

Surprised by Hope

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Please read chapter 1, and answer these questions as you read.

Chapter 1

- III. What are some of the viewpoints shown in today's media? Have you experienced these in any particular movies, shows, plays, books?

IV. In section 3, Wright gives three main varieties of belief of what happens after death. List these and briefly describe them. Have you encountered these? Where?

V. What do you think of the practice of putting object in coffins along with the dead to comfort or help them in the life to come (e.g. photographs, jewelry, teddy bears, digestive biscuits/crackers, spare glasses from the deceased, false teeth, ...)?

VI. What do think of the idea of ghosts?

VII. Is Elvis alive?

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