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# TELEPATHIC EXPERIENCES

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**EE1 or EE(GT)      GENERAL TELEPATHY**

CRITERIA

- 1. Mind-to-mind communication.
- 2. Involves two or more individuals.
- 3. The agent and subject, percipient, or all participants, are living organisms.

SEVERITY

Stable/Functional, Mild, Moderate, Severe.

**EE1.1 or EE(TC)      TELEPATHIC COGNITIVE EXPERIENCES**

CRITERIA

- 1. Information is received by the percipient.
- 2. Information received is in first person perspective (e.g. If visual: the image received is from the subject’s perspective), or narrative (e.g. If auditory: the words received are from the subject’s perspective “He/She is happy today;” or occasionally “I am happy today;” with additional information in reference to the subject).
- 3. Subconscious need for information acquisition present at the time of the experience.

SPECIFIERS

Spontaneous, Intentional; Adaptive, Decisive; Single

Olfactory H, Gustatory H, Compound.

## **EE1.2 or EE(TI)      TELEPATHIC INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES**

### **CRITERIA**

1. Information is sent by the agent.
2. Information is sent in second-person perspective (e.g. If visual: the image impressed is from the agents perspective) or narrative (e.g. If auditory: the words impressed are from the agents perspective i.e. "You want to behave this way.").
3. Subconscious need for information impression present at the time of the experience.

### **SPECIFIERS**

Spontaneous, Intentional; Adaptive, Directive; Suggestive, Compulsive; Single Episode, Episodic, Continuous; Dream, Intuitive Impression/Emotional, Auditory H, Visual H, Tactile H, Somatic H, Olfactory H, Gustatory H, Compound.

## **EE1.3 or EE(TS)      TELEPATHIC SIMULATIVE EXPERIENCES**

### **CRITERIA**

1. Information is shared between the telepathist and one or more participants.
2. Information is shared in first-person plural perspective (e.g. If visual: the image is shared with the telepathist and all participants, and is from a group perspective involving all other participants) or narrative (e.g. If auditory: the words shared are in first-person plural perspective i

## SPECIFIERS

Spontaneous, Intentional; Adaptive, Directive; Input, Output; Single Episode, Episodic, Continuous; Dream, Intuitive Impression/Emotional, Auditory H, Visual H, Tactile H, Somatic H, Olfactory H, Gustatory H, Compound.

## CLAIRVOYANT EXPERIENCES

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### EE2 or EE(GC)      GENERAL CLAIRVOYANCE

#### CRITERIA

1. Mind-to-environment/nature (including information about a person), mind-to-object, or mind-to-entity communication/effect.
2. Involves one or more environments, objects, entities, or indirect (about) information pertaining to a person's situation.
3. The source of the information is not a living organism (i.e. the source is the environment/nature, a discarnate entity, or other entity), but information can be obtained, or probability influenced, pertaining to a living organism's situation (e.g. health, environment, current events).

#### SEVERITY

Stable/Functional, Mild, Moderate, Severe.

### EE2.1 or EE(CC)      CLAIRVOYANT COGNITIVE EXPERIENCES

#### CRITERIA

2. a person) mind-to-object, or mind-to-entity communication.
3. Information received is in third person perspective (e.g. If visual: the image received is viewed as though the percipient is looking at an event, object, or looking at the individual within their surroundings (i.e. rather than looking through the eyes of an individual -- telepathy), or narrative (e.g. If auditory: the words received are from the sources' perspective "You will have a fortunate day," or "She misses you dearly."
4. Subconscious need for information acquisition present at the time of the experience.

#### SPECIFIERS

Spontaneous, Intentional; Adaptive, Decisive; Precognition, Contemporaneous, Retro/Postcognition; Nature, Discarnate, Other Entity; Individual, Object, Event; Single Episode, Episodic, Continuous; Dream, Intuitive Impression/Emotional, Auditory H, Visual H, Tactile H, Somatic H, Olfactory H, Gustatory H, Compound.

### **EE2.2 or EE(CI)      CLAIRVOYANT INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES**

#### CRITERIA

1. Information is conveyed through the experient via some mode of entity interaction/occupation.
2. Information is conveyed in first person narrative (i.e. the entity is talking through the experient and refers to them self (the entity) as "I").
3. Subconscious need for information conveyance present at the time of the experience.

#### SPECIFIERS</

diumship, Channeling; Nature, Discarnate, Other Entity; Individual, Object, Event; Single Episode, Episodic, Continuous; Automatism, Xenoglossy, Physical Mediumship, Psychopompic Activity, Compound.

## **EE2.3 or EE(CS)    CLAIRVOYANT SIMULATIVE EXPERIENCES**

### **CRITERIA (INPUT)**

1. Accommodating information is shared between the experient and the environment/Nature.
2. Accommodating information is shared with seemingly no perspective other than the self (e.g. if visual: the image is shown from the experient's perspective, if auditory: information is heard in-mind in the experient's own voice and is heard in first-person narrative such as "I think," or "I feel."
3. Subconscious need for accommodating information present at the time of the experience.

### **CRITERIA (OUTPUT)**

1. An accommodating and meaningful coincidence, synchronistic event, or probability shift has occurred.
2. Subconscious need for an accommodating meaningful coincidence, synchronistic event, or probability shift present at the time of the experience.

### **SPECIFIERS**

Spontaneous, Intentional; Adaptive, Directive; Input, Output; Individual, Place, Object, Idea, Event; Precognition, Probability Shifting, Contemporaneous, Retro/Postcognition, Historical Shifting; Single Episode, Episodic, Continuous; Dream, Intuitive Impression/Emotional, Aud

## **EMPATHIC EXPERIENCES**

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**EE3 or EE(GE)**

### **GENERAL EMPATHY**

#### **CRITERIA**

1. Mind-to-Mind, or mind-to-environment, emotional communication.
2. Involves one or more individuals, or involves one or more environments and indirect emotional information pertaining to one or more groups of individuals.
3. The subject or participant is a living organism (e.g. human, animal), or the target group is comprised of living organisms (e.g. human, animal) and the information obtained about them is in reference to the emotional state of the target group (e.g. emotions towards community or national health, politics, current events, etc.).

