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The guide of choice for anyone who plans to die someday--are YOU ready for the AFTERLIFE?

To find out, take this simple quiz:

1. Like Earth, the Afterlife has celebrities, outcasts, deadheads, losers, and busybodies.

True

False

2. Is there an Afterlife after the Afterlife?

Yes

No

3. When you first arrive on "the Other Side," you will be given:

a) a set of wings

b) a toaster

c) a copy of **A Newcomer's Guide to the Afterlife**

Don't worry if you're not sure how to respond. **A Newcomer's Guide to the Afterlife** has answers to these questions and more--and if you're lucky, some of them may turn out to be right!

An irreverent, one-of-a-kind compendium from the award-winning author of *Ishmael*, **A Newcomer's Guide to the Afterlife** can be read as a parable, an allegory, a work of fiction--or exactly what it claims to be: a helpful handbook for the recently deceased. It is filled with uncommon wisdom, bizarre imaginings, uncanny perceptions, and unexpected humor. Is it fantastic escapism or a seminal event in human history? Read it and find out....

Face it. The Afterlife is the ultimate test. You might as well study.

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Rebecca says

I read this over the weekend. It really bothered me, but I'm still trying to figure out why. I'm not sure what the allegory or the parable is supposed to be! And in the literal sense, this is an afterlife that sounds rather awful on many levels. If the purpose is to make you appreciate life, in spite of all of it's faults by showing you a world with no politics, violence or morals than it works well. :)

Josie says

I hated this book - odd and hard to understand. Not like Daniel Quinn's other work.

Terri Rose says

This book gave me a lot to think about and consider. It was kind of haunting.

Kt4000 says

not the best book ever, but creative and fun. i loved it inspite of it's sometimes pretentious self-serving-ego-stroking. aside from that, it's got some fun thing to think about.

Matthew Foster says

I re-read after having read it years ago because my son read it and wanted to talk about it. It's provocative and leads to great conversations with children that can range from heavy to absurdly funny. The book is chunked well so it reads quickly and is great as a travel book.

Jean Gobel says

This book was buried at the bottom of my TBR box. I don't recall when I bought it -quite a few years ago- and I certainly hope I didn't pay the \$22.95 printed on the dustcover. I can't decide whether the authors are tongue-in-cheek laughing at you, agnostic, anti-religion, or actually believe even part of what they say. Don't waste your time on this drivél.

'Matthew Bennett! says

I dig the metaphor. Could just as easily been entitled, A Newcomer's Guide to Post-Civilization. The footnotes offered insight and often weak humor (though I openly admit to LOLing numerous times). The footnote on the first page of Chapter 5, entitled "Religions of the Afterlife" gives particular insight to Rewilders about this book, wherein the authors write, "..Take a "deep dive" and you'll come up in the midst of people whose view of reality is animistic; for them, the transition between life and the Afterlife was a slight and unimportant one; they perceive no great difference between the two, and so their religious beliefs are much the same as they were in life."

Nikmaack says

I found this book for sale, used, for 50 cents. Which is good because the cover price says it would have cost me \$32 Canadian, for what is a very slim hardcover book.

The book pretends to be a guide for people who have died & just entered the afterlife. It's a weird, funny, crazy book. There are frequently asked questions as well as photographs and other oddities.

"Many a newcomer's first impression of the Afterlife is that it's not much different from a madhouse."

It is a weird, fun book. It's exactly the sort of thing I hope to find on the shelves of a used bookstore: something small & different & funny that I would otherwise never have heard of.

ben holum says

This book has more potential than anything else. Still, I thought it was pretty funny; full of bizarre nonsensical rambling and such. Interesting, but it could have been so much more. However, it's funny that this vision of the afterlife is no less absurd than any religion's conception of it.

Sarah says

A good quick read. Fun for some new perspectives. Not worth reading more than once.

