

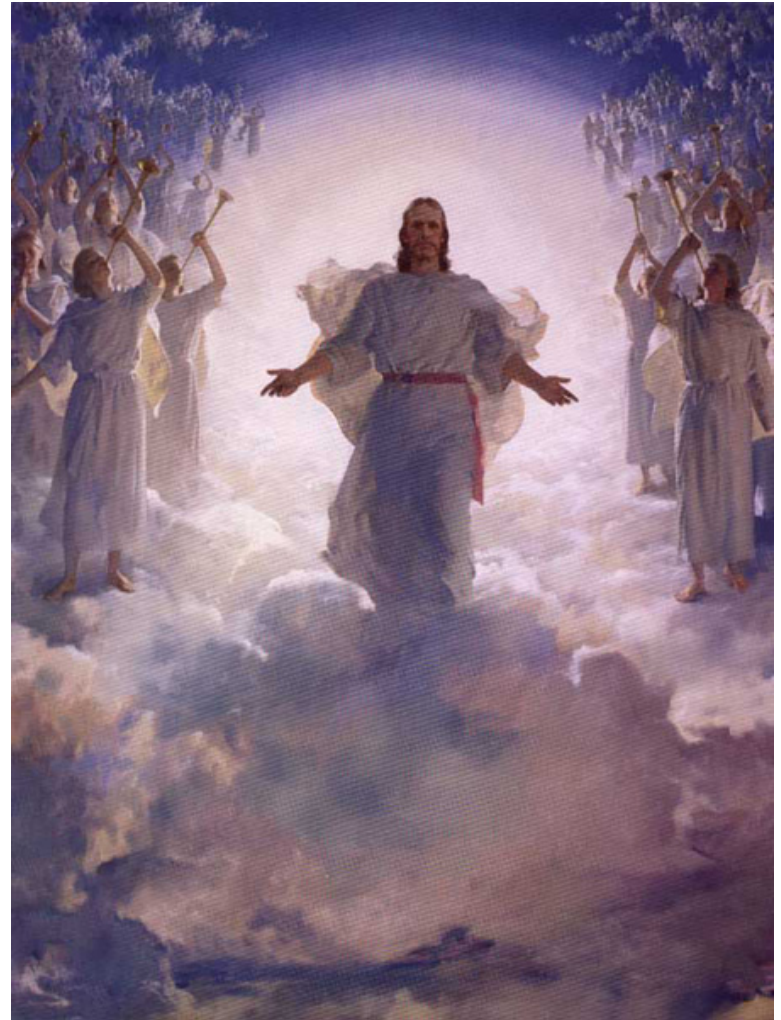
Heaven

Revelation 21:1-7

The 33rd in a Series of Studies on
Biblical Prophecy

John 14:2-3

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.



Colossians 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.



“It becomes us to spend this life only as a journey toward heaven To which we should subordinate all other concerns of life. Why should we labor for or set our hearts on anything else, but that which is our proper end and true happiness?”

Jonathan Edwards

How Good is your Aim?



“Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you’ll get neither.”



C. S. Lewis

Aim High



“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”

~ Michelangelo

Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people.

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God Himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

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⁶ And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

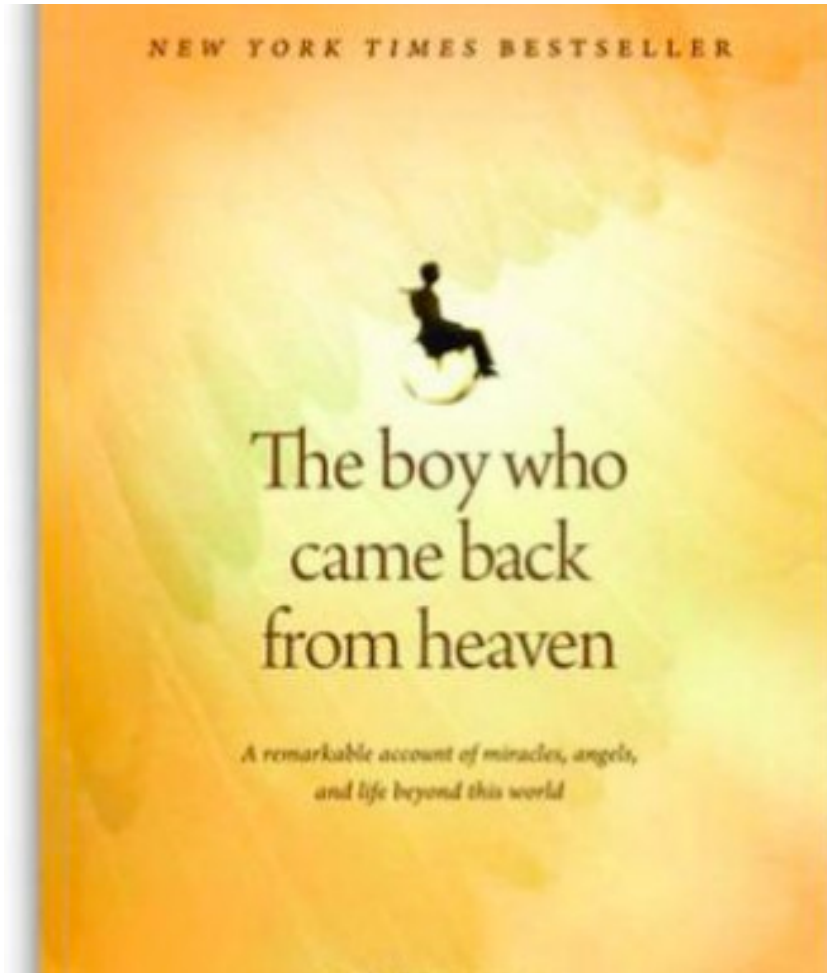
What is Heaven really Like?



