

# Science and the Paranormal

## Sought Afterlife Contacts



## Physical Mediums & Summary Remarks

Lecture 8

# Physical Mediums

- The Phenomena, All of the below have been reported
  - Raps (That have different acoustic patterns than normal physically made raps)
  - Levitation of objects, the medium, other people
  - Apports (objects transported into the séance from outside the séance room) sometimes randomly, sometimes by specific request.
  - Playing of musical instruments (no visible hands)
  - Movement of light objects (usually trumpets) about the room rapidly and the gentle touching of the sitters by them (in the total dark)
  - Lights moving rapidly about the room and being held in the sitters hands.
  - Materialization of hands of various sizes that felt real and would simply dissolve if not let go. Hands have been dipped in wax and moulds made of them.
  - Materialization of full people recognized by the sitters, touched and kissed by them and long conversations exchanged. (A red light or spirit self illumination made this possible) Sessions with 10 to 20 different people, from small to large, have been reported often. Figures often disappeared by melting down through the floor

Silver Belle Materialization Séance  
Epharata, Pennsylvania  
1953

Ethel Post-Parrish, Medium  
Jack Edwards, Infra-Red Photographer

- These pictures were taken in 50 second intervals, using infra-red film. 81 people witnessed this séance, and some even walked arm in arm with Silver Belle , the materialized Spirit













“Aunt Agg” materializing in the Minnie Harrison physical Circle during the 1940’s



The full-form materialization of the spirit known as Katie King through the medium Florence Cooke, Professor Sir William Crookes presiding.





Queen Astrid materializing at a séance  
of the Danish Physical Medium Einer  
Nielson



The materialized spirit known as Bien Boa, through the medium Madame Noel, Professor Charles Richet presiding.

Charles Richet said in *Thirty Years of Psychical Research* (W. Collins & Sons, 1923) ::

He walked and moved, his eyes could be seen looking round, and when he tried to speak his lips moved.

I took a flask of baryta water to see if his breath would show carbon dioxide. The experiment succeeded.

