

SPIRIT WORLD

Greeter: Welcome to the spirit world, we have been expecting you. Your room is waiting and I'm sure you will find it satisfactory. There is no need for currency because there are no material things. If you have made it this far we acknowledge the fact that your dues are paid in full.

Now you only have to take care of your spirit, your body is a thing of the past.

You may enjoy the company of other spirits but if solitude is what you seek your wish will be respected by everyone.

You may want to consider our astral travel program. Some have found it quite entertaining going back and forth in time. Should all of this be too boring you might try the reincarnation program. This does require some preparation and the comfort of your spirit life would have to be traded for the struggles of the material world. You would have to give up your current luxuries but only for another lifetime. The choice is yours.

Me: Thank you. The accommodations are most luxurious. Since I have just arrived I think I will stay put for a while. I'm not in any hurry to get back to the material world. Some parts of it were exciting but for the most part it was a constant exercise in survival. Things would be going good for a while but then, out of nowhere, a storm would hit my life. It would sweep away all the things I had built and I would have to start over. Also, everything was finite. Sooner or later it would always come to an end. I can get used to a world that has no linear time measurements. Am I correct in assuming time doesn't exist here?

Greeter: Yes. Things simply "are". We have no plans or goals. In this world we simply exist. Your needs will always be taken care of.

Me: That's great. My needs were simple in my past life but the basic survival ritual could be very challenging....almost impossible sometimes. There was always a conflict between the mental, physical and spiritual elements of existence.

Greeter: Well, here we only have the spiritual side of things so it makes life much much easier.

ONE WEEK LATER

Greeter: Hello again. How are you doing? Are you adapting to your new life?

Me: Yes. Things are fine and I have found the transition from constant need to no need at all to be a simple one. I wouldn't mind exploring the local geography at some time. My accommodations are most comfortable but I would like to meet my neighbours. I can't say I'm lonely but I have seen some other spirits wondering around and I'm curious to see what they do for entertainment.

Greeter: Of course. This is a natural progression for new spirits and we have a special....shall we say....gathering room. In your last life it was called a temple but in this life it is simply called "the gathering room". I can take you there if you like.

Me: That would be great. Do I need to prepare anything?

Greeter: Of course not. The gathering room has something to satisfy all your new desires. It is more of a sensory experience than anything else. Follow me and you'll see what I mean.

Me: Wow. This is spectacular. It's like all the best visual things I had ever experienced on one enormous three dimensional screen. I feel like I'm walking in a hallogram.

Greeter: You are. It is virtual reality and fantasy all in one. Other spirits come here to relax and ponder their blissful existence.

Me: I can see why. I am very impressed. I keep wondering about something though.

Greeter: What's that?

Me: Well, it seems like earth was a very busy place and now everyone I meet has got some story to tell about their time on earth. There are other places in the universe but everyone seems to come from earth. Can you enlighten me on that?

Greeter: Of course. Earth is like a graveyard for spirits. It is where spirits go to die. It is the last stop if you will....before they end up here in the spirit world with no physical limitations.

Me: I see. That explains a lot of things. Earth has so many challenges when it comes to survival but in the end everyone and everything dies.

Greeter: You got it! It's like the ultimate reincarnation experience with all the restrictions and laws of the physical world....the law of physics, the law of nature....the ethical laws etc.

Me: But they are all finite in that plane and here all that doesn't exist!

Greeter: You're catching on fast.