5 People Who Say They've Been To Heaven



Alex Malarky



Malarky announced that he died and went to heaven after a bus crash when he was 6 years old.

Alex Malarky



Malarky wrote this statement published in *Pulpit and Pen*

“I did not die. I did not go to Heaven. I said I went to heaven because I thought it would get me attention. When I made the claims that I did, I had never read the Bible. People have profited from lies, and continue to. They should read the Bible, which is enough. The Bible is the only source of truth. Anything written by man cannot be infallible.”

Colton Burpo



His story was detailed in the 2014 hit film
“Heaven Is For Real”
showing Burpo's struggle with sickness, battle with
life and death, and his experiences in heaven.

Colton Burpo



Burpo, now 15, still tells his story, and still believes he went to heaven.

Crystal McVea

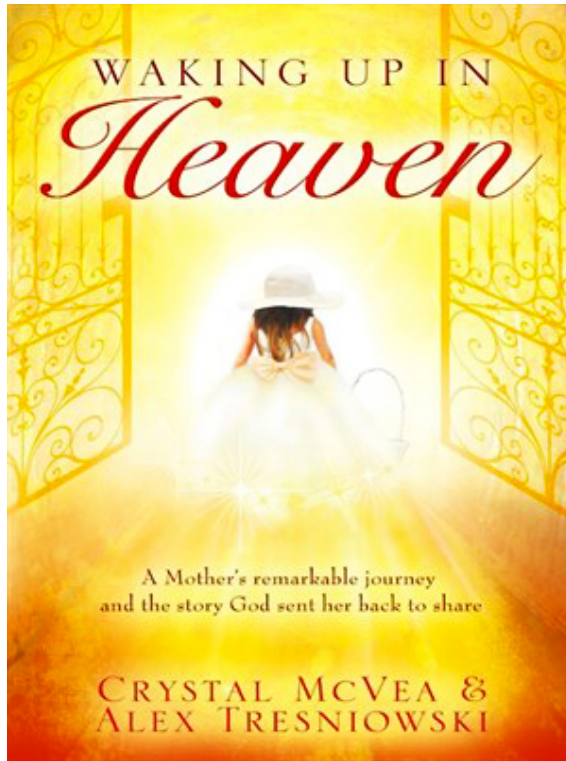


She died for 9 minutes in 2009 due to complications with pancreatitis.

“What I saw and felt was just this beautiful, radiant, glowing light. That’s the only word I can even think to describe it. But I was very aware that I was in front of the presence of the one true God. I’m a Christian. I believe it was the presence of the father, and the son and the Holy Spirit.”

(Reported in *The Blaze*)

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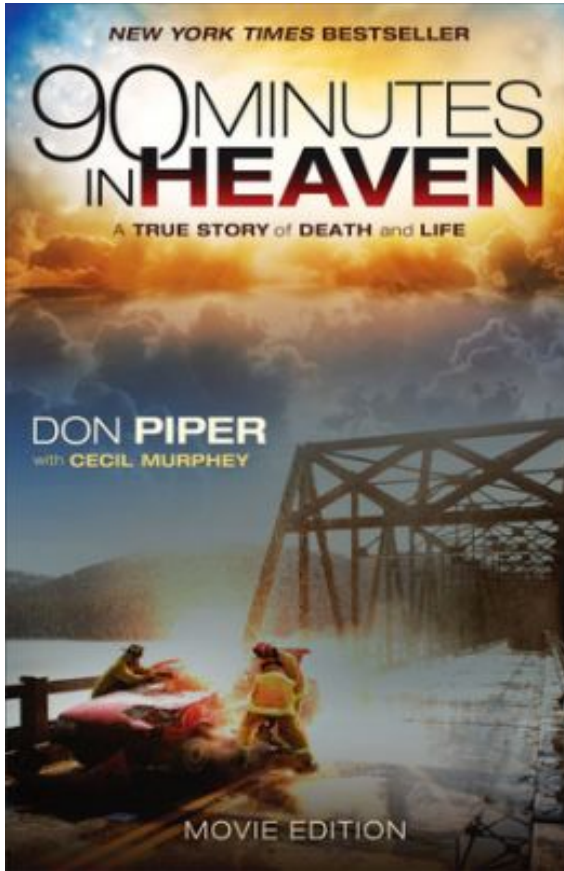
McVea said God asked her whether she wanted to stay in heaven or go back to Earth to be a mother. She chose to stay in heaven. But when she came close to heaven's gate, she said God showed her a little girl playing, which was Heavenly Father's way of telling her she needed to go back to raise her family.

