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ADMINISTRATION

“A Theological Question About the Resurrection”

MATTHEW 22:23-33



- Died in 2566 B.C.
- In the tomb was found a boat intended for him to use to sail to the heavens after he died.



The Tomb of Pharaoh Khufu



Ancient Greek Empire



- The Ancient Greeks would often place a coin in the mouth of the dead.
- So they had money to cross the river of death into a land of immortality.

Native American Tradition

- Some Native American tribes buried their dead alongside of a horse and bow and arrows so they could spend eternity hunting.



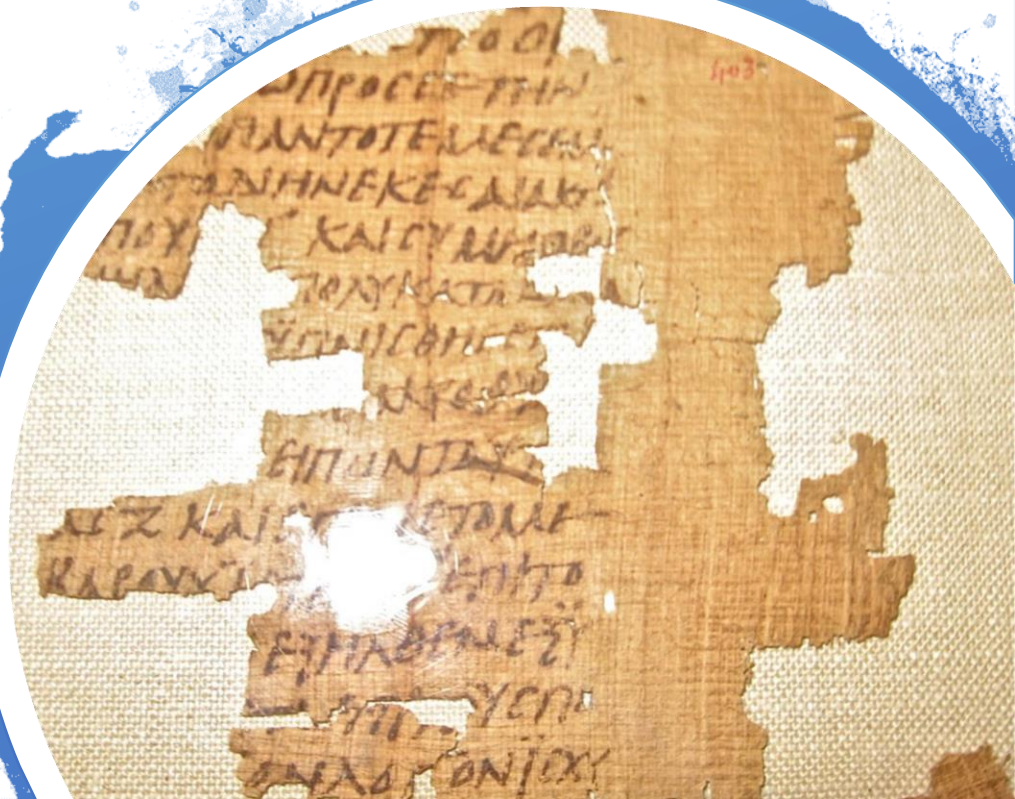


Greenland Eskimos

- They had a tradition of burying their dead with a dog so they could have a friend to accompany them in the doomy and gloomy afterlife.

Apocalypse of Baruch

- Written by a Jewish man around A.D. 100.
- They taught when a person died, he/she would be reincarnated as...himself.





Jainism



- Someone who died is reincarnated over and over again, and each time their soul is taken through eight hells of suffering before they are reincarnated.
- Eventually, those who suffer well become gods.

- When you die, you cross a bridge called the Chinvat Bridge, and those living a good life have no problem crossing the bridge. But the bad see the bridge turn to its side, **because very narrow** and then are tortured by an evil woman.



Juche



- Worship a series of North Korean presidents beginning with Kim Il-Sung in the 50s through the current President of North Korea.
- When you die, you get to be in the presence of these North Korean presidents...forever!

Jesus' Final Week (Passion Week)

SUNDAY	Triumphal Entry
MONDAY	Request from Greeks to see Jesus, cleansing the Temple
Tuesday	Cursing of the fig tree, challenge to Christ's authority , Olivet Discourse
WEDNESDAY	Arrangements for betrayal
THURSDAY	Last Supper, Upper Room Discourse
FRIDAY	Betrayal, arrest, trials, crucifixion, burial
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	Post-resurrection appearances

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- Began in the days of Solomon with priests referred to as the Zadokites
- Not a religious group, but a political group
- Usually wealthy aristocrats
- Didn't care about doctrine; Denied the resurrection, the supernatural, and angels



Sadducees

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Job 19:25-27



*But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me.*

Psalm 49:15



*For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.*

Psalm 16:10



Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.

You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

*For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth
to the dead.*

Isaiah 26:19



And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:2



I shall ransom them from the power of Sheol; I shall redeem them from Death. O Death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your sting? Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

Hosea 13:14



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⁵ If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the wife of the dead man shall not be married outside the family to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in to her and take her as his wife and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. ⁶ And the first son whom she bears shall succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be...

Deuteronomy 25:5-10



... blotted out of Israel. ⁷ And if the man does not wish to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to perpetuate his brother's name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband's brother to me.' ⁸ Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him, and if he persists,...