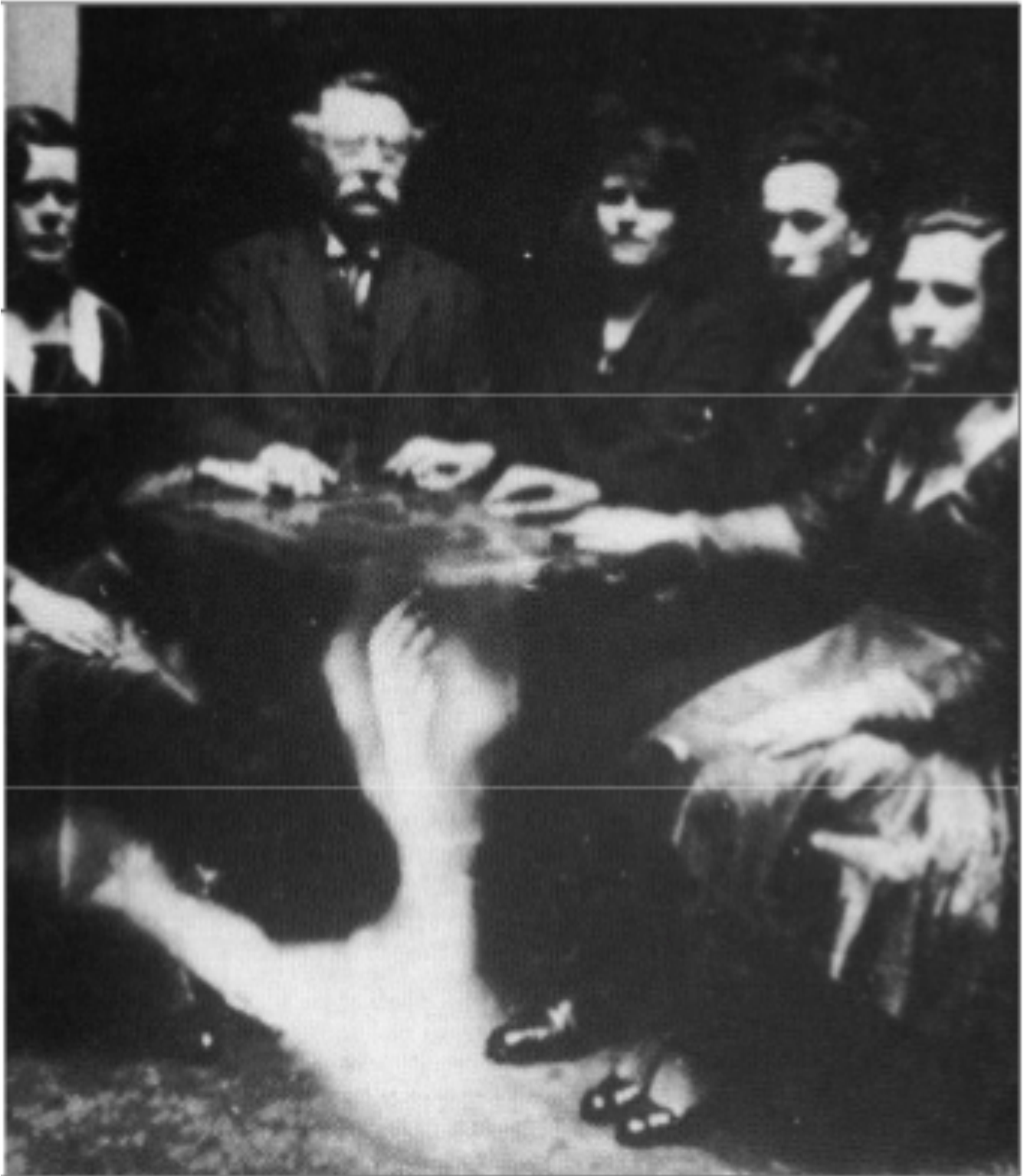
When we saw the baryta show white (which incidentally shows that the light was good), we cried 'Bravo'. Bien Boa then vanished, but reappeared three times, opening and closing the curtain and bowing like an actor who receives applause.

These phenomena are very remarkable, because they furnish decisive proof of the objectivity of the materialized figure.

And no legerdemain can produce a living hand that melts in the hand that holds it.

I have seen the form of Bien Boa disappear into the floor under my eyes."

# Spirit Hand Materialization



Taken by William Hope about 1920



The medium Mrs. Mary Marshall producing Ectoplasm in which there are images and faces  
The largest is Arthur Conan Doyle







Psychical Medium Mina Crandon  
Producing Ectoplasm from her ear

## Ectoplasm as rods to move objects

Ectoplasmic rods moving trumpets.

Note that medium is tied hand and foot to the chair, that the sitters are holding hands and appear to not be noticing the trumpets probably because it's a dark séance.



