

**Exploring Psychomanteum as a psi-conducive state of consciousness (Phase 2): Adding new perceptual, personality, abnormal thinking, and phenomenological variables of anomalous cognition using two favourable conditions: (1) visual/musical targets and (2) psychomanteum/non-psychomanteum sessions**

**Results:**

Although the psychomanteum technique was designed to facilitate reunion experiences with deceased individuals, is not normally employed to seek ESP information. The aim of this research project was to explore whether the psychomanteum technique encourages a psi-conducive state of consciousness, which would result in scoring that is significantly above MCE. One hundred and thirty participants (92 females and 38 males; Mean age= 47.44) were recruited by announcements in newspapers and our web site. Seventy eight percent claimed to have had a variety of ESP experiences. A number of variables, such as vividness of imagery and hallucinatory experience, were examined. Two conditions, psychomanteum and non-psychomanteum condition, were compared. A CD-pool containing 200 high-quality color pictures, such as animals, icons, foods, people, landscapes, religion, scenic pictures, structures, and humoristic cartoons, were designed using a RNG for randomization. Under psychomanteum condition, psi-hitting was obtained (30.8% above MCE); however, under no-psychomanteum ("control") condition, 29.2% was obtained (where 25% was expected). The results differ slightly from MCE in the psychomanteum condition ( $p = .02$ , one-tailed) in comparison with no-psychomanteum condition, but no significant differences were found. A number of positive correlations were also found, for instance, participants who attained higher scores on auditory and visual hallucinations tended to demonstrate psi-hitting.

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