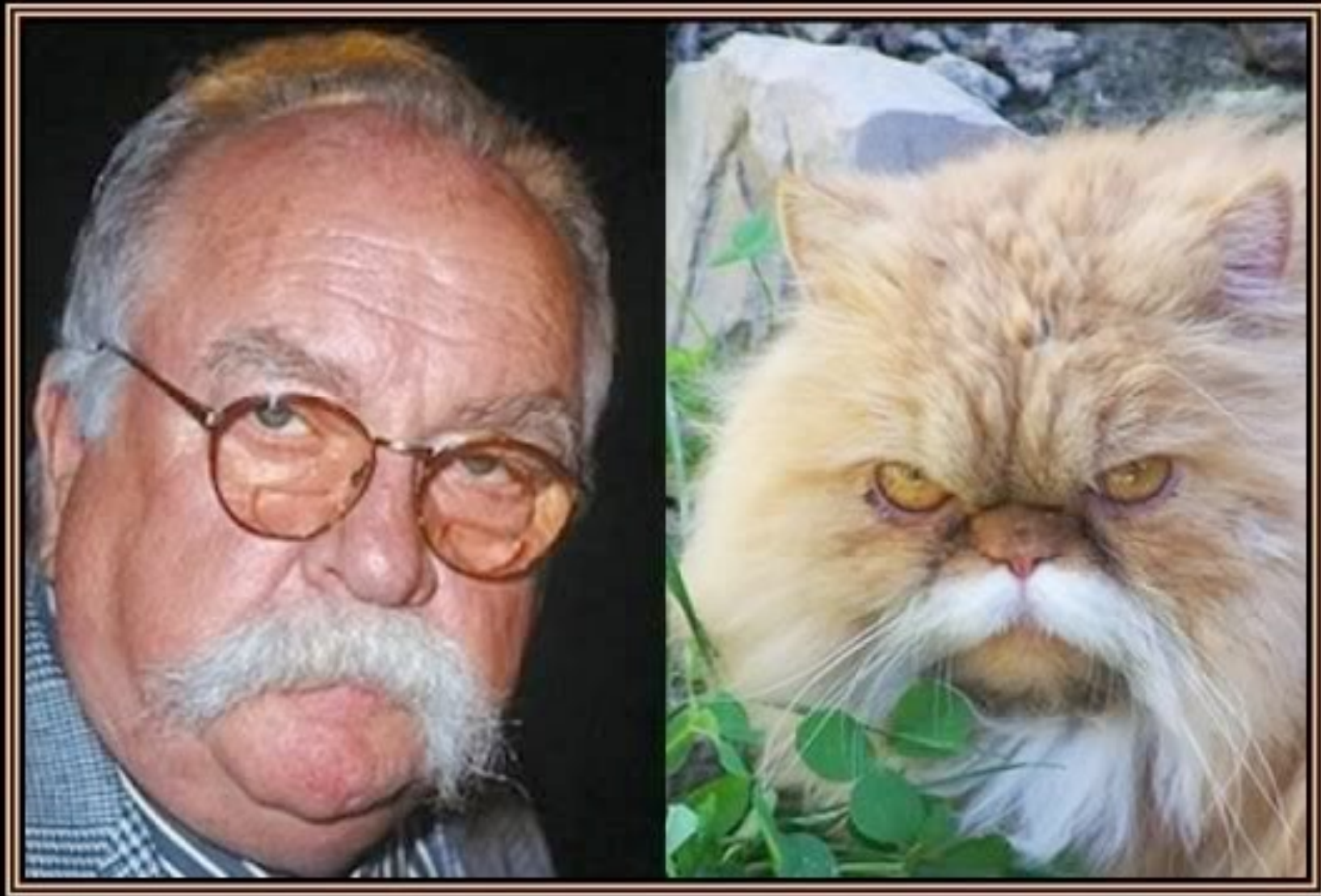
Each may sound plausible, but the explanation is even more convincing

Hypnotic Regression

When someone vividly and accurately describes people, places, and events he or she could not have previously known

RESPONSE?

Some lied or forgot the details... others were influenced by leading questions... more common in south and western Asia



Pre-Reincarnation

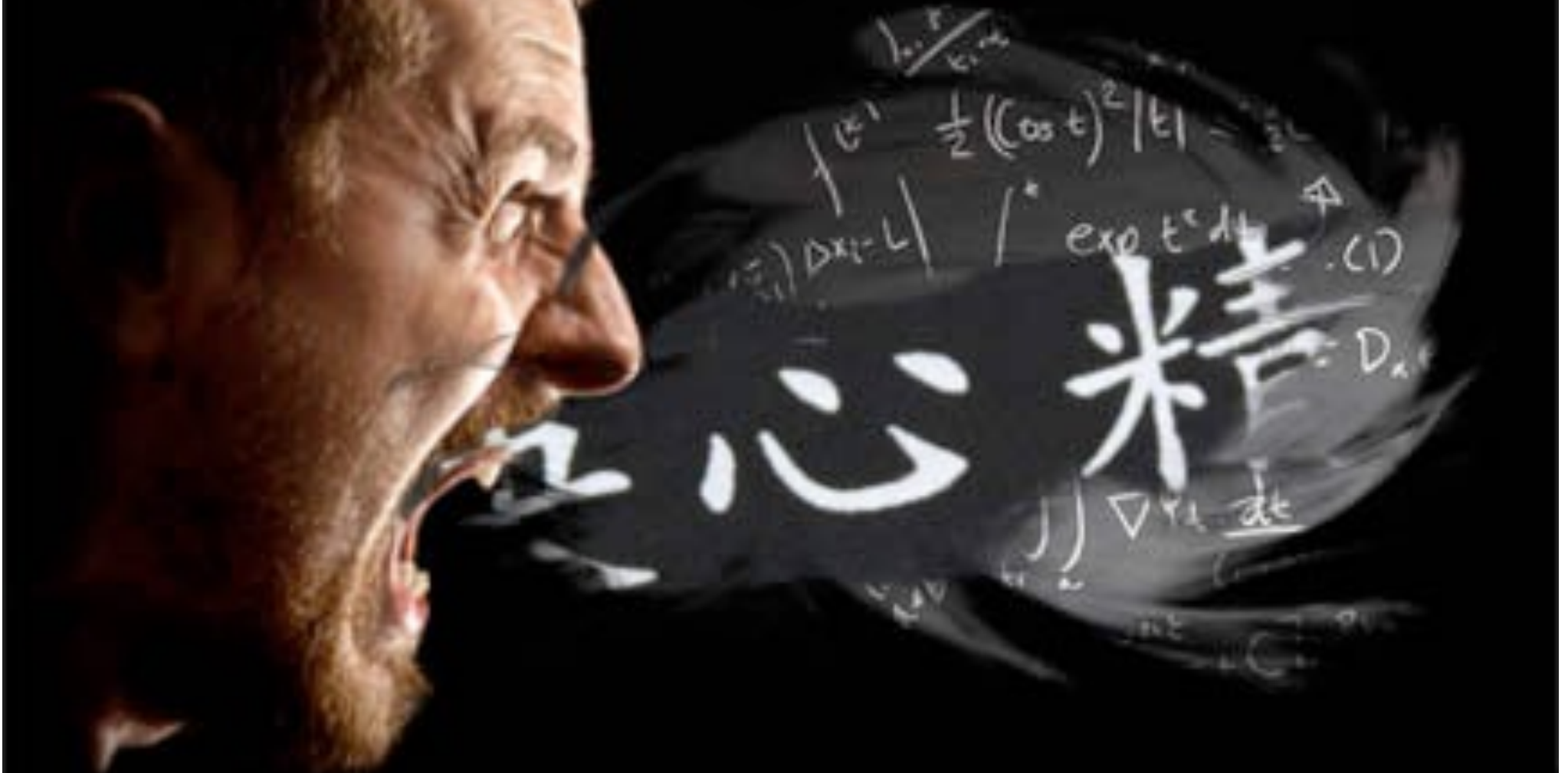
**Sometimes a soul starts to move into the new place,
even before the lease is up on the old one.**