#### **SEVERITY**

Stable/Functional, Mild, Moderate, Severe.

**EE3.1 or EE(EC)**

### **EMPATHIC COGNITIVE EXPERIENCES**

#### **CRITERIA**

1. Emotional information is received by the percipient through mind-to-environment communication.
2. Involves one or more environments and indirect emotional information pertaining to one or more groups of individuals.
3. The source of the information is not a single living organism (

of a group of living organisms of which the emotions of a single individual may be identifiable (e.g. emotions towards community, national health, politics, current events, etc.)

4. Subconscious need for emotional information acquisition present at the time of the experience.

#### SPECIFIERS

Spontaneous, Intentional; Adaptive, Decisive; Single Episode, Episodic, Continuous; Dream, Intuitive Impression/Emotional (Achievement, Approach, Resignation, Antagonistic, Aesthetic), Compound.

### **EE3.2 or EE(EI)      EMPATHIC INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES**

#### CRITERIA

1. Emotional information is sent by the agent and received by the subject.
2. Involves one or more individuals and direct emotional information transfer.
3. Subconscious need for emotional information impression present at the time of the experience.

#### SPECIFIERS

Spontaneous, Intentional; Adaptive, Directive; Suggestive, Compulsive; Single Episode, Episodic, Continuous; Dream, Intuitive Impression/Emotional (Achievement, Approach, Resignation, Antagonistic, Aesthetic), Compound.

### **EE3.3 or EE(ES)      EMPATHIC SIMULATIVE EXPERIENCES**

ist and one or more participants.

2. Involves one or more individuals and direct emotional information sharing.
3. Subconscious need for emotional information sharing present at the time of the experience.

#### SPECIFIERS

Spontaneous, Intentional; Adaptive, Directive; Input, Output; Single Episode, Episodic, Continuous; Dream, Intuitive Impression/Emotional, Auditory H, Visual H, Tactile H, Somatic H, Olfactory H, Gustatory H, Compound.

# PREFACE

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The Classification & Statistical Manual of Extrasensory Experiences (CSM-EE) is a classification of extrasensory experiences with associated criteria designed to facilitate more reliable classification in hopes of one day becoming a standard reference, through future expert review, public commentary, and independent peer review; for clinicians, educators, and researchers challenged with treating, teaching, studying, or investigating into the nature of exceptional experiences. While a comprehensive description of underlying extrasensory processes is not currently possible, it is imperative to highlight that the current classification criteria are detailed descriptions of how extrasensory experiences are expressed and can be recognized by trained professionals.

CSM-EE is intended to assist as a practical, functional, and flexible guide for a wide array of experiences, often viewed as religious or spiritual in nature, that otherwise vary greatly in subjective experience due to varying knowledge and belief systems in experiencers. CSM-EE assists in identifying like experiences that are similar in phenomenology, but otherwise widely differ in narrative due to culture, language, and religious/spiritual belief. Whereby, the CSM-EE can assist in accurate classification and is therefore a valuable resource for clinicians and students, and a valuable reference for researchers, dealing with extrasensory experiences in a wide diversity of context.

The criteria are concise and fairly explicit and are intended to assist in an objective evaluation of associated phenomenology and experiential presentations in a wide variety of settings by trained professionals. The criteria and associated phenomenological features and specifiers serve in part as a textbook for students who require a well-structured method to understand and classify extrasensory experiences as well as for experienced professionals encountering these experiences for the first time. Criteria and specifiers in this manual were primarily designed to classify the extrasensory experiences of those that are on the initiating end of the experiences (e.g. an agent of tele-

pathic interactive experiences). However, criteria and specifiers can also be utilized to classify the extrasensory experiences of those whom are not on the initiating end of the experiences (e.g. a subject of telepathic interactive experiences).

The criteria and specifiers in this manual were designed to guide clinicians, researchers, and educators in the detailed classification of extrasensory experiences. However, extrasensory experiences can be abstract more often than complex. Because of this, detailed classification will not be an option for all experiences and it is recommended that the user of this manual only use and record specifiers in which are supported by evidence. In other words, if the user is presented with the decision to either vaguely classify an experience or wildly speculate, the user is encouraged to vaguely classify the experience and build upon that classification over time (i.e. as the client/patient reports more experiences). I also hope that the CSM-EE may assist in identifying anomalies in past exceptional experience research and to allow for more informed experimental designs in the future.

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# INTRODUCTION

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The need for a categorical classification system of extrasensory experiences has been clear throughout the history of the field of parapsychology. The *Classification & Statistical Manual of Extrasensory Experiences (CSM-EE)* is a categorical classification designed for clinicians that divides extrasensory experiences into types based on criteria sets with defining features.

## Definitions of Extrasensory Perception

**Extrasensory Perception (ESP)** is defined as: *the reception of information not gained through the recognized physical senses, but sensed by the mind; the acquisition of information about, or response to, an external event, object, or influence (e.g. mental or physical; past, present, or future) otherwise than through any of the known sensory channels.* Extrasensory Perception is assumed the result of the psychical influence of information via an experient's influence over the biological basis of consciousness and the mental process by which we perceive, act, learn, and (i.e. Telepathy) (Kelly, 2011a). In addition, Extrasensory Perception is assumed the result of the psychical influence of our seemingly objective environment/reality, which is presumed as a whole to be a universal information system capable of storing, retaining, and recalling information pertaining to the past and current states of objects and events, and probabilistically determining the potential trajectory of future events (i.e. Clairvoyance) (Kelly, 2011b).

