

# LIVING-AGENT-PSI IS DEAD

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SCIENTIFIC  
EXPLORATION**

1  
00:00:04,400 --> 00:00:02,570  
good morning everyone like Steve said

2  
00:00:05,960 --> 00:00:04,410  
today I'm going to be talking about the

3  
00:00:08,120 --> 00:00:05,970  
limitations of the language used to

4  
00:00:10,730 --> 00:00:08,130  
describe meanness mediumistic phenomena

5  
00:00:12,200 --> 00:00:10,740  
and so to demonstrate the importance and

6  
00:00:14,299 --> 00:00:12,210  
the power of language I'm going to use

7  
00:00:19,609 --> 00:00:14,309  
an example from one of my favorite art

8  
00:00:21,080 --> 00:00:19,619  
forms newspaper comic strips so in this

9  
00:00:22,849 --> 00:00:21,090  
comic strip this child is saying words

10  
00:00:25,099 --> 00:00:22,859  
are weird with arbitrary grunts and

11  
00:00:28,009 --> 00:00:25,109  
moans I can implant an idea directly in

12  
00:00:30,620 --> 00:00:28,019  
someone's brain and to a passerby he

13  
00:00:32,450 --> 00:00:30,630

says giraffes pimp and the passerby

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00:00:35,180 --> 00:00:32,460

thinks of a giraffe dressed like a pimp

15

00:00:39,590 --> 00:00:35,190

and the child says I refuse to use this

16

00:00:42,110 --> 00:00:39,600

power wisely so I'll get to my actual

17

00:00:43,850 --> 00:00:42,120

topic now even though hundreds if not

18

00:00:46,369 --> 00:00:43,860

thousands of our millions of people are

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00:00:48,860 --> 00:00:46,379

receiving readings from psychic mediums

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00:00:50,420 --> 00:00:48,870

every day and even though dozens of

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00:00:52,340 --> 00:00:50,430

mediums have written books and several

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00:00:54,470 --> 00:00:52,350

even have their own TV shows as a

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00:00:58,880 --> 00:00:54,480

research community we really don't know

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00:01:01,040 --> 00:00:58,890

a whole lot about modern American mental

25

00:01:03,439 --> 00:01:01,050

mediums so there we're already running

26  
00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:03,449  
into language issues what's a medium and

27  
00:01:09,800 --> 00:01:06,000  
what's a mental medium hold your horses

28  
00:01:11,450 --> 00:01:09,810  
and I will tell you so we define a

29  
00:01:15,050 --> 00:01:11,460  
medium at the wind bridge Research

30  
00:01:16,880 --> 00:01:15,060  
Center as an individual who experiences

31  
00:01:19,310 --> 00:01:16,890  
regular communication with the deceased

32  
00:01:21,859 --> 00:01:19,320  
and this is in contrast to a psychic

33  
00:01:23,780 --> 00:01:21,869  
which is an individual who experiences

34  
00:01:25,969 --> 00:01:23,790  
information about or from living people

35  
00:01:27,710 --> 00:01:25,979  
distant locations or events and her

36  
00:01:30,580 --> 00:01:27,720  
times in the future in the past that

37  
00:01:32,870 --> 00:01:30,590  
they did not originally experience and

38  
00:01:35,060 --> 00:01:32,880

it's often said that all mediums are

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00:01:39,170 --> 00:01:35,070

psychic but not all psychics are mediums

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00:01:41,390 --> 00:01:39,180

and though anyone can have media mystic

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00:01:44,420 --> 00:01:41,400

or psychic experiences only people who

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00:01:50,420 --> 00:01:44,430

have these experiences regularly and

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00:01:54,969 --> 00:01:50,430

reliably are accurately termed mediums

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00:01:58,420 --> 00:01:54,979

and psychics so there's two kinds of

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00:02:01,069 --> 00:01:58,430

mediums physical and mental and the

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00:02:04,330 --> 00:02:01,079

states of consciousness that exists in

47

00:02:07,219 --> 00:02:04,340

each are arrayed along a continuum of

48

00:02:10,359 --> 00:02:07,229

waking state to trance states of various

49

00:02:12,640 --> 00:02:10,369

depth and levels of dissociation

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00:02:14,830 --> 00:02:12,650

so in the lip in the literature

51  
00:02:19,959 --> 00:02:14,840  
previously the term trance medium was

52  
00:02:22,240 --> 00:02:19,969  
used but because of this continuum of of

53  
00:02:24,399 --> 00:02:22,250  
different trance states it's not really

54  
00:02:26,619 --> 00:02:24,409  
an accurate term since any given medium

55  
00:02:31,089 --> 00:02:26,629  
can be in full trance one day and and

56  
00:02:33,160 --> 00:02:31,099  
basically awaking state the next day so

57  
00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:33,170  
going to the two types physical mental