Déjà vu is a feeling that one has done a present action before (e.g., been at a certain place)

RESPONSE?

Researchers say the brain is simply fusing a similar past experience in this life with the current one

Xenoglossy



a sudden ability to speak a language one has never learned

Is that you, Mom?

RESPONSE?

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Cryptoamnesia

is more likely
(when one recalls
previously
forgotten data
such as languages
heard as a child)

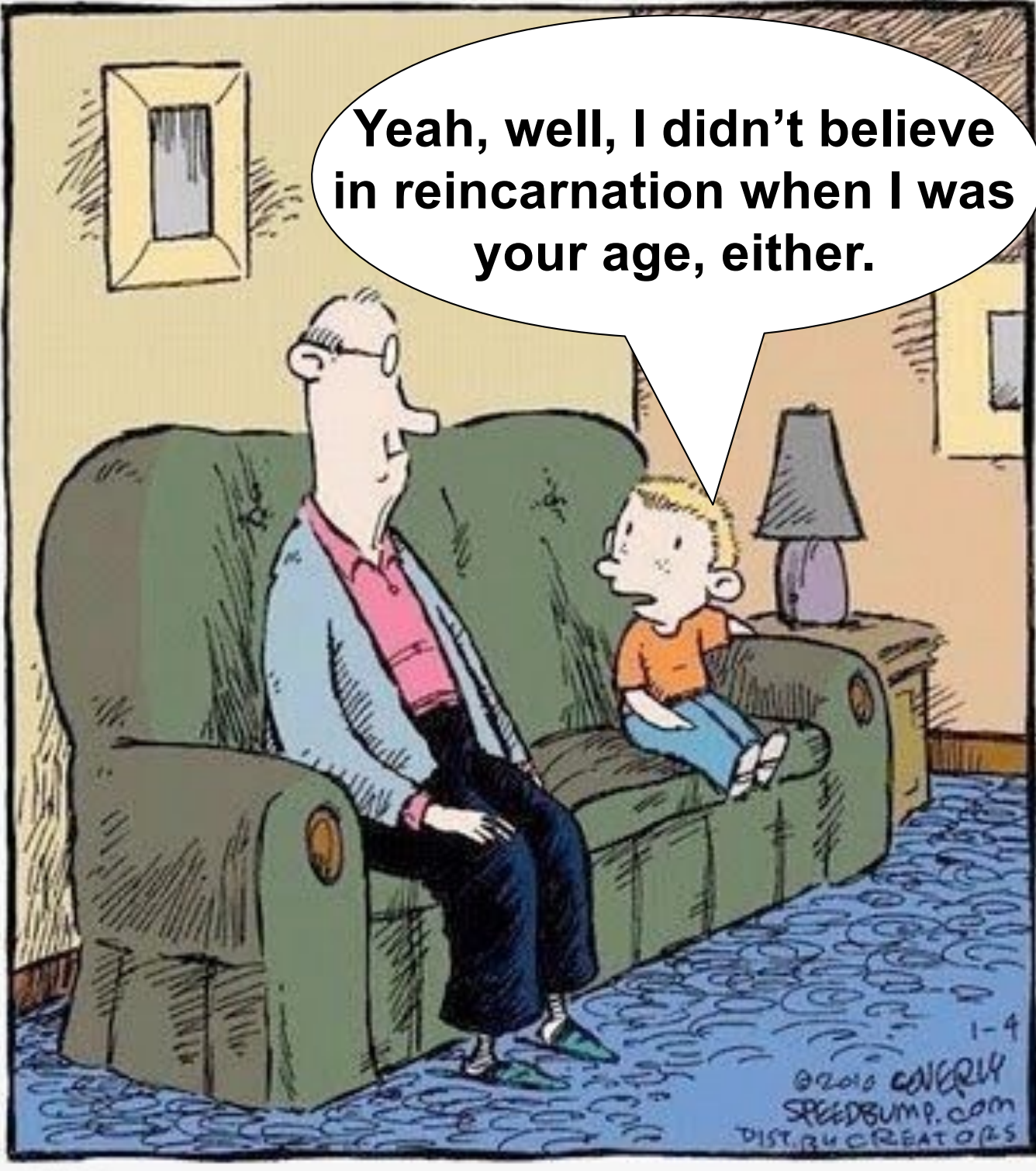


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Birthmarks
supposedly
support
reincarnation
since some are
similar to those on
deceased
individuals



**But are they identical?
Similarity does not prove
reincarnation!**



Yeah, well, I didn't believe
in reincarnation when I was
your age, either.

Other Supposed Evidence

Child
prodigies

Doctor Helen
Wambach's
Demographic
Studies

Other Supposed Evidence

Homosexuality
and
Transgender
Tendencies



**Other
Supposed
Evidence**



**Hobbies,
Interests
and
Obsessions**

HOBBIES

Some people just collect baseball cards.

