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# **An Examination of Wisdom Consistencies Ostensibly Communicated to Accredited Mediums from the Spirit Realm**

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## **Abstract**

Most studies of mental mediums have addressed the question of whether mediums could provide evidence of the survival of bodily death. However, as directed by BICS, the present study was supposed to *presuppose* the reality of postmortem survival. Its goal was to see whether mediums could provide evidence that discarnate entities can impart knowledge and wisdom that they have gleaned in their non-physical form of life—for example, information about the future viability of our planet, or the survival of our species. To that end, we adopted a novel strategy. We assembled a pool of thirteen certified mediums and looked for telltale consistencies in the reports they conveyed from “the other side.” We hypothesized that if the mediums did—independently—yield such consistencies, those overlaps would, in general, deserve to be taken more seriously than ostensible wisdom-claims from only one medium. Some consistencies did emerge among the independent medium responses to several of the questions posed, and some reports were surprising, especially those that contradicted previously published reports about spiritual wisdom. However, none were judged to be particularly compelling or impressive. No conclusions were reached regarding the questions that asked for predictive information, as only physical time will tell if the statements have any veracity.

## **Introduction**

Mental mediumship has been studied systematically by credible researchers for well over one hundred years—at least since the founding of the Society for Psychical Research toward the end of the nineteenth century. Those studies have concentrated, almost without exception, on a medium’s apparent ability to communicate information from a discarnate entity who has passed over to “the other side,” thereby providing evidence of survival of bodily death. Thus, the information researchers have sought is typically of a very personal nature—ideally, (1) something the deceased would be in a privileged position to know, (2) which no living person would know by normal means, and (3) which investigators can subsequently verify. The underlying assumption of such studies is that an accumulation of these personal “hits” is best explained by positing the postmortem survival of someone who wishes (or at least is willing) to communicate with the living.

Thus, the focus of traditional studies of mental mediumship has been to address the universal interest in determining whether some or all human beings survive bodily death, and whether they do so in a form that preserves at least much of their personality and memories. By contrast, and as Bob Ginsberg has confirmed from witnessing over one thousand readings over the years from mental mediums, it's very unusual for mediums to impart information about "the bigger picture,"—that is, non-personal information, including pearls of wisdom or deep knowledge, or about the fate of humankind or life on our planet. The present study, then, focuses on this bigger picture. Its goal was to see whether mediums can provide evidence that discarnate entities are able to impart knowledge and wisdom that they have gleaned in their non-physical form of life—for example, information about the future viability of our planet, or the survival of our species.

However, evaluating mediumistic pronouncements is a very complex matter. How can one determine whether a medium's pronouncements are actually, and not merely apparently, instances of contact with the deceased? If the medium is conveying *verifiable* information of a personal nature that no living person knows by normal means, the problem is simplified somewhat. But even in those cases, since the information is verifiable, it's difficult (if not impossible) to rule out explanations of mediumistic "hits" in terms of psychic functioning among the living (see Braude, 2003). But the challenges are even more acute when the medium apparently conveys non-personal pieces of wisdom from "the other side." In those cases, one can't be certain whether the medium is simply (and innocently) drawing on her entrenched beliefs, or whether she encountered such wisdom in a book, discussion, television program, and so on.

The present study attempts to address these concerns by studying a pool of mediums and looking for telltale consistencies in the reports they convey from "the other side." More specifically, our goal was to search for wisdom consistencies from sources that we could credibly regard as independent and not colluding via normal channels of communication. To that end, we enlisted the services of thirteen Forever Family Foundation's (FFF) Certified mediums, and requested from them, independently, mediumistically-obtained wisdom about the afterlife, the nature of reality, and the future of humankind. Our instructions were very general and not leading, in order not to bias the mediums to produce a specific response. The participating mediums were told that we were seeking wisdom and knowledge from the spirit realm, and we presented them with specific questions to pose to discarnate entities. We hypothesized that if the mediums do—independently—yield such consistencies, those overlaps will, in general, deserve to be taken more seriously than ostensible wisdom-claims from only one medium. A possible exception to that rule will be noted below.

But first, we must note that our strategy is confronted by some of the same kinds of uncertainty—what Braude (*ibid.*) called The Usual and Unusual Suspects—that plague more traditional studies of mediumship. For example, even if our mediums are genuinely transmitting communications from Spirit, it's always a live option that consistencies in mediumistic messages

merely reflect shared confusions among the discarnate communicators. After all, opinions, confusions, and disagreements about *this* life abound, and we have no independently verifiable reason to think that we'll be smarter in the next life. Nor do we have a reliable method for resolving disagreements between different obtained consistencies from the mediums. Furthermore, the possibility of unconscious telepathic communications among the mediums must be considered, and that option is extremely difficult to rule out. In short, our strategy still faces the challenge of deciding whether the ostensible communications from the "other side" are genuine and whether they convey knowledge rather than mere opinion or conjecture.

Fortunately, one of these lingering sources of uncertainty may turn out to be relatively unimportant. As we've noted, although material conveyed by mediums is typically interpreted as emanating from postmortem communicators, it may in fact result from ante-mortem sources—for example, one or more forms of living-agent psi generating the mediumistic material. Granted, this uncertainty clearly matters in attempts to confirm the reality of postmortem survival. But it may not matter here. It's well-known that people may surpass their usual level of insight or behavior while in certain altered states of consciousness (e.g., hypnosis, severe stress, psychotropic drugs). But since the ultimate purpose of our inquiry is to see whether our strategies yield insights of importance to humanity, it may not matter from which ontological level those insights come.

However, a second source of uncertainty may be more difficult to dispel. It's unclear, and arguably hopelessly unclear, what counts as wisdom or knowledge, and how alleged wisdom or knowledge differs from mere information, conjecture, or opinion. In fact, that's not even clear with respect to our everyday embodied existence. For example, what some consider to be trite, others might regard as wise, and what some take to be true others might consider to be false. Consider: How should one classify George Orwell's comment: "By the age of fifty, people have the face they deserve," or Patience Worth's aphorism: "The road to higher plains leadeth not along the steeple"? [This is reminiscent of the more familiar "So near to church, so far from God."]? Similarly, although many have opinions about, say, human-caused climate change or the fate of humankind or civilization, there is no general (much less universal) agreement about such matters. It may be presumptuous, then, to think we can confidently accept as true claims we obtain on hotly debated topics. It's an obvious understatement to say that we have no decision procedure for this.

Nevertheless, we believed it would clearly be intriguing if members of our team of FFF mediums independently reported a similar and unexpected picture of the afterlife—that is, one that's not already widely-shared or discussed, or if their responses converged in a non-trivial way on some of the grand and familiar questions about "life, the universe, and everything" (as Douglas Adams would have said)—for example, Is the Earth facing any imminent catastrophic events? If so, by what agency will this occur, and can it be prevented? Is the physical realm meant to be random, governed purely by free will, and are we left to our own devices? Is there conscious life on other planets throughout the universe? Is the other side trying to enhance our

spiritual evolution, and is progress being made? If substantive consistencies on these and other queries emerge from the mediums, it could go a long way in filling some of the many gaps in the picture either of this life or the afterlife.

However, we also acknowledge that there may be valuable information gleaned when, instead of consistencies among many mediums, one medium provides detailed information that is apparently profound and unusually specific and in principle verifiable. FFF mediums have often demonstrated their ability to make quite specific, detailed, and accurate hits, and so we were alert for this as well as for striking consistencies among the other mediums. Indeed, we often encouraged our mediums to be as specific as possible. Moreover, just as there are hierarchies among information sources in this world, we hypothesized that there might be degrees of enlightenment in the Spirit world as well and that (for example) some mediums might be able to tap into reliable or insightful sources that are beyond the reach of other (less gifted or developed) mediums.

In traditional mediumship research, the information provided by mediums can be rated by the specificity of the communications. The sitter and researcher can score the information and determine if it is general in nature, or something that is obscure and unlikely to have been researched or reasonably guessed. That is why specific information can be weighed heavily in evaluating the medium's statements. But in this study, since verification of very general pieces of apparent wisdom may not be possible, some of the questions posed to the mediums were worded to encourage specific details. Thus, if the mediums comply and make specific claims in their reports, it may then be possible to verify the claims using traditional methods. But even if verification is not possible, we believed that consistencies in specific details should be taken more seriously than general statements.

The pool of mediums selected for this project have been carefully vetted by the Forever Family Foundation (FFF). And that vetting process is impressively (and arguably, unusually) stringent. FFF's Medium Evaluation Certification Program, under Ginsberg's direction, has been evaluating the evidence communicated by mediums since 2005. It's a rigorous five-step process conducted under controlled conditions, and since its inception only ten percent of the mediums evaluated have gained certification. The process is initiated by a prospective medium contacting the foundation to express interest, and to protect the integrity of the process the foundation never solicits such participation. This is followed by a series of five questions sent to the medium, and the answers received are reviewed by a committee. If approved, the medium is sent an eight-page application, and if the application is returned and approved by committee, a forty-five-minute interview with the medium is arranged. If the interview is favorable, the medium is invited to participate in evaluation sessions, which all are conducted via online meeting software. The medium is asked to do five fifteen-minute readings with five different sitters. In four of the readings the medium and sitter see each other, and the remaining session is audio only. In each session the sitter is permitted to give "yes or no" type answers to the medium, but the sitters cannot divulge information. Sitters are well versed in the mediumship

process and receive extensive training in scoring procedures. Steps are taken to ensure that the sitter and medium have no knowledge of each other. Sitter registration forms, which are continually updated, list all mediums with whom the sitter had readings in the past. Five different scoring methods are utilized, and significant information is weighted more heavily than information that may be true but is general in nature. Composite scoring is completed, and a medium must meet or exceed established proficiency guidelines in each one of the five scoring methods to gain certification. The process is not a scientific endeavor and limited blinding protocol is utilized, because the purpose is to evaluate the evidence by replicating the conditions of typical medium reading sessions.

FFF has found over the years that its certified mediums reliably produce readings that are highly accurate and specific, and in fact that they are more consistent in their readings than other practitioners. Moreover, many of the Certified Mediums have participated in formal scientific research. For example, some of them have also been certified by the Windbridge Research Center, an additional validation of the mediums' impressive abilities. During the past eighteen years, only twenty-seven mediums have been Certified by FFF.

Before describing the details of our study, we must note one more caveat. FFF's mediums are accustomed to providing *personal* readings to clients who wish to contact individuals who have passed over to the other side. They seldom, if ever, try to elicit bits of wisdom or general pieces of information about the world of Spirit or the fate of our physical reality. So, although our mediums seem clearly to be gifted, this project pushed them somewhat outside their comfort zone—and, for all we know, into an arena incompatible with their talents. After all, the mediums were not vetted with respect to the kind of readings requested by BICS. In fact, the mediums sometimes remarked that this was new territory for them. We believe that this should be kept in mind when interpreting the mediums' responses to our questions.

### **Experimental Design and Methods**

We began with a selected pool of 16 mediums and a set of fourteen questions to pose to them, and our plan was to look for consistencies and overlaps in their responses. Three of the mediums dropped out of the study before the study began, after reading our parameters, so we were left with a pool of thirteen mediums.

Each medium was asked a series of the same fourteen questions. The questions were given, one at a time, to all mediums simultaneously, via email, and the mediums were required to email their answers to the researchers within ten days. The mediums were blind—at least via normal channels of communication—to our specific design protocol, and were asked simply to pose each question to Spirit and to provide the responses. The mediums were asked to connect to specific discarnates, guides, or higher beings, and the mediums were cautioned not to let their own thoughts, biases, or knowledge interfere with the process of receiving communication. The mediums were asked to provide, whenever possible, evidential information that might be later verified. Moreover, we realized that, even among elite evidential

mediums, there are times when “connections” to Spirit are poor during the “normal” readings in which they excel. So, we told the mediums that, if they do not receive a response to one of the questions we’ve asked, to simply pass on it and wait for the next question. We obviously did not want a medium to feel pressured to provide an answer that emanated purely from their conscious awareness and/or knowledge on the subject. Fortunately, the mediums rarely passed on questions.

After the initial fourteen questions were posed and answered, we decided to trim our medium pool from thirteen to seven mediums. Our goal was to retain the seven mediums who were more focused in their responses and appeared to make better connections. We proceeded to ask these seven mediums an additional five question that were of most interest to BICS.

This study was primarily exploratory. We had no clear idea what to expect. The protocol was novel, and the mediums were asked to do something rather different from the mediumistic activities to which they’re accustomed and in which they are demonstrably skilled. We suspected that the BICS request for responses that could be “validated” might not be realistic, and our definition of such validation was vague, but we hypothesized that we would find at least some promising responses.

## Results

These questions are not listed in any particular order, but the questions posed by BICS have been given priority.

**Question 1:** We posed the following 2-part question from BICS to all thirteen mediums:

*“A) What differences has the other side made in the past 166 years in influencing humans to accelerate their spiritual progress?”*

*B) To what extent have earthbound spirits impeded, sabotaged, or distorted the progress of human spiritual evolution?”*

On the subject of earthbound spirits, responses diverged as to whether they even existed. One medium’s response was, “If by earthbound spirits you mean humans who have died and have not transitioned but are trapped on earth, then I am made to understand that this does not occur. When we die our souls automatically transition to various levels of enlightenment. The acts of impediment, sabotage, or distortion are associated with human traits and not that of an ascended soul.” Another medium stated, “I heard that there are no earthbound spirits when I asked this question.” Another response, which the medium senses came from Aristotle, “We have no sensation of earthbound or otherwise. We are all connected and woven into the fabric of the living...I become ‘earthbound’ when there is a need to understand because I spend my life trying to create understanding.”

Other responses acknowledged the existence of earthbound or negative spirits. One medium responded, “My sense is that bad spirits can alter emotions and take away options for

people to choose from in their spiritual development...it seems bad spirits want humans to repeat their cycles or patterns and not evolve in their spiritual development.”

