

## Additional Q&A from the MysTech Presentation 11/24/2024

### What does “veridical” mean?

**Ans:** “Veridical” means the perception or experience is “true” or “accurate” because it has been verified by an independent third party. We helped edit the book *The Self Does Not Die: Verified paranormal phenomena from near-death experiences* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2023) and wrote the foreword to it. The book documents 128 cases of veridical perceptions and other phenomena like telepathy, after death communications, “apparitional” NDEs, miraculous healings after an NDE, and paranormal abilities after an NDE. These cases were investigated, confirmed by independent third parties, and documented by researchers over the years.

The evidence that we presented in our talk is also veridical in the reincarnation cases, in the aftereffects of organ transplants, and in the prebirth memories, because it was verified as accurate by a third party. Our slides list the book reference and page number of each case that we cite.

We work phenomenologically based on the veridical cases of people’s actual experiences.

**From MN:** Twice in your talk you referred to there being no negative consequences from abortion, even late term abortion. If all our actions produce karma, then how can this be? Of course, I would love to think that all women who find themselves pregnant and don’t want to be would seek the Spirit and ask the child to leave and come at another time, but in the world we live in, this is indeed not the case. We have people who used to be just pro-choice and now they are pro-abortion.

**Ans:** In both of our statements (slides 27 and 34), we emphasized that there is no negative spiritual judgment, disapproval, or condemnation for blocking a pregnancy, not that there are no consequences. There are indeed consequences, most especially traumas both to the incarnating soul and to the mother. We covered the trauma that is caused by abortion to everyone involved, especially with IVF procedures. At the same time, we also emphasized the way to mitigate or lessen the trauma, namely through communication and negotiation between the mother and the incarnating soul.

In our view, late-term abortion is murder, and we implied that on the last slide: “After that point [of viability outside the womb], the incarnating soul *is* a human being and should be accorded all of the rights as a human being, except, for example, cases that endanger the life of the mother.” Prior to the point of viability, the mother’s decision—hopefully guided by *moral intuition* (as described in Rudolf Steiner’s *Philosophy of Freedom*) and mediated by *communication and negotiation* with the incarnating soul—should be respected and protected.

**Q:** Your presentation seemed to contradict itself on a few occasions when you claim first the soul doesn’t incarnate until later in pregnancy but then the children have reported knowing of their IVF siblings in a freezer. IVF happens very early in pregnancy so how can both things be true? And the story of the spontaneous miscarriage that happened when the soul perceived fighting in the parents, only to come back at another time as a girl child. This would have been a very early miscarriage.

**Ans:** This is an important point, and we realize that we didn’t explain it clearly enough. The incarnating soul forms an etheric connection with the fetus, usually at the time of conception or later when the soul “arrives”. This is probably the same type of connection as the out-of-body soul has with the body during an NDE when the NDEr sees the silver cord and, like Ken Leth, can’t go any further. The soul begins to *embody* the fetus at the end of the 2nd trimester through the physical nervous system and brain. There is a difference between being tied to the fetus via the etheric sheath and being embodied within the fetus’s developing physical and etheric body in the 3rd trimester.

We say on slide 33 that during IVF procedures, the soul is tied to the embryo, therefore has a right to be informed—otherwise it can suffer trauma. Like NDErs, the out-of-body soul has veridical perceptions of its physical surroundings. Also, Elizabeth’s self-induced miscarriage was at 12 weeks. Even though the miscarriage

was self-induced, her *out-of-body* soul perceived and felt what happened and suffered trauma in the form of phobias about flushing toilets and drains.

**From MM:** What happens in future incarnations when organs have been transplanted?

**Ans:** In our understanding, with an organ transplant, the etheric field of the organ appears to merge with the recipient's etheric body. The recipient takes on some of the personality characteristics of the donor but remains the same ego. After the recipient's death, some of the donor's characteristics *may* be carried over in the etheric extract for their next incarnation. So, there may be some benefit in receiving the organ transplant in the future incarnation. It's an interesting question.

**From IS:** I would like to know more about what the father's role is in the process of the incarnation of the child. Does it play a role only in relation to the mother or does the father also have direct contact with the incarnating soul like the mother?

