

The Spiritual Realm - Lesson 3: Does Science Indicate a Spiritual Realm?

When we die (as believer's) we move into the spiritual realm with Christ.

Luke 23:42-43 *Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

John 14:1-4 *Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.*

Philippians 1:21-23 *For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.*

2 Corinthians 5:1-8 *For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

Science and the Higher Dimensions

1. Relativity

- ❖ **Special Relativity** (Einstein, 1905) Combines space and time into a single four-dimensional continuum called space-time.
- ❖ **General Relativity** (Einstein, 1915) Einstein's field equations can be extended to include more than four dimensions
- ❖ **Implication:** Einstein's work opened a new way to think about dimensions — that our universe might be more than the three dimensions we experience daily.

The Opening of the Mystical Door

- ❖ By the early 1900s, talk of higher dimensions captured both scientific and public imagination.
- ❖ Psychics, mediums, and illusionists used this excitement to promote séances and spirit-contact performances.

2. Atoms — The Building Blocks of the Universe

- ❖ An atom consists of: A **nucleus** at its center, made up of **protons** and **neutrons** and **Electrons** orbiting the nucleus in vast regions of seemingly empty space
- ❖ What seems tangible and material is actually **energy in motion** — structured vibration organized by unseen laws.
- ❖ **Implication:** matter is not solid. What we perceive as solidity is the result of invisible electromagnetic forces holding atoms together and maintaining their structure. Is our 3D reality part of a higher-dimensional reality?

3. String Theory and Extra Dimensions

- ❖ Proposes that all fundamental particles are not point-like, but tiny **vibrating strings**.
- ❖ For the mathematics to be consistent, **10 or 11 dimensions** are required (depending on the variant— Superstring or M-theory).
- ❖ **Implication:** The fundamental nature of reality *requires* more dimensions to make sense. The unseen structure that governs all matter and forces operates in a higher-dimensional "space." Is that the Spiritual realm?

4. Wave-Particle Duality

- ❖ A photon can act as a wave yet appear as a single particle when measured.
- ❖ **Implication:** The dual nature of reality may suggest that we live in more than one dimension. Does it point to a greater reality above and beyond us?

5. Quantum Entanglement

- ❖ Two particles can become entangled so that a change in one instantaneously affects the other, faster than light could travel between them.
- ❖ This phenomenon, called **quantum nonlocality**, suggests that all matter in the universe may be connected in ways beyond human comprehension.
- ❖ **Implication:** The connection between entangled particles may occur through a higher dimension above and beyond our 3-dimensional reality.

6. Dark Matter and Dark Energy

- ❖ About **95% of the universe** is unseen: dark matter (27%) and dark energy (68%).
- ❖ Scientists noticed something strange in galactic motion. The outer edges of galaxies spin just as fast as their centers — yet the galaxies don't fly apart. There must be **unseen mass** holding them together — what they call **dark matter**.
- ❖ Likewise, as telescopes peered deeper into space, scientists discovered that the universe's expansion was **accelerating**, driven by an unknown force they named **dark energy**.
- ❖ **Implication:** Is it possible that the unseen mass that is detected by scientists is pointing to an unseen spiritual dimensional realm?

Evidence of a Creator and Higher Dimensions

- ❖ If there is a Creator, He is in a higher dimension of space and time.

Romans 1:20 *For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.*

1. Order and Fine-Tuning

- ❖ **The Anthropic Principle:** Earth is perfectly positioned for human life — the right distance from the sun, the right atmosphere, gravity, and magnetic field.

2. Entropy and the Fall

- ❖ **The Second Law of Thermodynamics** — entropy — states that everything moves from order to disorder. Explosions never create order; they destroy it. The universe is winding down, not evolving upward.

Romans 8:20–21 *For the creation was subjected to futility... in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption.*

3. Consciousness and the Human Soul

- ❖ Science can explain brain activity but not **consciousness** — the awareness of self, morality, and eternity.
- ❖ Consciousness points to the soul — the eternal part of man, made in God's image.
- ❖ Man is like a computer. He has a body, hardware and he has a spirit which corresponds to software.
- ❖ Hardware has mass, while software, being the most important part, has no mass.

4. Purpose and Design

- ❖ A meaningless universe produces meaningless lives. But a designed universe gives purpose.
- ❖ There is more to life than living and dying like animals. Mankind has purpose, desires, emotions, and aspirations.

Colossians 1:16 *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... all things were created through him and for him.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.*