



When Your Partner Doesn't Believe

ADVICE TO HELP YOU HANDLE THE AFTERLIFE/PARANORMAL SKEPTICS WHO ARE
CLOSEST TO YOU

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“My partner does not believe in the afterlife or in anything paranormal. This is causing problems in our relationship. I need your advice.”

What can you do if someone you love dismisses everything that you have learned about the evidence for the afterlife and paranormal phenomena? Regardless of whether your clash of beliefs is with your partner, mother, brother, best friend, or anyone else who is close to you, this can be a huge source of conflict for many people. *When Your Partner Doesn't Believe* is intended to help you to handle the skeptics who are closest to you in a logical, educational, and peaceful way.

Let us begin with a critically important and fundamental fact:

There has never been anyone on Earth - no scientist, no philosopher, no theologian or anyone - who has shown or proven that life after physical death does not, or cannot, exist. On the contrary, there have been and there are scientists and other researchers who have shown that there is life after physical death. The afterlife exists regardless of anyone's belief.

When it comes to the skeptics who are closest to you, please bear in mind: It is likely that your skeptical loved one means well. After all, they are *your loved ones!* Until there is evidence to the contrary, you may assume that they have your best interests at heart.

Typically, those who do not accept the existence of the afterlife are repeating what an uninformed person or a dogmatic institution has told them to believe. These individuals have not done any reading, research, and least of all any critical thinking for themselves. Fear may have been instilled in them by religion, or they may have a fear of physical death.

When dealing with the skeptics who are closest to you, it is wise to bear in mind the idiom: “Rome was not built in a day.” Be patient. Try to put yourself in their shoes. If you were the one who was grossly misinformed, would you want your loved one to be patient with you? Prepare yourself with facts, patience, and mental and emotional discipline. Slowly, over time, you can present the facts sprinkled generously with kindness and patience.

One of the most important factors that will help your loved one to understand where you're coming from is how you handle yourself. Try not to become overly emotional or defensive. If you seem very agitated, that can only increase their concerns about you. Let go of the need to convince them. Become a source of peaceful, gentle education. Demonstrate the inner peace that your acceptance of the afterlife evidence has brought to the way that you live your life now.

Common Complaints of Those Whose Loved Ones are Skeptical

The following are actual common complaints that the authors have heard from those whose loved ones do not accept the afterlife evidence.

1. "Why are you wasting your time/education/money on this?"
2. "Why are you letting these people con you?"
3. "Doesn't science say that when you are dead, you are just dead?"
4. "Have you joined a cult/bunch of crazy people?"
5. "Don't you know that you can go to hell for believing in this?"

Sometimes the changes in you can make your partner uncomfortable.

When Susanne Wilson, co-author, decided to quit her corporate career to devote her work to spirituality, her husband, Carl, was mortified. "I didn't sign up for this! I didn't marry a professional psychic medium!" Susanne was changing her unspoken agreement with Carl, and it was difficult at the time.

As a former U.S. Marine Corps Master Sergeant, entrepreneur, and an engineer by trade, Susanne's husband, Carl, is an analytical person. Carl believed in an afterlife based on church teachings. He believed that non-human intelligent beings from other worlds visited Earth, based on hearing reports while he was in the military, as well as common sense that the universe is enormous. Carl's concerns were: (1) Susanne was changing; (2) he thought the Bible was against mediums; (3) he was concerned that Susanne was wasting her Master's degree education and might not be able to survive on her own as a medium if something happened to him.

It took approximately three years for Carl to become completely comfortable with Susanne's new career. Today he is her #1 fan! What changed his attitude? First, Susanne and Carl examined all of the contradictions in the Bible: just search on the term "biblical

inconsistencies” and read the *Addendum* beginning on page 8 when you have a few moments. Carl realized that the Bible has passages recommending animal and child sacrifices as well as slavery, and thus, it is best to not take the Bible literally. “God wants us to think for ourselves,” he says. When Susanne used to work from their home, Carl saw first-hand the healing and empowering effects of Susanne’s evidential readings for her clients. The couple downsized their home and material possessions. Their expenses are now much less than they used to be. Nonetheless, Carl is not interested in afterlife studies. He is bored into a stupor by most of it, although he continues to be interested in non-human intelligent beings and disclosure of the presence of beneficial beings among us.

Accepting the evidence for the afterlife is vastly different from believing in a religion.

Empiricists and scientists do not have the luxury of beliefs. The critical scientific evidence for the afterlife has far more scientific substance than does religion, because the evidence for the afterlife has been compiled using empirical and scientific methods.

