



The Supernatural!

Background to Human Spirit :-

Human beings created as one being but with three distinct parts. These parts are completely intertwined, linked and dependent on each other. One cannot exist without the other. Three parts of a human being are:- Body – Soul – Spirit.

Human beings made for immortality but are not immortal by right. Scripture teaches that there is only one immortal and that is God Almighty. When we die in every sense we cease to exist. Resurrection is about giving us a new body that the soul and spirit will live in. Resurrection is the rising from the dead of a person's Spirit and Soul and the placing of them into the new physical body suitable for the conditions of heaven. This body is sustained by God in a eternal state of living, making our resurrected state immortal (conditionally on God's sustaining grace.)

Reason for Telling you this:-

When a human being dies his spirit and soul do not float around in some in-between state until bodily resurrection.. There is no Spiritual middle ground between death and resurrection. Death is final and complete and resurrection is also final and complete. That which was in every sense died becomes alive again through the grace of God.

Important Point - Therefore there is no sense that people can contact died relatives or channel the spirits of the died – for the spirit and the soul ceases to exist at death. So what do people channel when they appear to connect the died.

Two Spiritual Kingdoms:-

The bible makes it clear there are two Spiritual Kingdoms, two spiritual powers at work in the world today:-

God	Satan
Spiritual beings	Fallen angels
Angels	Demons

The bible makes it clear as part of the fallen human beings are born spiritually died to the Spiritual realms. It is both the desire of God and Satan that the Spiritual side of human beings is reactivated so that they can have relationship with us. Through the Gospel of Jesus that reactivation of our spiritual life is called "**Being Born again**" As with Adam and Eve (before the fall) and Jesus being born again gives us the ability to experience God and develop a real relationship with Him. God is a spiritual being and therefore to know Him takes a spiritual re-birth.

It is also the desire of Satan to reactivate the spiritual side of human beings so that he might use and abuse them, destroy- ing God's workmanship. He reactivates the human spirit by encouraging participation in various spiritual experi- ences.

Where as a Christian is Spiritually born of God's spirit, submissive to Him and His will. So a non- Christian is born through the spirit of a demon and although initially gets in it for the power it gives them, soon becomes a slave to de- mons.

Christian born again through repentance and trust in Jesus and His finished work.

Non – Christians experience spiritual birth through things like:- Astral Projection – occult – New Age movement – For- tune telling – Channelling Spirits – meditation – visualisation – chants – false religions – hypnosis – trance states –

Structure of the two Kingdoms

God – Arch angels (2) **angels** in three groups – **Messengers angels** (under arch angel Gabriel) **Warrior angels**

(under arch angel Michael) **angels responsible for the organisation of worship** (were under Luther.)

Satan –Specialised angels – certain skills to tempt and destroy sent wherever there are problems – **9 ruling spirits**

(principalities – govern 9 different parts of the world) **fallen angels** who rule over smaller areas of the world (rulers and authorities) **demons** (who are territorial demons)

Ghosts – poltergeists – Telekinesis – astral projection – Spirits of the died (in channelling) are all ways that territorial demons manifest themselves. Fallen Angels and demons are created to be immortal and have been banished to the earth to live out their existence until Christ comes again. They see what human beings do, but cannot read minds. They observe people's weaknesses and then target temptations to enslave them to sin, or give them spiritual experiences to awaken them to the Spirit world. Their desire is to destroy the work of God – enslave people to sin and blindness to the gospel – entrap people into selfish, power hungry, spiritual birth that causes oppression and ultimately possession of a person by a demon.

The bible makes it clear that there is a spiritual battle going on all the time within us and around us in the wider world. The battle ground is the human free- will and Spirit and the prize is both the worship of a human being and our eternal destination. (i.e hell or heaven.) The devil uses deception and spiritual warfare to cripple the witness of the church.

The supernatural and the Spiritual realm is where the powers behind this battle influence and work in a human beings life.

Important Bible Passages:- Deuteronomy Ch 18 v 9 – 14, (forbids involvement with the supernatural) Isaiah Ch 14 v 12 – 17, Ezekiel 28 v 11 – 19, Revelation Ch 12 v 1 – 9 (the fall of Satan) Matthew Ch 12v 24 – 45, Ephesians Ch 6 v 12 (different ranks of authority in Satan's kingdom) John Ch 8 v 42 – 47, Luke ch 4 v 11 – 19, Genesis Ch 6 v 1 – 4