Another medium reported, “The individual influence that spirit has on each person depends on how willing they are to accept guidance from the spirit world, or how attuned they are to the universal energy.” He adds, “People with depression, addictions, mental health issues and SOUL SICKNESS can be preyed upon by lower vibrational energies. With that being said, humanity does a fine job sabotaging and hindering its own progress through greed and closed hearts. Darker forces really don’t have to do very much to encourage humanity. The spirit world will only help humans if it’s for the highest good.” This medium summed it up by saying, “Some events have to happen, they are contracted and agreed upon by souls and groups of souls to further progress. The struggle between good and evil is mostly a myth. It is all about evolution and moving closer to God or the source, or whatever you prefer. There are many ways to look at this, and many of those viewpoints are true, but when you boil them all down, there is only one direction to go – toward love.” Interestingly, this medium felt compelled to add, “It sort of felt like my guides were a little bit irritated by this line of questioning. I wasn’t sure if it was because they feel like they answered it already or not, but to me I got the impression that they felt it wasn’t an effective use of time, or that it was focusing on the wrong things.”

Further comments regarding earthbound spirits: “Earthbound spirits tend to be of negative polarity – having also chosen that path in physical life. And as the saying goes, ‘no one wants to be miserable alone.’ So, they can indeed distort human consciousness by coercing one to be in service to self (i.e. selfish/ego oriented)...rather than being in service to others (i.e. selfless/loving). However, the key word there is ‘coercing’...since we always have the free will to choose which polarity we want to experience. Earth is the great classroom of life, and it is within this density that we are learning the lesson of choice.” She went on to explain, “The most common way that a negatively polarized entity has the ability to sabotage us is to convince us that we are separate and/or divided. And if you look around, it’s easy to see how much of humanity has been blinded by that belief. Yet the truth is that we are ONE.”

Regarding time, the medium said, “Earthbound spirits and/or negatively polarized entities can only influence us for a limited amount of time. We always have the ability to break free from any negative provocation...if we choose...Humanity continues to spiritually evolve....all polarities eventually resolve positively, and by the time we reach the 6th density of existence, there is not further need for the polarization process to continue. At that point in our spiritual evolution, all become unified.” Another medium responded, “Earthbound spirits may be confused in placement of time, but they are never bound to the earth for eternity.” One medium reported, “Groups of beings help propel us spiritually because they have lived beyond the norm as we see here on earth. They are in tune beyond what we can imagine, and so much more advanced. “We’ve been here beyond 166 years; time is trivial to us.” Another medium, “They have helped some individuals while others have not followed their advice and guidance.



The spirit world has ALWAYS done this, not just in the past 166 years. We consider this an arbitrary timeframe with little meaning.”

On the subject of spiritual influence and learning, one medium stated, “The Other Side has been influencing humans since the beginning of our creation, not just for the last 166 years. Earthbound spirits do not have, and haven’t had, as much influence on living humans as the Collective Consciousness of the Council of Higher Understanding. These great teachers and wise ones are more powerful and influential than simple earthbound spirits who are of a lower level of energy and power. Unfortunately, many of the Earthbound spirits are toxic and negative and do the human race very little good. Some seek to take over our minds and thoughts. Some seek to scare us and influence us to change our course of action. Human souls are more powerful than Earthbound spirits and can send them away if they sense they are a problem. However, not all earthbound spirits are harmful. They are just here. Some earthbound souls have just become trapped and lost their journey to Heaven/The Otherside and really don’t set out to interact with living humans. They just want to cross over to the Otherside. Earthbound spirits have been around since humans have been here. Their influence has remained constant, not just encompassing the last 166 years. This amount of time is a drop in the bucket when compared to eternity.”

Our mediums also had things to report about advancement through inventions or equipment. One medium was shown that the Other Side uses “our equipment” to help influence or assist. By means of a vision she was shown certain objects, such as a mechanical balloon and a wooden phone with coiled wires. Moreover, the phone was not one that she recognized, because it had a metal column or pipe sticking out one side and an old world map on parchment paper (she describes the map being of Europe but drawn incorrectly). She heard, “Spiritual progress comes in numerous forms.”

Another medium received the following from his guide Jacob, “He makes me understand that since the beginning of time, the other side is always working to increase awareness of spirituality and ‘oneness’ in humankind. There is not a specific tie to the last 166 years, but rather significant increases in guidance ‘interventions’ are tied to significant events or acts of evil against humanity, i.e. the crucifixion of Jesus, holocaust, 911, etc. When the earth’s energy (human population) plummets to a very low level, then help from the other side comes to bring that vibration back up. It could come in the form of a sign, thought imprint, or inspiration given to certain individuals to create, convey, take action or stand as a symbol for something that is for the greater good of humanity. I am made aware that influences from the other side during these times are necessary to increase and/or maintain the vibration balance.”

Another medium wrote, “In the past 166 years the Other Side has become more aware of the energetic connections utilized to obtain and influence those on the earth plane. As we have learned more about them, they have in turn learned more about us.” She continued, “the Other Side has influenced many upon the earth with the capabilities to write books, articles and internet entries to become more visible. The more stories about the Other Side which were

printed or viewed by those who are earthbound, the greater the influence of the Other Side...Within the last 166 years there have been many documented cases of people witnessing Spiritual phenomena and the changes within the ideas and belief systems of those upon the Earth. Just prior to the 166 years, the introduction of the phenomena surrounding the Fox sisters touched many upon the Earth and created the doubt within many which allowed them to open to the possibility of greater possibilities. The events surrounding the phenomena of the Fox sisters were accompanied by many religious movements across this country and many others. Many people who were searching for answers through religion became more open to the concept of God, which in turn allowed or enhanced their spiritual progress.”

One medium reported, “The Other Side has been instrumental in moving spiritual progress forward...not for just the last 166 years. Think of the Other Side having a game plan for our growth and learning...much like a teacher has lesson plans which follow a specific time table and order. These teaching plans exist to make the world/humans, and all that exists, better. This learning process and actual learning takes time. It does not happen all at once. It happens in increments...just like a teacher’s lessons...one lesson is built on the other.”

### **RAW Data from Mediums Regarding BICS Questions 1(a) and 1(b)**

#### **BCIS Question 1**

**1A) What difference has the Other Side made in the past 166 years in influencing humans to accelerate their spiritual progress?**

**1B) To what extent have earthbound spirits impeded, sabotaged, or distorted the progress of human spiritual evolution?**

Janet 8/21/23 (1A)

Today begins with a Spirit Guide showing me that the Other Side has used “our equipment” on this planet to help influence or assist us through time. They advance as we advance in what we call reincarnation. I am being shown a vision where we are sitting at a round marble table with various items on the table. They look like inventions of some sort with people sitting in front of each item. I don’t know who these beings are, but they are showing me what I assume they created. It begins with me hearing the words; “mechanical balloon”, I then look to the next object and I see a wooden box that looks like it’s possibly a type of wooden phone(?) that has coiled wires and sits flat with wooden sides and I hear phone, but it’s not a phone I recognize, it has a metal type column or pipe sticking out the one side. Next, I see an old-world map that is very simply drawn on a type of thick material like parchment paper, I can see what looks like part of the world, but it doesn’t look actually like ours because it’s drawn incorrectly. I somehow have this feel of Europe, actually Portugal. I see wooden ships and I hear waves on the map. My Guide turns to me and sends me thoughts that, “they have all” influenced our world on a deeply profound spiritual level from their Spirit world. I feel a spiritual connection to them. Spiritual

progress comes in numerous forms. Spiritual progress comes through physical advancement in this vision.

Next, this Guide who feels familiar now shows me aboriginal people. I immediately feel such heart and spiritual strength from them. I hear words like “community and tribes” attached to this vision. I get this sense that these groups of beings help propel us spiritually because they live beyond the norm as we see here on earth. They are in tune beyond what we can imagine, and so much more advanced. I hear: “We’ve been here beyond your 166 years; time is trivial to us”. I also hear a pounding and rattling sound as a hypnotic music. I feel this Guide coming through today somehow has a connection to a man I knew while here, who was from the rainforest in South America. I get this knowing sense that the advancement of the spiritual is continual, but more pronounced thought each life cycle here. I also hear: Our voices are now being heard. So again, more ways that helps accelerate the process.

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1A

Today, Spirit is trying to show me that they are constantly trying to assist us when we are open and when we are comfortable which makes the connection stronger for them. I hear again: Since the beginning.

Next, Spirit is letting me know that they continue to touch our lives though our senses. They can accelerate through our senses. I suddenly got a whiff of a perfume while sitting here, very light and sweet. (I don’t wear perfume.) It surrounds me and it’s subtle. Spirit shows clever ways to let me express how they continue to affect us. A key word is: comfortable. Over time we have become more comfortable in allowing, and accepting Spirit. They see this. It is not as “taboo” as in the past. (Interesting that I heard the word: taboo, so clearly! The mind set has changed.)

1B Spirit gives me the impression it is the human element that creates this illusion. The Spirits I work with do not impede spiritual progress.

Cathy

I have reviewed your most recent email In preparing for your questions, I meditate. I do not have one spirit guide nor do I have a name for any of my guides. These guides have been with me, since I have been a child. I do sense in a meditation one or more spirits maybe showing me something. This means I feel they can work individually or collectively when showing or telling me information.

I hope this is helpful to you. It's how I have been working as a child.

1A) What difference has the Other Side made in the past 166 years in influencing humans to accelerate their spiritual progress?

On reflection of this question, I was shown thousands of books and many microphones. There was a reflection of a mirror showing me what has been done before gets done again by others. This is done by constantly changing the original version in some way. I sensed the word communication in all forms very strongly. I know it sounds odd but I kept seeing reference of recipes like for food and science.

1B) To what extent have earthbound spirits impeded, sabotaged, or distorted the progress of human spiritual evolution?

On reflection of this question, I was shown the word fear. But the word seemed to dissolve very quickly. I felt a rushing of air around me but only in my thoughts, not in my living space. There is a quickness feeling to the energy of the spirits when asking this question. I did not feel it being a positive or negative but did sense "incomplete feeling" like I was not being told the whole story.

In my practice, business(DCS) and work I have done a lot of paranormal work. But for this question, I have not involved my previous experiences or documented work get involved.

Connie

1A) What difference has the Other Side made in the past 166 years in influencing humans to accelerate their spiritual progress?

My answer is from one of my Guides (Jacob) and while meditating and asking for guidance on these questions, I am aware of a loud humming in my head. He makes me understand that since the beginning of time, the other side is always working to increase awareness of spirituality and "oneness" in humankind. There is not a specific tie to the last 166 years but rather significant increases in guidance "interventions" are tied to significant events or acts of evil against humanity, i.e. the crucifixion of Jesus, Holocaust, 911, etc. When the earth's energy (human population) plummets to a very low level, then help from the other side comes to bring that vibration back up. It could come in the form of a sign, thought imprint, or inspiration given to certain individuals to create, convey, take action or stand as a symbol for something that is for the greater good of humanity. I am made aware that influences from the other side during these times are necessary to increase and/or maintain the vibration "balance".

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Maurice

1A) What difference has the Other Side made in the past 166 years in influencing humans to accelerate their spiritual progress?

In the past 166 years the Other side has become more aware of the energetic connections utilized to obtain and influence those on the earth plane. As we have learned more about them they have in turn learned more about us. There is an energetic allowance which uplifts those on the earth with the willingness to advance their spiritual progression. The influence for progress must be desired by the recipient for it to be accelerated. The Other Side has influenced many upon the earth with the capabilities to write books, articles and internet entries to become more visible. The more stories about the Other Side which were printed or viewed by those who are earthbound the greater the influence of the Other Side. Many people upon the earth question their spirituality or religious affiliations. This has allowed those from the Other Side greater opportunity to influence humans to begin to feel and sense what is right or wrong for them. The Other Side has influenced many to move away from mainstream beliefs and move more toward beliefs which are heartfelt and show genuine support of mankind without biases or limitations to the concept of unconditional love. Spiritual progress includes all. This would mean everyone walking the earth has the potential to progress spiritually regardless of how they are seen by others in society. The spiritual progression upon the earth is affected by the members of society. In other words the more people who move to a place within themselves of spiritual acceptance and wanting the best for their fellow man the greater the influence and the freedom others are given to also progress.

Within the last 166 years there have been many documented cases of people witnessing Spiritual phenomena and the changes within the ideas and belief systems of those upon the earth. Just prior to the 166 years the introduction of the phenomena surrounding the Fox sisters touched many upon the earth and created the doubt within many which allowed them to open to the possibility of greater possibilities. The events surrounding the phenomena of the Fox sisters was accompanied by many religious movements across this country and many others. Many people who were searching for answers through religion became more open to the concept of God which in turn allowed or enhanced their spiritual progress. The idea that the soul continues to progress and evolve as proven by mediums has had a major influence. The phenomena of physical mediumship being shared within groups or specific circles also created a place within many of the influence of the Other Side. These activities or displays of mediumship have created the desire within many to further investigate beyond the lessons taught by many religious sects. The fact that laws and movements were created around so called witches/mediums increased the curiosity of the general public. The more the interest grew even at the risk of being caught or punished the greater the acceleration of the spiritual progression. People continued to pursue their own knowledge and growth even at the risk of being caught or punished. Those in the Other World do not impress their energy or influence upon those who do not seek the changes or progression. They only work with those who seek to spiritually progress. As more and more people began to look within themselves for the change over the years instead of looking outside of themselves for answers the changes came even quicker. Think of the influence of multiple eastern philosophies which came to different parts of the world and gained a strong foothold. These philosophies increase acceleration of growth within

the individual based upon the level of acceptance of the teachings or belief systems. Pursuit of inner peace and harmony is the goal. Many eastern philosophers and teachers were introduced to the Western World in an effort to benefit mankind. The interjection of these beliefs or philosophies played a part in the acceleration of spiritual progression for those who were open to the rituals or meditations.

Spiritual progression is something available to everyone. Those in the Other World want to accelerate the spiritual progression to allow man to be more free to follow his/her own true path. This spiritual progress would benefit all of mankind because the purpose is always to be of service to one another and to do what is best for everyone. Many have been challenged by this spiritual progression over the years due to the fear of change, ridicule or simply not wanting to take the steps necessary. True spiritual progress is supported and influenced by the purest part of self. There are tremendous challenges which arise based on extrinsic and intrinsic factors which inhibit many humans from allowing their own personal progression to advance.

1B) To what extent have earthbound spirits impeded, sabotaged, or distorted the progress of human spiritual evolution?

