

Somatic Psi vs. Survival Psi: A Quantitative Investigation of Mediums' Phenomenology Comparing Psychic Readings and Ostensible Communication with the Deceased

Results:

Qualitative research has indicated that mediums' experiences during mediumship readings for the deceased are distinguishable from their experiences during psychic readings for the living. This study employed the Phenomenology of Consciousness Inventory (PCI), a standard retrospective analysis tool that quantitatively measures 26 phenomenological dimensions, to assess the experiences of 10 Windbridge Certified Research Mediums (WCRMs) during double-blind readings for living targets and deceased targets. During 19 of 20 readings, the WCRM stated her impressions regarding the status of the named target (living or deceased). In 14 of those cases, the WCRM's impressions accurately reflected the status (74%, $p = 0.032$). In addition, six of the WCRMs were able to accurately determine the status of the targets in both of their readings. It should be noted that the WCRMs were instructed that each target could be living or deceased. A significant difference was seen between the living target condition and the deceased target condition for the dimension Love with higher scores in the deceased reading condition ($p < 0.05$). In the subset of six WCRMs who accurately determined the status of the targets, significantly higher intensity values were seen for readings for deceased targets (vs. readings for living targets) for the dimensions Positive affect, Joy, and Love (all $p < 0.05$). These quantitative data collected under blinded conditions reflect the WCRMs' qualitative descriptions of the differences between communication with the deceased and acquisition of psychic information and provide further evidence distinguishing between survival psi and somatic psi.

Area(s) of interest:

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