

# River of Life MCC Resources

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## Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ: Where is heaven, where is hell, if they exist?

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Heaven is definitely for me a place that is in me – a place that I reach when at my closest times with God. I always used to believe that heaven was in the clouds, hell was in the pits, but I think both are in us and all around us and it is our attitude and journey that will take us through both.

*Catherine*

Here in our hearts, and also limitless. But that answer seems to point to “a place” and it shouldn’t. Most of us believe we each have a spirit. While we are alive the spirit is to a great extent “trapped” by our body like the air is trapped inside a balloon. But when we die, it is like the balloon bursting. The air is free to move where it will and to do its new work.

As for heaven and hell, well, we have both here on earth, largely in our own attitude to life and our own perceptions. Perhaps in the next life, God works with us to change our remaining “hellish” perceptions which we haven’t been able to change for ourselves here on earth? Then we are ready to really appreciate the joys of heaven.

*Brian*

Heaven is a nice warm bright sunny place with fluffy clouds of course!!!! No really!!! – Actually, it is my belief that Heaven is an existence of closeness with God which is outside of the physical existence but also within it. If that makes any sense?.... Heaven could be a place where we go after we die – however, I think it is far more likely that it is simply another part of existence that is outside the physical that we live in as human beings, but equally all around us at the time as part of God’s realm. As Jesus said – ‘the Realm of God is inside you and all around you’.

*Karen*

Heaven and hell are a concept. If you can conceptualise them then they exist! Some people have an idea that heaven is final release from the traumas of the physical world and hell is here in it! I see heaven and hell as a state of being rather than an actual place. Heaven for instance is being close to and with God; where love is. Hell is being far from and without God; where love isn’t. We can then experience heaven and hell both here on earth and in the realm beyond. Don’t miss out!

*Neil*