

WHO IS THIS GOD?

A Handbook for Life with Him

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Chapter Thirty-One: Paranormal Sightings – Not “Ghosts” of Dead People

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The Invisible War by Chip Ingram provides well researched descriptions and examples about this spiritual war, how to use each piece of the armor of God, and how to live without fear because the believer belongs to Jesus Christ. It's a balanced approach to spiritual warfare that demonstrates the authority of Jesus Christ over all the powers of the evil one.

Who Is This God? Subtitle, *A Handbook for Life with Him*, by me, Paul Bryan, contains several chapters on demons, their potential influences over people, and spiritual warfare. There is an entire chapter dedicated to this topic, “Paranormal Sightings – Not ‘Ghosts’ of Dead People.” It includes tactics you can use if you encounter a demon. They tend to be territorial. Once they are invited into one location, they will stay there until they are driven out by followers of Christ using the authority of Jesus and power of the Holy Spirit.

By the way, demons cannot read your mind. But they can put thoughts into your mind. If you are in a location they have claimed, they will do so to frighten you into leaving their domain.

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“Ghosts” are not dead people

Some people believe that when a person's physical body dies, their spirit/soul can linger on earth for a while, sometimes to complete unfinished business or become a guardian angel. You may hear them referred to as ghosts. However, this idea is not accurate and is contrary to the teachings of the Bible. When people physically die, their spirit/soul goes directly to Heaven or Hell. There is no intermediate state where a person's spirit/soul lingers on earth.

The following verse tells us that the spirit/soul of a person goes to Heaven (or Hell) at physical death:

We are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:8 NASB)

Where they go depends on whether they received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.

People Can't Talk to the Dead

People who are alive can't communicate with people who have died. However, ghost hunters, psychics, and others profess to speak with a deceased friend or relative (usually for a fee). Attempts to speak with the dead are against God's will (Leviticus 20:6). If such a communication appears to have occurred, it's a demon doing the communication or it's a fraud.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Since people are not ghosts, why are ghost hunters, psychics, and the such potentially exposing themselves to demons?

Story Time

“Automatic hadwriting” invited demons into our presence. These were not the ghosts of our departed love ones as the medium had promised. By the way, none of us were Christians at this point.

We all sat around the room quietly as she invited our loved ones to speak to us through her. She began to write words that my sister recognized as being from her dead best friend from high school. The hand writing by the medium became the exact handwriting of her friend. We were amazed! How could her dead friend be there with us?

After an hour or so, three people had heard from a dead friend or relative. We all left bewildered but convinced they had spoken to someone dead.

You should know that right after this my mother's apartment (where we held this séance) became haunted by a powerful demon that brought terror to my mother. She eventually had to move to another apartment building across town.

My mother, sister, and I all committed our lives to Christ a few years after this event. As I learned more about demons and spiritual warfare, I realized I needed to repent of opening this door to demons in my life. I had not realized that they had influenced my life until I did this.

Be aware! Ghosts are demons and they are not your friends!