Natasha M says

Hmmm, okay this book honestly scared the **** out of me! I had a "dream" (if you can call it one) a few months back that has been bothering me ever since...this dream in all actuality was an OOB (out of body experience). I am spiritual and talk regularly with my spirit guide and mother God and had made a request to go to the "other side" in my dreams that night, but to also come back remembering it. So, it happened, I

was in spirit form and I was "floating and bobbing" around this place and was exstatically happy, and was asking some female or females whom I don't quite remember but knew was there and I was speaking with her/them to show me where the children go and I saw a place with blue waters and stairs and such, much like I saw in the film "What Dreams May Come" with Robin Williams, and then suddenly I was bobbing around this "playground" but wasn't quite a playground and I realized that these women were not laughing with me, but observing me curiously and actually laughing at me for being so thrilled and exuberant for being happy in a place where it seemed was not quite a "big deal" I remember thinking that I had asked these women/woman when I was in the place for "children" or perhaps when I'm on the playground just thinking to myself (I'm not sure when) that I wanted to go to "the other side of the World/afterlife realm whatever". I also remember floating around someplace that resembled a store with a woman inside who was looking rather miffed that I was in there I mean she was clearly disturbed by my presence and I felt embarrassed from the spirits watching me and laughing and I thought "this isn't what the other side is supposed to be like, spirits aren't supposed to be hateful or angry and this place was by no means beautiful, in fact it was DESERT! and this store was very obscure and kind of in the middle of nowhere! I had already willed myself there, to this other side of the other side - and decided I wanted to kind of "teleport" myself somewhere else in this place, which I did, and I was still in my spirit form and "woke up" and I use that term loosely, alone, and in a desert, by an empty RIVER BED, with sand all around me that was neither HOT NOR SANDY! Does any of this sound familiar to you??? Where I went during my astral travel, or shall I say where I ended up at the end of my trip perhaps, was exactly what is described in "A Newcomer's Guide to the Afterlife" which I just randomly picked up at the library yesterday. I have been searching for the answer to my weird experience, and now that it seems I have found that "answer" in fact I have not because this only leads to more questions!

I believe this place described is "pergatory" or a waiting place, or the "left door", a place for those who are unwilling to accept what they did or who they were in life and don't believe they are deserving of God's love and forgiveness, they have created their own personal hell, In other readings I have come across a place similar to this, where "no one knows who they are, and they are all very confused"...I believe the "Adepts" are angels who only communicate with each other telepathically and are there to kind of look out for these lost souls because God never abandons us. They say they are "cold" and that their clothes "wear out" and that people appear and then disappear and the "husks" disintegrate then the "Adepts" dispose of their "remains". This place sounds horrible to me, and the persons mentioned to reside in this place are all eccentrics, crazies, evil persons or intelligencia that were completely obsessed and absorbed by their work in life, there is no mention of Mother Teresa or ANY good people being located there, as well as the fact that so many people are searching for friends and family that are never found... could this be because they are in Heaven, or the TRUE "Afterlife" Are these the "dead" the Bible speaks of raising in the "resurrection"? So many questions, I know what I BELIEVE, and I know what I have seen, I know I have been to this place, is that because of a slip of the tongue - "I want to go to the other side of the world(afterworld)?" I think so, I think I was already somewhere unconsciously visiting astrally perhaps "heaven" which it is said we do several times a week but do not remember it. Perhaps I just had the unlucky opportunity to remember just going to this place. Perhaps I went there for a reason, to find this book and read it, to write about it, I know this is just one phase in my search for the meaning of life, and where I'm going when I die. I will continue to seek out this answer. Until then, I remain confused. There's a difference/discrepancy between what I BELIEVE and what I have SEEN! This scares me! What if this place is what it claims to be, the Afterlife? I'm going to believe it's not, just one part of the bigger picture, a place spirits end up sending themselves, and I for one am going to make sure I won't be one of them.

Chad says

This is my favorite book of all time. If you are alive right now and plan on dieing at any time in the near or distant future you need to read this book.

Matt Longman says

Haphazard nonsense. There are some interesting ideas and snippets in there, but lacked the formalized feel of an actual guide.

Admittedly, that was likely to have been intended, but the execution just comes out chaotic and jumbled. Surrealism is one thing; confusion is another.
