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The Weight of the Soul-Spirit

The Soul-Spirit has no material weight.

Its **net SPIRITUAL weight**, at any given instant during its traversing of material dominions, is determined by its positive or negative attributes and actions.

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Due to a lack of moral values, knowledge of eternal truths and good spiritual attributes, **the light, almost weightless Soul can be blown away by just about any wind of evil, deceit or religious-philosophical error!** And, even the Soul that has some weight, but not much, can be suddenly jerked up and wafted away toward deeper darkness and destruction by strong gusts of inordinate passions or momentary intensification of peer pressure.

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The Soul-Spirit acquires "**an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure**" (2 Corinthians 4:17) by accumulating **treasures**, or **deposits**, in Heaven through the execution of good works on the earth.

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Sounds emitted by Souls-Spirits as they depart from mortal bodies

The **SAVED Soul-Spirit** departs silently from the physical body. Although the **physical body** may cry and moan with pain during the time of its mortal agony.

Why should the **pure Soul-Spirit** cry out in anguish and desperation? Christ has freed it from the "**fear of death**," destroying "**the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil**" (Hebrews 2:14-15). It is about to leave for a "**much better**" world than the corporal-earthly one, and, knows it! It would then feel very much **relieved** and **joyous** upon taking leave of the physical body, with its incessant strivings to preserve its animal life and daily stress of material existence, to fly to a truly marvelous place free of such conditions.

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