58  
00:02:39,160 --> 00:02:37,250  
so in physical mediumship consists of

59  
00:02:41,890 --> 00:02:39,170  
phenomena including independent voices

60  
00:02:44,080 --> 00:02:41,900  
paranormal lights a ports which are

61  
00:02:45,970 --> 00:02:44,090  
objects that mysteriously appear the

62  
00:02:49,710 --> 00:02:45,980  
levitation or movement of objects

63  
00:02:52,569 --> 00:02:49,720

ectoplasm and raps on walls or tables

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00:02:55,240 --> 00:02:52,579

the purpose of mental mediumship is to

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00:02:57,009 --> 00:02:55,250

convey messages from deceased animals or

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00:02:59,649 --> 00:02:57,019

people called discarnates

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00:03:02,789 --> 00:02:59,659

to living people called sitters during a

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00:03:05,050 --> 00:03:02,799

specific event called a reading so

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00:03:09,009 --> 00:03:05,060

previously in the literature terms have

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00:03:11,020 --> 00:03:09,019

been used clairvoyant mediumship is a

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00:03:13,319 --> 00:03:11,030

term that's been used but this also is a

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00:03:16,509 --> 00:03:13,329

term that isn't necessarily accurate

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00:03:19,330 --> 00:03:16,519

clairvoyant means clear seeing but the

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00:03:21,729 --> 00:03:19,340

process of mediumship is actually

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00:03:26,110 --> 00:03:21,739

multimodal it consists of all of the

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00:03:28,149 --> 00:03:26,120

senses so this is an example quo of a

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00:03:31,059 --> 00:03:28,159

medium describing those experiences so

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00:03:33,069 --> 00:03:31,069

she said I get a sense in my body of how

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00:03:35,319 --> 00:03:33,079

they passed I will hear names and dates

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00:03:38,050 --> 00:03:35,329

see numbers and letters and places

81

00:03:39,640 --> 00:03:38,060

sometimes I get smells or odors and I'm

82

00:03:41,199 --> 00:03:39,650

able to taste foods with special

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00:03:47,530 --> 00:03:41,209

connection to the discarnate or the

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00:03:50,770 --> 00:03:47,540

sitter so there's where the bullet is it

85

00:03:52,330 --> 00:03:50,780

fell to the next slide so clairvoyant it

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00:03:55,179 --> 00:03:52,340

would just be clear seeing which is

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00:03:57,729 --> 00:03:55,189

limited to just seeing but clearly from

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00:04:00,129 --> 00:03:57,739

this quote you can see that they do

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00:04:04,149 --> 00:04:00,139  
clear their clairaudient and clear

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00:04:05,349 --> 00:04:04,159  
Gustin and clear sentient so again it's

91

00:04:07,330 --> 00:04:05,359  
a term that's been used in the

92

00:04:09,309 --> 00:04:07,340  
literature that's probably not accurate

93

00:04:10,780 --> 00:04:09,319  
it doesn't accurately reflect how

94

00:04:14,080 --> 00:04:10,790  
mediumship actually works in the real

95

00:04:17,180 --> 00:04:14,090  
world modern American mental mediums

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00:04:20,690 --> 00:04:17,190  
perform readings in person often

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00:04:24,010 --> 00:04:20,700  
not often but sometimes in groups over

98

00:04:26,240 --> 00:04:24,020  
the phone and over the internet and

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00:04:29,900 --> 00:04:26,250  
during these readings they provide both

100

00:04:32,210 --> 00:04:29,910  
mediumistic messages from the deceased

101  
00:04:36,770 --> 00:04:32,220  
and psychic information about the living

102  
00:04:38,330 --> 00:04:36,780  
reading recipient my previous research

103  
00:04:41,690 --> 00:04:38,340  
demonstrated we won't go through all

104  
00:04:44,900 --> 00:04:41,700  
this but in this case 20 mediums during

105  
00:04:48,050 --> 00:04:44,910  
58 quintuple blinded readings the

106  
00:04:49,280 --> 00:04:48,060  
mediums are able to accurately were able

107  
00:04:52,690 --> 00:04:49,290  
to report accurate and specific

108  
00:04:54,890 --> 00:04:52,700  
information about the deceased under

109  
00:04:57,350 --> 00:04:54,900  
blinded conditions with no prior

110  
00:05:00,110 --> 00:04:57,360  
knowledge no feedback during or after

111  
00:05:02,950 --> 00:05:00,120  
the reading and without using fraud or

112  
00:05:07,130 --> 00:05:02,960  
deception and so these are significant

113  
00:05:11,480 --> 00:05:07,140

p-values and no pun intended medium

114

00:05:13,070 --> 00:05:11,490

effect sizes so but where are the

115

00:05:14,660 --> 00:05:13,080

mediums getting their information so

116

00:05:17,060 --> 00:05:14,670

there's two competing side based

117

00:05:18,740 --> 00:05:17,070

theories of where a medium is getting

118

00:05:21,409 --> 00:05:18,750

that this accurate information she's

119

00:05:23,990 --> 00:05:21,419

reporting the first is called survival

120

00:05:26,120 --> 00:05:24,000

sigh and it suggests that she's

121

00:05:29,540 --> 00:05:26,130

communicating telepathically with the

122

00:05:32,480 --> 00:05:29,550

deceased and the other is called somatic

123

00:05:34,610 --> 00:05:32,490

sigh and it states that mediums are

124

00:05:36,260 --> 00:05:34,620

using clairvoyance precognition and/or

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00:05:38,720 --> 00:05:36,270

telepathy with the living to acquire

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00:05:41,300 --> 00:05:38,730

information about the deceased so no

127

00:05:44,630 --> 00:05:41,310

actual dead people just information

128

00:05:46,940 --> 00:05:44,640

about them somatic sigh has also been

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00:05:50,630 --> 00:05:46,950

referred to as living agent sigh but

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00:05:55,580 --> 00:05:50,640