Don Piper



Don Piper died for 90 minutes after a head-on collision in 2008, according to an interview he gave to Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly.

Don Piper



“This is a very remarkable, unique situation. I saw things there that I wouldn't have expected to see if I was having a dream. I saw people there that I didn't expect to see. There were a lot of things about my experience that convince me in no uncertain terms that that is reality and this is fleeting. This is passing. I can't wait to go back there. I didn't want to come back here.”

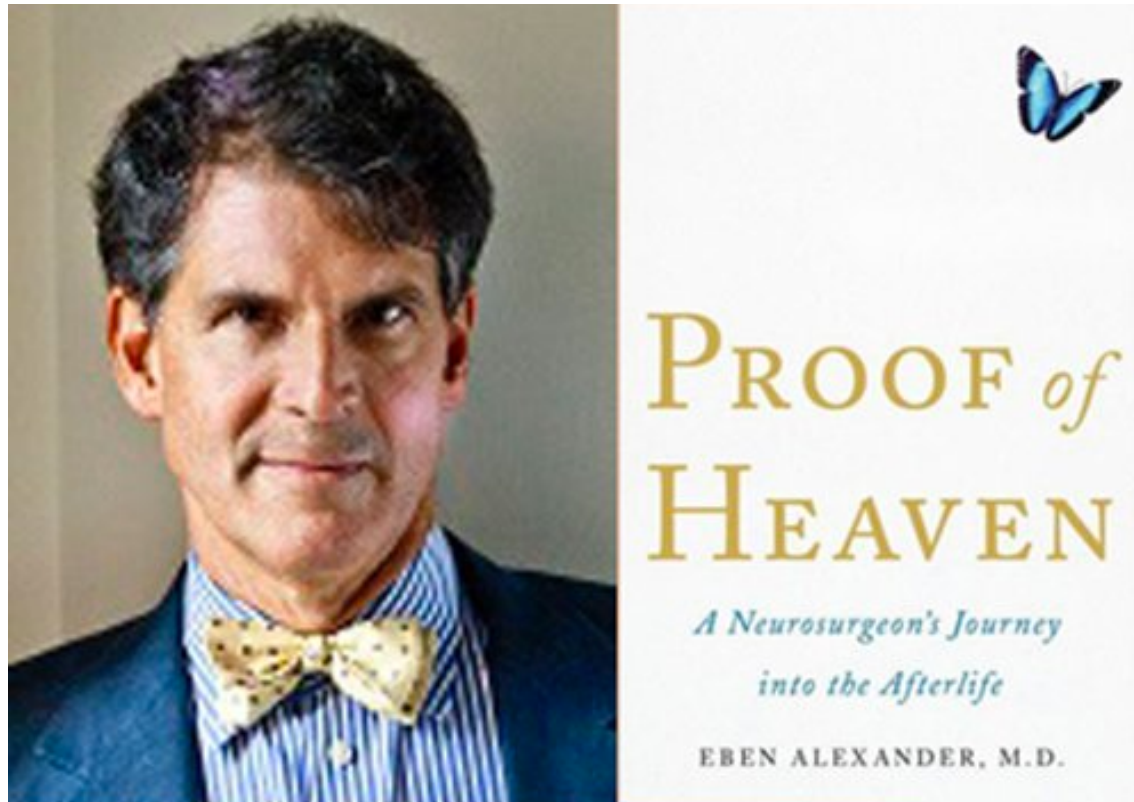
Brian Miller



A truck driver from Ohio who says he went to heaven and back after suffering a major heart attack. Doctors and nurses were able to save him and everything seemed OK until his heart rate came to a sudden stop.

(reported by Megyn Kelly on Fox News, February 20, 2014)

Eben Alexander



A Harvard neurosurgeon who was always skeptical of God until in 2008 a near-death experience apparently sent him into heaven.

Eben Alexander

Alexander was surrounded by butterflies and was told by a woman that he had nothing to fear while he was in heaven. He also saw a number of transparent beings, like birds, soaring above him. “Again, thinking about it later, it occurred to me that the joy of these creatures, as they soared along, was such that they had to make this noise — that if the joy didn’t come out of them this way then they would simply not otherwise be able to contain it.”

Reported in *The Huffington Post*,

Hebrews 9:27 ...it is appointed for men to **die once**, but after this the judgment

WORD

of

TRUTH



The Apostle Paul wrote



2 Corinthians 12:3–4

*And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is **not lawful for a man to utter.***

HEAVEN

עָלָה (alah) = to ascend, go up, make one's way up, be exalted

οὐρανός (ouranos) = to lift or heave

German: "luft"

English: "heaven"

