

Mediumship

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Gary Schwartz book *The Sacred Promise*

A study sponsored by IONS:

Electrocortical Activity Associated With Subjective Communication With The Deceased:

<http://journal.frontiersin.org/Journal/10.3389/fpsyg.2013.00834/full>

Psychometric and brain electrophysiology data were collected from six individuals who had previously reported accurate information about deceased individuals under double-blind conditions.

Result:

Accuracy correlated with electrocortical activity for one of the 6 original mediums.

*Comment: measuring EEG activity for alleged mediums is a great idea, but we need hundreds of cases, not a handful.*

Dean Radin of *Institute of Noetic Sciences* interviews Julie Beischel, PhD, Director of the *Windbridge Institute*. She describes quintuple-blind experiments (five levels of blinding) in testing psychic mediums

Who profess to communicate with "the other side".

<http://noetic.org/noetic/issue-sixteen-november/can-mediums-really-talk-to-the-dead/>

*Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife*

By Mary Roach

Gary Schwartz is a psychology professor at the University of Arizona, and founder of the university's Human Energy Systems Lab; a mix of academe and spirituality. He is best known for his lab tests of mediums, which is the subject of his book *The Afterlife Experiments*. His data have led him to conclude that there are rare gifted people who can communicate with people who have died. P. 152.

Schwartz and his mediums suggest that the dead can't speak sentences into the medium's head; Impressions are all that comes through. P.154.

"[On a followup study to *The Afterlife Experiments* ]...there was no statistically significant evidence that the medium was receiving information from the sitter's dead loved ones." P. 160.

One of Schwartz' mediums produced a more or less even mix of hits and misses in a reading of Roach's deceased mother, with many of the hits being common to a sizable percentage of the population. Roach was about to dismiss the whole thing when the medium said "I'm showing a metal hourglass, that you turn over. Does your brother have one?" "My brother collects hour glasses. I was impressed, not only by its accuracy, but by its specificity and obscurity...." P. 167.