this terminology is problematic we don't

131

00:06:00,470 --> 00:05:55,590

like it the word living is imprecise and

132

00:06:03,470 --> 00:06:00,480

cryptic because of the both the medium

133

00:06:07,640 --> 00:06:03,480

and the alleged people she's reading

134

00:06:10,159 --> 00:06:07,650

during this theory are both living so

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00:06:12,130 --> 00:06:10,169

what is the living referring to because

136

00:06:15,080 --> 00:06:12,140

in any case the medium is living and

137

00:06:17,930 --> 00:06:15,090

then but wise we just learned from that

138

00:06:19,970 --> 00:06:17,940

quote mediumship is perception and the

139

00:06:21,409 --> 00:06:19,980

word agent implies agency that the

140

00:06:24,950 --> 00:06:21,419

medium has some sort of power over

141

00:06:26,870 --> 00:06:24,960

what's happening but that's like I smell

142

00:06:29,129 --> 00:06:26,880

a banana like that means the banana has

143

00:06:32,369 --> 00:06:29,139

power you know like it's

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00:06:34,369 --> 00:06:32,379

that it's it's misleading the agency

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00:06:36,869 --> 00:06:34,379

that the medium has agency because she's

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00:06:40,040 --> 00:06:36,879

experiencing it as perception and you

147

00:06:44,779 --> 00:06:40,050

end up though what is being perceived is

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00:06:51,719 --> 00:06:44,789

its she doesn't have agency you get it

149

00:06:54,600 --> 00:06:51,729

so we like the term somatic sigh which

150

00:06:56,100 --> 00:06:54,610

we coined in 2009 however whatever you

151  
00:06:59,219 --> 00:06:56,110  
want to call it there's no empirical

152  
00:07:02,399 --> 00:06:59,229  
evidence that any medium ever was doing

153  
00:07:04,499 --> 00:07:02,409  
that survival sigh on the other hand has

154  
00:07:06,390 --> 00:07:04,509  
the evidence of self reports of mediums

155  
00:07:08,070 --> 00:07:06,400  
they know what psychic readings feel

156  
00:07:09,659 --> 00:07:08,080  
like they know what communication with

157  
00:07:13,409 --> 00:07:09,669  
the deceased feels like and they feel

158  
00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:13,419  
different so these are self reports and

159  
00:07:18,990 --> 00:07:16,960  
self report is important it's sort of

160  
00:07:22,050 --> 00:07:19,000  
the only way we can collect some data

161  
00:07:25,589 --> 00:07:22,060  
about internal experience William James

162  
00:07:27,390 --> 00:07:25,599  
said introspect introspective

163  
00:07:30,989 --> 00:07:27,400

observation is what we have to rely on

164

00:07:33,800 --> 00:07:30,999

first and foremost and always so there

165

00:07:36,990 --> 00:07:33,810

are things we can only study within

166

00:07:39,779 --> 00:07:37,000

report self reports pain quality of life

167

00:07:44,339 --> 00:07:39,789

sensory perceptions the aforementioned

168

00:07:45,899 --> 00:07:44,349

banana bodily sensations so in the

169

00:07:49,079 --> 00:07:45,909

mediums experience they switch between

170

00:07:51,059 --> 00:07:49,089

reporting psychic information about the

171

00:07:53,100 --> 00:07:51,069

living and messages from the deceased

172

00:07:55,170 --> 00:07:53,110

and not like moment to moment but

173

00:07:56,999 --> 00:07:55,180

they'll do a part of a reading for the

174

00:08:00,089 --> 00:07:57,009

decease and part of a reading for the

175

00:08:01,649 --> 00:08:00,099

living previous qualitative research has

176

00:08:03,839 --> 00:08:01,659

demonstrated that their experiences

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00:08:07,200 --> 00:08:03,849

during those two are distinct and

178

00:08:09,540 --> 00:08:07,210

distinguishable so these are some quotes

179

00:08:12,629 --> 00:08:09,550

from mediums discussing those

180

00:08:14,459 --> 00:08:12,639

differences so they talked about sensory

181

00:08:16,619 --> 00:08:14,469

perceptions there's a heaviness around

182

00:08:19,079 --> 00:08:16,629

the sensation of living people like err

183

00:08:20,550 --> 00:08:19,089

compared to helium the auditory aspect

184

00:08:22,439 --> 00:08:20,560

is much sharper when I'm perceiving

185

00:08:24,600 --> 00:08:22,449

someone who is deceased their energy is

186

00:08:26,309 --> 00:08:24,610

more like helium with psychic

187

00:08:28,439 --> 00:08:26,319

information I have to squint from the

188

00:08:30,779 --> 00:08:28,449

inside out like to focus on something in

189

00:08:34,310 --> 00:08:30,789

the distance when I do mediumship it's

190

00:08:36,569 --> 00:08:34,320

not squinting at all it's just receiving

191

00:08:38,399 --> 00:08:36,579

they also talked about physical

192

00:08:40,469 --> 00:08:38,409

sensations so once it physically

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00:08:41,460 --> 00:08:40,479

mediumship charges me up it's like

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00:08:43,590 --> 00:08:41,470

having eight cups

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00:08:45,300 --> 00:08:43,600