I heard there are no earthbound spirits when I asked this question.

I received the information from my guides. I feel Elijah was the strongest presence again.

Joe Peretta

This info is coming from my guides or my "spirit team". The spirit world is constantly trying to help each individual move toward their highest potential. Humans have free will so that potential is not always reached. They have helped some individuals while others have not followed their advice and guidance. The spirit world has ALWAYS done this, not just in the past 166 years. We consider this an arbitrary timeframe with little meaning.

1B) To what extent have earthbound spirits impeded, sabotaged, or distorted the progress of human spiritual evolution?

The individual influence that spirit has on each person depends on how willing they are to accept guidance from the spirit world or how attuned they are to the universal energy. You can think of this as an open crown chakra. It also depends on how susceptible they are to outside influence. People with depression, addictions, and other mental health and SOUL SICKNESSES can be preyed upon by lower vibrational energies. With that being said, humanity does a fine job sabotaging and hindering its own progress through greed and closed hearts. Darker forces really don't have to do very much to encourage humanity.

The spirit world will only help humans if it's for the highest good. Often times, that may not look at all how you would have pictured it. Some events have to happen, they are contracted and agreed upon by souls and groups of souls to further progress. The struggle between good and evil is mostly a myth. It is all about evolution and moving closer to God or the source or whatever term you prefer. There are many ways to look at this and many of those viewpoints are true, but when you boil them all down, there is only one direction to go in: toward love.

Note: it sort of felt like my guides were a little bit irritated by this line of questioning. I wasn't sure if it was because they feel like they answered it already or not but to me I got the impression that they felt it wasn't an effective use of time or that it was focusing on the wrong things.

Joanne Gerber

1A) "We have helped you to understand the continuance of the spirit through communication with us. We try to show you that life is not about just the physical. We are more than we know. The lesson is to trust that there others not in human form that want to communicate with you. Our communion with the physical world is telepathic."

(This was channeled to me by a guide with a British accent.

1B) "Those with closed minds will close doors between physical life and beyond. They must not impede the evolution of the spirit, but teach us what we need to learn. Observe, but not partake with the darker forces on the physical."

(This was channeled to me by the same guide)

Angelina

Channel for first question

1A) What difference has the Other Side made in the past 166 years in influencing humans to accelerate their spiritual progress?

Aristotle

"Earthbound spirits. "

They are not ....

We have no sensation of earthbound or otherwise. We are all connected and woven into the fabric of the living . Does the internet become earthbound or does a physical form stimulate the connection. Were Is the interest where am I Aristotle.? I become "earthbound" when there is a need to understand because I spent my life trying to create understanding. To educate. This study is fascinating to me. You will educate the physical because if it .

So I can become more active within the physical because you are aligning with the good works that gave my physical form to.

This medium had no knowledge of what she is writing until she connected to me. I felt the good intention she holds in her heart to this study. I am connecting to she and your study. We are all interwoven .

As I have said

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

The one thing we have been trying to shift with humans forms is their perception of the physical ....the physical is an illusion.

Jonas Salk is an example of this . I helped him to look beyond the physical. I connected to his heart. His good interim. Instead of trying to stop polio, I helped him by making him see that by creating a resting state of the virus within a human capsule it can then form a barrier against human diseases.

Salk stated that "nature was the scripture that humans must follow "

I Aristotle stated .....in all things of nature there is something of the marvelous . We were interconnected as he worked on the polio vaccine .

Dusten

I did my usual ritual and incorporated a crystal ball in my ritual as well. It took me several attempts to connect to Spirit with these questions.

After 20 minutes of sitting and receiving nothing, I actually ended up connected with two spirits. One was an old man and the other was a child. I asked who they were, the old man simply said, "no." The child said, "rat" in a mischievous sounding voice. These spirits have had the most interesting personalities so far.

In response to the first question: The old man describes, "we hold meetings and give people options." I asked him for more, he says, "people choose their own development." I saw a doorway open, and random spirit people having multiple doorways to choose from. The boy spirit said to me, "we've been doing this since the beginning." My sense is that the 166 years part of the question is not as important. I kept asking for more, the older man said "we provide options others would not."



During the first question, I was feeling very tired and felt my body slightly moving from side-to-side as if falling into trance. Both spirits spoke in unison saying “we are here now.” I saw what looked like spirits moving from place-to-place influencing people here on Earth. My sense is that good spirits provide doorways or options to people for their own spiritual development. I heard very clearly, “free will” echo in my ear.

In response to the second question, I saw the old man spirit breathe out a sigh and look very serious. The child spirit simply sat there not moving. It felt like I waited for 5 whole minutes. I heard, “closing doors” and then “instigating feelings.” I saw the same doorways shutting and energetic light colors changing. My sense is bad spirits can alter emotions and take away options for people to choose from in their spiritual development. What was most interesting is it seems there is a time limit to the spirit activity and the options being presented. The child spirit showed me doors slowly opening and closing and said. “time.” When asking for more, I heard in my mind, “repeating cycles.” It seems bad spirits want humans to repeat their cycles or patterns and not evolve in their spiritual development. I then heard the old man say, “keeps happening.” My sense is that this is a serious phenomenon and unfortunately people wait too long and continue in their old patterns or cycles. I would pose from what I felt in this response that this is a serious problem.

During the second question, it felt like I was in darkness waiting before seeing the two spirits again (old man and boy). I felt my body becoming weightless and drifting. I was not aware of anything anomalous, but my own body was responding to the energy for sure.

That’s what I have for you both in response to these questions. I was a little frustrated with how long the energy took to connect this time around, I was worried I would have to skip this question. Thank you!

Doreen

Kindly note: As I sit in meditation on this question, I tune into my Master Guide and then begin typing whatever I’m hearing or being shown. My Master Guide identifies with the name Joseph... however, I am also simultaneously tapping into these higher density fields of energy – so it’s hard to say whether or not the info is ‘only’ from my guide, or if there might also be a blend of information from a ‘collective’, a higher energy density complex. In any event, I don’t usually question it; I just listen very closely. Most of the input comes through clairaudiently.  
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Q-A } What difference has the Other Side made in the past 166 years in influencing humans to accelerate their spiritual progress?

Primarily, those in Spirit have made their presence known and felt in a more distinctive way during recent times – while at the same time, those living have become more receptive. Thus through the introduction of different types of mediumship, evidence of survival of

consciousness began contradicting prior centuries of traditional religious teachings. In days of old, one could not openly even suggest that consciousness survives physical death – nor did anyone think that we would one day, have a much greater understanding of that.

Rather, Christian dogma dictates that at the end of one's life, it's either heaven, hell or purgatory... a tactic clearly used to induce fear in order to keep believers in line. Other religions take a similar approach. However, those who have been able to see past these distortions have made great spiritual progress. Prior to the past century, people who had 'visions' (mediumistic abilities) were deemed heretics and were dealt with harshly. To speak openly of such things would risk being called a witch and/or 'under the devil's control'... and many were actually put to death for doing so.

Unfortunately, all religions have used distortions with regard to the nature of the Universe and the One Infinite Creator. In more recent times, a portion of humanity has evolved somewhat, and many people have now been enlightened to the fact that life as we know it (in 3rd density on Earth) is but a fraction of our full existence and potential. This has also contributed to much spiritual progress.

In a slightly lesser manner, mediumship has also evolved... and those who are gifted have slowly been able to step out of the shadows to bring forth messages in order to heal those left behind – as well as contributing to mediumship research. With regard to 'assistance from the other side'... it's also important to note that in mediumship, a connection must form between an incarnate medium and a discarnate medium, thus forming the conduit which enables communication. Acceptance of these types of abilities is now commonplace. At the same time, those who [choose to] remain stuck in fundamentalist beliefs will require many more lifetimes to evolve. (If we don't learn the lesson in one lifetime, we'll come back in another lifetime – with the same lesson on our to-do list.) Spiritual progress is an ongoing process; the number of lessons and the number of lifetimes... is infinite.

Q-B } To what extent have earthbound spirits impeded, sabotaged, or distorted the progress of human spiritual evolution?

Earthbound spirits tend to be of negative polarity – having also chosen that path in physical life. And as the saying goes, 'No one wants to be miserable alone'. So they can indeed distort human consciousness by coercing one to be in service to self (i.e., selfish / ego-oriented)... rather than being in service to others (i.e., selfless / loving). However, the key word there is 'coercing'... since we always have the free will to choose which polarity we want to experience. Earth is the great classroom of life... and it is within this density that we are learning the great lesson of 'choice'.

The most common way that a negatively polarized entity has the ability to sabotage us is to convince us that we are separate and/or divided. And if you look around, it's easy to see how much of humanity has been blinded by that belief. Yet the truth is that we are ONE. Each one of us is simply an expression of the One Infinite Creator (some refer to this as God). Thus, whether you are looking at your neighbor, your friends, your family members, Mother Theresa, Hitler... or if you are looking in the mirror – you are looking at an expression of the One Infinite Creator. We are all part of the same divine matrix of energy... and are simply expressing it differently, based on how we choose to polarize during our time in 3rd density life.

That said, earthbound spirits and/or negatively polarized entities can only influence us for a limited time. Firstly, we always have the ability to break free from any negative provocation... if we so choose. To use an old metaphor, if you have a little fellow on your right shoulder whispering in your ear about doing good deeds ... and a little fellow on your left shoulder whispering the exact opposite... which one will you 'choose' to listen to? The choice is always yours alone... but if you allow the little 'selfish guy' on your left to influence you, then taking those actions will obviously impede your spiritual progress.

Secondly, as humanity continues to spiritually evolve... all polarities eventually resolve 'positively'... and by the time we reach the 6th density of existence, there is no further need for the polarization process to continue. At that point in our spiritual evolution, 'all becomes unified'.

Sirry

1A) What difference has the Other Side made in the past 166 years in influencing humans to accelerate their spiritual progress?

It is Zafar who speaks/channels the beginning of this response.

1A) Our side, or the Other side as you like to call us, is 'OUR' side, all-inclusive spirits and channelers, healers and people alike. We work together in harmony to improve the Soul's passage for each individual.

It is again implied with the question that progress is being made and the essence of timelessness is ignored. Being here, now is the essence of every Soul, the reincarnation only adds on to an experience, but does not always mean progress or acceleration. Acceleration implies the potential of stagnation but in our realm we see no importance in either.

The path for each one of you is unique. What may inspire and influence one person, may not inspire or influence another.

One person may have begun their life in the country of Greece where ancient mythology and beliefs live still to this day, but another Soul may have chosen to be born in Senegal or Tasmania or Fiji all very unique cultures. Mythology, and cultures intertwined do influence a person's

spiritual growth. As where mankind has stripped culture of spiritual connection, we perceive this as the desert, the land of sand or the nowhere land. The land of meandering souls who remain still in their spiritual growth, who dwell a lifetime with simply human evolution. Where human evolution supersedes spiritual evolution. One cannot say that, one is more important than another, as in creation all molecules, and all cells matter to achieve perfection, although the perfection lives within all imperfection.

The connection and the bridge between the two worlds has always remained strong.

One should not confuse the industrial revolution and technological revolution with spiritual development.

In ancient times people, although they may have appeared simpler in their communication with one another, their devotion to the spirit realm was much deeper, filled with more power and purity. When people, when the Souls, the children of Creation reflected daily on their existence in the earth realm, deeper and purer connections were made.

Man should not confuse the ability to observe multitude of cultures and faiths as expansion or acceleration of spiritual growths, as before said time, the connection was deep and profound.

What sets it apart is the documentation of the spiritual connections, some deemed as fraudulent but many connections proven truthful and accurate.

We must isolate the concept of spiritual progress and note here that the flow of time does not have a beginning nor an end, and appears more in the form of infinity or the eternal mobius. The soul may on occasion opt to take another route, but eventually all souls move through the energy of infinity. The universe is infinite and energy is endless, the soul is endless and infinite. Progression for that matter is only tied in to the human mind as an assessment of one being better than another, assessment or a judgment, a reflection on what is progression.

If there is progression, there must be regression as one cannot hold the energy without the other.

Progression has been made in the form of technological wonders. It is seen that now recorded events can take place, recorded events in the form of sound, movement, frequency of all kinds. Imagine the people playing with frequency, particles such as salt on a metal surface. The energy moves and vibrates according to the frequency. The forms shape that change according to the changing of the rhythm. This too, reflects progression and regression. Sometimes the vibration can move particles to the center and sometimes the frequency will separate said particles. This would show us how the soul moves through lives. Since the lunar landing we have witnessed more regression as a whole as man has found ways to pound steadily on a message of salvation, and fear has become the center of the souls experience on earth. If we had the ability to find all souls at peace, and in harmony with one another we would have a more powerful influence on human kind. Technology must be mentioned here, as that has assisted us greatly in communicating truth, and bringing truth and evidence to the public. But because common man

has more interest in what takes place on a soulless projection screen we do not always achieve that which we hope for, a heightened awareness of the god like man and woman who walks on earth. Man appears to seek out weak leaders, who have inflated ego and have thus far not understood how to connect to the soul on a profound manner.

Man has tendency to seek mind altering hallucination to numb the thinking mind so that the higher self can communicate with us. This we find disturbing, as that does not allow for a clear, concise channel.

As we in the spirit world have steadily made efforts in connecting on a deeper level with humans, we have found many who seem to not turn inwards or turn to the creator, but end up borderline void of a deep soul connection. So our most recent struggles is overcoming the cordless devices that have captured the entire planet.

By this we question our own efforts, that of our entire teams we question, where is the created man headed for now? Down a steep hill, or will we be able to turn this around and show them the way to the land of peace and prosperity, to the true earth. Will we be able to connect the many worlds, the human world, to the spirit world to the angelic world together in harmony again? Not all hope is lost, as we work diligently with tremendous hope in our essence that we may capture the many souls who live in purity and harmony with spirit.

1B) To what extent have earthbound spirits impeded, sabotaged, or distorted the progress of human spiritual evolution?

...and Zafar continues

As we have mentioned time and time again the concept of progress is foreign to us, as all matter mutates and transforms. So do the souls of humans. When the material of plastic melts is it transformation or progression. When sand becomes glass, is it transformation or progression? Sand is good to use in certain instances and glass is good for other instances. You can walk on sand and earth, but you cannot walk on glass. Transformation of material is key, as is transformation from human to spirit, from incarnate to discarnate. Let us not assess and judge what progression is, as that implies regression. One cannot be sole, or separated from the other. The energy of the two go hand in hand.

