

## Heaven - what a terrible place it will be



Nowhere are more lies told than at a person's funeral.

A person may have been the biggest crook, the greatest liar, a thief, an adulterer and someone who had mocked God throughout his life on so many occasions but at his or at her funeral this person will always be made out to have been such a 'good' person who has gone straight up to heaven to be with the Lord.

It could not be any other way since God loves everybody ( or at least so we are told) and of course this loving God would never allow anyone to go to hell ( if this place even exists).

If everyone goes to heaven than we can also be certain that heaven will not be heaven after all. It may have been heaven originally but it won't remain heaven for a very long time. Sooner or later it will turn into a very undesirable place.

All of man's selfish ambitions, all of man's selfish desires and all of his ruthless behavior will continue to live and grow there forever in a new and different sphere of reality. And there they will reap havoc all over again.

Our image of heaven depends entirely on what our image of God himself is.

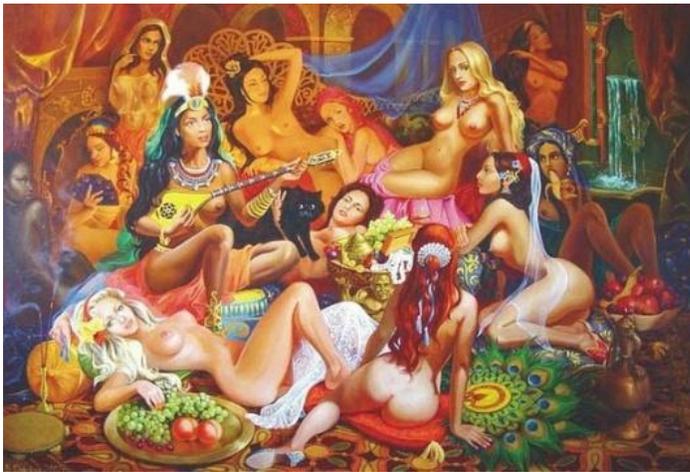
Men's image of heaven varies as much as his religions vary here on earth and as much as his understanding of God varies.

The image of heaven that a Muslim contains in his mind bears absolutely no resemblance to the image of heaven that a Christian believes in.

To a Muslim heaven is one great sexual orgy! Heaven is the place of unlimited sex, of unlimited supply of alcohol; it is the place that provides the ultimate fulfillment of every desire of the flesh. God has no presence in the Islamic image of heaven since the 5 daily prayers will have ceased to exist. There will be no longer any religious duties or rituals for men and the faithful Muslim will have been set free from the heavy daily burdens of his present religious life. There will be no more praying, no more fasting, no more pilgrimages, simply no more religious duties at all.

Heaven according to Islam is the ultimate celebration of mankind's deepest sensual urges and lusts. It will be all about his wildest egoistical wishes and desires.

The image of heaven according to Islam resembles more an image of hell than a true image of anything 'heavenly'.



The image of heaven according to religious people who believe that God will allow anyone and everyone entry into this place is the result of their totally false and misguided understanding of who God really is.

The 'God of love' that the world has created and believes in is a

God who automatically pardons everyone's sins.

As a result of this false idea, of this very misguided understanding all unrepentant and hard core sinners will all find themselves in heaven one day and it will not take long before they will start to turn heaven into hell!

A God of love that forgives sins without true repentance is not a God of love. He is actually a God of anarchy who will lead man into eternal chaos!

And a God who creates chaos is never a God who is love! This is exactly what Satan has always tried to achieve on this earth. It is Satan himself who is the father of chaos!

Jesus teaching about heaven was so completely and so totally different and his words would be very unwelcome at most funeral ceremonies today.

He would have never spoken of unrepentant sinners as 'good' people and make them out to be saints! He would have never given the audience any false assurance that their loved ones are now in heaven when in reality they will be burning in hell.

Jesus said that the road that leads to heaven is very small and very narrow. It is so narrow that only few will actually find it and that only few will want to walk on this road.

He made it very clear that the road which leads to eternal destruction is very wide and that the majority of mankind is walking on this road, on the road that leads to eternal destruction.

The image of heaven which was revealed by Jesus and which we find revealed in God's word the Bible would in fact be very unattractive to most people on earth.

Unlike the heaven of Islam which is dedicated to the lustful pleasures of men, heaven according to the Bible is all about God and not about us.

It is God who is the central person in the next life to come and eternity is all about Him.

Everything in eternity is centered and focused around Him and is dedicated to bringing Him pleasure and glory.

The heaven of Islam is all about men. It is all about men's worldly pleasures and those pleasures are entirely centered on the sinful and lustful desires of mankind.

Heaven according to the revelation of the Bible is all about bringing pleasure to God.

Heaven will be a place of continuous worship. It will be the continuous and ongoing worship of redeemed hearts who know why they are there, who know who has redeemed them of their sins here on earth.

But this worship will not be a duty or a 'religious ritual'; it will be like a spontaneous outburst of genuine joy, it will be a shout of true gratefulness and a sound of deep appreciation. Real worship always comes from the depth of our heart!

Worldly desires will have no place in that heaven. They will be banned in the presence of God.

There will be no place left for egotistical human ambitions, for selfish desires and for self –focused actions! There will be no place for Narcissists in heaven. Such men are a dying breed who will not find an eternal home in the presence of God.

Heaven is all about 1 central person and this person is God himself who will make His home among his people forever!

It is God's presence that will turn heaven into heaven, into the most beautiful and the most wonderful place that we can't even imagine because nothing that exists here in this life could ever be compared to the glory to come.

But at the same time this place would be the most undesirable, the most unpleasant and the most uncomfortable place for anyone who has never had a personal encounter with God in this life.

Anyone who will stand in God's presence covered in the garments of his or her sins would do everything possible to hide from His glory.

They would hide from His light and try to get away from Him as fast and as far as they could.

One day get they will get their wish and their longing fulfilled.

They will not have to worry that they would have to spend eternity in the presence of God.

They will be cut off from His presence for good.

Someone who had no desire to seek after God in this life, who had no wish to make God the absolute ruler of his or her life would feel completely out of place in heaven. He or she would feel like a total stranger in that place. They would never feel that they belong in this place.

Heaven is the place which is entirely reserved for those who had made God Lord and ruler over their life's here on earth.

In heaven their greatest wish and their greatest desire will finally be fulfilled. They will have finally arrived in the presence of Him whom they had longed for so deeply in this life.

The ultimate destiny of heaven is much more than a place, it is a person, it is God himself!

In the literal and real presence of God everything will unfold and take on a new meaning. Whatever heaven may be or look like (as far as the physical manifestation goes) we do not know ( although we have some very definite hints) but we do know what will make heaven, heaven, what will make it the most wonderful place. It will be the presence of God in the midst of His people.

Someone who has never bothered to seek after God in this life would never feel at ease in His wonderful presence. He would be plagued by an eternal desire to get away from His glorious presence!

**Matthew 7:13-14:** Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

**Luke 13:23-25:** And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?" And He said to them, 24"Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25"Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I

do not know where you are from.’ 26“Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets’; 27and He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.’ 28“In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. 29“And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. 30“And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.”

