



Hello all. This is Update 4.

Search paranormalist websites

An important characteristic of a mature community is the availability of educational resources. In the mainstream, there is a library system for the average person and the academic library system for the ... well, for the academics. The academic system is behind a paywall if you are not in the academic system (usually needs a doctorate). Of course, there is the Internet, but until recently, it has provided limited information, and even that is hard to find.

The paranormal community is beginning to mature a little and there are a few websites now that provide pretty useful information about things paranormal. Unlike the academic library, there is no easy way to conduct a literature search or to know the reliability of the authors, so we have set up a search tool dedicated to just websites focusing on things paranormal. You can access it at http://atransc.org/links_community.htm. That page also lists the included sites.

Other websites will be added, so please let us know via the ATransC Contact Tool (<http://atransc.org/contact.htm>) if you think others should be added. We are focused on sites providing useful information with some effort to be reliable.

Since there is no real way to vet these websites, please consider using the Idea Exchange to let us know about your support and cautionary thoughts. (<http://atransc.org/forum/>) We would like your comments and suggestions there because the forum provides a way for more open discussion that remains accessible for a longer time.

Public discussion board

For a trial period, the Idea Exchange is configured now to accept new members. Anyone can see the forums, but only supporters can post in the "Supporter's Forum." Now anyone can create an account and begin communicating in the "Public Discussion" section. The difference is that Supporters can access the ATransC NewsJournal archive and there will be much more

effort to answer questions and respond to comments. (Supports are generally those who have either financially or through their work, supported the ATransC.)

The new public Discussion section should provide a way for website visitors to ask questions and make comments that will remain available for others to read. We consider the Idea Exchange a learning/teaching tool and an effort will be made to reduce simple story telling and sharing of numerous examples. Your informed input is welcomed in the Idea Exchange.

New media

Two exciting projects are underway. The first issue of the *Othersidepress Magazine* is available now for your reading enjoyment. At present, it is being treated as an evolving issue, rather than distinct monthly issues, so keep an eye on the site.

See: <http://theothersidepress.com/> and <http://assmpi.org/>

We will let you know as soon as the **Afterlife Files** are ready to accept public support. We have seen the trailer for this proposed video series and are very impressed! If you want the word about EVP to get out to the public, then this is your best hope. It is going to need all of our dollars to succeed.

My the New Year find you and yours happy and in good health.

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