

“And You Hath He Quickened, Who Were Dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were BY NATURE the children of wrath, even as others.” Ephesians 2:1-3 KJV



What is the nature of the dead? There are many characteristics of the dead, they decay, they stink, they are grotesque in appearance, but, primarily, as much as we might desire it, they cannot respond to the living. You cannot yell loud enough, shake hard enough, or weep long enough to restore the life departed. Let’s pause: The dead do not and cannot communicate with the living. There are no “ghosts, spirits, or essences” of the departed floating around in some other dimension trying to communicate with us. At death you are either in Heaven with God or in Hell without God. There are, however, fallen angels or demons if you will, who are privy to the most intimate details of your life, who gladly seize any opportunity to corrupt the minds of the living by whispering to those who practice necromancy (Deut. 18:9-12); mediums, witches, sorcerers, and etc. thoughts of these details to deceive unbelievers into thinking the dead still speak. These supernatural beings have the ability to deceive the living in the most insidious ways imaginable! Paranormal activity, ghosts, aliens, strange lights, is nothing more than Satan and these deceivers trying to influence the minds of men for evil! End pause. Life and death are opposites. Life just is; death is the absence of life; hence the word, departed. God is Life and where He is Life “quickens” the dead. When God “breathes the Breath of Life,” Himself into a person, they become a living soul; with God as opposed to without God. “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and Breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life; and man became a LIVING SOUL.” Those without God can neither hear nor know Him, because “God is a Spirit. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” It is only by the Word of God the dead can Live! His Word is “the Breath of Life! In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men.” When God Speaks the dead Live!

The dead cannot respond to life,
What e’er the conflict, bane, or strife,
But by God’s Word the dead may live,
Through faith Eternal Life He gives. –CGP

The dead are in darkness, but they know it not, because only the living can perceive the light. Death and darkness are only absent life and light. When the Light of Truth enters the darkness of your mind, the Word of God, “the Spirit of Truth,” Breathes Life into your dead soul, and if you through faith receive that Light, you become a “living soul!” We perceive the Light of Truth by the “Spirit of Truth.” If we follow Him, we will “walk in the Light as He is in the Light [and] have Fellowship, one with another.” As light expels darkness by its presence, God’s Word expels sin! “The wages of sin is death, but the Gift of God is Eternal Life.” It is only by the Light of Life we know the darkness of death! If you leave the Light to explore the dark, you will die! “God is Light:”

“If we say that we have Fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do (follow/obey) not the Truth: But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have Fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1:6-7 KJV