

QUESTIONS OF THE SOUL

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As a paranormal investigator for Spectral Tech, I write and report on paranormal investigations our team undertakes. The review, analysis, and reports I prepare for our clients keep me busy enough, but every investigation stirs the imagination to wonder what have we learned so far ... and what are we overlooking.

Why are *they* here, or are they here at all? Is a spirit bound to the property, the object, or the person? Or is it just visiting a place it finds interesting or comforting? Is it a human entity in need of help, or is it a negative being that was never human to begin with and simply trying to trick us? In the vastness of the Universe, are we just one group of souls simply assigned to this planet and oblivious to the path of souls elsewhere?

At some point, we all come to our own conclusions, which may or may not agree with other researchers' experiences who are on the same quest for knowledge and understanding. Since we are dealing in a realm so mysterious, we may find out we are all right, wrong, or somewhere in between, and only find out what the truth is after we cross into spirit ourselves. Then who are we going to tell?

As an ordained metaphysical minister, I tend to focus more on the journeys the soul takes over the eternity it is a part of rather than its lighting up a K-II Meter or imprinting some words on a digital recorder. Again, I may only find out what the truth is after I cross into spirit, but there are still questions I have now that I'm sure would get me uninvited from any future parties if I brought them up around those who are not interested in the paranormal.

My first question would be: What happens to the spirits of the thousands of sailors and seafarers that have been lost at sea over the millennia? As an example, in October 1942, the *Queen Mary* collided with the *HMS Curacoa*, splitting it in two. It sank in six minutes, taking with it 338 souls to a watery grave. I would tend to believe that not all of these souls crossed over. It has been reported that



several investigators of the *Queen Mary* have heard the sounds of rushing water, tearing metal, and crying men.

Are the spirits of those who did not cross over bound to stay in their watery tombs? Do those lost at sea actually haunt the ships that house their remains on the bottom of the ocean until the vessels rot away to nothingness? Until some adventurous underwater paranormal teams visit these wrecks still sitting on the bottom of the sea, we may never know.

Will Artificial Intelligence Destroy Mankind?

People like Stephen Hawking, Elon Musk, and Bill Gates all warned us about the dangers of artificial intelligence, and some worry that at some point AI might become self-aware. If AI evolves to the point of sentience, which many expect, will the AI be provided with a soul



by our creator to experience and learn, and will it need to have a body to be issued this soul?

If a soul's purpose is to learn lessons in a material world, it would need to have a consciousness to be aware of its surroundings. If it has no way of seeing, feeling, touching, or any of the other senses we have with our bodies, can it learn anything at all as a soul?

On the other hand, there are many humans born without all of these senses, and I assume they are born with a soul nonetheless. So, I would tend to believe if an AI reaches the point of sentience and is allotted a soul, that soul will learn right and wrong the same way we all do ... and the scenario of the *Terminator* movies may be overstated.

What About Alien Souls?

With the discovery of planets revolving around most stars, it is becoming a consensus that intelligent alien life is a given. But the question arises: Were humans the only ones provided with a soul? Some fundamental religious groups would wholeheartedly agree that their god only gave souls to humans and nothing else can have one. But one major religion has stated a different view.

Pope Francis had said that he would be willing to baptize aliens if they came to the Vatican, and Brother Guy Consolmagno, the senior Vatican scientist, said that he would be delighted if we encountered intelligent aliens and would be happy to baptize them. This indicates that the Catholic Church believes that aliens have souls, since baptism is mainly for the soul's salvation. Still, I find it hard to imagine a church bulletin announcing that they were baptizing three new alien church members.

If aliens do have souls, additional questions come to mind. If an alien dies on some world other than his own, and he does not cross over, does he haunt the world he died on or return to his home planet?

We are at a point in our evolution where we are increasingly able to replace biological body parts with technologically advanced replacements. Many futurists believe that in the future we will opt to replace all of our biological bodies and basically become cyborgs and live forever. Perhaps on more advanced planets this has already been accomplished. If an alien race evolves to the point of no

longer needing a material body and opts for non-biological bodies, are their souls bound to these bodies or must they be only attached to biological entities?

It is an assumption, if you believe in reincarnation, that a soul returns over and over to learn lessons for its spiritual growth. Interacting with other souls over lifetimes, stewardship of the planet you inhabit, and other factors may be what keeps you coming back time after time. Basically, the planet we inhabit is the schoolhouse in which we learn. But planets are like people and have a finite existence.

If a planet is destroyed by some catastrophe, such as its sun exploding or a huge asteroid extinguishes all life on the planet, are their souls forced to attach to a different species on another planet to allow them to interact with the material world and continue their lessons? If these souls still have lessons to learn, and their schoolhouse has been destroyed, how will they be incarnated into an entirely different species going to affect their learning?

Imagine if your last material body had eight legs or could fly, and now you are

stuck in a creature with only two arms and legs in a completely different environment. Perhaps that is the reason some people feel like they don't belong here or appear to act weird to the rest of us. Although they have lived many lifetimes in another part of our galaxy, it could very well be that this is their first time on our planet. Perhaps as souls, we learn all we can on this planet and start new lessons on another planet as part of a grand plan.

Should We Be Asking Other Questions?

What has this got to do with paranormal investigations you might ask. When we investigate a site, we usually assume we are dealing with a discarnate human being, a demon, or possibly an interdimensional being. Could we also be dealing with an alien soul that is checking out his potential new home?

I've yet to ask something interacting with us on an investigation if it is alien, but someday I might be surprised at the answer.

Perhaps we need to expand on the questions we ask. And, this might explain why I don't get invited to many parties. ♦

