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# The Paranormal: A Selected Bibliography of Serials and Reference Works, with Commentary

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**ABSTRACT.** Despite the fact that paranormal subjects hold interest for a very large number of people, there apparently have been no related analyses of users' needs. I suggest that a well-intended library collection of works on the paranormal should seek a balance of perspectives, and feature a good selection of reference materials that will help patrons come to their own conclusions. A twelve-section bibliography of classic and current reference works and serials is provided both for selection purposes and to help librarians become better acquainted with the scope and range of preternatural studies. *[Article copies available for a fee from The Haworth Document Delivery Service: 1-800-342-9678. E-mail address: [getinfo@haworth.com](mailto:getinfo@haworth.com)]*

## INTRODUCTION

The information needs of those engaged in paranormal studies are as shrouded in mystery as the subject itself. It appears that the matter is rarely even broached: my literature review on ten indexing/abstracting services revealed not a single article directly focussing on this topic! One might suppose from this result that there is a corresponding lack of general interest in the subject, but this is clearly not the case. A search on the CD-ROM product *PSYCHLIT*, for example, produces almost 1000 citations on the search term "parapsychology?" alone; parallel searches on "psi" and "psychic?" generate 565 and 3710 hits, respectively. And this is just the "technical" literature. To get some feeling for the level of

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interest in more culturally revealing terms, consider for a moment the fact that as of this writing, twelve of the twenty all-time top-grossing movies contain themes directly or closely associated with paranormal subjects. There can be no doubt that there is plenty of involvement worldwide, not only among those who are making a living in various related ways (fortune-tellers, traditional healers, etc.), but in the millions of others whose personal experiences or native curiosity have provided the impetus.

Why, then, the neglect? First of all, one has to realize that the number of individuals who are contributing full-time to "serious" study (i.e., of the institution-based, research monies-funded variety) of the paranormal probably does not exceed one thousand worldwide. Thus, there is no critical mass of researchers for whom anything like a serious survey of needs would be warranted.

Second, the term "paranormal" can be—and is—applied to a very wide range of phenomena. One might reasonably argue, in fact, that the subjects grouped together under the rubric form a very unnatural alliance to begin with. Along the same lines, it is not entirely clear to what lengths the term can be stretched with respect to coverage of subjects. For present purposes I accept the more or less conventional limitation, applying it to the domain of phenomena that at one level or another appear to be "real," but whose existence (or manner of origin) has yet to be satisfactorily reconciled with current scientific theory. I therefore exclude from the realm of the paranormal certain secondary studies such as folklore and myth; these may concern the *representation* of paranormal phenomena, but in general focus little on the phenomena themselves (which instead are often or usually viewed as being the "product of imagination" or beyond study outright).

A further problem may be the most limiting of all: those subjects attended to within the paranormal sphere are not always—or perhaps even usually—perceived as being fact-based to begin with. Many go so far as to feel that the phenomena involved are entirely the products of fancy, delusion, or fabrication. Thus, endless debate exists over whether to acknowledge the legitimacy of the sources of information that do exist, including those produced by apparently sincere individuals. This situation presents a potential dilemma for librarians: given a worst case scenario, by making available certain kinds of materials we may be aiding and abetting fraud and potentially steering patrons down dark and troubled roads. Otherwise put, it is difficult to design a service for the provision of information when even those who might wish to be served can't be sure whether what is being provided *is* information.

But need we consider the subject solely from a negative point of view? I think not; I suggest that a better way to approach the matter is to proceed

from a position somewhat prior to the usual "users' needs" kind of conceptualization. Specifically, even though we cannot yet agree as to what exactly these studies mean, we *can* organize all aspects of what various interests are setting out as relevant into a framework which encourages publicity and dialogue. In short, we can design services which are more concerned with information-building than with information-retrieving.

This is all the more necessary because of the experiential nature of much of the subject. A very large proportion of those who have more than a passing interest in the paranormal are amateurs in every sense of the word—ordinarily, they have had little or no training in how to go about objectively studying any subject, much less this most difficult of all challenges to empirical methodology. Indeed, many of those who have become involved have done so only semi-willingly, as the result of unsettling personal experiences. There is thus a constant battle going on between those who feel they already "know" merely because they are the leading expert on their own experiences, and those who are reserving judgment, or are entirely skeptical *a priori*.

With so much fundamental disagreement in evidence, it seems of central import to become more sensitive to the possible corroding effect of disinformation; specifically, of inadvertently promoting the position of any particular special interest over another. Clearly, there are substantial axes to grind in all directions, whether they be those of the scientific community (members of which may be attempting to apply study methodologies inappropriate to the conditions of the subject), the occult "industry" (including significant numbers of unscrupulous hucksters), conventional religious organizations (which may feel threatened by "New Age" thinking), or the ordinary individual (who may have difficulty coping with the ramifications of a particular experience). The librarian must be sensitive to the needs of all such populations, and this often means—in contradistinction to other matters, which commonly involve dealing with simple "pro" and "con" positions—a whole array of different kinds of views on a given subject.

