

# MAKING SENSE OF SPIRITUAL MATTERS

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As long as I attempt to make sense of the spiritual realm with the unspiritual side of my mind – I will never have answers to the most important questions (even if not yet contemplated because of the unrecognized mental trap I am in) of my existence.

Let's first look at the questions and then attempt to find out why it is so difficult to provide answers.

Who am I? Where have I been? Where am I going? Is there a purpose for my being "here" in the interlude? – that is, between where I've been and where I'm going. If there is a purpose, what is it? Are these questions really all that important?

Is there a reality beyond (not after) this "life" that I cannot quite grasp... but is nonetheless real? In fact, is it possible that "reality" isn't what I can see with my physical eyes - whether unaided or with the help of scientific instruments of measurement?

There is, of course, a reality, which I cannot see, but which can be proven by measurement or by results of applied theory. Therefore, for our purposes of this discussion, we need to have a definition of the term spiritual. The science of physics with its electrons and protons -- the make up of the atom -- cannot be seen, with aid or no, but that science is easily proven to the "reasonable" mind by (if nothing else) the comprehension of a nuclear explosion.

First of all, therefore, spiritual is not just what cannot be seen, but that for which there is no physical measurement... but there is a way to take it beyond the mere theoretical. More on that later.

Much of science is theory... but so much of what in the past was mere theory has been proven through experience – nuclear energy, i.e., the atomic bomb, just as one small, but very dramatic example. The fact that much of science is unproven theory is not open for debate. The fact that much of what scientists think has been proven by what they "see" under a microscope or through a telescope is pure speculation and can only be proved or disproved in the future -- is just the way it is. There is nothing "evil" about scientific theory... believing unproven theories to the point of throwing out all other possibilities is simply insanity... and not pure science.

I am trying to define spiritual by holding it up to the light of a physical comparison... and I'm getting there... for me. Now, I realize that I am trapped into a place of understanding the experiences that have given me the proof of the "beyond" that I cannot quite articulate in a way with which very many people can track.

Ah, what I am getting is, "give only to those who have ears to hear..." That is, willing to listen.

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