catholic spirits
Posted by hometwnbrat - 06 Jul 2011 20:44

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ok so when a priest tells u to say a few hail marys so you may be in peace with yourself for doing bad things does that necessarily mean ur spirit will be in peace when u pass or is it made just to appease your morality and ur guilty concious while you are living?

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Re: catholic spirits
Posted by steampunksweets - 07 Sep 2011 18:48

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Most Catholic priests nowdays (God help you, pun intended, if you get a young one as they're often very strict) will hit you with a lot more than a few Hail Marys. You can't really be absolved without confessing, not repeating the behavior, repenting, and if at all possible making amends. It's often like "apologize to the person you hurt", etc. Hence abortion and murder being a lot more serious as you can't really make it up to someone you killed, what with their being dead and all. It's not so much whether or not you believe you're absolved as it is if you are genuinely contrite.

I actually think Catholocism makes a great deal more sense if you believe in the paranormal (it's highly rituatlized and a LOT more open to...less dogmatic occurances than most "bible-belt" types of Protestants.) Of course it's also ancient by comparison to anything but Orthodoxy and Judaism and is a lot less likely to think some bad English translation of the Bible ist he literal word of God.

Also good for amateur exrocisms of Ouija boards. Ask me how I know...

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Re: catholic spirits
Posted by Angelina_Rose1 - 07 Sep 2011 19:19

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I also agree, I am Roman Catholic and I was taught to believe in in Heven & Hell you don't question God and you respect satan and don't fool with him, I would say I would rather talk with a priest from old villages in Mexico than priest now, when I was born I was born out of wed lock and the priest here didn't want to touch me which upset my parents and pissed them off so my dad had a friend who knew an old priest in Mexico who did bless me and said that the priest here think they are too good and know more, he said they were wrong and if they truly loved God and worship him they would of done it for me, as the prayers I do say my rosary at times and I feel like god and the angels are with me and then when I get off track with god I feel in a dark surrounding, so when I carry my rosary in my purse I feel safe when I leave it I feel scared , but I would have to say it is up to you how you feel about prayers some like it and some don't, I do , I stopped going to church but I do say them here at home and when I visit a church I feel happy, so when I see things move or some one call my name to me I say it is Demon , I was tolled when u die you are gone and the ones that are here with us are demons and they know more about us

than we think, I was told not to go to a physic because if they say it is family wanting to talk with you that is demon, but see I also see people and some family member and I can not believe they are demons, so that is were I am so confused, if that is the demons way then then thumbs up to them cause they got me confused..but I would say just do what makes u feel comfortable and safe, god is always with us we are the ones that leave him, hehe..

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Re: catholic spirits
Posted by shanwvr88 - 08 Sep 2011 02:22

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In my opinion, it seems like all the different religions have taken the original bible and put their own spin on it to fit what they believe. By this happening there is much confusion these days as to what is right and what is wrong. Everyone has their beliefs and I do respect that until someone tries to push their religion on me. Personally I believe that if you have sinned then you need to ask God for forgiveness and you also need to forgive yourself to be able to move on from that.

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Re: catholic spirits
Posted by crystalcross - 08 Sep 2011 12:17

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I think the answer lies in that statement. Religion is belief, and not I nor anyone can say if one is right or one is wrong because that's a personal belief and a pure matter of faith and sometimes heritage. But the thing to remember is that the institution consists of man and man kind. And whether you believe they are embodied or imbued with special purpose or abilities they are still men and so are subject to flaws and opinion. Do not fault the belief for the actions of the stewards.

Just my opinion....

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Re: catholic spirits
Posted by bluecup67 - 11 Dec 2011 23:24

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I always kind of thought that it's all the same in the end - people believe what they believe, but we're

going to the same place.

My grandmother recently turned 100 and her process has begun. It's almost like she waited for 100, and now she's slowly shutting down. One thing that's been going on is she's been seeing nuns. My grandmother is a very devout Catholic - my mother said my grandmother is "hallucinating" nuns, but I think that veil is getting mighty thin and she's seeing people who will meet her later. If she tells us that she sees my grandfather then I'll know it will happen very soon.

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Re: catholic spirits

Posted by Steven Matrix - 12 Dec 2011 01:33

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Well said CC. Since we were in the church for nearly two decades, I can say that every religion has it's own opinion, but no religion has its own facts. Total faith in a doctrine, no matter how many people believe it, does not make it fact; so we are all under the same universal laws [if you want to call them that] that dictate that we are here to serve and help others, be truthful, and to learn.

The doctrine that we are all born here as sinners is a religious scare tactic to play follow the leader. We are here to learn. We weren't born to follow [song by Bon Jovi].

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Re: catholic spirits

Posted by Mark Shadley - 12 Dec 2011 02:59

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Very well said indeed.

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