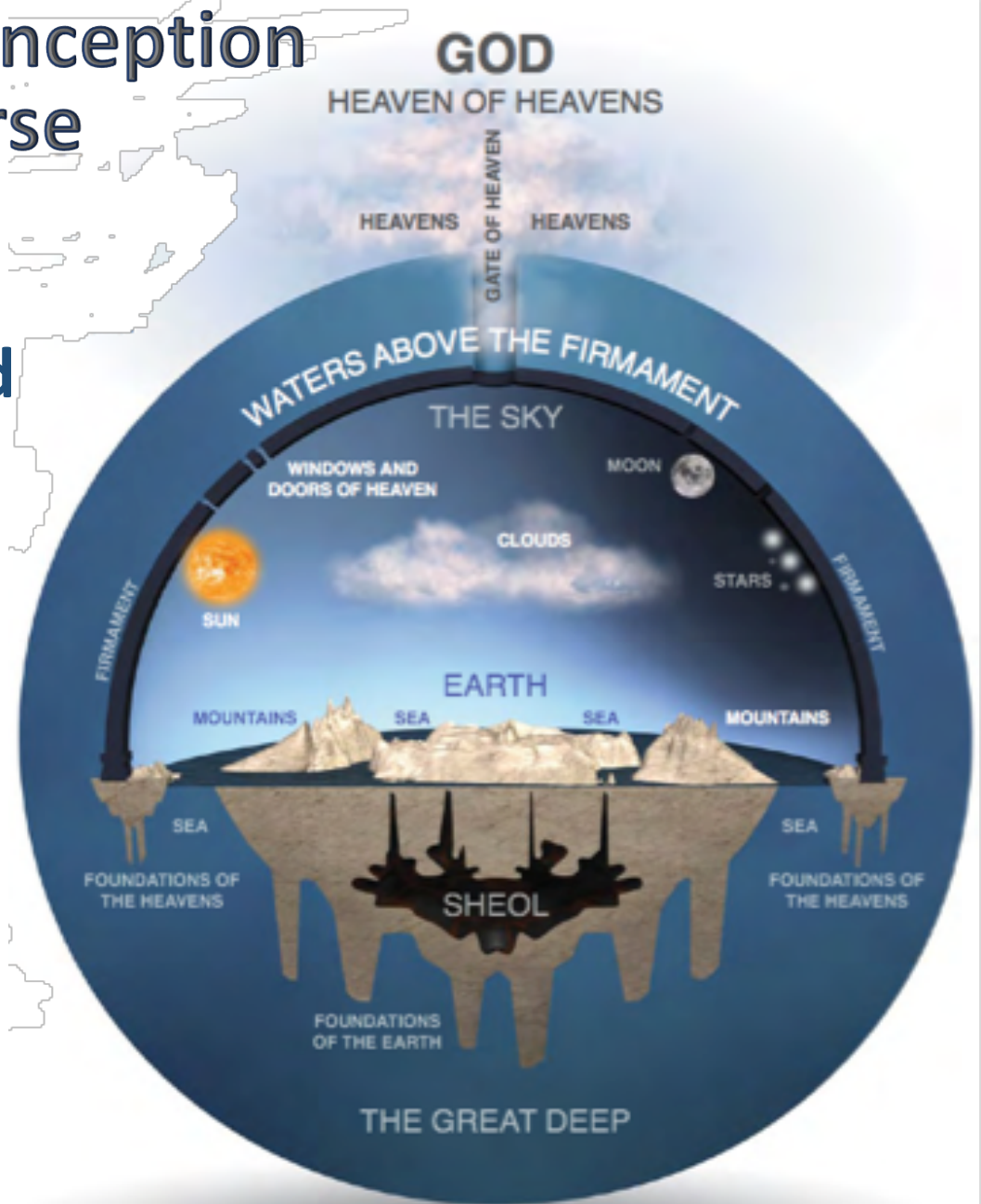
551 Bible references to "heaven"

127 references to the word "heavens"

Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

Creation was divided into:

