



ANSWERING RAY COMFORT'S 10 QUESTIONS

A Question of Moral Atheism

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Which came first — the chicken or the egg? It depends on how you are defining your terms. I'd say the egg.

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What happens after death? Physical decay.

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