Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by Jecht on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 18:29:10 GMT

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Quote: This is something that above all else seems most "un-christian" to me. On that basis the following groups of people would be excluded from heaven:

stillborn babies, athiests who spend their entire life doing charitable work, poor uneducated people who are never taught about christianity, anyone out of the billions of people born before christ.

But a 100 year old convicted murderer, rapist and paedophile would get in with a big reward as long as he acknowledged jesus and christianity before his death.

It strikes me that this concept encourages people to spread the word and save people by teaching them about christianity, something that has obvious benefits for the religion.

Sorry to stray from the topic yet again warranto, but I don't want anyone getting the wrong ideas.

For the first verse, you would have to consult a pastor on that subject, as I don't know about those cases.

Toward the 100 year old convicted murderer, rapist, and pedophile: Yes, indeed he can. Acknowledgment isn't enough though. Pastors can explain it better than I can. So I invite you to listen to the sermon "Death...Then What?" in the One Minute After you Die series that my church posted on their website. You don't have to download anything, it's streaming with quicktime. Not sure about other media players:

http://www.kentwoodcommunitychurch.com/media/Audio/Death_ThenWhat.mp3

The follow-up sermon hasn't been posted yet. It's interesting even if you are an atheist. Let me tell you though, according to the teachings I've learned, your reward is directly connected with what you've done on earth. So even if you do let Christ into your heart and you've done a lot of bad things in your life, you won't get a very good heavenly reward.

That's the end of my little speech. Unless you have any other questions I won't stray this topic off any further.