

Kristina, one of the Austin girls, in a message to a peer:

[When I was a young teen on Earth,] I never really wondered if boys would like me. I never really worried about my looks or things like that. I guess I was just happy about the way God made me.

But then I began to sink. I began looking around at boys, and taking the videos [System movies] I watched really seriously. I began to worry that I'd never find the love of my life and I began to compare myself with others and think that I wasn't so pretty, or I was too fat.

I thought there wasn't anybody for me in the Family, and even thought about leaving, just to have a boyfriend. I became obsessed with the idea. The more I thought about it, the more I got wrapped up in myself and my feelings, until I seriously began to think about leaving the Family.

You've romanticized the movies you've seen, and those videos are more real to you than the Word. That's a serious problem. It can really drag you down. So I'm going to share a few things with you about what it's like Here, and how I learned to view things differently.

You see, Grandpa gave us the idea of sex in Heaven and it being really free, but it's hard to imagine it till you can live it and see it. You just don't have any pride or image to project. We just see right into each other and can almost read each other's thoughts, so there really isn't anything to hide. You

don't do one thing while you are thinking another. It's all one, and it is just so free, so beautiful.

You can share, and it is really sharing your heart. You can fall in love and really love deeply. You can live without jealousy or comparing yourself with others or thinking about who's prettier. You just feel really thankful and happy for each moment. Love is really the reason for it all, and when you put that love first everything falls into place.

I got Here and I fell in love with Jesus like I'd never known Him. You can't imagine how wonderful it is to lie in His arms. It's a feeling I'd never known, but you can know it. You can feel it.

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Sex is important Here, but it has its perspective and isn't like anything you've seen or experienced there.

The other thing I want to tell you is that it won't be long. Really, time's so short. Even if the Lord doesn't bring you Here early like He did me, you can't imagine how short it really is. All those "boy trials" really don't matter at all and are just a waste of time. They don't count.

Your time on Earth can really count and make a real difference, but allowing that kind of sexual pride to get in the way just wraps you up in yourself and keeps you from accomplishing more for the Lord. When you get Here and see all that time wasted, it breaks your

heart. I wept! You'll weep too when you see all the time you lost by just having your eyes on yourself, looking at yourself in the mirror and thinking about yourself.

Here, you really don't want to look at yourself. You see yourself reflected in the eyes of others, and that's enough.

Look at yourself as you are reflected in the eyes of others. Look at yourself as you are reflected in the children's eyes or your mom's eyes. How do you look? Are you thinking of them or only yourself? If you are only thinking of yourself and have your eyes on yourself, then you can't see the hurt and sadness and tears in their eyes because they need you so much. They want so much for you to just love them and look deep inside of them.

Look deep inside of them and see their needs. Learn to look deeply and get out of yourself and into others, and you will find real satisfaction, just like winning a soul. You'll feel complete and so full of Jesus that you won't need anything else.

So this is my message for you and my prayer for you. You, like me, might be gone tomorrow, and you will have lost your chance to love others and live for them and put their needs first, and you will wish you had done so much more. So give it all you've got. The Lord

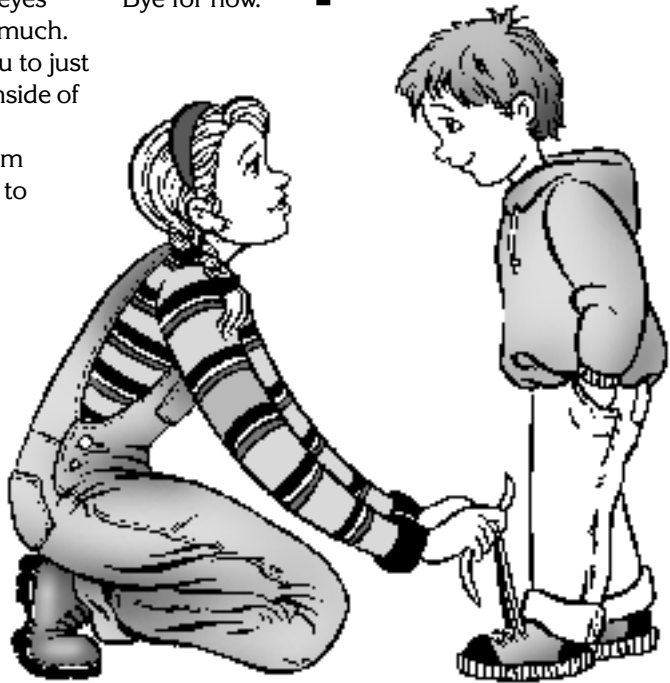
can use you so much if you will just let Him.

Break the mirror! Get your eyes off yourself, and begin to look deeply into others and see their feelings and their needs, and you will be just beautiful. You will shine and people will look at you and wonder how the Lord made you so beautiful.

I love you, and I'm Here anytime you need to talk. As you grow in these things you will be more heavenly minded and not so shallow, and we will all become much more real to you.

Smile, you're on candid camera—God's candid camera! Bye for now. ■

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How do you fall in love in Heaven? Here on Earth, you go a lot by someone's physical appearance, personality, and so on, but up There do these things still matter? Or is it like all spiritual love, where you love someone just out of love for the Lord?

George: Love in Heaven! Wow, what a big topic! I'll do my best to explain it. My name is George Matheson. You might remember me from my time on Earth. Since I just fell in love with my wonderful wife all over again, the Lord thought I might be a good one to explain this to you.

Here, when you see a person of the opposite sex with whom you have an affinity, your heart is so one with them that right away there is no wall or distance between you. Instantly there is a closeness, but this doesn't necessarily mean you're in love with them. It's like the difference between a good friend and a lover. A good friend is close and can be closer than anyone else, but when you're in love there's a certain magic, a certain spark.

Here we become attracted to each other much the same way as on Earth. You might see

someone's body there and you think that he or she is just perfect. Well, up Here people *are* just perfect—as far as being perfectly whole and not having any physical blemishes—so although it is a very pleasant additive, it isn't the main deciding factor if you end up being serious about living together with someone. What is most important is how you two can better serve the Lord by being together.

All up Here also have their "soul-mates" or "destined loves." And it isn't necessarily only one person either. Did I hear those bottles crack? Yes, you can be in love with more than one person up Here, and it never lends to the feelings of loss or hurt that you have on Earth. No, there is none of that Here. You are just so happy that the other person is happy that you can't help wanting to give them to someone else as well.

Dr. George Matheson (1842-1906) wrote the famous hymn "Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go" in 1882. He wrote it in about five minutes and it did not require any retouching. He had the impression it was dictated to him by an inward voice. He always said that the hymn was greatly indebted to Dr. Peace who wrote the music. The hymn committee asked him to change only one word. In the line "I climbed the rainbow in the rain," he had to substitute the word "traced" for "climbed"! (From *Life of George Matheson* by D. McMillan.) (Read more about George Matheson in ML #2482:9-13 and *Good Thots* 1 and 2.)

