animal spirits
Posted by Lucas - 15 Apr 2012 16:11

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I know people are seeing them and hear them in some cases... but religion says that animals don't have souls... what do you think about that?

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Re: animal spirits
Posted by LilaDelia1974 - 15 Apr 2012 21:11

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Lol yes my other cats do that to. But also if they see a ball of light. I See that also. But my mom do not understand it!

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Re: animal spirits
Posted by crystalcross - 15 Apr 2012 21:26

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So, the subject of Animal Spirits creeps into the forums from time to time. And there are always a wealth of individuals who believe that animals can have spirits. I'm one of them.

But as I read on through the threads a thought pondered its way into my head. Probably just a momentary laps of reason, but I'll toss it out there anyway just for contemplation.

So what if animal spirits are not spirits per say as humans are. But rather are an extension of our own spirits. The question is often brought up about what happens to the bear in the woods, or the squirrel, or creations which have had little to no human interaction. Where do they go. Animals in the wild are mostly instinctual, its not until we humans imprint our emotions onto them, and "domesticate" them that they start gaining a real "personality".

So that's why I'm wondering if perhaps they pull some energy from our "spirit" and in a sense become a bit of an extension of us. Unique, yet still joined.

Just a thought...

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Re: animal spirits
Posted by Tresses Of Nephthys - 15 Apr 2012 21:32

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Well, I don't think they only have spirits because they are joined to us. We see them because they are joined to us. I personally believe the other side is malleable, and we see and experience what we want to experience. When I die, I would love to have my cats with me. I certainly don't want any bears. Bears and other wild things, I believe, have their own slice of heaven. Bear heaven, if you will.

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Re: animal spirits
Posted by Herald_Angel520 - 15 Apr 2012 22:31

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I wish I could see my deceased dog! She's been gone 3 yrs. We were very closely bonded since I raised from 4 months old to 17 yrs. old. It's only been since about this past Christmas that I finally quit waking up expecting her to be asleep at the foot of my bed. A couple of times I thought I heard her claws on the hardwood floor, and possibly a whimper that sounded a bit like her, but nothing definitive. I don't understand why, if spirits are real, then why do only some people get to experience it?

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Re: animal spirits
Posted by kitty - 15 Apr 2012 22:35

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i definitely believe in animal spirits. i have felt a cat rub against my leg and nussle my hand when i'm on the computer. i have experienced soft push of a cat's head against my body in a way that was only done by walter, who was 16yrs when he passed 11 yrs ago. my cat isabel, plays with her animal sprit friends. i have lost 3 cats and 1 dog over the last 12 years since i moved to my new home in new orleans. i haven't sensed my dog's spirit but my 3 cats are here with me in my home.

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Re: animal spirits
Posted by packerfanvic - 16 Apr 2012 01:39

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Since Christianity and religion were brought up... Mark 16:15 tells is to "preach the Gospel to every living creature". In order to do as instructed, as a Christian I must conclude that animals have at least a spirit or soul. As a minister it is almost impossible to get people to understand this concept. Animals do communicate with us in many ways and I do believe they can attach to us spiritualy as we to them.

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Re: animal spirits
Posted by Tresses Of Nephthys - 16 Apr 2012 01:46

Correct me if I'm wrong--St. Francis of Assisi blessed animals. If they didn't have souls, would that matter?

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Re: animal spirits

Posted by crystalcross - 17 Apr 2012 00:03

Vic,

So glad to have you on board. I've been hoping we would get some representation. Not to sound like the opening line for a bad joke, but I would love to get the input from a Minister, a Priest, and a Rabbi. And also a Monk, an Imam, and a Shaman. This is the perfect topic that can bring everyone together.

Glad you chimed in!

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