Many people believe in a religion and they enjoy the social connections and service to the community that the religious organization provides. The authors do not wish to change anyone’s religious beliefs but simply to demonstrate the difference between *beliefs* and *acceptance of evidence*.

Arthur Findlay in *The Psychic Stream*¹ claimed that all religions arose through attempts to explain the psychic and other dimensional experiences of groups of people in terms of their own knowledge at the time. Our Christian beliefs were formalized in the year 325AD at the Council of Nicea. That is where Christian theology was initiated. Most fundamental Christian theological beliefs have not changed since then, not in all these 1,695 years! The Bible itself has been changed many times without proper authority (see Peter De Rosa’s *Vicars Of Christ: The Dark Side of the Papacy*).²

Our communication methods and technology have increased beyond anything that could have been imagined 1,695 years ago. We have been able to collate and analyze people’s intuitive, psychic, and paranormal experiences on a global scale. We can measure the frequency of the occurrence of experiences, compare them across cultures, and in some cases, predict their occurrence. Now *that* is science.

¹ *The Psychic Stream* (1939) ISBN# 094782331X

² *Vicars of Christ: Dark Side of the Papacy* (2015) ASIN# B017OAoUTO

Your beliefs are informed by your culture and environment. If you were raised in communist China, you would have different beliefs from someone who is raised in the Bible Belt of The United States, or in a fundamentalist Islamic society. It is difficult for a reasonable person to argue successfully by citing evidence that one person's beliefs are superior to those of another. However, empirical (scientific) facts are superior to beliefs. And, there are tens of thousands of facts in evidence for the afterlife.

On January 4, 2020, two Anglican priests told co-author Susanne Wilson and her family about their shared after death communication (ADC). Although the two priests did not know about Susanne's afterlife work, they were open about recounting their experience of having direct contact with a spirit person. Early that morning, the two priests had arrived at the church to prepare for the funeral of Susanne's uncle to be held that afternoon. The two priests were the only people in the church at such an early hour. As they "spoke" to the deceased man through prayer, something amazing occurred: his distinctive cologne filled the room! The two priests were overcome with joy as they openly discussed this experience. Susanne's uncle, a fellow priest at the church, had been a great colleague and friend to them. The two priests felt that the cologne was a way to say "I'm here attending my funeral."

Neutralizing the negative clichés

"Those people are conning you."

We all must be careful about being deceived. It is not wise to be overly credulous. It is possible that *your skeptical loved one has been "conned" into rejecting the possibility that the afterlife exists.* We all need to exercise our discernment. It is critically important to assess the information to see if it makes sense: if there is proof of what is being said which would convince a highly intelligent person who possesses an open mind; and finally, if it is borne out by your personal experience.

For example, when dealing with channeled or transmitted information we need to use the gift of our own discernment. All reputable teachers encourage us to question everything and subject it to the light of reason. Silver Birch, a much-loved spirit guide who spoke through Maurice Barbanell (1902-1981), founder and editor of the *Psychic News*, was perhaps the most famous guide and prolific teacher in the history of Spiritualism. He put it this way:

*"We never say to you, 'Do not use your reason, have faith only.' We say, 'Use that which the Great Spirit has given you. Test us. Examine us. If aught that we say is debasing, cruel or immoral, then reject us. If we seek always to teach you to live nobler lives, lives of greater self-sacrifice and of idealism, then surely that demonstrates that the hall-mark of the Great Spirit is stamped upon our teaching."*³

³ *Silver Birch Anthology* ed. William Naylor (2000) p.43. ISBN-13: 978-0853841074.

“Doesn’t science say that when you are dead, you are simply dead. Game over, lights out?”

Absolutely not! There have been many great scientists during these last one hundred and fifty years who used their scientific skills to investigate the afterlife, and, after decades of experiments, confirmed it exists. All of these scientists were very skeptical before they investigated—in fact most started out with the intention of disproving the evidence.

Many scientists after investigating the evidence accepted the existence of the afterlife.

