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Dear Mr. W:

In response to your letter asking my opinion about the note ~~in the~~
 Scofield Bible, ^{Reference} ~~New Scofield Bible~~ ^① on I Samuel 28:7 ~~X~~ in the 1967
 edition, ^② I am glad to say that I agree fully with it.

The note begins ~~the~~ with stating that ~~the~~ Bible gives strict
 instructions against delving into the realm of the ~~s~~ spirits, and gives
 adequate references to back this up support this
 It is ~~not~~ not God's intention that man shall do this, and Saul was
 entirely right in having tried to do away with such practices in ~~his~~
 Israel.

The note goes on to say that some who claim to have contact ~~s~~ with
 spirits are frauds, but certainly there are genuine cases. This is
 not so easy to prove, but there are ^{sufficient} ~~sufficient~~ evidences of it, both
 outside the Bible and in it, to leave me to have no doubt that it is
 true.

The next paragraph is ~~not~~ not stated as absolute fact, but
 simply as "the most likely explanation." I know of no other explanation
~~that~~ that impresses me as anywhere near as probable ~~as~~ as this one. The
 last sentence in the paragraph surely ~~express~~ expresses a strong reason
 against thinking that it was a demon or a fraud. The message was exactly
 what Samuel would give and what any demon ~~would~~ would desire to keep
 hidden.

The last paragraph in the note is also very important. The woman had
 no ~~power~~ power to bring up Samuel from the dead. Spiritists today are
 largely fraudulent, but I believe there is more to the work of some of
 them than mere fraud. It is my intention (?) belief (?)
 that some of them are in contact with lying spirits. Certainl/y the Bible
 gives no evidence ~~that~~ that we can expect to have direct contact with the
 dead ~~until we ourselves~~ before the time when we ourselves go to join them.
 Nevertheless God can do what He chooses, and if He chooses on a certain
 occasion, as on this one, to permit one who has died to come back in order