## Extrasensory Experiences and Psychopathology

In attempting to compare and differentiate genuine extrasensory experiences to and from psychopathology in the past, clinicians have been uncomfortably confronted with the fact that they were dealing with highly controversial entities that are non-specific; about which

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there is no general consensus. While a general consensus for psychopathology exists, it does lack agreement in regard to which conceptual approach will prove to be more valid in the end (Ullman, 1977). Additional issues include: (1) determining whether an extrasensory experience is a symptom of a mental disorder, (2) if a mental disorder can be caused by extrasensory experiences, and (3) if an individual with a mental disorder is more prone to seeking out, or susceptible to, extrasensory experiences.

While some extrasensory experiences may present similar features to mental disorders, such experiences should not be automatically associated with known psychopathology. Because of this, extrasensory experiences should be classified and addressed in a different manner than mental disorders. Today, the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* includes a category titled “religious and spiritual problems,” V62.89 (Z65.8) which can be utilized:

“[...] When the focus of clinical attention is a religious or spiritual problem. Examples include distressing experiences that involve loss or questioning of faith, problems associated with conversion to a new faith, or questioning of spiritual values that may not necessarily be related to an organized church or religious institution.

According to Lukoff (2000), co-author of the category, the types of religious and spiritual problems covered by this category include the following psychic experiences:

- **Clairvoyance.** Visions of past, future, or remote events.
- **Telepathy.** Communication without apparent physical means.
- **Poltergeist Phenomena.** Physical disturbances in a house with no apparent physical cause.
- **Precognition.** Visions or dreams that provide formerly unknown information.
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While some extrasensory experiences may be viewed by the experient and clinician as not having religious or spiritual features (e.g. when approached from a scientific perspective), this category remains a “catchall” for psychic experiences including psychic healing experiences, out-of-body experiences, auras, medical intuition, communications with spiritual entities, etc. Psychic experiences may be a central feature of an experience or a feature of other types of experiences such as those associated with shamanic practice, kundalini, mystical experiences, and even meditation, which are considered spiritual in nature. To follow, for each extrasensory experience classification, types and subtypes, numeric and alphabetic codes are provided (e.g. 3 or 3.1 – or GE or EC). There are no codes provided for specifiers, as these should be listed in full, or abbreviated, alongside codes.

Example

ICD-9 & 10 & CSM-EE	DSM-5 & CSM-EE
<p><b>V62.89 (Z65.8)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>EE3.1 or EE(EC)</b></li></ul>	<p>Problems Related to Other Psychosocial, Personal, and Environmental Circumstances (<b>Religious and Spiritual Problems</b>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Extrasensory Experiences (<b>Empathic Cognitive</b>)</li></ul> <p><b>Specifiers:</b> moderate, spontaneous, adaptive, episodic, resignation emotions (fear, sadness), people-orientated.</p>

For more information on differentiating extrasensory experiences from mental disorders, please the Center for Exceptional Human Experiences website:

## Limitations of the Categorical Approach

In the CSM-EE, there is no assumption that each category of extrasensory experience has absolute boundaries dividing it from other extrasensory experiences, as there continues to be existing issues with inter-language, inter-cultural, and inter-individual variants. However, there are standards for basic terminology in the field of parapsychology that have been adopted by the *Parapsychological Association* and the *Parapsychology Foundation*.

The clinician using the CSM-EE should therefore consider that the experiences individuals share are likely to be heterogeneous even in regard to the defining features of the experiences and that boundary cases will be difficult to classify in any way except in a probabilistic manner. This position allows for greater flexibility in the use of the classification system, inspires more precise attention to boundary cases, and stresses the need to acquire additional clinical information that goes beyond classification.

These categories are only applicable when non-extrasensory explanations have been ruled out as the cause of the experience (e.g. cryptomnesia, physical or mental explanations, fraud, psychosis, etc.). Subtypes define equally exclusive and equally exhaustive phenomenological subgrouping within a classification. For example, Telepathy is subtyped based on the expression of mind-to-mind communication and variations in the role of the agent, subject, percipient, and participants, with three subtypes provided: Telepathic Cognition, Telepathic Interaction, and Telepathic Simulation. Specifiers are included in subtypes and provide an opportunity to define a more homogeneous subgrouping of experiences in which share certain features (e.g. Telepathic Cognition, With Spontaneous/Adaptive Intention Features).

## Dimensional Approach to Classification

perience. The latter dimensions concern the conditions of which bring about an extrasensory experience and influence its course. This multidimensional approach was proposed as categorical approaches are limited by at least two key challenges. Firstly, the heterogeneity of extrasensory experiences reflects the possibility that an extrasensory experience may straddle the middle of a continuum between Telepathy, Clairvoyance, and/or Empathy.

Secondly, categorical approaches may fall short in reliability and stability due to briefly specified phenomenological features and perhaps confusion in applying criteria on episodic versus lifetime experiences. This multidimensional, non-prejudice approach to classifying extrasensory experiences allows the clinician to: (1) classify experiences that are subject to associational differences, (2) avoid unjustified labeling and diagnosis, (3) conduct quantitative analyses, and (4) categorize unverified experiences.

