

CHAPTER 2

Discussion with spirit guide
President Gerald Ford

[This chapter was written the day after
President Gerald Ford supposedly “died.”]

PRESIDENT GERALD FORD: I’m not dead everybody, honest! Look at me! Do you see? I could fly! Ha, ha, ha, ha. So tell me, Gary, why did you throw away those chapters written by “George Washington?” Were you afraid that you’d lose your credibility—as in: people will believe that “Abraham Lincoln” writes through you—but “George Washington?” Never!

GF: “George Washington” has communicated with me before—not too often I might add.

PRESIDENT FORD: More often than you realize.

He's not the type of spiritual guide to give you "warm fuzzies"—and I could understand why. The causes you are writing about are too serious for him to give you a pat on the back and say "Atta boy, Gary!"

[He laughs]

And so, if he won't do it then why can't I? "Atta boy, Gary!" Ha, ha, ha, ha.

[Still laughing]

Here we go again, Gary. Right now, you are not sure what to think, and then tomorrow morning you are going to read this with a tear in your eye and then you'll say to yourself, "Son of a gun! That really was 'President Ford'—the guy who supposedly 'died' yesterday—speaking to me from beyond the grave!"

GF: It happens every time. It has happened to me dozens and dozens of times before: I wake up the morning after writing something, and I can't believe what was written through me the day before.

PRESIDENT FORD: And I'm proud to say that it is happening again! So tell me, Gary, when is my funeral? I don't want to be late! Ha, ha, ha, ha.

GF: Seriously, are you going to attend your funeral?

PRESIDENT FORD: Let me tell you something, Gary! I've only been dead a day or so, and already I sometimes have to remind myself that I was "Gerald Ford," and I further have to remind myself that I was "President of the United States." Just like that, I've taken on a new identity and I'm home again! It's not like I left my body and went to a foreign place—if anything the Earth is a "foreign place."

[He “shakes” his head.]

Already, my first inclination is for me to tell you a little about my home (i.e., the afterlife). I have to consider my audience though. You people really do think of me as “President Ford,” and you want me to sound “presidential.” WELL, HOW IS THIS FOR “PRESIDENTIAL?”

[He sticks out his “tongue.”]

PRESIDENT FORD: No, no, no, honest! I was just kidding. I don’t want to turn this into a comedy, but I find it very amusing that you people even doubt my existence in the afterlife. I’ll leave the jokes up to “Bob Hope” and “Johnny Carson.”

GF: Are you and “Bob Hope” ever going to play golf again in heaven?

PRESIDENT FORD (still laughing): You know, I really do think that golf is a great game if you don’t take it too seriously. . . (laughing) and Dr. Frick, I’d like to bet you a hundred dollars that “Johnny Carson” was right! You can’t play a round of golf without cheating! Ha, ha, ha, ha.

GF: I appreciate your humor but I have been writing about important issues. . . .

PRESIDENT FORD: I understand that. And . . . I don’t want to say I’m taking what you are doing “very seriously” because that would be putting too much pressure on you. The fact is, I love you no matter what you do! Bring out the violins for the billionth time, everybody! Ha, ha, ha, ha.

Oh yes! Dr. Frick, why don’t you share with everybody an experience you had about a month ago?

GF: I had a past life regression in which I was—not to change the subject but . . . I'd be more than happy to share my past life regression with everybody. . .

PRESIDENT FORD (laughing): You want me to give you a speech as if I were still President, don't you? People don't need to hear about your past life regression, right? Well, I have news for you, Gary, even if I were still a human being, I haven't been President of the United States for over thirty years! Ha, ha, ha, ha.

[He continues to laugh.]

Oh, dear! Ha, ha, ha, ha.

[A long pause follows.]

PRESIDENT FORD: The general consensus among the American public is that "Gerald Ford" was basically a decent person. . . .

GF: Do you agree with that? Do you have any regrets?

PRESIDENT FORD: Oh, my gosh. I don't know. . . . Whatever genuine acts of love that I did as "Gerald Ford". . . I have brought them to the afterlife with me!

Sow good seeds everybody! Try to detach from the opinions of others. . . . I realize that isn't easy. . . .

Even as a politician, I had some ability to do that. Otherwise, I probably would have gotten reelected as President! Ha, ha, ha, ha.

I want you all to know that whatever contribution you people make to World Peace will be recognized and appreciated in the afterlife.

GF: Do you have anything else to say?

GERALD FORD: Why should I say anything else?
I feel I said what I needed to say. Goodbye everybody
and God bless you as He definitely will.