- *Heaven*
- *Earth*
- *Sea*
- *Sheol*



The 3 Heavens

3rd Heaven

(God's abode) - eq: Psa 2:4

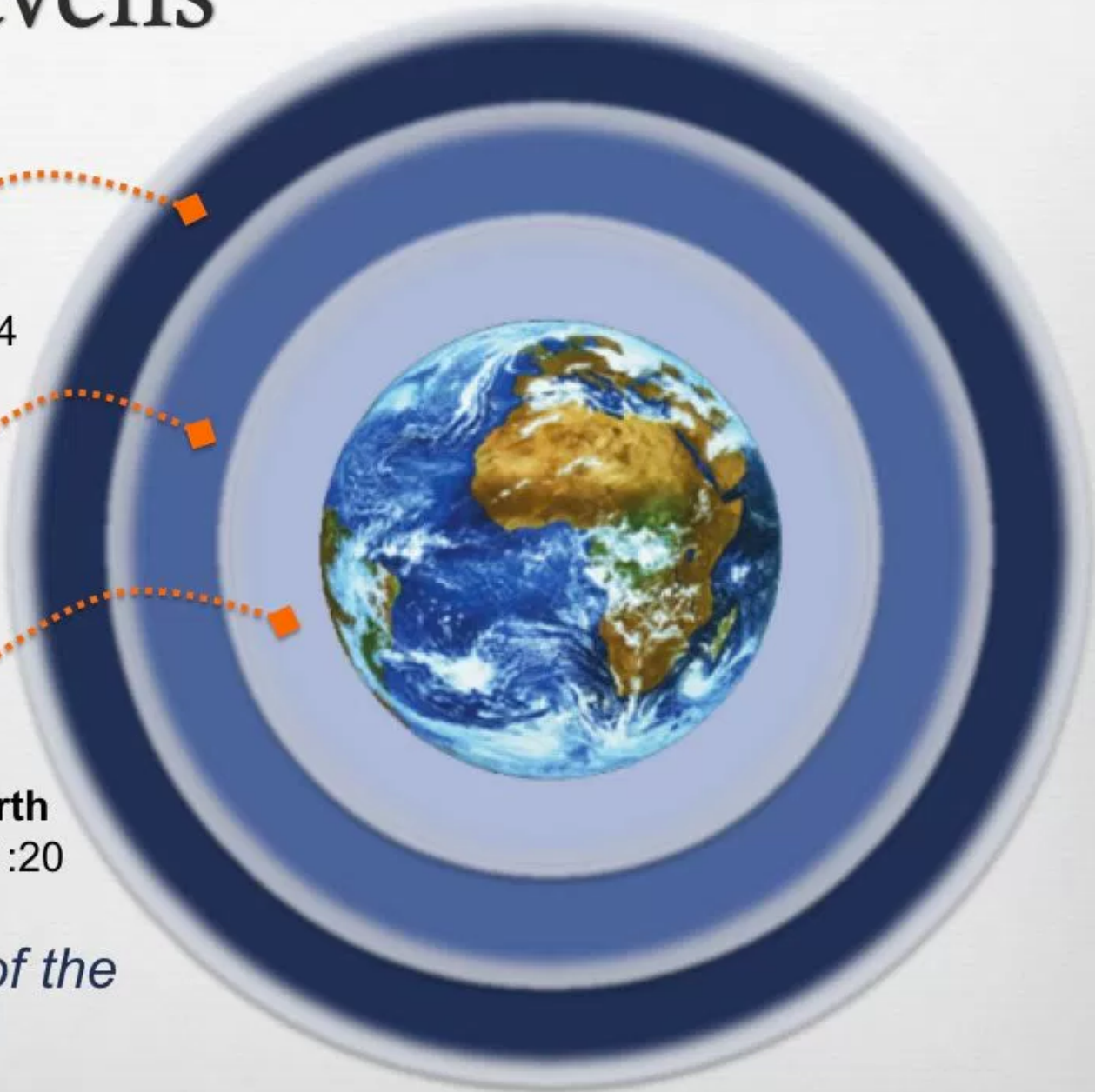
2nd Heaven

(Sun, Moon, and stars)
- eq: Gen 1:16-17

1st Heaven

(atmosphere above the earth
- Satan's rule) - eq: Gen 1:20

Eph 2:2 "prince of the power of the air"



3 HEAVENS IN SCRIPTURE

The Atmospheric Heaven



Genesis 1:6–7 *Then God said, “Let there be a **firmament** in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.”⁷ Thus God made the **firmament**, and divided the waters which were under the **firmament** from the waters which were above the **firmament**; and it was so.*

3 HEAVENS IN SCRIPTURE

The Atmospheric Heaven

Matthew 6:26 *Look at the birds of the **air**, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*



3 HEAVENS IN SCRIPTURE

The Celestial Heaven

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the **heavens** and the earth.*



3 HEAVENS IN SCRIPTURE

The Celestial Heaven

Psalm 19:1 *The **heavens** declare the glory of God; and the **firmament** shows His handiwork.*



3 HEAVENS IN SCRIPTURE

The Celestial Heaven

Deuteronomy 4:19 *And take heed, lest you lift your eyes to **heaven**, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has given to all the peoples under the whole **heaven** as a heritage.*

3 HEAVENS IN SCRIPTURE

The Celestial Heaven

Matthew 24:29 *Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from **heaven**, and the powers of the **heavens** will be shaken.*

2 Peter 3:12–13 *looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the **heavens** will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?*

3 HEAVENS IN SCRIPTURE

The Heaven of Heavens

Psalm 148:4 *Praise Him, you **heaven** of heavens, and you waters above the heavens!*


Deuteronomy 10:14 *Indeed **heaven** and the highest **heavens** belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it.*

1 Kings 8:27 *But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the **heaven** of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!*



Revelation 21:1 And I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

Isaiah 65:17 “For behold, I create **new heavens** and a **new earth**; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

An open Bible is shown from a high-angle perspective, resting on a dark wooden desk. The pages are yellowed with age and contain dense, small text. In the background, a window with a grid pattern is visible, letting in some light. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the window and the text overlay.

**Therefore if any man be
in Christ, he is a new
creature: old things are
passed away; behold, all
things are become new.**

