

**Catholicism Series**  
**Outline for Video for Week 19**  
**We all die, so we're all asking this question...**

1. Science is not the only way to know reality
  - a. There are things we come to know in ordinary life that we cannot know by science only as an explanation
  - b. Theology is the sacred science
2. The Last things, Hell, Purgatory and Heaven
  - a. Fascinating and objectionable
    - i. Hell - When trying to reconcile good and merciful God
    - ii. Heaven – When wondering about the perfection of this world, wishful thinking and drug to get people to endure hell
    - iii. Purgatory - non-biblical foundation
  - b. Everyone wonders what happens after we die
  - c. Problem with sense of justice because good people suffer in this world and die without justice and bad people seem to get away without recompense
3. Hell
  - a. Beginning with Dante – Divine Comedy - Not literal but sound theology who is a poet and a believer
  - b. At the bottom of hell with Satan, stuck in ice and frozen in place
  - c. We are meant to break out of ourselves and mix with the world
  - d. To sin is to turn away from the world and reign as one own kingdom
  - e. Sin is a heaviness, being weighed down, make the world colder
  - f. Satan has three faces mimicking the three faces of the Trinity
  - g. Sinners think they are god and the world revolves of around self
  - h. Evil is depressing, soul shrinking and powerlessness
  - i. Total self-absorption of hell
  - j. God is love and we are free, hell are people who freely reject love
  - k. God's love is eternal what makes the difference is how we respond to it
  - l. God did not send them there, they went there and will not move
4. Purgatory
  - a. There were abuses of the teaching, especially in Middle Ages.
  - b. Final purification of the elect.
  - c. Bad actions done over and over again twists the will and this sin needs correction and healing, needs redirecting
  - d. Those who sin love God but they know that they needs to go through crucible because they want to in order to correct the effects of his sin
  - e. There are many people who leave this life as friends of God but are unable to live the life of God effortlessly. They need a training in the way of love
  - f. Just like athletes, who push themselves to the limit, spiritual person does to the extreme to get to excellence. Discipline and mortify themselves
5. Angels and Devils
  - a. God is the creator of all things that are seen and unseen
    - i. The realm of invisible creatures
    - ii. Given what we know of the enormous creation, space is filled with spiritual creatures
  - b. Angels
    - i. They are separated intelligences, they are not tied to matter
    - ii. Every angel is its own species because it has no matter
    - iii. Angels are associate with Praise of God

*Topic Continues next week*