**Ans:** The father generally has a role in the incarnation process: receiving announcing dreams, etc. and contributing to the etheric and physical development of the fetus. More importantly, depending on the needs of the incarnating soul, the father can play the major role in the child's development and upbringing. There are cases where the child's connection to the father was more important for the soul's spiritual growth than to the mother.

**From NM:** Just to clarify, the [soul] remembers the past [incarnation], because there's a purpose that needs to be fulfilled.

**Ans:** The soul's purpose is formed from its need for spiritual growth in specific areas. These specific areas are frequently shortcomings or weaknesses that were evident from past incarnations. In addition, the soul may carry forward the karmic effects of the deeds and influences of the previous incarnation that are retained in the etheric extract

**Q:** Is the plan for technocracy to disrupt the soul's evolutionary path or to be another challenge to the soul's evolutionary path?

**Ans:** The influences of technology are a challenge for all human beings who incarnate now. Technology is part of the culture that we have chosen to incarnate into. And we generally accepted and even yearned to experience its challenges when, with the guidance of wise spiritual beings, our life plan was worked out prior to conception.

**Q:** What does it mean if a woman does not have any children? Does it mean the mother is not competent to raise children or does it mean the woman has another or completed her evolutionary path?

**Ans:** Whether to give birth to children is the woman's choice which may have been part of her life plan. If her life plan includes conceiving children, she will generally be led to that intention through the ordinary circumstances of life, for example, through meeting the right person or through a compelling feeling of wanting to have a child come over her and so on. On the other hand, she may choose to go against her life plan, in which case her plan will be adjusted to bring her new experiences, for example, having a connection with children from a spouse's previous marriage, by adopting children, or being a teacher, etc. The same principles also hold for men.

**Q:** [The birth rates in] certain populations (e.g., in Africa or the Middle East) on the globe are higher vs in the West. Is it possible that the reason for that is those souls are younger and need to evolve more than souls in the West or in Asia where countries enforce a single or 2 child policy?

**Ans:** The country and the location that we will be born in, as well as the specific parents we will have, define the overall arc of our earthly incarnation. These factors define the kind of life experiences we will have that will fit

with our needs for spiritual growth. The question is always what will best suit the soul's life purpose, whether in a large family or small family, in an impoverished family or a wealthy family. We find that many souls choose to have a hard, challenging life that affords greater spiritual growth in one lifetime rather than a life of ease in a privileged family.

**From CV:** What happens to the soul of one who does not go full term due to abortion, still birth, miscarriage, or death of the mother?

**Ans:** The soul returns to the spiritual world to formulate a new plan for incarnation.

**Q:** Does the pregnant woman's mindset and feeling life have an effect on the soul that does not come to term?

**Ans:** Yes, the mother's mindset may have an effect such that the soul chooses not to complete the pregnancy. On the other hand, the soul's purpose may be to be born to this mother, in order to *help her* despite the mother's attitude toward the child.

**Q:** Why would a soul move toward a fetus that it knows is going to be aborted?

**Ans:** The soul may want the experience of being conceived and living only a few months in the womb. There are numerous cases investigated by Rob Schwartz (e.g., *Your Soul's Plan*) in which the soul chose to have particular painful experiences because they would lead to further soul growth.

**Q:** Can you address the increasing incidence of children being born into bodies that they grow to feel are the wrong sex? What is happening when a "boy" is born into a girl's body and vice versa?

**Ans:** These cases are almost certainly the soul's choice, for example for a particular sexual orientation or to have the experience of a transgender change and its social ramifications. Another possibility is that the soul was desperate to incarnate under specific circumstances and none of the choices was ideal in every respect.

**From LL:** How does this whole description you are bringing fit together with Rudolf Steiner saying that it is centuries between incarnations, and then some beings coming sooner (after about 200 years)?

**Ans:** The world has been changing at an accelerated rate, especially since the advances in technology, and is now changing sufficiently to allow for new experiences of the Earth and the social fabric in a shorter amount of time.

**Q:** If souls are returning so quickly could that be a major factor contributing to so many children growing up with only one parent, sometimes not even knowing who the other parent was. For me, it's also a question of how so many souls can have their destinies coming together satisfying the destiny of each soul, and even more so when so many individual souls have such sudden change in their process to enter into earthly life.

