

R&W - What happens when we die? (Part 1)

Abrahamic*	Religious groups (Jewish, Christian and Muslim) who believe God made the first covenant with Abraham.	portrayal*	How a person, character, event or concept is represented or described.
atonement	Making amends or seeking forgiveness for wrongdoings or sins.	purgatory	A place of waiting where souls are believed to be purified after death.
Dia de los Muertos	A Mexican holiday to remember and honour deceased loved ones.	reconciliation	Restoring friendly relations or making peace after a disagreement.
interpretation*	An explanation or understanding of what something means.	soul	What some people believe to be the emotional, non-physical part of being a human.
Jannah	The concept of paradise or heaven in the Muslim worldview.	Yom Kippur*	The Jewish Day of Atonement; a holy day of prayer and fasting.
Olam Ha-Ba	A Jewish word referring to the world to come or life after death.		



Many Christian, Muslim and Jewish people believe every person has a soul which is a gift from God.

Some ideas about death have evolved over time due to traditions and cultural customs. Not all ideas are found in religious texts.



Some Jewish people believe in **Gehinnom** where a soul will spend time being purified after a person dies.



Humanists do not believe in a soul and consider there to be one life: when people die, they are remembered for the things they did but nothing happens to them.



Many Muslim people believe in a heaven-like place called **Jannah** where they believe the soul will go after judgement. The Qur'an describes this as a paradise with flowing rivers and plentiful fruit and shade. There is also a place called **Jahannam** where some souls will go to be purified.



For some people, funerals are a time to say goodbye and reflect on memories. For others, it can be a time to prepare the person for their life after death. Some people take comfort in the belief that their souls will meet again one day.



Many people believe in atoning for their sins; they want to make amends for the wrongdoings they have done in their life. Some people do this to be forgiven by God whereas others do this to lead a good life for themselves and others. **Yom Kippur** is considered by many to be the holiest day of the Jewish year; it is a time when many Jewish people seek forgiveness for the year ahead.



Dia de los Muertos is a celebration of the dead where many people believe souls return to Earth to visit every year. This can be a comforting time full of food and festivities.