How are today's libraries dealing with such considerations? Based on the available literature, one really cannot say. Most all-purpose collections contain at least *some* related materials, of course, but from an examination of electronic holdings records it appears that the focus is usually primarily on fiction. There are few purpose-specific parapsychology libraries, and even fewer that have a broadly-oriented service function. Among those that do seem to recognize a more general mission are the libraries of the Societies (British and American) for Psychical Research (in London and New York, respectively). In a brief note concerning the ASPR library

Dana Gordon writes "The library serves two main groups of users: those attempting to perform serious field research and members of the general public who have an interest in the subject."<sup>1</sup> But even in this write-up no further attention is given to just how the "general public" might be making use of the collection, or what services the library offers to its patrons.

Most existing special collections in the paranormal appear to have rather narrow, purpose-specific histories. There are a number of private collections on spiritualistic subjects, for example; some of these are attached to various religious institutions, whereas others have been built up around the remains of the personal libraries of pioneering individuals such as Harry Houdini and Harry Price. The cooperation obtainable from these operations varies widely, and in some cases one gets the distinct feeling that outside inquiries are not really welcomed. Then again, even minimal cooperation is better than no access at all, and it is unfortunately the case that many paranormal subjects are apparently represented by no special collections of consequence whatsoever.

On the positive side, however, there is a growing army of individuals who have involved themselves in documenting the literature of the field, its personalities, and the range of subjects it covers. There has been a veritable explosion of reference publications over the last ten years in particular, as will be evident from a perusal of the sources listed later in this work.

Further, it is fortunately not that difficult to locate "status of the field" papers that will help the interested librarian make selections enhancing the currency and provocativeness of a given collection. My review of such materials for this work made plain a number of general concerns held by workers in the paranormal; the following sample of comments is representative.

S. Blackmore notes that the original founders of psychical research posed questions that are still being asked, even in the same way, 100 years later.<sup>2</sup> She wonders whether they in fact established "a science that deals adequately with these questions." J. Palmer, perhaps anticipating this complaint, notes that "parapsychologists are now focusing on precise definitions of psi effects and the identification of conditions conducive to their reliable manifestation."<sup>3</sup> D. Oaks doesn't seem to believe that precision alone will do the trick, arguing that parapsychology will only come of age if it sheds "the mechanistic metaphor and the reactions to mechanism, crude spiritualism, and the artificial division between physical and mental phenomena."<sup>4</sup> E. Bauer agrees to the extent that controversy over parapsychology subjects "illustrates hidden assumptions in the scientific world and research methodology."<sup>5</sup> G. Playfair wonders whether parapsy-

chological research must be "based on the postulate that researchers must believe what they are trying to prove before attempting to prove it."<sup>6</sup> S. Rueda explores another kind of problem, noting how relatively little of the literature from the Spanish-speaking world is surviving the language barrier to become better known.<sup>7</sup> J. MacDonald connects various trends in parapsychology research to the field of anthropology.<sup>8</sup> L. Vilenskaya suggests that more emphasis should be placed on studying psi phenomena in traditional cultures.<sup>9</sup> J. Matlock considers another kind of problem by suggesting that parapsychology archives be established as a means for "ensuring the systematic collection, preservation, and preparation for research of parapsychological materials."<sup>10</sup>

Librarians may be little able to address most of these matters *directly*, but we can still help things along by seeing to it that the greatest range of perspectives and subjects is covered in our collections—no matter how large or how small these may be. Considering the enormity of the level of ignorance attached to the subject, it is especially important that the first line of defense, the reference collection, be as well-rounded and current as possible. To this end, and in the hope that even the mere perusal of its titles will educate librarians as to the range of subjects and perspectives involved, I have created the following bibliography.

### ***A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SERIALS AND REFERENCE WORKS ON PARANORMAL SUBJECTS***

In this compilation I attempt to draw together a list of titles which are classics and/or are new and currently being collected/circulated in significant numbers. I have split the overall subject—as defined earlier—into twelve subclasses; these are, briefly stated: Alchemy, Astrology, Magic, Witchcraft, etc., UFOs, Curious Natural Phenomena, Ghosts, Psychical and Seance Phenomena, Mysticism, Literary Sources, Miscellaneous Special Subjects, and General Parapsychology/Occultism. Each section contains a brief introduction, a list of (italicized) LC subject headings (with classification numbers, as appropriate) and other keywords (unitalicized), and lists of significant related serial and reference titles. Needless to say, none of these lists approaches comprehensiveness!

To save space the amount of bibliographic information for each serial and reference work title has been minimized to a state emphasizing identification alone. However, where relevant I have also mentioned the names of sponsoring societies and associations, and a few other clarifying notes on subject coverage or place of publication. I have also preceded those items pertaining with the following symbols:

'+' : reviewed in *Magazines for Libraries*<sup>11</sup>

'!' : held by a critical number (an arbitrary weighted average) of libraries in the online catalogs I investigated (Illinet, OhioLink and OCLC members, plus Harvard University)

'\*' : reviewed in the *ARBA* series<sup>12</sup>

'#' : recommended by Stein<sup>13</sup>

This coding system will give some indication of the relative general significance and/or popularity of the titles listed, but it must be emphasized that this kind of statistical approach is less effective in evaluating titles on the more specialized subjects, or in judging the most recently published works.