cappuccino it's like a buzzing I've

196

00:08:46,710 --> 00:08:45,310

learned I can't do readings too late at

197

00:08:48,090 --> 00:08:46,720

night because I'll just be up all night

198

00:08:50,690 --> 00:08:48,100

it's like a supercharged

199

00:08:53,280 --> 00:08:50,700

psychic information doesn't do that

200

00:08:55,620 --> 00:08:53,290

another medium said the physical feeling

201

00:08:57,330 --> 00:08:55,630

I get is a tingling or a pressure in my

202

00:09:00,060 --> 00:08:57,340

head when the medium stuff starts to

203

00:09:02,550 --> 00:09:00,070

happen or when they're meeting the

204

00:09:04,320 --> 00:09:02,560

deceased are entering the room I don't

205

00:09:08,130 --> 00:09:04,330

get that at all during a psychic reading

206

00:09:09,720 --> 00:09:08,140

and these quotes are from wind bridge

207

00:09:11,820 --> 00:09:09,730

certified research mediums we have a

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00:09:13,950 --> 00:09:11,830

team that we work with of about 20

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00:09:16,530 --> 00:09:13,960

mediums we had twenty when we started

210

00:09:20,700 --> 00:09:16,540

but to have since retired from research

211

00:09:24,360 --> 00:09:20,710

so these mediums have successfully

212

00:09:28,530 --> 00:09:24,370

completed a step peer-reviewed screening

213

00:09:30,510 --> 00:09:28,540

testing training procedure and are based

214

00:09:32,300 --> 00:09:30,520

on the premise that oh if we study a

215

00:09:34,740 --> 00:09:32,310

small number they're probably

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00:09:37,890 --> 00:09:34,750

representative of the larger group of

217

00:09:40,610 --> 00:09:37,900

American mediums and but our recent

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00:09:43,470 --> 00:09:40,620

research we've brought in to look at a

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00:09:45,240 --> 00:09:43,480

much greater number of mediums so the

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00:09:49,980 --> 00:09:45,250

research I'll be talking about today is

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00:09:52,260 --> 00:09:49,990

from that larger group so a few months

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00:09:54,150 --> 00:09:52,270

ago we published this paper quantitative

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00:09:57,120 --> 00:09:54,160

and qualitative analyses of mediumistic

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00:09:59,460 --> 00:09:57,130

and psychic experiences it's 40 pages

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00:10:01,500 --> 00:09:59,470

long so I would be here till tomorrow if

226

00:10:03,420 --> 00:10:01,510

I went through every single bit but it's

227

00:10:05,700 --> 00:10:03,430

available it's from the journal

228

00:10:07,380 --> 00:10:05,710

threshold and it's available for free

229

00:10:12,750 --> 00:10:07,390

through our website at 1:00 birds that

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00:10:15,810 --> 00:10:12,760

work so the study that this data is from

231

00:10:17,490 --> 00:10:15,820

was an online survey of mediums and non

232

00:10:19,290 --> 00:10:17,500

mediums all over the US and this

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00:10:22,710 --> 00:10:19,300

particular piece that I'll be talking

234

00:10:25,320 --> 00:10:22,720

about is from 127 mediums who were over

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00:10:29,010 --> 00:10:25,330

90 percent female over 90 percent white

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00:10:32,280 --> 00:10:29,020

and about 54 years old as the average

237

00:10:33,870 --> 00:10:32,290

age one of the questions in the survey

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00:10:35,760 --> 00:10:33,880

was can you tell the difference between

239

00:10:37,800 --> 00:10:35,770

communication from the deceased and

240

00:10:41,700 --> 00:10:37,810

psychic information about the living and

241

00:10:44,850 --> 00:10:41,710

about 97% said yes I can three said I

242

00:10:46,830 --> 00:10:44,860

don't know and one said no I can't so

243

00:10:48,630 --> 00:10:46,840

then the people who said yes we then

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00:10:50,520 --> 00:10:48,640

asked in your own words describe your

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00:10:51,600 --> 00:10:50,530

experiences when receiving communication

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00:10:53,730 --> 00:10:51,610

from the disease

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00:10:55,319 --> 00:10:53,740

and in your own words describe your

248

00:10:58,110 --> 00:10:55,329

experiences when getting psychic

249

00:11:01,460 --> 00:10:58,120

information about the living and those

250

00:11:03,780 --> 00:11:01,470

questions were counterbalanced and the

251  
00:11:07,130 --> 00:11:03,790  
responses were from 14 wind bridge

252  
00:11:10,800 --> 00:11:07,140  
mediums and 108 self-identified mediums

253  
00:11:13,130 --> 00:11:10,810  
so we took those 244 text descriptions

254  
00:11:16,710 --> 00:11:13,140  
and quantitatively and qualitatively

255  
00:11:20,009 --> 00:11:16,720  
analyzed them so for quantitative

256  
00:11:22,170 --> 00:11:20,019  
analysis excuse me we use linguistic

257  
00:11:26,090 --> 00:11:22,180  
inquiry and word count produce pronounce

258  
00:11:30,780 --> 00:11:26,100  
Luke text analysis software and Luke

259  
00:11:32,310 --> 00:11:30,790  
counts the content of the quantity of

260  
00:11:35,280 --> 00:11:32,320  
words and different psychologically

261  
00:11:37,560 --> 00:11:35,290  
meaningful categories and then for

262  
00:11:39,389 --> 00:11:37,570  
qualitative we use content analysis

263  
00:11:42,269 --> 00:11:39,399

which is a research method for the

264

00:11:45,000 --> 00:11:42,279

subjective interpretation of the content

265

00:11:46,620 --> 00:11:45,010

of text through the systematic

266

00:11:50,130 --> 00:11:46,630

classification and coding and

267

00:11:52,410 --> 00:11:50,140

identifying common themes so what we

268

00:11:55,740 --> 00:11:52,420

found was the the Luke findings the

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00:11:57,720 --> 00:11:55,750

