



**Can the Dead
Speak
to Us?**

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A Story to Ponder...

Mary Jane was a deeply religious woman that lived in Minnesota. She'd had 9 children but 4 of them had died. Then 3-year-old Robbie sickened and died. At the funeral, the minister said that her dead children were in heaven, but the thought brought her little comfort. Then one day a neighbor said, "Wouldn't you like to talk with your children in heaven?" Of course, Mary Jane agreed. "I'll talk to a spirit medium in town, and he'll get in touch with them," said the neighbor.

Mary Jane was delighted, but before she went, she felt she should have some spiritual preparation, so she read her Bible and prayed. Then she went to see the medium; but nothing happened. She went the next week and the next, always reading her Bible and praying first; but nothing happened. Then one day the medium said, "Something is wrong. What do you do before you come to me?"

"Why I pray and---" Mary Jane began to say, but she could get no further. The medium shouted, "You pray, no wonder they won't come," and he slammed the door and left the room. It wasn't until later that Mary Jane learned the truths about death found in the Bible.



God alone has immortality. (1 Timothy 6:15, 16) And yet the Bible states in Romans 2:7 that "by patient continuance in well doing we may seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life."



According to David what happens to the thoughts after death? _____



Psalm 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.



This statement is simply the opposite of the equation for life given at creation. Gen 2:7 "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." This creates two simple equations.

Dust + breath = a living soul Dust - breath = death (a thoughtless state)



What does Ecclesiastes say returns to God? _____



Ecc. 12:7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

 What does Job say the spirit is? _____



Job 27:3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;



According to this verse the spirit is simply, the breath.



What did Jesus compare death to? John 11:11-14; Luke 8:49-55; Matt. 9:24;

Mark 5:39; _____



Psalm 115:17 says, The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence. Psalm 6:5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?



Wouldn't people in heaven be praising God continually? _____



It is evident that when we die, we do not go to heaven, for Jesus, when he rose from the grave said, *"Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: "*John 20:17



Eccl. 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.



The Bible says that there is no _____ nor _____ in the grave.



Ecclesiastes 9:5,6 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing...



The Bible states that the dead know _____. Neither do they return to their _____. (Job 7:9,10)



The dead don't return and haunt houses or visit relatives. These are demons impersonating the dead, and consulting with them is forbidden by God (Deut. 18:10-12) Webster's 1828 Dictionary describes a Necromancer as - "One who pretends to foretell future events by holding converse with departed spirits; a conjurer."



1 Samuel 28:6,7,11 tells of Saul's necromancy..... "Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, **Bring me up Samuel.**"



God's word forbids communication with the supposed dead. **Leviticus 19:31** **Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God. (Deut. 18:10-12)**

A former satanist tells the story of a spiritualist priest who stated, *"According to the great master, people do not even have to seek help from the supposed spirits of the dead to find themselves enmeshed in necromancy. Belief in life after death itself, constitutes necromancy. It allows demonic spirits opportunity to impersonate the dead."*
(*A Trip into the Supernatural*-Roger Moreneau pg. 60)



GOOD NEWS --there is hope after death for those who know Jesus. John 17:3 says, *"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."* (1 John 5:11,12) *Just as Jesus woke Lazarus from his death slumber, He will wake His people at the resurrection.*



1Thess. 4:13-18 **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 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. (Daniel 12:2)**



At this point our bodies will be changed and we will be given a new immortal body.



1 Corinthians 15:51-54 **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. 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.**

CONCLUSION

The Bible condemns communication with the dead since they "know not anything"; but we have the Blessed Hope of seeing our friends and relatives, who died "in Christ", again at the resurrection.