

The Way Ghost Hunting Should Be Done

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I just watched a T.V. ghost hunters program where the leader of the group said that Orbs are made out of pure energy. He said it like it was a statement of fact. Number one, pure energy does not and cannot exist (except on Star Trek). Why do you think Spock was so fascinated by something that was pure energy? The reason was that Rodenberry (creator of Star Trek) researched his science and knew that Pure Energy was impossible. This group of ghost hunters probably watched that episode of Star Trek and took Spock's comment as fact. How sad is that.

Also there is entirely too much talking during TV investigations. I guess it makes it more exciting but it is getting old. If you are going to pick up good EVPs you need to shut up. When asking questions to an entity, there should be only one person in the room, not two. This avoids the confusion for the ghost who is trying to figure out if you are talking to them or the other three people you brought along with you.

I saw another television paranormal program where they were asking questions to the ghost of a 6-year-old child who died in the 1850s. Here is one of their questions: "If you are here can you please speak into this EVP device and indicate that you are present at this location." That is not how a child talks. First of all there were no EVP devices around in the 1850s. Second, children do not use words and phrases like "indicate" or "present at this location." If you want to speak with a child ghost you need to kneel down on the floor and speak to them as a child speaks. In the previous example, what should have been done is this:

The correct way to obtain EVPs from a child female ghost is this: Place an EVP recorder inside a doll with the microphone well hidden but located in the head someplace. Then you can tell the child spirit "This doll's name is Amy, and she wants you to talk to her. She is very lonely. Would you like to talk to Amy?" Then leave the doll in the room and quietly exist the home. If there is a ghost of a little girl in that house then you are going to get some EVPs as the child ghost talks to the doll.

We have watched all of the programs on T.V. covering ghost hunters and paranormal investigations. They all have one thing in common; they do not know what they are doing. For example, one show had two investigators setting up a Tesla Coil. When the coil was activated, their EMF detectors went crazy and they associated it with "spirits". What they fail to understand is that Tesla coils basically render any kind of electronic instrumentation meaningless. In other words, the meters go haywire.

Other programs show ghost hunters running around with AC EMF meters. These measure one thing, man-made electricity and I'm pretty sure ghosts are not using AC. What these hunters should be using is DC EMF meters.

The amount of time spent on a site is also critical. Most T.V. programs spend just several hours at a location but no more than one night. To obtain useable information you need to spend at least several days on site. Otherwise you are just wasting your time. The public is eventually going to get tired of Orbs and EVPs that only the Ghost Hunters can hear. It is time for Ghost Hunting to evolve to the next level and that is going to happen when people who have been trained in physics or electricity or engineering get involved. TAPS is a group of plumbers. As a result they will never advance beyond analyzing dust particles and squeaky doors. If you are a ghost hunter who has no technical background, go enroll in a basic physics class and don't be afraid to ask questions. Physicists hate dealing with the paranormal, so ask your questions in pieces. Don't come out and ask "Do Ghosts Exist?" Rather ask questions like, "what are neutrinos", or "what is the difference between AC and DC electromagnetic waves? Look at ghost hunting as a physics problem and you will have much greater success.