

Destiny: Where am I Going?

Hebrews 13:14-16

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SIGNIFICANCE

Who are you following?

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For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Common views on what happens after death

- 1) Don't know, don't care: Whatever...until something happens.
- 2) Nothing: Life is a cosmic accident, and there is no life beyond physical death.
- 3) Rebirth: We are reborn in a new body or life form based on our *karma* from previous lives.
- 4) Islamic Paradise: Depends on whether the scales are heavier in good deeds than bad.
- 5) Purgatory: Need to suffer out the imperfections to be ready for Heaven.
- 6) All dogs go to heaven: Universalism + Annihilationism: Everyone will eventually get to heaven, or those who don't will cease to exist.
- 7) Christianity: Grace and mercy available through justice fulfilled.

Q: How does your worldview answer the question of justice?

A: Atheism: ...

A: Islam: Scales

A: Vedic religions: *Karma*

A: Christianity: Jesus Christ

How to live out your destiny

- Seek the good of the city you're in but remember your home address – Hebrews 13:14 *For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.*
 - Jeremiah 29:5-7 *Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

- Practice praise – Hebrews 13:15 *Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.*
 - Who has impacted your faith journey? Thank them.
 - Set a reminder/timer.

- Practice sharing – Hebrews 13:16 *Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*
 - What do I tend to neglect?
 - What percentage of my time do I share with other followers of Christ?
 - What percentage of my resources do I share?