quantitative findings we found that the

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00:12:00,449 --> 00:11:57,730

descriptions of mediumistic experiences

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00:12:02,610 --> 00:12:00,459

contained a larger proportion of words

272

00:12:06,449 --> 00:12:02,620

describing social and perceptual

273

00:12:09,230 --> 00:12:06,459

processes than did descriptions of

274

00:12:12,600 --> 00:12:09,240

psychic experiences so this implies that

275

00:12:15,380 --> 00:12:12,610

the that mediumship involves a more more

276

00:12:17,880 --> 00:12:15,390

interpersonal connections as well as

277

00:12:20,280 --> 00:12:17,890

seems to be a more complex or vivid

278

00:12:22,259 --> 00:12:20,290

experience than the reporting of psychic

279

00:12:26,699 --> 00:12:22,269

information about the living we also

280

00:12:30,060 --> 00:12:26,709

found that the descriptions of psychic

281

00:12:33,019 --> 00:12:30,070

experiences from these 122 participants

282

00:12:36,090 --> 00:12:33,029

contained a larger proportion of words

283

00:12:39,180 --> 00:12:36,100

that describe the category insight which

284

00:12:41,280 --> 00:12:39,190

is a cognitive process so that implies

285

00:12:44,250 --> 00:12:41,290

that the psychic experience may be more

286

00:12:46,650 --> 00:12:44,260

analytical or metaphorically left

287

00:12:49,500 --> 00:12:46,660

brained and the mediumship process might

288

00:12:54,329 --> 00:12:49,510

be more intuitive or metaphorically

289

00:12:57,870 --> 00:12:54,339

right brained for the qualitative

290

00:13:00,269 --> 00:12:57,880

content analysis we found many themes I

291

00:13:03,240 --> 00:13:00,279

just want to go through one specific one

292

00:13:05,370 --> 00:13:03,250

today in the mediumistic experience

293

00:13:07,650 --> 00:13:05,380

that the experience was discernment as

294

00:13:09,320 --> 00:13:07,660

the communication was triangulated and

295

00:13:12,030 --> 00:13:09,330

this makes sense

296

00:13:13,680 --> 00:13:12,040

the way we define mediumship is that

297

00:13:15,750 --> 00:13:13,690

they experience communication from the

298

00:13:18,210 --> 00:13:15,760

deceased and then report the messages to

299

00:13:20,910 --> 00:13:18,220

the sitter but in that hearing of the

300

00:13:24,210 --> 00:13:20,920

messages from the medium the sitter now

301  
00:13:29,070 --> 00:13:24,220  
experiences on after death communication

302  
00:13:30,960 --> 00:13:29,080  
with their deceased loved one for the

303  
00:13:34,500 --> 00:13:30,970  
psychic experiences the piece that I

304  
00:13:36,630 --> 00:13:34,510  
wanted to talk about was this which was

305  
00:13:38,370 --> 00:13:36,640  
that they reported the information

306  
00:13:43,320 --> 00:13:38,380  
flowing from various sources including

307  
00:13:46,800 --> 00:13:43,330  
self angels God and nonspecific deceased

308  
00:13:50,100 --> 00:13:46,810  
people during a psychic reading for the

309  
00:13:51,810 --> 00:13:50,110  
living so having done this research

310  
00:13:55,740 --> 00:13:51,820  
full-time for 15 years

311  
00:13:58,830 --> 00:13:55,750  
my natural spots was wait what dead

312  
00:14:01,110 --> 00:13:58,840  
people and a psychic reading so we knew

313  
00:14:04,650 --> 00:14:01,120

that dead people reported information

314

00:14:06,740 --> 00:14:04,660

about the living during mediumship

315

00:14:10,020 --> 00:14:06,750

readings it's one of the categories that

316

00:14:11,790 --> 00:14:10,030

that we talked about that the deceased

317

00:14:15,390 --> 00:14:11,800

person will often include information

318

00:14:16,920 --> 00:14:15,400

identifying of themselves information

319

00:14:18,990 --> 00:14:16,930

about the sitter's life since they've

320

00:14:20,970 --> 00:14:19,000

died so I'm it's me and I'm still here I

321

00:14:22,770 --> 00:14:20,980

still saw you get married I still saw

322

00:14:26,070 --> 00:14:22,780

you paint the kitchen those sort of

323

00:14:27,720 --> 00:14:26,080

things so we knew that part but dead

324

00:14:29,820 --> 00:14:27,730

people giving information about the

325

00:14:32,100 --> 00:14:29,830

living during psychic readings like that

326

00:14:33,570 --> 00:14:32,110

was new and so I didn't know I didn't

327

00:14:36,420 --> 00:14:33,580

and so I didn't want to make any guesses

328

00:14:38,040 --> 00:14:36,430

or claims so I asked the mediums on our

329

00:14:40,290 --> 00:14:38,050

team so I sent them the threshold

330

00:14:41,970 --> 00:14:40,300

article and I asked them in an email

331

00:14:43,320 --> 00:14:41,980

have you ever experienced information

