

34/08 - "Process- and Proof-focused Investigation of Anomalous Information Reception by Mediums: A Two-Part Quantitative Study"

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For Grant 34/08, Part II of the study addressed the following hypothesis: Windbridge Certified Research Mediums (WCRMs) can report accurate and specific information about the deceased loved ones (termed discarnates) of living people (termed sitters) using anomalous information reception (AIR); that is, without any prior knowledge about the discarnates or sitters, in the absence of any sensory feedback, and without using deceptive means.

Objectives: The research question this study addressed was: Is there a difference between accuracy scores given to readings by the sitters for whom the readings were intended and the scores given to those readings by sitters for whom the readings were not intended?

Methods: Each of eight WCRMs performed two quintuple-blind readings for two absent sitters. The associated sitters then scored each of the readings for accuracy without knowing which was which.

Results: Twelve of the eight WCRMs' 16 readings were returned by the sitter-raters for analysis. Eleven of 12 sitters chose the intended vs. control reading as their own when asked to make a choice ($p = 0.003$; one-tailed). The mean Global and Percent Accuracy scores given by sitters for whom readings were intended were significantly higher than those scores given by sitters for whom the readings were not intended (3.4 and 54% vs. 2.0 and 33%, respectively; $F(2, 21) = 4.52$, $p = 0.02$). In addition, the effect sizes determined for whole-reading and item-by-item scores were both large (Cohen's $d = 1.07$ and 1.20 , respectively). Finally, the statistic prep (the probability of replicating the direction of the effect) was found to be high for both types of accuracy scores (0.84 and 0.87, respectively).

Conclusions: These data demonstrate that WCRMs can report accurate and specific information about discarnates using AIR.

Discussion: The results from this study begin to address the question at the root of mediumship research: Does consciousness survive physical death?

Publications: Data from this study were presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration and at Parapsychology and Consciousness: the First Annual Atlantic University Conference.

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