

Question: Is it possible for someone to die, yet their spirit be controlled or used somewhere else by another person?

**Answer:**

The Bible teaches a fundamental truth about death in Hebrews 9:27

“It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.”

This means that physical death happens once for every person, and after death, the soul faces God’s judgment. There is no return to this life after death in the ordinary sense.

When people talk about a spirit of a dead person being controlled or used somewhere else, this is not about the actual soul of someone who has died and gone to heaven or hell. Scripture is clear that once a person’s spirit departs, they do not come back to this world (Ecclesiastes 12:7 *“the spirit returns to God who gave it”*).

In many cases where it seems like a dead person’s spirit is active elsewhere, it often means the person is not truly dead yet, or there is some kind of demonic deception or witchcraft involved. The Bible warns us about spiritual deception and the work of Satan, who can

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masquerade as an “angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). These manifestations are often the result of occult practices or rejection of God, which give the enemy legal access to oppress or deceive individuals.

To discern such spiritual matters requires spiritual insight or “*spiritual eyes*” (1 Corinthians 2:14). But more importantly, believers are encouraged to pray in faith in the powerful name of Jesus Christ because “*all things are possible for one who believes*” (Mark 9:23). Jesus’ name has authority over all spirits, and through faith, people can be delivered from such bondage.

It’s important not to live in fear of these things, knowing that God’s power is greater than any demonic force;

(James 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”).

Most people caught in these situations have either distanced themselves from God or been involved in occultism, which opens doors for the enemy. This is not a universal experience for every believer or person.

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**Additionally**, some deaths occur to glorify God and reveal His power, as seen in the story of Lazarus (John 11). Jesus called Lazarus back to life after he had been dead and buried, demonstrating His authority over death itself;

*(John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.").*

In such cases, the person was "asleep" (a biblical metaphor for death) but not permanently gone. God alone has power over life and death.

**In summary**, while the Bible teaches that death is final for the soul's earthly journey, God's power through Jesus Christ can restore life or deliver from spiritual deception. Believers are called to trust Jesus' authority and pray in His name for protection and deliverance.

**May God richly bless you.**

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