

My work the last 40 years has been as a physician, specialist in psychiatry. That is, I meet people with all kinds of mental problems and disturbances, and try to help them the best I can. I also have long had an interest in parapsychology, mainly in research related to the question of survival. ....

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In schizophrenia, "hearing voices" is a common and important symptom. Perhaps also "normal" people make this kind of wrong interpretation, when listening to alleged EVP recordings and "hearing voices" in the background noise? Even worse than this, one member of the list told us about a scientific study which was said to show that, "A tendency to extract messages from meaningless noise could be an early sign of schizophrenia".

I made the following comment:

"Well, the question is – if this is at all related to EVP."

Here are some points with regard to EVP from my own experience, which is very limited compared to "professionals" in the field, but long enough:

1) Listening to EVP does not mean only to extract words from noise. Rather, it means to recognize the special quality of an EVP voice. It may often (but not always) have a singing, high-pitched tonal quality which gives a clear audible "gestalt" which .....

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