



ATransC Occasional Update 10

Greetings!

This is our tenth submission to the ATransC occasional Email Update list. We trust it finds you happy and well.

As it turns out, while the ATransC is no longer directly supported by member dues, the Association is still a membership organization. We now have 202 people on the email list. This is a modest number, but we are proud that you have the interest. Thank you!

We can make a similar observation about the ATransC Idea Exchange. There is not a lot of activity on the board, but we have over 166 people registered. As we have said before, we keep the Idea Exchange open with the anticipation there will be discussion about my new book. I discuss it below, but here I will say that we are about to see if our anticipation of comments makes sense.

Be a Citizen Scientist

The Institute of Noetic Sciences is conducting a research study on the Genetics of Psychic Ability. You can participate in the study at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/psigenes1>

Research Grant

The Helene Reeder Memorial Fund for Research into Life after Death (HRF) has announced the 2016 availability of research grant.

Stockholm, April 2016: The Helene Reeder Fund is pleased to announce the availability of grants for small and medium-sized scientific research projects concerning the question of life after death. Grants will be awarded in the range of EUR 500 – 5000 maximum (as of 4-3-2015, about \$548 – \$5,482).

The topic, Research into Life after Death, should be the main objective of the project.

Applications in English to be submitted by email to the HRF c/o edg.muller@comben.se. Email should include:

- Detailed description of the project, including the objectives of the project
- Methodology
- Cost budget

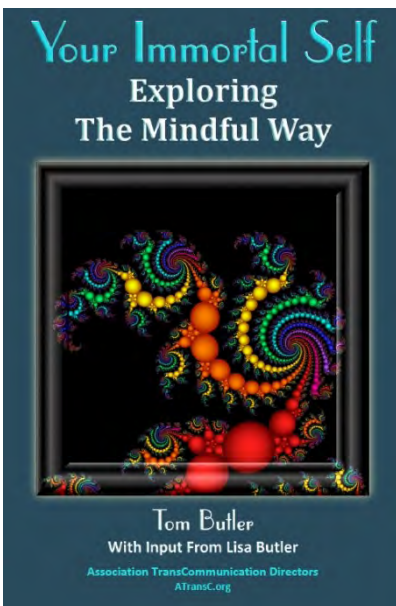
- Timetable
- Plans to publish the results in some scientific journals
- CV (Curriculum Vitae) of the applicant
- How the applicant plans to report back to the HRF about progress and result
- Any other financing than from HRF

Applications should be received not later than 15 October 2015. It is the intention of the HRF to evaluate the applications and to make decision regarding the grants before the end of December. Applicants will be notified by email after the decision and the grants will be payable during December.

For further information, please apply to the above email address.

The Helene Reeder Memorial Fund for Research into Life after Death, HRF.

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Your Immortal Self

We are happy to announce that the new book is finally published. You can access both the paperback and Kindle version on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). The book can also be ordered from any book outlets with access to wholesale catalogs. The ePub version of the eBook is also available for Apple and Android devices. (Please let us know if you have any difficulty ordering a copy.)

The ATransC is publishing the book under AA-EVP Publishing. The ISBN number for the paperback is 978-0-9727493-9-8 and the number for the eBook version is 978-0-9727493-8-1. An abbreviated Table of Content is on the dedicated web page at http://ethericstudies.org/writing/your_immortal_self.htm.

The ATransC is a nonprofit organization, and after it has reclaimed publishing costs, will make 30% of all proceeds from the sale of *Your Immortal Self*. It should be noted that we did not take a royalty for *There is No Death and There are No Dead* and the Association received over \$37K thus far from sales of that book. Our efforts to publicize the book and ATransC did cost us quite a bit, so royalties from the new book will be used to help defray some of our cost.

A Way Toward Personal Progression

We have always tried to maintain an objective point of view for the ATransC. So with that in mind, please understand that I am not simply trying to talk up the book when I say that there is important information in it that can help your pursuit of personal understanding.

Lisa and I are life-long seekers. In fact, I consider myself a charter member of the New Age community and well informed about many things metaphysical. It has been proposed by psychologists that the older we are, the more resistant we are to new ideas, and at 73, I am here to admit that it is true. However, with that said, I also have to admit that much of what we have been taught is turning out to be conceptually right but functionally wrong. By that I mean that *Immortal Self* is all about showing that the Survival Hypothesis correct in principle but that the way we think of that survival may be, is at least to some extent wrong in very important ways.

Important concepts with which I think most of you are familiar include the fact that we are not our body, we sense the psi field which permeates all of reality and that connects all of us under one source. We also perturbed the psi field when we chose to act, which brings important meaning the notion that thoughts are things.

The new concepts for which there is solid research evidence is that everything has a psi signal which each of us senses. But wait! Any paranormalist knows we all have psychic abilities. The new part is that we only unconsciously sense environmental psi signals. We unconsciously process information from the environment based on our worldview and only become consciously aware of the results. Take a moment to contemplate that point. Your worldview stands between your conscious self and the rest of reality. In effect, it represents your personal reality. Two caveats for this is that we share our worldview with our human's instincts, and we have filled our worldview database with cultural training: "garbage in, garbage out."

