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Additional examples of teenage voices on life after life

T. Male, 13, atheist

I believe that sometimes if we have had a terrible and unfair life we might be able to repeat it again or we might be born again as an animal. I also believe that after we die we go somewhere because I don't believe that we just die and that's it, but I am not sure where we go.

V. Male, 14, no belief

I think that death is more of an escape from life and when you die you are just in peace where there is no noise and no people to disturb you. You can do what you want when you want at any time of the day and anywhere you can get to. But I think there is an afterlife because I have known people who have died and then I can see a person years later and they will be almost exactly the same [as the person who died]. They talk the same, walk the same, and look the same, but they have a different name and they will know other people.

X. Male, 11, no belief

When we die we are spirits and will go to heaven and God, and there dead people can share a life together. I think sometimes when we die we are nothing, but what actually happens? Earlier in the year, in March, my nan died. I felt really bad 'cos she lived with me too. I think she is looking down at me now. But is she really?

Z. Female, 13, no belief

I believe that life after death is true. It may sound weird but I believe that when we die we get reborn as something else. Maybe as a plant or an animal or even another human. Life is a mystery. You can't have the answer to everything. So we may have already been reborn as something else.

S. Female, 13, no belief

I either believe we just die, the end or our souls/spirit goes on to other living things such as trees, people or flowers. This would be nice but it's maybe not as believable. If our coffin was the end then we still wouldn't completely die out — our memory and influences would still live on at least for a couple more generations.

U. Female, 13, no belief

I believe that we die when it is the right time for us to go and when people die they could come back as something that they wanted to be in their life before they died. For example, I think if somebody wants to come back as something in their next life, it is for a reason, say someone had a really hard life in the life before they died, they could come back as a happier person who has no troubles.

W. Male, 14, no belief

You are going to die sometime so there is no need to be afraid of death and birth. After you die you will never know, you can only find out when you die and there aren't many people who can talk to the dead. But there have been reports that people have died and came back to life in another body.

Y. Male, 13, no belief

I think death is one of the purposes of life. It is something that everyone will come across as the last thing that will ever happen to them. I do believe we go somewhere after we die, but not a place like heaven or hell. I think we are reborn, and don't remember anything we have done in our past life.