Deuteronomy 25:5-10



... saying, 'I do not wish to take her,'⁹ then his brother's wife shall go up to him in the presence of the elders and pull his sandal off his foot and spit in his face. And she shall answer and say, 'So shall it be done to the man who does not build up his brother's house.'¹⁰ And the name of his house shall be called in Israel, 'The house of him who had his sandal pulled off.'

Deuteronomy 25:5-10



If your brother becomes poor and sells part of his property, then his nearest redeemer shall come and redeem what his brother has sold.

Leviticus 25:25



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1. He could have denied the resurrection.
2. He could have accepted polygamy and adultery by affirming marriage to all seven husbands in heaven.

Two Possible Answers Jesus
Could Have Given



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CORRECTION #1 – They didn't understand one of God's purposes for marriage.

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“Earthly marriage is a shadow, a copy, an echo of the true and ultimate marriage. Once that ultimate marriage begins, at the Lamb’s wedding feast, all the human marriages that pointed to it will have served their noble purpose and will be assimilated into the one great marriage they foreshadowed. The purpose of marriage is not to replace Heaven, but to prepare us for it.”

Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*



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CORRECTION #2 – They didn't understand the nature of angels.

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*CORRECTION #3 – They didn't understand the truth of the **resurrection**.*

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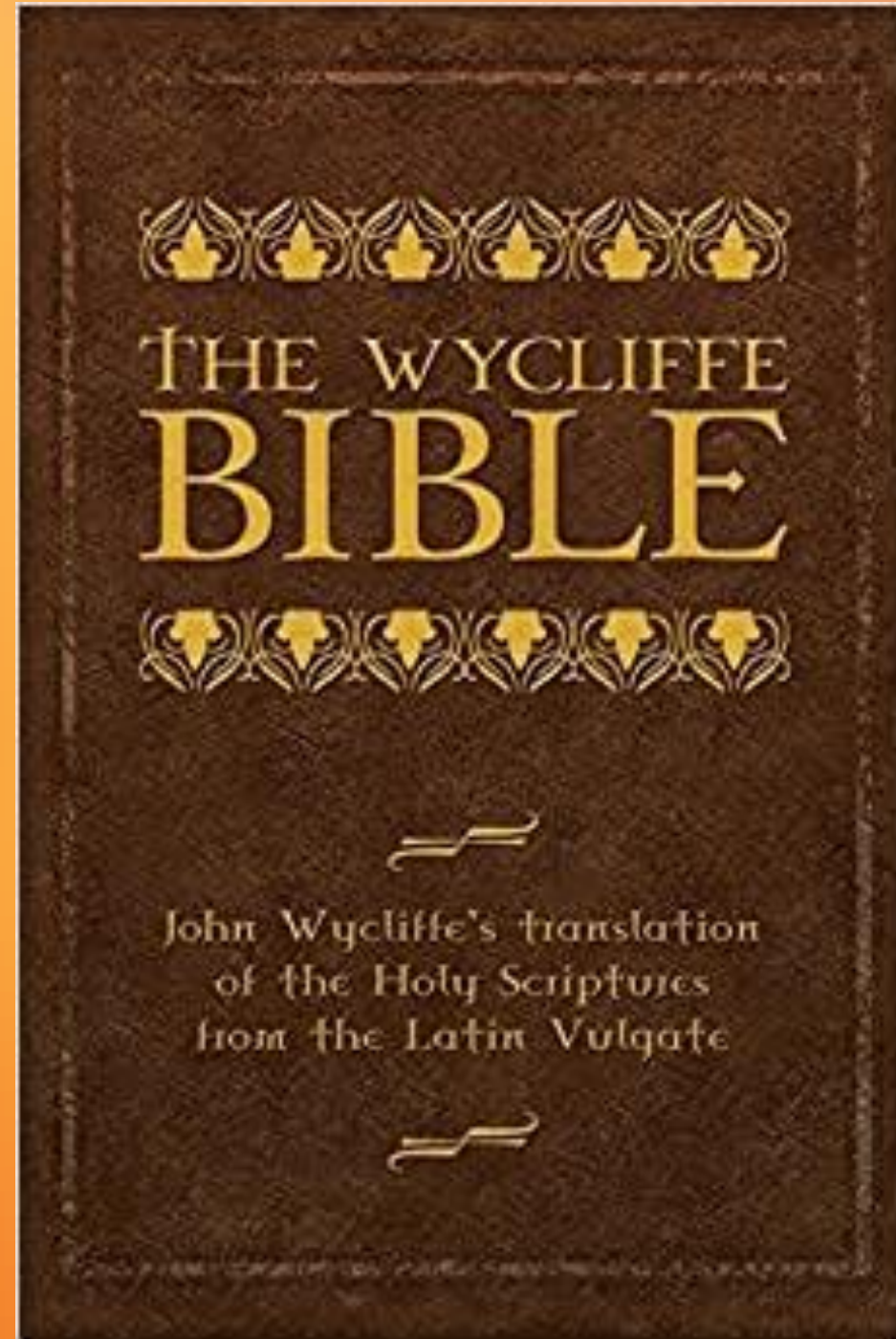
... 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:6



“I am not God of dead men, but
of living men.”

**Wycliffe Bible translation
of Vs. 32**



¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out,...

Hebrews 11:13-16



... they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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- IV. The crowds were ASTONISHED by Jesus' answer (vs. 33).

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“Holiness does not consist in mystic speculations, enthusiastic fervours, or uncommanded austerities; it consists in thinking as God thinks, and willing as God wills. God’s mind and will are to be known from his word; and, so far as I really understand and believe God’s word, God’s mind becomes my mind, God’s will becomes my will, and according to the measure of my faith, I become holy.”

John Brown