Some of these scientists include **Sir Oliver Lodge**, **Sir William Crookes**, **Sir William Barrett** – and so many more. Recently, scientists are confirming what these earlier scientists accepted as evidence for the afterlife – scientists such as Dr. **Julie Beischel** of the Windbridge Institute and Professor **Gary Schwartz** of the University of Arizona. Co-author Susanne Wilson has participated in double- and triple-blind studies with Professor Gary Schwartz. She observed the painstaking manner in which Dr. Schwartz designs and executes the experiments, and the extreme measures he goes to in order to keep her, as a research medium, “in the dark” about the nature of the experiments and how they fit into the bigger picture. The Windbridge Institute published a free *Fact Sheet*⁴ regarding the potential therapeutic benefits of having a reading with a medium in the treatment of grief. Here are the advantages of mediumship readings as listed in the Windbridge Institute’s *Fact Sheet*.

Advantages of Mediumship Readings

- Readings may be less frightening and easier to understand than more personal, spontaneous after death communications (ADCs).
- The regulated environment of a reading makes it well-suited as a prescribable treatment option.
- A reading may be preferred for individuals who long for contact but have not experienced it.
- A medium serves as a non-judgmental participant who will not disparage the experiences of the bereaved.

⁴ *FACT SHEET: The Potential Therapeutic Benefit of Mediumship Readings in the Treatment of Grief*, https://www.windbridge.org/factsheets/WRC_grief.pdf

Science has to do with accurate prediction and with repeatability. This means that when experimenters have an empirical formula and they test the formula over time and space and keep all circumstances constant, they get the same results. There are more than twenty-one areas of scientific evidence for the existence of the afterlife. The authors highly recommend that you read the seminal book by the co-authors, *A Lawyer Presents the Evidence for the Afterlife*⁵ by Victor Zammit and Wendy Zammit. Leave the book out where your skeptical loved one might pick it up.

Would these most brilliant scientists and researchers, who used their scientific skills to investigate and then concede the existence for the afterlife, get together in a conspiracy to fool the people of the world? A reasonable person's response would be "of course not!"

All three of the authors have experienced direct, evidential contact with those who have physically died. There is nothing on Earth that could explain it away as something physical in origin.

Closed-minded Skeptics

Hopefully, your loved one is not a completely closed-minded skeptic. Those who have closed minds are entrenched in their beliefs and will never change. Once, such a skeptic said to Victor Zammit, "I wouldn't believe in the existence of the afterlife, even if you could *prove* it to me." That says it all!

If your skeptical loved one turns out to be of the close-minded variety, the authors' best advice to you is to *let them be* and strike an agreement that provides for mutual respect between you and minimizes conflict.

It is possible that your loved ones want to stay uninformed. Please let that be okay, so long as they do not denigrate you. Handling conflict while incarnate on the Earth is said to be part of our soul's learning. That said, the following is our list of tips for dealing with the skeptics who are closest to you.

⁵ *A Lawyer Presents The Evidence for the Afterlife* (2013) ISBN-13: 978-1908733221

Tips at a Glance

- Allow your loved one to see how much more joyful your life is, now that you know about the greater reality beyond the physical world.
- Leave reading material, such as this article, where your loved one might pick it up.
- Watch positive and uplifting afterlife and paranormal TV programs on your own. Your loved one can join you if desired.
- Schedule two separate meetings. First, schedule time to listen to your loved one's beliefs; do not comment, only listen. Next, schedule a separate time a bit later for your loved one to listen to you without comment. By having separate discussions, you both can be focused on what you are hearing instead of devising what you are going to say in rebuttal. Let some time pass before discussing the issue again.
- **Make an agreement to love each other enough to be respectful at all times.** If there is no respect, or worse, abuse and threats, then please love yourself enough to change the situation, because you cannot change the person.

Addendum

Research on Biblical Perspectives

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THE BIBLE SAYS....

The fundamentalists will tell you that the Bible forbids contact with the dead and that you are contacting devils and demons.

But no-one in the church hierarchy really believes that.

1) The sections of the Bible that condemn mediumship are not given any credibility today even by Christians.

The main one that you will hear quoted at you is from Deuteronomy 18:10-12

“Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, ¹¹ or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. ¹² Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD.”

But this is the same book which tell us that:

- * Men are not allowed to cut their hair or shave their beards
- * Women are not allowed to wear men's clothes (trousers)
- * Men must wear fringes on their clothes
- * Anyone who commits adultery should be stoned to death (Deut. 22:22),
- * Rebellious children should be stoned to death (Deut. 21:18-21),
- * If a woman who is not betrothed is raped she has to marry the rapist (Deut. 22:28-29)
- * But if she cannot prove she was a virgin that she should be taken to her father's house and the men of the city shall stone her to death. (Deut 22:21)

★ **But that polygamy and slavery are OK.**

There are questions about the translation of certain words in the Bible and whether the words medium or spiritist is an accurate translation.