Back to attraction: There is something there, something in the person's eyes, some spark, something that tells you that you two are a match. Maybe it's God-implanted in the ones that are meant to be together.

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So you see a gorgeous girl or handsome guy, and you get that feeling in your stomach, like the butterflies have all been let loose out of a well-kept cage. Your eyes meet and instantly you are connected.

Maybe you walk with her or him, you take a stroll down the parkway and you begin to get more and more interested in them. Maybe you then begin to feel that sensation in your body. You know, the one that

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cries out for every cell of your being to be one with his or hers? You know, you want to love them and have sex right then and there? Well, hey, you still have those feelings

Here, believe it or not, only they are so pure and there are no restraints, nothing that would keep you from acting upon it. So you might begin to kiss and so on.

Then you will probably be called away for some duty, but will agree to meet again, and you start growing closer and closer. That spark of life begins to grow between you, and others can see it.

There is a certain aura that surrounds those who are in love. You can always recognize those who have just fallen in love with each other. You can see the glow almost like ... well, it's hard to explain. You feel their aura as being so young and new and fresh. It's like a young flower, a bud just awakening from its slumber with the fresh dewdrops on its petals.

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You feel their emotions and you are so happy for them. There is almost a mist that surrounds them as they walk light as a feather, literally, and can hardly wait to be together again. All those feelings and desires are there and you can act on them. ■

Love in Heaven is all the good without the bad.—George Matheson in Heaven.

Sharalie: My name is Sharalie, and I want to talk a bit about relationships.

Have you ever loved someone who didn't love you in return? You tried and tried, but it was so difficult to express the love and admiration you had for him or her? Or perhaps you've been loved by someone for whom you had no attraction, and it was difficult for you to know how to respond.

Sometimes, especially when you're young, it seems that nothing ever works out, that you'll never find someone who loves you and who you love too. Life seems so messy and complicated, and it's so difficult to communicate with others, even if they're just friends.

I want to tell you a bit about how things work in Heaven, to encourage you that if you're in a rough phase of your life or your

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heart has been broken, or maybe you just feel like an ugly duckling, and that no one could possibly ever love you and want to be with you as your boyfriend or girlfriend, let alone for life, that it won't be like this forever.

Jesus has someone special for everyone. Did you know that? It's true! And the wonderful thing is that until you meet up with that special someone, you who know Jesus can receive His love and comfort, as well as special love

and friendship from other people who also love Jesus. Those are very special gifts that those of the world who don't know the Lord cannot partake of.

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Anyway, the main thing I wanted to tell you about is how it goes in Heaven. First off, nobody is exclusive. No one shuts you out; everyone loves everyone, and it's pure pleasure to include others in the love and friendship you share with those special to you.

Yes, each of us Here has somebody or somebodies who are special to us—and of course the Lord is the most special One of all to us—but that doesn't mean that anyone feels left out.

It's really wonderful that you can walk up to any group of people and feel included right away. The cool thing is that because we can read minds up Here, and also communicate very fast telepathically, there's never the problem of feeling lost and like you don't know what everyone's talking about, just because you came late into a conversation.

We do a lot of fun things together too. One of the joys of Heaven is finding and making new friends all the time. Everyone is a friend Here—some we just haven't met yet!

The Lord's love fills the air in Heaven. It's everywhere! You can feel it and smell it and hear it and taste it. It soaks into everyone and

everything! Everything glows with the Lord's love, and it's so warm and comforting and fun and fuzzy.

There are no loneliness trials up Here. There are no jealousy trials, or envy or competition. It's just fantastic, and I'm really only describing a drop in the bucket. It's beautiful and soft and warm. So you can understand why no one would feel left out, because we all just soak up the Lord's love together as we love each other and go about our work and play.

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You can soak up some of Heaven's love too, through your praise time, prayer time—any time that you spend with Jesus. We just love to send down buckets of love to you, because there's plenty to spare!

If you ever feel lonely or like nobody loves you—or maybe you know that your parents and friends love you, but you wonder if you'll ever have anyone special to be

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close to and live with and share life with—then just stop for a few minutes, close your eyes and ask Jesus to take you to Heaven for a bit, to tank up on some of the love we have Here. We'd love to take

you into our arms and make you feel real special. And of course, Jesus does that best of all.

One of the best keys to loving others is keeping the Lord right there with you. Then He'll give you the love and understanding you need when the waters are too deep.

Or maybe you are in a relationship with someone, but it's not going so well because it's difficult to communicate or something—well, same thing. Just ask us in Heaven to help you and we'll give you some magic drops of the elixir of love to smooth out your relations with others. Of course, one of the best keys to loving others is keeping the Lord right there with you. Then He'll give you the love and understanding you need when the waters are too deep. So those are my few words to you. ■

If you can, imagine love that doesn't have any pain or remorse or hurt feelings with it—love that is pure and impartial. If you take all the earthly love and filter out all the negative aspects, then you would have the start of the statue of heavenly love.—It's like the toe on the statue.—George Matheson in Heaven.

love and sex in *70s city* magic drops of love



Will modern celebrities like Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts be famous in Heaven? Will the Lord wipe all that away? Or will you always know and remember what they did on Earth? If they just barely scraped into Heaven by having prayed at one point in their lives, but not having done anything much for the Lord, their celebrity status would seem to give them a lot of undue attention up There.

Judy Garland: I know what it's like to live a life of fame and glory on Earth. That was me! That was how I lived my life. I was famous from a young age, but that insane life of fame and fortune drove me crazy. It finally drove me to my death.

Here in Heaven I found so much joy, so much acceptance for *who* I was, not for *what* I did.

In Heaven it doesn't matter whether or not you were famous on Earth. Jesus loves you just the same, no matter who you are, no matter what you did. He's no

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respecter of persons, and neither is anyone else up Here. Those celebrities like Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts and Sharon Stone, for example, are not going to have great honor up in Heaven like you will. In fact, I'd venture to say that they're going to be rather ashamed of the lives that they led. They're going to be ashamed that

they didn't live a life of honor like you—a life in service to others.

Sure, when those who were saved get Here, everyone will know what they did on Earth, but they'll no longer be famous stars like they were on Earth. They'll be the ones coming to see you, because you'll be the celebrities up Here. The famous personalities in Heaven are the ones who lived their lives for Jesus, not for themselves.

When I got to Heaven no one wanted to hear about my accomplishments on Earth or my fame and glory, and neither did I. Everyone loved me for who I was, but they didn't really care about my worldly achievements, and neither did I. Honor is given to the men and women of God, not the stars of the movie industry, or any other industry for that matter.

They're not going to be proud of their lives when they get to Heaven. They're just going to want to forget their past and learn all they can about the real world—the world of the spirit. That's how it was for me. I was sick of my life on Earth; I didn't want to even remember it.

