

Psychological, Phenomenological and Parapsychological Evaluation of the Anomalous/Paranormal Detection Using Objects-Target Utilizing Specially Selected Subjects

Results:

The term “psychometry” describes a type of anomalous cognition (or extrasensory perception, ESP) which permits a psychic (sensitive or *seer*) to receive impressions using a physical object as ‘inductor’ to express the information perceived. A sample was recruited by us, that is people who say they possess such abilities, such as persons who have had spontaneous extrasensory experience, and persons who believe although they had not had those experiences.

The psychological evaluation included: *Sixteen Personality Factors, Dissociative Experiences Scale, Eysenck Personality Inventory, Anomalous Experiences Inventory, and Paranormal Beliefs Scale* to correlate their psychological characteristics. Subjects who reported high scored Experiences measured by AEI were indicative of high DES scores and high Extraversion’s EPI scores. Besides, four parapsychological tests were administered. Objects-target were used in order to obtain statements and all other information relevant during the session.

We obtained psi-hitting in the free-response test (no-object). We believe that this was the most comprehensible of the four ESP tests. This test adds emotional and motivational additional, as compared with the psychometric tests, that may facilitate the ESP. Almost half of the sample (56.3%) manifests not to have control over psi. In addition, 65.2% of the sample manifests not to have attempted ever to control psi, not even once in their lives. The purpose of a quantitative evaluation of the psychics’ statements is to establish if these statements are more accurate than expected by chance when compared to other two groups (non-psychics claimants). Analysis *post hoc* will be published elsewhere.

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