

Science and the Paranormal

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Past Life Memories

Apparitions, Ghosts, Poltergeists

The Ouija Board



Ouija Board

- The planchette, with two or more people's hands on it moves to spell out the answer to questions asked the supposed spirit.
- Each participant is sure they are not moving the pointer
- Scientists are sure that the motion of the planchette is due to the ideamoter (unconscious) hand movements of the strongest participant.
 - In my one Ouija session this was certainly true. One of the participants, who was blindfolded, said that she knew the letters before I announced them.

On the Other Hand

Two Contrary Case Histories

Dr. Alan Gauld, Ouija case histories

- In July of 1950, a spirit of a soldier killed in WWI uses the board for 11 different sessions providing 14 stated facts (including his name). 12 were confirmed and none were found false. [Case #47]
- At a series of talking-board sittings in early 1943, the board is suddenly controlled by a very abusive and insulting spirit. After several sessions he turns friendly and reveals his name and London address which were later confirmed. The fact that this spirit, unknown to anyone at the session, "dropped in" uninvited eliminates the chance that the sitters were using any form of ESP. [Case #46]

The 1912 Dublin Ireland Sitzings

- Experimenters blindfolded the participants and placed opaque boards in front of them
 - Neither stopped the rapid movement of the traveler to the desired letter.
 - During one session a deceased soldier relative of one of the sitters asked that his pearl tiepin be given to his fiancée. He gave her name and address that were later found to be correct. Neither the girl or the tiepin were known to his family.
- Some Other References
 - “Evidence of Super-Normal Communications Through Motor Automatism” 1920 and “The Threshold of the Unseen 1939 by Sir William Barrett

Ouija Board

Literary Output

- Sax Rohmer creator of Fu Manchu was told by the Ouija board that “CHINAMAN” would make him famous.
- Sylvia Plath The board predicted her fame would come after her death.
- Stewart Edward White. The “Betty Books” originated on the Ouija board
- Geraldine Cummins, famous spiritualist author, began her communications with the Ouija.
- Jane Roberts’ first contacts with Seth was with the board
- Yeats was inspired by his wife’s Ouija board experiences

Patience Worth

The Most Amazing Ouija Story

1913 to 1937



Patience Worth

- "Many moons ago I lived. Again I come. Patience Worth my name. Wait, I would speak with thee. If thou shalt live, then so shall I. I make my bread at thy hearth. Good friends, let us be merrie. The time for work is past. Let the tabby drowse and blink her wisdom to the firelog."
- These are the first words from Patience to a high school graduate St Louis house wife, Mrs. Pearl Curran, on her Ouija board

Patience Worth

- Those words were followed by an estimated 4 million words (seven novels plus numerous poems and plays) over the next 25 years.
- Several of the novels won literary awards and many of her poems were published in literary magazines
- She would instantly create poems on subjects provided by spectators and could produce several at a session jumping from one verse to another without missing a beat.
- Note, After several years Mrs. Curran was able to hear Patience and dictate her stories. Many mediums have discovered their talents through the use of the Ouija board

Patience Worth

- Who was doing the writing, a spirit named Patience Worth or the living Mrs. Curran?
- This has been an ongoing argument since the beginning.
- Stephen Braude, a University of Maryland philosophy professor spends 45 pages in his “Immortal Remains” discussing the issue and decides at the end it was Mrs. Curran but only because that meant he had only to believe in one miracle instead of two

Ouija

A Word Of Warning

- All writers about Ouija include a a warning that board users should be aware that it could cause personal problems.
 - Psychological problems of dependence/obsession
 - Actual possession by evil spirits
- They provide many case histories of both of the above
 - “Psychic Summer” by A. Cooper & C. Leon describes a summer of Ouija sessions that ended with an apparently possessed participant physically attacking other participants.
- Stoker Hunt’s final words
 - “If you choose to work with the Ouija board after having read all this, I wish you good luck”

Instrumental Transcommunication

Electronic Voice/Images

Electronic Voice Phenomena or EVP are voices heard upon playback of a tape recorder that had been recording the white noise of a radio tuned between stations. Voices sometimes provide their names and respond to questions asked by the experimenter

First heard accidentally by Friedrich Jurgenson in the 1960s and developed extensively in the '70s by Dr.. Konstantin Raudive after reading Jurgenson's accounts.

There is now an American Association Electronic Voice Phenomena AA-EVP of 500 or so members
Web -Site www.aaevp.com

References:

Tom & Lisa Butler: "There is No Death & There Are No Dead" Provides history, evidence and how to

John Fuller: "The Ghost of 29 Megacycles" A history of George Meeks work in EVP

David Fontana: "Is There An Afterlife" History and personal experiences P 352-381

Working with Dr. Anabela Cardoso, Portugal,s senior woman diplomat, he asked that the voice repeat 2 phrases. They did so both times he asked and very plainly.

<http://theshadowlands.net/ghostwav.htm>

“Induced After Death Communication (IADC)

- Procedure developed by Dr. Allen Botkin from Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) used to cure Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Patient is asked to move eyes side to side while thinking about their problems. After several sessions patients report psychological breakthroughs that would have ordinarily taken months.
- The first ADC happened spontaneously in an EMDR session
- It was so helpful to the patient Botkin learned to induce it in other patients
- The fact that occasionally the therapist would share the images seen by the patient proves that they are not self generated hallucinations
- IADCs have all been loving, often family experiences. There have been no bad ones

Psychomanteum

- The psychomanteum was invented by Dr. Moody to induce spirit communication
- It is simply a full length mirror tilted backward so that the person sitting in front of it cannot see himself
- The room is darkened and people have reported having seen a deceased relative in the mirror, and some felt that they came out of the mirror