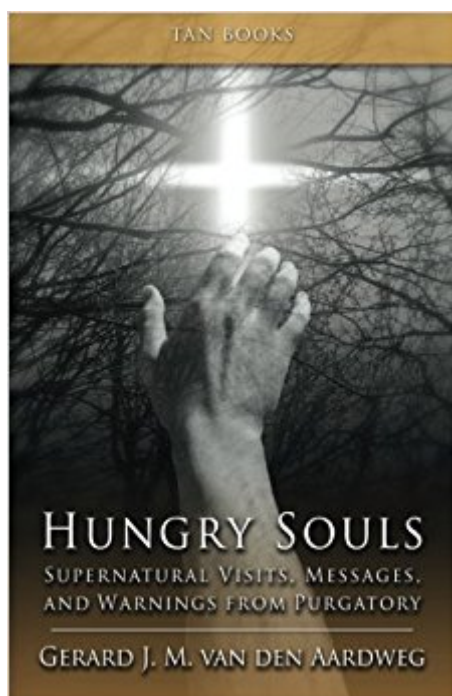


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Hungry Souls: Supernatural Visits, Messages, And Warnings From Purgatory



Synopsis

After a week of hearing ghostly noises, a man is visited in his home by the spirit of his mother, dead for three decades. She reproaches him for his dissolute life and begs him to have Masses said in her name. Then she lays her hand on his sleeve, leaving an indelible burn mark, and departs... A Lutheran minister, no believer in Purgatory, is the puzzled recipient of repeated visitations from "demons" who come to him seeking prayer, consolation, and refuge in his little German church. But pity for the poor spirits overcomes the man's skepticism, and he marvels at what kind of departed souls could belong to Christ and yet suffer still... *Hungry Souls* recounts these stories and many others trustworthy, Church-verified accounts of earthly visitations from the dead in Purgatory. Accompanying these accounts are images from the "Museum of Purgatory" in Rome, which contains relics of encounters with the Holy Souls, including numerous evidences of hand prints burned into clothing and books; burn marks that cannot be explained by natural means or duplicated by artificial ones. Riveting!

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Customer Reviews

Gerard J.M. van den Aardweg, Ph.D., is a Dutch psychotherapist in private practice. In addition to his work in parapsychology - writing and speaking about near-death experiences and paranormal events such as those detailed in *Hungry Souls* Dr van den Aardweg has written extensively on pro-life and pro-family subjects. His previous books include *Education for Life*, *The Saint of the Ordinary*, and *On the Origins and Treatment of Homosexuality*. He lives in the Netherlands with his

wife, with whom he has seven children and seventeen grandchildren.

This book is a MUST read for everyone. I have prayed for the souls of purgatory on and off for a while now. This book has taught me SO much and I will be sure to do much more for them. It is impossible to put down: there are fascinating stories and lessons. Don't wait anymore: get it!

Some readers may find this topic of "spirit visitors" a bit too uncomfortable. While I would prefer not to be visited by a now deceased relative or acquaintance, I DO BELIEVE THESE RECOUNTED EVENTS OCCURRED. As a result of reading HUNGRY SOULS, I am more specifically offering up Masses and praying the Rosary for my family members. This book "documented" that some apparently sainted people may still be in Purgatory. Must admit, I was not so certain about Purgatory, in recent years. I am convinced of its existence. I am also convinced of my need to pray for the deceased.

The charm of this author is that he can combine historic, theological, and philosophical explanations for not only the possibility but the probability of purgatory with interesting and scary stories - the eery voice of the old grandmother, the chill that went up Padre Pio's spine, the face of Voltaire frozen in pain. What images and how fascinating!! I had loved the retelling of the story of the two generals - only the other setting I heard of was World War I instead of the Bonaparte wars of 1812. It's a great story but the most chilling story is about a young woman who went to hell and contacted her friend in a dream letter, a nun, to quite praying for her. I read this story to my ill mother who was a lapsed catholic. My mother had not been to church or confession for 40 years. After hearing that story she went to confession in the hospital. She had a stroke and died a few days later. The horror of hell was exactly what my mother needed to hear. The book is worth its full price just for that story - it sounds almost like the Movie Ghost but with a much more powerful and frightening twist. It's definitely worth the price buy - for its insight - for the case it makes for praying for the souls. The implied statement is that since one saint - St. Theresa of Avila, only met three people in her lifetime that went straight to heaven, most people go to purgatory. So what goes around comes around. Ignore the souls in their need and they will ignore you in yours. But pray for them and their gratitude shows no bounds.

This is an awesome book. Once I started reading it I did not put it down until I finished it. It is an easy read too. I do believe in Purgatory but this cemented that belief. There are photos in the book

of burned hand prints from the poor souls. This book was written by a Lutheran Minister but all his facts come from the Catholic Church. My spouse read the book as quickly as I did and felt the same way. Please pray for the poor souls they are begging for your prayers. They also send you help as well. This is a must read!

If you are concerned about the fate of your soul or the soul of someone you love, this book is a must-read. It contains fascinating evidence for Purgatory and the experience of the human soul after death. It offers eye-witness accounts of visitations from the Holy Souls and outlines both how to minister to the souls in Purgatory. It also includes information throughout the testimonies of both the holy souls and the eyewitnesses that can aid us in avoiding Purgatory ourselves. Most importantly, it can keep us from making the serious mistake of thinking a deceased loved-one no longer needs our prayers.

Seeing the documentary *Purgatory: The Forgotten Church* stimulated my interest and convinced me to buy this book. This powerful book is such an amazing eye-opener. We are not taught enough in Faith Formation, or in Church, about Purgatory. I was apprehensive, yes, because I have a deep respect for the Catechism of the Catholic Church which clearly teaches that conjuring spirits is forbidden by God and I didn't want to inadvertently get interested in something that was wrong. The author, a Catholic psychotherapist, makes it abundantly clear that the souls of the dead can't be conjured up that what appears when conjuring is attempted are demons often masquerading as spirits of dead humans. On the other hand, what we have here are legitimate apparitions, always uninvited, which have occurred from souls in Purgatory with God's permission. These visitations appeared to saintly people, people that the souls knew would help them. The lesson to be learned here is that the souls were allowed to visit in order to 1) ask for the help of the living since it is no longer possible for them to help themselves, and 2) to warn the living to make changes in their own lives before it's too late. Their messages convey what we can do for the souls in Purgatory as well as to prepare for our own life after death. This convincing book is highly recommended!

Excellent book! I read it in one day, then gave it away for others to read. Our American culture considers "praying for the dead" an old-fashioned superstition. I'm Catholic, and know I should pray for the souls of those who have died, yet it is easy to forget about them. After reading this book, I

think of the Holy Souls often during the day, and say prayers for their deliverance. My favorite passage from the book; spoken by a soul in purgatory: "You in the world have no idea of what we have to suffer! Being abandoned and forgotten by those who have been nearest to us in the world: that is the most bitter! Sometimes they stand at the tombs of our decayed bodies and don't pray for us at all. They act as if we don't exist anymore. God's justice commands us to be silent, but we stand at the door of their houses, of our former dwellings, and wait. We stand there and wait. Days. Years. We wait for them to give us a small sign of their love by prayer and sacrifices. But we stay there in vain! We cry in vain for love. For help! Tell them, through the priest: Love should not die at death. We are still alive and we are hungry for love! For your love!"

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