We are now going through times of regression, although it may appear as though progression is taking place. Progression is seen in the reflection on the screen we spoke of earlier, but material transforms which is important to keep in mind. As we discuss the world here and there, 'there' appears to be a strong belief, with a negative connotation that there are earthbound spirits. Those are few and far between, very rare that we witness those as LIFE (capital letters to emphasize all spiritual hemispheres) on all planes allows us to share vibration of harmony and love.

Imagine a woman giving birth and the infant traveling through the birth canal of the mother. As birth takes place on earth, so does birth take place in the other realms. An infant is rarely stuck

in a birth canal, but the birth of a baby may have different levels of stressors. Between heaven and death there is space and we (Zafar's team) wonder if that is what you speak of. The space in between birth and death.

The energy of that can be cleared away. Just imagine again if an infant is being born and there is delay in the birth, or the baby not successfully delivered, similar story can be said of spirits, or souls that have slightly veered off track.

As spirits walk among humans, living parallel lives there are those spirits that can more easily travel from one plane to another. There may appear certain privileges for souls that can do this. Just like mediums can connect to a frequency invisible to the human eye but it has been established time and time again that those connections are real. Same can be said that there are Souls that have the ability to meander between this world and the other, some more effortlessly than other.

Earthbound spirits, may be confused in placement of time, but they are never bound to the earth for eternity. They may find themselves fatigued as if they had gone for a long hike or a march, but never seeing the end of it. But as soon as they encounter other friendly spirits on their journey those spirits can aid them in finding their way home, in adjusting their energy to transform to the vibration needed to be one with the Oneness of heaven.

Just like the doctor or the nurse will assist the mother in giving birth. Those you refer to as earthbound have the ability to return home, and see this when their spirit helper comes to their aid.

Earthbound spirits implies trickery, but we have witnessed more damage from hurtful people or soul fractured humans, who seem to thrive and drive their lives on harming their fellow humans.

This is from me the medium.

Many years ago, I wanted to travel to Walden Pond in Concord for a day in nature. It was Columbus day weekend and I found the parking lot to be fill by Walden Pond.

So I asked spirits to guide me to another small pond and found a tiny hidden parking lot, with a walking path through woods. There was only one other car in this parking lot, so no people there to speak of.

I began on a trail and soon came to a pond. I found a place to sit and simply be silent, gazing over the water. When suddenly out of nowhere a man appeared. I knew this was a spirit and he was dressed in a uniform that indicated he was a part of a war time. This must be noted that since I did not go through the American educational system I simply do not know much about revolutionary war or civil war etc. etc.

The soldier approached me and he noticed that he had the ability to communicate with me. He shared with me many, many details which I took close notice of. He himself was wearing a red

uniform. He did speak of some others that were there who wore a different colour, some even 'farmers' clothes.

It is now almost 15 years ago since I had this encounter. So details are lost.

When I then carried on walking, he walked with me and carried on sharing with me where he had lived, where he had been and where he had fought. He shared with me names and other details.

When I came home that night, I began my research on the computer and I found that he had been in the revolutionary war. I found his name, and relatives names on graves in the area of Massachusetts. Many, many details he shared with me were true. There was his connection to Concord, Lexington and Quincy MA.

He seemed very much at peace with the others in this realm.

It did not feel like he was earthbound or 'stuck' at all from our conversation. He seemed very much at peace. He taught me a little bit of US history that day.

I had found myself at Farrar's Pond.

Nancy

When I am receiving information about wisdom which is beneficial for mankind as a whole to receive, the information comes from a higher level of being than a discarnate. These higher level beings have never lived as a person on Earth. They are individual beings who are a part of a collective higher consciousness. They are the greatest of wise teachers and mentors. Their purpose is to help us through education, information and understanding.

These high level beings do not have specific names. Therefore, I cannot give them a name. They are not my Aunt Mary or Socrates. Their understanding surpasses the understanding of humans. That is why they are our teachers and mentors. We need them. Sometimes I see their faces. They clairvoyantly show themselves to me as human men and women. They are protectors and comforters much like Angels. However, unlike Angels, their main mission is to help us evolve into more enlightened, loving souls.

The Other Side has always been instrumental in moving spiritual progress forward...not for just the last 166 years.

Think of it as the Other Side having a game plan for our growth and learning...much like a teacher has lesson plans which follow a specific time table and order. These teaching plans exist

to make the world/humans, and all that exists, better. This learning progress and actual learning takes time. It does not happen all at once. It happens in increments...just like a teachers lessons... one lesson is built on the other. The last 20-50 years have seen especially rapid progress in the understanding of the Afterlife and spirituality. More and more people are rapidly becoming more spiritual and turning to their own knowingness to guide them.

The future world will experience great stress and disaster. We are being prepared now to help guide others as well as help prevent harm to this planet and civilization itself. It is imperative that we heed our intuition and messages from our great mentors.

1B.

Just like discarnates influence the living, so does the collective consciousness of the Council of Higher Understanding.

Why do Spirits try to influence us? They want to help us live a much more spiritually rewarding life. They want to bring us comfort and happiness. They want us to learn so we can influence others in a positive way. The Other Side wants love to grow and grow and spread throughout all that exists everywhere. Love is what it is all about. Spreading and growing love.

The Other Side has been influencing humans since the beginning of our creation, not just for the last 166 years.

Earthbound spirits do not have, and hasn't had, as much influence on living humans as the Collective Consciousness of the Council of Higher Understanding. These great teachers and wise ones are more powerful and influential than simple earthbound spirits who are of a lower level of energy and power. Unfortunately, many of the earthbound spirits are toxic and negative and do the human race very little good. Some seek to take over our minds and thoughts. Some seek to scare us and influence us to change our course of action. Human souls are more powerful than Earthbound spirits and can send them away if they sense they are a problem.

However not all earthbound spirits are harmful. They are just here. Some earthbound souls have just become trapped and lost on their journey to Heaven/The Otherside and really don't set out to interact with living humans. They just want to cross over to the Otherside.

Earthbound spirits have been around since humans have been here. Their influence has remained constant, not just encompassing the last 166 years. This amount of time is a drop in the bucket when compared to eternity.

End of channeling.

**Question 2:** *“Do some, all, or no people reincarnate to the physical realm? And, if only some do, what determines which people reincarnate? And, if reincarnation occurs, do some people reincarnate to non-human forms?”*



There was no clear consensus in the responses. Rather, they were varied regarding the question of whether reincarnation was a choice, and who or what determines that outcome. However, most of the responses suggested that there was not a choice. Among the messages claiming that reincarnation was a choice, one reported that, after undergoing a life review, we can choose to further our enlightenment or simply remain in the Afterlife with a collective of other souls. Another maintained that, despite reincarnation being a choice, humans often feel the need to return to balance injustices that they helped to create while here. One medium communicated “I needed to return because my second to last life was one of turmoil. When a soul group has completed a journey of helping, achieving and understanding their journey as a whole, they do not have to come back. Once a soul group stays, they often meld into greater communities of light. All connected but with different functions.”

Among the responses indicating that reincarnation is not a choice, many claimed that all souls reincarnate. The explanations suggested that we do so for as many times as necessary to complete a cycle of learning. One Spirit entity explained further that we all reincarnate to learn to be better and more enlightened souls. Regarding an end to reincarnation, “Finally, after a long while and many lived lifetimes, a soul will have learned all they can learn as a human living on Earth. These learned soul beings then stop reincarnating and remain in Heaven as Guides and teachers for other souls who need various kinds of help living on Earth or in Heaven.”

The concept of progression was also mentioned repeatedly—for example, “There are multiple stages of progression, thus the reason for reincarnation. Every human has reincarnated at least one time, Many people on your planet have reincarnated multiple times. Each time a reincarnation takes place there are not only lessons learned but wisdom and shared experiences which take place with everyone with whom they have shared contact. There is an evolutionary process governed by the process of reincarnation.”

Also expanding on an end to the reincarnation process, “Almost all spirit beings incarnate into a physical body. Only those that have spent many, many lifetimes, thousands of lifetimes and have completed journey in this physical world may slow down on their reincarnation into the world that you experience as your physical world.” The medium also added that there are many more worlds besides this world.

Regarding the question of whether humans can reincarnate to inanimate objects, one response was “My Spirit Team makes me aware that reincarnation is a soul to soul exchange, i.e. humans reincarnate to humans and/or other beings that have a soul. People do not reincarnate to inanimate objects or other forms of life that do not have souls.”

Many have suggested alternative explanations of reincarnation cases, especially involving living-agent psi. Some of our mediums did so as well. One medium offered a spiritistic alternative to reincarnation. “A Spirit may manifest itself mediumistically and not possess but rather influence a small receptive child or adult with information that may appear to be someone’s own knowledge of past life.”

Several responses mentioned people reincarnating to non-human forms. Some statements were very clear, “Human souls do not reincarnate on Earth as other forms of life. Human souls always reincarnate as another human.” The same medium further elaborated that human souls never reincarnate as an animal, an insect, a plant, etc. In particular, “Each type of individual soul energy remains as it was originally created by God. A human is reincarnated as a human, a cow as a cow, a butterfly as a butterfly. Always, Forever.” This was echoed by another medium who reported that “Humans are considered the most evolved species on the earth known to man at this time. They do not reincarnate into lesser animals such as cats, dogs or birds.” He went on to add that animals always incarnate into their species, many times over.

Another medium took a broader evolutionary view, “An elephant may have incarnated as a whale or a woolly mammoth at one point in time. A monkey may travel from one species within the monkey kingdom to another, Animals as sentient beings can incarnate into animals they once themselves hunted.” She added, “A person in a human form may have incarnated as an ancient Neanderthal, but at the same time human history goes much further back than what is noted in books. The history of evolution and mankind is that of a mobius, ever evolving, ever unfolding, never still, never the same one second to the next, but stillness is where time is most precious.”

Some of our mediums suggested that humans can reincarnate to different lifeforms and planets. One responded, “With regard to life solely on planet Earth – if one so chooses, they may reincarnate into a different non-human lifeform – providing that it is within a lower density,” Another medium responded simply, “You weren’t human to begin with.” She added that we are always in movement and we shapeshift. Another response was “Yes, you can come back in other physical forms if you need to have that experience to grow. Free will and need are both considerations.”

**Question 2:** This question was posed to our group of seven mediums, *“Is there scientific, engineering, technical or new spiritual information from the other side that could benefit humanity and is available to be accessed by living humans now?”*

*A) If yes, can you give examples?*

*B) If yes, how can humans best access this information from the other side?”*

Most of the communicated responses asserted that those on the other side continually work to our betterment, but their efforts focused more on spiritual wisdom and guidance than on specific scientific advances. Moreover, the few specifics that were communicated are difficult to evaluate.

Among those communicating that scientific information from the other side has been made available, several mediums reported that any information needed or wanted can be accessed from discarnates by living humans. One medium mentioned specific people who were open to and received such information, including Edison, Einstein, Da Vinci, and Tesla.

Moreover, several mediums cautioned that living humans can block the reception of information by being skeptical. Of course, that is a familiar claim in traditional spiritual writings on the subject. There is no compelling reason to regard it as a genuine communication from the other side.

One medium stressed that information is accessible only when one has the correct purpose. The same medium was then shown what she interpreted as a binary code – 00000001000000 10001 0010000001. She asked for specific examples and heard “Human guinea pigs.” She could not elaborate any further. The same medium, on the subject of spiritual information, stated, “As more and more people continue to have an increased curiosity and strive to make contact with the other side, there will be changes in the energy utilized by those on Earth to bring forth new forms of spirit presence.” One medium also added by that those on the other side are working on new methods of physical mediumship that can be observed in daylight. This was an interesting statement, because many of the physical mediums today and in the past have cautioned that complete darkness is necessary either for the phenomena to occur at all or at least to avoid physical harm to the medium. We discuss this matter in more detail in the next section.

There was also commentary by several mediums on the role that mediumship will play in advancing science—for example, “As people of the earth working with mediumship, and faculties related to mediumship, allow themselves to take the time to continue developing, the communication between the two worlds will be heightened.” Another respondent mentioned that those on the other side wish that more of our scientists and political officials were open to what they see and know.

According to one medium, who also happens to work in a biotech company, she regularly uses her abilities to see promising scientific research needed to advance medicine, including the individual steps needed to have successful human trials for cancer. She adds, “Sixteen years ago I saw a vaccine that would be developed for preventive cancer treatment and I also saw solid tumors being treated with direct injection of a cancer drug. These two visions are happening now.” She also related, “I dreamed of moving sidewalks in airports (travelator) 25 years before they became a reality.” Of course, neither SB nor BG can discern if this was an original communication versus something read about or seen in media projects, but it is interesting, nonetheless. The same medium added, “Although I am not an aeronautical engineer/rocket scientist, I was shown the defect in the Columbia space shuttle which caused it to explode.”

Another medium received, “We, meaning those of us in non-physical realms, are constantly influencing and inspiring scientific discovery and the like. A happy accident that leads to a new discovery, a sudden realization, being in the right place at the right time, the universe has always been behind synchronicities such as these.” The same medium also commented on the scientific community, “If the scientific community were more open to the real potential of humankind, they could easily work alongside those of you who are open channels for those

voices on the 'other side.'" This medium, who is also participating in research at DOPS, stated that he imagines that information gleaned under such controlled conditions will then be applied to one of the hard sciences. Of course, this is speculation on his part and not a direct communication.

Another medium reported that those on the other side are perfecting genetics, and that devices will be made available to the human race in time. He reported that it was only a matter of time before the scientist working with this type of chromosome technology will tap into the stream of consciousness and receive the available information. He added that his guides advised that, "Within two years new information or technologies will be in the testing stages for the upgrades." But this prediction is clearly not specific enough to be interesting, and a similar prediction could arguably be made by anyone following research in genetics.