The Bible and Reincarnation^{17b}



Can we marry the two?

A Biblical Response

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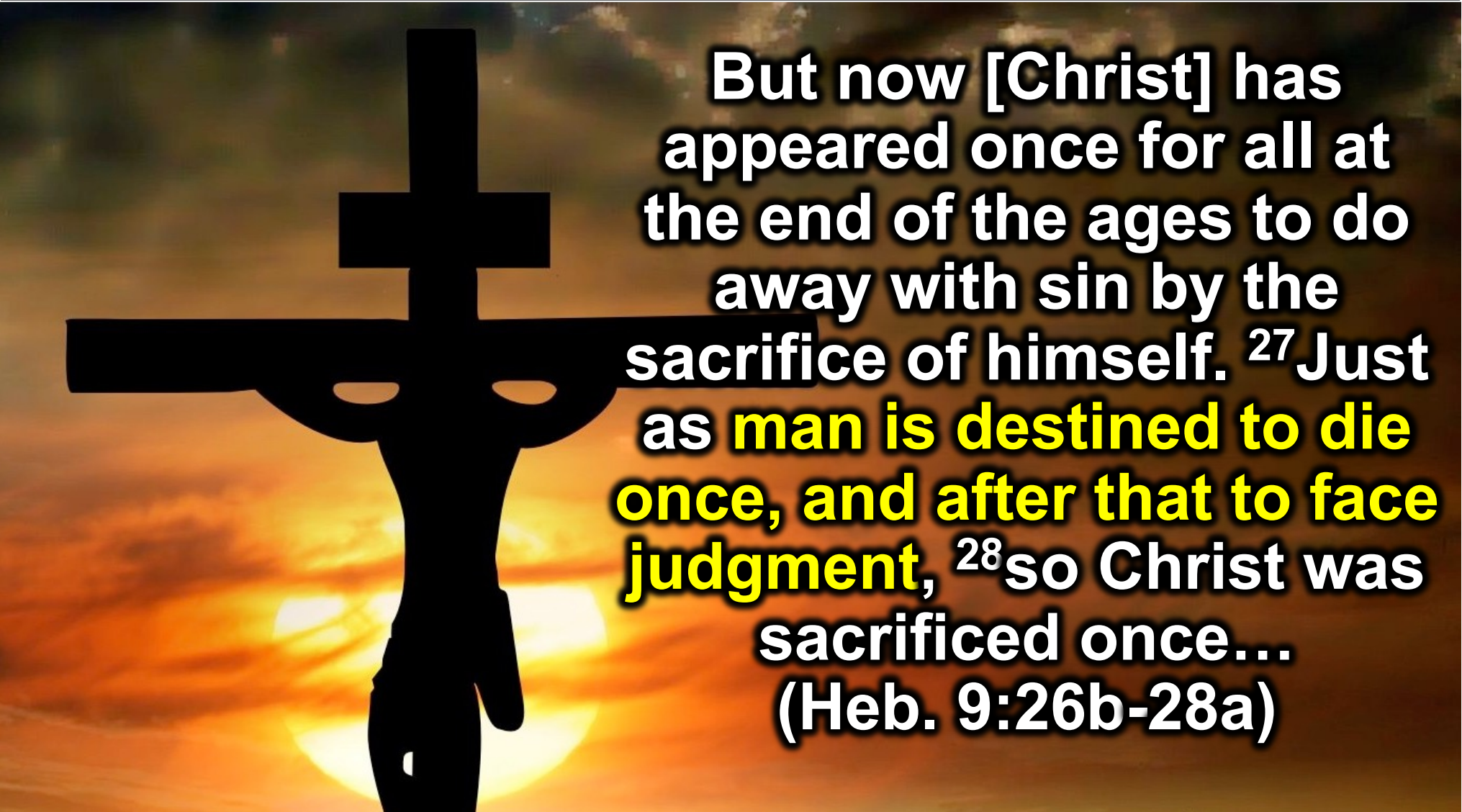
Reincarnation Memories - psychics.co.uk

Demonic Possession

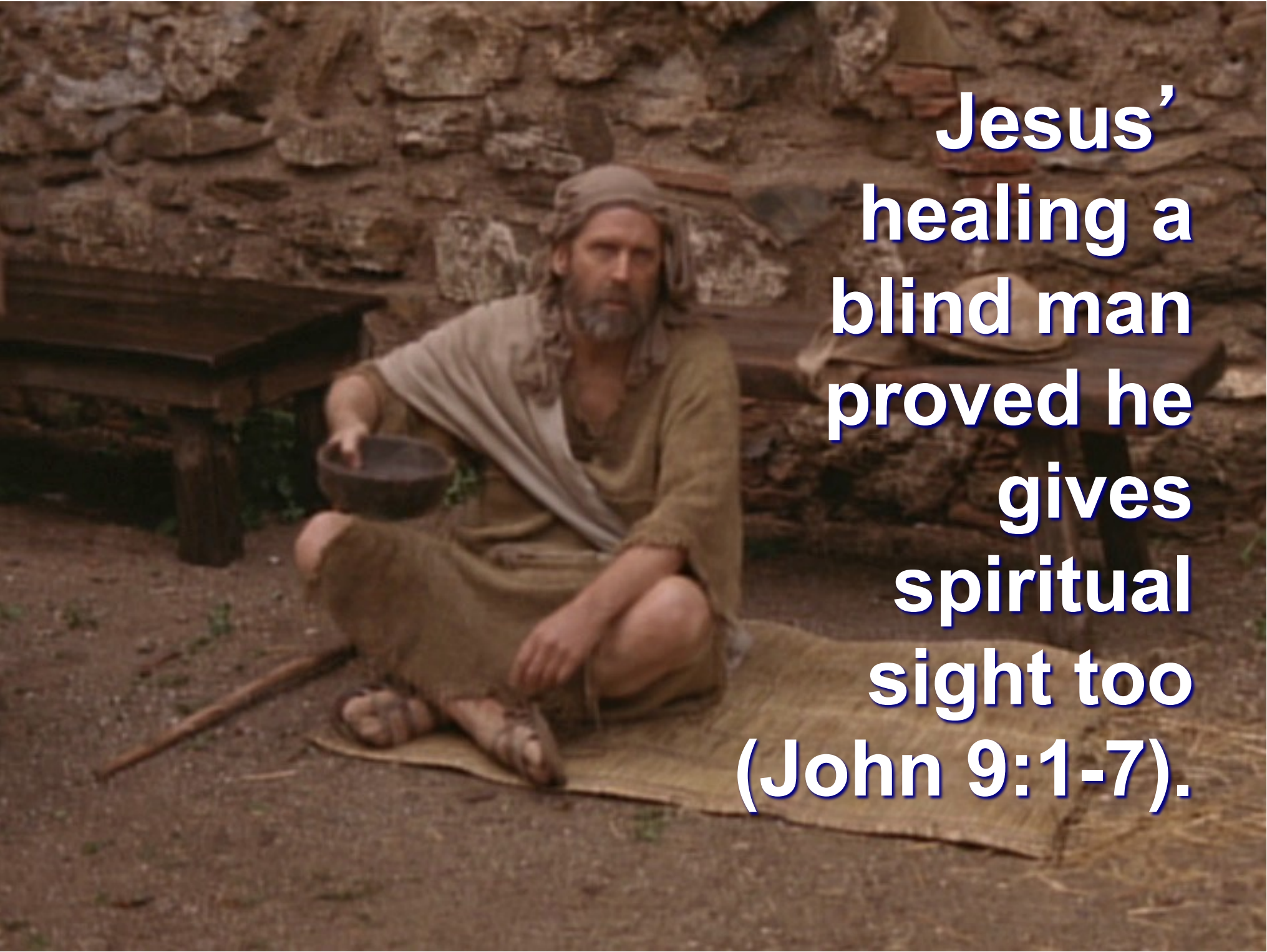
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**We live once, die once, and then
enter our eternal state**



