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Children's Book

We do not have children, and probably too often overlook parent's need to provide guidance to children concerning things paranormal. We expect one common issue a parent needs to deal with is how to explain the world from a paranormalist's perspective in a way that will not get the child in trouble at school.

A new member of the Spiritualist Society of Reno (spiritualistsocietyofreno.org) has written a children's book titled:

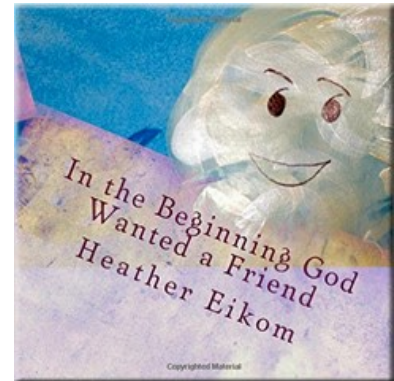
In the Beginning God Wanted a Friend:

The story of how God made us

by Heather Eikom

amazon.com

This is a tale of how the human race came to be and where it is going told through the journey of one little spirit named, Humaneris. It brings the subject of God consciousness to the level a child can understand, being profound and simple at the same time.



The Felix Experimental Group

We have sat with the Felix Experimental Group medium on several occasions and consider his work amongst the most important of our generation. The medium is a journalist in his professional life and has maintained a very informative blog at <http://felixcircle.blogspot.com/>.

A number of videos have been made of his work. You can see them at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TvBeYond>.

Parapsychology Handbook

Parapsychology: A Handbook for the 21st Century

Edited by Etzel Cardeña, John Palmer and David Marcusson-Clavertz

\$65 softcover (80 ¥ 11) Notes, bibliography, index 2015

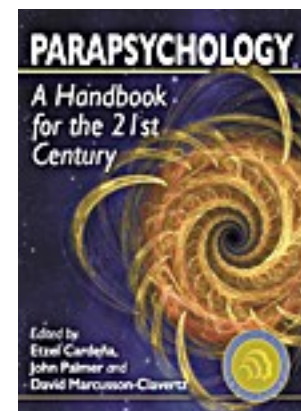
ISBN 978-0-7864-7916-0, Ebook ISBN 978-1-4766-2105-0

This is a pretty big deal. The parapsychological community has historically ignored ITC or passed it off as illusion. The editors of this new book invited Dr. Mark Leary to write a section on EVP. He has been an ATransC member and invited me to contribute. By way of his skill in merging inputs, a rational introduction to EVP for researchers has emerged. This book will be a standard reference for researchers for many years to come. Finally, EVP has been given a fair viewing.

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The American Society for Standards in Mediumship and Psychical Investigations (ASSMPI)

The ASSMPI is a new organization that has the potential of becoming a formidable support organization for people in the paranormal community. I have mentioned them in the past and must say that they are still developing a presence. It is going to take a while.

You may wish to keep an eye on <http://assmpi.org/> to monitor their growth. Especially if you are a medium, consider registering on the site.



The Otherside Press Magazine

This is a startup magazine that is currently online, but it is expected to become a hardcopy magazine later this year. Tom has been supporting this effort by writing a monthly column titled *All things Etheric*. (<http://theothersidepress.com/category/columns/all-things-etheric-columns>)



Support the Discussion Boards

As well as I can tell from my research, our personal progression and spiritual maturity depends on our increased understanding of the nature of reality. This is not about being up to date with the local news. It is about understanding our spiritual nature and our connectedness with one another.

Avoid thinking New Age Pablum here. This is about your personal responsibility for our actions, becoming aware of how our actions affect others and learning to sense the presence of those subtle influences in our lives that help to guide our way.

One of the most important things we can do to advance our understanding is to learn to communicate our understanding with others. It is by taking the time to formulate a phrase in our mind that we come to understand the implications of our beliefs. If you cannot explain a point to someone, then it is not your understanding ... just a notion.

Discussion boards are excellent tools for self-discovery. Take a little time to see what is being talked about and see if you can contribute with a question or answer. Your opinion counts, and by stating it, you help arrange your thoughts and give others the opportunity to do the same. Rather than the Golden Rule of Do unto others, think *Teach me as I teach you*.

We keep the Idea Exchange open for this purpose. <http://atransc.org/forum/>

There is also a paranormalist community search tool at http://atransc.org/links_community.htm

Ghost Trap

We are looking into the possibility of acquiring a video camera/recorder device that will help us figure out what our cat sees in our house. Once, Tom saw a basketball-sized object rapidly move across the room, about a foot off of the floor. It looked a little like a large brown bird rapidly flapping its wings; however, it was all just a blur. There was no sound. The object moved between Tom and one of our cats

toward a bathroom door. The cat followed it with its eyes, perked up and followed it into the bathroom as if following a toy.

The cats will sometimes sit near the hallway and watch into a dark room for long periods of time as if looking for something to move. This will go on for a week or so. Then they stop for a month or so, and then start up again. The cats will sometimes be on our lap, for instance, stop doing what they were doing to stare at the blank wall.

Had Tom not seen the object when the cat followed it into the bathroom, we would ignore it as just crazy cat behavior. As it is, we think there is an opportunity to look for a little photographic evidence of something unusual.

The device we are thinking about would be sensitive into the ultraviolet where the cat eyes seem to work best: We understand they see blue and green but red looks like black and white to them. It would be good to have a stereo capture and motion sensing so that reviews can be limited to captured motion. It would also be good to be battery powered, so that it can be loaned out to hauntings investigation groups.

Any ideas? If so, please mention it on the Idea Exchange discussion board. See: <http://atransc.org/forum/showthread.php?tid=929>