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Dear Associates and Friends,

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Can spirits die? The article for this month is “[Spirits Can Die](#).” Nothing of our body, soul, or spirit will survive death. Luckily our “non-conscious” spirit goes back to God (Ecclesiastes 12:7). It stays there until He creates another body for us. (No, this is not transmigration of souls or reincarnation.) We become “ourselves” when God puts our spirit into a new body.

As we approach death, if we trust God and have a presence of mind we can do as others have done. **“And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, ‘[Lord Jesus, receive my spirit](#)’”** (Acts 7:59):

“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, ‘[Father, into your hands I commend my spirit](#)’: and having said thus, he [gave up the ghost](#) [expired].”

• **Luke 23:46**

There are many kinds of spirits. There are disembodied unclean spirits, there are angels, Sons of God, cherubim — all sorts of supernatural beings composed only of spirit, no physical skin, flesh, bone, and blood.

Each person who has ever lived, is alive now, or will live in the future, has a unique human spirit from God. As I said, the human spirit is not conscious outside the body. When the body dies, the spirit returns to God as Stephen and Jesus cried out in their final moments of life. Enjoy this month’s article.

Now I want to tell you about four features of the ASK website you may not know about, or you may not be using to full capacity.

1. A New Tab on ASK Homepage

A new Tab has been put on the ASK Homepage that might make searching for information on our website easier for you. I recently started using this feature and found it more helpful than I thought, even though it has been available to me for years (almost two decades).



Find and click the Tab on the ASK homepage and scroll down to see categories for Commentaries with title listings, entry to the videos page, a list of titles for Doctrine articles, Newsletters, Prophecy articles, and Temple articles. This is a great way to scroll down the list of Commentaries titles and select those you might find interesting. Do the same with the Doctrine, Prophecy, and Temple article listings.

For example, this “Site Content” page would be the quickest way of finding what you want in the mass of ASK material, **IF** you remember one or more keywords of the title of the Commentary or article. If you want to know about “David’s Tomb” you could just enter your browser search (Control-F) usually, type in “tomb” and it would give you six quick results, one at a time with the title. Three of the searches for “Tomb” would be relevant to information about David’s Tomb.

2. Another ASK Search Engine

There is a second search capability on the ASK website at the upper right-hand corner of the ASK Homepage. Just type the words you are searching for, such as “Sons of God” (with quote marks if you want to search for the phrase). The results will come up on a



new page, usually with only one or two non-ASK ads. We use the <http://www.DuckDuckGo.com> as the base search engine rather than Google because there are far fewer ads and the search results not influenced by commercial purposes or politics. The DuckDuckGo search engine is not as good as the one we had previously (it was discontinued), but it works, and we are grateful.

3. *A Detailed Topical Search*

The “[ASK Topical Index](#)” is one of the listings on the “Articles” Tab just to the left of the new “Site Content” Tab. It gives you access to a comprehensive index of the ASK website, similar to subject index at the end of a scholarly book. Once you use it several times it is very useful for navigating your way around a topic you are interested in. It was developed originally by Henry Dye and is now maintained and updated by Tim Parrott. These were the same two who developed ...

4. *ELM Timeline Project*

If you like history, you will like this. Henry Dye and Tim Parrott designed the “[ELM Timeline Project](#)” based on Dr. Martin’s work on Bible history, chronology, and prophecy. These PDFs are free to print. The charts and timelines are valuable to visualize “what happened when and where.” The charts of the “*Final Days of Christ*” (page 35) and the “*Final Hours of Christ*” (p. 36) are just two examples. Then you can reference the charts while looking at two detailed maps: “*The Final Movements of Christ*” (p. 37) which gives proper perspectives of the Temple, Fort Antonia, Golgotha and “*The Final Movements of Christ – Jerusalem Area.*” (p. 38).

You might want to print out some of these pages to follow along while you read Scripture or one of Dr. Martin’s books, whether to keep straight the Kings of Israel and Judah, the last days of King Herod, or the birth narratives of John the Baptist and Jesus. There are several timeline charts on details of the 70 years exile of Judah that are important to yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies, especially Christ’s Second Coming.

Because Dr. Martin’s work was (and is) so groundbreaking, these visuals help greatly. These charts and maps also demonstrate that so much of Scripture is interrelated. Tim Parrott currently maintains this project.

Thank You

The things of the spirit are difficult for some people to relate to and understand, yet each of us has a spirit that God gave to us; a human spirit that makes us individuals. God wanted His sons and daughters to learn about Him and about existence through a physical realm. An entirely different realm exists that we do not know much about except from Scripture, and it is difficult for most people to relate to it. Yet it will be a large part of our reality after our resurrection to glory that each of us will experience and the entire creation awaits (Romans 8:19–23).

God has given us His Holy Spirit which combines with our human Spirit. The power of God’s Spirit works with our spirit as God gently guides our character to develop as God desires.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

• ***Ephesians 2:10***

We are blessed to be God’s workmanship at this moment, decades away from the End Times. Most of the world’s 7.3 billion people know nothing of what we have been blessed to learn. Most do not know what you know, but we know that someday they all will know and receive God’s glory. We have been blessed to learn it early and learn it now. We are not ignorant of the blessing we have received, and we should act responsibly (1 John 3:3–4).

Thank you for letting us help you learn about God and His work in you.

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