### ALCHEMY

The origins of alchemy are ancient, and although the study perhaps reached its zenith in medieval times, there continues to be an active interest in the subject on physical, philosophical and mystical grounds. Not surprisingly, however, a good deal of the existing reference literature deals with ancient sources.

#### ***Subjects/Keywords***

alchemy (QD13; QD23.3-26.5; Z5524.A35; Z6611.A37); *chemistry—early works to 1800* (QD14); *medicine magic mystic and spagiric; medicine, medieval* (R128-128.3; R141-144); *Paracelsus* (B785.P2; BF1598.P2) philosophers' stone

#### ***Serials***

*!Ambix* [history of alchemy] (1937-)

*The Hermetic Journal* (1978-)

#### ***Reference Works***

*Die Alchemie in Älterer und Neuerer Zeit* [alchemy—bibliog.] (H. Kopp; various reprints of 1886 ed.) 2 vols.

- ! *The Alchemists, Founders of Modern Chemistry* [history & biog.] (F.S. Taylor; H. Schuman 1949) 246 p.
- \* *Alchemy, A Bibliography of English-language Writings* (A. Pritchard; Routledge & K. Paul 1980) 439 p.
- ! *Alchemy, Ancient and Modern . . .* [history & bibliog.] (H.S. Redgrove; various reprints of 1922 2nd rev. ed.) 144 p.
- \* *Alchemy in Europe: A Guide to Research* [bibliog.] (C. Kren; Garland 1990) 130 p.
- Bibliotheca Chemica* [including alchemy] (J. Ferguson; Royal College of Science & Technology 1954 (reprint of 1906 ed.)) 2 vols.
- Catalogue des Manuscrits Alchimiques Grecs . . .* [alchemy-bibliog.] (Union Academique Internationale 1924-) 8 vols.
- The Dictionary of Alchemy* (M. Haeffner; Aquarian 1994 new ed.) 243 p.
- Dictionnaire Mytho-hermétique* (A.-J. Pernety; Denoel 1972 (reprint of 1758 ed.)) 389 p.
- Early Books on Medicine, Natural Sciences and Alchemy* [bibliog.] (L'Art Ancien 1926-1928) 722 p.
- From Alchemy to Atoms* [bibliog.] (W. Aliche; Interlibrum 1975) 4 vols.
- A Lexicon of Alchemy, or Alchemical Dictionary* (Martinus Rulandus; Kessinger 1992 (reprint of 1612 ed.)) 466 p.
- Lexikon Alchemistisch-pharmazeutischer Symbole* [dictionary] (W. Schneider; Verlag Chemie 1981 2nd ed.) 140 p.
- ! *Prelude to Chemistry: An Outline of Alchemy, its Literature and Relationships* [bibliog.] (J. Read; MIT Press 1966 (reprint of 1939 2nd ed.)) 327 p.
- A Select Bibliography of Chemistry, 1492-1892* [including alchemy] (H.C. Bolton; Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections Vol. 36 1893) 1212 p.
- William Cooper's "A Catalogue of Chymicall Books, 1673-88"* [alchemy-bibliog.] (S.J. Linden, ed.; Garland 1987) 159 p.

## ASTROLOGY

Interest levels in astrology have been substantial for a very long time; of all paranormal subjects it is the one which has most touched everyday consciousness. Accordingly, more people make a living from its practice, directly or indirectly, than from any of the other subjects noted here—there are, for example, several popular astrology magazines that have a circulation of well over 100,000. Still, it is not taken very seriously by the majority of the intelligentsia, with the result that few libraries carry just about any of the numerous serial titles available. The subject itself is a good deal more complex than most people realize, grading into other mystical specialities such as numerology and cabalism.



**Subjects/Keywords**

astrology (BF1651-1729; QB25-26; Z6611.A8; Z6878.A88); *astronomy, medieval* (QB23-26); *horoscopes* (BF1728.A2); *zodiac* (BF1726-1727.75)

**Serials**

+*American Astrology* [general] (1933-)

*American Federation of Astrologers Bulletin* [see *Today's Astrologer*]

*Astrological Review* [Astrologers' Guild of America; professional astrology] (1929-)

*Astrology Guide* [general] (1937-)

+*Considerations* [professional astrology] (1983-)

+*Dell Horoscope* [popular] (1935-)

*Horoscope Guide* [general] (1965-)

+*Mercury Hour: The Astrologer's Astrological Magazine* (1974-)

+*The Mountain Astrologer* (1988-)

*Today's Astrologer* [American Federation of Astrologers] (1938-)

+*Welcome to Planet Earth* [New Age astrology] (1981-)

**Reference Works**

!*The (Arkana) Dictionary of Astrology* (F. Gettings; Arkana 1990 rev.ed.) 575 p.

*The Astrological Thesaurus* [monograph series] (M. Munkasey; Llewellyn 1992-).

