

Marley's Ghost

Marley is one of the four ghosts in a Christmas carol. Dickens chose this time of year as it is synonymous with the day Jesus was born. The narrative begins to unfold on Christmas Eve - the night before Jesus was born - where Jesus was sent by God to save mankind, Marley arrives on Christmas Eve; to save ~~the~~ the ~~ant~~ aristocratic business men of Victorian England.

Marley's ghost was described as "phantom" which is the ghost of the future (grim reaper). A phantom obviously links to death which frightens upper class to change. Additionally, Marley's ghost metaphorically represents purgatory. "Mankind was my business" this quotation portrays humanity and social responsibility. The personal pronoun "my" shows us as the reader that Marley carried a lot of financial greed. However, Marley's ghost quickly has an influence on Scrooge. It is conveyed in the following quotation, "felt the chilling influence of his death-cold eyes". The adjective "cold" metaphorically is how Scrooge is presented in stage 1, and how Marley's basically a mirror image.