For more information on the multidimensional classification system of extrasensory experiences, please visit the Center for Exceptional Human Experiences website: [www.qpsychics.com/center](http://www.qpsychics.com/center)

## **Use of Clinical Judgment**

The CSM-EE is a classification of extrasensory experiences that was developed for use in clinical, educational, and research settings. The classification categories, criteria, and textual descriptions are intended to be utilized by individuals with appropriate clinical training and experience, and an appropriate professional education in scientific parapsychology. It is important that the CSM-EE not be applied mechanically by untrained individuals. The specific classification criteria included in CSM-EE are intended to serve as guidelines to be informed by clinical judgment and are not intended to be utilized in a cookbook manner. For example, the exercise of clinical judgment may justify applying a certain classification to an individual's extrasensory experience criteria for classification,

tive and idiosyncratic application of the CSM-EE criteria substantively reduces its effectiveness as a common language for communication. In addition to the requirement for clinical training and judgment, and a familiarity with the field of parapsychology, the method of data collection is also essential. The valid application of the classification criteria included in this manual necessitates an evaluation that directly accesses the information contained in the criteria sets (e.g. whether an experience is episodic or continuous). Assessments that rely solely on psychological/parapsychological testing not covering the criteria content (e.g. psychical profiling assessments) should not be validly used as the primary source of classification information.

## Types of Information in the CSM-EE

The CSM-EE systematically describes each type under the following headings: “Phenomenological Features”; Subtypes and/or Specifiers”; “Associated Research and Laboratory Findings”; “Associated Mental Health Findings”; “Associated Medical Condition Findings”; “Specific Culture, Age, and Gender Features”; “Development and Course”; “Familial Pattern”; and “Differential Classification.”

- **Phenomenological Features.** This section clarifies the phenomenological criteria and provides descriptive examples.
- **Subtypes and/or Specifiers.** This section provides definitions concerning applicable subtypes and/or specifiers.
- **Associated Research and Laboratory Findings.** This section provides limited information pertaining to qualitative and quantitative research findings that are associated with a particular type of extrasensory experience.
- **Associated Mental Health Findings.** This section includes mental disorders that are somewhat commonly reported by experiencers of a particular type of extrasensory experience being discussed, but that are not always present. These disorders may precede, co-occur with, or may be a consequence of the type of extras

ed by experiences of a particular type of extrasensory experience being discussed, and are not essential to classification. As with associated mental disorders, physical conditions may precede, co-occur with, or may be a consequence of the type of extrasensory experience in question.

- **Specific Culture, Age, and Gender Features.** This section provides guidance for the clinician concerning variations in the presentation of the type of extrasensory experience being discussed that may be attributed to the individual's cultural setting, developmental stage (e.g. childhood, adolescence, adulthood, etc.), or gender.
- **Familial Pattern.** This section describes data on the frequency of the type of experience being discussed among biological relatives of experiencers of that particular extrasensory experience type in the general population.
- **Associated Terminology.** This section provides the clinician with a wide array of associated terminology used by experiencers of the type of extrasensory experience being discussed, ranging from parapsychology to popular culture, to assist in classification.
- **Development and Course.** This section describes the typical life-time patterns of presentation and evolution of the type of extrasensory experience discussed. It contains information on typical *age at onset* and *mode of onset* (e.g. visual or auditory hallucinations) of the type of extrasensory experience discussed.
- **Differential Classification.** This section discusses how to differentiate one type of extrasensory experience from associated exceptional experiences that have similar presenting characteristics.

## Associated Experience Prevalence Statistics

On their website, the Institute for Frontier Areas of Psychology and Mental Health (IGPP) states that they receive about 800 requests in the context of “unusual experiences” across Germany every year. They state that ½ of these requests involve needs surpassing a single interview

IGPP, research centers, and educational institutions that are known for their involvement in studying psi and consciousness (e.g. the Koestler Parapsychology Unit at the University of Edinburgh), indicate that the need for clinical attention in the area of unusual experiences is similarly essential. Such demand is not only limited to experiencers of unusual experiences, but also the experiencer's relatives seeking advice and social service personal that may be currently assisting the experiencer or the experiencer's family in coping with past negative unusual experiences and looking for answers on how to prevent future occurrences.

In a survey conducted by Bauer, Lay & Mischo (1988), taken in various counseling centers in which investigated "occult practices in the teenager population," showed that 79% of the institutions work with these individuals and 75% of the counselors reported feeling inadequately informed to address such cases; with 94% of the requests pertaining to a need for information on the subject of their unusual experience. Therefore, this survey shows that the need for advice and information is not only limited to experiencers, but also professionals that are confronted with unusual experiences in their practice.

In a data collection study conducted by Coelho, Tierney, & Lamont in 2008, involving the Koestler Parapsychology Unit, University of Edinburgh, found the following:

**Age Distribution.** 0-9 (4.1%) 10-19 (4.1%) 20-29 (27.6%) 30-39 (10.6%) 40-49 (8.1%) 50-59 (2.4%) 60-69 (0.8%) 70-79 (0.8%). At age group 20-29, 22 out of 34 described their

24%, (4) to describe their experience 6%, and (5) overt requests for help 43%; where 70% were referred to a clinical advisor.

According to Cardeña, Lynn, & Krippner (2000), “Contrary to common belief, hallucinations are not the exclusive province of psychopathology.” In a report by Tien (1991), 10-15% of the normal population in the U.S. have had some type of hallucinatory experience within their lifetime. In a report by Verdoux et al. (1998), similar a prevalence was found with 16% in France, and by Poulton et al. (2000), with 13% in New Zealand. Surveys conducted by Sidgwick et al. (1894) and West (1948), that the incidence of hallucinations in the normal population, mainly visual, occur at least once in a single lifespan ranges from 10-14%. According to Schuchter & Zisook (1993), hearing voices is considered a typical sign of the grieving process. According to Grimby (1998), 82% of grieving individuals report some form of communication or “dialogues” with the deceased.

