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Greetings!

I trust this update finds you well and happy. Spring is near and it looks like the drought is on the way to be broken here in the West.

The USA is in the middle of another experiment in democracy. It is fascinating to watch the dynamics of personalities, points of view and special interests. Somewhere in all of the talk is an opportunity for each of us to practice the middle way. Politics can fracture a society, so it is important that we work together to pick up the pieces after the election and make the best of the results.

Update on New Book

As I have reported in past updates, I am writing a book about the Survival Hypothesis and the cosmology that is implied by the fact of survival. It is finally in the hands of a copy editor. At 500 pages, it is going to take time for him to do a good job. My goal is to have it ready for print mid-summer.

The working title has been Implicit Cosmology, but I have been told the name is way too boring and arcane. The title we are considering now is something like:

Our Immortal Self

Any ideas? If you are familiar with our writing over the past few years, you may have a sense of what is in the book. What kind of a title would you look for?

Depending on how it survives the copy editor's red ink, here is the proposed back cover:

Can We Know the Nature of Reality?

Our lot is to be seekers after greater understanding. Avoid it as we do, the lessons nevertheless continue. It is for us to find understanding in these experiences.

Having learned, it is our lot to teach. As Hermes taught us, the three phases of a teacher are the lessons, how we live the lessons and the product of that living.

We may not choose to order our thoughts to teach, but we are always a role model for how to, or how not to, live. Our success in life also serves as a model, since what we know and what we do determines how well we do in life. Perhaps more correctly, it determines how well we adapt to our circumstances. What are you teaching your children?

This book is modeled after the three phases of a teacher. The Implicit Cosmology constitutes the actual lesson. The Community Section represents the way of life achieved by the community. The Transcommunication Section represents how the lessons can be translated into results.

As you read this book, you will see that, in fact, we *are* able to know the nature of reality. The only reason people say we cannot, is that they mistakenly assume they are able to see reality as it is. You will see that, of course, they only see what they have learned to think is real ... not reality at all. Reality can be seen, but one must do the work to see it.

This book is designed to teach you how to do the work. It is up to you however, to take action. Begin with personal responsibility. Become a wayshower!

The Idea Exchange

We have maintained the Idea Exchange discussion board as an important tool for ... well, for the exchange of ideas. It is pretty dead right now, but we will keep it up until well after the new book comes out. Our hope is that the book will generate discussions that will be best addressed in the forum format.

We just combined **Supporter** members with **Registered** members and flattened the forums into one class for **Registered** member access. We have around 150 registered members on the Idea Exchange, but see very few comments. We know you are there, so feel free to let us know what you are thinking. That is how we build a community.

Practitioner Advocacy Panel

Because of recent mistreatment of research subjects and the possible harm it may cause the greater community, I have written a proposal for a community supported Practitioner Advocacy Panel.

See:

[The Felix Study: Personal Attack Under Cover of Science](http://ethericstudies.org/essays/the-felix-study-personal-attack-under-cover-of-science/) (<http://ethericstudies.org/essays/the-felix-study-personal-attack-under-cover-of-science/>)

and

[The Arrogance of Scientific Authority](http://ethericstudies.org/essays/the-arrogance-of-scientific-authority/) (<http://ethericstudies.org/essays/the-arrogance-of-scientific-authority/>)

The objective is to promote a more collaborative practice in which the welfare of research subjects (witnesses, practitioners) and the best interests of the community are considered.

This is something that cannot and should not be done by one person, so I am soliciting comments from members of our community and asking for volunteers to help establish the framework of a Practitioner Advocacy Panel.

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>

Hearing with Eyes in the Dark

The problem with all of the astounding phenomena produced by physical mediums in dark room séances is that we can't see it unless it is glowing or a red light is on. An important step toward helping sitters see in the dark is an invention developed by Eckhard Kruse of Germany.

The device detects the origin and loudness of sound in a room. This information is displayed in a computer rendering of the room as colored bubbles, the size of which indicates how loud the sound is, and the location of the bubble in the room is where the sound originated. This represents an important evolution in the ways researchers are able to study darkroom séances.



While sitters can't watch the display during the séance, viewing a record of the sounds after the séance might reassure the sitters that the medium and the direct voice were actually coming from different locations in the room.

The picture is a frame from a demonstration video that can be seen at eckhardkruse.net/hidden/qxfgh/index.html. The bubble represents the voice of a physical medium's control saying "I'm right here!" very loudly. The video indicates the control's voice moving about the room and then settling above the mediums chair.

Drupal Setup

Anyone familiar with setting up a Drupal website? I am moving Spiritualistsocietyofreno.org onto one so that others can maintain it in our absence. I could use a little help in the actual setup settings. Anyone?

That's it for this update, but before ending, I would like to acknowledge our evolution.

I have been in communication with a past member of the ATransC who continues to look for us to be "the EVP people." While we try to fill that role by always answering ITC questions with what we think is true, it should be clear by now that we are more interested in the implications of EVP than the messages or techniques. After twenty years or so working with EVP, it seems more important to look for the how and why, rather than the what.

The Association TransCommunication is still involved with EVP/ITC, but of course, transcommunication is the umbrella concept so that mediumship and healing intention are also important. I should also note that my goal for the later part of this year is to return to video-loop ITC experiments. I have always wanted to put together a coffee table book title "Do You Know Me?" with faces from our ITC experiments and some of the better examples from you.

This is about our personal progression. That is why we experience. These phenomena represent the pretty lights that attract us to the way of progression. Let us follow them together.

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