\**Astrology Books in Print* (Para Research 1981) 121 p.

!\**The Astrology Encyclopedia* (J.R. Lewis; Gale 1994) 603 p.

*Bibliographie Générale de l'Astronomie Jusqu'en 1880* nouv.ed. [astrology] (J.-C. Houzeau & A. Lancaster; Holland 1964 (reprint of 1882-1889 ed.)) 2 vols.

*Bibliotheca Astrologica: A Catalog of Astrological Publications of the 15th through the 19th Centuries* (F. L. Gardner; Symbols & Signs 1977 (reprint of 2nd rev.ed.)) 164 p.

*A Complete Dictionary of Astrology* (J. Wilson; Mokelumne Hill 1971 (reprint of 1819 ed.)) 406 p.

*The Complete Dictionary of Astrology* (A. Leo; Inner Traditions International 1989) 216 p.

\**The Dictionary of Astrology: Astrological Concepts, Techniques, and Theories* (H.E. Wedeck; Carol 1995 (reprint of 1973 ed.)) 189 p.

!*Encyclopedia of Astrology* (N. de Vore; Rowman & Littlefield 1976 (reprint of 1947 ed.)) 435 p.

!*The Encyclopedia of Astrology* (S. Shulman; Hamlyn 1976) 188 p.

!*Larousse Encyclopedia of Astrology* (J.-L. Brau et al., eds.; McGraw-Hill 1980) 320 p.

*Manuscripts and Books on Medicine, Alchemy, Astrology . . .* [catalog] (Maggs Bros. 1929) 618 p.

!*The New Compleat Astrologer* (D. & J. Parker; Outlet Book Co. 1990 rev. ed.) 288 p.

## MAGIC/CONJURING

I have combined these areas here for purposes of convenience only—it might have been just as useful to associate conjuring with the witchcraft section. Interest in the combined subject ranges from the ordinary in parlor room trickery to “black magic,” the casting of spells, cultish satanism, etc.

**Subjects/Keywords**

*amulets/charms/talismans* (BF1561; GN475; GR600); *conjuring* (GV1541-1561; Z6878.C7); *incantations* (BF1558; GR540); *magic* (BF1585-1623; GN475.3; Z6878.M3); *magicians* (BF1597-1598; GV1545)

**Serials**

*The Linking Ring* [International Brotherhood of Magicians] (1923-)

*Llewellyn's . . . Magickal Almanac* (1990-annual)

*M-U-M (Magic-Unity-Might)* [Society of American Magicians] (1911-)

**Reference Works**

*A Bibliography of English Conjuring, 1581-1876* (R. Toole-Stott; Harpur & Sons 1976-1978) 2 vols.

*Dictionary of Magic* (H.E. Wedeck; Philosophical Library 1956) 105 p.

*Dunninger's Complete Encyclopedia of Magic* (J. Dunninger; L. Stuart 1967) 288 p.

*\*(Cunningham's) Encyclopedia of Crystal, Gem and Metal Magic* (S. Cunningham; Llewellyn 1988) 221 p.

*!\*The Encyclopedia of Magic and Magicians* (T.A. Waters; Facts on File 1988) 372 p.

*\*Godwin's Cabalistic Encyclopedia: A Complete Guide to Cabalistic Magick* (D. Godwin; Llewellyn 1994 3rd ed.) 664 p.

*!\*Magic: A Reference Guide* [conjuring-bibliog.] (E.J. Coleman; Greenwood 1987) 198 p.

*The Magician's Guide: A Practical and Encyclopedic Guide to Magical and Religious Symbolism* (B. Whitcomb; Llewellyn 1994 2nd ed.) 592 p.

*Old Conjuring Books; A Bibliographical and Historical Study with a Supplementary Check-list* (T.H. Hall; St. Martin's 1973) 228 p.

**WITCHCRAFT, PAGANISM, DEMONOLOGY, SATANISM,  
VOODOOISM, SORCERY, CULTS, SHAMANISM, ETC.**

This category as I have constructed it hosts a range of subjects that share the characteristic of being concerned with gaining control over ele-

mental forces. Some of these pursuits rank with the most ancient of human traditions. This emphasis on primitiveness continues to have its appeal: in recent years there has been a marked increase of interest in witchcraft, paganism and shamanism in particular. In addition to the sources listed below, see Margaret Andrews's list<sup>14</sup> for a good selective bibliography on witchcraft.

### ***Subjects/Keywords***

*cults* (Z7835.C86); *demonology* (BF1501-1561; BL480; BT975; GR540); *devil-worship*; *paganism*; *satanism* (BF1546-1550; BL480); *shamanism* (BF1585-1628.3; BL2370.S5); *sorcery*; *voodooism* (BL2490); *wicca*; *witchcraft* (BF1562.5-1584; GR530; Z6878.W8); *witches*

### ***Serials***

*Abrasax* [occultism] (1988-)

*Circle Guide to Pagan Resources* (1987-)

*!Cultic Studies Journal* [American Family Foundation; cults] (1984-)

*Georgian Monthly* [witchcraft, magic; before 1989 called *Georgian Newsletter*] (1973-)

*!Shaman: An International Journal for Shamanistic Research* (1993-)

*!Syzygy* [cults] (1992-)

*WICA Newsletter* [Witches International Craft Associates] (1970-)

### ***Reference Works***

*Los Chamanes de México* [monograph series on shamans & cults—biog. & history] (J. Grinberg Zylberbaum; Alpa Corral 1987-1990) 7 vols.