**But now [Christ] has
appeared once for all at
the end of the ages to do
away with sin by the
sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just
as **man is destined to die
once, and after that to face
judgment**, ²⁸so Christ was
sacrificed once...
(Heb. 9:26b-28a)**

A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a brown robe and a head covering, is sitting on a mat on the ground. He is holding a small bowl in his right hand. The background is a rough stone wall. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Jesus'
healing a
blind man
proved he
gives
spiritual
sight too
(John 9:1-7).**

Why this blindness?



Exodus 20:4-5

“You must not make for yourself an idol....⁵ You must not bow down to them or worship them, for ... I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; **the entire family is affected**—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me.’ ”



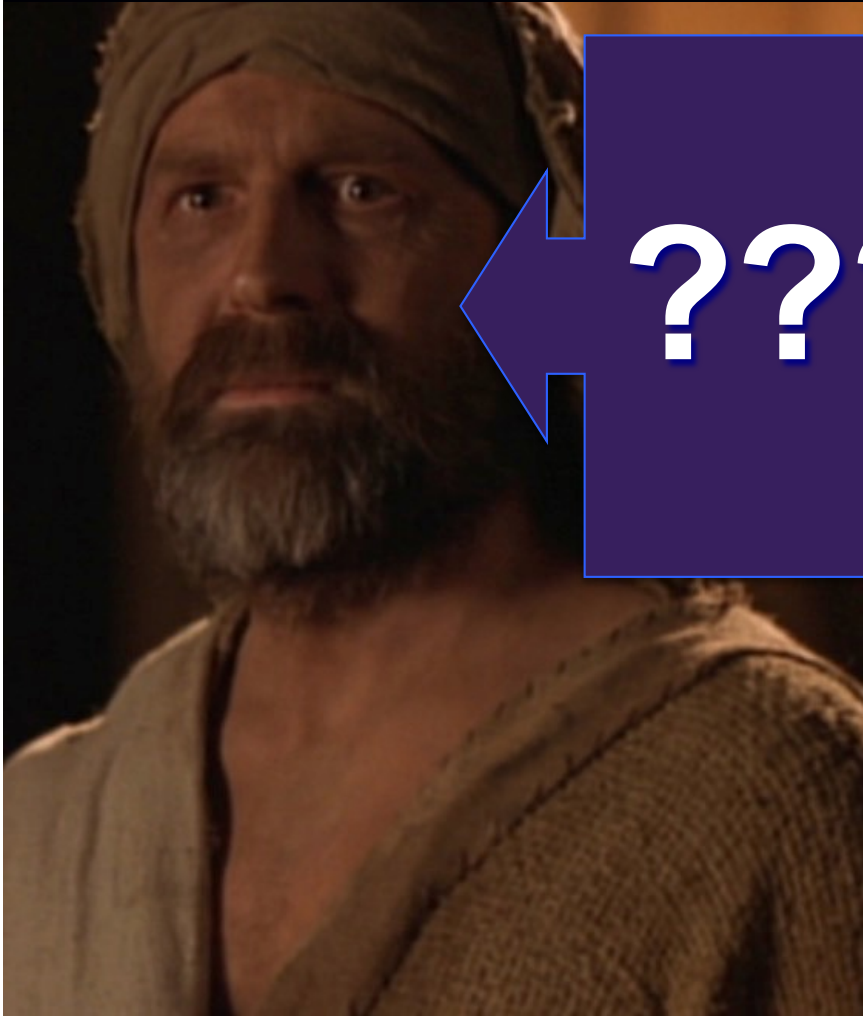
Jesus proved He was the way for eternal life by miraculously healing the man (John 9:6-7).