—2 Corinthians 5:17

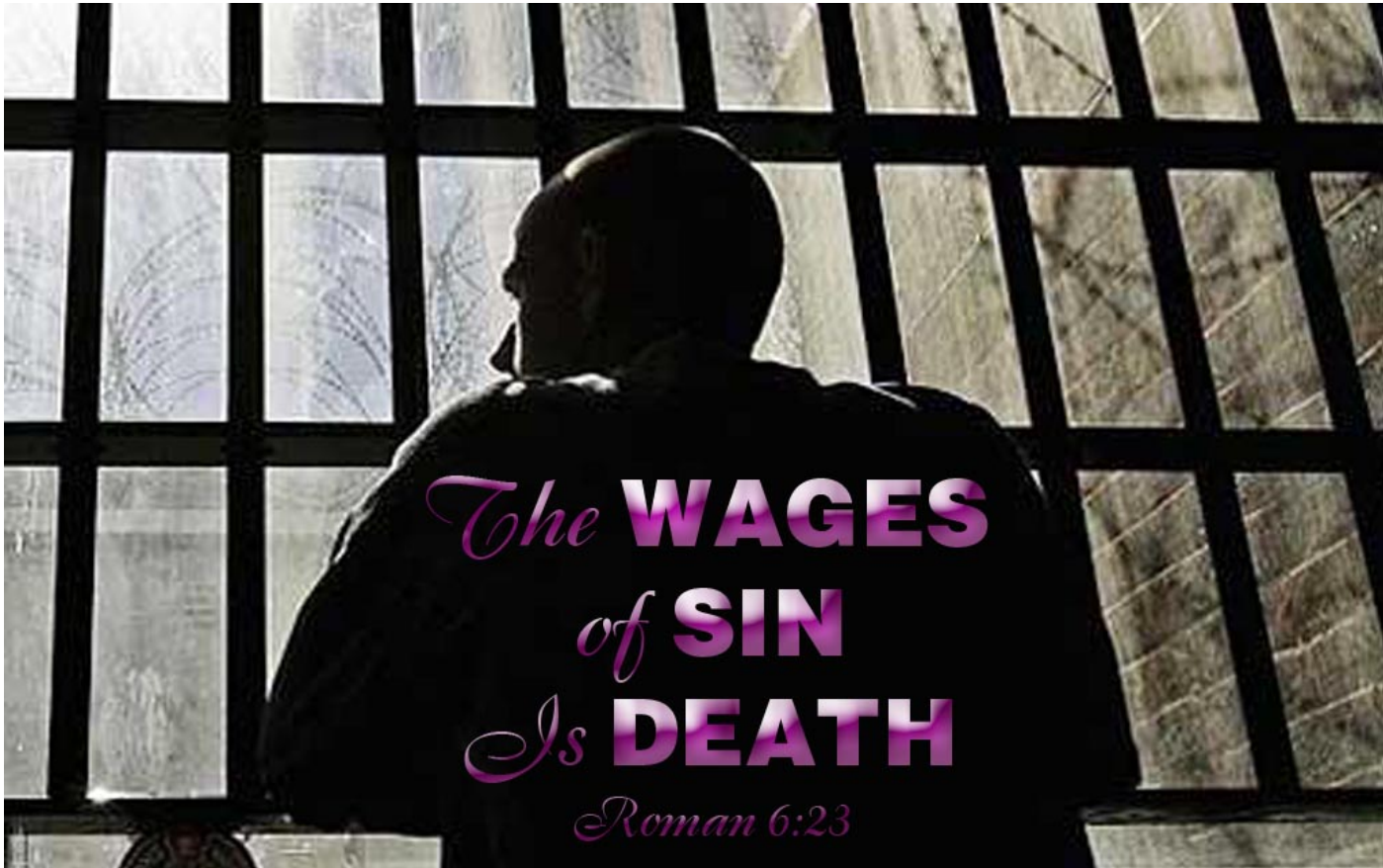
“NO MORE SEA”

Revelation 21:1 *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was **no more sea.***



“NO MORE DEATH”

Revelation 21:4 *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be **no more death***



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1 Corinthians 15:54–55 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “**Death** is swallowed up in victory.”⁵⁵ “O **Death**, where is your sting? O **Hades**, where is your victory?”



“NO MORE SORROW”

Revelation 21:4 *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, **nor sorrow***

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.



“NO MORE TEARS”

Revelation 21:4 *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, **nor crying**.*



“NO MORE PAIN”

Revelation 21:4 *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be **no more pain**, for the former things have passed away.*

Romans 8:18 *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

“NO MORE CURSE”

Revelation 22:3 *And there shall be **no more curse**, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.*

Hebrews 9:26 *He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.*



“NO MORE NIGHT”

Revelation 22:5 *There shall be **no night** there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.*



HEAVEN or HELL



Revelation 21:7–8 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. ⁸ **But** the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

