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“PSYCHIC KIDS”

Written by Y. Limoges

On A&E TV, a new documentary series called *Psychic Kids: Children of the Paranormal* features children who believe they have had psychic or mediumistic experiences. Lisa J. Miller, Associate Professor of Psychology and Education, Teachers College at Columbia University, and President of the American Psychological Association’s Division of Psychology of Religion (2,600 members), says she’s there to “help the children and their families make a therapeutic use of their experiences.” (www.tc.columbia.edu/news/article.htm). In the show, she uses the assistance of a medium.

From what I have seen, the children genuinely appear to be experiencing (feeling and/or seeing spirits) and the medium usually validates their experience. Two or more children and their families are brought together. The parents express concerns regarding their children. Many feel they could not speak with “professionals” for fear their children would be diagnosed with a psychiatric problem (and possibly placed on medication) or they may even be taken away from them. Parents appeared sincerely concerned about their children but seemed to feel that something else was happening. On the show, they greatly benefited by meeting with parents of other children who say they are having similar experiences as their own kids.

The children seemed surprised and relieved to find other kids like them. Not only do they receive validation and exchange experiences, they are also taught in the show that they should not fear them. In a couple of the shows that I saw, the medium instructs the children to ask the spirits they see or feel, what they want. Some of the children, interestingly, exhibited *more superior mediumistic faculties than the medium* during some of the encounters with spirits, they were all exposed to. I thought that it was very good that in one episode, the children asked for spiritual assistance from God. The medium, generally asks for protection from his spirit guides.

Unfortunately, the style of the show opens up “spookily” and viewers are subjected to this theme before and after commercials. In addition, frightened children are persuaded by the medium to enter strange places *in the dark at night* (which is completely unnecessary) to see if they experience any “paranormal encounters.”

Nevertheless, all in all, it now brings out into the open a spiritual alternate for some children with “problems” that solely may be due to the fact they simply have the faculty of mediumship... that is naturally inherent in all humans. This show is very valuable for those parents who have not found answers (doctors that can’t find a thing wrong with their child) and having Professor Miller there provides some legitimacy. In a recent TV interview, she said

many parents and children have contacted her since the program has aired. I bet!

MEDIUMSHIP AND CHILDREN

Written by Y. Limoges

In *The Mediums Book*, Chapter XVIII, the superior spirits remarked that there is no danger for mediumship in a child ...“where a child’s faculty is spontaneous, it belongs to his temperament, and his constitution is prepared for its exercise...” but also its practice “demands our utmost tact and discretion to avoid being taken in by deceitful spirits; if grown people are in danger of being deceived by these, children and young persons are evidently, on account of their inexperience, still more exposed to this danger.” A child’s mediumship “should only be exercised under the eyes of experienced persons, who may inspire him, by their example, with the sentiment of respect...” Spontaneous spirit communications or visions are one thing, but to force mediumship on a child is irresponsible.

Spirits are everywhere (and can be brought, by permission of the morally superior spirits, to any place) and children (and adults) need only reasonably (and preferably on a regular basis and place) meet together with sincere intent and serious purpose to enter into contact with spirits of all kinds. This is what could be done with these children in the above article. The Spiritist practice offers an excellent educational program and a protective environment (mediums who meet in groups seriously and with sacred purpose) in the practice of morally instructional mediumship.

FORGETTING OUR PAST LIVES

Written by Alysia Pape

Speaking with a co-worker, the subject of forgetting our past lives when we reincarnate was brought up. Why do we all forget what has happened once we return to the material world?

If we remembered, we would have all the things we formerly did in our minds either distracting us, keeping us from what we are supposed to be doing in this lifetime, or we would be missing our previous loved ones.

Mediums are sometimes told their past to learn lessons or to move them into a different life choice direction. Non-mediums do not have this experience unless they receive it generally from mediums. To learn you are here, because in another time you ignored what you said you would do, or erred even more, should definitely motivate one to make better choices so as not to have to go through it again. But since only certain people are given these insights, very few of us may do what we need to do. Yet, the human race feels urges or ideas from the spirit world to get certain things done all the time, especially if one’s will is great and one’s spirit carries with it conviction to do what it set out to do.

As a Spiritist, one might say how sad it is for people to believe there is only one life and that’s it, and that most people think they can never fix their past life poor choices. Another point of view is, just imagine when they are told they have to keep coming back and back and back! What do they think then? (These poor people) Be glad you know you can fix any mistakes by come back to do so. People that use the reasoning, I am only going to live once to do things they shouldn’t, are in for a big surprise. I am glad I told my co-worker what Spiritism teaches, so they could at least have a different point of view to ponder over.

FOREKNOWLEDGE

In *The Spirits Book*, number 868, it asks: Can the future be revealed to man?

The spirits responded:

“As a rule, the future is hidden from him; it is only in rare and exceptional cases that God permits it to be revealed.”

