



STUDY GUIDE

IS THERE LIFE AFTER THIS LIFE?

KEY TERMS: afterlife
evil

God
reality

justice
soul

NOTE-TAKING COLUMN: Complete this section during the video. Include definitions and key terms.

What is the only way for there to be some 'ultimate justice for victims of evil?'

What did the officiant at the funeral Mr. Prager attended say about the afterlife?

What happens if there is no afterlife?

CUE COLUMN: Complete this section after the video.

What is Mr. Prager's complete argument for an afterlife to exist?

Why does Mr. Prager believe in an afterlife?

DISCUSSION & REVIEW QUESTIONS:

- At the beginning of the video, Mr. Prager asks, “Is there an afterlife – life after this life ends? There probably isn’t a human being who hasn’t asked this question at one time or another.” How would you answer Mr. Prager’s question? Why do you think that humans have been so curious about this topic for so long?
- Mr. Prager goes on to argue that, “...if you believe in a good God, then you have to believe there is an afterlife. If you say you believe in God but not in an afterlife, the god you believe in is not only not good, that god is cruel. That god made a world filled with unjust suffering and just left it at that.” Do you agree with Mr. Prager’s logic? Why or why not? If there is a God, do you think that God would create a world where so much suffering exists and just ‘leave it at that?’ Why or why not?
- Later Mr. Prager notes that, “...some people who don’t believe in an afterlife offer their own version of immortality. I once attended a funeral where the man officiating said, ‘While there is no afterlife, we do live on – through our good works and in the memories of loved ones.’... But the idea that human beings ‘live on’ through their good works or through the memories of loved ones – which generally means a person’s children and grandchildren – is simply meaningless.” Why do you think that humans are so strongly compelled to take some modicum of comfort in the idea of immortality? Why do you think that Mr. Prager characterizes the idea of living on through the memories of others as being meaningless? Explain.
- Mr. Prager goes on to point out that, “...the truth is that bad works usually live on longer than nearly any good works. In fact, if works make us immortal, Hitler – with all the evil he did– is far more immortal than the kindest people on earth.” Do you agree with this point? Why or why not? Why do you think that bad works tend to linger in the consciousness of society for so long?
- Towards the end of the video, Mr. Prager explains that, “If there’s no afterlife, none of us will ever again be with those we most love and who love us. If there’s no afterlife, neither anyone murdered nor any murderer will ever receive ultimate justice. If there’s no afterlife, this life, for the vast majority of people who ever lived and for those alive now, is a meaningless crapshoot.” What do you think Mr. Prager means by ‘ultimate justice?’ Why do you think that many people take the nihilistic view that this life is all there is- and that it is ultimately meaningless? Explain.

EXTEND THE LEARNING:

CASE STUDY: Ted Bundy

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the article “Serial killer Ted Bundy was motivated by rejection after he was DUMPED by his first girlfriend, expert claims - and even chose victims who were ‘carbon copies’ of the woman who broke his heart,” then answer the questions that follow.

- Who was Ted Bundy and what did he do? What happened when Mr. Bundy began dating the girl with long, dark hair? What pattern did Mr. Bundy follow, in terms of his victims? What happened when Mr. Bundy went to jail? Where was Ms. Campbell's body found? What was he beating people with when his roommate stopped him? How many sites did Mr. Bundy give details about, in terms of his victims?
- What do you think would constitute ‘justice’ for Ted Bundy's victims? What factors do you think should be taken into account when considering what should happen to someone in an afterlife? What would you hope an afterlife would be like? Do you think that this life has to be meaningless if there is no afterlife? Why or why not?
- Which points made in the article specifically support points made in the video? Do you think that the case of Ted Bundy is a compelling example of God being cruel if he created a world with no afterlife? Why or why not? Do you think that there is an afterlife? If yes, what is it that convinces you? If no, what would it take to convince you?



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 - c. there is a good and just God
 - d. God doesn't exist

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 - a. Ultimate justice for victims of evil.
 - b. A nice place to stay for eternity.
 - c. Nothing.
 - d. Pain and suffering.