According to Posey & Losch (1983), 71% of a student population reported verbal hallucinations through a questionnaire and according to Barrett & Etheridge (1992), 37% of a student population indicated that they experienced their thoughts aloud. According to Romme and Escher (1989), 70% of the onset of auditory hallucinations occur after a traumatic experience. Lastly, According to an online survey conducted by Landolt et al. (2014), 91% of all participants surveyed reported that they experienced at least 1 exceptional experience. The survey also showed that help-seeking behavior was more frequent in those that had an exceptional experience with a negative valence, and less frequent in individuals without self-reported mental disorders (8

dinately challenging to determine what information (e.g. statistical, research, phenomenology, etc.) would be covered in the CSM-EE and what would be left out. Because of the scope of research into the extrasensory experiences including both the history of research and the interdisciplinary nature of the subject, and that the CSM-EE will be improved upon and added upon in the years to come to keep up-to-date with future research findings, additional information can be found on the Center for Exceptional Human Experiences website. Professionals are also welcome to submit related research papers, or links to those papers, through the CEHE website for site-inclusion consideration.

If professionals want to contribute to the classification and statistical information in the CSM-EE or suggest improvements to the classification system, please contact the Center for Exceptional Human Experiences through the website. If professionals are looking for more information in regard to extrasensory experiences including differentiating extrasensory experiences from medical symptoms, identifying predisposing, precipitating, perpetuating, and protective factors, implementing measures for purported extrasensory experiences, information of recommended treatment options for negative extrasensory experiences, and current active research indicatives in the area of exceptional human experiences, please visit:

<http://qpsychics.com/center>

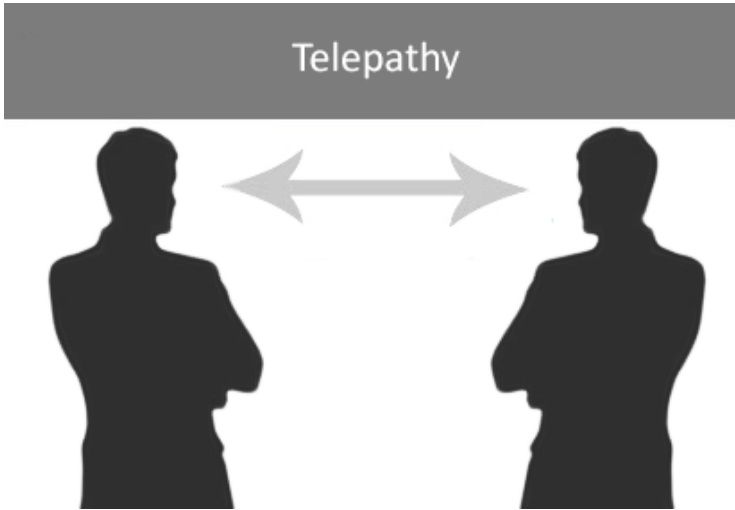
In addition, in early 2015, the University of Alternative Studies will be offering an Online Advanced Professional Certification Program in Scientific Extrasensology, and an Online Master of Science Second-Degree Program in Extrasensory Experiences and Phenomena, both of which will offer training in the professional utilization of the CSM-EE. For more information on these programs, please visit the University's website:

<http://qpsychics.com/university/index.html>

# 1. TELEPATHY

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## Mind-to-Mind Communication



### Phenomenological Features

The extrasensory experiences in this section include Generalized Telepathy, Telepathic Cognition, Telepathic Interaction, and Telepathic Simulation. These phenomena have been grouped together to facilitate differential classification of phenomena that include Telepathy as a prominent aspect of the experience. The term *telepathy* was introduced to describe “the communication of impressions of any kind from one mind to another, independently of the recognized channels of sense” (Myers, 1903). Since then, the term has received numerous definitions of which none are utilized exclusively in the scientific community. Popular definitions include the definition of telepathy as “the phenomenologically direct knowledge of another person’s thoughts or mental states” (Braude, 1978), and “the paranormal acquisition of information concerning the thoughts, feelings, or activity of another conscious being” (Thalbourne, 2003).

In this manual, telepathy is defined as the psychical influence of thought via experient influence over the biological basis of conscious-

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ness and the mental process by which we perceive, act, learn, and remember; Including mental forms and processes such as the nervous system in which processes and transmits information by electrochemical signaling. Characteristically, people are dynamic information-processing systems whose mental operations can limitedly be described in computational terms as the mind has demonstrated its capacity to store and process visual, auditory, and basic arbitrary packets of information. Experiences of telepathic phenomena express influence in regard to the creation, transference, modification, and deletion of single and multiple information packages (Kelly, 2011a).

## Subtypes

The following subtypes are phenomenological subgroups exclusive to telepathy only.

- 1.1 (TC)      Telepathic Cognition** (see p. 21)
- 1.2 (TI)      Telepathic Interaction** (see. p. 28)
- 1.3 (TS)      Telepathic Simulation** (see p. 36)

## Severity Specifiers

These specifiers should only be used when all criteria for the type or a subtype are currently met. In deciding whether reported experiences should be described as stable/functional, mild, moderate, or severe, the clinician should take into account the number and intensity of the experiences and any resulting impairment in occupational or social functioning.

- B. **Mild.** Few experiences of which fit all criteria and experiences result in no more than minor impairment in social or occupational functioning.
- C. **Moderate.** Experiences and functional impairment between “mild” and “severe” are present.
- D. **Severe.** Many experiences of which fit all criteria, either episodic or continuous, of which result in marked impairment in social or occupational functioning.

## Associated Research and Laboratory Findings

No laboratory findings have been identified that are diagnostic of telepathy. However, a variety of measures from neuroimaging, neuropsychological, and neurophysiological studies have shown differences between groups of individuals with telepathy and appropriately matched control subjects. According to Williams & Roll (2000), in a study examining the correlation between telepathic scoring and alpha abundance, positive correlations have been found. In studies examining the correlation between telepathic scoring and cognitive abilities associated with a particular hemisphere of the brain, mixed results have been found consisting of weak and insignificant evidence. However, EEG studies on two notable psychics suggest right hemisphere processing, but additional brain wave measurement and imaging studies need to be conducted with other notable psychics to make any further determinations.

