

## TO BE ABSENT THE BODY – IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD

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It is absolutely amazing to me how many people do not believe, and / or refuse to believe that statement. Especially if they are “Christian” or “Religious” because it is right there in their Bible.

Upon death;

*“..... because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets, Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” Eccl. 12:5,7*

*“Your body came from the earth. And when you die, it will return to the earth. But your spirit came from God, and when you die, it will return to him.” (ERV version)*

*“Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:6-8*

You would think, that would be enough. But to me, “the sum of thy word is the truth of the matter”. So lets investigate further, in the book and throughout history at the evidence.

Notice the following verses in 1 Corinthians 15, as therein it is spelled out again. Although some people use these verses to try and show you that when you die, you are dead and remain dead till the so called “Second Coming”. The Bible cannot conflict with itself or it would have to be declared VOID due to vagueness. Allow me to interject my thoughts herein, and follow the logic in relation to the previously stated verses.

*“Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.” vs. 12-14*

They addressed the naysayers, thusly.

*“But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die.” vs. 35,36*

Those are pretty strong words. “Fool”!?!? Pay attention here ....

*“It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” vs. 44,45*

Quickening Spirit !?!?! Yes, because upon death, your spirit is quickened or woken up to rise from the now dead body. We have a natural body – the “flesh”, and we have a spiritual body – that resides within

us. This is how we can communicate with the spirit world. I propose that there lies within all mankind, what I call, a “spark of divinity”. Did something change upon all mankind upon the death of Christ?

Doesn't this sound like a mystery? Of course, that's why it was addressed ... and answered thus.

*“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” vs. 51,52*

Changed when? The above seems to say ... at the “Second Coming”. So if that is true, then they both must be true. How can that be? Isn't it obvious? The dead prior to the resurrected Christ remains until the second coming. How else could His death be victorious for us afterwards?

*“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.” vs. 53,54*

Now when was the victory declared? Obviously upon and after Christ had risen. Now pay attention to what we find in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 below.

*“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.” vs. 13, 14*

So how can Jesus bring the dead with Him – if they have not already risen? Obviously He can not. They are already with Him. As the next verse clearly states ...

*“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.” v15*

Those who are alive shall not prevent them which are asleep. But what about these two verses?

*“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” vs. 16,17*

Because those are the ones who died before Christ was resurrected. Could it also mean they were simply trying to console their brethren regarding their loved ones who had already passed? And perhaps a little bit confused themselves as to the ones who passed prior to Christ? They did in fact get a lot of things wrong. For example: They totally misunderstood the reasons for the coming of Jesus.

Perhaps everyone who dies, before and after Christ, experiences the “passing” of their spiritual body

from their physical body. Either way, the truth remains - that there is another side. There is another dimension, other than the fourth dimension we are now living in. Isn't it obvious? Brothers and sisters, there must be even more than five or seven. I believe there must at least twelve!

### **Is There Proof the Other Side Exists?**

Moreover, there is mountains of evidence from literally millions of people that have not only seen the other side, but actually communcate with it, and many 10's of Thousands who have been there and returned to tell their story. It is impossible to think, irresponsible and absurd to say - "*demons are playing tricks on them*". That statement in and of itself means they believe in the "other side". But how could they all be evil? There have been people from every country and every walk of life who have come forth throughout history with evidence.

### ***NDEs***

Studies worldwide have shown that between 4 – 5% of the world population have had a Near Death Experience (NDE). As I wrote in my PSP book - "**WORLD PROBLEMS, SOLUTIONS and a PLAN**" ([www.nmt-psp.com](http://www.nmt-psp.com)), here is a list of commonalities associated with NDEs.

1. greater and brighter consciousness
2. what they saw and heard while unconscious or dead are verifiable
3. supernatural visions of past and future events
4. occur even during general anesthesia and after flatlining
5. life review includes real events
6. beings encountered are deceased, other than angelic entities
7. NDE of children strikingly similar to adults
8. consistent worldwide and among all cultures
9. transform most of the people who have them
10. they call the other place, their real home.

Obviously this goes beyond mere coincedence.

People refer to what may pass on is our soul. Allow me to make a correction. According to the Bible, you are either a dead soul, or a live soul. In the beginning, our creator breathed the breath of life into Adamu and he became a living soul. When the military counts dead bodies, they ask; how many dead

souls do we have? The Bible also shows us that upon death, the spirit goes back to the father who gave it.