*Dictionary of Demonology* (J.-A.-S. Collin de Plancy; Philosophical Library 1965 (reprint of 19th century work)) 177 p.

*!\*Dictionary of Demons: A Guide to Demons and Demonologists in Occult Lore* (F. Gettings; David & Charles 1988 rev.ed.) 255 p.

- !\**A Dictionary of Gods and Goddesses, Devils and Demons* (M. Lurker; Routledge & K. Paul 1987) 451 p.
- !*Dictionary of Satanism* (W. Baskin; Carol 1972) 351 p.
- Encyclopaedia of Celtic Wisdom: The Celtic Shaman's Sourcebook* (C. & J. Matthews; Element 1994) 456 p.
- !\**The Encyclopedia of American Religions* [cults] (J.G. Melton; Gale 1993 4th ed.) 1217 p.
- !#*The Encyclopedia of Witchcraft and Demonology* (R.H. Robbins; Bonanza Books 1981 (reprint of 1959 ed.)) 557 p.
- !##*The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft* (R.E. Guiley; Facts on File 1989) 421 p.
- !\**The Encyclopedic Handbook of Cults in America* (J.G. Melton; Garland 1992 rev.ed.) 407 p.
- \**The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Active New Religions, Sects, and Cults* (B. Beit-Hallahmi; Rosen 1993) 341 p.
- \**Psychiatry and the Cults: An Annotated Bibliography* (J.A. Saliba; Garland 1987) 601 p.
- Salem-Village Witchcraft: A Documentary Record* (P.S. Boyer & S. Nissenbaum; Northeastern Univ. 1993 (reprint of 1972 ed.)) 416 p.
- Shamans of the 20th Century* [case studies] (R.-I. Heinze; Irvington 1990) 259 p.
- \**Social Science and the Cults: An Annotated Bibliography* (J.A. Saliba; Garland 1990) 694 p.
- The Sorcerer's Handbook* (W. Baskin; Philosophical Library 1974) 633 p.
- Voodoo Handbook of Cult Secrets* (A. Riva; International Imports 1991 (reprint of 1974 ed.)) 48 p.
- Voodoo Secrets from A to Z* [dictionary] (R.W. Pelton; A.S. Barnes 1973) 138 p.

*Witchcraft: Catalogue of the Witchcraft Collection in the Cornell University Library* (M.J. Crowe, ed.; KTO Press 1977) 644 p.

*!Witchcraft in Europe, 1100-1700: A Documentary History* (A.C. Kors & E. Peters, eds.; Univ. of Pennsylvania 1995 (reprint of 1972 ed.)) 384 p.

*!Witchcraft in the Middle Ages* [history & bibliog.] (J.B. Russell; Cornell Univ. 1972) 394 p.

## UFOs AND EXOBIOLOGY

The study of UFOs has become a significant worldwide industry. There are enthusiast groups galore, as well as a number of more serious investigative bodies. Exobiology as a formal study began around the turn of the century with the speculations of astronomers Scarpelli and Lowell regarding the possible engineered origins of the canals of Mars, and the counter-arguments of the English naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace.

Since that time the study of the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence ("ETI") has undergone a dramatic evolution. In the 1950s, propelled by an enormous number of sightings, the movie industry's "it came from outer space!" invasion imagery of the matter mirrored popular concerns over a possible nuclear holocaust. By the 1970s the general perception had diversified, with increasing numbers of individuals expressing a genuine level of curiosity about the potential rewards of contacting "superior societies." In recent years ufologists have begun to consider the notion that psychical—rather than physical—processes may underlie some of the phenomena that have been reported.

### *Subjects/Keywords*

ETI; extraterrestrial intelligence; *exobiology*; flying saucers; *life on other planets* (QB54); ufos; *unidentified flying objects* (TL789-789.3; Z5064.F5)

### *Serials*

*!International UFO Reporter* [J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies] (1976-)

*!Journal of UFO Studies* [J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies] (1979-)

*!The MUFON UFO Journal* [Mutual UFO Network] (1967-)

*Search Magazine* [UFOs, psychical phenomena] (1953-)

*UFO Directory* [research directory] (1993-)

*UFO (Magazine)* [popular] (1986-)

### **Reference Works**

!#*The Encyclopedia of UFOs* (R. Story, ed.; Dolphin 1980) 440 p.

*Exobiology: A Research Guide* [bibliog.] (M.H. Sable; Green Oak 1978) 324 p.

*The Reference for Outstanding UFO Sighting Reports* (T.M. Olsen, ed.; UFO Information Retrieval Center 1966) 146 p.

*UFO: The Complete Sightings Catalogue* (P. Brookesmith; Barnes & Noble 1995) 176 p.

