

Faith Sharing notes 2025-10-07

Michael facilitated the discussion tonight. Many opinions were expressed tonight, and I have tried to capture the ones that led into deeper discussion.

We discussed the Jewish beliefs on the afterlife based on the email from Rich from **Prof. Levine**.
<https://momentmag.com/is-there-life-after-death/#levine>.

Most religions seem to have a core belief in what happens after death, but the Jewish religion has many various beliefs regarding life after death, and we had an interesting discussion about that topic.

We discussed various views within the Jewish religion as well as views amongst the group as: When we die, is there a recollection of our lives and especially our loved ones? Is heaven a place where we constantly worship God throughout eternity? Do we come back/reincarnate into something else.

The question came up "are you afraid of dying?"

Is it common to have both hope for the afterlife and also have doubts.

Is eternity "in the present moment"? Are we being present in this life?

What are our views/images of heaven? Can we use Jesus's words in the Bible to try and understand it or are we just not capable of comprehending what it must be like. What does Jesus mean by "in my Father's house there are many mansions. (I have a handout on this) What is the totality of God.

Our next meeting will be on October 21. We will read chapter 5 in the "what Christians Believe" by Bishop Barron (pgs 109-129) and also discuss what brought us into the catholic faith.

Fall blessings to all,
Norbert