

## PARAPSYCHOLOGY

Often tossed off as para-science or the "blind leading the blind," the field of parapsychology now deserves a seat at the scientific table. Granted, there are people who call themselves parapsychologists just because they conducted some investigations and have visited a few haunted houses. These people give the field a bad name. Never have I felt good about the subject, until the last decade or so. During that time I've met some parapsychologists who are real scientists in the truest sense of the word, write peer-reviewed papers, and who have made verified observations that are astounding! Some of their discoveries validate what the majority of near-death experiencers go through when integrating their episode, as well as what our newest generations of children face in everyday life. Because this is so, I want to pass along a list of some of the finest books available on the subject. . . so you can access the very best!

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From Carlos S. Alvarado, Ph.D.

"Not only do I believe that scientific and scholarly approaches may help us to understand psychic phenomena more deeply, but I see the discipline as a unique strand of humankind's efforts to understand itself."

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About pseudo-skeptics: [www.debunkingskeptics.com](http://www.debunkingskeptics.com).

Scientists' Transcendent Experiences: <http://psychology.ucdavis.edu/tart/taste/>.

The Work of Rhea White and "Exceptional Human Experiences:" [www.psi-mart.com](http://www.psi-mart.com) (look for EHE Publications).

For material about Spiritually Transforming Experiences (STEs), please refer to this website: [www.Eternea.org](http://www.Eternea.org).

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