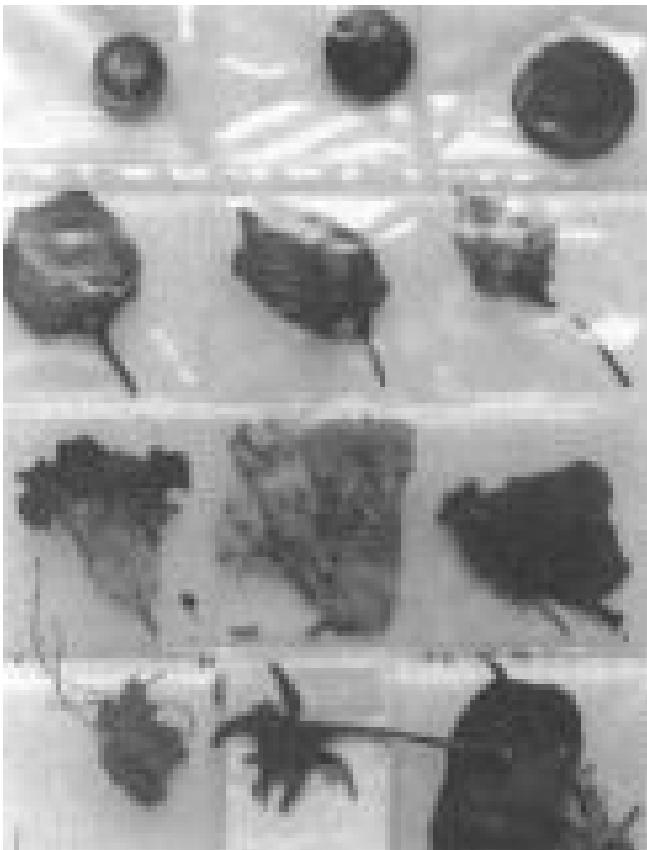


The materialized face of the actress  
Monna Delza through the medium Eva C  
Photographed by famed researcher  
Schrenk Notzing



# Apports

(items transported into the closed room of the séance)



# D. D. Home 1833-1886

- Thousands of sittings in good light
- Observed by hundreds of the British upper class and the crowned heads of Europe and Russia
- Never detected in fraud over 20 years
- Tested and verified by scientist Sir William Crookes (Crookes' scientist friends refused to witness)





# Eusapia Palladino 1854-1918

- Worked in dark séance.
- Was tested by the SPR and Italian investigators over many years
- Many investigators attested to the paranormality of her phenomena

“I have seen hands and heads come forth from behind the curtain of an empty cabinet. I have been seized by living fingers...I have seen this extraordinary woman sitting outside the curtain, held hand and foot by colleagues, immobile”  
Fielding\*

- Levitated tables, & moved chairs beyond her reach
- Caught in fraud several times
- E. Fielding, w. w. Baggally, H. Carrington, “Report on a Series of Sittings With Eusapia Palladino” PSPR 23 (1909) P.313

# Eusapia Palladino

## 1854-1918



Levitating  
Mandolin (the  
striped object)

