

Otto Schmitt and the Afterlife

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I found the November/December issue dedicated to Otto Schmitt very interesting. Of particular interest to me was the anecdote concerning the visit from his grandmother (“Grossmutter”) in 1920. I never knew this story, but years later, I had a conversation with Otto about life, death, and the distinction between the two. He assured me that there was some “life force” that was present in the living but wasn’t there after death.

Such matters have concerned me, and there isn’t a clergy person I know who knows enough about science to adequately answer my questions. I found it reassuring to know that such a great scientist, philosopher, and thinker as Otto Schmitt could believe so strongly in an afterlife. Now I know why he did. Thanks for the issue.