

Chapter Two

Ghosts(boogy boogy boo)

Everybody loves a good ghost story. That's almost redundant, for whoever heard of a BAD ghost story? Scary, really scary, super scary, gross, funny, disgusting, but never bad. Actually having an experience to talk about is the trick. A first-person ghost story is always best, but I would bet there's a lot more people who have such experiences than talk about them, or even know that they've actually happened.

When I was a child something happened that made me wonder if I had had such an encounter. But as time passed and I become more ingrained in our skeptical, five-senses world, I concluded that it must have been only childish imagination. And then, long into adulthood with three children of my own, my dog died.

He was a black-and-tan dachshund that had actually wandered into the local police station one Saturday morning. I was on the police beat that day, and the officers asked me if I wanted to take care of the dog over the weekend, so they wouldn't have to drive him eight miles to the pound. Such a fine dog, we agreed, someone would be putting an advertisement in the paper for him, but by that time he also might have already had his three days in a county cage and you know what they do to strays.

So I called Suz and she picked him up at the station, but no one ever placed a lost-and-found for him. We called him Stranger, figuring he'd be gone in a day or so, but 15 years passed until he passed away. (Man, I'm choking up here.) Life was not the same without him.

At that time the boys all slept in one room, and the only place in the house that wasn't carpeted was the landing right in front of their bedroom door. Several times during the night, Stranger would make his rounds and we could always hear his toenails hit that wooden landing and click on into the boys' room. Pretty soon there'd be more clicking as he came out, jumped up onto the carpeted hallway floor and went about his business. This often included jumping up on my side of the bed and laying there until Suz realized I wasn't the only hound dog in bed with her.

"Stranger, get down!" she'd bark, er, yell, and down he'd go, at least until he made another round and snuck back into our room. (I used to get such a kick of how he'd try to "sneak jump" up onto the bed.)

At first, some days after his passing, I thought my imagination was playing tricks on me. I heard that "clicking" in the middle of the night. It happened several times over the course of many weeks, and I had to conclude we were being haunted by Stranger, the friendly dachshund ghost. Finally, I got up the nerve to tell Suz, almost hoping she'd tell me I was nuts.

"I've heard it, too," she responded, "especially on the nights you have to work late. I thought I was going nuts. But Stranger used to go into the boys room a lot when you weren't home."

After while, the "clicking" became less and less, and once I was back on permanent days, it seemed to stop.

Maybe he decided to join the folks in the old Lutheran cemetery. He used to have a lot of fun chasing squirrels and chipmunks and rabbits over there, around the aging, tilting tombstones. Maybe, maybe not. We tried twice to have another dog while living

next to the cemeteries, but for some reason they got real skittish and behaved weird. I wonder...

Ghosts First Selection

Questioner: Ghosts may manifest themselves into a somewhat physical existence, even in lower levels. What would be some probable reasons for this manifestation, since all negativity is past and the objective of frightening someone in the physical would be lost?

The Council: Well, all ghosts are not true ghosts but only, shall we say, are reflections of energies left behind. Those spirits who do manifest in the material do not necessarily mean that they are negative nor does it mean that they have negative intentions, but when you look at the lower levels and the, shall we say, love that those souls in the lower levels have for the material manifestation and their actions in the first levels, you may get some, shall we say, connection or understanding of their activities in the material manifestation. Do you understand?

Questioner: Yes. Would it be sometimes their obsession with the material manifestation that makes them come back?

The Council: Yes, this can be a drawing factor, but you must remember that those that do reappear in the material manifestation are not always there because of something like obsession but can be there because of their concern for others. They may make appearances to make you realize a little more that there is an existence after life. Do you understand?

Questioner: Yes.

The Council: There is much talk about existence after life, but really in the overall picture man does not give it serious thought. It is more of a wishful thinking than a real knowing in most cases, so such experiences are to help substantiate that you are unending, and, too, since you do build relationships in the material, those relationships can continue afterwards, and if one leaves before others, it is not uncommon that an influence would be made known to a loved one or an appearance be made. Does that answer your question?

