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Powerlessness of the spirits

Spirits, telepathy and other non-physical phenomena do not exist, according to the official view of the western world. A common argument is that we live in a modern enlightened society, free from old superstition. Many believe that this materialistic world view is scientifically justified, but it is not. Since non-physical phenomena cannot be explained by current physical theories, it is simply inferred that they do not exist. A materialistic worldview is based on dogma.

Another view is part of a more popular culture. Many people have experienced inexplicable phenomena and would like to talk about their experiences. This must take place outside the mainstream culture to avoid being ridiculed by those who own "the truth". Two sub-cultures have a seemingly incompatible worldview. According to Morgenbladet November 16th, television programs that report from finding and removing annoying spirits from various places and houses such as "Power of the Spirits" on TVNorge has made the existence of spirits more acceptable and thus reduced the gap between these two groups. However, a fusion is impossible as long as there is no scientific explanation of the non-physical phenomena.

Many physicists expect a change in the understanding of the world since science cannot explain 95 percent of what is observed in the cosmos. It's called dark matter and dark energy, and can be measured only because it affects regular matter by gravity. This means that one cannot measure electromagnetic radiation from dark matter or detect collisions between dark matter and ordinary matter. So far, physicists have not suggested that dark matter and dark energy may consist of particles that are "non-physical" and form the basis for the mind and psyche. Memories, images, emotions and instincts may be stored in such a matter. If this interpretation is correct, it could solve one of science's greatest mysteries.

String theory is the most widely known "theory of everything". It should eventually unite relativity and quantum mechanics to a common overarching theory. From being very popular a couple of decades ago, it is now almost disregarded because no experimental confirmation has been found. String theory, however, has a built-in possibility to describe a type of physical particles that can be measured only by gravity - just as dark matter and dark energy is measured. If spirits have bodies made by dark matter and string theory is correct, the spirits could probably use gravity to move physical objects. A more detailed explanation of this and other phenomena is described in a peer reviewed article to be published in Physics Essays, March 2013 and in a recently published book (see www.amatterofmind.net).

There are groups outside mainstream science where highly qualified individuals are doing research on non-physical phenomena. In his book from 1997 (*The Conscious Universe, The Scientific Truth of Psychic Phenomena*) Dean Radin shows that such phenomena exist with a statistical probability that is much higher than what is required to approve new particles within physics (99.999928%).

The mainstream science culture seems to sleep tightly on its materialistic dogma. It is time for some scientists to wake up and perform science also on this subject.

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