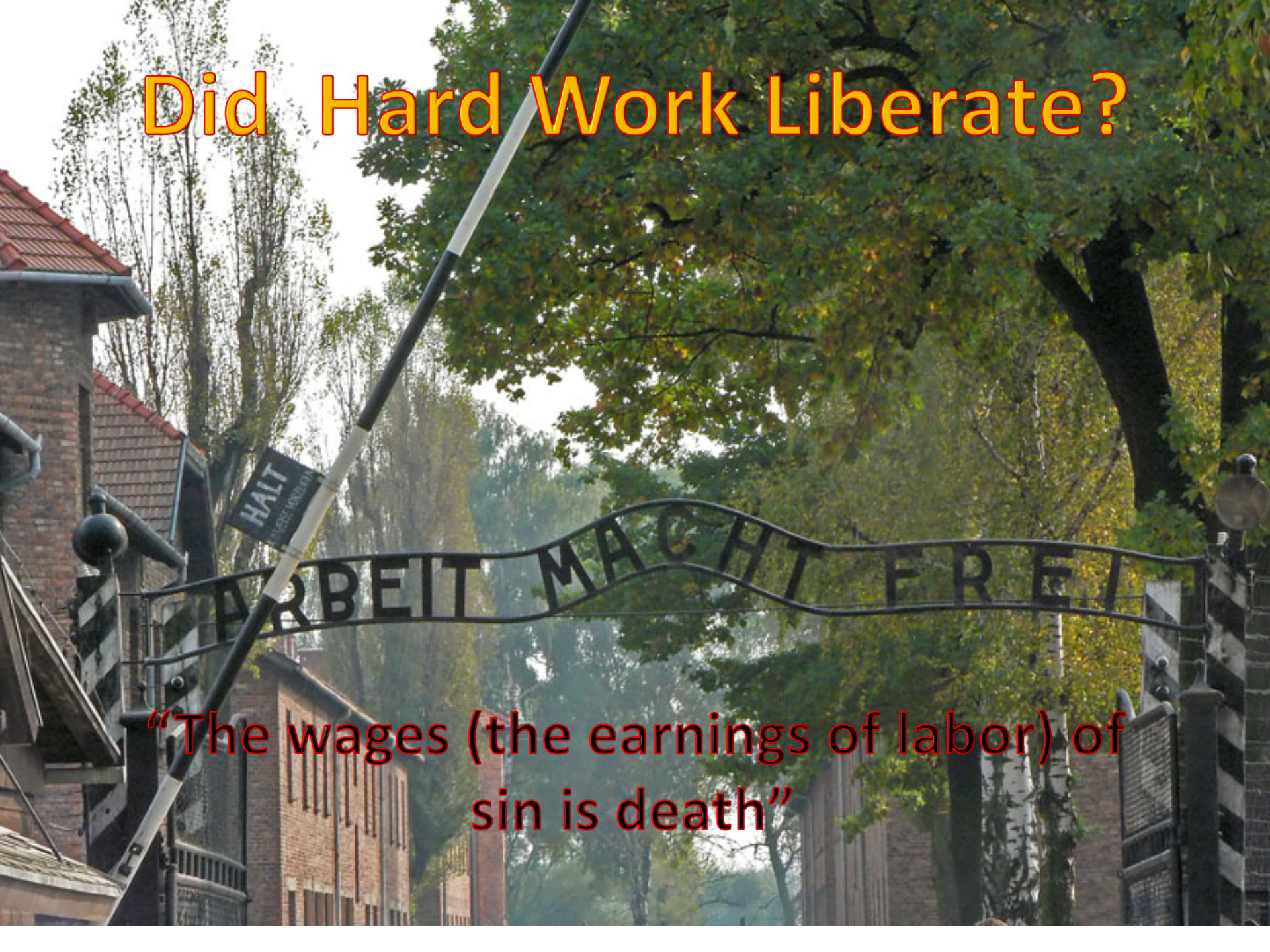


“Work Makes Free”

The message of the Nazi Regime to those in numerous death camps in Germany and Poland

Did Hard Work Liberate?

“The wages (the earnings of labor) of sin is death”



Crematorium at Auschwitz II–Birkenau



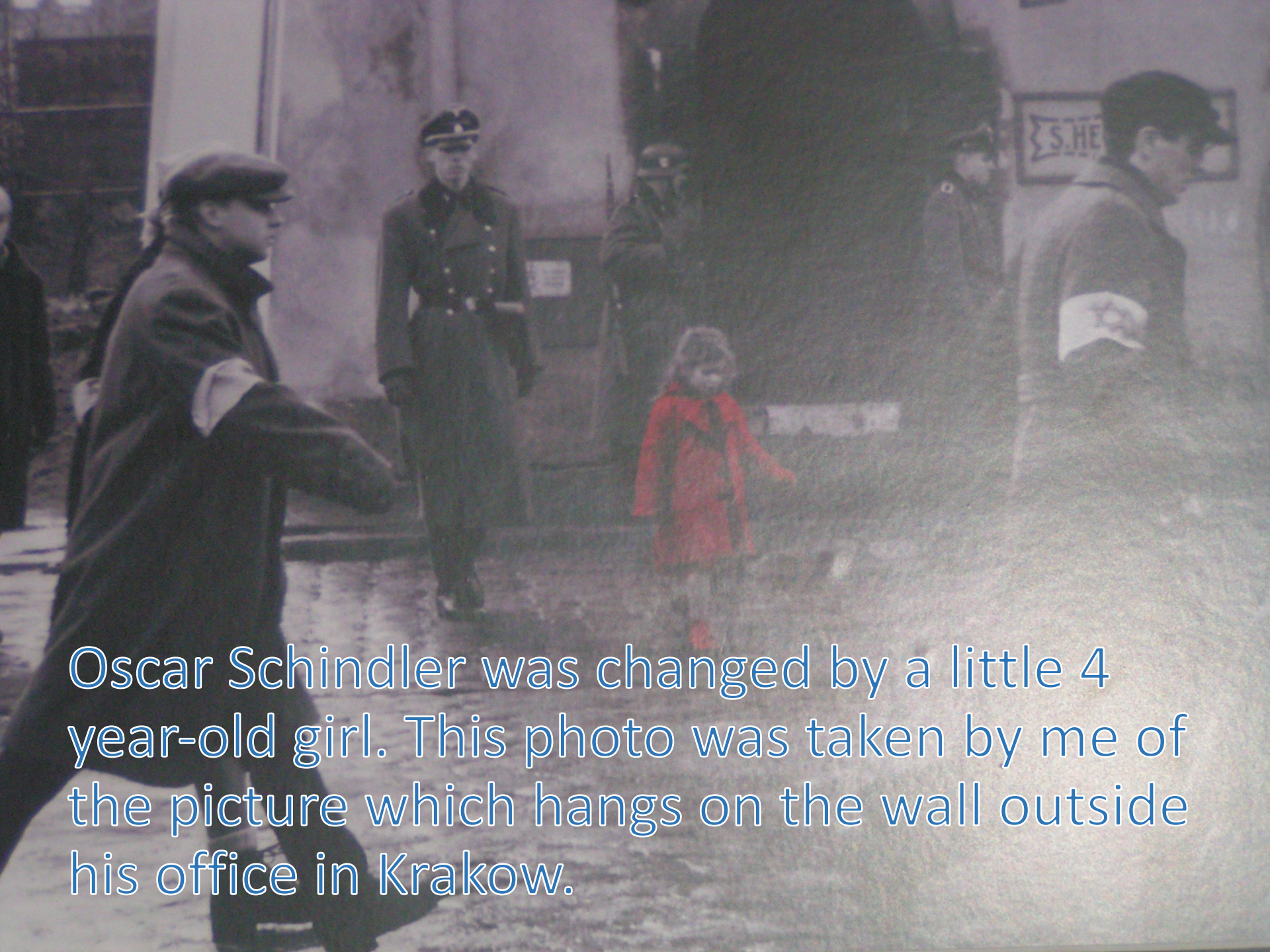
At least 1.1 million or 1/6 of the Jewish people died at this death camp.

