

Why bother with an earthly incarnation?

Think how boring Heaven would be were it not for periods of "exploration" in worlds such as ours. Yes, there is pain involved, but, as the marathon runner once said, "I do it because it feels so good when I stop."

One might ask, if life in Heaven is so great, why bother with an earthly incarnation? Why would any sane person in Heaven subject him or herself to the pain and misery that we sometimes experience in this crucible of life?

Well, I have written on this subject many times before, so I won't bore you by rehashing the reasons why our human experience is necessary for our spiritual development. The point I would like to make today is that, from our vantage point in Heaven, the time we spend here on earth is actually no time at all.

I was told by the doctor last year that, because of the drug he would give me, I would be fully conscious during my colonoscopy, and when it was over I would have no memory of it. The thought of being conscious through the procedure caused me great anxiety as I lay there on the table ready to proceed. The next thing I remember was laying there in bed, a split second later, after the procedure was finished. I had absolutely no memory of what had just happened. In my conscious awareness, it was as though it had never happened at all. The reality was, however, that something very important actually did happen. Three potentially life-threatening polyps were removed, and I learned that there were no cancers present.

Was the procedure necessary? Yes. Was there some discomfort involved? Yes. Will I be doing it again sometime? Yes.

That is what life is like. When this life is over, we wake up in Heaven, having become better for the experience. The difference is that, soon afterwards, we are able to recall what happened and learn from it, beginning with the life review.

Romans 8:18 *"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."*