

## READERS' QUESTIONS

### *Visiting a Cemetery; What is Happening to Me? The Universe is Like a Rose*

**Q**UESTION: If one visits a cemetery on a night close to the full moon day will he be able to see all the souls buried during the previous 24 hours?

Is it possible that any other beings from the spiritual world, including demons, could be seen in the area at this time?

**Answer:** To see any spirits one must possess a degree of clairvoyance. What one sees of the departing spirit ("soul") in the cemetery near the full moon is, however, the physical body's etheric counterpart, the two lower ethers of the vital body that are decaying synchronously with the dense physical body of the deceased. This vital body is part of the physical world. It is usually only faintly visible to nonclairvoyants within a day of the person's demise, under the above-mentioned conditions.

One is less, rather than more, likely to see a demon in a cemetery, for demons seek to influence living beings, and typically, the spirit has left the locus of its physical body after concluding its retrospection, during which time it is protected from demonic intrusion.

#### **WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME?**

**Question:** I am a non-practicing Catholic but with an open mind. For the last 5 years interesting events have happened to me. They got more predominant since the death of my grandfather, who according to my parents, was a high order Rosicrucian. He died outside the U.S.

Allow me to briefly explain what happened. (This was about 3 days after his corporeal death.) It was approximately three o'clock in the afternoon when I started to be sleepy and feeling weak to the

bone. I did not lose consciousness but could not open my eyes. After a series of bodily reactions and emotional changes, I found myself standing at the door of my house ( I had left my body behind) with my grandfather outside. (I had not seen him for about 12 years.) He spoke to me words that I seem unable to remember. I also witnessed who "took him" (for lack of better word). I remember seeing a flower rod standing at the front of my house which "turned" into two (I think) snakes that as soon as they touched the ground, slithered toward me. Since then I have experienced vivid dreams, seen apparitions of entities and people that I do not know. I am aware of catastrophic events, sense death of family members and also unknown people. Furthermore, unknown hands have attacked me when I approach certain individuals. This and many more interesting things are going on. The priest thinks I am in need of more praying, but even that has turned interesting in recent years. Please, any advice would be greatly appreciated. I was told your order could shine some light onto what is happening to me.

**Answer:** The account of your narrated experiences, apparently connected, at least coincident, with the death of your grandfather, suggests several points:

(1) The effect of his death may have triggered the extrasensory faculty which you have gained, and conceivably he may have played some initiating role in its onset.

(2) In the account you relate, the fact that you were at the door of the house indicates a loosening of the your vital body from the dense physical body, making possible the visionary capability. A

house in dream symbology is the physical body. Your grandfather on the outside shows him at the threshold of your consciousness of the invisible world. He also, being just three days deceased, was still within the earth's etheric aura and able to more easily show himself, his affection for you drawing you to his attention, and him to you.

(3) The two snakes on a flower rod, objectively seen, is a rich symbol, connoting both healing gifts and initiatic powers. That the snakes came off their mount and slithered toward you would suggest that thereby a clairvoyant ability was awakened in you. However, this device, called the caduceus, is also a representation of the involuntary sympathetic nervous system (at least the double serpentine portion of this figure). The falling of the snakes to a supine position and their crawling toward you also indicates a demotion of positive to negative form of learning about the invisible worlds, one that is not subject to the personal will. It is therefore, from the Rosicrucian standpoint, atavistic and not to be encouraged since undesirable entities may unduly affect and gain a controlling influence upon one so disposed.

At an earlier time all humans had this visionary faculty. Presently, humanity is evolving positive clairvoyance. It is possible that you may bring this ability under your conscious control, as in the case of Edgar Cayce. However, to be on the safe side, inviting apparitions and calling on spirits to provide information is generally to be discouraged until one is fully grounded in the waking, reasoning Ego-consciousness. Then one can direct his thoughts and centered will into the spirit worlds without the hazard of being misled and even eventually controlled by the negative beings who dwell there.

*(A follow-up from the same questioner:)*

“Thank you for responding so quickly to my e-mail. You have explained more clearly how my grandfather was able to show himself in my house....The apparitions are not my doing. On the contrary, I would sometimes like them to be gone, since, as you said, it is a world that I am not versed in at all. These "entities," so far, have being wonderful beings who seem to be teaching me. They leave me with wonderful feelings that I am unable

to compare with any other feeling. Furthermore, they come not with my invitation, they come on their own. Usually they request of me to assist people who seem to be in need of some help. I find myself questioning how I know so much about these individuals whom I have never met. They are as astonished as I am. My question to you now would be perhaps, how do I stop them? For most of my family and friends think of me as a crazy person. I do see beautiful and indescribable beings, both in feelings and beauty.

**Answer:** Under the circumstances you describe, consider yourself blessed if only beautiful and uplifting visions and knowledge come to you. You may be favored with these insights into people you have never met by the faculty of intuition, which transmits wisdom directly from the world of Life Spirit. As long as you stay Christ-centered, grounded in objectivity and healthy skepticism, you cannot be harmed or led astray by these visitations. If you want to stop them, you can ask the Christ to guide and protect you, that His will always be done, and that if it is His will that these spiritual experiences continue, so be it. You do not need to divulge your personal experiences to people who may not be sympathetic to them.

### **IS THE UNIVERSE LIKE A ROSE?**

**Question:** The universe “unfoldeth like a rose” is a beautiful image, but is it just an image?

**Answer:** This beautiful image is the image of a reality, as near to truth as physical world phenomenon can represent invisible occurrences. In this case, visualize the potential rose as the bud or generative idea and then the blooming or opening up (into visibility) of one ring or corolla of petals raying outward, followed by successive rings. Something of this sequence can be applied to the progressive manifestation of the Word becoming flesh, or the Virgin Spirit gaining layers of "substance" from the worlds it descends through on its path of involution into increasingly denser forms. The rose's unfoldment is somewhat analogous, each circlet of petals correlating with a different dimension and density of cosmic matter. The center of the rose is the World of God, from which issue all life and its countless formal manifestations. □