More interesting, perhaps: One medium mentioned jet engines and a new way to shift the elements of metal to make it lighter. "This information has been sent to a scientist, but they are not hearing me. They need to look into the history of the pyramids. There are compounds of other planets that will help as they also helped build the pyramids." The spirit entity said, "I regret that I didn't tap into this when I was alive. I was greedy and ignored what were cheaper metals. These cheaper looking metals were alien (I learned that after I passed). When I was alive greed made me grab the gold and silver and this impeded technological advances in metal. My job is to rectify this." The same medium purportedly was given information directly from Steve Jobs – "I am working hard to change the production of phones and workplaces they are made in. We are wasting too much metal and the elements of the planet. My push to advance technology was to help, but it created greed and wanting more. After my passing a new phone every year is too much. I have been trying to slow this down. The focus should be on community and bringing people together...not the rush to release a slightly new version of a phone. What was old...Will be new again." She also mentioned a Dr. Theadore Deem and the delivery of medicine and scanning using AI, and described it as being only the beginning. A Google search turned up a Dr. Theodore Deems who died in 2015 at the age of 93, but nothing else. Also mentioned was a scientist named Reinfield who gave the equation  $R_n = T \times 500$  feet, and advised "Deep dig down (230.4 meters \* 230.4 meters) \* 146.5 T11 002lit metal will be found, Date in back to 2499BC. A discovery will be made." We have no idea what this means.

Another medium also mentioned metal. "They begin by showing me what looks like a piece of equipment, maybe a metal or no, scratch that. I don't hear the word metal but it's a metal looking shiny long tube that goes into the ground. I see it drilling into the earth for something and it seems like in the long run it can benefit humanity."

Some mediums reported that those on the other side generally do not impart technical information. The explanation was that this would infringe upon our free will and learning process. One medium stated "Remember that humans become incarnate to learn, to create and to discover knowledge as part of their evolution through the 3rd density. At the very most, non-physical beings might inspire you to look in a particular direction, allowing you to make the

connections needed to solve a problem – or invent something new.” The same medium reported that those in higher realms have technology that far surpasses anything in current use. As an example, she mentioned that they have perfected “free energy”, which would lift everyone on our planet out of poverty. She advises that they have chosen not to reveal this. She also claimed that “They have also developed healing modalities utilizing light waves – which would eliminate many so-called terminal diseases. They have developed the technology of mind control...and you would probably be shocked at how they use it. And they have fully developed anti-gravity spacecraft which have been traversing space throughout your solar system for decades.”

Another medium replied, “The human’s science is currently in a very dark place, and little light is being shared with the living humans. The source of all knowing, while living humans are destroying the perfection created hundreds of thousands of years ago, and the living humans are not to be trusted, the information pouring down upon most science is scrambled and not received properly. We the spirits, we aim to progress and we aim to see the folk of the land improve, progress and become better and greater today and tomorrow than they were yesterday. But the narrow thoughts of the scientist where ego is inflated, little true divine knowledge can be shared on the human plane.”

**Question 3:** We posed an early BICS question in slightly reworded language, “*Is the Earth facing imminent catastrophic events? If so, how might this occur, and can it be prevented?*”

The answers received were wide ranging and covered a great many subjects. Most of the mediums reported that the answers they received came directly from their guides. However (as with many of the questions we posed to the mediums), we can’t be sure if any of the information was received by living-agent psi rather than discarnate communication. In fact, nothing in the responses to this question seemed more impressive or unusual than what one finds from studies with elite remote viewers. Moreover, since the predictions all involved future events, we’re not able to gauge their accuracy. And to confound matters further, most of the predictions addressed topics that have been discussed extensively in the media. Despite this, we found a few interesting consistencies, especially regarding China. We consider most of the responses to be warnings of a long-term nature, rather than predictions of imminent catastrophic events. However, a few were imminent.

Some of the mediums did address the question about prevention, but others were more general in nature. One medium stated, “Catastrophic events started from the dawn of human nature and will continue until we start interconnecting again with each other.” She continued, “There is a ricochet effect that occurs when catastrophic events occur. Humankind comes closer together. When the system is off....On comes the human....When floods, earthquakes, death, and sickness happen....Humans connect to a truer part of their being. We need to access a deeper part of our truer selves. Money, isolation of social media, material life is moving us farther away from an inner connection of a light community..... So spirit intervening and stopping these disasters is not helping us build a light community.”

Regarding China, one medium predicted a banking failure started there by a computer virus. She said this will occur in the 2025-2026 time period, and she emphasized that this was not preventable. The same medium was shown fires in cities of China and Western Asia. Another medium said that “Spirit keeps circling China,” and reported underground digging and movement that will collapse. It was emphasized that this was human-related and therefore preventable, but not likely to be prevented. She heard the word “uranium” and described physically coughing from being shown the image. She also saw dead fish floating in the ocean, human related, and feels the ocean to be very warm. Spirit “dotted” areas of the ocean that were affected: North Pacific, Indian Ocean, and around China and Korea. In addition, an explosion was seen in the Indian Ocean which came from below the water. The same medium, in a continuing communication with the same Spirit entity, saw unsettling earth energy in the next six to eight months. The area affected geographical area expanded out to Korea, Japan and Indonesia.

With regard to the United States, one medium saw a pipeline failure creating high prices in 2026. Another was shown a problem with grain, but it was not clear if the grain became scarce or was contaminated. Another medium saw a major earthquake in California affecting San Francisco, Los Angeles, and extending into the Baja Peninsula, “The San Francisco area will break off and fall into the sea, and it will be fast and result in great loss of life. San Diego will be affected to a lesser degree. The earthquake will result in great fires in both forests and cities, and all of this will happen with very little warning.” She continues by saying that a great tsunami will form, with waves traveling across the ocean. In addition, “People will unite after this horrible catastrophe. A great leader will emerge during/after this horrific event. More appreciation for nature and the earth will be created among all humans. There will be more earthquakes in other parts on the U.S. too, but they will not be as damaging as the major earthquake that will hit California.”

The same medium describes something that is preventable but not known at this time by authorities: “There is a spy in the Pentagon now. Maybe two or three. They have been there a long time. I see two men and one woman. She could be in the military. I see an association to the White House with one or more of the three people involved.”

Another medium had a visual of a huge wave hitting the New Orleans French Quarter in 2024-2025. She also heard, “Earth is resilient when damaged, for now.”

Concerning other countries, one medium mentioned flooding in Paris, which will bring people together. Another medium reported that a cell of terrorists will be caught in Paris in 2027, and that will open up a fear-based living in the city until 2032. Also reported by one medium was plates of earth crumbling resulting in damage to Croatia. The same medium mentioned a disruption of travel in England and intercity movement due to computer issues, with resulting slowdowns in work and finances. Also, civil unrest in Budapest from 2024-2027, and Russia will see a new ruler in 2026, but the transition will not be smooth. Another medium mentioned the Middle East and a reference to “Adar” – the month of March in the Hebrew

calendar. She sees a terrorist event during this time that cannot be prevented. Indonesia was also mentioned by another medium as having a volcanic explosion, which cannot be prevented and will occur within 12-18 months.

Broader global issues were reported in many of the responses. One medium, referring to climate change, said that climate-related hurricanes will increase as the sea warms, and many ships will be lost, with one metal ship splitting in half. She mentions the melting of ice caps resulting in catastrophic flooding, and animals becoming extinct. A plea was also mentioned for the world to unite and fight to save the earth and ourselves. Another medium reported that climate change was a hoax. However, as we will mention in other sections of this report, BG noticed that responses on such things tended to match the political leanings of the mediums involved, which clearly brings into question the authenticity of the information.

Nuclear war was mentioned by two mediums, both reporting that the probability was high. One of the mediums stated that it is not time for the earth to cease to exist, and in a nuclear event not everyone would perish. One medium mentioned that a global financial disaster will strike hard, with the haves and have nots markedly divided, and current banking systems no longer functional. "Famine and poverty will be prevalent across the world. Can this be prevented? Yes, to a certain extent, but prevention needs to start now. Education of the masses is needed now. Plan put in place and laws passed."

One medium predicted an assassination on the horizon, but was not specific, other than asserting that this will happen soon. She mentions that the person to be assassinated is a world leader who will not be missed, and, in fact, it will be a relief.

Regarding volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and storms, one medium said the "The Earth will experience a significant increase in category five level storms during the Solar Maximum, which will begin in late 2024. Volcanic and earthquake events will also continue to ramp up. Unfortunately, all regional events of these types produce loss of life."

Regarding extraterrestrials, one medium reported that the probability of a future catastrophic event resulting from ET intervention is negligible, and pointed out that if ETs wanted to invade Earth they could have easily done so at any time in our history. This subject was addressed in other sections of this study, but the same medium reported, "Understand that extraterrestrials are also interdimensional beings, and their technology is vastly superior to ours. They primarily monitor life on this planet – and they usually only interact with humans they can trust. From our viewpoint, there are some negatively oriented ET's, but most are caring and compassionate and wish to assist humanity. ET's are not a 'warring species'...Humans are."

**Question 4:** We posed this question to our reduced team of seven mediums: "*Can you make contact with the spirits of Reverend Stainton Moses, the entity named Imperator (who communicated with Stainton Moses and Leonora Piper) or the spirit of Allen Kardec (Hippolyte Leon Denzinard Rivall)? If yes,*

*A) Can you provide evidential validation that you are in contact with the particular spirit or entity?*

*B) Tell us the result of your contact."*

Although, as previously discussed, our mediums typically do personal readings for sitters with specific issues they want to address, we found it interesting that many were able to go into great detail in their attempts to answer the question. However, most of that detail is either vague or too general to apply clearly to one of the individuals mentioned in the question. However, there may be consistencies in specific details when compared to other responses to this question by other research teams.

One medium had several days' worth of dramatic imagery, but nothing that seemed to point to any of the individuals mentioned in the question. In fact, she remarks: "I had a lot of odd visuals with this question. It was different in that my connection didn't feel very strong in one sense, but the visuals were very unique and clearer than what I normally receive. And whether any of this makes sense or not, it was an interesting experience. I'm also on antibiotics because I can't hear in one ear at all and very minimal in the other ear due to infections. This seemed to make my visuals stronger and clearer, unless it was the Spirits coming through just had a different vibe."

Another medium cautioned, quite properly, that "All the people requested by BICS to be contacted are prominent and can be Googled. There is a lot of information on the internet about these people. So brand new evidential information is not easily verified. It would be very easy to say that a reading on any one of these people is not authentic and is fake. New evidential information about these people cannot be authenticated or would be very difficult to do so." However, she then asked her guides to focus on each person as an individual, including their personal feelings, personality and desires. That yielded comments most of which were vague enough to apply to many people.

For example, regarding Allen Kardec, she reported "Guides are showing me that he was a brilliant, inquisitive man. He loved puzzles and solving mysteries of all kinds. He loved to learn and not only acquire knowledge but, to understand. He was fascinated with mediumship and was psychic himself. He also had experienced some personal mediumship events and thus was quite drawn to understanding everything he could about it. This desire was also a result of his lifelong learner approach to living. Being open-minded, and a true scholar, he sought to understand the world around him...including mediumship. He hated liars and frauds. He was a big picture thinker. He made a difference in the world as an educator,"

Regarding Reverend Stainton Moses, "Was interested in spiritualism and mediumship, but he was not a true medium or psychic. He was more a "wantabe" who was fascinated with mediumship and was drawn to various aspects of it. He made his name and living off of being associated with it rather than being a quality practitioner himself. He was pompous and self-centered and a bit of a know it all. He was also a great speaker and could persuade people."



Concerning the entity Emperor, “This is not just one entity. It is a real group of beings. They exist. I feel them. I sense their presence. They operate now and would like to enter my mind. They are powerful and speak clearly. They say they have work to do and they want me to listen to them. My own intuition is telling me not to allow them to enter because they are controlling. They want messengers for their messages. They want living messengers to work for them through action...speaking and obeying their requests, representing their beliefs. I do not know if they are dangerous or not, but I feel their power and strength and it is extremely strong. I am wary of allowing them in my space, mentally, or otherwise.”

Concerning Leonora Piper, “Is a lovely soul. She is the real deal...a true and authentic medium. She never really understood her gift. She just knew she had it. She was in no way a fraud. She willingly gave freely of herself and her time to help others. After a life of service, she told me that she was tired and wanted time to herself without any more public scrutiny or publicity. She wanted time for her own life, and time with her children, without interference from others.”

Another medium also began with a disclaimer, “Just to clarify... What you are requesting is a ‘mediumship’ session (which is a function of my higher mind), rather than ‘channeling’ (information that is coming from Guides and/or a higher-density memory complex). Note: When I’m channeling, it’s similar to taking dictation... however with mediumship, it not only requires a connection, but also an ‘interpretation process’ (by me). It’s also very important for you to understand that whenever I ‘link in’ to a higher frequency, that mediumship and channeling are two totally different vibrational frequencies. FYI... I’m not familiar with any of the names in your question below. I’m also not sure how this will work – because I never control a mediumship session; ‘Spirit does’, so I usually just go wherever they lead me. In other words, Spirit doesn’t usually ‘take requests’... However, I’ll meditate – and will give it my best shot.”

Most of what she reported was too vague to be useful. The most specific comments were the following. “I’m getting some symbolism of ‘The Fox Sisters... so there’s a feeling of (what I refer to as) ‘old fashioned mediumship’, as it would’ve been presented in the early years of the Spiritualist movement. His persona and his surroundings remind me of the Victorian era... I can’t pinpoint the exact time period, but it feels like around the turn of the 20th Century, either late 1800’s or early 1900’s...He also has a connection to a woman named Catherine... as well as another (young) woman with a name that sounds like Addy or Addie... (it’s a shortened nickname for a longer name... maybe Adaline?).”

Another medium reported that Emperor was the entity about whom he had the most feelings or sense of connection. “I was shown a taller than average figure, maybe 7ft tall I’m not sure, what seems to be a humanoid man. He’s wearing all white robes and a hood that is sort of rectangular, it kind of reminds me of something you’d see on a knight in medieval times, but it’s made of fabric. He has an aura about him that I cannot quite get comfortable with; It’s authority mixed with power and a fierceness, but I don’t feel anything negative about him...He said he told Leonora things about the world, global events, etc. I’m taking that to mean world events

and things like that. It's giving me a little bit of an Edgar Cayce vibe, like the info that he would get in his sessions...I asked what his mission was and he showed me two things: Providing evidence of an afterlife and then he showed me Nikola Tesla. I think there's some kind of technology or innovation he is able to help with but that is where he left it. I asked for anyone else mentioned and I did get a small hit on Stainton Moses. He was either mentally ill/troubled throughout his life or toward the end of his life. I'm picking up on a very intense, almost fanatical energy about him. He also showed me a connection to the UK (London maybe) and the Middle East. Lots of sand and desert imagery."