## Eusapia Palladino levitating a table



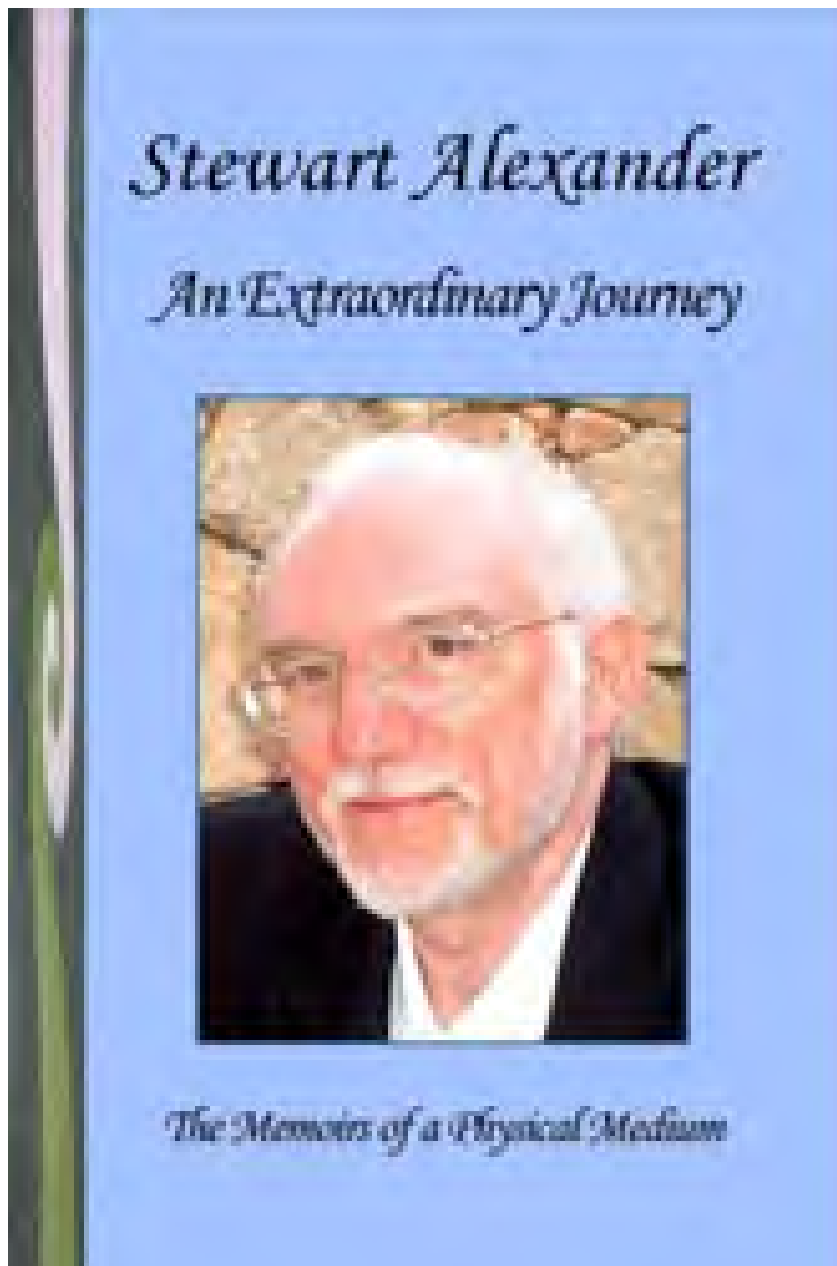
# Jack Webber 1907-1940



Jack Webber, 1907-1940  
Portrait photo, 1930s-1940s, photo by [illegible]