332

00:14:45,000 --> 00:14:43,330

about the living person getting a

333

00:14:47,520 --> 00:14:45,010

psychic reading as coming from deceased

334

00:14:49,020 --> 00:14:47,530

people and some said yes unless I'm

335

00:14:50,880 --> 00:14:49,030

doing a medium reading I assume all

336

00:14:52,560 --> 00:14:50,890

information comes from my guides and

337

00:14:54,320 --> 00:14:52,570

since I believe guides are people who've

338

00:14:56,730 --> 00:14:54,330

lived on earth they're deceased people

339

00:14:58,470 --> 00:14:56,740

another said accessing higher streams of

340

00:14:59,970 --> 00:14:58,480

consciousness brings information not

341

00:15:02,700 --> 00:14:59,980

just from the person's own energy but

342

00:15:04,440 --> 00:15:02,710

other energies as well but some said no

343

00:15:06,120 --> 00:15:04,450

the way I work with spirit is to create

344

00:15:08,579 --> 00:15:06,130

a boundary between mediumistic and

345

00:15:10,440 --> 00:15:08,589

psychic and if I didn't control it then

346

00:15:11,100 --> 00:15:10,450

yeah but I know how to control it so

347

00:15:14,520 --> 00:15:11,110

that doesn't have

348

00:15:16,230 --> 00:15:14,530

anymore this I wanted to bring up

349

00:15:18,480 --> 00:15:16,240

mediums often use words like energy

350

00:15:20,460 --> 00:15:18,490

vibration or level and these are words

351

00:15:23,040 --> 00:15:20,470

that come from fields like physics but

352

00:15:24,870 --> 00:15:23,050

there aren't words in English that

353

00:15:26,670 --> 00:15:24,880

describe exactly what a medium is

354

00:15:29,730 --> 00:15:26,680

experiencing so they sort of have to

355

00:15:30,930 --> 00:15:29,740

steal these words from other fields one

356

00:15:32,100 --> 00:15:30,940

medium said if some mediums are

357

00:15:33,840 --> 00:15:32,110

reporting that they're receiving

358

00:15:36,480 --> 00:15:33,850

information from random spirits maybe

359

00:15:38,910 --> 00:15:36,490

they're not fully developed well thank

360

00:15:41,790 --> 00:15:38,920

you research medium that's a hypothesis

361

00:15:43,650 --> 00:15:41,800

I can test and so in our survey we had

362

00:15:45,150 --> 00:15:43,660

also asked the people how long have you

363

00:15:47,010 --> 00:15:45,160

been performing mediumship readings for

364

00:15:50,580 --> 00:15:47,020

other people and all the whimpers

365

00:15:52,380 --> 00:15:50,590

mediums over ten years but only 30% of

366

00:15:54,290 --> 00:15:52,390

the self-identified mediums so maybe

367

00:15:57,240 --> 00:15:54,300

that's why I hadn't heard this before

368

00:15:59,310 --> 00:15:57,250

was that the mediums I work with are all

369

00:16:01,860 --> 00:15:59,320

have a lot of experience and they may

370

00:16:03,810 --> 00:16:01,870

have learned how to block it so this

371

00:16:05,130 --> 00:16:03,820

indicates a blocking communication from

372

00:16:07,530 --> 00:16:05,140

the deceased during a psychic reading

373

00:16:10,440 --> 00:16:07,540

maybe a learned skill and this also may

374

00:16:14,880 --> 00:16:10,450

be why some people in this group are

375

00:16:16,020 --> 00:16:14,890

saying no and and I don't know that how

376

00:16:17,100 --> 00:16:16,030

to tell the difference between those

377

00:16:21,030 --> 00:16:17,110

maybe it's something that you learn

378

00:16:22,860 --> 00:16:21,040

along the way so this finding of

379

00:16:23,930 --> 00:16:22,870

discarnates as a source of psychic

380

00:16:26,010 --> 00:16:23,940

information calls into question

381

00:16:28,080 --> 00:16:26,020

theoretical frameworks that posits

382

00:16:29,730 --> 00:16:28,090

separating mediums experiences into

383

00:16:33,330 --> 00:16:29,740

categories that do and do not involve

384

00:16:35,100 --> 00:16:33,340

communication with the deceased and the

385

00:16:40,170 --> 00:16:35,110

continued use of terminology reflecting

386

00:16:42,030 --> 00:16:40,180

such a separation so again we know the

387

00:16:44,010 --> 00:16:42,040

way that we've defined is that the

388

00:16:45,620 --> 00:16:44,020

deceased provide message is for sitters

389

00:16:47,880 --> 00:16:45,630

during mediumship readings and

390

00:16:50,070 --> 00:16:47,890

information about those sitters lives

391

00:16:52,590 --> 00:16:50,080

during mediumship readings and this new

392

00:16:54,870 --> 00:16:52,600

data demonstrates there that the

393

00:16:57,300 --> 00:16:54,880

deceased can provide information about

394

00:17:01,050 --> 00:16:57,310

psychic reading recipients during

395

00:17:03,690 --> 00:17:01,060

psychic readings but also the deceased

396

00:17:05,430 --> 00:17:03,700

during mediumship readings can provide