3. No God, no soul; no soul, no afterlife.
 - a. True
 - b. False

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- Serial killer Ted Bundy murdered 30 young college women during the 1970s
- Used his handsome looks to seduce women before beating and mutilating them
- Expert believes he was driven by rejection after he was dumped by his first love
- Points out that he even selected victims who looked just like his former flame

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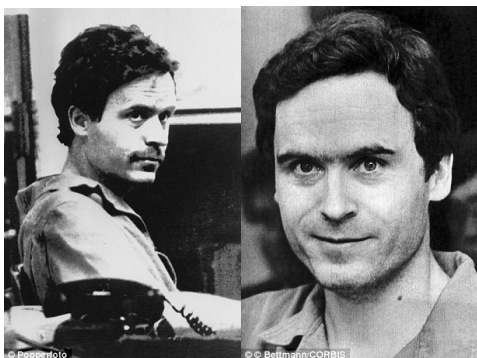
Notorious serial killer and rapist Ted Bundy took the lives of innocent women because he 'harboured a grudge' against his first girlfriend who broke his heart, a new documentary claims.

Bundy was sentenced to death after he admitted murdering 30 female college students across three different states in the 1970s - and claimed responsibility for dozens of others after he was finally brought to justice.

Before his death by electric chair in 1989, Bundy gave a number of interviews from jail in which he revelled in re-telling the stories of his crimes. These tapes were re-examined and recreated on CBS's Voice of a Serial Killer, and led one expert to a new theory on what drove Bundy to become a murderer.

Criminologist and author Christopher Berry-Dee suggested Bundy was motivated by the deep-rooted sense of rejection he had harboured since being dumped by his first girlfriend. 'It was a slap in the face to Ted who was trying to become somebody special,' Berry-Dee said. 'He harboured a grudge.'

Indeed it is claimed he even selected victims that were a 'carbon copy' of his former flame, choosing to kidnap, beat, rape and mutilate young women who were in the 'prime of their lives' and looked strikingly similar to the brunette who broke his heart.



Horrific crimes: Ted Bundy, pictured, was sentenced to death after he admitted to the murder of 30 female college students across three different states in the 1970s



He earned the trust of his victims before luring them to a secluded place to murder them. He preferred female victims with long, dark hair, parted down the middle, pictured

'If you were to put all his victims lined up together you would think they were all sisters,' Berry-Dee pointed out.

As a young man, Bundy dated an 'extremely attractive' girl with long dark hair who he thought would be his 'arm candy for years to come', Berry-Dee said. But things went wrong when he was introduced to her wealthy parents.

Berry-Dee he explained: 'She invited Ted to meet her father and mother and, like many fathers do, we all know this, the daughter brings the boyfriend home and the father said: "I don't want you to see my daughter again" .

'Ted took a great affront to that. He was dumped by this girl who was going to become his arm candy for years to come.'

Between 1974 and 1978 Bundy slaughtered women in three different states: Florida, Utah and Washington. He preferred female victims with long, dark hair, parted down the middle. The murders followed a pattern, with Bundy earning the trust of his victims before luring them to a secluded place where he killed them.



Fresh analysis: Bundy, played by an actor in a reenactment, granted a series of interviews to Seattle detective Bob Kepple, these are dissected in CBS's A Voice of a Serial Killer



New theory: Christopher Berry-Dee, author and criminologist believes Bundy's motivation for killing was motivated by the rejection he felt when he was dumped by his first girlfriend

He was able to evade authorities for so long because he was constantly on the move and would often dump his victims' bodies far from where he killed him.

When he was eventually arrested Bundy refused any form of legal representation, turning down a deal of three-life sentences to represent himself in court.

There was a media frenzy surrounding Bundy, which was only heightened when his trial was televised in the US.

Bundy turned the courtroom into his own stage as he attempted to dictate how his story would be told. At one point the judge in his trial commended the killer on his own performance in arguing his case.

When he was incarcerated, he was determined to seduce and enthrall those that came before him and granted a series of interviews to a detective in the hope of delaying his execution.

He even turned his confession into a business deal when he traded tips with the detective on how the police could capture another active serial killer.

Using sophisticated lip-sync technology, the interviews are reenacted in chilling detail in the CBS documentary, during which the experts unravel the details behind his motivation.