!#*The UFO Encyclopedia* [monograph series] (J. Clark; Apogee 1990-)

!#*The UFO Encyclopedia* (M. Sachs; Putnam 1980) 408 p.

*The UFO Encyclopedia* (J. Spencer, ed.; Avon 1991) 340 p.

*UFO Guide, 1947-1967 . . .* [bibliog./directory] (M.H. Sable; Rainbow 1967) 100 p.

*The UFO Guidebook* (N.J. Briazack & S. Mennick; Citadel 1978) 246 p.

\*#*The UFO Literature: A Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography of Works in English* (R.M. Rasmussen; McFarland 1985) 263 p.

!#*UFOs and Related Subjects: An Annotated Bibliography* (L.E. Catoe; Gale 1978) 392 p.

\*#*UFOs and the Extraterrestrial Contact Movement: A Bibliography* (G.M. Eberhart; Scarecrow 1986) 2 vols.

*Unidentified Flying Objects: A Selected Bibliography* (K. Rodgers; Library of Congress 1976) 16 p.

## **CURIOUS PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL PHENOMENA**

The science of cryptozoology, which sets for itself the primary goal of seeking out and formally identifying "ordinary" but secretive animal forms that have been reported anecdotally or in myth and legend, was established in the 1940s and 1950s. But are all such forms—at least the ones that may really exist—"ordinary" to begin with, or might they be in one fashion or another psychically-influenced or initiated? Similarly, what are the origins of a variety of bizarre physical phenomena such as ball lightning (whose very existence is still doubted by many members of the scientific community)? Theories and hypotheses abound within this particular realm of the paranormal; these run the gamut from the entirely conventional/reactionary to interpretations that might seem more at home in myth or in a work of science fiction.

### ***Subjects/Keywords***

abominable snowman; *animals, mythical* (GR820-830); *ball lightning* (QC966.7 B3); Bigfoot; *crop circles; cryptozoology* (QL88.3-89.2); *curiosities and wonders* (AG240-243; Z5705); enigmas; *Loch Ness monster; monsters* (GR820-830); *Sasquatch* (QL89.2 .S2); *sea monsters; unexplained phenomena; yeti* (QL89.2 Y4)

### ***Serials***

*NCGR Journal* [National Council for Geocosmic Research] (1972-)

*Geocosmic (News)* [National Council for Geocosmic Research] (1972-)

### ***Reference Works***

! *Anomalies* [titles vary; handbook series on various natural "curiosities and wonders" subjects by William R. Corliss].

! *The Atlas of Mysterious Places* (J. Westwood, ed.; Weidenfeld & Nicolson 1987) 240 p.

! *Atlas of the Mysterious in North America* [curiosities, haunted places, etc.] (R.E. Guiley; Facts on File 1995) 178 p.

\* *Big Footnotes: A Comprehensive Bibliography Concerning Bigfoot, the Abominable Snowmen and Related Beings* (D. Perez; D. Perez 1988) 189 p.



*Encyclopedia of the Unexplained* [curiosities & wonders] (J. Randles & P. Hough; Michael O'Mara 1995) 240 p.

!\**Encyclopedia of Strange and Unexplained Physical Phenomena* (J. Clark; Gale 1993) 395 p.

\*#*A Geo-Bibliography of Anomalies* (G.M. Eberhart; Greenwood 1980) 1114 p.

#*Monsters, A Guide to Information on Unaccounted-for Creatures. . .* [bibliog.] (G.M. Eberhart; Garland 1983) 344 p.

!#*Mythical and Fabulous Creatures: A Source Book and Research Guide* (M. South, ed.; Greenwood 1987) 393 p.

!#*On the Track of Unknown Animals* [a classic "handbook" of cryptozoology] (B. Heuvelmans; K. Paul International 1995 rev.3rd ed.) 677 p.

### **GHOSTS, POLTERGEISTS, HAUNTED PLACES, ETC.**

"Do you believe in ghosts?" The very question says it all; even if one counts oneself as being among the believers it must be admitted that these most quintessential of all paranormal phenomena are at best very elusive and ephemeral entities. It may thus come as a surprise to many readers to discover that the occurrence of poltergeists, by contrast, has been reasonably convincingly demonstrated at this point. This is not to say, of course, that the associated causal forces have been determined as yet . . .

#### **Subjects/Keywords**

apparitions (BF1444-1486); *ghosts* (BF1444-1486; GR580; Z6878.G5); *haunted houses*; phantasms; phantoms; *poltergeists* (BF1483)

#### **Serial**

*Ghost Trackers Newsletter* [Ghost Research Society] (1982-)

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- \* *The National Directory of Haunted Places* (D.W. Hauck; Athanor 1994) 402 p.
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**PSYCHICAL AND SEANCE PHENOMENA:  
DREAMS, ESP, CLAIRVOYANCE, OBEs, NEAR-DEATH  
EXPERIENCES, HYPNOTISM/MESMERISM, CHANNELING,  
MATERIALIZATION, ETC.**

To this loosely-knit category I have assigned those subjects which have been linked strictly (or nearly strictly) with psychical causality, including alleged seance phenomena. Again, however, it must be admitted that this allotment ends up being more a statement about our present state of ignorance on related questions than it does a final verdict. Literature on these subjects ranges in flavor from the highly subjective/mystical to the highly technical, and overall is truly voluminous.

