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Posted by amoonwolfe - 11 Nov 2011 00:18

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Posted by TressesOfNephthys - 11 Nov 2011 01:54

For one thing, dowsing rods don't have to be set to "airplane mode."

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Re: Going "Old School"
Posted by Steven Matrix - 11 Nov 2011 03:15

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Well said. The high tech gadgets are not intuitive and are not as accurate as dowsing rods or pendulums IMHO.

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Re: Going "Old School"
Posted by Mark Shadley - 05 Dec 2011 22:36

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That's why you have to be very careful when using them; otherwise, they will be subject to the handlers' input. I believe that they are more effective than any high tech equipment used by paranormal groups. That's because I'm not into the investigative side of the paranormal as much. Think of it this way, if you're somewhere where the spirits come from several centuries ago, they're not going to know what today's high tech equipment is. Give them something they've seen before, and you just might be able to communicate.

It's also very possible that people believe in the high tech equipment because of today's most popular TV shows. Honestly, the popular TV shows aren't a good guide on what to do when communicating with the other side. Just my 2 cents.

With respect to making real informed opinions based on some validity of the "gadgets", an opinion is all that will result; but the facts will likely still be non-existent. I for one would like to see more truth in the paranormal with less opinions. Will any of us find it? Only time will tell.

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Re: Going "Old School"

Posted by crystalcross - 06 Dec 2011 02:50

Well, to bring it all back together into a more uniform theme, I think personally there is room for both schools of thought. If we use just one method (whatever that method be) and one school of thought, then we will always go down the same roads and perhaps miss that dusty trail which holds the treasures found only in legends.

If all investigators follow their own beliefs and methodologies for finding evidence, and yet it all still points to something being there... Well then there will be power in the mere fact that the evidence transcended any single path and was found in all.

I think its good that all the various investigators focus on the goal in their own way, and then we all still come together. You don't always have to believe or agree with everything that everyone does or the way they do it. But in the end, a positive in all the disciplines will equate to overwhelming odds.

Just my 3.14159268 cents worth. Anyone care for a slice?

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Posted by Mark Shadley - 06 Dec 2011 05:12

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I am with you about wanting to see more truth in the field of paranormal research along with critical thinking.

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Re: Going "Old School"

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No need to apologize here! That's what its all about, good debate to find commonality and differences. After all, if we don't know where we all sit within the giant picture, how can we ever hope to come together.

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No need for apologies Mark. You didn't come across in a negative way at all. That's why we're all here, for good discussion.

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Re: Going "Old School"

Posted by amoonwolfe - 08 Dec 2011 04:02

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that depends entirely on the training and reliability of the Dowser. My father taught mr very well to make the rods work with and for me. They have never failed me, unlike the overpriced under-reliable techno-gadgets out there. Obviously your're skeptical because you lack the skill to use dowsing rods successfully. Stick with your teck and good luck to you.

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