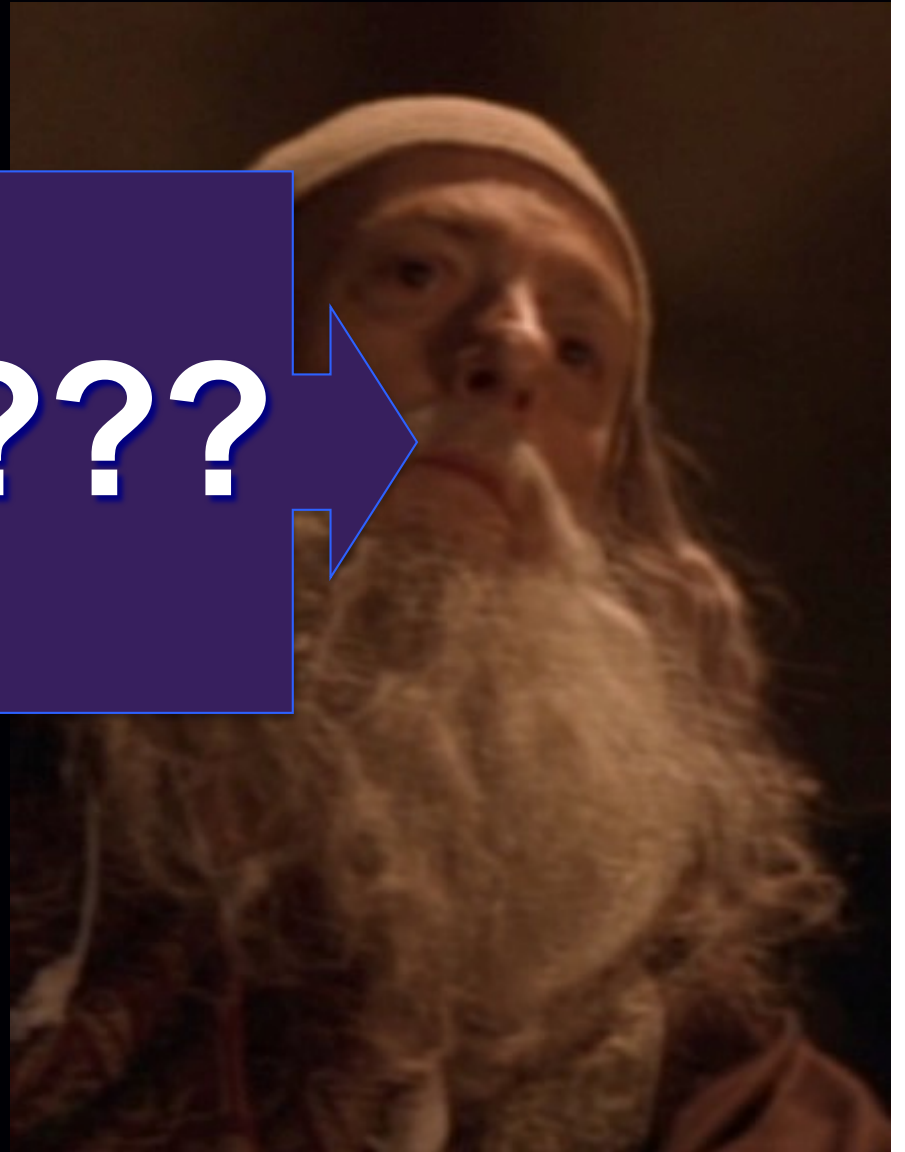
The former blind man confesses Jesus as God (35-38).



