

Pearl #118 - Heaven Plus 70 Virgins Guaranteed

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In today's news we hear about 70 virgins for those who sacrifice themselves in acts of terror for Allah. We in the West cannot understand how someone would do this. Why do so many young Muslims say goodbye to family and friends and leave this world with so much potential to give in a lifetime?

Is it worth it to sacrifice one's life for such promises as 70 virgins in an afterlife paradise? Is heaven only available to those paying the ultimate price? I have not read the Koran, but friends tell me that millions of Muslims believe that 70 virgins will be waiting for those who die as martyrs for Allah. It seems to be a price worth paying if you consider the headlines. Being rewarded by God is not a new idea. Once, God even asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son of promise in order to test him.

However, God provided a substitute at the last minute to save that son. If Abraham had killed his son, no progeny would be here today; therefore, God's provision must have been very important. That question should be asked today.

If I cut off my life now, then I have cut off the promises of a future and even God could not do anything great in me in the future because I terminate my life for Allah's sake. The potential to do some more good would no longer exist. It is like an empty bank account that needs a little time to store up some savings. The hope of 70 virgins could come a little later.

Even though these virgins somehow remain virgins, such pleasures are not always fun once the initial excitement is over. For one, I rather think it is a burden to keep them all happy all of the time. Often numbers of women in one place seem to bicker among themselves and that can spoil any party. Then again, the other side is heaven, it would seem a better priority to find out how to get there – now or a little later.

Heaven is a place people have different opinions about, but all know that it involves an eternity we cannot come back from. It is like a tunnel that we must pass with no return. Many cultures have ideas about what lies on the other side of the tunnel. Can we know for sure? We must look around for some witnesses testifying from the other side.

Examining all the religions in the world, only one person claims to have come from the other side. Not being from that religion, I was nevertheless interested as a scientist to investigate the other side and made some interesting discoveries. The Bible is much older than the Koran, and it records human history from Adam and Eve, Noah's boat story, Abraham and his family as well as other prophets such as the one who said he came from the other side, Jesus Christ.

That got my attention, being a Gentile. I was searching for information about heaven before I died. Jesus said a lot, helping to make the Bible a fat book like the Koran. Then I discovered a secret mystery in the very first three words in the Bible in Genesis and the last two words of Revelation at the end of the Bible. Together they reveal what the entire Bible is all about:

In the beginning, God created the Saints.

When God decided to create mankind, some would come first, and then there would be others. As a matter of fact, the Saints will become royalty and called his children, a favored people. So when God set out and created the earth, he planned it for a special purpose.

As a scientist, I discovered that the plan for mankind is like a butterfly. In the caterpillar stage very limited gets exposed to a lot of trouble crawls around and must watch out not being killed by an enemy. Then as time comes around he must go in the cocoon and die, to be resurrected as beautiful butterfly with wings. He can now fly thousands of miles in a totally new world we call heaven, which will be very different from anything we know today.

In the Gospels Jesus said a lot of things since he is the only one with hundreds of witnesses that he came back from dead to prove that he originally came from the other side. Investigating what he said is important as no one else has come back from the dead to tell us about the other side.

For example, he said; "I am the only door to heaven." This means that he knows how to get there, which is worth finding out. I cannot tell all what is written in the Bible you can read on the Internet my mini Bible exposition¹ easy to understand even in Arabic translated to become educated. The Saints have all their sins forgiven as they are pardoned by God and Jesus and said will inherit the heaven.

¹ **Apocalypse Prophesied**, From Eden to New Jerusalem: God's Plan for Humanity

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Why is it so impossible for us to understand that the Eternal God became human, like the caterpillar stage, to live among us?

Only God could do that as he is almighty. If he had come as an animal, we would have felt superior and not very respectful. If he would have come as an angel, we would have been too scared, so he decided it is only fair to be like mortal people and experience the same pain and suffering being poor.

It was a difficult job to convince the people that he came from the other side shrouded, and still God wearing a garment of flesh. He tried to convince people with many miracles and much teaching, but the religious establishment did not believe him. They were very jealous and hated him without reason, eventually succeeding to crucify him.

But God knew exactly what was coming as he wanted to give all mankind an opportunity to have their sins forgiven and become Saints. To show that he loved the Saints, he died for them, providing his own sacrifice. There is no worthy sacrifice any human can offer to compete with God's sacrifice.

All what happened you can read in my books. But what is more important is to find out what the Saints will do in heaven. On the last page of the Bible, Jesus says:

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

"See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the

descendant of David, the bright morning star."
(Revelation 22:6-7, RSV²)

Then, I discovered the good news for the Saints who will go beyond. That takes a little more digging in the Bible I want to tell about. Even Christians may not know it.

Then I saw a great white throne and the one who sat on it; the earth and the heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books. And the sea gave up the dead that were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and all were judged according to what they had done.

Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire; and anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me,

"It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

But as for the cowardly, the faithless the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."
(Revelation 20:4-21:8)

Above we read very clearly that murderers will not be in paradise, and there was no mention of 70 virgins either but something far better.

²Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version. 1996, c1989 Thomas Nelson: Nashville

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God said I will make new heavens with new galaxies too numerous to count. Just think. It is not impossible for God to reward you and give you the desire of your heart beyond 70 virgins. It will be your own place on a new earth, only bigger. You will have a good life as Satan is executed for his crimes, causing trouble no more.

God could be saying, "My intended Saint, whom I love so much, I want you to be happy to start out Eternal Life like I lived before what is even recorded in the Koran and the Bible.

Like Adam and Eve, it is quite possible that God plans to repeat his creation cycle once more with an Adam-Eve story for the new earth as he loved the Saints. Read Revelation 20:11 and Revelation 21:1. The old earth is gone, and a new one is created, why?

God prepared a beautiful place for the Saints - better than this present, worn out earth. It is not beyond his ability to give you Eve plus 70 virgins to have lots of children to populate the new earth, but I would rely on his wisdom over some stories that seem potentially unhappy.

The Saints will be kings for a long, long time and rule wisely. But the requirement for that future life is to become acquainted with what God really wants from you. He must first resurrect the Saints with a new body, as the old one is subject to pain, corruption and death, which will no longer be suitable for the newly created world.

If we are not forgiven, what we have done is recorded in books that are opened and checked out at the final judgment. You should ask yourself if you would really qualify as a Saint. Check out my Bible verses in the books on the Internet before you do something terrible. It is in Arabic, too.

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