2) The Bible is full of accounts of afterlife contact.

- ★ Joseph is psychic, Samuel is psychic, Isaiah is psychic, Ezekiel is psychic, Daniel is psychic, Peter is psychic, John is psychic. And, yes, Jesus is psychic.
- ★ Three astrologers - revered wise ones - journey from the East to celebrate Jesus' incarnation.
- ★ Joseph is guided in a dream to go to Galilee and raise Jesus as a Nazarene.
- ★ Joseph of the coat of many colors receives the interpretation of it in a dream of his own.
- ★ Daniel teleports.
- ★ In Joel 2:28-29, it says, “It shall come to pass afterwards that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions, and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days I will pour out my spirit.”?

3) The Bible talks about psychic abilities as “gifts” which should be used to “discern”

- 1 John 4:1, which says we should “test the spirits as to whether they are of God”? How are we to test them if we shouldn't be talking with them and if they know nothing?
- And what about 1 Corinthians 12:10 that says some are given the gift of “discerning” what the spirits have to say? Why discern if they know nothing?
- Then, there's 1 Thessalonians 5:21, which says to “test them all and hold on to what is good,” while 1 Peter 1:5, tells us that we should add “knowledge” to our faith.

4) The Catholic Church has softened its stance on paranormal contact

The Catholic Church has always been interested in afterlife contact and has had many priests and nuns who were mediums.

Arthur Findlay claims that they had séances in the Vatican.

Since the time of Pope Pius XIIth, it has always been actively positive and encouraging towards investigation of the Electronic Voice Phenomena and several priests have been leading afterlife researchers.

Two of the earliest investigators were Italian Catholic priests, Father Ernetti and Father Gemelli, who came upon the phenomena by chance while they were recording Gregorian chants in 1952.

- Father Gemelli heard his own father's voice on the tape calling him by a childhood nick-name saying 'Zucchini, it is clear, don't you know it is I '.
- Deeply troubled by Catholic teaching in regard to contact with the dead the two priests visited Pope Pius XII in Rome.
- The Pope reassured them: Dear Father Gemelli, you really need not worry about this. The existence of this voice is strictly a scientific fact and has nothing to do with spiritism. The recorder is totally objective. It receives and records only sound waves from wherever they come. This experiment may perhaps become the cornerstone for a building for scientific studies which will strengthen people's faith in a hereafter .
(Italian Journal *Astra*, June 1990 quoted Kubis and Macy, 1995: 102).

Recently Father Gino Concetti, one of the most competent theologians in the Vatican, said in an interview:

"According to the modern catechism, God allows our dear departed persons who live in an ultra-terrestrial dimension, to send messages to guide us in certain difficult moments of our lives. The Church has decided not to forbid any more the dialogue with the deceased with the condition that these contacts are carried out with a serious religious and scientific purpose" (printed in the Vatican newspaper *Osservatore Romano*—cited in Sarah Estep's *American Association Electronic Voice Phenomena, Inc Newsletter*, vol 16 No, 2 1997)

On May 16, 2016, the Vatican quietly released a letter from the **CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH**

- Letter “*Iuvenescit Ecclesia*” to the Bishops of the Catholic Church Regarding the Relationship Between Hierarchical and Charismatic Gifts in the Life and the Mission of the Church

The Vatican *now* urges its members to accept and welcome with loving arms other members of its congregation who express what it calls Charismatic gifts which include:

- The gift of healing
- The gift of miracles
- The gift of prophecy
- The discernment of spirits
- Diverse kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

5) The Anglican Church investigated and found that contact can be positive.

6) The basic message of Spiritualism is the same as the basic message of Christianity

- ❖ Love your neighbour
- ❖ Reap what you sow

7) RELIGION SAYS THAT YOU ARE CONTACTING THE DEVIL

- There is no devil.
- The sections of the Bible used to justify this are not taken seriously by most Christians.
- In any event there are big problems with the translation of the key words.
- These sections contradict other parts of the Bible that talk about psychic abilities as “gifts of the spirit”.
- The Bible is based on accounts of afterlife contacts. All the main characters were mediums.
- For the first 300 years of Christianity churches had mediums.
- The Catholic Church supports afterlife research.
- The Anglican Church studied mediums and found that they are NOT contacting devils.

