

# Heaven and Hell

Obviously the Church of Reality doesn't ascribe to the biblical definitions of Heaven and Hell. However there is actually a significantly similar counterpart in the reality based world.

If you look at humanity as a single continuous life form that is part of all life on earth, then we are more like a cell of a greater individual that continues beyond our individual existence. We in fact are the unbroken continuation of some primordial bacteria that started reproducing a billion years ago.

We ask ourselves, "What happened to the dinosaurs? Why are they gone?" The reason the dinosaurs are gone is because they failed to evolve the ability to deflect large asteroids away from the Earth. If we fail to deflect asteroids and do what it takes to survive then we aren't listening to what the dinosaurs are trying to tell us and we will share their fate.

Humanity has evolved to the point with genetic engineering and cybernetics to where we can and will control our own evolution. We have a choice to determine what we will become. If we choose well then we will lie in a future paradise that might be Heaven like if we do really well. However if we make bad choices then our future might be hellish or we become extinct.

So in that sense our Heaven and Hell represents the same idea. Good choices are rewarded and bad choices are punished. The main difference being that we all go there together rather than individually, and that the {In:Afterlife} is the continuation of life after we are gone.

If we choose to live in {In:Right Relationship with Reality} then we will figure out who we are, our place in the universe, and choose wisely to get from where we are to where we need to be. But if we turn our back on reality then reality will turn its back on us. The mighty hand of Darwin will reach out and smite us. Our very existence will cease and we shall forever be apart from the real world.