397

00:17:07,380 --> 00:17:05,440

information about other deceased people

398

00:17:09,920 --> 00:17:07,390

so someone might say like I'm with your

399

00:17:12,930 --> 00:17:09,930

grandmother I have the white dog with me

400

00:17:16,020 --> 00:17:12,940

so they provide information of other

401  
00:17:18,180 --> 00:17:16,030  
disease people and even about the future

402  
00:17:18,730 --> 00:17:18,190  
so one of the mediums on our team sent

403  
00:17:21,669 --> 00:17:18,740  
this

404  
00:17:23,049 --> 00:17:21,679  
to me not too long ago as you said I did

405  
00:17:25,840 --> 00:17:23,059  
a gallery reading meaning a group

406  
00:17:28,990 --> 00:17:25,850  
reading in a situation like this January

407  
00:17:31,120 --> 00:17:29,000  
27th and the sitter's mom so the medium

408  
00:17:33,669 --> 00:17:31,130  
was reading a female sitter and the sit

409  
00:17:36,310 --> 00:17:33,679  
and the sitters mom was talking her her

410  
00:17:37,960 --> 00:17:36,320  
deceased mom and the the sitters mom

411  
00:17:40,540 --> 00:17:37,970  
said that her grandson the sitter son

412  
00:17:42,700 --> 00:17:40,550  
was a football fan told me he liked the

413  
00:17:45,400 --> 00:17:42,710

Eagles and said he'd be very happy very

414

00:17:46,870 --> 00:17:45,410

soon so basically announced all 600

415

00:17:51,850 --> 00:17:46,880

attendees that the Eagles were going to

416

00:17:54,700 --> 00:17:51,860

insuperable so don't box in what the

417

00:17:57,660 --> 00:17:54,710

deceased can do they're capable of a lot

418

00:18:01,240 --> 00:17:57,670

they lead rich lives their deaths or

419

00:18:03,690 --> 00:18:01,250

after lives I guess so

420

00:18:05,650 --> 00:18:03,700

we can't disprove that mediums are

421

00:18:07,390 --> 00:18:05,660

communicating with the deceased and we

422

00:18:08,980 --> 00:18:07,400

can't disprove that communication with

423

00:18:11,740 --> 00:18:08,990

the deceased is part of every type of

424

00:18:13,510 --> 00:18:11,750

sigh experience so it would be

425

00:18:15,669 --> 00:18:13,520

irresponsible to posit a general

426

00:18:18,040 --> 00:18:15,679

survival based theory for all sigh

427

00:18:20,200 --> 00:18:18,050

phenomena precognition dead people

428

00:18:21,520 --> 00:18:20,210

telepathy dead people clairvoyance did

429

00:18:24,130 --> 00:18:21,530

people but that would be irresponsible

430

00:18:26,500 --> 00:18:24,140

because that's not the reports from the

431

00:18:28,120 --> 00:18:26,510

people who have those experiences it

432

00:18:30,250 --> 00:18:28,130

would also be irresponsible to continue

433

00:18:31,870 --> 00:18:30,260

to use cymatics I like explanations for

434

00:18:34,870 --> 00:18:31,880

mediumistic experiences when we have

435

00:18:37,690 --> 00:18:34,880

this data from 122 people saying no

436

00:18:39,190 --> 00:18:37,700

they're different a clear line can't be

437

00:18:40,810 --> 00:18:39,200

drawn between purely psyche with the

438

00:18:43,600 --> 00:18:40,820

living and purely communication with the

439

00:18:44,980 --> 00:18:43,610

deceased experiences using terminology

440

00:18:47,340 --> 00:18:44,990

that implies we actually know what's

441

00:18:49,900 --> 00:18:47,350

going on or how it works is dangerous I

442

00:18:52,120 --> 00:18:49,910

was going to do a little survey here but

443

00:18:53,850 --> 00:18:52,130

move on language should be respectful

444

00:18:58,299 --> 00:18:53,860

and reflect the Preferences of the

445

00:19:00,460 --> 00:18:58,309

experiencers so all the people in this

446

00:19:02,620 --> 00:19:00,470

study a self-identified as mediums they

447

00:19:04,630 --> 00:19:02,630

identified with the term medium and they

448

00:19:08,320 --> 00:19:04,640

may use trance medium and they may use

449

00:19:10,600 --> 00:19:08,330

clairvoyant medium but I can't use that

450

00:19:12,850 --> 00:19:10,610

as a researcher because it's not it's

451  
00:19:15,430 --> 00:19:12,860  
not broadly generalizable to all people

452  
00:19:16,990 --> 00:19:15,440  
so and as a society we're already used

453  
00:19:19,330 --> 00:19:17,000  
to doing this we already know how to do

454  
00:19:23,200 --> 00:19:19,340  
this how to how to respect people's

455  
00:19:24,610 --> 00:19:23,210  
preferences because of people's gender

456  
00:19:25,659 --> 00:19:24,620  
identity and sexual preference we

457  
00:19:27,639 --> 00:19:25,669  
already know how to do this

458  
00:19:29,169 --> 00:19:27,649  
so going forward will be necessary for

459  
00:19:54,970 --> 00:19:29,179  
language to reflected Pyrrhic all data

460  
00:20:25,119 --> 00:20:22,469  
[Music]