PROPHETIC MEDIUMSHIP

Written by Yvette Crespo Eveland

Since I was in my early teens I have *spontaneously* received knowledge of future events. Most of time, the information I “receive” is not of a happy event but just the opposite. I obtain the information generally in three different ways: in a dream I remember upon awakening, or sometimes I hear very clearly specific words from the spirits about an event, or I just “feel” or “know” something is going to happen. Some examples below:

I had a dream that my sister would marry a man who drove a little red car. She had been writing to a sailor overseas at the time. He came to pick her up when he came home on leave using his sister’s car which happened to be a very small red car. My sister ended up marrying him three months later.

When I was very young, I dreamt my baby niece would get diabetes. I even asked my sister if children even got it. I had no idea. She told me, they did. That year, my niece came down with diabetes at 11 months old.

Before I got married, I flew up alone to NY to visit my cousin and there I dreamt I would receive from my fiancé a unicorn charm for my necklace. When I got back home, he gave me one that looked exactly as the one I had dreamed.

After the memorial service of my Grandmother, I went around hugging members of family I had not seen for a long time. I hugged a cousin and immediately, I clearly heard “he will be next and it will be a heart attack” and I knew the spirit meant he would die soon. Two weeks later he died of one.

At the school where I worked at, there was a woman who was pregnant. As I walked right by

her one day, I heard “something is wrong with the baby.” A few days later she gave birth. The cord was found wrapped around the neck and caused problems, the baby (a girl) only lived three days.

One day I was watching TV about something on Princess Diana. Suddenly, a spirit said to me, “she’s going to die and many, many people will miss her.” She died shortly thereafter.

Again, at work as a teacher, I was in my classroom when a grandfather brought in his little grandson. I “felt” as if a wind went right through me, and I “knew” something was wrong with the child. The next week the little boy got very sick and died.

Another time, when my niece was married and older, I felt *very strongly* that she would have a baby girl, and she did.

Some messages I receive are very sad, some are just simple things, or strange. I was thinking of both my daughters one day, and a spirit told me, they would be with guys who had the same first name, and they are. Also, I knew that a family member would marry a girl with blond hair and they would have a boy. I was told that this spirit had been waiting to incarnate into their family for a very long time. Another time, I dreamt I would get a one-eyed cat and then later a red colored cat, and rather soon, I did.

Knowledge of future events is revealed to me in one way or another, periodically. At first, these things were very upsetting to me, as you can imagine, but now I am relatively used to it. I believe that they happen as a sort of “proof” for me, and sometimes for other people, of the spirit world. I personally feel that for me, I was told some of these things so that I could be emotionally prepared for what was to occur.

Some people would like to know the future, but I say, be careful what you ask for; news of the future isn’t always pleasant.

SPIRITISTS AT SPIRITIST CENTERS

Spirit communication received by Y. Limoges

People come to Spiritist centers for many reasons: to learn as much about what Spiritism teaches, some come for spiritual cleansing, some come to see if the spirits - through the mediums - have any messages for them, and some come to hear from or about how their loved ones are in the spirit world. They come to be educated, receive advice, be inspired, and consoled.

Nevertheless, some come out of guilt and obligation thinking that if they just show up that is sufficient, and they will get "credit" so to speak, in the afterlife for at least having attended. And, there are some who only think about Spiritism on the day they attend. Nevertheless, many are capable of much more participation and they will be disappointed when they return to the spirit world because they had promised to do so much more in their current incarnation within the Doctrine.

Those who can write articles should do so, those who are mediums should educate themselves about their faculty and see what spiritual fruits will come forth to them and for others, and there are those with the gift of inspiration, and, those with questioning minds that can speak up and participate much more in the general discussions so all can learn further.

Then when each person leaves the center, the teachings of the Doctrine should be in his or her heart and mind. The most important thing each should be aware of is the responsibility to do the least wrong and to do the most good, as is humanly possible; if Spiritism has not made you more sensitive to this obligation than you have not learned its most important lesson.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

By Jacqueline Benenati

"Back to school" time! My mother would take me shopping for clothes and school supplies.

I hated it because I seldom got to choose anything and there was no discussion or arguments.

Today, many children appear to dictate to their parents at almost every level. Temper tantrums seem to be the norm when they do not get their way instantly. The sad part is that the parents are actually contributing to the problem by allowing them to get their way through bad behavior. When they retaliate in anger and frustration, the parent appears to be browbeaten into submission.

It is the duty and responsibility of every adult and parent to teach their children respect, tolerance, patience, and limitation so that they will not turn into disrespectful, selfish, intolerant and sometimes violent adults.

A PRAYER

Written by Jacqueline Benenati

Heavenly Father, we ask You to give us strength and guidance during these difficult times. So many things seem to be beyond our control we become overwhelmed and forget the one thing that can sustain us...prayer.

When we open our hearts and thoughts to You, our true power can bring about changes, if it be Your Will. Inspire in us the courage to bear the trials and tribulations that we face and the strength to overcome the fear that keeps us from recognizing the power you have given us to make positive changes in the world.

With You, all things are possible, without You nothing is.

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