

# Joe Botti's NOTES

How do we view afterlife? Martha  
(3-26-87)

## ① Atheistic view -

Jean Paul Sartre } why not take your  
Albert Camus } life now?

yet even these guys know their life is significant  
more than a machine. Believe it's hell on earth

## ② Eastern mysticism -

a) Reincarnation - transmigration of souls

merrana - system of unconsciousness

Mya - wheel of reincarnation

Reincarnation is actually slow suicide

They believe you should seek unconsciousness  
extinction.

Carma

Believe it's Hell on earth

## ③ Universalism - (all go to heaven)

a) a loving God who would never send anyone  
to hell.

① Actually this would be an invention of  
an evil God.

② Adolf Hitler will be there in Heaven -  
yet this would mean he would not be  
responsible for his actions. Perhaps  
if he was not responsible - God  
would be - as God would have  
cause of this. God - sadistic

Our Choices are significant?

Hell is not on earth - Bad people living in richness on earth.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> View of afterlife

##### Why Believe in Bible

- ① Predictive prophecy
- ② grace not works
- ③ substantiating by resurrection
- ④ He spoke on authenticity of Bible

LUKE 13:23 = FF

##### Define Grace

- ① ~~How~~ How many sins disqualify us?
- ② only 1 sin qualifies
- ③ God took our place through Christ
- ④

[matt 7:23] =

(1 John 5:11-13) (Gal 2:16) only saved by faith

what so bad about going to Hell? all my friends are there!

##### Implications

- ① Change your value system
- ③ Give more time to giving & loving / instead of demanding
- ④ Our security  
(1 John 4:18) do fear in love. One who fears has not experienced God's love.

## Evangelism Series: Supplemental Info

1. How Do we view the afterlife - Martha McCallum
  - Heaven and Hell tape - in Miscellaneous by Dennis McCallum
  - Christianity Today 3/20/87 "Too Young to Die"
2. God's Revelation - Bible - Jim Fulford
  - Tapes: - Hebr 1 Christ, God's Final Revelation by Dennis McCallum
    - Evidence that Demands a Verdict - Josh McDowell
    - # 329 Inerrancy of the Scriptures - Basis for Belief Dennis McCallum
3. So many churches, so many religions - Mark Aves
  - Tapes: - Eastern Religion - Hinduism, Buddhism
    - 4/13/82 - Gary Delastmatt
    - Col 2:8 Secular Humanism, Optimistic Pessimism Gary Delastmatt
4. Prophecy -
  - No additional info

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7 God's revelation - Bible  
Hebrews 1

Jim  
4-2-87

A) Natural / General Cosmic Basis for our faith  
(Rom 1:18, 19)

① universe exhibits Design  
Newton's story

② mankind enthusiastically knows.

a) something came from nothing.

1) Carl Sagan. - total irrationality

2) ~~matter has always existed,~~

b) matter has always existed

1) how could you explain man's  
sophistication.

c) God created / Big Bang?

① God never was, never will be - he  
always was & always will be.

B) Specific Revelation

1) Christ - Resurrection

a) historical fact.

2) Bible

a) Historical Document

- Is this the same word that we had 2000 yrs ago

- Were these words true.



I ① Copies - Handwritten copies 130-150 AD  
less than 100 yrs - 40-50 AD + 90 AD  
only 60 yrs difference.  
# of manuscripts =  
- Iliad - 650 copies 1,100 yrs after  
original

- NT - 5,500 copies

① written soon after  
original  
② Resurrection  
③

II Is this true?

A) Early dating -  
30-60 yrs - we have copies

b) Apostles  
-(2 Peter 1:16)  
Primary accounts.  
-(1 John 1:1)

c) stood by claims even to death  
- tortured  
- John -  
- They never killed right away - they allowed  
Xians to deny Christ -  
- Die for a lie? -  
- They knew Resurrection happened.  
- They died because of the Empty  
Tomb

(1 Cor 15:3-6)  
Christ appeared to several  
Eye witnesses

If God is a loving God wouldnt he  
get his word to us?

Gospel

-(John 10:30)



Jesus would say - Not - "Lord says to you"  
but he said - "I say to you."

# JOE BOTTI'S NOTES

4-9-87

So many Churches, So many Religions Mark

= What are man's Problems?

A) Atheism

1) optimistic ~~Religion~~ Humanism

a) man is good

b) Problem = ignorance

c) Progress is inevitable.

as far back as 1400 BC → 1800 industrial rev.  
Julian Huxley - man has made it. He can take control  
of his own destiny, How? - through education

a) Fallacies

a) are we living in utopia? NO way

b) Psychology isn't working. Highest % of  
suicide is in western rich world.

c) wars.

d)

b) How do you live in Optimistic Humanism

a) Blind faith,

2) Pessimistic Humanism

a) Life is absurd

b) Problem. How to live?

- create meaning -

- Hedonism. see despair.

c) Fallacies

- who can live consistently with this?

- Kansas - dust in wind.

what's use in living? why

not commit suicide

### 3) Relativism

a) nothing is absolute

b) Problem?

who decides?

- individual autonomy

- Majority rule → who decides what %

- Rule by Elite → rules change all time,  
↳ they decide how you should live.

#### Fallacies

- never consistent w/ own view!

- They actually do have absolutes

- Hippies say - do your own thing

- Viet Nam War is wrong!

## II Pantheism

A) Impersonal life force

B) Problem: Wheel of Maya - reincarnation

C) Nirvana

#### Problems

A) No personality - no personhood  
no relating

B) Is it livable?

C) God is good + evil. There is no good + evil.

D) Everything is an illusion



### III. Monotheism

#### A) Define

- ① Personal God
- ② Problem: Sin
- ③ Christ
  - justification
  - propitiation
  - redemption

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Jim Talford Prophecy. 4-16-87

I (Isaiah 48:3-5) God predicts future

- A) (Micah 5:2) - Birth from Bethlehem
- B) (Daniel 9) - actual time when messiah would enter into Jerusalem
- C) (Zech 9:9) - How Christ would enact his ministry.
- D) (Psalm 41) - How Christ would be betrayed
- E) (Zech 11) - Price of betrayer.
- F) (Luke 24) - (vs 44) - Not only prophets, Psalms, also the Law.  
(vs 46) - Christ proved how his death was necessary.
- (Psalm 22) - most explicit description of Christ's death.

The whole Psalm is devoted to predictive prophecy.

Why not about David.

- ① Person is dying a torturous death.  
David died peacefully
- ② David was never in the clutches of the enemy as this Psalm says
- ③ Christ says himself, on the cross, that this Psalm is about him

Why did Jesus have to die?  
Describe the Life of Christ

(vs 3-5) Christ affirms faith.

(vs 6- ) People despise Christ - Jews did.

(vs 10) affirmation of faith.

vs 13 - Describes Crucifixion  
developed by Phoenicians in 600 BC.  
Never practiced before 600 BC.

(vs 14) - describes dehydration - soaked  
with perspiration,  
Ligaments would snap

Heart is working overtime .. Sometimes even  
the heart would burst,

John - blood + water came out  
of his side,

potsherd - no moisture left in pottery.

tongue cleaves to jaw. eye dehydration  
tongue swells + sticks to mouth

pierced my hands + feet.

We have copies of the Septuagint. x the  
Septuagint has Psalm 22 word for word.

Dead Sea scrolls - fragments of every  
book in bible except 2 books

Some of us would rather seek than (2)  
find truth because we don't know  
what God's life is like.  
What is God like

Isaiah 53: -

Christ bore all of God's wrath which  
we deserve.