One medium said that he sat twice to try to connect to any of the entities, but failed to connect and was told by his guides that "this was not going to happen."

Another medium also started with an explanation, "Impossible to know that I'm providing evidence as I never have requested a particular spirit on demand. However, I did meditate and asked your question. I am hopeful that what I received makes sense." However, her efforts yielded virtually no specifics and almost nothing of interest. The most interesting part of her response was an apparent reference to what could be loosely interpreted to be Mr. Bigelow (we cannot be sure). She delivered the following remarks from Spirit: "I want to address someone in charge of this study. He is tall, pepper full hair. He was preoccupied with his two children. One here and one in the physical. He has so many questions about the process of how you are asking questions. Did you try to fashion this study similar to my writing? Why not seance with the mediums. Why this separation?"

Aloneness

I felt it in my career

(The tall pepper haired man wants to address the lonely feeling)

He doesn't want anyone to feel alone. The spirit, his child...The mediums...)

(A light of a candle flickering on a very fancy desk of yester-year) looks baroque or French -English . The desk has many papers strewn about. One is framed and has an accountability of the accomplishment of research. It has the word boudet or bordon . It has seal and a family crest shield. The first spirit hands it to the person in charge of this study. They shake hands as a sign that there is a whole community of light to work with you."

The last medium also began with a disclosure, "I had not heard any of the names mentioned above. I had heard and seen Alan Kardec's name, but for some reason I thought he was Brazilian. I found myself not flowing smoothly with the energy, until I felt the flow of French words, and sentences." She went on, "French sits frontal in the mouth compared to English, and it feels more 'blowy'. Once I felt the French on the tip of my tongue I did use the internet and put in French and then one name at a time till Allen Kardec's name came up and I shut down the browser. That only showed me I was on the right path, as apparently he was born in Southern France. So here goes...I hope.

a) The teacher of health and medicine has arrived, very peculiar and particular. I suffer from eye irritation and eye strain and as I have used ointments on the eyes of others I have convinced myself that I should be able to cure my own eyesight or eye irritation. We have sought ointments to the far east, to distant places such as oest indie, avec Ceylon et les isles presque a ceylon.”

Then, after some comments about Monet, poor vision, and some vague philosophizing, she writes: “The result of this contact I am unsure of, as my brain was interfering with the flow. Normally I use glasses and cannot read or type without my glasses. So when tuning in to and typing up the responses I have always removed my glasses in the hopes that I not interfere with the flow. But it was obvious to me with this question that I heard things in french, on my right hand side and within my mind. I saw images in the center of my mind inserted, where words I could not clearly 'hear', then found my brain wanting to turn things over to English, so that my brain could make sense of the image that came to mind when I did not understand the occasional word. On a higher level my consciousness seemed to very clearly know what was being portrayed, yet I could feel my brain interfering with the flow, more out of curiosity than anything else. I found it very interesting that my mind was almost forced to stay with imagery such as Claude Monet's paintings, which I simply cannot stand.”

**Question 7:** The question, posed to our group of seven mediums, was *“Is there information that is available to some spirits on the other side that is embargoed or forbidden to be transmitted to living people (while they are still alive)? If so, why? And who makes the rules?”*

The responses to this question showed no clear consensus. However, as in previous questions there was some overlap. Among the mediums who communicated that some information is withheld from living people, the themes of free will, lessons, and the greater good were consistently mentioned. One medium stated, “There most certainly is information that is withheld from human souls who have not yet learned their ‘lessons’ for the ‘grade level’ they are in at the time. Each individual soul learns at their own rate of speed. They do not receive all knowledge available to learn at one time because they would not be able to absorb and learn it.” Another medium commented on the type of information not communicated, “We will not share information that harms – that is not our purpose.”

Regarding free will, another medium reported, “Now, if by ‘some spirits’ you are referring to those who have advanced to the higher densities, they will always withhold certain information...because they don’t want to infringe on your free will. Exercising your free will through choices you make is the POINT of experiencing incarnations in the third density, which is a very difficult learning arena...One reason for this, among others, is that it is within third density life that you will choose which way to ‘polarize’ (positively, in service to others...or negatively, in service to yourself). You alone must make this choice. And once you do, this will directly affect your future/alternate choices, your future/alternate lessons, and your future/alternate lives.” She went on to explain, “The future is not predetermined, or (as some

like to say) 'carved in stone.' Rather, it is malleable...based on the collective consciousness of your world."

Another medium suggested that those in the spirit realm consider various outcomes, "We, meaning those in other realms, give information based on the highest good of those who are receiving it. We fully understand it will not end with who is told, but that information will spread. Also, what you define as the highest good is not always what the actual, or one could say 'divine' highest good is. Once again, we will stress the importance of free will, and how heavily that factors in. We see the potential for each event/outcome/'timeline' and weigh the pros and cons of providing such information. We are also very aware of intentions, even if you yourself are not aware of such things yet. If the information you seek is likely to do harm, whether by virtue of having the knowledge itself or through weaponization, we will most likely not provide you with that information. Sometimes negative events are the catalysts for greater growth, discovery, and closeness to the source. Although it may seem cruel, some of the most difficult events in your history have been allowed to happen for the greater good."

Balance was also mentioned by another medium, "It isn't a matter of we can't share information, it is a matter of balance. Rules can create balance, but it goes deeper into the balance of our community of light." Another medium wrote, "It is not that information is forbidden, it is rather that information is mishandled, silenced, mistreated, misunderstood, misaligned by powers who choose to control the earthly beings, primitives especially. As information is shared, we have the power to scramble, to confuse the transmission upon arrival. We do not aim to please, rather we aim for accuracy instead of hierarchy." Continuing the theme of how information is handled, another medium reported, "As Spirit shows me the scales, I have this impression from them that it's not that information is forbidden so much as information is open ended or can be misinterpreted. So, they must be extremely careful."

Another medium responded that discarnates are not restricted in the information they can communicate to the living, nor are they forbidden: "On the contrary, they are encouraged to...whether that happens through direct communication (usually dreams or meditation), or through the assistance of a medium, or even after returning from an NDE. Most information that is shared by discarnates usually consists of simple themes. For the most part, they are encouraged to share these things with you to ease your mind...and so that you may KNOW that there is much more ahead after your physical life ends...There are not many in your world who take the time to connect with those in the Spirit World for the reason of obtaining information. This is why there is an assumption that certain information remains embargoed or forbidden. The more open those in your world strive towards the communication, the more information will be accessible."

Some mediums weighed in on who makes the rules. One medium simply stated, "The Creator of everything...God makes the rules. God is pure unconditional love. And God's purpose is to spread love." Another medium wrote, "I can't say I specifically see a 'Being', but I do often get a sense of feeling one or a Universal energy of sorts. It's powerful, tranquil, and amazingly

beautiful. Another medium wrote, “The One Infinite Creator makes the rules of how the Universe works. God or Source is what we are – it’s what everything is. It is a force and consciousness that permeates everything.

Another medium mentioned councils: “There are no rules, as rules are man-made, made by the primitives to keep a hierarchy and to control the masses. Man has little to no knowledge of how to ascend, how to become greater, how to grow without being told to do so. There are no rules but there are councils. Councils decide when information should be arrested or scrambled upon reception. You live in the ALL Knowing, but it is due to the infantile evolution of the primitive that we, the Council, chose to interfere or intercept information that may be used in a malicious manner, We shall connect with those with good intentions and connect those who truly are driven by goodness to share information for the sanctuary of the primitives. There are no rules, but councils interfere where interference is needed. We have fought wars in other galaxies and we will keep up our tightest safety measures to keep peace, so no more nations in the universe go extinct.”

**Question 8:** The following question was posed to our team of seven mediums: *“Is there a relationship and/or communication between extraterrestrials and discarnate humans in the Afterlife? Please give as much detail as possible in your answer.”*

The consensus was that there are both relationships and communication between ETs and discarnates in the Afterlife, although there was some question as to the definition of “extraterrestrial.” The prevailing view seemed to be that conscious beings, whether they be alien, human or discarnate, are all connected, despite having different frequencies. As far as the meaning of “extraterrestrial” is concerned, one medium said, “Some are physical, some are interdimensional, and some experiences could be labeled ‘spiritual’ and have nothing to do with ‘aliens’ at all.” The same medium went on to describe how some entities have learned to interact fully with all of reality, and how all conscious beings, including extraterrestrials, return to the same source.

Another medium stated that ETs and human discarnates are two separate forms of existence, even though both have always interacted with humans on Earth and souls in the Afterlife. The difference between the two forms of existence is merely that ETs originate in other worlds, planets, or universes, not Earth.

Another medium reported that ETs perceive humans, both living and discarnate, with very little difference. It’s as if they observe people “blinking in and out of incarnations.” She also reported that ETs do have an agenda, but that it is neither positive nor negative. Most of the mediums mentioned that ETs are more advanced and wise than humans, and that they have compassion for those on Earth and are concerned with the wellbeing of our planet. In addition, the ETs do take an interest in and communicate with discarnates. She suggests that discarnates are curious about ETs, as discarnates have no fears, and they want to learn more and seek guidance.

Another response commented on telepathic communication between ETs and discarnates, and how ETs have access to the Spirit World simply by allowing their energy to connect with the discarnate consciousness. The medium also reported that ETs are interested in discarnates to learn more about the human experience and also to help humankind. And yet, another medium reported that there's a lack of interest among ETs in the discarnate world, and moreover that "The Afterlife is protective, as their mission is to preserve its own species so to speak." The same medium also stated that "Star Beings" have always had both friendly and unfriendly connections, and the ETs and the Afterlife have witnessed one another for millennia, as evidenced by ancient documentation.

**Question 9:** This BICS question was put to the team of seven mediums: *"Is spiritual help from the other side focused only on individuals, or can the other side help to influence groups, communities, or countries?"*

The mediums were in general agreement that the other side is interested in all of the above, but that it starts with the individual. For example, one medium replied "Spiritual help from the Otherside is available to all people...all the time. It doesn't matter if the spiritual help is for one person, or many, spiritual beings on the Otherside see our plight. They hear our cries for help. They always know what is going with us at all times and they respond to our needs." Continuing, ". Groups, nations, churches, organizations, or a sole individuals are heard and responded to by the Otherside." Another reported, "Man, and groups of mankind , can ask for help and their request will be heard. Often these mass requests are even acted upon. Requests never fall on a 'deaf ear.' It's important to note that Groups have a collective, powerful, strength. You could say their voice is louder and appears more urgent than the voice of a single individual. There is more power in collective prayer. You could say groups have more 'bandwidth.' Another medium commented, "It is focused on all people on all levels. The other side helps to guide humanity as a whole for the betterment of all people; that means helping the individual, but also inspiring large scale events to create change."

Another medium, also believing that influence extends to all, stated, "The spiritual help assistance has to do more with the recipients of the information more than the available information. How many on the earth even open themselves up to the influence of those from the other world to ask questions of importance or specific relevance? We do not want to infringe upon the rights or the energy of those who are available to listen to the words or advisement we may offer. As they ask and take the time to listen we are able to provide more information regardless if the concern is about and individual or large community."

However, one medium suggested that influencing countries is exceedingly difficult, "The 'groups' who would benefit most would be spiritually minded communities... thus the people who would stand to gain the most inspiration and understanding from these communications, would be spiritually developed, like-minded people. Influencing a 'country' is not likely; it's too broad of an objective... since there would be too much divergence among the population." Lastly, another medium summed it up by answering, "Assistance from spirit lives in all places,

large and small and never isolated or limited, just as the rays of the sun are carried light years through the universe. So is the sun, so is life assistance is all around, all around...The energy of prayer, assistance or help of any kind can be shared with an individual, but that individual belongs to a community so the energy of healing will affect all those around the individual seeking spiritual healing. The expansive universe carries tremendous energy all around, this energy is powerful and so is the energy shared from the spirit world, powerful and expansive and can be shared with nations around, planets, stars and so forth."

The responses to our own posed questions considerably overlapped the responses to the BICS questions. But the additional data was helpful nevertheless. The following are summaries of these additional questions.

**Question 10:** We asked, *"Does one progress in the Afterlife, and, if so, in what ways and how does this occur?"*

This question resulted in responses that dealt with souls, soul groups, consciousness, life reviews, assistance, learning, connections to the physical world, levels, jobs in the Afterlife, Space/Time, and a host of other topics. Regarding souls, we heard that souls are placed, almost like a "magnetic connect" to the place where they belong. As far as levels are concerned, many of the responses claimed that there are different levels in the afterlife and that some spirits become very advanced. However, only some mediums reported that souls progress or advance naturally through those stages. Others reported that souls have choices as to the direction of their evolution and even whether to progress at all. Moreover, one medium mentioned that souls progress at their own individual speed. Another medium replied that progression is never ending, as is learning.

Several mediums mentioned "heavenly schools" or "halls of learning", which is consistent with what is often mentioned in writings about spirituality. These schools are where souls learn about communication with each other and with the physical world. And predictably, most of the mediums reported that reincarnation was a cycling back and forth between the Afterlife and Earth as one moves towards eventual enlightenment. Along the same lines, many reported that the progress of the soul while embodied determines where the soul begins its next journey.

Consistent with reports from near death experiencers, several mediums claimed that transition to the afterlife involves a life review. "Progress is ongoing. You can think of the Afterlife as a sort of 'interlude', a pit-stop if you will where we get to assess the choices we made (good, bad, or ugly) , as well as assessing our very beingness – in between incarnations." One medium mentioned that beings of light always assist us when we transition to the non-physical realm. They described such beings as "interdimensional beings who no longer need to incarnate to physical form." Another medium mentioned the same beings of light, and added that they await our arrival.