When I first arrived, though, I

spent many hours reminiscing over my past, wishing that I would have known the full truth, wishing that I could have done more to help others, to tell others about Jesus, wishing that I could have entered the Pearly Gates as a *heavenly*

Deep down in their hearts and souls they're hungry, they're searching, they're looking for the answers.

celebrity, as a *heavenly* star. But all of my remorse and condemnation were wiped away because I was accepted for who I was. I was loved for who I was, not for the money that I had or for the fame that I had acquired while on Earth. It was so refreshing, so beautiful, so comforting.

Of course, the Lord does bless those actors and actresses who do their best to portray good messages through their movies, even though they don't believe in Him, or don't know about His love and truth. He blessed and rewarded me for the good that I did, too.

I've even been doing some acting up Here, which has been a real rush. But I'm by no means famous. People don't come to me for autographs; they don't even ask me about my life on Earth. I'm a new person now; we're all on the same level. In fact, if anything I'm less advanced and have a lot to learn before I catch up to others who lived for Jesus while on Earth.

The real celebrities and stars in Heaven are the ones who lived for Jesus, not the ones who played

roles in earthly movies. When the celebrities get to Heaven their old lives vanish and they are loved for who they are. They'll even receive a new name. You'll find that most won't want to even talk about their lives on Earth; they'll be more interested in you, 'cause you'll be the famous ones.

You're the ones who are playing the role of the Endtime witnesses and living in the timeframe that all of the prophets dreamed of living through. You're gonna be the hot stuff up Here, not them. You're going to be the famous personalities; you're going to be the stars. Like the verse says, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Daniel 12:3). ■

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Zacchaeus: Hi! You asked for someone to come and tell you about some funny happenings in Heaven, and guess who Jesus sent along to tell you all about it? It's me, Zacchaeus.

God demonstrated a great sense of humor when He made me; at least that's what I think. I like to laugh at myself and the funny things I do—even the fact that I'm so short. I don't feel bad about it at all. In fact, one of the gifts that Jesus gave to me was the ability to make others happy, to make others laugh, to bring a bit of joy and happiness into the lives of those that I'd meet.

Well, I didn't come here to talk to you about me, although I am one of the funny things you'll find in Heaven. I came to talk to you about other funny things you'll discover—things you can look forward to and anticipate.

In Heaven we know the benefits of having a good laugh. There's really nothing like laughing! Up Here we have funny movies, funny music, funny skits, funny stories, funny people and funny experiences. So many things make us laugh, but it's all in good humor, it's all done in love, and nothing is ever done to hurt anyone else.

We get a real kick out of jokes, and have volumes and volumes of them. We have a good laugh at some of the jokes that you enjoy on Earth, too, especially the ones about what Heaven is like.

“Tell me more.”

Jesus: My warriors are serious and sober, but at the same time they love to defeat and zap the incorrigible demons. They go to special training zones where they learn to zap the Enemy, and they also review and share notes about missions they've been on and how they defeated the Enemy. Sometimes they will laugh about the ludicrous little demons and their insolence, to think that they have any power at all in comparison to the power of Heaven. But for the most part my children are sober and serious about their fight against the Evil One and his imps. (End of prophecy.)

People Here produce funny movies for everyone's entertainment. Others write humorous plays and perform them. Sometimes a group of us will just sit around talking about the absent-minded things we do.

We're sometimes in stitches talking about the puny demons that we defeat on our missions to Earth, and the idiotic things they do. It's really quite a ball of fun shooting one of those demons back where they belong. It's serious too, but sometimes it's actually quite funny because they're so helpless and weak and puny compared to the spirit beings and angels of Heaven.

We even have clown shows in Heaven. There are so many different ones up Here who used to be clowns or circus people while on Earth, and since coming Here they've improved and added to their repertoire, and they love to do shows for us. We have magic shows, comedy routines, and all kinds of shows.

Jesus even makes us laugh. He has this sort of mystical way of bringing out that special emotion in all of us. Sometimes He'll just joke around with us and have a good time.

Then of course there are all of the little children Here who are continually doing and saying the most hilarious things. And we can go back in time through our time-travel machines and witness some of the funny happenings in history. We get to enjoy most of the funny things that you enjoy on Earth, except we have a much larger

range of options, being that we can travel in time and do other such things.

You'll still be able to laugh until you cry. I mean, Heaven wouldn't be Heaven if there weren't a thing called laughter. So don't worry, there's plenty of laughing gas up Here—enough for all, enough for eternity.

“Tell me more.”

Q: Is Zacchaeus still really short in Heaven? Wouldn't being very short be considered an imperfection?

Jesus: Dear Zacchaeus—he is such a good friend, and has made Me laugh many a time. You ask why Zac is still short in Heaven, when everyone leaves behind his or her imperfections on Earth. First of all, you have to remember that to be short is not a great imperfection. After all, you should see him with children—they just love him, because he isn't towering over them. He tells them all sorts of funny stories.

The wonderful thing about Zacchaeus is that although he could have chosen to be the more average height of a man when he came to Heaven, he chose to keep the stature which he had on Earth, so that people would see him and remember the story in the Bible. He kept his earthly height to be a continual witness to Me, even in Heaven, and to bring to life a timeless story that many people who arrive Here may not be familiar with for some reason or other. It's just something he's done out of love for Me, and because to him it is a great honor bestowed upon him, that he and his height went down in the Bible as part of the record of My life on Earth.

Of course, there are times when he takes a break from being short—once I saw him at a party, only he was as tall as Me, and for just a split-second I didn't recognize him, all dressed up and as tall as he was. That is, until I saw that twinkle in his eye, and then we both had a good laugh together. You should've



seen how many times he told people that he had actually tricked Me for a second—it's quite funny.

Of course, I'm all-knowing and I could've known immediately who he was, but sometimes at parties and certain events I switch that power off so that I can relax and enjoy Myself as one of you—also so that I can be surprised every once in awhile, as Zacchaeus was so delighted to discover. Ha. (End of prophecy.) ■

Noel: Some of you have heard it all your lives—that if you give your lives to Jesus, serve Him with all your hearts and forsake your own will for His, you’re going to receive “exceeding great rewards. ... Run the race and you’ll get the crown. ... The prize of the high calling,” and so on.

Have you ever wondered what some of the other rewards are?

Ever wonder exactly what those rewards will be? I know you know about your mansions, and lots of you have already put in your orders for how you want your rooms or garden to be, and that’s real cool. But have you ever wondered what some of the other rewards are?

You know, Jesus understands you. He knows what it’s like to forsake things you like and enjoy, what it’s like to take up your cross—whether it means forsaking extra free time, forsaking the idea of making money for yourself, forsaking desires for a huge wardrobe full of nice clothes, or all the latest computer equipment, or maybe a bunch of pets.— Everyone’s different, and taking up your cross means something different for every one of you. Jesus knows this, and He sees your heart.