This is a good opportunity to break in with a little history. This particular information, as with most of the insights in SOLAR Press' book, "Life After Death, A New Revelation," is from the relatively early years of the LePar/Council communications. I mention this as a set-up for the question: How much press has the mysteries of life beyond the grave gotten since, say, 2000? Virtually none. How much press was it getting in the 1990s? Not much more than virtually none. As we moved towards the year 2000, feature material in the news stream focused more and more on "end times" mongering and the potential for a Y2K disaster. Since then the apocalyptic

trend has continued, but Y2K has faded from memory as a principle contributor to our demise. There has, however, been no shortage of topics replacing Y2K on our list of things to keep us up at night.

However, the facts do not change. First and foremost is the fact that we all die. After that, well, that's really why you're reading this book, isn't it? You are searching but, to borrow The Council's phrase, "in the overall picture" man is not searching. Man, at least in this neck of the woods, has his head in the sand or under the blanket of materialism. Meanwhile, we are so consumed by being what the experts and advertisers tell us we should be that our very spiritual essence is being devoured.

There was a period, from the late 1960s into the middle 1980s, when life after death was a hot topic. For the dead, though, it is always a hot topic. Maybe I should say "a topic of extreme interest," just so no one will misinterpret. Let's read on:

Questioner: Why do we have psychic apparitions such as feeling the presence of someone who has crossed over or can see their forms or smell their favorite flower or hear their calling out to us?

The Council: That can be for a number of reasons, either the person experiencing it may need that contact or it may be that the individual or the soul that is making the contact in the material wants to reinforce the relationship or the idea of life after death. It can be for any number of reasons.

Questioner: Could it possibly be the individual on the other side trying to get a message to some individual here?

The Council: Yes.

Questioner: Maybe some sort of personal message?

The Council: Yes.

Questioner: When one who has passed on, a relative in particular, comes to visit you, how do they do this?

The Council: It is simply a focusing of the thought of the individual on the Spirit Level. They have focused their thought or their attentions on the one in the material manifestation, and, too, some of the review in the first level of the God-made Heavenly Realms is a review in this illusion as we have explained it; in so doing then they bring part of that illusion with them to, shall we say, be apparent in a physical form.

Questioner: How long does it take them to get here? Is it instantaneous?

The Council: How long does it take a thought?

Questioner: Do they disappear there and reappear here or do they just travel fast in the form they are in to get here?

The Council: There is no distance. Everything is here.

Questioner: Why does this usually happen at night?

The Council: Because the frame of mind is usually, shall we say, in a quieter state or a quieter frame of mind. If you were to relax or rest during the day, such experiences could just as readily happen then.

Questioner: I would like to ask a question, too, along this line. Why would a spirit try to use clairaudience or telepathy or whatever it is harass a living entity? And how could this be stopped?

The Council: Anytime that one finds harassment from a spirit level one in the material manifestation need not suffer such experiences, but very firmly demand that such an experience or contact be stopped, and if the individual is firm enough, strong enough of mind or determination, then this would break such a link. Why some souls would infringe on the privacy of those in the material manifestation could be for any number of reasons. There are some souls that have had strong, shall we say, ties to the material and persist in keeping those ties. Most of the time such experiences come about because the one in the material manifestation is, shall we say, mentally open to the one in the spiritual existence, so you have a contact point. Now, if such a contact point is to be broken, it takes the one in the material manifestation to become very determined and demand that such activities cease and cease now. Those from the spirit level cannot, let us say, cause any problems in the material if those in the material wish that such problems do not exist. A spirit cannot do you physical harm; it is your fear of that spirit that could bring about physical harm. Even in such cases where poltergeist activity is of the severest of forms; if an individual with a strong enough mind were to demand that such activity cease, they would and they would cease immediately, but the ignorance of that one who is being pestered may be, shall we say, a hindrance to demanding that the spirit depart or such activities cease, along with fear. Fear may for the moment or for a time prevent an individual from developing the determination to end such activities. Does that answer your question?

Questioner: Yes, thank you. Could you tell me what level this type of a spirit would be from?

The Council: This you would find coming in from the man-made heavenly realms, that of the Spirit Level or the Spirit World. Those that are more interested in the material existence and experiencing it again through the process of review in that illusionary period or that period where the illusion of the material manifestation is recreated.

Ghosts
Second Selection

Questioner: There are incidents of persons who are killed in an accident and then will appear perhaps on the anniversary of that accident in the same location and perhaps be struck by another car or seemingly so to the driver of that car, then when he gets out the accident victim is gone. Can you give us any light on that situation?

