

= Not All Dogs Go to Heaven =

" Not All Dogs Go to Heaven " is the 11th episode of the seventh season of the American animated television series Family Guy . It originally aired on Fox television network in the United States on March 29 , 2009 . The episode was directed by Greg Colton and written by Danny Smith . In the episode , Quahog hosts its annual Star Trek convention and the cast members of Star Trek : The Next Generation are guests . After he was unable to ask the actors any questions at a Q & A session , Stewie builds a transporter in his bedroom to beam the cast over and spend the day with them . Meanwhile , Meg becomes a born @-@ again Christian and tries to convert the atheist Brian to Christianity .

The episode garnered mixed reviews from critics and received a 4 @.@ 8 / 7 Nielsen rating . Star Trek : The Next Generation 's Patrick Stewart , Jonathan Frakes , Brent Spiner , LeVar Burton , Gates McFadden , Michael Dorn , Wil Wheaton , Denise Crosby , and Marina Sirtis all guest starred as themselves , and Adam West and Rob Lowe appear at the end of the episode in a live action scene .

= = Plot = =

Meg catches the mumps when the Griffins attend Quahog 's annual Star Trek convention , because Peter forced her to stand next to an irresponsible attendee with mumps to take a picture , believing him to be in costume as an alien . While recovering in bed , Meg becomes a born @-@ again Christian after watching Kirk Cameron on television and begins irritating everyone with her beliefs . Meg is horrified to learn that Brian is an atheist and attempts to convince him to repent and convert to Christianity , but he repeatedly refuses . Finally taking drastic measures , Meg spreads the word of Brian 's atheism around Quahog , which generally hates atheists , making him a social outcast .

Upon being made a pariah , Brian is banned from every bar and convenience store in Quahog , making it impossible for him to drink . Desperate , and suffering from delirium tremens (he hallucinates seeing several alcoholic beverages begging him to drink them) , Brian fakes his repentance and convinces Meg to cease all hostilities against him so he can get back to drinking , but she takes him to burn books that are " harmful to God " (including On the Origin of Species by Charles Darwin , A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking , and a book titled Logic for First Graders) . A disgusted Brian admits his bluff and attempts to convince Meg that what she is doing is wrong . When Meg refuses to listen , Brian points out to her that if there were truly a loving God , then he would not have created Meg to have an attractive mother like Lois but have her be unattractive like Peter , and that she would not be living with a family that holds her in contempt and otherwise pretends that she does not exist (along with not even caring enough about her to get her a mumps shot) . Feeling ashamed , Meg concedes to Brian 's argument and apologizes for her behavior , confessing that she does not know how she can feel loved . Brian then assures her that the answers are inside herself , and the real meaning of their existence is out there somewhere . Afterward , it is revealed that the entire Family Guy universe takes place within the molecules of a lampshade in the shared bedroom of Adam West and Rob Lowe .

Meanwhile , furious that he did not get a chance to ask the cast of Star Trek : The Next Generation any questions at the convention , and the fact that the cast instead answered questions completely unrelated to Star Trek , Stewie builds an authentic Star Trek transporter and beams the cast over to interview them (in a nod to the TNG episode " Skin of Evil " , Denise Crosby is killed in a show of force) . Stewie decides to spend the whole day with the cast , which includes stealing Cleveland 's van , having lunch at McDonald 's , going bowling , and going to a carnival . However , they complain about minor things and greatly annoy Stewie , who beams everyone back after stating that they have ruined Star Trek : The Next Generation for him , and that he hopes they all die .

= = Production = =

" Not All Dogs Go to Heaven " was directed by series regular Greg Colton , in his second episode of

the season (his first one being " Road to Germany ") . It was written by regular writer and recurring voice actor Danny Smith , in his first episode of the season . Series regulars Peter Shin and James Purdum served as supervising directors . Seth MacFarlane , Family Guy 's creator and executive producer , is a fan of Star Trek and made two guest appearances as engineer Ensign Rivers on Star Trek : Enterprise , in " The Forgotten " (season 3 , episode 20) and " Affliction " (season 4 , episode 15) . Former Star Trek : The Next Generation cast members have also made other appearances in Family Guy : Patrick Stewart , for example , briefly voiced Peter Griffin (normally played by MacFarlane) in " No Meals on Wheels " (season 5 , episode 14) , his American Dad ! character , Avery Bullock in " Lois Kills Stewie " (season 6 , episode 5) , and his Star Trek : The Next Generation character Captain Jean @-@ Luc Picard in " Peter 's Got Woods " (season 4 , episode 11) ; Jonathan Frakes , Michael Dorn and Marina Sirtis also appeared in " Peter 's Got Woods " as their respective Star Trek : The Next Generation characters William Riker , Worf , and Counsellor Deanna Troi .

" Not All Dogs Go to Heaven " features the entire original cast of Star Trek : The Next Generation : Stewart as Captain Picard ; Frakes as Riker ; Gates McFadden as Doctor Beverly Crusher ; Brent Spiner as Lieutenant Commander Data ; Dorn as Worf ; Sirtis as Troi ; LeVar Burton as Chief Engineer Geordi La Forge ; Wil Wheaton as Wesley Crusher ; and Denise Crosby , whose character Tasha Yar died during Star Trek : The Next Generation 's first season . It is also the first time the cast , minus Crosby , has worked together since the 2002 feature film Star Trek Nemesis , although the actors did not meet when they recorded their speaking parts .

Wil Wheaton , who played Wesley Crusher on Star Trek : The Next Generation , recorded his parts for the episode on September 20 , 2007 . Seth MacFarlane directed the recording sessions with the guest stars .

= = Reception = =

" Not All Dogs Go to Heaven " received a 4 @. @ 8 / 7 Nielsen Rating . Ahsan Haque of IGN called the episode " surprisingly refreshing " , saying the scenes with the Star Trek cast lived up to expectations . He also found " Meg 's journey of seeking acceptance through religion " well handled . Steve Heisler of The A.V. Club , however , gave the episode a C grade , criticized " Not All Dogs Go to Heaven " as boring and formulaic and stated that the writers " have no idea how to best use Meg " .