

The truth about Our Spirit...

My spirit...your spirit?

Spirit – an animated intangible moving force.

A deep entrenched feeling, or leading, not shallow like emotions.

Your spirit can affect you physically, emotionally, and mentally, for the good and the bad.

The spirit world is always fascinating and alluring, leading to speculation.

1. should you guard your spirit?
2. should you renew your spirit?
3. should you neglect your spirit?
4. should you filter what goes into your spirit?

Cultures that recognize and address “the spirit” can include Native Americans, Voodoo, Pentecostals,

According to the Huffington post in 2015 –

Being a spiritual person is synonymous with being a person whose highest priority is to be loving to yourself and others. A spiritual person cares about people, animals and the planet. A spiritual person knows that we are all One, and consciously attempts to honor this Oneness. A spiritual person is a kind person.

According to the journal of medical ethics in 2018 -

The five characteristics of spirituality include: meaning, value, transcendence, connecting (with oneself, others, God, and the environment), and becoming the growth and progress in life.

1998 movie “YOUNG GUNS” – Chavez (lou diamond Phillips) convinced his pals to smoke peyote to enter the spirit world as they rode through a reservation.

New York Times 2019 –

In a dark club in Downtown Brooklyn, surrounded by more than 100 people, she took a sip of Haitian rum. She stood near an altar stacked with skulls, lit candles, cigars, rum, coffee and bowls filled with charred salt fish, and spicy peppers.

“You typically drink white liquor during Fet Gede, but if there is none you drink rum with no ice to feel the heat,” Ms. Nozy said. “Gede is a hot thing.”

Her face was painted to look hollow, like a skull, and she wore a dark skeleton bodysuit and a black veil. With her fingers wrapped around a smoking pipe and a blank look on her face, Ms. Nozy had become the embodiment of Maman Brigitte, a Haitian lwa or a goddess of death.

Live science news – 2013

The practice of channeling — a person's body being taken over by a spirit for the purpose of communication — has been around for millennia. There are countless stories of shamen, witch doctors, prophets and others who claim to hear voices or receive some supernatural knowledge from the spirit world. Channelers, also sometimes known as psychic mediums, often use what are called "spirit guides," friendly spirits who give them knowledge and help them on their spiritual journeys.

Your mind teaches your spirit:

1. information – feeding on ideas that narrate the belief
2. observation – what you see acted out in front of you
3. application - (habit, routine, pattern to survive)
 - a. you see a price at the store, you watch someone else check out with that product, you pay for it yourself. (NOW you believe it)
 - b. you ask a friend about church, you go and watch, you participate and experience for yourself. (NOW you believe it)

c. you learn about a seance, you know a friend.., you do it too.

d. you hear about someone you'd like to date, experience abuse, your spirit is wounded. You don't trust anymore. (God has to heal you to teach you)

The discernment of spirits – 1 Cor 12:10 a gift, a revelation beyond acquiring information.

1 John 4:1 - Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Kings 4:9

She said to her husband, "Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God passing by us.

Matthew 16:17

And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Jeremiah 23:16-22

Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility; They speak a vision of their own imagination, Not from the mouth of the Lord. "They keep saying to those who despise Me, 'The Lord has said, "You will have peace"' ; And as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, They say, 'Calamity will not come upon you.' "But who has stood in the council of the Lord, That he should see and hear His word? Who has given heed to His word and listened?

1 Corinthians 12:10

and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

An unclean spirit – dirty, impure, ruined, rotten, infected, corrupted.

“unclean” is mentioned 158 times in the Bible.

A delusional spirit –

an idiosyncratic belief, impression, or mental illness that is firmly maintained despite the obvious truth.

To dilute is to weaken a true substance. To “water down the truth”

“affirmation without discipline is the beginning of delusion”

A Religious spirit – knowing about God without a personal relationship with Him.

Knowing the Bible without applying it. Judging others without judging yourself.

Talk more about church programs and church gossip than we talk about Jesus!

A spirit of anti Christ - embracing good works apart from Christ.

Removing or replacing Christ, sin, and the cross with good behavior.

Justifying anarchy, rebellion, independence, and pride.

Spirit of confusion – unclear, mixed up, disoriented, unable to decide.

A wounded spirit – perpetual victim, offended, unforgiving, self righteous.

unchecked and unhealed usually becomes a manipulating spirit like Jezebel.

An evil spirit – a demon was originally a morally neutral being.

The New Testament mentions Jesus casting out evil spirits **fifty-five times**, but only describes the events in detail five times. He casts demons out of:

1. a man in a synagogue (Mark 1)
2. two men near tombs (Matthew 8).
3. Jesus also casts [demons](#) out of a little girl ([Mark 7](#))

4. a young boy ([Luke 9](#))

5. Jesus heals a possessed man (Matthew 12)

Possession - demonic presences, which have authority to oppress the person. Believers attribute people's physical, psychological, spiritual, and emotional problems to the activities of these evil spirits in their lives.

Matt 12:43-45

Luke 11:23-26

A “Born again spirit filled believer”

Scripture teaches...

Gods spirit is priority > our spirit is but a small container

The world says...

WE are priority > we define god with a little g

Rom 8:16 - Our spirit bears witness with His spirit

John 3:3 -Unless you are born of the spirit

John 3:34 – His spirit has no limits!

Eph 5:18 – Be filled with the spirit!