Numerous studies have implicated the temporal lobe as the region that shapes extrasensory experience. One study has found that individuals with temporal lobe dysfunction reported more extrasensory experiences (psi experiences in general) than other patients. Three studies involving mediums and psychics found elevated temporal lobe signs. Predictions have been made that the hippocampus and amygdala are activated during extrasensory experiences. Further brain regions that may be associated with extrasensory experience are the occipital lobe and the parietal lobe. According to Williams & Roll (2000), predic-

tions have been made that the hippocampus and amygdala are activated during extrasensory experiences because: (1) numerous studies have indicated that extrasensory response consists of implicit emotional memories in which correspond to a perceived object, (2) memory and emotion are processed by these regions.

According to Radin (2006), in two experiments investigating EEG correlations in separated pairs of individuals utilizing a protocol of photic stimulation and EEG measurements, one of which involved two identical twins, followed by 10 replications, 8 of the studies were reported positive. Many rep

experiments combined (i.e. meta-analysis), the overall hit rate was above chance expectation.

## **Specific Culture, Age, and Gender Features**

Clinicians assessing beliefs and claims in socioeconomic or cultural situations that are dissimilar from their own must take cultural dissimilarities into account. Ideas that may appear to be questionable or even delusional in one culture

Initial experiences (onset) of telepathic phenomena typically occur within the first several years after birth and/or during puberty. Early onset may involve several spontaneous experiences of which may or may not affect the child psychologically, emotionally, or socially. Experiences in which have an early onset and continue throughout life without extended pause (e.g. 1 year or more without an experience) typically remain stable/functional in the long term. In some generalized ESP experiments, children tend to score higher than adolescents and adults. However, many similar studies have been unsuccessful in demonstrating age dependent differences in scoring (Palmer, 1978).

ences are typically common. Spontaneous experiences are common regardless of the severity. However, stable/functional to mild experiences are more likely to be the product of intention, while moderate to severe experiences are mainly spontaneous.

Gender differences have been the focus of some studies. Overall, there appears to be no clear trend for differential scoring between males and females (Palmer, 1978). However, in an online survey conducted by Parra (2001), that related to gender and age found that women tended to report relatively higher numbers of telepathic experiences compared to men, that men tended to show more negative emotional impact compared to women,

Overall, comparatively fewer single and married individuals report telepathic experiences than the “combined broken-relationship group” (i.e. living as married, separated, or divorced) (Haraldsson & Houtkooper, 1991).

## Associated Terminology

**Emotional content.** Experiences of telepathy in which primarily sense emotional content, but still receive more than emotional content on occasion, may use the following

- (3) The agent and subject, percipient, or all participants, are living organisms.
- B. Social/occupational need:** A subconscious need has been identified as the catalyst for the initiation of telepathic processes (i.e. identified an inability to communicate wants, needs, or thoughts to an individual(s) in an interpersonal, academic, or occupational context).
- C. Validation:** The experience has been validated by an individual other than the experient (e.g. the subject(s) confirmed the accuracy of the information received by the experient), and/or the clinician determines the experience was more than a coincidence/chance occurrence based on the quality of the information received and reported, and all other possible explanations for obtaining the information is excluded. If validation does not apply, yet telepathic processes are still plausible, the experience should be classified as "Possible Telepathy" (PT).
- D. Empathy Exclusion:** Psychical Empathy has been ruled out because more than emotional content was involved in the experience(s).
- E. Clairvoyance Exclusion:** Clairvoyance has been ruled out because mind-to-mind communication has been identified as the basis of the experience(s).

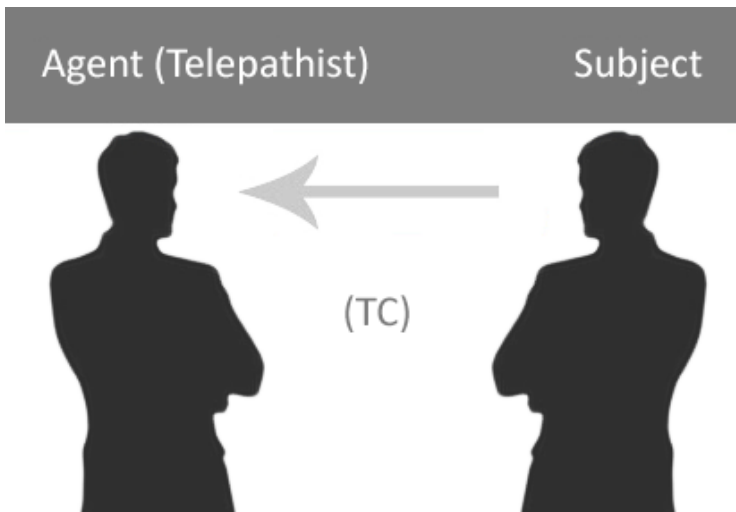
## Telepathy Subtypes

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The subtypes of Telepathy are defined by the predominant phenomenology of reports. The determination of a particular subtype is based on the clinical picture that occasioned the most recent experiences, and may therefore change over time. Not infrequently, the description of experiences may include phenomena that are characteristic of more than one subtype. The choice among subtypes depends on the following algorithm: Telepathic Cognition (TC) is assigned whenever information is telepathically acquired by the telepathist originating from a subject; Telepathic Interaction (TI) is assigned whenever information is telepathically acquired by a subject originating from the telepathist; Telepathic Simulation (TS) is assigned whenever information is shared between the tele

## 1.1 Telepathic Cognition (TC)

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Hallucinations that may occur include any sensory modality (e.g. visual, auditory, olfactory, gustatory, and tactile), but visual and auditory hallucinations are the most common. Hallucinations occur while the experient is awake or in an altered state of consciousness (e.g. hypnagogic, hypnopompic, or a trance state). Hallucinations are typically unobtrusive unless exacerbated by stress or a mental disorder (e.g. an anxiety disorder may result in the disorganization of subconscious needs and goals resulting in the over stimulation of telepathic processes) (Braude, 1978; Kelly, 2011a).

subjects in which they typically have some level of emotional investment.

