Source: Wikipedia

***Fill in the gaps with the correct prepostions:***

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***Match the words with their deffinitions:***

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | TO NO AVAIL | A | To speak vaguely or indirectly |
| 2 | TO BE BETTER OFF | B | Horrified |
| 3 | MINCING WORDS | C | To be in a better situation  |
| 4 | CONTEMPTUOUS | D | Of no use or advantage |
| 5 | APPALLED | E | Unable to believe something |
| 6 | INCREDULOUS | F | Expressing deep hatred or disapproval |

***Watch the video and answer the questions:***

Video link: <https://youtu.be/h6fcK_fRYaI>

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. How did the man die? How old was he?
2. Why did God like the fact that the man worried about his family?
3. Will the man remember his past lives after he’s reborn?
4. Why does God say that his past lives are like putting a finger in a glass of water?
5. What is the meaning of life according to the video?

DISCUSSION:

1. Do you agree with the video?
2. Have you ever heard of the “Egg Theory”?
3. What other theories have you heard of this topic?
4. What do you think of the afterlife?
5. What would the ideal situation be like after life?

***Answers:***

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