Lastly, regarding progression, the same medium who previously saw a binary code described seeing the number 3, specifically, “333333333333333333 – it looks as if it’s a huge 3 and then further out as it goes, the smaller it gets. It’s infinite and as if a mirror is reflecting back. Progress is infinite, it never stops.” The same medium kept seeing “Selenium and light.” She did her own research after receiving this vision and being curious about its possible meaning, she found that Alexander Graham Bell used Selenium and light together in 1879 to invent his Photophone. Regarding the number three, she found that Pythagoras believed that three was a perfect number, and the symbol for harmony, wisdom and understanding.

**Question 11:** This question, posed to our thirteen mediums, was similar to a question asked by BICS. Our question was, *“Do those in the Spirit world try to affect our physical lives for the betterment of mankind? And if so, in what ways?”*

The mediums mentioned different ways in which influence could be accomplished—for example, whispers, dreams, intuitions, ideas, etc. One guide mentioned that “We see possible outcomes or timelines for each of your lives. We help to create your reality with you. Ultimately it is your responsibility to create the life you want. Of course, everyone is intertwined, but to simplify it, we try to show you the effect of each choice you make. Your actions ripple and at every step we give you a glimpse forward if you are willing to listen to our words. This is the purpose of your ‘spirit team’. Not everyone listens and that is OK, it’s their choice to live without our guidance.” The same medium, when asking Spirit if they sometimes try to affect outcomes on a grander scale than individual influence, was told “Of course, but what is the difference between helping an individual or 100 people? Any event at any given time can be world-shaping. That’s how important each person is in the grand scheme of things.”

One medium tried to elaborate on our term “Spirit world,” and was told, “All things are connected, physical, spiritual, etc. And it is being noted that the question is far too linear, but understood, as it is being asked by incarnates. The ones leading the responses are questioning who in the Spirit World is being referred to, as the Spirit World has a few stages, levels so to speak, or perhaps ‘Worlds’ or places would be a better choice of words. There is the Spirit World of the incarnated, the Afterlife, there is the Spirit World of the Teachers, there is the Spirit World of the Masters, and Spirit World of the Holy. There are more, but these we mention here only to point out that the Spirit World can be seen in many ways.”

Another medium also mentioned various realms, which were described as densities, “As to the betterment of mankind, there can be some interaction with higher density beings, usually of the 5th and 6th density. These beings often serve as our Guides – if we are able to attune ourselves to them.” She also mentioned “Great Guides” like Seth, Ra, Silver Birch, etc). She described them as “timeless spiritual teachers; they have provided the most information in terms of assisting humanity.”

When asked about influence through scientific evidence, she was told that we in the physical realm do not yet have the scientific groundwork to understand. However, she was



made to understand that AI and “Neural Networks” will be the next step in understanding how one consciousness could influence another.

**Question 12:** We posed the question to the thirteen mediums, *“When apparent spirit communication takes place, how does the recipient know that the communication is real (as opposed to a product of one’s imagination?)”*

The responses, although consistent, did not give a great deal of insight. Perhaps the most interesting response included, “Because I can sense the presence of another being besides myself. I can see, hear, feel, know, and sometimes smell the Spirit.” We consistently read similar responses, such as “one’s imagination would only be able to produce generalities.” Regarding non-mediums, one response was “They should be feeling the love/emotion from that contact and know in their gut/heart/soul that they are indeed making an authentic connection.” Another description was that “When information is coming from Spirit, it is free flowing, easy, without effort or concentrated/active thought.” Another medium, “As a person who communicates with spirit often, the information from Spirit feels ‘other’ or ‘alien’ almost. It’s very clear, most of the time, that the information is not my own.” And another, “It is my experience that real in time experimental and inquisitive conversation with a spirit presence is what clearly separates the imaginary from the spirit activity with the medium’s awareness.”

One medium described, “The words will sometimes be outside of me and I could/can actually hear the sound of them.....there is a specific feeling that comes with it that becomes a knowing.” One spirit entity made a comment about physical mediumship, “Most are fake, but for those that have genuine connection we applaud them for their efforts. It’s a great way to show spirit is real and present even though most are not ready to accept such evidence.”

**Question 13:** We asked the question to our thirteen mediums, *“When we have what we term ‘end of life experiences’, how do those in your dimension connect with and greet us?”*

Many of the responses failed to address the question directly, but they agreed somewhat concerning the means by which those in Spirit connect with us. One medium reported: “Discarnates, angels, religious figures connect and greet us...they communicate with us while we are dying.” Another reported, “Our loved ones on the other side find us through the common energetic bond shared while not only in our current lifetime, but through our various past lives as well.” Another response, “We meet you in your mind as you ‘cross over.’ When your consciousness once again dips its toes in the stream on the mind. Suffice it to say that we ‘come down’ to you or maybe, in terms you would better understand, lower our vibrations to meet you where you are.” Moreover, some remarks were consistent with the view that the other side has precognitive knowledge of one’s impending physical death.

Another comment on the connection process, “There is a connection and outreach of the souls which takes place during these experiences, Any type of experience where the physical dimension is diminished and the ‘other world’ is near creates an energy which alerts other connected souls to react...As people have these experiences the energy of those in the

other world are automatically drawn to the earthbound individual.” Another medium described a “Sharp and a spontaneous knowing, as if they were waiting for the right moment.” One Master Guide related, “As we see you, we approach you each lovingly before transition...we stay by your side. We see you, and we hold you in love.”

**Question 14:** In an attempt to find out the optimal method used by discarnates to communicate, we posed this question to the thirteen mediums: *“Some mediums connect with Spirit by thought (i.e. telepathy), whereas in other cases Spirit seems to control or possess the medium’s body. Is one of these techniques preferable to the other?”*

Most of the mediums indicated that there was no preference from the discarnate perspective, and some responded that trance or physical mediumship was more evidential. This was somewhat surprising, because our past experience with mediums who worked by thought alone was that there was often an inherent bias against control or possession of their body. One medium responded, “If a person is capable of trance this can be of the highest value. The reason being, is that the medium’s mind has completely stepped out of the picture, and the spirit has taken control, therefore allowing the spirit to communicate exactly what it needs to.”

Several mediums responded that the method depends upon the skill level of the medium, and how they prefer to work. One communication, “If the human instrument wishes to experience the discarnate’s energetic field in a more intense way, they must be able to achieve a much deeper meditative state of consciousness, thus allowing the discarnate access to their mind and body, including the central nervous system and voice box.” Regarding the value of control, one medium said, “When the medium uses only telepathy to communicate with Spirit, the reading is usually not as ‘real’” The element of fear was also discussed by some mediums with regard to control or possession: “I don’t feel safe allowing full control of my being by another being.” Another medium mentioned the fear factor, “With control/possession, if not in the correct frame of mind, it can be a serious hazard to the soul...so, basically, one can get a feeling of being under attack if not balanced.” One medium commented on the topic of permission: “If a medium embodies a discarnate, they are doing so ‘by invitation’, meaning that it is a cooperative effort. In the case of (what is described as possession), the medium is simply giving permission to the discarnate to merge with their own energetic fields and to influence them in an uncharacteristic way.”

One medium referenced discarnate preference by saying about telepathy, “We find it easier to manipulate the mind and work in that realm.” The issue of physical effects on the medium was also addressed, “We see the effects on mediums who are strictly mental. Diseases, pain, emotional damage, these are all possible during mediumship. With the physical there is the added element of hurting you through brute force. It can also cause physical imbalances.”

Another medium summed it up, “For us in the spirit world, we don’t really have a preference, it all comes down to the path of least resistance and what the most efficient way of accomplishing our task will be.” Another medium had a similar response, “The best form of

communication is the form that requires the least amount of work or involvement of the medium.” Lastly, another medium addressed the concept of surrender, “There are times when telepathy is important so as not to allow the medium to completely surrender to the subject they communicate with. An example is when a medium communicates with beings from other worlds. We accept them as a part of our universe, and we welcome them. But as we know our mediums are precious and priceless, so it is important that the medium communicate with them solely telepathically so as not to merge with them too deeply.”

**Question 15:** We posed this question to the thirteen mediums, *“Can anyone learn to be a skilled medium, or is mediumistic ability a talent, like musical or athletic ability, that only a few are able to master?”*

Nearly all the mediums reported that everyone has various degrees of intuitive and mediumistic ability, but that only some can achieve mastery. One response: “My guides say that, like musical ability, anyone can learn how to sing and play an instrument, but not everyone can be a master, It is a talent just like anything else. Some people are naturally just gifted with beautiful voices made legendary by training, while others train their whole lives and never reach the same heights some other people begin at. There is nothing special about mediumistic ability in the regard.” One medium put it another way, “True mediums are born with perfect pitch, and on the best days we the spirits are able to touch the strings of memories, senses, and experiences in the medium’s heart and soul. The Soul Strings of true mediums are easy to touch, they play smoothly in our hands...”

On the subject of whether mediumship can be taught, “Mediumship ability can be taught to ordinary people who were not born especially talented. However, these less talented mediums will never be able to achieve great mediumship ability and be outstanding.”

**Question 16:** We posed this question to the thirteen mediums, *“Do some in the Spirit Realm have negative energy or evil intentions? If so, can they harm the living?”*

Responses to this question diverged considerably. Some replied that harm and negative energy don’t exist in the Spirit realm—for example, “The Spirit world does not have the ability to harm those in the physical. There is no need for harm or negative energy. The negative attributes of the Spirit have been transformed into a higher vibration of energy.” Others responded similarly—for example: “Once a human transitions, evil/negative thought or intentions that they displayed during their lifetime die with their human body, as these are human traits.” Again: “Evil does not survive death.” And again: “Evil is not created or in the Spirit world. Evil is a human condition.”

Some dissenting mediums mentioned different energies: “In the Spirit realm there are some with more light, and some who carry less light. We do not refer to them as good and evil.” The theme of light and dark continued with another medium, “When mediums pick up on a dark presence or dark energy, in many cases it is the energetic imprint or presence of something experienced by someone who walked upon the Earth. Within the Spirit realm there are those

who maintain a heavier feeling of darkness with them.” The same medium emphasized that, “Those in the Spirit Realm do not have the ability to harm the living.”

Other mediums mentioned the effects of negative energy. One related: “From the discarnate perspective ‘thought forms’ are also real. So projections of negative energy could harm the living by producing profound fear. It could produce a physical effect ‘e.g., an object flying across the room’, which also has the potential to cause physical harm to someone. So a discarnate that has just exited the physical system may still be carrying a negative polarity – if that was their choice and experience while they were alive.” Another medium responded: “The Spirit world is about truth and there are those of us here that are unwilling to stand the truth. As many mediums state, ‘energy does not die.’ Those of us in the Spirit Realm who do not embrace this truth are considered evil. They will hide, they will deceive, and they will try to prey on the living. It is certainly possible for these beings to influence and harm the living, but they do so for their own gain and benefit. True evil is never senseless or unintelligent.” From another medium: “Some entities in the Spirit realm do have negative energy and/or evil intentions. And yes, they can harm the living.” One medium provided this advice, “When evil understands that you are not afraid of them and they cannot control you, they realize they have nothing to gain by hanging around.”

One medium channeled this from her Guide, “Even though, and it is acknowledged here, that there is negative energy in the spirit realm, the Light always overpowers the darkness. The source of life is light. Life on Earth, as it is in heaven, is driven by pure light. Even though there are malignant energies that attempt to harm others, those are generally acting alone, or with a few, and the army of light workers, healers, or light warriors in heaven have the ability to protect those that are vulnerable or possibly under attack.”

**Question 17:** We asked this question to the thirteen mediums, “*What obstacles to you encounter when trying to communicate with our material world? What it is like to have a good, or poor, ‘connection’?*”

The mediums consistently stated what one would expect, citing things such as the recipient not being open, religious beliefs, emotional state, physical or mental impairments, misinterpretation, medication, grief, anger, and fear. One medium put it this way, “Individual human focus – the clarity of consciousness...as well as the level of development of each human instrument varies widely, That said, the greatest obstacle for those in the higher densities to penetrate is ‘ego consciousness’...meaning that the main difficulty is in being able to by-pass the human thought processes.”

One medium went into further detail, “A poor connection comes in like faint smoke...wispy and vague. The message is not a steady stream of information. It comes and goes.” Another medium responded, “To have a good connection, I hear: When there is synergy between parties. A balanced frequency and flow where light emits from the soul body. When the connection is weightless, clear and open.” Another medium described that the medium

must “get out of their own way,” thus enabling communication to be transmitted without analysis due to the mind’s interference.

**Question 18:** This question was posed to the thirteen mediums, “What advice can you give us regarding our quest to find evidence of an afterlife that would persuade open-minded doubters?”

Many of the responses (to our disappointment) dealt with already established evidence or familiar (if not trite) comments about the nature of doubt and skepticism. However, some responses were more focused. One medium commented: “If you are looking for scientific proof, evidence of an afterlife is not something that can be produced in a laboratory setting.” She cited the processes of verifying channeled information and studying their brainwave activity, but cautioned, “If the doubters have already made up their minds that there is nothing beyond the physical life they are currently living, then no amount of evidence will persuade them otherwise.”

Another medium (who happens to be participating in current medium research) said that his guides show him getting more mediums into labs. His guide mentioned IONS and told him, “We cannot disclose everything they are doing, but there is some important research that will be coming out of IONS when it comes to afterlife evidence.” The same medium mentioned advances in consciousness studies. Another medium mentioned soundwaves and/or sonic testing as an area of future study. She also mentioned that quantum physics will go long way in convincing doubters as they definitively show that the spirit world does not live in our linear time.

**Question 19:** We asked this question of our thirteen mediums, “*It is often said that there are no coincidences and “everything happens for a reason.” What does Spirit have to say about this?*”

The answers here varied somewhat. This may be due in part to a confusion about the meaning of “coincidence.” Some agreed that there are no coincidences—for example: “My Spirit Team makes me aware that what appear as coincidences are designed synchronicities to lead us to the right decision, person, or life path.” Another medium commented on tragic events, “I believe that I was shown that tragic events happen to one for others to learn, or for things to be developed for the good of society.” One medium suggested that all is part of a bigger picture and that when we transition to the next world we will understand why events happened.

