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A Twenty-First Century “Virtual Tour” of Heaven

Anthony DeStefano gives readers
a magnificent vision of life after death

A TRAVEL GUIDE TO HEAVEN
By Anthony DeStefano
Now Available in Paperback
and Including a Reading Group Companion

“*A Travel Guide to Heaven* . . . bubbles joyously about an incredible Technicolor afterlife that makes the journey over the rainbow to Oz pale in comparison.”
—*New York Times*

“In this fascinating, comforting book, DeStefano takes the reader on a tour of heaven, painting it as a dynamic place of unlimited joy . . . He is neither an academic nor a professional theologian, which . . . frees him to conjecture without restraint. Many readers will find DeStefano’s . . . exciting picture of heaven compelling.”
—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

A recent Newsweek poll reported that an astounding 76 percent of Americans believe in heaven. Yet even ardent believers have difficulty trying to envision anything but clichéd ideas of harps and haloes that offer scant comfort to those who need it. Anthony DeStefano found this to be especially true when in seven months he had to attend fifteen

funerals and found that the words of various religious leaders, while well-intentioned, failed to resonate with the mourners. DeStefano knew there had to be a more complete and reassuring vision of paradise and set out to find it using an extraordinary sense of logic, imagination, and fun with the Bible as his guide.

The result of DeStefano's explorations is the entertaining and illuminating **A TRAVEL GUIDE TO HEAVEN (Doubleday/Image, November 1st, 2005; \$9.95; paperback)**, now available in paperback and including a Reading Group Companion. The book's travel guide format instills the reader with a feeling of adventure as the author describes the physical layout of heaven and addresses questions such as:

- What will people look like in heaven?
- Will we be able to recognize friends and loved ones?
- Will there be animals and pets there?
- How will we fill our time?
- Doesn't eternity ever get boring?

As DeStefano answers these and many more questions, he demolishes the idea that heaven is a vague haze of a sweet but boring afterlife. Instead, it is a physical place that can be compared to a five-star luxury resort. The residents are real, their bodies transformed into their most perfect selves—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. By making a spiritual subject immensely physical, the book provides a picture of amazing places to visit, things to do, luxuries for pampering—not to mention deep, abiding joy. It is more beautiful than a Hawaiian sunset, more thrilling than Alpine skiing, more fun than any amusement park ride, and more riveting than the best novel. Combining great clarity with logic and the adventure of a travel guide, DeStefano creates a brilliant and reassuring portrait of heaven, a place that has intrigued and puzzled humankind throughout history.

A TRAVEL GUIDE TO HEAVEN provides a delicious preview of a paradise bursting with beauty, excitement, challenges, fun, and perfect delight—forever.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

ANTHONY DeSTEFANO has received many prestigious awards from religious communities throughout the world. In 2002, he was given an honorary doctorate from the Joint Academic Commission of the National Clergy Council and the Methodist Episcopal Church for “the advancement of Christian beliefs in modern culture.” In 2003, he was made a Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Most recently, he was awarded the “Defender of Israel” medal from the Jerusalem Center for Peace Studies. Mr. DeStefano is the CEO of Priests for Life, a Catholic not-for-profit organization based in New York. He is a member of the National Religious Broadcasters Organization (NRB), the Royal Institute of Philosophy (London), and was elected a member of the prestigious International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), also based in the United Kingdom. An avid pilot, DeStefano serves as a senior member of the U.S. Air Force’s Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol. He is lives on Long Island with his wife Kimberly, a kindergarten teacher. **A TRAVEL GUIDE TO HEAVEN** is his first book.

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