Even if nobody else knows your special desires—what you would want if you could have anything— Jesus knows, and He’s making special note of it for later. He’s so proud of you all for passing the tests He gives you, and He’s really

going to show you off someday. You’re going to feel real special, even floored, to see that your little decisions to commit yourself even when it was tough counted for so much.

I tell you what—it’s gonna be pretty awesome for you when you see the streamers and the fireworks and the food and the music and the fanfare that Jesus pulls out for every one of you when you get Here, just ’cause He knows how much serving Him cost you.

Some of the special rewards He gives you will be private, like the way He specially has your mansion set up for you. It’s going to be so fun to see you going through your mansions, discovering all the nooks and crannies that have been designed especially for you.

Something neat the Lord said I could tell you is that even when you think you know your mansion inside and out, there will be hidden doors and surprises that you’ll discover gradually—and the surprises won’t ever stop! Your mansion will be like a great big eternal treasure hunt. Of course, you won’t have to hunt, but just when you think you know everything about your special abode, something new and exciting may pop up.

These aren’t just inanimate houses either, they’re living and full of light and color and comfort and beauty. I don’t know if that helps you picture your mansion any better, but maybe it’s like when you walk into a room and it’s just a room, but if someone tells you that there are surprises hidden all

throughout the room for you, then you look at it differently. I guess that's what I'm trying to help you to do.

The Lord also has special rewards planned that He's going to present to you before all of Heaven. Pretty awesome, huh? Don't worry, either, if you're thinking that could be tough because you're a bit shy or self-conscious, because there's no such thing as shyness in Heaven! You won't blush or go weak in the knees or anything like that. You might be crying, but it'll just be with tears of happiness, and everyone else receiving rewards will have those too, so it's nothing to feel funny about.

When the Lord presents those public rewards to you, it's not like He's going to give anyone the

same reward. Every single one is tailor-made by His magical Spirit, Who knows your deepest longings and special tastes and desires. Cool, huh?

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I can't tell you about what kind of rewards those are going to be, since every single person's will be different, but let me tell you this: They'll be big, they'll be spectacular, they'll be special, they'll be meaningful, they'll suit you, and they'll bless you; you will feel so honored, so loved, so *known*. Until you really realize that each one is tailor-made for you, you're going to be exclaiming, "That's just what I dreamed of! How did you...?!!"



Even if nobody else knows your special desires—what you would want if you could have anything—Jesus knows, and He’s making special note of it for later.

And Jesus will present every gift with one of His warm, melting, beautiful smiles.

I know life’s tests can be rough sometimes. The Lord knows too, that “without a vision the people perish,” so although He has to keep a lot of special secrets till you get Here, He said that I could tell you these little tidbits. And maybe I’ll have more later!

So hang on to your crown!
You’re sure going to be thankful for

your rewards; but more than that, you’re going to be so thankful that you gave your life to Jesus. It’s the ultimate reward and honor, and you’ll have a special crown to signify your place in the Hall of Fame. People will look up to you and respect you, and you will have great honor in Heaven, just because you put Jesus first before your desires, just because you said

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yes to Him and chose to love Him and others more than yourself.

I sure am praying that you hang on to your special crown. ■



Your rewards will be big, they’ll be spectacular, they’ll be special, they’ll be meaningful, they’ll suit you, and they’ll bless you; you will feel so honored, so loved, so known.

If you're wondering about appearances, sizes and bodies in Heaven...

Dad: Of course there are going to be different body shapes and sizes! What a boring world Heaven would be if everyone were exactly the same! Your heavenly spiritual body is fitted to you as if it were your physical body, and your spirit is

body, because you figure it can be seen—and it can. But really, it's a spiritual body, and it takes the place of what you now know as your physical body.

Everyone is beautiful up Here. All are outfitted in lovely fashions, and their spiritual bodies reflect this as well. There are no standard beauty concepts, because one of the beauties of Heaven is the uniqueness of beauty that God spreads around. Of course, all don't have the same shape; if they did, they'd all be the same, like little robots, copies one of the other. No, there is individuality up → →

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contained within. Nobody has physical bodies, because we're not physical anymore—we're all spiritual once you get up Here! You refer to it as being your physical

Q: But Dad said in the Letters that when the Old Testament saints were resurrected, they got their bodies back. Likewise those now in Heaven will get theirs with the Rapture. And we who go up in the Rapture will be "changed," but will still have our normal physical bodies. I always thought we'd get our own physical bodies back, rather than only spiritual ones.

Dad: Well, I had it pretty much right about our bodies, that those who come to Heaven now, before the Second Coming of Jesus, do not have their actual permanent spiritual bodies yet—they're waiting for the Rapture, at which time we'll all get them at the same time as you do.

But the bodies that we're given then, our new spiritual bodies, cannot be compared with our physical bodies that we had on Earth. They do look somewhat the same, but they're so much more

beautiful. They are made of flesh and bone—but supernatural!

There's no way the Lord's just going to reconstruct those rotting dead bodies which have been sitting there for thousands of years!—Or those who have been burned or cremated or eaten by lions and all the rest. He's going to resurrect their bodies, yes, but they will be new bodies, spiritual bodies—with some resemblance to our old physical ones, but in no way to be compared with them—because they're so much more wonderful! ■

Here, and difference in appearance, though all is beautiful and perfect to behold.

You'll understand it when you get up Here, mostly because your viewing and outlook will change upon arrival. You'll learn to appreciate true beauty for what it is—the characteristics of heart and soul that connect you with the deeper qualities of a person. Yes, the casing is lovely too, and there are all kinds—for all people.

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Nobody is fat or overweight or slovenly. Everyone is in good shape and pleasing to look at. But just as there is variety on Earth in the realm of beautiful bodies and God's creation, there is even more up Here. Everything that God created for Earth's pleasure is also available Here; only there is a bit

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more magic and sparkle than down there. He reserved some of it to be only enjoyed in Heaven, so that there would be more to look

forward to, and new sights and sounds to experience upon your arrival.

At last!—A heavenly world of happy people, content with how God has made them.

Don't worry about what you're going to look like up Here. You're going to look beautiful, and you're going to be happy with it! Praise God! At last!—A heavenly world of happy people, content with how God has made them, and glad to be given the chance to share and give of themselves to others! This is my kind of world! ■

You're special to someone up Here, even if there isn't anyone down there for you right now.
—George Matheson in Heaven.

—surprises galore

Sean: When you get to Heaven, you get a whole new perspective on things. You will see things differently because you'll see the whole picture. You'll see the Lord and you'll see His plan for your life. You'll understand so much more than you understand now, and this will give you a totally different way of looking at your life, the events that happen in your life, and even your physical body.



Sean: I've come to answer the questions you have about appearances, and what all those types of things are like up Here in Heaven.

