

Greg Laurie: Bob Saget, Betty White, Norm Macdonald and the Afterlife

We were all shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Bob Saget at age 65. To the generation who grew up watching *Full House*, Bob was a father figure they came to love. Yet another generation discovered him as the host of *America's Funniest Home Videos*.

Bob Saget was found dead in his hotel room in Florida following a show on his comedy tour. This tragic event happened right on the heels of the death of beloved comedic actress Betty White, who died at 99.

Bob Saget made this statement on Instagram after Betty passed:

"She always said the love of her life was her husband, Allen Ludden, who she lost in 1981. Well, if things work out by Betty's design—in the afterlife, they are reunited. I don't know what happens when we die, but if Betty says you get to be with the love of your life, then I happily defer to Betty on this."

He honestly added, "I don't know what happens when we die."

Death is something we all think about almost every day—some more than others. We should think deeply about death, but more importantly, the afterlife.

In older times, people commonly wrote a Latin phrase on the top of documents: "*Memento Mori*." It means "Think of death."

The phrase sounds morbid on the surface, but it's not. It served as a reminder to be aware that life ends, eternity is close and there is an afterlife.

Betty White and Bob Saget were not the only comedians to think about the afterlife. In September 2021, Norm Macdonald died of cancer at age 61. Macdonald quietly fought his cancer battle and continued in his comedy work. He often spoke about the afterlife and heaven.

King asked Macdonald about his “religious views” in an interview.

“I’m a Christian,” Macdonald replied. “It’s not stylish to say that now.”

King then asked, “Are you devout? ... You believe in the Lord?”

“Yes, I do,” Macdonald said.

King did not know he was interviewing a man facing death every day in his fight with cancer. He then asked Macdonald, “You think that you’re going somewhere when [life] ends?”

Macdonald said he did.

King said he could not believe in an afterlife because of all the evil in the world.

Macdonald responded, “It sounds like you have a God-shaped hole in your heart.”

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