Criminologist Professor David Wilson believes that Bundy was able to play a game with detectives who were desperate for more information on his victims' burial sites.

But instead of giving any clear details, he instead revelled in telling his story, dictating the course and terms of the interviews, turning them into a masterclass in how a serial killer tries to assert power over everyone they encounter.



As Bundy was waiting for his execution he gave interviews in what seemed to be an attempt to delay his inevitable death. Pictured, an actor plays the role of Bundy in a reenactment

Wilson said of the tactic: 'I got the impression that he won the interview war, but ultimately lost because he was executed.'

Forensic psychologist Professor Michael Brookes agreed: 'He was always just delaying the process and actually getting the maximum benefit that he could seek and obtained by being interviewed by the authorities and game playing with them.'

'To an extent he extended his life and in that he had the mental chess with the authorities.'

Bundy never truly revealed where his victims were buried which caused more heartache for families. Experts believe he could have killed as many as 100 people.

'HE SAID HIS NAME WAS TED': BUNDY'S TRAIL OF YOUNG FEMALE VICTIMS DURING MULTI-STATE KILLING SPREE

The name Ted Bundy is synonymous with serial killer after the shy and attractive psychology major embarked on a killing spree in the 1970s that left more than two dozen women dead. There is speculation he could be responsible for up to 100 murders.



Bundy was an American serial killer, rapist, kidnapper, and necrophile who assaulted and murdered numerous young women and girls during the 1970s and possibly earlier

In 1974, witnesses saw a young man, who introduced himself as Ted, approach two young women at Seattle State Park and ask for help with his sailboat. They were never seen alive again and became his first known victims.

It was in the same year that several young women disappeared from college campuses in Washington and Oregon - including a 21-year-old radio announcer called Lynda Ann Healy.

Later that year, Bundy relocated to Utah to attend law school in Salt Lake City. In November, Carol DaRonch was attacked by a man she described dressed as a police officer but escaped.

She gave the first clear description and a blood sample from her jacket. Miss DaRonch also told police that he was driving a tan VW Beetle. As Miss DaRonch was giving her statement, 17-year-old Debbie Kent disappeared.

A short time later, hikers found the bones of missing women in a Washington forest. A rough sketch was drawn - a tall, thin attractive man who approached young, white women looking for help and called himself 'Ted'.

Police also noted common factors among the victims - they were all thin and had long hair parted in the middle. All the women were targeted in the evening and bludgeoned with blunt objects. The victims had also been raped or sodomized.

At the beginning of January 1975, Caryn Campbell vanished from a Colorado ski resort. Her naked body was found a month later in a ditch by the side of the road. Five more women were founded murdered in a similar manner in the following months.

In August, police pulled Bundy over for a driving offense. When Miss DaRonch picked him out of a line-up, he was charged with attempted kidnapping.

He was sentenced in 1976 to 15 years in prison and later police connected him to the murder of Caryn Campbell.



After more than a decade of denials, he confessed shortly before his execution to 30 homicides committed in seven states between 1974 and 1978; the true total remains unknown, and could be much higher

On December 30, Bundy escaped from prison and turned up in Tallahassee, Florida renting an apartment near Florida State University under a false name.

On January 14, 1978, Bundy struck again. He broken into the Chi Omega sorority house and bludgeoned and strangled to death two women, raping one of them and viciously biting her body.

He almost murdered two others by beating them over the head with a log before a roommate interrupted his spree.

Almost a month later on February 9, Kimberly Leach, who was 12, was kidnapped and mutilated by Bundy. The serial killer was picked up a week later while driving a stolen car before witnesses placed him at both the sorority house and outside Kimberly's school.

Charged with three murders - killing the two sorority women and another Kimberly LaFouche - Bundy believed he could beat a guilty verdict and turned down a plea bargain of three life sentences. He went on trial in Florida on June 25, 1979, found guilty and sentenced to death.

Prior to his execution, Bundy gave the details of the murder sites of more than 50 women. He also said that he kept the heads of some women at his home to engage in necrophilia.

Bundy was electrocuted on January 24, 1989 at 7.13am.

Voice of a Serial Killer continues next Wednesday on CBS