

Hello all,

### A few items of interest

#### Terminal Lucidity

Craig Weiler has posted an interesting blog about terminal lucidity. This is the pretty rarely reported occurrence of a person who has been otherwise incommunicative, say from senility or injury, unexplainably becoming lucid a short time before the body dies. [1]

There are indications like this that suggest a change in the relationship between our etheric personality (who we really are) and our physical body as we begin the process of transitioning out of this lifetime. For instance, Raymond Moody has been talking about shared death experiences. [2] In this, the dying person shows signs of being aware of invisible people and witnesses (friends and family at the deathbed) sometimes share that awareness for a short time.

The idea of a shared psi experience is probably common in situations of intense anticipation. For instance, the heightened sensitivity to psi events amongst people anticipating the excitement of a ghost hunt seems similar. It is likely a factor in group hallucinations, making me wonder how many of the terminal lucidity reports might be explained as a shared death experience, as everyone present is anticipating (dreading) the moment of death.

Another interesting reference is that there are reports from near-death experiencers that the moment of death is not painful. [3] This is relevant because it implies a change in relationship between body consciousness and physical body.

If you accept the avatar relationship between personality and body, part of that model is the idea that we share worldview and the process of perception. [4] (First Sight Theory speaks to the perception part [5]). We can know this because we have to deal with our body's instincts every day, and much of our view of our world is colored by those instincts. As I see it, the body consciousness is dominant in this relationship.

The body functions are likely maintained by the body image (Nature's habits in Rupert Sheldrake's view.) If that is true, then the relationship between the physical body and body consciousness would be independent from the entangled relationship between personality and the body. [6] Personality seems to be "pinned" to the body, as if by contract, and shares the conscious self. But if the body consciousness vacates just prior to the moment of death to avoid pain, then perhaps the personality—who we really are, our higher self, soul—would be able to assume full control of the body.

1: <http://weilerpsiblog.wordpress.com/2014/10/08/terminal-lucidity-a-review/>

2: <http://sharedcrossing.com/shared-death-experience>

3: <http://www.deathwithoutfear.com/what-happens-at-death.htm>

4: <http://ethericstudies.org/concepts/personality.htm>

5: <http://ethericstudies.org/concepts/perception.htm>

6: [http://ethericstudies.org/concepts/life\\_field-centric.htm](http://ethericstudies.org/concepts/life_field-centric.htm)

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#### One Tool for Focused Searches

The Society for Psychical Research (<http://www.spr.ac.uk/>) is planning a new public wiki. It is expected to have many invited papers from the academic community. <http://www.spr.ac.uk/news/spr-announces-buckmaster-legacy>

We understand other organizations are considering a similar approach toward offering the public access to information about things paranormal as a counter to the skeptical propaganda on Wikipedia.

The ATransC also has The Collective, which is a wiki intended to be edited by a broader community, if and when such a community develops. <http://atransc.org/bp/Collective>.

Of course, there are many websites which are slowly being populated with useful information, but to an observer of the paranormalist community, these websites must look like islands of information, not coordinating with one another and not attempting to establish a collective view. Such websites are personal to their owner(s) and there is currently no way to know where to find what. Well, a search with something like Google helps, but it is surprising how many anti paranormal websites rank higher than the more balanced sites.

Not seeing a near-term future in which these websites will be more closely linked, we have set up a new search tool at [http://atransc.org/links\\_community.htm](http://atransc.org/links_community.htm) for people to search the paranormal community. A list of included sites is on that page. Please let us know if you can suggest others. While there is no apparent limit to how inclusive Google will let us make the search tool, it seems reasonable to focus it on websites that are presenting study reports, how to instructions and really Class A examples; the sort of information you would like people to know about your community.

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### **Implicit Cosmology**

Most of you know that Tom has been working on a new cosmology based on the Survival Hypothesis. As the cosmology has developed, it has become decidedly unique to Tom, so he has moved it to his personal site at <http://ethericstudies.org/concepts.htm>. All of the old pages in the Theory section of atransc.org have forwarders on them, so if you links to them, they should still be okay.

The Implicit Cosmology includes a recommended order in which to read the eighteen or so essays, should you decide to study the work. If you do, Tom is always looking for feedback and corrections in the writing. He is also happy to answer questions.

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Until next time ...

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