Psychic Phenomena in the Bible

1. Apports

Numbers 11:31
1 Kings 17:14-16
Ezekiel 2:9 – 10
Psalms 78:24

2. Automatic Writing

Exodus 31:18
Deuteronomy 9:10
2 Chronicles 21:12
Daniel 5:5
John 8:6-8

3. Cabinet (Use of)

Genesis 12:7 (altar)
Exodus 33:7 (tabernacle)
1 Kings 17:19 (loft)
2 Kings 4:10 (chamber on the wall)
1 Kings 22:25 (inner chamber)
Matthew 17:4 (tabernacle/tent)
Mark 9:5 (tabernacle/tent)
Luke 9:33 (tabernacle/tent)

4. Clairaudience

Exodus 3:4
Exodus 19:3
1 Samuel 3:4-21
1 Samuel 9:15 [KJV]
1 Kings 19:5-13
Ezekiel 3:4
Acts 7:31

5. Clairvoyance

2 Kings 6:12-17
Ezekiel 1:1
Ezekiel 8:3, 11; 11:1
Ezekiel 37:1-14

6. Disciples Charged to Heal:

Matthew 10:8
Luke 9:2; 10:9, 17, 20

7. Disciples Heal

Acts 3:1-8; 9:17; 14:8-10

8. Divination

Genesis 44:15
Exodus 28:30
1 Samuel 28:6
Daniel 2:47

Ezekiel 21:21

9. Gift of Healing

1 Corinthians 12:9; 28

10. Healing-New Testament

Matthew 8:13
Luke 14:2
John 4:47-54

11. Healing-Old Testament

Numbers 12:13
Numbers 21:8
1 Kings 17:17-24
2 Kings 4:32-37

12. Healing-Magnetic Arts

2 Kings 4:29
Acts 19:11

13. Independent Voice

Genesis 21:17; 22:11
Ezekiel 1:28
Matthew 17:5
Mark 1:11
Luke 9:35
John 12:28-30

14. Inspirational Speaking

Isaiah 1:4
Jeremiah 1:9
Mark 13:11
Acts 2:4

15. Levitation

2 Kings 2:11; 6:5
Matthew 14:25-26

16. Materialization

Genesis 3:8
Genesis 12:7
Genesis 18:1-17
Genesis 32:24
Exodus 24:10
Exodus 33:9-11
Numbers 12:5
Joshua 5:13
Daniel 3:25; 5:5
Luke 9:28-33
Luke 24:15, 30

17. Music

1 Samuel 16:23

2 Kings 3:15

18. Names of Controls asked for

Genesis 32:29
Judges 13:17
Job 26:4
Mark 5:9

19. Promise of Spirit Power Continuance

Joel 2:28
Acts 2

20. Psychometry

John 4:16-19 (from water-pot)

21. Seances Reported

1 Samuel 28
2 Kings 6:32

22. Semi-materialization

Job 4:12-16

23. Spirit Communication (in dreams)

Genesis 28:12
Genesis 31:24
Genesis 37:5-11; 41
Genesis 41:1-7
Job 33:15-16
Joel 2:28
Matthew 2:13
Matthew 27:19
Acts 2:17

24. Spirit Guidance

Judges 3:10
Judges 6:34
2 Samuel 23:2
Isaiah 11:2
Isaiah 61:1
Ezekiel 11:5
Luke 4:18
Acts 16:7

25. Spirit Lights

Genesis 15:17
Exodus 3:2
Exodus 13:21
Acts 2:3
Acts 9:3

26. Spirit Power

Judges 15:14

27. Spirit Predictions

Genesis 15:13

Genesis 17:16-17

1 Samuel 9:15

1 Kings 14: 5

1 Kings 17:1

2 Kings 4:16-17

2 Kings 9:3

Ezekiel 37:1-14

28. Spirit Tests

Genesis 24:14-19

Judges 6:36-40

1 Samuel 10:1-17

Ezekiel 4:1-17

Acts 4:31

29. Spirit Writing

2 Chronicles 21:12

Daniel 5:5

30. Symbols in Prophecy

Jeremiah 1:11-14

Amos 2:3-4

Zechariah 5:5-8

31. Teleportation

1 Kings 18:12

Ezekiel 3:12; 8:3

Acts 5:19; 8:39

32. Tongues

Acts 2:3

1 Corinthians 14:18

33. Trance

Genesis 15:12

Numbers 24:4

1 Samuel 10:6, 10

Job 42:3

Ezekiel 2:2

Daniel 8:18

Acts 9:3-9

34. Trumpet Mediumship

Exodus 19:13, 16, 19

Exodus 20:18

35. Voice Vibration

1 Samuel 9:20

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