

Violates The Free Will/Choice Of Man.

2 Jehovah God's word teaches that man can choose his quality of life on earth and his destiny for eternity (Joshua 24:15; Matthew 11:28; Revelation 3:20-22). If, however, man is governed by events of his "past life" it would hinder his freedom of choice in his "present life."

Presents A False Hope For Many Chances.

3 God's word teaches, "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Man has one life-time to prepare for his future life and will be judged by the life lived in the flesh (II Corinthians 5:10).

4 **Creates A Moral Dilemma.** Reincarnation teaches that at death every living creature is born again in a different form, higher or lower, as a human being, an animal or heavenly being.

This creates a moral dilemma which must be dealt with. Moses records for us in Genesis 9:3 the fact that animals were given to man for food, "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat (food) for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." During the history of the Jewish people the true God, Jehovah of the Bible, was worshipped with animal sacrifices. These acts would have been impossible if reincarnation is true.

Opposes The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ.

5 Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of Jehovah God, was crucified on a Roman cross for the sins of the world (John 1:29; II Corinthians 5:14-15; Luke 23:33-39; John 12:32), and buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea (Luke 23:50-56). Three days later He was resurrected from the dead (John 2:18-22; Matthew 12:40; 27:63; 28:1-10). After His resurrection from the dead He walked with his apostles, "by the space of forty days" (Acts 1:3). Jesus of Nazareth did not leave one body and "migrate" to another as the doctrine of reincarnation supposes. He was resurrected bodily and this is a central truth of Christianity (I Corinthians 15).

The Eternal Hope Of Christianity. Man was

6 created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Since God is a spirit being (John 4:24) man possesses a spirit or soul. Born into the world guiltless of sin (Ezekiel 18:19-24), he begins a life which will eventually bring him to maturity. After attaining the knowledge of right and wrong, sin results when he disobeys God (I John 3:4). His sin separates him from Jehovah (Isaiah 59:1-2); and will result in eternal condemnation in Hell if it is not removed (II Thessalonians 1:7-9). The only way man can remove sin from his life is by the blood of the perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ (Romans 3:21-26; Revelation 1:5). The blood of Jesus Christ removes man's sins when he:

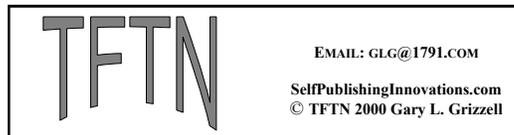
-  **Believes in Jehovah God** (Hebrews 11:6).
-  **Believes in Jesus Christ as Jehovah's Son** (John 8:24).
-  **Repents** (conforms his life to God's moral standard) (Luke 13:3).
-  **Confesses Jesus Christ as God's Son** (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10).
-  **Is baptized** (Mark 16:16) (Into Christ, Galatians 3:27; Into Christ's death, Romans 6:3-4; For the remission of sins, Acts 2:38).

When man's sins are forgiven he, as a Christian, is added to the family of God, the church (Acts 2:47). In the family of God the Christian enjoys: abundant life (John 10:10), spiritual blessings in his earthly life (Ephesians 1:3), and the promise of eternal life in Heaven with Jehovah God (Matthew 25:46).

Following his life as a faithful Christian (Rev. 2:10), death comes to all (Hebrews 9:27). The body returns to the earth and the spirit unto God who gave it (Eccl. 12:7). There will be a resurrection of the dead (I Cor. 15:35-38), and each soul will be rewarded according to the life lived in the flesh.

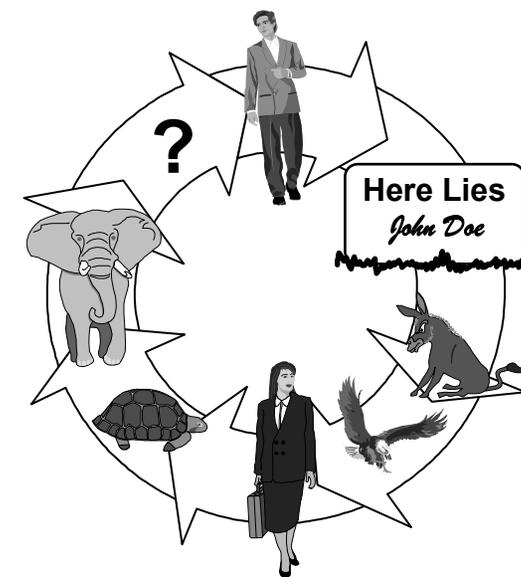
In Christianity, future life is a higher dimension of being, not a continuation of an earthly existence in another body.

Salvation from sin and eternal life is offered to ALL MANKIND! ■



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