Of course, up Here it's different because you never grow old, you never get wrinkly skin, or pimples, or blemishes, or sickness, or bags under your eyes from being too tired, or hair falling out, or all the many other things that bother you on Earth. They're part of the curse, part of the imperfections of the earthly life.

Up Here you don't have any of those little nagging afflictions and uncomely blemishes. Your body is perfect, complete and whole and strong and vibrant, with the maximum amount of energy and capability, with healthy eyes, clear skin and beautiful hair. There's nothing to pollute or harm your body up Here. So yes, your body is perfect. Just think—there won't be any blindness, deafness or lameness.

He makes each one of us, His children, unique. There are no copies; there are no duplicates. Every single person is made and crafted differently, exactly as our

Father would have it.

Even on Earth there are so many different standards for beauty, so what's beautiful and what's not? Have you noticed that one man is flipped over blonde hair, blue eyes, big breasts and long legs, while another man loves brunettes with mystical penetrating eyes, small breasts and a full bottom?—And yet others love other things, or mixtures of them all. So you see, different people think of beauty in different ways, and what may be a "perfect" person to one, another might disagree on.

Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, and I doubt that you'll ever find one person in the whole world who everyone else will consider *the* most beautiful. How can you choose? How can you say he or she has the perfect body?

It's the same in Heaven: Everyone is shaped differently and made in his or her own unique way. It's the imperfections that we don't have up Here. There are no worries about being overweight. If you take away the imperfections, the pull of gravity that wears you



down, and the effect that food has on your body if you eat too much—then everyone is his or her ideal weight, healthy and strong with no imperfections.

As far as the little details and stuff like whether you can choose to have a beard or not to have a beard, yes, you can choose. The Lord likes to give us choices. By the way, I don't have a beard. I have a mustache, and most people seem to like it. They say it looks nice on me. It's not a handlebar mustache or anything; it's just a little one. There is variety, and you can choose different styles, though I would say that the natural look is

the one we try to go for.

We don't spend a lot of time thinking about our bodies, though, because there's so much else to do. But if you want to change things around and do different things, you can. Of course, we always ask the Lord first, because we want to please Him and know His mind on things. So even on these personal decisions we ask the Lord about it and get His counsel, and He always has helpful tips on our personal appearance or these different little things.

Most of all we just want to please the Lord, so even with our personal looks we do our best to glorify Him.

- stretch

(Philippe, 14-year-old departed teen:)

One game that we play up Here is like a heavenly ball chase. But the neatest thing is you can fly out to catch the ball and your spirit body can go so far out to catch it; it's like your whole being stretches and retrieves the ball. It's actually funny to watch it. The first time I saw them playing this game I couldn't stop laughing!

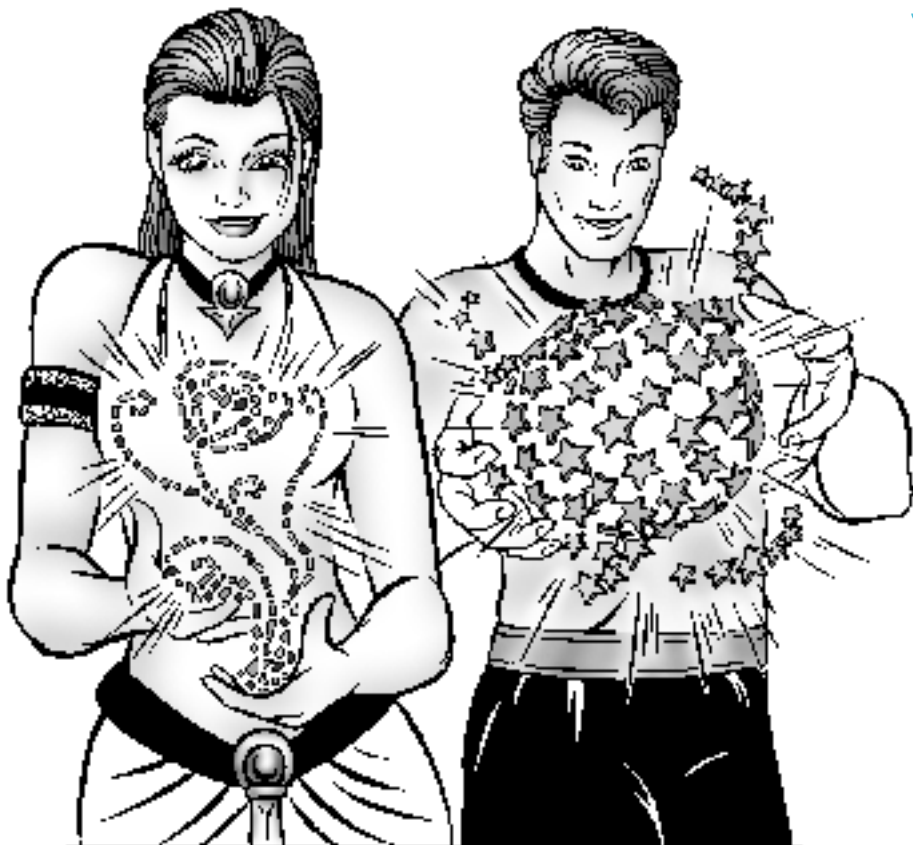
**Don't worry if you never find your "soul-mate" there on Earth. Perhaps it's because he or she is waiting for you up Here.—
George Matheson in Heaven.**

Sean: There is no generation gap like you have down there, because we're all His children and He's our Father. But I guess you could kind of relate it to how families are down there on Earth, where you have older brothers and sisters and younger brothers and sisters, and how each one is at a different stage of growth.

It's very similar to that Here in Heaven too. Not everyone is on the same level of growth. All have their own levels of growth and are at different stages. There are some who have learned more and are more experienced than others.

Some mature and grow faster than others. There are different levels of learning, and how and when you graduate to the next level is really an individual thing.

It's not like when you reach a certain age or a certain time you graduate to the next level. It's not like when you turn 21, for example, you are an "adult." It's not the same Here as it is on Earth, where things are measured by time. Every person grows at his or her own pace, and graduates to the next level of learning and lessons when they are ready.



ageless city, time does heaven have "the gap"?



When are you considered an adult in Heaven?

Georgie: My name is Georgie. I was born in Heaven, created by God and given as a love gift to my parents Here.

Growing up is a learning process, and as you learn more you become a bit older. It isn't based on your physical growth.

When you are first born you look like a newborn, but as you

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learn more, you begin to look like you are about six months old. Then as you learn to walk and talk you begin to look more like a one- or two-year-old. It's a gradual process—it's not like you jump from looking one age to looking much older—but each stage of growth is based on your achievements mentally or as we would say, spiritually. Your physical development matches or is a representation of your mental or spiritual development.

As you complete a level, your body catches up to your spirit and you look the age of that achievement. This goes on till you have completed all the basics and you look like a young adolescent. Then you go to a special school to learn about the workings of the spirit world. You learn how to read others' thoughts, how to fly saucers, how to create things, and

so on. The list goes on and on. Then when you have finished this school (and the good news is, there are no flunkers,) you move on to the next level of more complicated things. At this time you might look like you're in your late teens or early twenties.