***Subjects/Keywords***

*animal magnetism* (BF1111-1156); *astral projection* (BF1389.A7); *astral travel*; *bilocation*; *channeling (spiritualism)* (BF1281-1315); *clairaudience* (BF1338); *clairvoyance* (BF1325); *clairvoyants*; *double* (BF1045.D67); *dream interpretation*; *dreams* (BF1074-1099); *esp*; *extrasensory perception*; *hypnotic age regression*; *hypnotism* (BF1111-1156); *levitation* (BF1385); *lucid dreams* (BF1099.L82); *materIALIZATION* (BF1378); *mediums* (BF1281);

*mesmerism* (BF1111-1156; RZ430; Z6878.A54); *near-death experiences* (BF1045.N4); *out-of-body experiences* [OBEs]; *psi*; *psychical phenomena*; *psychokinesis* (BF1371-1389); *psychometry* (BF1281-1315); *remote viewing* (*parapsychology*); *sixth sense*; *spirit mediums*; *spirit photography* (BF1313; BF1381); *spirit writings* (BF1290-1308); *telekinesis*; *telepathy* (BF1161-1171); *thought-transference*; *trance* (BF1321-1353)

### Serials

! *American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis* [American Society of Clinical Hypnosis] (1958-)

! *Annual Review of Hypnosis Literature* (1950-)

*Connecting Link* [channeling] (?-)

*Dream Network Journal* [dream interpretation; popular] (1982-)

! *Dreaming* [Association for the Study of Dreams] (1991-)

! *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis* (1959-)

! *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis* [continued by *International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis*] (1953-1958)

!+ *Journal of Near-Death Studies* [formerly *Anabiosis*] (1981-)

*Spirit Speaks Magazine* [channeling; popular] (1985-)

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*Dream Dictionary: A Guide to Dreams and Sleep Experiences* (T. Crisp; Optima 1990) 345 p.

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- ! *ESP Curriculum Guide* [bibliog.] (R.A. McConnell; Simon & Schuster 1971) 128 p.
- ! *Foundations of Hypnosis, from Mesmer to Freud* [history & biog.] (M.M. Tinterow; C.C. Thomas 1970) 606 p.
- Hypnosis and the Courts* [bibliog.] (E.H. Cook; Vance Bibliographies 1987) 22 p.
- Die Magnetische Zeit . . .* [mesmerism—history & biog.] (H.P. Treichler; SV International 1988) 365 p.
- ! \* *Near-Death Experiences: An Annotated Bibliography* (T.K. Basford; Garland 1990) 182 p.
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- Popular Handbook for ESP* (A.M. Potts; Harbour 1974) 160 p.
- Psychic Experiences: A Bibliography* (R.A. White & R.I. Anderson; Parapsychology Sources of Information Center 1990) 147 p.
- A Sense of Warning* [premonitions—biog.] (B.N. Kaufman; Delacorte/E. Friede 1983) 300 p.

**MYSTICS AND MYSTICISM:  
THEOSOPHY, REINCARNATION, MIRACLES, VISIONS, ETC.**

Some might complain that it is stretching the coverage of the paranormal to include mysticism within it, but one can argue otherwise. For

example, much of the matter of theosophy—a body of teachings owing its conceptual origins to the ancient traditions of Indian philosophy and religion—concerns itself with alternate or transcendental interpretations of natural processes, and one can hardly come to grips with such topics as astral projection or reincarnation without having at least some awareness of it. And, of course, there are many other mystical traditions as well; so many, in fact, that no one person could ever hope to become even passingly aware of them all.

### ***Subjects/Keywords***

*anthroposophy* (BP595-597; Z7835.A5); *astral body* (BF1389.A7; BP573.A7); *cabala* [kabala] (BF1585-1623; BM525; Z6371.C2); *cabalism*; *eckankar* (BP605.E3); *esoteric philosophy*; *karma* (BF1045.K37; BJ1499.K3); *miracle workers*; *miracles* (BL487; BS1199.M5; BS2545.M5; BT97; Z7816); *mysticism* (B728; B828; BL625; BV5070-5095; Z6878.M9; Z7128.M9; Z7819); *mystics* (BV5095); *numerology* (BF1623.P9); *past-lives regression*; *reincarnation* (BL515; BP573.R5); *tantrism* (BQ8900-9099); *theosophists* (BP580-585); *theosophy* (BP500-585; Z6878.T4); *transmigration* (BD426; BL525); *visions* (BF1100-1108; BV5091.V6)

### ***Serials***

! *Adyar Library Bulletin* (Madras) [theosophy; also called *Brahmavidya*] (1937-)

! *The Aryan Path* (Bombay) [theosophy] (1930-)

*Centric* [Esoteric Philosophy Center; esoteric philosophy] (1974-)

! *Darshana International* [Indic philosophy & psychical research] (1961-)

! *Four Worlds Journal* [mysticism, cabalism] (1984-)

! *14th Century English Mystics Newsletter* [continued by *Mystics Quarterly*] (1975-1983)

! + *Gnosis* [Lumen Foundation; mysticism; general] (1985-)

! *Kabbalah* (Jerusalem) (1985-)

! *Mystics Quarterly* [mysticism of the Middle Ages] (1984-)

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! *The Continuum Encyclopedia of Symbols* [signs & symbols] (U. Becker; Continuum 1994) 345 p.