**Who's the real
blind man?**

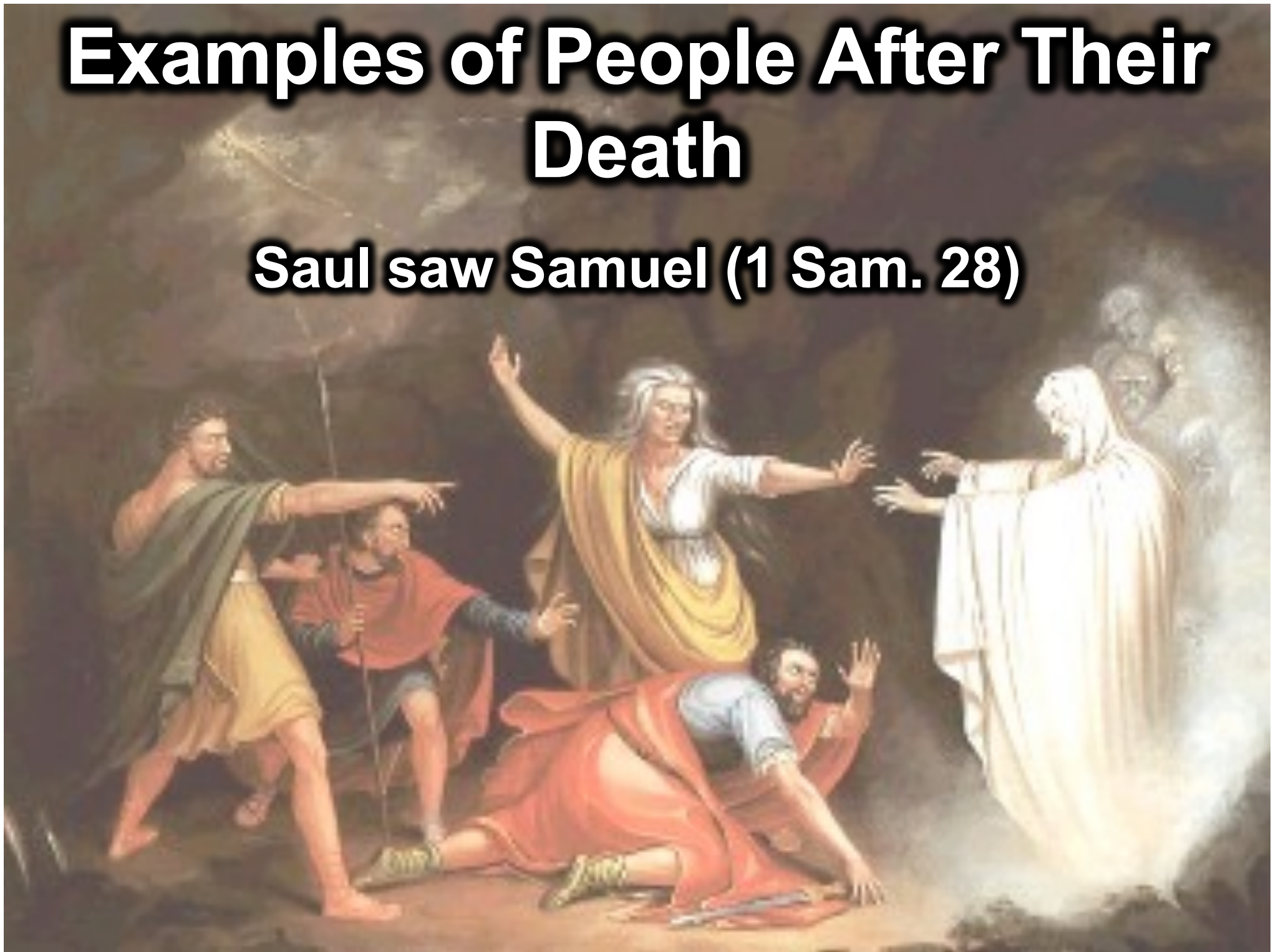


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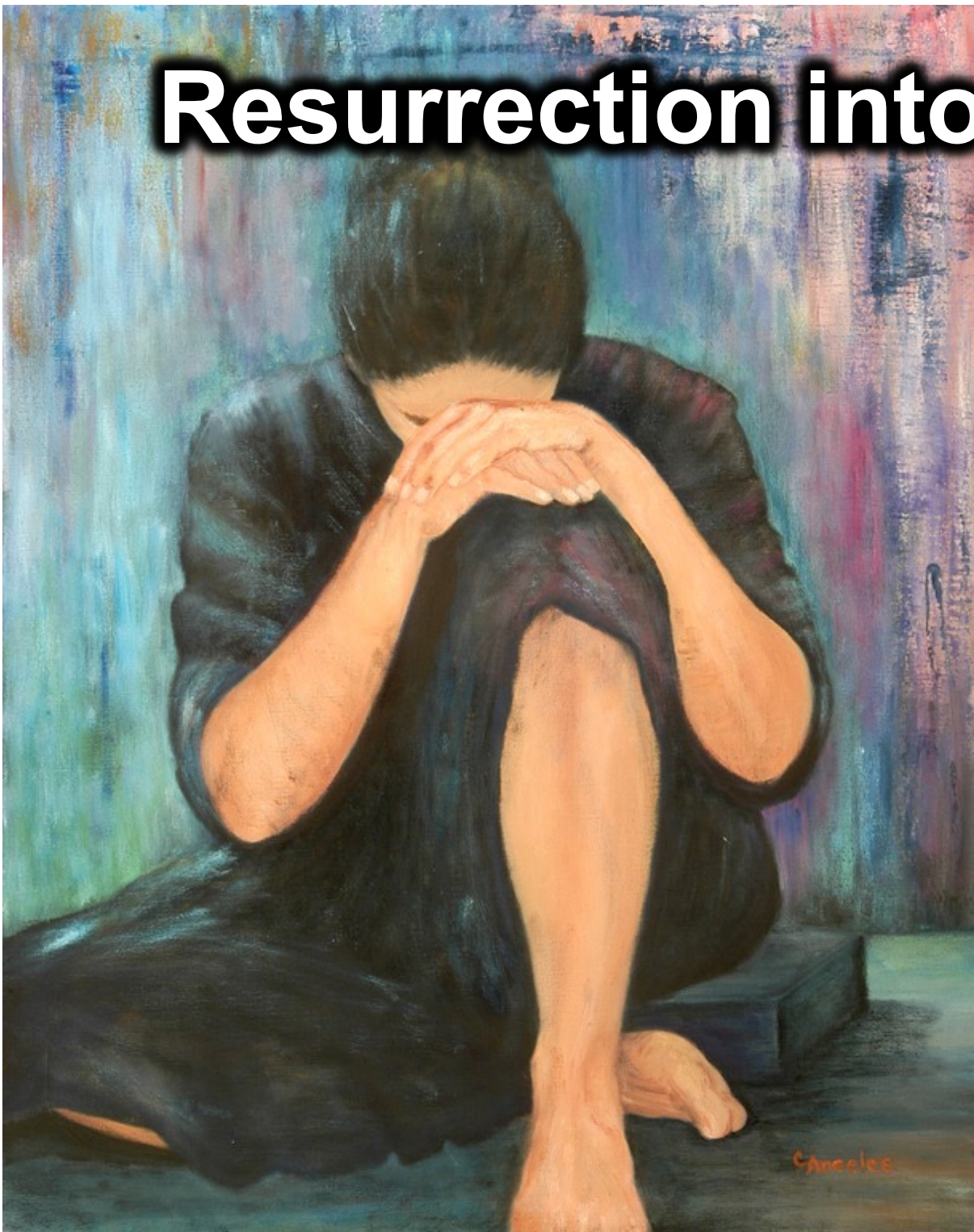


Examples of People After Their Death

Saul saw Samuel (1 Sam. 28)

