

## **The Big Question**

### **Activity 3: What happens when we die?**

Use the copiable sheet on the following page – it may be helpful to blow it up to double the size of comment boxes. Ask students to :

- 1) Add their comments in the third column.
- 2) Compare their ideas with two other class members.
- 3) Analyse the comments by pairing them up – which might be said to go with which?
- 4) Write 100 words to summarise the range of ideas in the clip.

<b>Who's talking?</b>	<b>What do they say?</b>	<b>What do you think? Agree – disagree – like – dislike – and why?</b>
SHIRLEY MACLAINE ACTOR, BUDDHIST	"I had my first past life recall when I was seven... I began to realise that two thirds of the world believes that it's lived before."	
DOLLY PARTON, SINGER, CHRISTIAN	"I'd like to agree with Shirley Maclaine. I'd like to believe we'd lived many times before, then we wouldn't have to be responsible for our actions. I don't want to miss anything."	
JACKIE COLLINS, WRITER, BUDDHIST	"I think I used to be a leopard as I love the look and the feel of leopard skin. I just feel it."	
SIR ANTHONY HOPKINS, ACTOR	"If this is it, I may as well enjoy it and if this isn't it, but only a dream world, I may as well enjoy it, so I win both ways."	
JOHN CLEESE, ACTOR	"I don't know. Does a bit of us go on? It can't be all of us. All that vanity presumably goes, so what's left? Is it really us anymore?"	
BILLY CONNOLLY, COMEDIAN	"My best friend died last year. I found myself saying to him 'bon voyage, and I'll see you later.' Looking death in the face, I said, 'I'll see you later.' And I meant it. I do believe we'll meet again."	
IMRAN KHAN, CRICKETER, POLITICIAN	"We'll be judged on the way we live our lives. As for heaven and hell, if you've lived a good life you've got nothing to worry about because it will be better than this life."	
PROFESSOR STEPHEN HAWKING, SCIENTIST	"What can be identified as a person, carries on. Individual members of the human race will die, but I very much hope the species will continue. An individual is continued in the memories that we leave behind."	
RICK STEIN, COOK	"Sometimes I am more terrified to think of there being a life after death. It's more comforting to believe that you are snuffed out."	
DIANE JORDAN, TV PRESENTER, CHRISTIAN	"As a Christian, I know that I have a guaranteed place in heaven. I love being alive, but also don't fear death. I'm going to have a better life forever"	
ALEX KINGSTON, ACTOR	"I will always question what will happen next. If I was born, why should I die? I love life, and I think it's a gift. Live life to best of your ability."	
SIR BRIAN BLESSED, ACTOR, EXPLORER	"I want to sail out to sea into the sunset, and go and meet my maker, and go on more and more adventures, and say 'thank you' ad infinitum. Life is a rediscovery, not a discovery".	