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## Conversations with My Daughter Do animals have cemetery too?

*Sunday November 5th, 2006  
Driving on 29 South in Northern Virginia*

**T:** Dad, Dad, why is that place decorated?

**Dad:** which place? That field over there?

**T:** Yes, it's decorated with flowers.

**Dad:** It's a cemetery.

**T:** But it does not look like a cemetery.

**Dad:** It's a not a Christian cemetery.

**T:** How do you know dad?

**Dad:** There are no head stones.

**T:** I mean how do you know it's a cemetery?

**Dad:** It shows.

**T:** What kind of cemetery is it the?

**Dad:** I'm not sure. It could be an Islamic or it could be for all religions. It's hard to say.

**T:** Dad?

**Dad:** Yes sweet heart?

**T:** Do animals have cemetery too?

**Dad:** Most every one I know buried their pets in their back yards. But I'm sure there are pet cemeteries.

**T:** Like us! We buried the lady bug husband and wife in our back yard.

**Dad:** Yes we did. Have you visited their graves lately?

**T:** Yes I did. I put flowers on it when you were cleaning the leaves the other day.

**Dad:** I did not realize that. I wish you would ask me to join you.

**T:** That's Okay dad.

**Dad:** Some people also cremate their pets.

**T:** CREMATE? What is that?

**Dad:** They have them made to ashes.

**T:** How?

**Dad:** How do you make ash?

**T:** THEY BURN THEIR DOGS?

**Dad:** They use pet cremation services.

**T:** I SURE DON'T WANT TO BURN MY DOG!

**Dad:** Okay! You don't have to. It's their choice. It's not a bad idea, though.

**T:** Dad, did you have your dog cremiated?

**Dad:** Did I have my dog Cremated? No. It's "CREMATED" not cermiated.

**T:** I want to bury my dog in our back yard?

**Dad:** I'm not sure he is ready to die yet! Would you stop thinking about that; please?

**T:** If you cremate them, then how do they go to heaven? Dad, do animals go to the same heaven as humans?

**Dad:** I think so!

**T:** Did your dog go to the same heaven with mommy's daddy and mommy?

**Dad:** I Guess.

**T:** Dad, I want to go to heaven

**Dad:** Do you know what that means?

**T:** I want to go see mommy's daddy and mommy?

**Dad:** Going to heaven is not all that good.

**T:** But, Jesus went to heaven.



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**Dad:** This "Heaven" concept is very complicated. Going to heaven means not living! It means dying!

**T:** But Jesus did not die.

**Dad:** I know. But, most everyone else who is gone to heaven is dead.

**T:** I wish I could see mommy's mommy; and her daddy.

**Dad:** Don't make such wishes. Look at their pictures. Are you done with your heaven and hell questions?

**T:** Hell? What's "Hell" dad?

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