

SPIRITUALISM – ITS FOUNDATION: -

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1. When invited to seek to familiar spirits, to whom should we seek?
Isaiah 8:19: - “And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?”
2. Are communications from such spirits reliable?
Isaiah 8:20: - “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them.”
3. What is said of Samuel before Saul went to inquire of the woman of Endor?
1 Samuel 28:3: - “Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.”
4. Was it because the Lord had abandoned Saul that he went to inquire of her?
1 Samuel 28:6 & 7: - “And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, [there is] a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.”
5. What did he request of her?
1 Samuel 28:8: - “And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me [him] up, whom I shall name unto thee.”
6. Was Samuel supposed to be in the grave?
1 Samuel 28:11: - “Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.”
7. Who was supposed to have seen Samuel, Saul or the woman?
1 Samuel 28:12: - “And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou [art] Saul.”
8. From what place did she say that she saw gods ascending?
1 Samuel 28:13: - “And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.”
9. How did Saul perceive it was Samuel; from what he saw himself, or did he have to ask the woman how he looked?
1 Samuel 28:14: - “And he said unto her, What form [is] he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he [is] covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it [was] Samuel, and he stooped with [his] face to the ground, and bowed himself.”

10. Did this supposed Samuel complain of being disquieted?

1 Samuel 28:15: - "And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do."

It appears that Samuel was quietly sleeping. Can it be that sinners had power to disturb his peaceful slumber? Was he really brought up from the grave? But some will say, Samuel was not in the grave, but in heaven.

11. Then were Saul and his sons to be with him in heaven the next day?

1 Samuel 28:19: - "Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow [shalt] thou and thy sons [be] with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines."

Is it not reasonable to suppose that the familiar spirit did counterfeit and personate Samuel, and say what he supposed Samuel would say were he present?

12. How did the Lord regard such transactions?

Deuteronomy 18:9 - 12: - "When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you [any one] that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, [or] that useth divination, [or] an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things [are] an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee."

13. Did some of Israel bow down to the gods of the Moabites, and eat of their sacrifices?

Numbers 25:2 & 3: - "And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel."

14. What were the gods of the heathen supposed to be? – Deified dead men.

Psalms 106:28: - "They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead."

15. What were they in reality? Fallen angels.

1 Corinthians 10:20: - "But I [say], that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils."

16. When men die, do their thoughts survive or perish?

Psalms 146:3 & 4: - "Put not your trust in princes, [nor] in the son of man, in whom [there is] no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish."

17. Do men in the state of death remember God?

Psalms 6:5: - "For in death [there is] no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?"

18. What is the place of the dead called?

Psalms 88:10 - 12: - "Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise [and] praise thee? Selah. Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? [or] thy faithfulness in destruction? Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?"

19. Do any of the dead praise the Lord?

Psalms 115:17: - "The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence."

20. But do not good men praise him while they have a being?

Psalms 146:2: - "While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being."

21. Is there a difference in the manner in which men and brutes die?

Ecclesiastes 3:19: - "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all [is] vanity."

22. Have they both the same breath or spirit?

23. Do they go to different places?

Ecclesiastes 3:20: - "All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again."

24. To what do all turn? Which has the pre-eminence in death?

25. What do the dead know in comparison with the living?

Ecclesiastes 9:5: - "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten."

26. Do mental exercises, as love, hatred, and envy, survive death or perish?

Ecclesiastes 9:6: - "Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any [thing] that is done under the sun."

27. Is there any work, or device, or knowledge, or wisdom where the dead go?

Ecclesiastes 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."

28. Did David go to heaven when he died?

Acts 2:34 & 35: - "For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thy foes thy footstool."

29. Where was he when Peter was speaking?

Acts 2:29: - "Men [and] brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day."

30. From what place will the Son of God call the dead?

John 5:28 & 29: - "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

31. In what state are the dead in Christ?
1 Thessalonians 4:14 - 17: - "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 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. 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."
32. Should the dead not be raised, what is the condition of those who have fallen asleep in Christ?
1 Corinthians 15:16 - 18: - "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith [is] vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."
33. In that case, to what life is the hope in Christ limited?
1 Corinthians 15:19: - "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."
34. If the dead rise not, is there any advantage gained by labouring and suffering in the cause of Christ?
1 Corinthians 15:32: - "If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die."
35. In case of no resurrection, what saying of the Epicurean philosophers might, with propriety be adopted?
36. Did Jesus imply that his people would be lost, should he not raise them up at the last day?
John 6:39 & 40: - "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."
37. Does the fundamental doctrine of Spiritualism agree with the Scriptures?
NO!