I perceive that of those who believe they will exist in the afterlife - only after Christ returns, fail to understand the whole truth. And it is right there in their Bible. For to be absent the body, is to be present with the Lord. They fail to take into account there is no time in eternity. At least not as we know it. Therefore, we are in eternity already! We are only here experiencing a temporary mortal life in this dimension. Upon death, our spiritual body simply returns to, or rejoins eternity. This explains why on the other side, they sometimes tell us of future events. It certainly explains why God, and even Angelic entities, can see and know what happens forward and backward in time, within our timeline. It seems that is what is possible in eternity, as apparently time is not linear.

Furthermore - If there is indeed Life after Death, should we not be more sincere in our lives toward each other here on Earth? Else we end up in a bad place, or perhaps worse, repeating mortal life till we get it right? Is Earth a training ground for those wanting to graduate to a higher plane or dimension? Or, are we just some part of a cosmic joke? Were you born to be wasted? Or born to understand Evil and to abstain from it in the next life? Do you think Evil exists in Heaven, or the higher planes of existence? I think not!

### ***Psychic Investigators***

Some psychics have helped solve many crimes by using what some would call “*paranormal*” psychic abilities. But what if this is not para-normal, but actually normal. Maybe it is a gift, like some people can sing. Of course some only think they can sing! Examples have included postcognition (the paranormal perception of the past), psychometry (information psychically gained from objects), telepathy, clairvoyance, and remote viewing. In murder cases, psychic detectives may purport to be in communication with the spirits of the murder victims. A TV series named “**Psychic Investigations**” documented actual cases.

One that stood out in my mind, since I am from Louisiana, was the case of Andre Daigle of Gretna, LA a small suburb of New Orleans. Andre was shooting pool when a young woman asked him to drive her home. Two boys were waiting and senselessly murdered him just to see if they could do it. When his sister Elise heard that he was missing, her friends told her she needed to see a local psychic - Rosemarie Kerr. Rosemarie, after feeling of a picture of him and running her hands over a map, told her to tell them to drive 30 miles to Slidell. Andre's brother drove and happened to drive right along side his brother's truck and followed it to a dead-end. After the truck turned around, they spotted a police car who then followed and arrested the two individuals. Charles Gervais and Michael Phillips were the killers, both confessed to the killing of Andre Daigle. They had used the girl to lure and kill Andre. During the trial, the psychic had taken the stand and told the jury how she helped the family of Andre find the killers. Andre's sister Elise lived in Fullerton CA, and so Rosemarie was over 2000 miles away and, until the trial in 1988, had never been to Louisiana. According to Rosemarie the

psychic, the spirit of Andre had been in communication with her while Elise was visiting.

This is what I am talking about. Some people have a gift, that not too many years ago would have been burned at the stake for simply having a God given ability to communicate with the “spirit world”.

### ***The Source Field***

Additionally, mankind in recent history have proven beyond any reasonable doubt that a “source field” exists. As I wrote in my PSP book;

*“Einstein once said, the source field is the only reality. We are all in, and part of, the source field. I recommend the book “SOURCE FIELD INVESTIGATIONS” by David Wilcock for further study and proof thereof. Watch his video, by that name, on YouTube.*

*As a practical metaphor and understanding – imagine that what was told to the flower to make it open is also beamed to each of us and picked up by our DNA and Heart Zone! Quantum Entanglement, from the Einstein – Rosen experiment, proves that we are all connected. In fact our thoughts and emotions affect living systems (i.e. our environment). Therefore, we are experiencing natural disasters at an unprecedented level because consciousness is connected to the quantum world. In other words, we are asking for it – actually bringing it upon ourselves. Can you believe that? As a mass of humanity, the majority of us must change our intention and concepts of who we are and why we are here. When I first met my wife and asked her – “Why do you think we are here?”. She said, “To Love One Another”! Her answer rang with a truth and such clarity; I fell hopelessly in love with her right then and there. I thought, this person is who I wish to spend the rest of my life with.”*

From Davids' book; *“Nature is in constant telepathic communication - through a field that is clearly not electromagnetic.”*

So since it has been scientifically proven that the “source field” exists, and this field is responsible for all creation, and having the total sum of all knowledge, existing in a state of pure love .... Why don't you try to communicate with it today – while you are still alive, in preparation for your passing back into the infinity of eternity. Stay tuned for my new book that will explore what we can look forward to.

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