Other mediums reported that coincidences were real. However, one replied: “Not in the way that people perceive it. It can be/and often is used as an excuse, or a way to ease the pain of something, but in reality, it is not accurate to say that all things happen for a reason. Things happen as a result of actions, vibrational thoughts, patterns and energy. Every event has options, every action has options, every thought has options.” Another medium: “It would be more appropriate to say that everything that happens is a lesson. When you say that everything

happens for a reason...the reason is simply of your own choosing; it is a function of your own creative process.”

We received many similar responses, but some mediums answered that freedom and determinism exist side-by-side—for example, “There is free will and then there are things destined to happen. Sometimes choices can prolong or ‘derail’, as one in the physical world may say or perceive...Everything is not mapped out permanently or in advance from your viewpoint of reality. Everything is not determined. There IS free will.” One medium commented on synchronicities, coincidences, and randomness, “Synchronous events are often mistaken for coincidences. When things happen ‘by coincidence’, there is usually randomness associated with it. But synchronous events happen with ‘with purpose’...and consciousness has a role in creating those events as well. Synchronous events happen in relationship to each other; they are part of the connective force between our inner and outer worlds. They heighten our perceptive senses and allow us to see life through a more intuitive lens...and they are meant to awaken us to higher wisdom.”

**Question 6:** As directed by BICS, the question was posed to the entire group of thirteen mediums: *“Who is going to win the 2024 Presidential election in the United States?”*

Neither BG nor SB knew what to expect in the responses, because this question appeared to be a stark departure from the other questions in our study, for which the mediums were asked to solicit information from Spirit. Indeed, the question appeared unusually likely to elicit personal opinions on what is clearly a hot topic. So we anticipated that many responses would result from intuition or mere opinion and have nothing to do with discarnate communication. Consequently, we gave the mediums specific instructions regarding their responses. We asked them to let us know whether the information they provided came from a discarnate entity or whether it resulted from their own intuitive/precognitive abilities.

We received twelve responses to this question. One of the mediums did not respond because she received no information relating to the question. Another medium responded without directly answering the question, and instead stated the following from Spirit, “We do not operate on worldview politics, but rather give gentle whims to work towards the greater good within your fragile system of politics. Politics, as your human history and physical self have shown us, work against the principle of the greater good. I suggest you retract this energy from this beautiful circle you have been creating. Cancel it. Do not seek it. This channeling is not a parlor game. This is why we do not give out lottery numbers. It only creates your physical body to want more.”

Among the twelve, there was no consensus.

Two mediums responded that Trump would win

Five mediums answered that Biden will win

One medium admonished us for asking

One medium said that the winner would be a “repeat” (meaning someone who previously held the office)

One medium said the winner will not be a politician

One medium said that there were too many variables and the winner was unclear

One medium said that the winner will be a “newcomer”

The majority of the mediums indicated that their answers came from their own psychic, intuitive or precognitive abilities, and not from discarnates. BG has two observations from examining the data regarding this question. First, from his informal observations and research participation over the years, his impression is that mediums that exhibit very strong mediumistic ability are often only average when it comes to psychic predictions. Secondly, from getting to know most of the mediums over the years, he noticed that many responses fell in line with their personal political views, even though some stated that this was not the case.

## Discussion

With regard to **Question 1** about negative influence of earthbound spirits, SB had reservations about this BICS-submitted question from the beginning, and some of his concerns were borne out by the responses. First, although one of our guiding priorities in setting up the study was to avoid asking leading questions to our mediums, this question presupposes the existence of earthbound spirits—something that can’t be taken for granted, and precisely the kind of claim that might have carried some weight if the mediums had brought it up spontaneously. Second, despite our mediums’ repeated reminders that dates and the passage of time have little meaning on “the other side,” the question asks for information about a 166-year period. Not surprisingly, some of the mediums pushed back on that 166-year specification.

BG was also interested in the mediums’ position on earthbound spirits, because in his experience mental mediums never bring through negative or evil information in their readings. Perhaps that’s because they often “surround themselves with light” before they communicate with discarnates. At any rate, BG has consistently, and over many years, heard mental mediums make claims similar to “In all my years of doing readings, I have never once encountered an Earthbound or trapped discarnate.”

With regard to **Question 2** (about reincarnation), SB had hoped that the responses to this question might shed light on a familiar skeptical challenge to those who believe in reincarnation. It’s often called “the population problem.” The skeptical argument tries to establish that “reincarnation appears to be refuted by population statistics” (Edwards, 1996, p. 227). The reasoning behind that claim is that reincarnationists are committed to a stationary population of souls, and that can’t be reconciled with the planet’s population explosion. Although we can’t examine the matter in detail here, it should be noted that this skeptical

argument has been challenged in a sophisticated argument by Bishai, who sketched a simple “circular migration model” that does, in fact, account for the data from a reincarnationist perspective. He showed how various assumptions about the “dwell time” between incarnations yield different predictions about the peak of human population growth. (Bishai, 2000) Specifically, he showed that the alleged incompatibility between the reincarnation hypothesis and the facts of population growth rest on a very controversial assumption: namely, that “the mean duration of stay in the afterlife has been constant throughout human history” (Bishai, 2000, p. 419.)

Perhaps the most relevant comment on this issue from our mediums is the claim that we have a choice as to whether or not we reincarnate. If that’s the case, one might argue that there could be considerable fluctuation in how much reincarnating is occurring during a certain period of time and how long it takes a soul to make or postpone making a choice to reincarnate. In that case, one would think that the mean duration of stay in the afterlife is not constant.

With regard to **Question 3** (about discarnates sharing valuable technical information), BG and SB were both intrigued by the comment that those in Spirit were working on new methods of physical mediumship that can be observed in daylight. SB suspected this showed that the remark originated in the medium’s mind and not in Spirit, because those in Spirit would presumably know that physical mediumship has *always* been observable in good light. For example, the great physical mediums in the late nineteenth and early 20th centuries—e.g., D.D. Home, Eusapia Palladino, and Carlos Mirabelli, produced many phenomena in broad daylight or good electric (or candle) light. Moreover, Joseph of Copertino, in the 17th century, likewise performed many of his “miracles” outdoors in daylight—for example, levitating to a tall tree branch and carrying someone with him. (See Braude, 1997, 2007, 2020). Thus, physical mediumship seems to be in no need of new *methods* to be viewable in decent light.

A physical medium’s insistence on darkness is most plausibly interpreted as either a naïve acceptance of a widespread myth about physical mediumship (promulgated largely by fraudulent mediums) or a standard ploy by fraudulent physical mediums to avoid detection of cheating. A similar ploy has recently been used by Kai Muegge in Germany, who refused to allow sitters to touch “ectoplasm” pulled from his mouth, on the grounds that the physical contact would harm the medium. Nevertheless, Muegge allowed the ectoplasm to fall on the floor, and Muegge was not harmed. (Braude, 2014, 2016, 2020)

Moreover, concerning the apparent foreknowledge of the medium who works for a biotech company, although SB and BG found the forecasts interesting, nothing clearly (or obscurely) indicates that these revelations were mediated by Spirit, rather than resulting exclusively from an embodied human’s precognitive abilities. After all, government-funded elite remote viewers have frequently exceeded this level of specificity in tasks not even superficially suggesting contact with the other side. (See, e.g., May, 1996, 2014; McMoneagle, 2002; Targ, 1996; Targ & Puthoff, 1977)



With regard to **Question 4** about Stainton Moses et al, SB found this question to be peculiar and suspected it would very likely confuse the mediums. Stainton Moses and Kardec were real people, whereas Emperor—like virtually all mediumistic controls, was probably a psychic construct of the medium, more akin to a dissociated identity in Dissociative Identity Disorder (formerly Multiple Personality Disorder). Mediumistic controls are notoriously, and often hilariously, artificial—for example, the control who claimed to be a Native American chief and asked for the key to his wigwam, or the control who claimed to be a black African and asked sitters to appease him by singing “Swanee River.” Emperor was in many respects as flagrantly artificial as an earlier Piper control, Phinuit. Ostensibly, Emperor was the leader of several “high spirits” who succeeded Phinuit as control, and who specialized in lofty and often pretentious teachings, as well as occasional forays into pseudo-scientific speculation. (See Braude, 1995 and the discussion of mediumistic controls in Braude, 2003.) In SB’s opinion, adding Emperor to the list of those about whom BICS sought information would only encourage the mediums to engage in unconscious fabrication. In fact (as BG noted) that’s probably why only one medium purportedly received information from Emperor. Perhaps significantly, he mentioned that he felt a stronger connection to Emperor than to the real people mentioned. Arguably, that’s what one would expect if his entire response was a personal creation rather than communication from Spirit.

With regard to **Question 19** (about things happening for a reason), the varied responses may be due in part to a confusion about the meaning of “coincidence.” Apparently, some of the mediums mistakenly thought that if an event is a coincidence, that means that it’s *uncaused*. Actually, the topic of synchronicities is very complex and messy, and perhaps it was unwise of us to ask our question, or at least to ask it in the way we chose. (For clarification on the topic of coincidences and synchronicities, see Braude, 2002, 2007)

SB was particularly interested in **Question 14** (telepathy vs telergy), because the issue of how mediums connect to Spirit has been widely discussed ever since the early days of the SPR. Many mediums seemed to connect telepathically with the deceased (i.e., mind-to-mind), whereas other mediums manifested what seemed to be a form of *possession* or PK on the part of the deceased directed onto the medium’s organism, thereby producing a *trance impersonation* of the deceased. FWH Myers called this “telergy,” and he (and many others) conjectured (a) that surviving minds would not all be equally adept at communicating, and (b) that the most skilled or evolved communicators would use telergy to produce dramatic and seemingly robust simulations of their surviving personality. By comparison, mere telepathic communication seemed bland or limited in the range of data it could provide.

After Myers’s death, various mediums (not surprisingly) purported to channel postmortem Myers communications. And interestingly, in his ostensible postmortem theoretical speculations (conveyed through Mrs. Willett), Myers changed his mind and claimed that telepathy was the superior form of communication. Telergy, he now said, was a “clumsy,

creasing process.” This shift in position prompted C. D. Broad to quip, “It seems that we die and learn” (Broad, 1962, p. 299).

Thus, SB was surprised to find that most of our mediums refused to take sides on the telepathy/telegery debate. During the heyday of mediumship from (roughly) 1850-1930, that debate was nearly as divisive as political debates today. So how should we understand the difference between our mediums’ balanced view and the more partisan reports from the deceased during mediumship’s heyday? It may not be plausible to claim that the *deceased* changed their view to a more balanced appreciation of both telepathy and telergy, especially if the wisdom they’re obtaining on the other side is something that remains largely constant. In fact, it may be plausible to question the authenticity of the reports both then and now.

## Conclusions

BICS was particularly interested to know whether our mediums agreed with their statement that “the ‘Other Side’ has failed to promote human spiritual evolution in the past 166 years, as evidenced by the rapid proliferation of technology, the expansion of war and the concomitant erosion of human spirituality over this same time period.” **Our question #1** dealt with this directly, and while there was no general consensus, the mediums’ responses did tend to overlap on certain themes. The most prominent were:

- (1) The other side has always been working to increase our spiritual awareness, but it’s not related to any specific time reference.
- (2) The other side sometimes intervenes on a global level with catastrophic occurrences, as if to bring people together and to "maintain vibrational balance."
- (3) In the past 166 years much influence has come in the form of spiritual phenomena, such as mediumship.
- (4) The other side has a broad "game plan" and their influence comes in increments.
- (5) Higher beings have the most influence.
- (6) Free will dominates in the physical world, and spirit can only influence those open to learning. Indeed, spiritual help has more to do with the recipients than the influencers. Only those attuned can be influenced. Thus, if the failure of spirit influence is genuine, as the state of Earth today suggests, it may result from our failure to heed available information from the other side.

Although we had hoped to find consensus on matters that could be validated, our mediums agreed primarily on theoretical issues or other matters of conjecture. Moreover, we found *widespread* agreement only on Questions 14 (telepathy vs telergy), 15 (whether mediumistic ability is a talent), 17 (quality of “connection” to the other side) and 12 (how to know whether spirit communication is real). And Question 14 elicited the only *surprising* convergence of opinion. The answers to Question 12 were thoroughly predictable, converging on the claim that spirit communication is subjectively distinctive (a notoriously weak reason for regarding them as trustworthy). The responses to 17 were similar to well-known concerns about

eliminating “analytical overlay” in remote viewing studies. They cited the usual cognitive impairments or distractions that could interfere with communication of virtually any kind. And the responses to 15 converged on the commonsense and antecedently reasonable view that (like musical or athletic ability) mediumistic ability ranges from the barely detectable to the virtuosic. Question 1 (reincarnation) provoked agreement on some issues among a few mediums, but we found different groups of mediums agreeing on contrary positions—for example, whether humans can reincarnate as non-humans. Although there were no major disagreements in the responses to Question 8 (extraterrestrials), the responses to that BICS-submitted question are not amenable to validation.

In fact, most of the questions were not amenable to validation, whether submitted by us or by BICS. However, Question 2 (technical information from the other side) elicited some vague predictions, perhaps the most interesting of which concerned the promise of “free energy.” SB wondered if this might be an oblique reference to ongoing research on zero-point energy. Question 3 (imminent catastrophic events) yielded several predictions about the next few years, and these of course can be validated. The most interesting of those, arguably, was the prediction about California falling into the ocean.

We must emphasize that although our mediums’ responses were often *consistent* with views disseminated widely in the spiritist literature and probably known to the mediums, those communications may nevertheless be genuine. For example, perhaps discarnates have been communicating the same information to human beings for a long period. After all, if discarnates are interested in improving humankind, it’s plausible (for reasons mentioned by our mediums) that this would be a difficult process, and one that requires many attempts, over a long period, to overcome human frailties and resistances. Moreover, since the mediums participating in the study were given no information about the other mediums in our team, it’s unlikely that they communicated and conspired with one another (at least through normal channels). And that, arguably, gives more weight to the consistencies in their answers.

Finally, we still believe that there is genuine merit in our strategy of posing questions to a group of mediums and looking for surprising consistencies—at least so long as one is careful in framing the questions. Moreover, it would be interesting to learn if some of the more obscure and specific information communicated in our raw data, especially information that we could not validate, was repeated elsewhere in the overall BICS study.

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