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\* *Gurdjieff, An Annotated Bibliography* (J.W. Driscoll; Garland 1985) 363 p.

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! *An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Mysticism and the Mystery Religions* (J. Ferguson; Seabury 1977) 228 p.

*Introducción a la Historia de la Literatura Mística en España* [history & bibliog.] (P. Sainz y Rodriguez; Espasa-Calpe 1984 (reprint of 1927 ed.)) 326 p.

! *An Introduction to the Medieval Mystics of Europe: Fourteen Original Essays* [biog.] (P.E. Szarmach, ed.; State Univ. of New York 1984) 376 p.

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### LITERARY SOURCES

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#### **MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL SUBJECTS:**

***DOWSING, PALMISTRY, TAROT, PROPHECIES, PHRENOLOGY, VAMPIRES AND WEREWOLVES, ANGELS, ETC.***

It should be apparent even to the casual observer that there is often a fine line to draw between those subjects with links to "real" phenomena and those which belong strictly to the realm of myth, legend, and fiction. Most onlookers would probably assign a purely mythical status to fairies, for example, but for reasons unknown the little beings continue to be sighted in significant number, leading some sources to view them in occult terms. Similarly, though vampires and werewolves may well simply be fictional entities—at least as they are usually portrayed—a sizable enough



number of individuals actually do exhibit related psychological/ pathological tendencies.

### ***Subjects/Keywords***

angels (BL477; BT965-968); cheirosophy; *demoniac possession* (BF1555; BS2545.D5); divining-rod; *dowsers*; *dowsing* (BF1628; Z6878.D6); evil spirits; *exorcism* (BF1559; BV873.E8; BX2340; GR540; Z6878.E9); *fairies* (BF1552; GR549-552); faith healing; *fortune-telling* (BF1850-1891); *incubi* (BF1556); *kirlian photography* (TR760); *palmistry* (BF910-935); *phrenology* (BF866-885; RZ501; Z7204.P47); *precognition* (BF1325); premonitions; *prophecies* (BF1783-1815); psychic healing; *psychic surgery* (RZ403.P75); *spirit possession*; *spirits* (BT960-962); *spiritual healing* (BF1275.F3); *tarot* (BF1879.T2; GV1295.T37); *vampires* (BF1556; GR830.V3); water witching; *werewolves* (GR830.W4; Z6878.W4)

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*Predictions Realized in Modern Times* (J. Timbs; Gryphon 1971 (reprint of 1880 ed.)) 276 p.

! *The Vampire Book: The Encyclopedia of the Undead* (J.G. Melton; Visible Ink 1994) 852 p.

# *Vampires Unearthed: The Complete Multi-Media Vampire and Dracula Bibliography* (M.V. Riccardo; Garland 1983) 135 p.

*Vampires, Werewolves, and Demons: Twentieth Century Reports* [case studies] (R. Noll, ed.; Brunner/Mazel 1992) 244 p.

### GENERAL

### PARAPSYCHOLOGY/OCCULTISM/SPIRITUALISM/NEW AGE; MULTI-SUBJECT WORKS

Most of the dictionaries and encyclopedias that cover the entire paranormal, or large portions of it, do not attempt to separate out its occult

aspects from the scientific study of the subject. The field of psychical research arose in the late 1800s in an attempt to systematically explore the abilities of mediums, mostly through direct examinations of seance phenomena. In the 1930s such study waned in favor of a new one developed by the psychologist J. B. Rhine, who advocated a more scientific approach grounded in the experimental method and analytical statistics. This new approach is now known as parapsychology, and attempts to treat the phenomena of the paranormal in a strictly conventional scientific fashion, drawing on conservative explanatory models.

### ***Subjects/Keywords***

*divination* (BF1745-1779); *fortean phenomena*; *New Age movement* (BP605.N48; Z7835.N48); *occultism* (BF1404-1999; Z6876-6880); *occultists*; *paranormal*; *parapsychology* (BF1001-1389; Z6878.P8); *psychic ability*; *psychic energy* (BF175.5 P72); *psychical research*; *psychics*; *psychoenergetics*; *spiritism*; *spiritualism* (BD331; BF1228-1389; Z6878.S8); *spiritualists*; *supernatural* (BF1001-1999; BL100; GR500-510)

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! *Psi Research* [Washington Research Center & The Foundation for Human Science] (1982-)

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Claims of the Paranormal; continues *The Zetetic*] (1978-)

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Age, psychic evolution] (1984-)

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