

*Can my dead cat go to heaven?*

God has only revealed that angels and humans are specifically created for heaven. The rest of everything else He created is to somehow help us humans prepare for heaven. We are created for God. Cats and frogs, rocks and flowers, and distant stars are all created for our human good. Start with the understanding that God made you for Himself, and He made your cat for you.

Having said that, we can speculate a little in the light of saintly opinions.

Animals can only act on their instincts modified by experience. Much like a programmed computer, they can serve or exasperate us but they cannot sin nor merit. They do not have our human freedom and understanding that can choose or reject God.

There are, however, images of plants and animals in many of the Bible stories about the Kingdom to come. When God created the rocks and waters, plants and animals He saw that they are good. God is delighted in all He created. God is pleased when we join in His delight.

Who knows? Perhaps after the great resurrection at the end of the world, God will provide animals and flowers to please us. Maybe He will even re-create a cat like yours for you, even if your present cat does not have an immortal soul. In the mean time we need to cleanse ourselves of all earthly attachments in order to perfectly appreciate God in heaven. If we cannot achieve that on earth we always have purgatory to fall back on.

Will your same dead cat be in heaven? Most likely it will not. But you can be there. You were created to be with God eternally.