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Is There Life After Death?

I. Arguments against Life after Death

A. The mind cannot function without the brain

- 1. This assumes without proof that consciousness is a physical function
- 2. It assumes without proof that "mind" and "brain" are identical
 - a. They could interact without being the same
 - b. One can express the other without being the same
- 3. "Nothing-but material" statements assume "more-than material" knowledge
 - a. Whatever is material is limited to a particular region of space and time but the

mind is not

- b. Even a materialist speaks of "her" thoughts hence we are more then material
- c. Truth claims infer we are more than material

B. The Dependence on the Brain

- 1. There may be ways for the mind to think independently of the brain
- 2. Love, beauty, and happiness cannot be quantified to material brain but only a personal mind

C. Argument from Access to the World

- 1. The argument assumes (without proof) that the person's brain is the only way of access to the world
- 2. It also assumes (without proof) that there are no other worlds to which one can have access
 - 3. We could be consciousness without experiencing this world

D. Argument from Self-Identity – Spirits are indistinguishable from one another

- 1. Physical characteristics are not the only way to identify one person from another
- 2. There are things about individual human spirits (or minds) that differ from other human spirits
 - 3. Faulty logic begging the question assumes it must be physical

II. Arguments for Life after Death

- A. Argument from near-death experiences
- B. Argument from Christ's resurrection
- C. Best argument is affirmed in Jesus
 - 1. Arguments for Jesus being God Prophecy, Miracles, Resurrection
 - 2. Jesus affirmed the old and new Testaments as the Word of God which cannot fail
 - 3. The Bible affirms life after death

III. Bible Beliefs

A. Old Testament

B. New Testament Beliefs





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