

## **Ideas of Heaven**

*Actor 1 enters, stands stage left.*

**Actor 1:** I believe in heaven, but I do have a question. What if there are aliens on other planets? Are they going to be in heaven, too? That would make heaven kind of scary, which would kind of defeat the point of heaven. Therefore there must not be aliens.

**Screen:** Conservative

*Actor 2 enters, stands next to Actor 1.*

**Actor 2:** I love the idea of there being aliens in heaven! That would be so cool, so interesting! We could learn so much from each other! Maybe the aliens have solved problems like racism and discrimination against trans and non-binary aliens and we could learn how they did it! That would be fantastic!

**Screen:** Liberal

**Actor 2:** *(to actor 1)* By the way, do you want a hug?

**Actor 1:** No thanks.

*Actor 3 enters, stands next to actor 2.*

**Actor 3:** My idea of heaven is simple. It's just me, my extended family, a few close friends and some key business associates. Everybody else can go fuck themselves.

**Screen:** Conservative? Oh yeah.

**Actor 2:** *(to actor 3)* Do you want a hug?

**Actor 3:** *(horrificed)* Definitely not.

*Actor 4 enters, stands next to actor 3.*

**Actor 4:** There is no heaven other than the heaven we have right here on Earth through the only true miracle, the miracle of evolution and biodiversity.

*Actor 1 rolls his eyes, while actor 3 mimes getting a horrendous migraine, rubbing his temples. Actor 2 begins to stare in awe and wonder.*

**Actor 4:** We have a moral obligation to promote rationality, and to preserve and even revere the natural world. I just want to give biodiversity and all the world's ecosystems a big hug.

**Screen:** Liberal? Ooh la la.

*Actor 2 rushes over to actor 4 and embraces him with great passion. They begin to dance tenderly, while the other two actors look away in disgust.*