# Stewart Alexander

## Physical Medium



Still living but  
retired from  
mediumship

40 years of  
mediumship

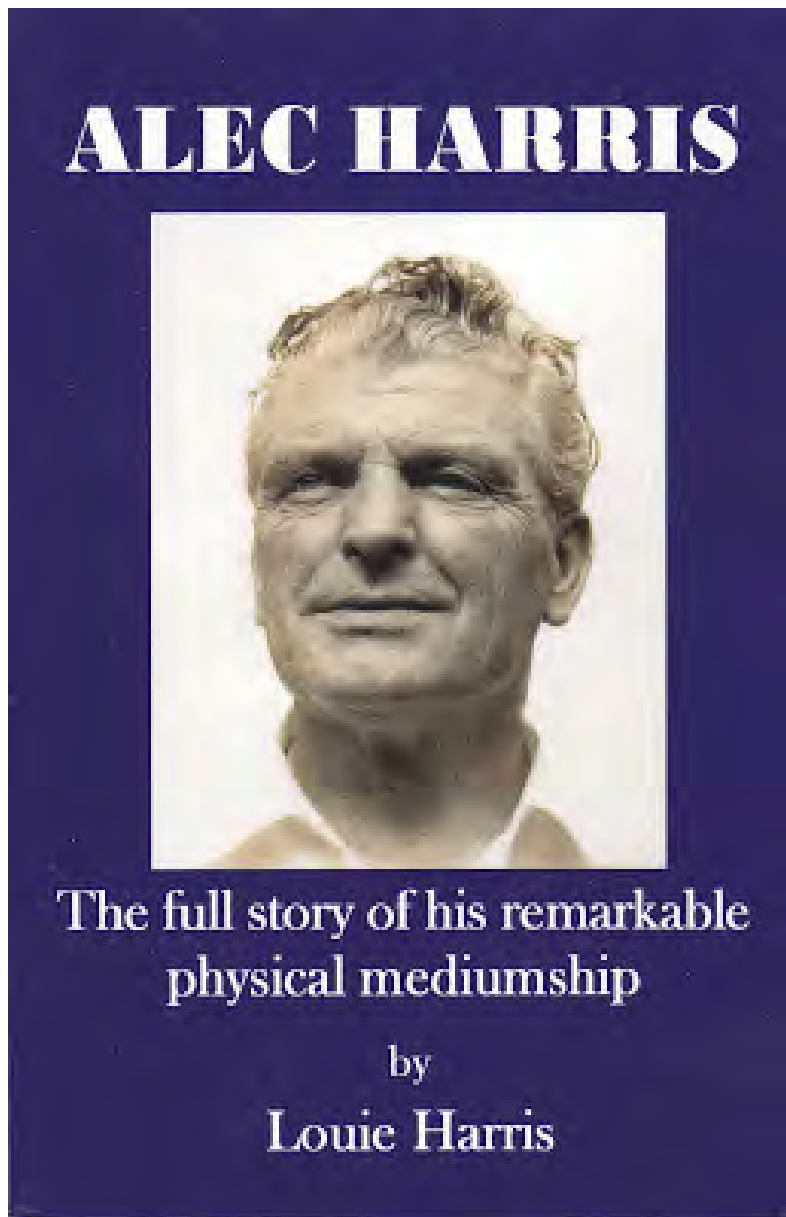
Discussions  
Of past well-  
known mediums

