What Orbs Are Not 99% Of The Time

Posted by Steven Matrix - 10 Nov 2011 18:19

Hey Folks:

I just wanted to comment for a moment about orbs; something I've noticed is very exciting and downright appealing to many.

As a photographer, both from a professional level as well as just doing it for therapy [lol], I can say that most orb photos are not spiritual; but are the result of dust, insects, moisture, etc. Most of the folks who are putting orb photos across the internet think they just might have something paranormal, when in fact, the image is the result of where the flash on the cheap point and shoot camera is located. It has nothing to do with a spirit getting into the photo.

Spirits do not need a flash to manifest themselves. On the contrary, they need no flash at all. I've said many times that if you want to get a quality photo using flash, use a better camera with the flash placed away from the camera.

One of the things that I really like about this site is that we try to find the truth behind those things that are called "paranormal". In the case of orbs, there almost never is any truth when it comes to regarding them as "spiritual". I see once in a blue moon an orb that takes on a different characteristic all its own and can be regarded as something out of the ordinary. But more than 9 times out of ten, I see photos that should be disregarded as spiritual.

Just my 2 cents.

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Re: What Orbs Are Not 99% Of The Time

Posted by Mark Shadley - 12 Dec 2011 02:44

When I got into the field of paranormal research, I was overwhelmed by the amount of people in this field who claimed orbs were paranormal in nature. I don't know how many videos and photographs I have seen as well as websites that devote their whole time to the explanation of orbs and their connection to the paranormal. The one thing that bothered me was the fact I never saw any of these groups provide proof of their claims!

I will state for the record, I am a skeptic. However, I am a skeptic with an open mind. I am willing to look at the facts and evidence. I will even experiment with a concept in an attempt to find the answers. I like

many of you here have taken thousands of photographs and so far maybe one of those photographs depict anything that might remotely be paranormal in nature. I have quite a few photographs where I have captured orbs, but never once did I ever think for a minute those were anything other than dust, bugs, moisture, etc. There was just no evidence linking the two.

I began checking into this orb phenomena and found that many of the orb photographs came into vogue with the advent of the digital camera. Once the flash was moved closer to the lens, these cameras began to document this debris onto the media in the form of an orb. In fact an excellent website is the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena where they have a lot of literature on orbs. www.assap.ac.uk/newsite/htmlfiles/Orb%20FAQ.html

Just because we investigate in locations that people claim to have paranormal activity taking place does not mean natural occurrences, such as orbs, can be construed as paranormal. If we make a claim that something is paranormal we had better be able to show that claim to be valid and backed by evidence properly collected and analyzed using critical thinking.

I have yet to see any evidence to change my mind that orbs are paranormal in nature. As I said earlier, I am an open minded skeptic willing to look at any possibility, but I am not so open minded that I let my brains fall out and accept any claim.

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