## Development and Course

Childhood onset may present itself through dreams, visual and/or auditory hallucinations, with intuitive impressions (i.e. gut feelings, intuition) being also common. Adolescent onset primarily presents itself through visual and/or auditory hallucinations with telepathic dreams and intuitive impressions (i.e. gut feelings, intuition

during a telepathic episode, the experient should still be fully aware of their surroundings.

- C. **Continuous.** This specifier applies when the percipient experiences telepathic impressions or hallucinations of which seem to occur in a continual manner, or when episodes are so frequent it is difficult for the percipient to determine where one episode ends and another begins (e.g. prolonged and closely spaced episodes).

nation, visual hallucinations can be classified as formed, organized, or unformed (i.e. abstract).

- E. Tactile Hallucinations.** Hallucinations of pressure and touch. Can include a wide range of sensations from a pat on the shoulder, a knee injury, a blow to the head, and hot and cold sensations. Tactile hallucinations are classified based on the type of sensation experience (e.g. painful sensations are classified as pain</

## Associated Medical Condition Findings

Physical medical conditions somewhat common in experiencers of Telepathic Cognition can include: Asthma; Allergies; Migraines; and occasionally a history of Cancer (e.g. lung, breast, chest area in general.) (Kelly, 2011a).

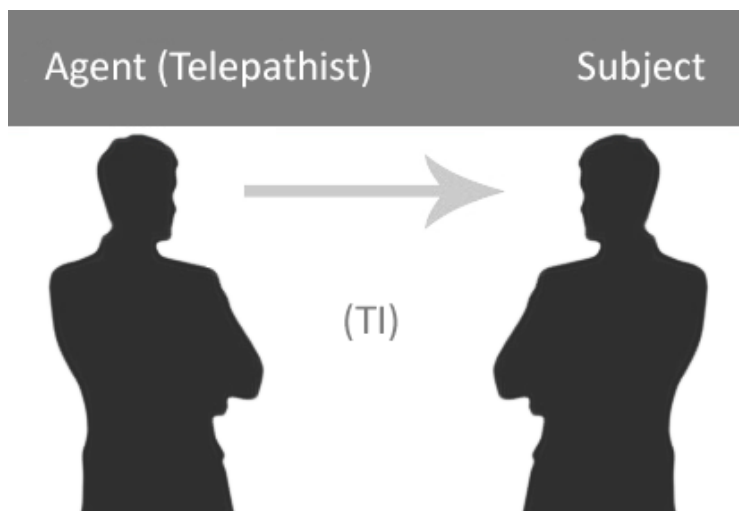
## Differential Classification

becomes aware of an ailment in their own body, or the body of another individual, but no other individual was aware of the physical ailment, then this would be classified as clairvoyance. This is because (1) telepathy is mind-to-mind communication, not mind-to-body communication, (2) telepathy must include at least two individuals, and (3) because the knowledge of the ailment did not originate from another mind.)

- o **Medium**

## 1.2 Telepathic Interaction (TI)

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sortment of moral and ethical questions as to how such an ability should be utilized in practical applications. Further studies suggest that initial telepathic “impressions” (i.e. commands or evoked feelings) do not always fade away with time. Rather, some initial impressions occasionally result in the same strength of emotions or “need to act” anytime (1) associated images of the agent, or (2) associated feelings pertaining to the feelings initially evoked by the agent, are mentally accessed (e.g. feelings of obsession, i.e. often misconstrued as love, may be triggered by the subject visually thinking about the agent, seeing the agent in person, or simply thinking about other loved ones) (Bra

- B. Directive.** This specifier applies when information impression is initiated to assist the subject in complying with a suggestion or command, from the agent, to act or behave in a specific or generalized manner. Behaviors can range from common to unusual and acceptable to unacceptable in regard to social norms. Social actions include rational (i.e. the action leads to a valued goal, but with no thought of its consequences and often without consideration of the appropriateness of the means), instrumental (i.e. actions which are planned and carried

common. However, other types of hallucinations (e.g. olfactory, tactile, etc.) are less common, with hypnotic telepathy being more common. Adult onset primarily presents itself through telepathic dreams, intuitive impressions, or during crisis situations in the form of hallucinations or strong emotional content subconsciously deem most appropriate for suggestion/compulsion. Compound modalities are more common amongst identical and fraternal twins.

## Course Specifiers

- C. **Continuous.** This specifier applies when the agent impresses telepathic emotional content, intuitive impressions, or hallucinations onto a subject(s) of which seem to occur in a continual manner, or when episodes are so frequent it is difficult for the experient or subject to determine where one episode ends and another begins (e.g. prolonged and closely spaced episodes).

## Modality Specifiers

back of the mind, third eye vision, etc.) are classified as extra-campine hallucinations. Using the perceived shape of the hallucination, visual hallucinations can be classified as formed, organized, or unformed (i.e. abstract).