The Council: The soul chooses to, shall we say, create that illusion, again, as a reminder either for the family or a loved one involved or also to bring to mind that you do not die, that you do not end, that you continue to exist. Does that answer your question?

Questioner: Yes, thank you.

The Council: These are, shall we say, phenomenal experiences that create a great deal of attention in man's mind, but most individuals who have lost a loved one will feel or see that loved one after death or after the transition; so these experiences are really not that unusual as many people think they are. Most people who experience such things privately in their homes do not talk about them either out of fear of what friends and relatives would say or just out of their respect for what has transpired.

I have eliminated some dialogue here because it gets off the track a bit. But The Council's "Also you must take into consideration" comment has a very interesting message in it. Read on and think about what is being said. It is another amazing example of this creation we so often underestimate.

The Council: Also you must take into consideration that in some situations there is a traumatic experience and that can leave, shall we say, an impression; now this impression can be brought into physical action again under certain circumstances which has nothing at all to do with an actual soul manifesting but is only the, shall we say, energies of the experience, the traumatic experience, that can be revitalized from time to time under certain circumstances. You have a number of possibilities there, and each case then must be determined individually as to what is actually transpiring. But even if it is nothing more than an energy left there that is triggered occasionally, it still serves to indicate that you go far beyond the physical body because in most cases man would say that is a spirit and would judge the situation as a manifestation of a spirit or a ghost so it serves eventually in the end what it was intended to serve had it been an actual spirit manifesting, to give a greater awareness that one does live continuously. Very well.

I can't begin to imagine how to expand on that explanation, except to say, "Is that cool, or what?" So some of the ghost stories we hear, of people getting hacked to death or whatever, may not be the actual spirit reliving the trauma, but the trauma itself being "revitalized." Man, that's weird.

Questioner: Is it wrong for us on this side to try to communicate with a loved one who has crossed over? Can we take them away from what they are doing over there?

The Council: As a general rule, we would suggest that you not attempt to call them. If you should experience an appearance, then enjoy the experience, enjoy it. Even if you

were to go to the extent of calling a spirit, you cannot really disturb what they are doing over there since they are right here, and there is no such thing as disturbing what they are doing. If they were to appear, it would only be part of what they would need as an experience or what they would wish as an experience; but it would be best not to make efforts to call because in so doing you will not be sure what you are getting when you call.

Questioner: So the best that we can really do is just pray for them?

The Council: The best? That is the greatest thing you can do.

Questioner: Yes, but that is kind of (this is selfish, I know) one-sided. If you were very close to someone on this side and they cross over, your relationship has ended for all practical appearances.

The Council: No, it has not ended.

Questioner: Well, if you cannot call on them how do you know they still exist?

The Council: It is your belief. If you were to see a ghost or you were to see someone who has departed, what guarantee would you have that what you saw was real except your willingness to believe that it was real. How do you know that it was not just your imagination, your desire to see something that is causing hallucinations? Do you see?

Questioner: Yes.

The Council: Do not take prayer lightly; it is an extremely powerful energy; and even though you may offer up a prayer for a soul that may not need it, it does go to places that will accept it or to souls that will accept it.

Questioner: Well, then, it is basically wrong for us to expect feedback from a loved one?

The Council: It is not wrong to expect appearances from loved ones who have passed on. We advise you not to call, because in calling you are placing open a channel that can be tapped by any soul, you see. Simply thinking of loved ones or acquaintances is all that is necessary to provide the conditions for their appearance, if they choose; it also, shall we say, is somewhat of a safeguard for preventing unwanted experiences.

Before we move on to the next scary subject, a comment on prayer: It is not included as a specific topic in this book only because that is a subject, coupled with related material from The Council, that truly deserves a book of its own. So remember the few lines included here. Prayer is the best thing we can do for a loved one who has died. Prayer is an extremely powerful energy. And, as I pointed out earlier, the more emotion with which a prayer is said, the stronger it becomes. Finally, don't think that Aunt Sally was such a good woman that prayers for her are unnecessary. That's judging. And even if

that is the case, the prayer doesn't go to waste. The Council has explained that a prayer unneeded, or unwanted, will be passed on to someone who does need or want the assistance. Another way to look at it is this: You as a god, a direct creation of the One God, are directing your love, your energies, to help another. With everything else so wondrous about ourselves that we have already learned in this book, why would we even question the strength and value of our prayers?