So there isn't really a level at which you can say a child becomes an adult. We just sort of grow into it at different rates as we achieve certain levels of awareness or complete certain grades.

There does, however, come a time when you have completed all the fundamental grades of the Kingdom, and at that time we have a special party for those graduating. We throw a big party and dress up and dance and drink and have a real good time.

We have games Here that you

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have to use your mind to control, like a big sphere that we have to balance on a pin, using only thought power. Or we toss things into the air and make them fly in shapes, and play catch and tag with little spaceship-like objects—sort of like a remote-controlled

airplane, only much better.

As you advance past that level, your body doesn't change all that much, except when you go in for your battle training. Then the guys get bigger and stronger and more muscular and the girls get nicely toned and they look stunning. After you have completed your war training, then your body is complete and you go on to different courses and missions, depending on what your heart's desire is.

By the way, I'm not an angel. My mother had been to Earth before. My father tried to go to Earth too, but his parents aborted him, so he came back up Here having fulfilled his mission on Earth. It's funny isn't it that his

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mission could be so short? Well, it made a big difference in the lives of the earthly parents who decided to abort him. It changed their lives forever and they repented of it, and they now have six kids! Pretty good, hey?

(Vision received by a senior teen:) After flying through the garden for awhile, I landed on the porch of a mansion. As I walked inside, I stopped and looked at a picture painted on the wall. As I did, it started to move—sort of slow motion, very graceful. There was a herd of white horses running through a field of tall grass, and there were mountains behind—snow-capped peaks. The tall grass was so soft, and seemed to flow and swirl as the horses ran through. The whole thing was so real, just awesome.

Then there was an underwater picture that looked like an aquarium. There were a bunch of little white fish swimming together, and a few larger fish that remained in pairs. There were flowers underwater too, like small patches between the stones. The stones

looked just like the ones in the River of Life, and I could see the light that shone through the water's surface reflecting on the stones. They were all sparkling in perfect harmony with the fish movements, like everything was alive and happily praising together. ■

animal friends

(Philippe, 14-year-old departed teen:) I have a big horse; his name is Sam. I just love to ride him—it's like we're flying. He's got a spirit body as well. I can read his thoughts, and he mine; we communicate our love this way. We fly all over the place, and if I feel like galloping, then we think about where we'd like to go, and in a flash we arrive there. For example, I like to gallop on beaches, and at the speed of thought we end up on a beautiful, sandy beach, flying up and down the glistening sand.

Q. What difference does age make in Heaven?

Ruth: Hi! My name is Ruth. I've been Here for almost a hundred years and they still think of me as a young person! It's probably just because I was young when I went to be with the Lord. But there are some people Here who have been Here for even longer than I have, and they are still in the infant stage as far as spiritual maturity goes. Then there are those who have been Here for only a short while, but they are considered elders.

For example, when the Austin girls first came Here, everyone looked to them for counsel—not counsel in heavenly matters but for earthly matters, like how to help out a loved one on Earth, or how to get through to someone's heart so that he or she would feel the Lord's love.

You see how confusing it gets when you start trying to define a timeless world?

You know it's an interesting topic, age. There's no time Here, so you don't judge someone by what age he or she is, or by the length of his or her life on Earth either. It's all judged by a person's closeness and his or her ability to comprehend spiritual matters.

It's easier for some young people to grasp these spiritual principles because they haven't had to unlearn so much earthly knowledge. It's just like what the Lord said, you have to become like a little child. You have

to lose your questioning mind of “why this” and “why that,” and just be like a little child and accept, and then you'll understand.

It's almost funny to see some of the new arrivals trying to figure out how everything works. Usually when some big earthly figure comes Here, someone who was really smart, a little child is assigned to lead that person around and show him or her how everything works. It's part of the person's unlearning process, and who better to teach him or her than a little child?

It seems that the only ones who really worry about time and how it works are the ones who have been on Earth, for there is no time Here as you know it, and the ones that have never known time don't think about it at all.

Think of it like this: If someone was created at the beginning of the world, and there is no time Here as you know it, then how do you distinguish his or her age? There is no time; there is only now. So if you were created at the beginning, then what's the difference between then and now? You see how confusing it gets when you start trying to define a timeless world?

So you see that age really means nothing up Here. All you can measure a person's maturity by is his or her closeness to the Lord. So if you want to really “grow up,” then start sharpening your sword and get those new weapons out and start using them! ■

Benji: Hi, my name is Benji. I'm a part of the Heavenly Theater, where we plan and perform all sorts of fantastic and magnificent plays in honor of our King. We perform for special events, for special occasions like the King's birthday. That is a fantastic event, and one that we plan long and hard for.

Q: "Tell me more."
How can people celebrate Your birthday in Heaven when there is no time—like how do they know *when* to celebrate it?

Jesus: My heavenly children wouldn't want to miss out on a party just because they're not bound by time!—Especially a party celebrating that momentous event—My physical birth into the world—an event that changed the world forever. No, we are not bound by time, and so My people up Here are free to celebrate My birthday whenever they please; and they please to celebrate it quite often! (End of prophecy.)

But that's not what I'm here to tell you about. I'm here to tell you about entertainment in Heaven. Where should I start? There are so many forms of entertainment, ranging from what you might call movies to action games.

We sometimes organize big group games or plays, with thousands and thousands of people. We also have dress-up

parties with costumes. All sorts of costumes are on display. There are some really neat ones and some so far-out that all you can do is stare and wonder just how on Earth or in Heaven they came up with that.—Ha!

My favorites are the underwater games we play. We play a form of tag, but it's more than that. Have you heard of Quasar or paint-ball games? Well it's something like that. We carry a special "ray gun," for lack of a better word, with a little beam on it, and we race around trying to shine that beam on people. But we allow disappearing and thought travel, so you have to guess just where the person who has disappeared will end up. It's so much fun. There are some rules of course—like you can't leave the playing field, and so on.

My favorites are the underwater games we play.

These aren't really "amusements," because they aren't "away from thinking." Believe me, you'll need all the thinking you can get! They take a lot of thought and concentration, but that's what makes it fun.

We also play a form of "kick the can" but we play it throughout the whole fourth tier of the Heavenly City, which is a huge area. You might think it's impossible, but it actually is a lot of fun. There you can't disappear or thought-travel. You have to stick to the rules, and thousands of folks join in.

Dance nights! Oh, yes, now

there's a highlight. We all gather down below the City in the Crystal Sea as some have called it, and we dance. We don't just do one style of dance or have one style of music. We have forms of dance that aren't even possible on Earth, and tunes that are so wild that only special heavenly bands can play them. King Jesus often comes to these, and we take turns dancing with Him.