FABRYKA OSKARA SCHINDLERA - EMALIA

Oscar Schidler's Factory

An aerial photograph of a courtyard between several old, multi-story buildings. The roofs are covered in a thick layer of snow. The buildings have weathered, light-colored walls. One building on the right has a prominent vertical brick chimney. A large blue double door is visible on the ground floor of the central building. In the courtyard, a silver car and a white van are parked. The overall scene is cold and desolate.

**Condemned Jews found freedom
working at Schindler's factory.**



Oscar Schindler was changed by a little 4 year-old girl. This photo was taken by me of the picture which hangs on the wall outside his office in Krakow.



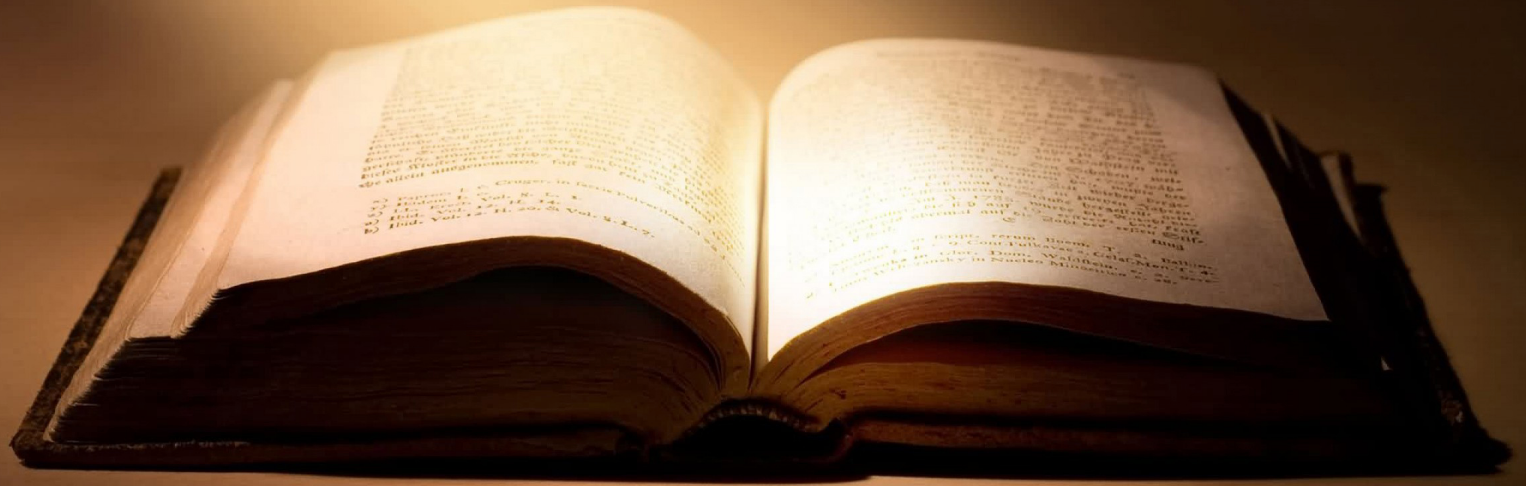


The horrors of the war became personal to Schindler when he realized the innocent, indefensible were being murdered.

**"This list... is an absolute good. The list is life.
All around its margins lies the gulf."**



Lamb's Book of Life



Is Your Name written in the Lamb's Book of Life?



John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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