

Albert Einstein and Spiritualism

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Spiritualists believe that the highest form of mediumship is what they refer to as “direct prophecy.”

While the typical mediumistic prophecy might contain messages given from a spirit, the medium is simply serving as a transmitter of the message. In “direct prophecy,” however, the medium enters into what Andrew Jackson Davis called the “superior condition.” It is a state where he or she achieves direct communion with “Infinite Intelligence” — communion with God. It is this possibility of experiencing such a wonderful state that acts like a magnet pulling me to further develop my own spiritual

senses.

Albert Einstein rejected life after death and therefore didn’t take Spiritualism seriously. It’s a pity he didn’t invest a little time to study its philosophy, because most of his religious views were very much in line with the Spiritualist view. Like Spiritualism, Einstein rejected the traditional concept of an anthropomorphic God who rewarded and punished according to his whims, but he nevertheless believed in some Transcendent power:

“A knowledge of the existence of something we cannot penetrate, of the manifestations of the profoundest reason and the most radiant beauty – it is this knowledge and this emotion that constitute the truly religious attitude; in this sense, and in this alone, I am a deeply religious man.”

Another Einstein quote that moves me the most is this one:

“I want to know how God created this world. ... I want to know his thoughts. The rest are details.”

In my view, if Einstein had been able to develop mediumistic abilities, and had advanced to the point of exercising “direct prophecy,” he would have been able to discover God’s thoughts.

In the few powerful experiences I have had where I felt that I made contact with God, one characteristic stands out above all others. In all of these experiences, the Divine Presence was accompanied by an overwhelming feeling of Divine Love. It was a love that was infinitely powerful, all-embracing, empathic, non-judgmental, totally accepting, healing, and parental. It contained within it a sense of being “home.”

Because of these experiences, I strongly suspect that the answer to Einstein’s question about “how God created this world” and “his thoughts” center around the issue of love. The exciting thing about mediumship is that when we enter into a direct communion with God, we can graduate from the stage of belief, and begin to say, as Carl Jung did in 1959 when asked if he believed in God:

“I know. I don’t need to believe. I know.”

Again, that is the strength and attraction of Spiritualism. Anyone who makes effort can grow and develop his or her inherent faculties for spirit communication. In my view, anyone who makes an honest and sincere effort can do this. If we persevere along this path we can begin to have direct spiritual experiences of our own. Once this is accomplished, we can move beyond the realm of “blind faith” into the realm of real experience. By doing this, we will also be able to confidently say, along with Dr. Jung:

“I know. I don’t need to believe. I know.”