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Heavenly Birds *by Marion Curry*

When looking for some rice, I found lurking at the back of my cupboard, a packet of green spelt grain with a best before date of 2013!

My initial thought was to put it straight in the bin, but swiftly another thought 'flew' in - perhaps the birds might eat it?

I went straight to the computer and googled 'can birds eat rice and spelt grain?'. I was very pleased to read that, yes, it was ok to feed birds with spelt grain. I then saw 'People also ask' with dropdown arrows and started to have a look at those. Up came the following question and answer:

Do birds go to heaven when they die?

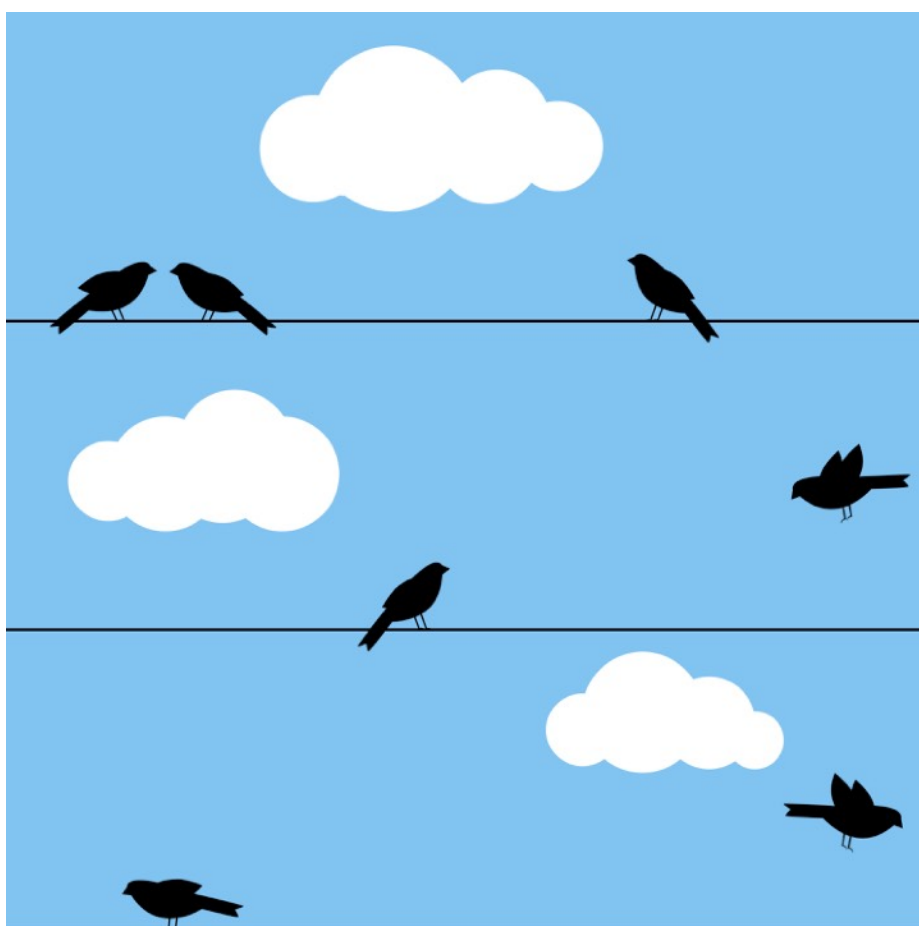
In general no. The bird has to be specifically loved by a human, and what happens then is NOT that they go to heaven, but that a thought-

form is created, unknowingly by the human, and when they also arrive in spirit, that animal form will be waiting to greet them! Everything in the spirit world is a thought-form excepting our souls, although maybe that could be a “God-thought”?

Written by Geoff Cutler - Christian spiritualist and author of spiritual books.
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The content of Geoff's answer was not new to me - hadn't I read about this in one of Swedenborg's books? I wonder where Geoff found this insight! After a little computer research, I found the passage I remembered, which is from *Divine Love and Wisdom* 344. The quotation below is a paraphrase of DLW 344 by Hugo Odhner from his book “Spiritual World”.

“The animals and plants appearing in the spiritual world are therefore not the surviving souls of individual beasts or plants on earth, but the active affections of some spirit or angel, represented in a correspondential form. Such animals or plants are not mere phantoms. It is related that a beautiful bird appeared in the other life to a noted scientist, who fondled it and examined it to show that it was real and substantial and did not differ from a similar bird on earth; although he knew that it was nothing but an affection of some angel represented outside of him as a bird, and that it would vanish or cease with the affection that produced it.”



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