461  
00:20:27,639 --> 00:20:25,129  
and about what what would decade were

462  
00:20:31,719 --> 00:20:27,649  
these things happening at without what

463  
00:20:34,239 --> 00:20:31,729

decade were these things happening yeah

464

00:20:36,489 --> 00:20:34,249

so that I'm saying about modern mental

465

00:20:37,959 --> 00:20:36,499

American mediums that's not their

466

00:20:39,459 --> 00:20:37,969

experience so there's no evidence that

467

00:20:47,529 --> 00:20:39,469

that's what's happening the way

468

00:20:49,880 --> 00:20:47,539

mediumship works now that is a wonderful

469

00:21:17,060 --> 00:20:49,890

argument

470

00:21:21,710 --> 00:21:19,100

the assumptions about the nature and

471

00:21:27,080 --> 00:21:21,720

character of the afterlife other people

472

00:21:30,320 --> 00:21:27,090

would want to communicate and compare

473

00:21:49,310 --> 00:21:30,330

that to Samara our offices equally

474

00:21:50,960 --> 00:21:49,320

involved of various options so that

475

00:21:57,700 --> 00:21:50,970

seems like the way that a philosopher

476  
00:22:02,840 --> 00:22:00,770  
as an empiricist I'm just going to ask a

477  
00:22:04,730 --> 00:22:02,850  
bunch of people what's happening and

478  
00:22:05,690 --> 00:22:04,740  
that our mission at the windward

479  
00:22:08,780 --> 00:22:05,700  
Research Center is to alleviate

480  
00:22:11,950 --> 00:22:08,790  
suffering so I'm currently doing

481  
00:22:16,520 --> 00:22:11,960  
apparently and these people I'm very

482  
00:22:20,660 --> 00:22:16,530  
very important these people are having

483  
00:22:24,950 --> 00:22:20,670  
these experiences and it's very clear

484  
00:22:26,660 --> 00:22:24,960  
that the somatic sight that reading for

485  
00:22:28,940 --> 00:22:26,670  
cycling getting psyche and Frazier feels

486  
00:22:32,860 --> 00:22:28,950  
different than communication from the

487  
00:22:36,230 --> 00:22:32,870  
deceased so in order to respect their

488  
00:22:39,920 --> 00:22:36,240

experiences I have to follow what

489

00:22:42,710 --> 00:22:39,930

they're saying not what we can

490

00:22:48,750 --> 00:22:42,720

conjecture philosophically about

491

00:22:48,760 --> 00:22:57,080

yeah over dinner I gotcha

492

00:22:57,090 --> 00:23:06,060

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493

00:23:11,799 --> 00:23:10,150

about 75% succeeded and we're quick to

494

00:23:13,630 --> 00:23:11,809

point out that a mediumship reading

495

00:23:16,570 --> 00:23:13,640

involves at least three people and the

496

00:23:19,090 --> 00:23:16,580

medium is only one so the sitter may be

497

00:23:21,580 --> 00:23:19,100

a bad sitter the deceased person might

498

00:23:23,680 --> 00:23:21,590

not have learned how to do it yet so

499

00:23:26,140 --> 00:23:23,690

it's the reason we this was through a

500

00:23:28,390 --> 00:23:26,150

grant of our gathering of our team and

501  
00:23:32,320 --> 00:23:28,400  
we don't do it anymore because we don't

502  
00:23:35,830 --> 00:23:32,330  
find it ethically sound to test someone

503  
00:23:39,580 --> 00:23:35,840  
and then say you didn't pass when it

504  
00:24:21,730 --> 00:23:39,590  
might not be the heir responsibility it

505  
00:24:23,799 --> 00:24:21,740  
could be to see Sir well my the accuracy

506  
00:24:26,140 --> 00:24:23,809  
data that I present is from 20 mediums

507  
00:24:27,669 --> 00:24:26,150  
during fifty-eight readings under

508  
00:24:30,070 --> 00:24:27,679  
quintuple blind conditions their

509  
00:24:32,080 --> 00:24:30,080  
readings are over the phone if I'm

510  
00:24:34,419 --> 00:24:32,090  
maxing out as the proxy sitter I don't

511  
00:24:36,040 --> 00:24:34,429  
have any information all we have is the

512  
00:24:37,510 --> 00:24:36,050  
first name of the deceased person I have

513  
00:24:39,010 --> 00:24:37,520

specific questions whether the person

514

00:24:40,450 --> 00:24:39,020

look like how did they die what were

515

00:24:43,690 --> 00:24:40,460

their hobbies what messages do they have

516

00:24:46,180 --> 00:24:43,700

for the sitter and I could say like I

517

00:24:49,140 --> 00:24:46,190

defy you to do it but if he did it and

518

00:24:52,780 --> 00:24:49,150

he got it that just means he's a medium

519

00:24:55,210 --> 00:24:52,790

so I the date we've collected the data

520

00:24:58,270 --> 00:24:55,220

it demonstrates they're not doing fraud

521

00:24:59,919 --> 00:24:58,280

we've done EEG data that demonstrates

522

00:25:04,180 --> 00:24:59,929

they're not it's not imagining

523

00:25:05,769 --> 00:25:04,190

or recollection so yeah I mean if he

524

00:25:08,830 --> 00:25:05,779

changes his mind he doesn't get a TV

525

00:25:09,669 --> 00:25:08,840

show I can report negative data I can

