

Exploring Psychomanteum as a Psi-Conductive State of Consciousness: Psychological, Neuropsychological and Parapsychological Research of Anomalous Cognition (Esp), Dynamic/Non-Dynamic (Emotional) Visual Targets, Observation/Non-Observation Conditions, and Psychomanteum/Non-Psychomanteum Sessions

Results:

This mirror gazing procedure termed “psychomanteum” was developed by world well-known psychiatrist Dr. Raymond Moody, which was designed to facilitate reunions with deceased individuals. However, the purpose of the modern psychomanteum tends to be to facilitate reunions; the aim is not usually to seek ESP information about the future. Hypnagogic/hypnopompic imagery is that which occurs during the transition states between wakefulness and sleep and between sleep.

However, the hypnagogic-like imagery could be psi-conductive. The aim of this research project was explore if the psychomanteum is a psi-conductive state of consciousness above chance expectation, and it would be related to an altered state of consciousness. One hundred thirty-three participants (both 95 females and 38 males), were recruited. Each subject received seven questionnaires *Pre-psychomanteum Questionnaire*, *Betts’s Vividness of Imagery Scale*, *Barrett’s Hallucinations Questionnaire*, *Neo Personality Inventory –Revised*, *Schizotypal Personality Questionnaire*, *Revised Physical Anhedonia Scale* and *Phenomenology of Consciousness Inventory*. Two conditions, psychomanteum and non-psychomanteum condition, were performed. Under psychomanteum condition, psi-hitting was obtained (29.2%, notably above chance expected); however, under no-psychomanteum (“control”) condition, 24.6% was obtained. The results differ significantly from mean chance expectation in psychomanteum condition ($p= .03$) in comparison with no-psychomanteum condition, but no significant differences were found. These interesting results seems to suggest that psychomanteum condition somehow optimizes psi-communication. A number of positive correlations were also found, for instance, subjects who scored higher Auditory ($p= .005$) and Visual hallucination ($p= .008$) scores tended to score psi-hitting. Sixty six participats underwent by two type of targets, video-clip (dynamic) and image-picture (no-dynamic), but no significant results were found.

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