

LIFE AFTER DEATH

THE EVIDENCE

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FOREWORD

BY RICK WARREN

Who hasn't wondered, "What happens after death?" It would be both unreasonable and foolish to live your entire life never considering and being unprepared for an event that we all know is inevitable. The mortality rate on earth is 100 percent.

This book by my friend Dinesh D'Souza is a brilliant investigation of the fascinating and crucial issue of what happens when we die. It is an inquiry conducted on the basis of scholarship and reason, and it provides a convincing answer that is explosive in its impact.

Chapter One

LET'S STOP PRETENDING

The Big Question, Considered in a New Way

But at my back I always hear
Time's winged chariot hurrying near.¹

—Andrew Marvell, "To His Coy Mistress"

The year before I met Dixie, the woman who was to become my wife, she was involved in a harrowing car accident. She told me about it on one of our first dates. At the age of nineteen she was driving from North Carolina to Washington, D.C., to enroll in a journalism program. Due to some unmarked construction work, the highway narrowed and her car hit a groove and spun out of control. Dixie saw her Saab Sonnett careen off the highway and plummet into a ravine. On the way she felt the bump, bump, bump of the car hitting trees. Finally the vehicle flipped over, crashed, and landed upside down.