- E. Tactile Hallucinations.** Hallucinations of pressure and touch. Can include a wide range of sensations from a pat on the

## Associated Medical Condition Findings

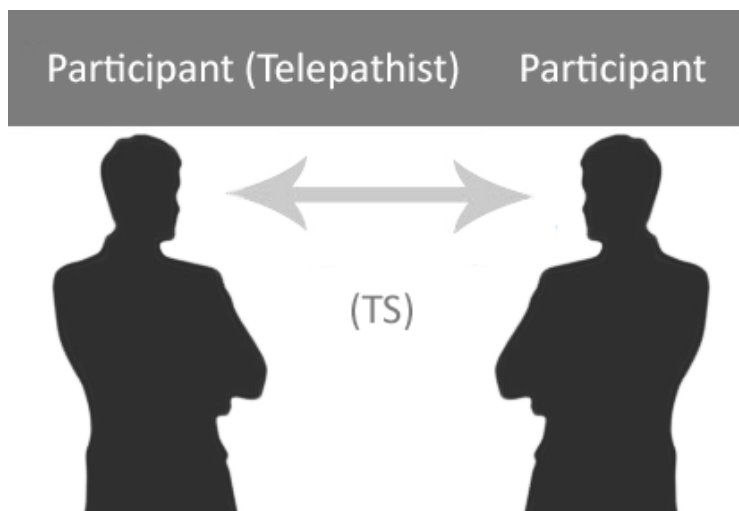
Physical medical conditions somewhat common in experiencers of telepathic interaction can include: Hypertension or Hypotension; Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; Chronic Pain (e.g. Myalgia, Fibromyalgia); Blood Disorders (e.g. Anemia); Digestive Disorders; Palpitations (Kelly, 2011a).

describes receiving the information “as though they are looking at the alleged agent and the alleged agent’s surroundings,” this experience would be classified as clairvoyance with the percipient classified as the agent rather than the subject.

- o **Mediumship.** Applied when there is evidence to support that information was obtained by an alleged subject from a non-physically living being; as telepathy only refers to the communication of two living organisms. That is, living in the sense of existing within a

## 1.3 Telepathic Simulation (TS)

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able to identify that the simulated mental state originated from him/herself if the telepathist intentionally shared information with a participant. In other words, the telepathist can share his/her own mental state with a participant, or the telepathist can evoke the sharing process of a participant's mental state to replace the telepathist's own mental state. In the end, perhaps the most efficient way to view telepathic simulation is as though the mental states have been shared through the exact transmission of the state from the telepathist to the participant or from the participant to the telepathist.

- A. Adaptive.** This specifier applies when information shared is initiated by the telepathist to assist participants in understanding and adapting to the telepathist's, or group's and the telepathist's needs or goals. The most common goal is to provide social or emotional comfort and/or a sense of security. Here the telepathist and participants typically have some level of emotional investment in each other or the situation in which they occupy.
- B. Directive.** This specifier applies when information shared is initiated by the telepathist to assist participants in an action towards a goal (i

- B. Output.** This specifier applies when the telepathist shares information with the participant. Here information in regard to the telepathist has been shared with the participant (e.g. the participant was feeling anxious, but the telepathist was not feeling anxious prior to simulation; however, post simulation, neither participant felt anxious).

## Development and Course

vide purpose and direction to behavior in which the telepathist or participant report as not typical (i.e. a participant has not responded in such a way in similar circumstances in the past). The classification of a single telepathic simulative experience can be difficult as it is often challenging to identify who is playing the role of the telepathist (i.e. if the individual reporting the experience is the initiator of telepathic simulative processes).

- B. Episodic**

- A. **Dream.** Refers to telepathic simulation during sleep where the telepathist initiates the sharing processes of information with a participant during the dream state to promote – once awake -- adaptive or directive behavior in either the telepathist or the participant.
- D. **Intuitive Impressions/Emotional.** Refers to non-hallucinatory sensations of which can be described as telepathic emotional content shared between the telepathist and a participant that results in adaptive or directive behavior in the participant (i.e.

no knowledge that image is “shared.”). For example, the telepathist and a participant suddenly begin thinking about the same image, rather than a telepathist thinking about a subject thinking about an image (TC), or a telepathist attempting to impress a subject to think about an image (TI).

- D. Tactile Hallucinations.** Hallucinations of pressure and touch. Can include a wide range of sensations from a pat on the shoulder, a knee injury, a blow to the head, and hot and cold sensations





## Criteria for Telepathic Simulative Experiences

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- A. Characteristic phenomenology:** all of the following are required criteria for telepathic simulative experiences including criteria for telepathy in general.
- (1) Information is shared between the telepathist and one or more participants.
  - (2) Information is shared in first-person plural perspective (e.g. If visual: the image is shared with the telepathist and all participants, and is from a group perspective involving all other participants) or narrative (e.g. If auditory: the words shared are in first





intuitive, or emotional, modes or through several hallucinatory sensory modes including visual, auditory, olfaction, gustatory, and somatosensory modalities. (Kelly, 2011b).

## Subtypes

The following subtypes are phenomenological subgroups exclusive to clairvoyance only.

















- D. Empathy Exclusion:** Psychical empathy has been ruled out because more than emotional content is involved in the experience(s).
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## Clairvoyance Subtypes

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- (2) Information received is in third person perspective (e.g. If visual: the image received is viewed as though the percipient is looking at an event, object, or looking at the individual within their surroundings (i.e. rather than looking through the eyes of an individual -- telepathy), or narrative (e.g. If auditory: the words received are from the sources' perspective "You will have a fortunate day," or "She misses you dearly."
- (3) Subconscious need for information acquisition present at the time of the experience.

















tain location (residence, building, graveyard, etc.) and may involve the movement of objects (e.g. the throwing of objects), the displacement (e.g. the disappearance or appearance of objects, sometimes referred to as apportionment), noises, voices, the sensation and/or physical evidence of biting, scratching, pushing, or pinching, the presence of unexplainable stains (e.g. blood), unexplained appearance of religious words, symbols, sigils, or images, or electronic phenomena/disturbances (e.g. lights flickering, power outages, etc.). However, if some of the aforementioned features are present and appear to be focused on the experient (e.g.

























































































































































