Produces an  
extoplasmic  
hand that shakes  
participant's  
hand



# Alec Harris 1897-1974

## Physical Medium



40 years of physical Mediumship with no claims of fraud

Full materializations

Communications in many languages. He only spoke English

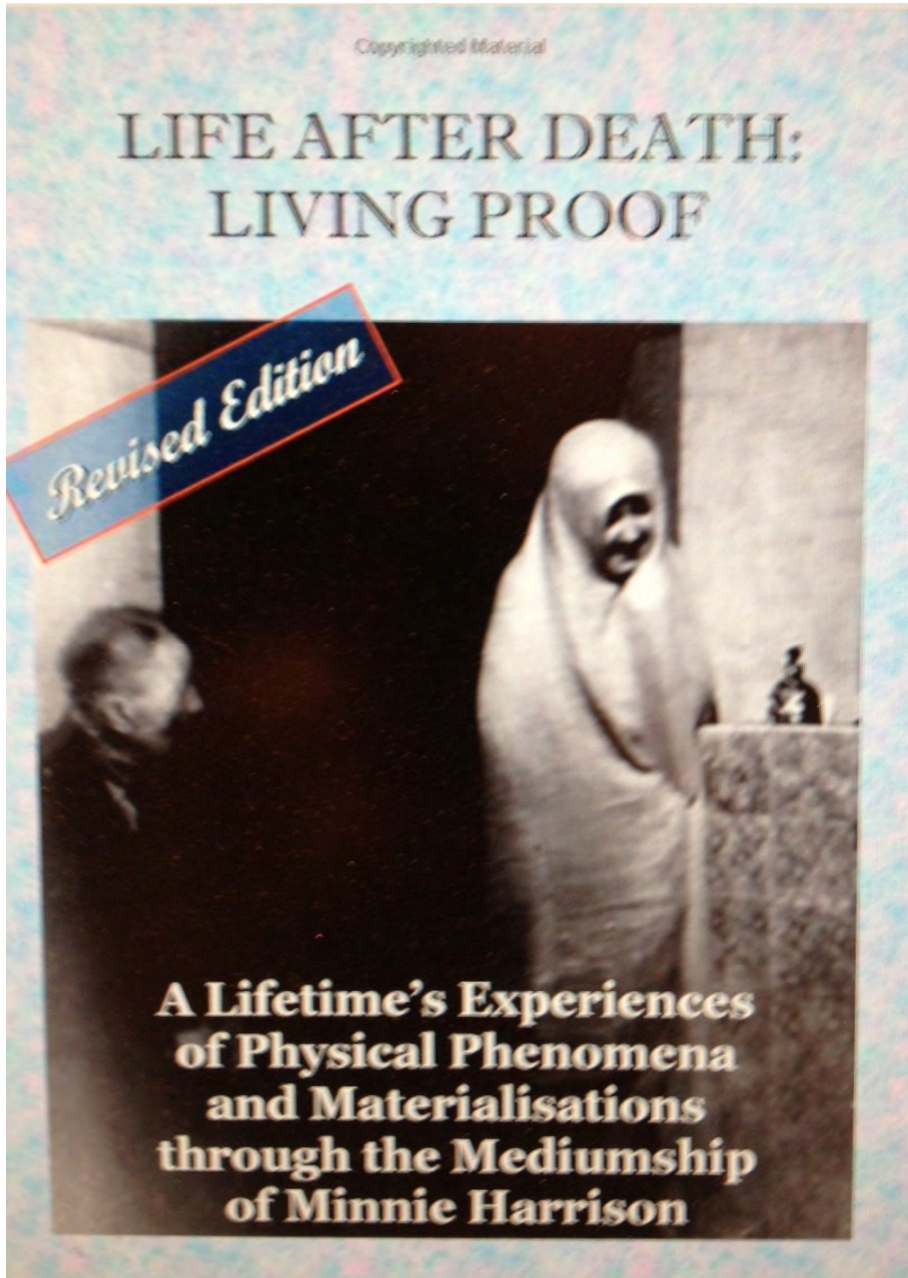
Developed healing capabilities



# Minnie Harrison

1895-1958

## Physical Medium



14 years as a medium

Never charged

Developed in a Home circle

Started as a  
trance  
clairvoyance  
medium

Finally developed  
Into a physical  
medium

# The Scole Experiment

## A Modern Physical Séance Investigation

- A 4 person (2 mediums) group sat in dark séances twice weekly in Scole England (and several other locations in Europe and the US) from 1993 to 1998
- The séances produced most of the physical phenomena listed. The light shows were stated to be very impressive' the lights were sometimes held in their hands as little round balls.
- The “hardest “ data were the images and messages produced on unexposed film that was located in a tightly secured box during the sessions
- 3 scientists from the Society for Psychical Research (SPR) sat in 30 sessions

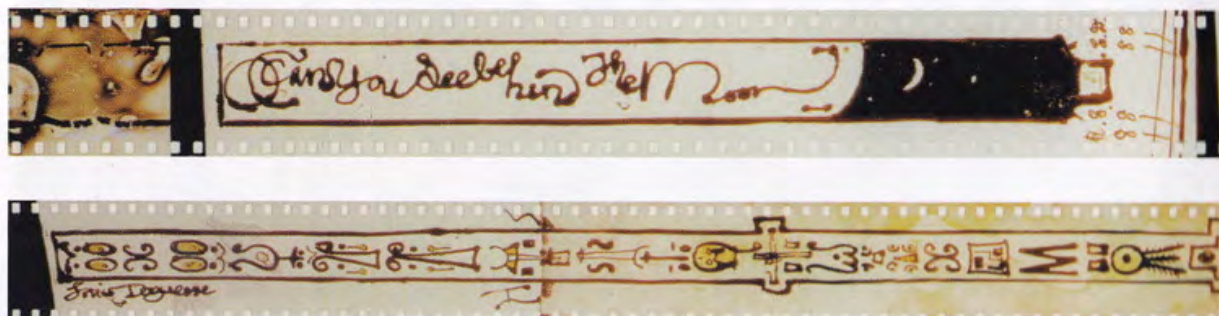
# Scole Photographs



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



Plate 6 (above): An image of the River Seine taken from Notre Dame Cathedral which was captured on film



Plates 26 and 27 (above): Daguerre and Can You See Behind the Moon – this photographic image was over one metre in length! It is not known what this phrase means. Louis Daguerre, an early pioneer of photography, is famous for Daguerreotypes. This image bears his name, but it is not his signature. Why is it on the film? What do the glyphs mean?