We also have dance troupes that prepare special dances and perform them in the middle on a huge stage. They do this one where there are eight people holding hands like a giant wind-

mill, for a lack of a better word. They are all joined around one person who is standing on the shoulders of two others, and they

There are about 500 or 600 butterflies, and they all dance together in wave after wave of joyous music.

rotate and take turns standing at the bottom. They all let go and spin around before clasping hands again and moving on to the next person. It's so hard to describe.

There are also troupes that perform with animals or with

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“Tell me more.”



Do you suppose this means guys dance with Jesus too? I guess they do, huh. It's just sort of mind-bending to hear it put into words by a guy like this.

Jesus: Don't worry, My children, or gulp with embarrassment that you don't feel spiritual or heavenly minded enough to grasp this, for the explanation is simple. You are all My brides in the spirit and as such have an intimate relationship with Me in the spirit. But in the flesh—even in your heavenly bodies, which are real too—I interact with the men as a man, and with the women as a man.

So when Benji says that

everyone takes turn dancing with Me, he means just that. Have you ever seen guys tapping together? Or hip-hopping? Or Irish dancing—remember Riverdance? Well, these are examples of how the men dance with Me.

I'm the Lord of the dance, and I know every form of dancing there is to know. It is great fun to dance with other guys who are also skilled in their national dances, or forms of dancing they've learnt since coming Here, and usually when I dance with a group of people there is a great audience around us, and everyone shares in the fun.

Then when I dance with women, it's the same. I might do some kind of rendition, with a group of them, which is quite platonic in nature. But then there



are other times when I dance with the women real close, just like any normal man would want to dance with a woman. Does that explain things better?

Remember the description of David and Jonathan's friendship, in the Bible? David declared that his love for Jonathan "passed the love of women."* That means that the love that they shared was greater than any love he'd ever experienced with a woman—think of that—yet they were both real men, and they only desired to have sex with women.

If you think of their friendship, perhaps you can better understand

the deep friendship and relationship I have with men, with love passing the love of women. Of *course*, our love would be stronger than the love that a woman might share with you, simply because I am not only your Friend, but I am your Lord, and your God, and your Husband to boot. (End of prophecy.)

(*David, speaking of his friend Jonathan after he heard news of Jonathan's death, said: "I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women" [2 Samuel 1:26].) ■

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various objects, like jugglers do down there, only many times better. One of my favorites is the group that coordinates little butterflies dancing around in the air. There are about 500 or 600 butterflies, and they all dance together in wave after wave of joyous music.

We also play tag games on other planets.

We also play tag games on other planets. We ride horses and have special rods that count points when you touch a person from the other team. We race around, dashing back and forth trying to dodge the other team while at the same time we're trying to tag them.

Games like this can go on for days, with hidden camps, ambushes, spies and the whole thing. But best of all, we are all winners at the end. One team may not be the champions of that game, but we may be the winners of the next so there're no hard feelings.

That's just a little glimpse into some of the fun activities of our Heavenly Entertainment Department, which I am sure you will want to visit or sign up for when you return to your Home in Heaven. See you soon. ■

“Tell me more.”



Is it true that there are people in Heaven whose only job is to entertain others in Heaven?

Jesus: Regardless of what people do in Heaven, they are learning valuable lessons that will help them rebuild the New Earth. If they learn a skill such as dancing, then turn around and teach it to others—for people are encouraged to teach others to teach others, just as your father always taught you—then they are also learning people-handling skills—how to teach people, how to encourage, how to organize and motivate people. There is a good purpose for everything in Heaven, so even if you don't understand why some people do seemingly superfluous jobs, trust Me that there is a greater, grander purpose behind it all. (End of prophecy.)

through a peephole

(Philippe, 14-year-old departed teen:) The place where I live is so neat. Actually I live at a couple places. One place is by a lake, and the other place is bigger and more fancy. Both are absolutely beautiful, but I think I like the one by the lake the best because it's so quaint. It has so many trees and I can have so many adventures there.

The animals in the woods around my cottage are friendly. A deer family is often in the forest near my place. I feed them and they enjoy being with me and me with them. The cutest little rabbits live near my cottage as well, with the whitest, fluffiest tails I've ever seen.

The other house where I live is with quite a few young people. We are all basically on the same level spiritually; we are being groomed, and sharpening our spirits.

So many of my heart's desires have been fulfilled, and daily Jesus showers us with surprises. He loves surprises too! He loves to watch our expression as we enjoy His gifts, but He especially loves our acknowledgment of Him as the Giver.

music

(Philippe:) I can't even begin to describe to you how neat the music is Here. You're getting tastes of it from the music we're sending down from up Here, but you wouldn't believe how clean the sound is up Here.

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The amazing thing about being Here is that music is constantly in your thoughts and mind; it's always a part of your being Here. Except at the times when there is silence, before something awesome is about to happen. Then everyone is very still, observing the "happening." Then praise will follow. Talk about praise time!—We live in a realm of perpetual praise. ■

Why take out all the fun of the love enjoyed on Earth when you get to Heaven? It's just magnified a million times over.
—George Matheson in Heaven.

Mike: It's such a blast to get through to you with fun glimpses of Heaven. The Lord loves you so much that He wants you to know more about some of the rewards He has in store for you up Here. He knows that anticipating some of the surprises will make some of the trials of life easier to bear. Isn't that good of Him? He's the greatest.

Today I want to give you a glimpse of what you can best relate to as the virtual reality pavilion—well, at least one aspect of it.

Ever wish you were a bird, and that you could fly over the ocean, or high above the trees? Ever wish you could run like a cheetah, or experience what it'd be like to be as tall as a giraffe? Or maybe you wished you could try being a butterfly, flitting around in a beautiful, flower-filled world, with the air gently bearing you up as you flutter your delicate wings.

Well, in Heaven there is a “virtual reality” section, where you

“Tell me more.”

Dad: In the Virtual Reality Pavilion the Lord creates the scenarios for you to jump inside and gain experience from, so that you can learn without actually changing something which really exists. Do you understand? It's a simulation—only it's not an illusion, it's real—but it's created especially for you and your enjoyment and experience.

can choose to be any creature in the whole world. You step into the habitat of that creature and in the blink of an eye, you are that creature! You have your own consciousness—of course, else how could you enjoy it?—But you think and move and breathe and instinctively act just like the animal you “virtually” are on this set. You see the world through its eyes. You see

It's a bit like spending your life in the city and then climbing a mountain.—You see the world in a totally new way!

other animals and your surroundings from the perspective of whatever creature you “are.” You can also decide, before your virtual experience, if you want to experience some of the dangers the animal faces in its day-to-day life on earth. That'd be quite a ride! All for fun, of course, and the experience can stop whenever you want it to.