**Ans:** The interconnections between souls form a very complex tapestry. Steiner spoke of the disorder among the Angeloi causing disorder in the working out of individual souls' destinies. In the current time, one of the major tasks of Archangel Micha-el is the restoration of order and harmony of the Angeloi in order to carry out human souls' prebirth intentions formulated with the wise guidance of their angels as their life plan.

**Q:** I would think the presence of internet and social media might be an additional factor, bringing together those beings already in their earthly lives with such immediate communication around the world, with enabling incarnated souls of all ages more aware of so many aspects of the world, of their lives and factors that could affect them at any moment, which could easily and often influence choices made by incarnated human beings.

**Ans:** We agree. It seems that the angels can use the Internet to great effect by influencing people.

**From GG:** If the soul usually does not join with embryo until the 3rd trimester, why is it critical to communicate with soul during the first two trimesters about an abortion? Also, if the soul does not merge with the embryo

until later in pregnancy, why are there stories about how they are crying being frozen in embryos being frozen- or aborted- loss of twins- triplets etc.?

**Ans:** The incarnating soul first makes an *etheric connection* with the embryo, usually at the time of conception. The soul remains fully conscious around the mother during the first two trimesters and only briefly spends time within the fetus, mostly outside it. During this time, the mother can communicate and negotiate with the soul through prayer and dreams. The soul begins to *embody* the fetus for longer times starting at the end of the second trimester. The stories of remembering being frozen or of awareness that their twin is suddenly missing come from the soul's experience while connected *etherically* to the embryo or fetus.

**Q:** If all humans are a combination of body, soul, etheric- and the number of humans has steadily increased from several tribes to 10 or 12 billion soon, where do all of these additional humans come from- did billions pre-exist who had never incarnated?

**Ans:** Evidently, yes. Many NDErs report that intelligent life forms exist on other planets and, for some of them, they were from those planets in prior incarnations. NDErs are told that Earth is the hardest place to experience physical incarnation, but it's also the most rewarding in terms of spiritual growth.

**Q:** Has anyone studied how common it is for parents to agree to an incarnation prior to conception?

**Ans:** We're not aware of such a study but there are many stories of parents (or other relatives) having an announcing dream or the mother having a feeling come over her wanting a child.

**Q:** Have there been any studies about how many - how prevalent it is for medical staff to communicate with souls prior to aborting them?

**Ans:** We imagine there are a few enlightened doctors and nurses who would do this, but they would be very rare among all medical professionals. For example, Dr. Gladys McGarey (recently deceased at age 104) and psychologist David Chamberlain promote these views. Most people do not have this perspective about the process of incarnation.

**Q:** Why can't the frozen IVF souls just decide to detach as they did in the miscarriages?

**Ans:** We think the souls can, but they desperately want to be incarnated. They have an expectation they will still be born.

**Q:** Many seem to think that a human body needs the soul or some spiritual template or "Model" to direct complex cells- organs, nerves, brain, joints etc- If the soul does not incarnate until later, are all of the cells just reproducing and specializing on their own- material biology?

**Ans:** The fetus's development is guided by its etheric body which comes mostly from the mother. The fetal etheric provides the spiritual template. The soul may join the growing fetus at any time including only days or hours before the birth.

**From SN:** Please could you say something about children who have a parent who dies before the child is born, or when the child is a baby. Is the connection more to people the child will get to know as they grow up?

**Ans:** The child will have a *soul* connection to both their birth parents and to the adoptive or foster parents. These are all soul connections of love and may be stronger to some than to others – it depends on the circumstances.

**From DS:** The 'selection' process is becoming more Ahrimanic as we test for ever more obscure features - genetic conditions, hearing loss, dwarfism, there is a lot of wanting to 'control' the body for the incarnating soul.

**Ans:** Yes, most of us do not understand the value to the soul to be able to choose to live a hard life with an imperfect body. And most of us do not understand the value to all of us of the *love* these souls can bring when incarnated in an imperfect body.

**Q:** About 10% of implanted IVF implants make it to term.

**Ans:** Thanks for that information. IVF is currently a risky, imperfect procedure.