

unrighteous), there can be no disembodied spirits of deceased human beings whom spirit mediums can contact or act as channels for. All discarnate human spirits are either in Hades or in heaven!

(2) Could these phenomena be produced by autohypnosis by the medium, resulting in a trance state in which his or her memory banks are opened, thereby making available enormous quantities of previously stored information? If the human brain never really forgets anything, so that very old people can sometimes remember minute details of their childhood seemingly forgotten for many years, perhaps under hypnosis such data can be tapped and used as though they were originating from a disembodied spirit.

(3) Could these phenomena be produced by means of supernormal powers within the medium -- powers that go under the name of extra-sensory perception, including telepathy, clairvoyance, and clairaudience? Although at the present time there is very little solid evidence in support of the reality of such powers, perhaps such evidence will be forthcoming in the future. The mind may have powers as yet untapped. In this explanation, these powers -- not disembodied spirits -- would be the source of that small residue of spiritualistic phenomena that are considered as possibly genuine.

(4) Could these phenomena be produced by a dissociation of personality in the medium, with one part of the medium's mind communicating (without conscious awareness) with another part? Again, the evidence for such dissociation appears to be rather slender and fragmentary, and quite insufficient as a base on which to build spiritualistic phenomena, however small in genuine number.

(5) Could these phenomena be produced by Satan and demonic spirits to whom the medium, through trance, yields control of his or her faculties -- spirits who use the medium's faculties and powers to impersonate discarnate spirits or deceased persons in order to communicate to the person consulting the medium anti-scriptural ideas, concepts, and attitudes toward God, Christ, the Bible, life and death, judgment and hell? In the light of the Bible's teaching concerning Satan's plan and purpose in the world, and concerning demonic spirits and their activities in possessing and controlling and influencing human beings to accomplish Satan's purposes, this possibility of explanation may be an important factor in