# The Scole Experiment

## Results

- SPR published a voluminous and detailed report, submitting it to critics and including the critic's comments
- They stated that, **“the evidence favored the hypothesis of intelligent forces... able to influence material objects and to convey associated meaningful messages, both visual and aural.”**
- The SPR bent over backward to show their objectivity noting that there were insufficient controls to fully support the paranormality of all of the observed effects.
- Much publicity on publication of report
- SPR sponsored a public debate in 1999
- The critics concentrated on stating it all a fraud.

**And then silence**

# What You Have Heard

Science (Parapsychology) has tiptoed into the paranormal by testing and proving the existence of Micro-PSI:  
ESP, PK, Precognition

Science is totally ignoring Macro-PSI:  
Remote Viewing, Dowsing, Table Levitation, Spoon Bending

And UFOs

And Afterlife Contacts

Spontaneous :

NDEs, Death Bed Visions, Children's Past Life Memories

Apparitions, Ghosts, Poltergeists

Sought:

Ouija Board, Electronic Voice, Induced After Death Experience, Psychomanteum

Mental Mediums

Physical Mediums

# Said Another Way

- The world is a lot weirder than our academics are willing to admit.
- The Physicists and the Psychologists ignore macro-levitation
- The Psychologists ignore remote viewing, dowsing, spoon bending
- The Theologians and the Scientists ignore/repudiate afterlife contacts
- Everyone ignores UFOs



# What Might It Mean?

- I cannot speculate on the potential of understanding macro-PSI other than it should provide greater understanding of the mind/body problem and possibly some useful applications someday
- I cannot conceive of anyway to include UFOs in a rational understanding of our universe
- A general acceptance of Afterlife Contacts would mean the death of materialism and major changes in the religions of the books

## What Others Are Saying About Acceptance of Afterlife Communications

- Charles T. Tart, Ph.D.
  - “The End Of Materialism: How Evidence of the Paranormal Is Bringing Science and Spirit Together”
  - “Charles Tart succinctly provides a blueprint for metamorphosis to an evidence-based spiritual awakening for Western cultures” John B. Alexander Ph.D.
- Lawrence LeShan, Ph.D.
  - “A New Science of the Paranormal: The Promise of Psychical Research
  - “A stirring manifesto...with compelling evidence that consciousness transcends time and space and why science must confront and ultimately adapt these discoveries” Larry Dossey, M. D.

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- ESP, hauntings, death-bed apparitions... science refuses to acknowledge the existence of such phenomena because controlled experiments can't prove them. But, says Lawrence LeShan, the paranormal is as real as the power of electricity, another force that we once did not understand. Citing documented cases, he offers the only current view for making a serious study of important subjects like clairvoyance, mediumship, and psychic healing. **And the issue is not just academic, he says. If we are to stop killing each other and the planet, we desperately need to replace our materialistic worldview.** Psi research promises a new concept of reality that holds great promise for the future.
  - Editor of “A New Science of the Paranormal”

# Three Critical Resources

- The best UFO presentation ever.
  - UFOASPI2011.ppt
  - send me your E-mail and I will send it as an attachment.
  - If you are at all interested in UFOs this is a must
- The other two concern the afterlife and follow.

## The Association for Evaluation and Communication of Evidence for Survival (AECES.info)

- The Survival Top 40, Forty of the most convincing cases demonstrating the survival of the human personality after death
- Afterlife Guide, An encyclopedic compilation of the life hereafter, as given by discarnates and as recalled by the entranced
- The Legacy Files, The biographies of the people who have played a critical role in the discovery of the evidence for the continuation of life
- Supporting Evidence, Articles examining and exploring the many forms and aspects of spirit communication

# Victor Zammit

<http://www.victorzammit.com/week4sunny/>

- Victor is an Australian who publishes a weekly Afterlife Report (sign up, its great & free)
- And buy the book, “A Lawyer Presents the Evidence for the Afterlife”

# THANK YOU

- I really appreciate your attendance, your attention, and especially your questions, your comments, and your sharing of your own experiences, both publicly and privately.
- And I think we all owe Linda Bender a real vote of thanks for her very informative talk on and demonstration of her own mediumship



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