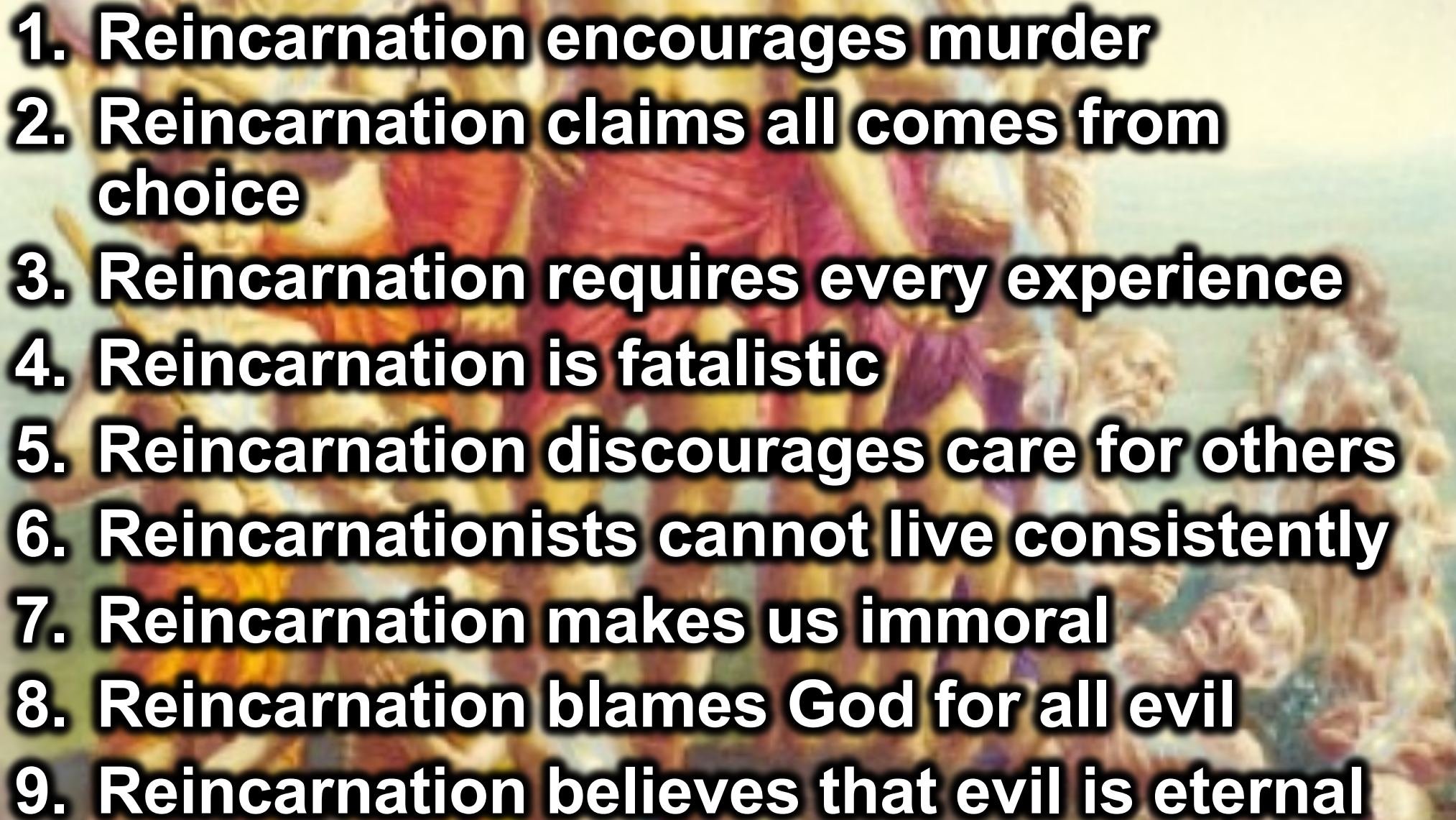


Resurrection into One Body^{17b}



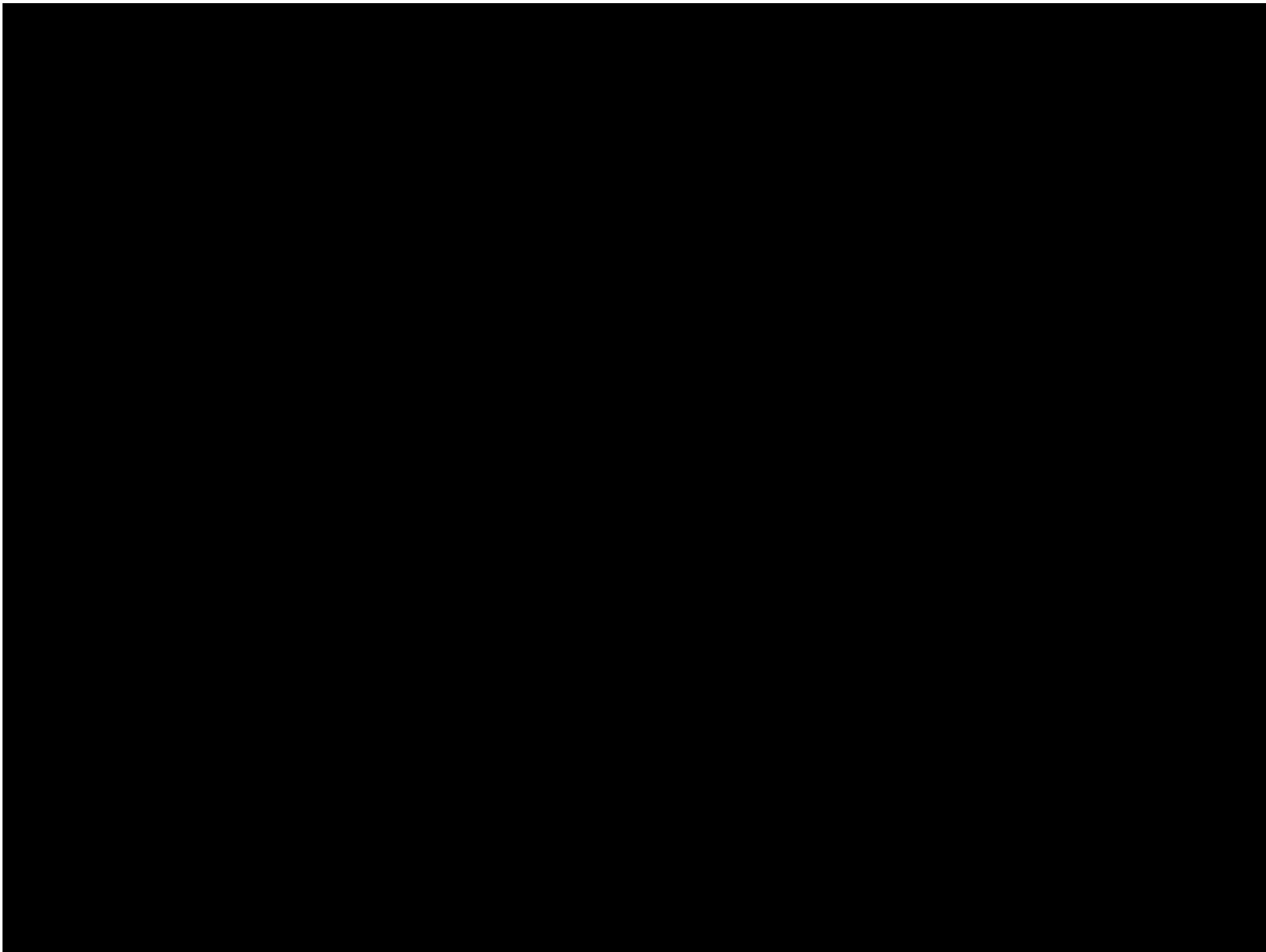
**The Bible never
mentions
reincarnation into
many bodies**

A Philosophical Response

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- 1. Reincarnation encourages murder**
 - 2. Reincarnation claims all comes from choice**
 - 3. Reincarnation requires every experience**
 - 4. Reincarnation is fatalistic**
 - 5. Reincarnation discourages care for others**
 - 6. Reincarnationists cannot live consistently**
 - 7. Reincarnation makes us immoral**
 - 8. Reincarnation blames God for all evil**
 - 9. Reincarnation believes that evil is eternal**

Conclusion

Reincarnation provides no real hope for conquering evil in our world or us. It is a philosophy that even reincarnationists do not believe. They intuitively know that right and wrong exist, so they do not live consistent with the teaching that everything is legitimate. Instead of helping defeat evil in the world, reincarnation provides justification for more of it.



TEACHERS

"NOW, I KNOW THE BIBLE
DOESN'T SAY THIS, BUT MY
PERSONAL OPINION IS...."