I spend a lot of time trying to explain these new concepts in terms of what I refer to as the Trans-Survival Hypothesis. I also spend a lot of time discussing the community we must live in as we try to understand these concepts.

No discussion of survival is complete without a discussion about how the cosmology relates to the phenomena, so the last third of the book is all about the phenomena—EVP, mediumship, visual ITC, healing intention.

As an engineer, I am uncomfortable touting the human benefit part of the book. To be honest, I am not very good at it. Please consider this a plea for help from you. If you read the book and do find it helpful toward your personal growth, please tell others. Perhaps you can make suggestions for me on the Idea Exchange.

The Idea Exchange

If you wish to ask questions about the new book, and have not already done so, please make sure you are using your real name. We are entering into a time in which it is important that all of us to stand up in support of our community.

Website Changes

We manage three websites and three subsites.

<http://atransc.org/>

<http://atransc.org/forum/>

<http://atransc.org/bp/Collective>

<http://ethericstudies.org/>

<http://ethericstudies.org/essays/>

<http://spiritualistsocietyofreno.org/>

All are getting pretty old and are based on older technology which is not mobile device friendly. Now I have learned that google and other search tools are penalizing websites that are not mobile friendly.

As the new book is being rolled, we are beginning the process of technology selection and design of new sites. We are learning with EthericStudies.org and then we will move on to the over 400 pages of ATransC.org. Such a complete redesign for a live site will produce occasional odd behavior, so please be patient. Once the sites are converted, we will also be in great need of feedback about broken links, typos and such. So don't hesitate to let us know.

Practitioner Advocacy Panel

We are still soliciting support and comments for a Practitioner Advocacy Panel. This is an ATransC initiative to provide guidance to the community based on the consensus opinion of a few community representatives. An important function of the panel would be to provide direct support for practitioners who function as research subjects demonstrating the ability to produce trans-etheric phenomena. The initial impetus for this comes from how the FEG medium has been treated after functioning as a test subject for members of the parapsychological community. The second target of this initiative is the manner in which information which may be harmful to the greater good of the community should be handled.

The ATransC can be considered a sponsor for the Panel, but it is for the benefit of the paranormalist community and must be developed and staffed by citizens representing a wide range of interests within the community. The bottom line is that the Panel will not exist without wide community support.

Properly executed, the Panel will provide service for both the scientists and the practitioner while helping to develop a more cooperative community. Here are a few potential benefits of such a panel:

- The mainstream academic community requires that research involving human subjects must comply with a set of ethical standards which are typically based on the Belmont Report

published by The National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research, <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/belmont-report/index.html>. The Panel would maintain a similar ethics standard for parapsychological research.

- Mainstream academia also requires researchers to submit their protocol to an ethics panel for review prior to conducting research. As I understand it, the ethics panel also provides a procedure to handle grievances brought by research subjects. The Practitioner Advocacy Panel would be chartered by community consensus to conduct protocol reviews and deal with grievances. The vision is that a “yes” response to the “have you submitted your protocol to the Advocacy Panel?” question will carry a lot of weight once the Panel has become part of the culture.
- Ethical questions related to the paranormalist community in general would be considered by the Panel. The Panel should be chartered to develop guidelines for the ethical treatment of people who have been accused of fraudulent behavior. This is not intended to protect the accused, but to protect the community when such negative information becomes known. A potential side benefit would be more aware citizens when it comes to accusations about which all of the information may not be known. This is a guideline tool for concerning how information should be disseminated and not for enforcement.
- In the same way, the Panel should be chartered to review final research reports in a kind of “second peer review” manner, before the reports are published. The point here is that a seal of approval from the panel will help researchers counter potential “working in a vacuum” comments because the Panel represents the more experienced lay community. A “failure to replicate” report produced by a person who is unqualified to conduct the research or who unnecessarily emphasizes negative aspect of the research would have much less standing in the greater community’s view if the report does not have the Panel’s “seal of approval.”

There are certainly more potential benefits of such a panel, and all can be summarized as “Protect the individual while supporting the greater good of the community.”

Please read the article at <http://ethericstudies.org/essays/practitioner-advocacy-panel/> and let me know your thoughts on the subject. You can comment on the WordPress page or on the dedicated forum at <http://atransc.org/forum/thread-940-post-5057.html#pid5057>.

That’s it for this update. We look forward to your comments about the new book in the Idea Exchange.

Remember that the study of these phenomena comes down to the individual and how these concepts can be applied to improve the individual’s life. It is illogical to spend time trying to improve communication if we are not also trying to improve the communicator. Even though the book is technical, it is really all about a way of learning. To make it work, it is important that we talk about it. Doing so helps us personally develop more coherent understanding.

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