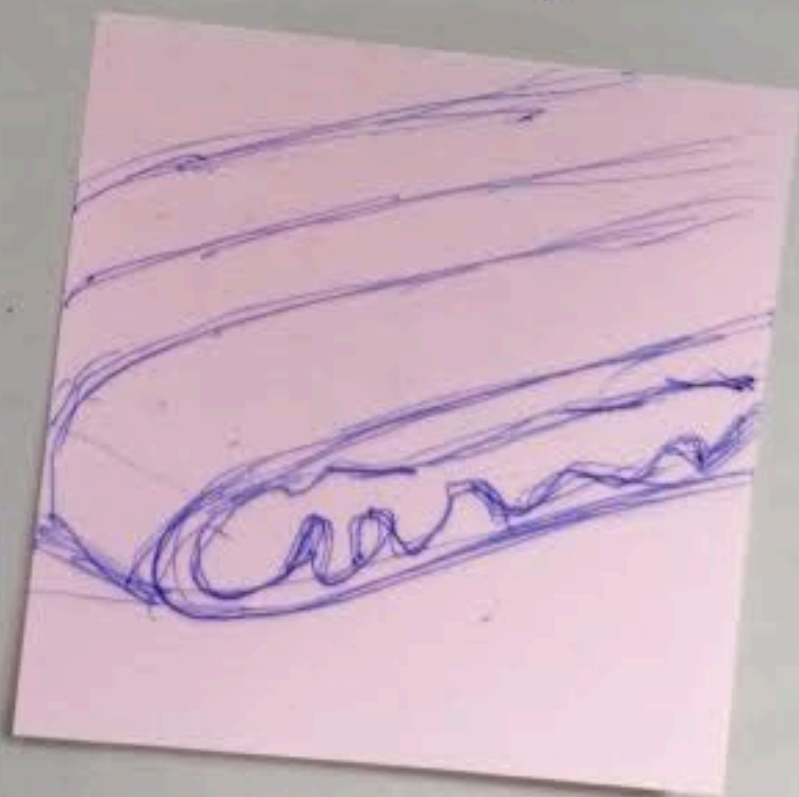


DISSERTATION NOTES

2008
2009



WILL NEED TO EDIT THE
WHOLE THING.

so far

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Tuesday
10th
February
2009

Belmont Road
Spiritualist
Centre.

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Observations

• Small room, notice boards advertising psychic workshops, medium demonstrations, other spiritualist centres & events.

• Images of Jesus on the walls.

• Member of National Spiritualists Union

• About 30 people in the congregation.

• Service starts with a prayer, followed by the Lord's prayer & singing (pop songs)

• Guest medium then demonstrates. On this occasion the medium's spirit guide was a Zulu ("my Zulu")

She would pick individuals from the audience and offer names and advice (personal) to the listener.

During the readings she would give each sitter a gift of an angel, healing or a small stone. She seemed to be able to correctly identify names etc. Her descriptions of what she was experiencing ranged from individual spirits

Sister, with regard to

Pretty Crazy

- Grandfather on Dad's side ✓
- ①. George - Auntie's Husband ✓
- Great grandfather Maternal ✓
- Ships & Ports - Liverpool, & Shipwrights lived close to the docks ✓

- Relatives in Australia - ✓
- Need to be grounded in open spaces - ✓
↳ Wales

②. Significance of Early Nov. -

- Music - ✓

• With regard to ① I was not, until I asked my mother, aware of anyone called George in my family dying.

• With regard to ② I have no idea what its significance could be.

- How did you get involved in mediumship?
- Did you ever / do you ever attend a spiritualist church?
- Would you consider yourself a Christian?
- What sort of phenomena are experienced during sances?
- Is it only human spirits?
- What techniques are used?
- What is learned from the spirits? What is their purpose in communicating?
- How often are sances conducted?
- How many people are involved?
- How do you understand the relationship between our world & the spirit world?

What is the medium's experience like?

- No barriers.
- Except Spiritualist centres don't like home circles
- Colin Fry, met a medium
- ~~Caro~~ Cabrene Atheist, didn't go to church,
- Brief history of time — Interested in his stuff.
— energy, New Age, physics etc.

2 friends on doorstep after meeting medium.
→ they were interested in getting readings.
— he didn't do readings
→ he was a trance medium.

He came over on a Friday evening with his daughter, sat around table in living room.
3 hrs chatting, had a nice evening. Came again next week — starts guttural sound starts, here is a different voice
→ had a "distinct personality" and "steady voice"

word spread around friends. Meet twice a week. Still didn't see connection between



5th February 2009.

Tea Seance at Bristol Spirit Lodge.

1 Medium - Sandy

5 Sitters, 3 female 2 male.

- I was the first to arrive at CDN's house. The kettle was put on. Slowly people began to arrive.

- Everyone was very friendly.

- We sat around the table drinking tea. My apprehension was growing. I wasn't really sure what to expect. It was a bit like just before taking mushrooms - what is it going to be like.

- It is the Lodge's 2nd Birthday tomorrow. One of the sitters brought a birthday cake with a little icing seance room on top, complete with cabinet & trumpets.

- After Sandy had finished her tea we

went out into the Seance room.
Because of the snow it was very
calm, and bright outside.

The Seance room was cold.

There were blankets and cushions.

Sandy assumed her position in the
cabinet.

An opening prayer was read and
music was played on a CD player.
- New Age Music, pop music

It doesn't really matter
what sort of music is used.

The lights were switched off and a
red light was turned on.

The cabinet was dark. Sandy
began writhing a little. Her hands
contorted somewhat. A fairly
long while was spent stationary -
transfiguration of her face was
observed. It seemed to go out of

focus and change shape in the red
light.

She eventually started grunting and
growling - deep sounds. The spirit
was having difficulty talking. CDN
said that Sandy's spirit team would
make it easier for him. This was
the second time "the Soldier" had
made himself known at the circle.

He had no teeth. He didn't really
need them in the afterlife because
he didn't have to chew anymore.

He noted that Gravity felt strange.
There is no gravity in the spirit
world. He said it was strange
how ~~was~~ ~~didn't~~ he didn't really notice
it when he was on the earth-plane.

I saw small blue lights in the back
of the cabinet, just flashes. I
often see flashes, but I definitely
saw them. The face transfiguration
was strange

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