The Spirits in Prison (Peter 3:18-20)



1 Peter 3:18-20 (NASB)

¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

¹⁹ in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison,

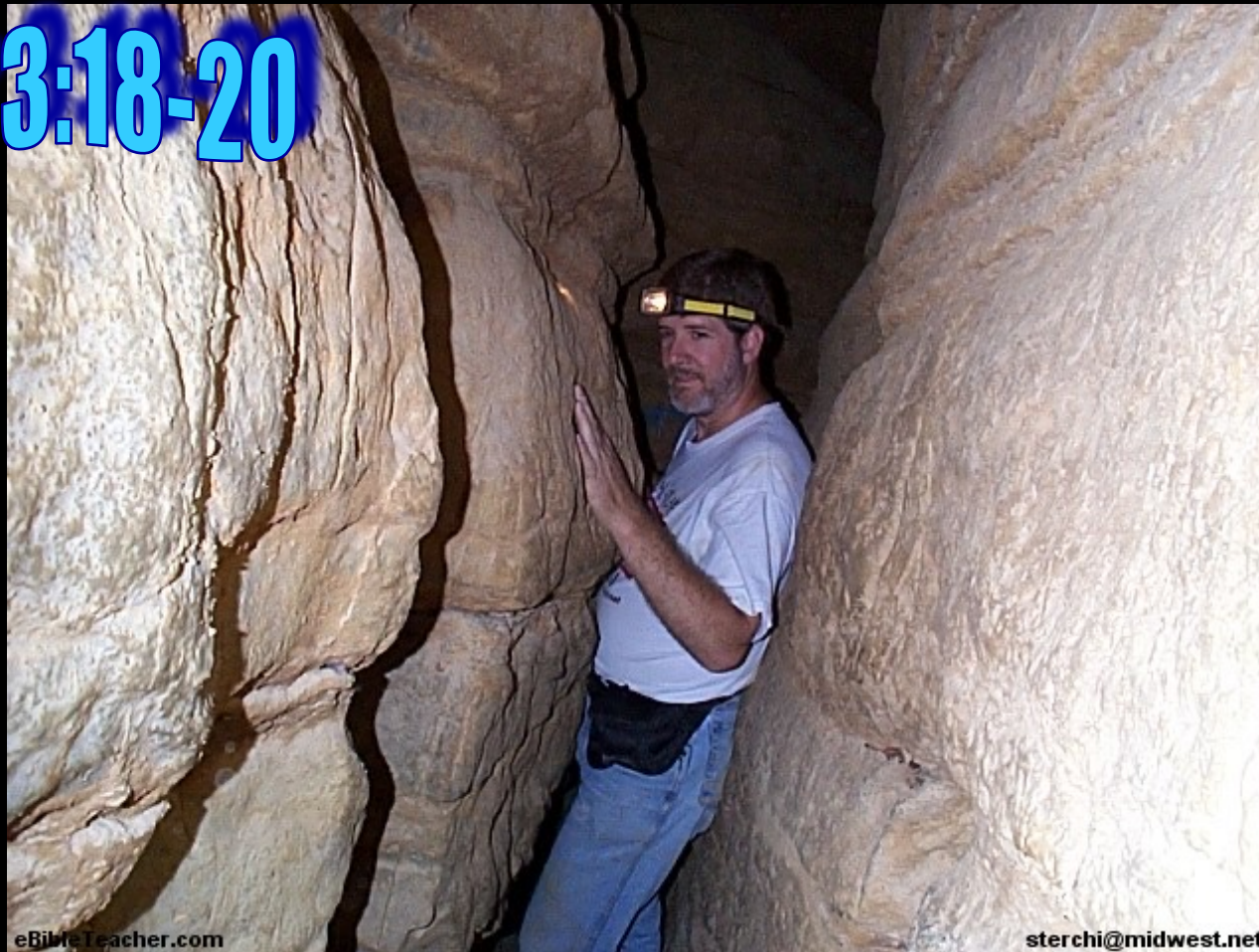
²⁰ who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water.

"A wonderful text is this, and a more obscure passage perhaps than any other in the New Testament, so that I do not know for a certainty just what Peter means."

Martin Luther

Whatever your view...

1 Peter 3:18-20



**... you're between a rock
and a hard place!**

Three Major Interpretations

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Jesus #3

Spirits of those who perished in flood in Noah's time

Between death and resurrection

To proclaim gospel to the dead and offering a second chance to repent.

To proclaim release to righteous dead awaiting his coming.

To announce judgment on wicked dead

Christ in Noah #1

Those who had lived during Noah's time

In Noah's day

To preach repentance to the righteous and to proclaim judgment on the wicked.

Jesus #7

Fallen angels of Genesis 6

After resurrection

To proclaim his victory and their doom

No Second Chance

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1. The text nowhere states that any second chance to believe is provided for the recipients of the message.

2. Hebrews 9:27 notes that judgment (not opportunity to believe) follows the death of each person. It says, "man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment."

1 Peter 3:19-22 (NASB)

¹⁹in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, ²⁰who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark,

²¹Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Peter is describing Christ's triumph over death, His resurrection and ascension.

He writes about Christ preaching to spirits in prison.

The main idea of the text is Christ's suffering resulted in victory over death and salvation for us. Verses 19-20 are central to this whole idea of righteous

Christ's Body v. Spirit

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having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison,

The body died but the spirit continued to live?

The body died and was resurrected?

1 Corinthians 15:44-45 ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Therefore, it is most likely that Christ died, was resurrected and then preached his victory over death to these demons imprisoned since Noah's day.

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Literal interpretation

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2 Peter 2:5

Angels after sinning were cast into pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.

Jude 1:6

Some angels are in eternal bonds in darkness for the judgment of the great day

1 Enoch 21:1-2

This place is the prison of the angels, and they will be imprisoned here forever.

Jesus, after resurrection, went to proclaim judgment on the angelic spirits held in prison.

Spiritualizing

In Noah's days, only humans could escape judgment, not fallen angels. There is no reason for God to wait patiently for angels.

In 1 Enoch the disobedient angels sinned not in Noah's day but in the days of Jared.

1 Peter 1:10-11

Prophets discern with the Spirit of Christ within them.

2 Peter 2:5 shows Noah is a preacher of righteousness

Peter uses the ark to mean certain death for those who did not believe. Noah as a type shows the salvation that is now in Christ.

The Transfer of Paradise

Eph. 4:8-10

"...today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:43

2 Cor. 12:2-4

"That is why the Scriptures say, 'When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people.'
⁹Notice that it says 'he ascended.' This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. ¹⁰And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself."

"I was caught up to the third heaven...I was caught up to paradise"

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Paradise

HADES



1 Pet.
3:18-20

Luke 16:26

"Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit."

¹⁹So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— ²⁰those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood."

"...there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there."

"Then death and [Hades] were thrown into the lake of fire... ¹⁵And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire."

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