These virtual experiences are awesome. It's a bit like spending your life in the city and then climbing a mountain.—You see the world in a totally new way! You can be a dolphin in the sea. The neat thing is that you can move just like a dolphin—you know, how they swim so gracefully and quickly, and have so much fun. You can play with other dolphins. Or you could experience what it's like to having a body weighing 200 tons gliding through the water, if you choose to be a blue whale. You could be a monkey, clambering

through the trees with fantastic agility. You could be an ant, and explore the world from that perspective, going right down into an ant colony.—The opportunities are limitless!

I've visited this particular section quite a bit.—It's such a mind expander! It renews my wonder at the marvels of God's creation, how He perfected everything to work in harmony and beautiful synchronization. It's funny, you think you know everything there is to know about the earth till you decide to see it from a new perspective, and you find out again that the discoveries are endless. Have you ever wondered how animals perceive the voice of

a human, or what "language" animals speak to each other in? You can find these things out through personal experience in this pavilion. It's nice, because in Heaven we have a wide variety of pets. For example, I've chosen to experience the life of each of the pets I own—from my zebra to my peacock to my leopard and so on, and each experience helped me to understand my pets even better.

So, if you're interested in virtual reality experiences on Earth, hold on to your hats! 'Cause there are some fantastic things in store Here, one of which I've just given you a glimpse of. Look forward to seeing you up Here someday soon! ■



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Jesus, speaking to an SGA girl: I'm practicing a hip-hop number especially for you, since I know how you love to see guys dance, especially a group of guys. The other six guys are thrilled to be doing this one with Me, and I'm flipped too. I never knew hip-hopping could be so fun! Sure, I've done it, but not actually putting something together with other men, for one of My little nymphs—well, it's quite fun.

I never knew hip-hopping could be so fun!

By the way, they've all asked about you. They're going to have a lot of fun doing this for you. Of course, I'm going to have the most fun of all, because I know you the best, and I know how much you're going to be thrilled about this one. Just seeing you get so excited with this preview has infused energy into our practices. Oh, man, it's gonna be fun!

I'll invite everyone else to watch it too, but you can cherish the

thought that you are what inspired this particular dance. I wish I could give you a headset right now to let you hear the music we're dancing to. You'd be dancing in a second, moving to the irresistible pump of the beat we've got going.

Okay, more about the guys? Well, since I know you just love the darker skin tones I've created, that's what our troupe is made up of. There's a Latino, a coupla blacks, and then some guys with tones that you might not be so familiar with, but they're on the

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darker side of the scale too. And I'm looking just like I did on Earth, with that Mideastern look I know

“Tell me more.”



Jesus, you said your hair is usually damp-looking from the exertion of your number. Does that mean you sweat in Heaven? And that You exert yourself?

(Jesus:) Some girls really like to see a guy exerting himself, and yes, even sweating—getting all nice and shiny on his body, and his hair getting damp. I happen to know that this is a real turn-on for some of you, and so even though I don't have to sweat in Heaven, or even exert Myself, I do sometimes, just 'cause I know how much some of you girls love it. It's not hot and uncomfortable to sweat up Here though—it's more like an optical illusion, ha, because our heavenly bodies are strong and powerful enough to do any dance move with the utmost of ease. It's just an effect that some people like to see. (End of prophecy.)

you love. We're all wearing those baggy jeans that go with hip-hopping, you know, rolled once at the ankle, and these real comfortable black shoes, big ones that are cushioned and easy to bounce in. Then we're wearing those real comfortable, loose button-up shirts, the sleeves rolled up, and open. Our hair is pretty much as is. One of the guys is wearing a bandanna around his forehead. My hair's past my shoulders. It's usually damp looking from the exertion of our number.

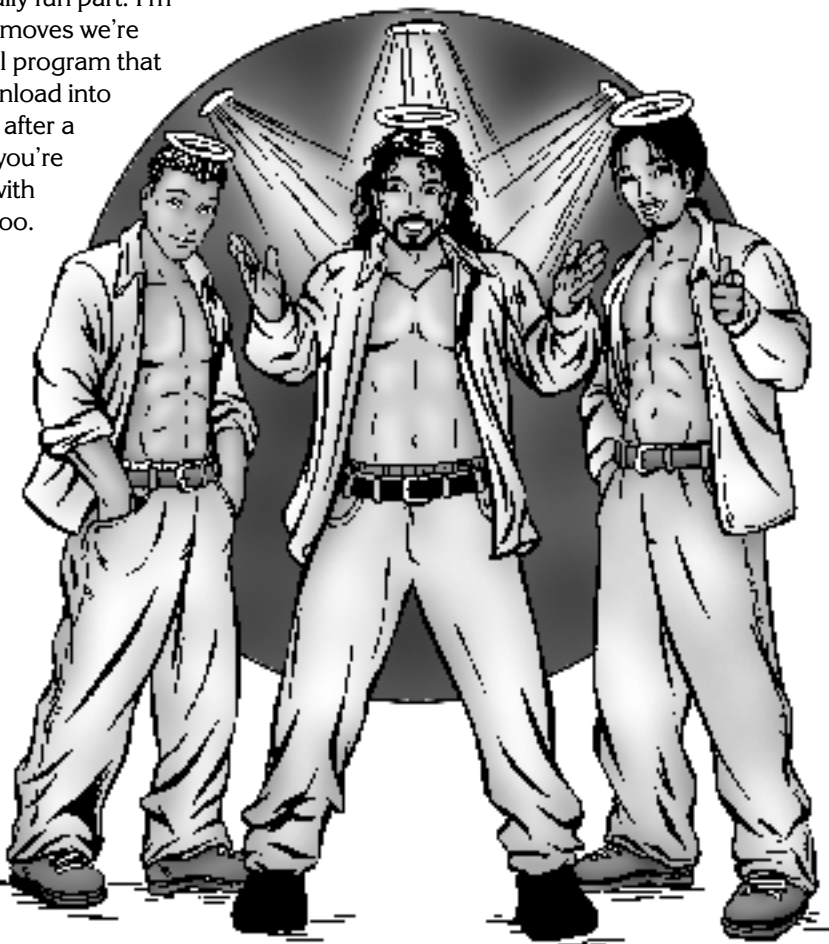
Here's the really fun part: I'm saving up all the moves we're doing in a special program that I'm going to download into your brain. Then after a couple of times, you're going to get up with us and dance it too. It'll flow just like you were always there from the beginning of practice.

We've got a special outfit already hanging in a closet for you, the baggy pants and shoes, just like ours—a few sizes smaller, of course—and then a tight little job for your top, so as to show as much of your lovely body as possible, and you're set.

Sometimes the guys'll go to that closet and pull out the hanger with your outfit on it, and try to imagine you in it, then they get to talking about who wants to have a night with you first. It's really funny! They're all jabbing Me right now, telling Me that that kind of talk is gonna scare you off, but I know better.

So have fun with this one, okay? Whenever you're feeling down, just remember this dance we've got lined up for you. ■

We've got a special outfit already hanging in a closet for you.





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