

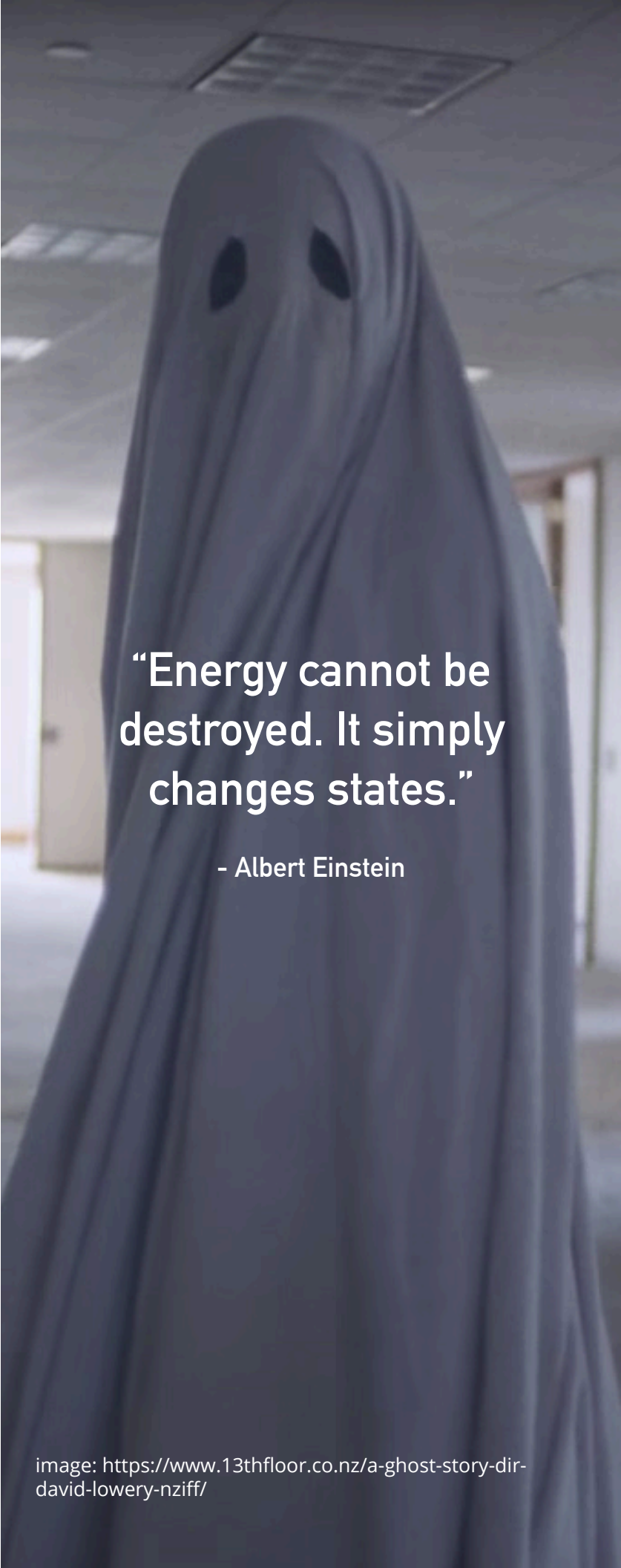
A photograph of a ghost costume, which is a white sheet with two circular eye holes, standing in a doorway. The ghost is positioned in the center of the frame, looking directly at the camera. The doorway is framed by a white trim. To the left of the doorway, on the wall, is a white light switch. The background shows a hallway with another doorway further down.

P.R.I.S.M. COLORADO'S GHOST ISSUE

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WHAT ARE GHOSTS?

Ghosts- the ultimate paranormal topic. Within this realm, the questions that both investigators and fans alike find themselves asking, tend to produce some fascinating investigations and evidence. Most specifically the two more common hauntings that inspires curiosity which sends us into the unknown are residual and intelligent hauntings. Many of us who are interested in the paranormal may notice those terms being thrown around and often. But what are residual and intelligent hauntings and what are the effects that they have on the world around them?



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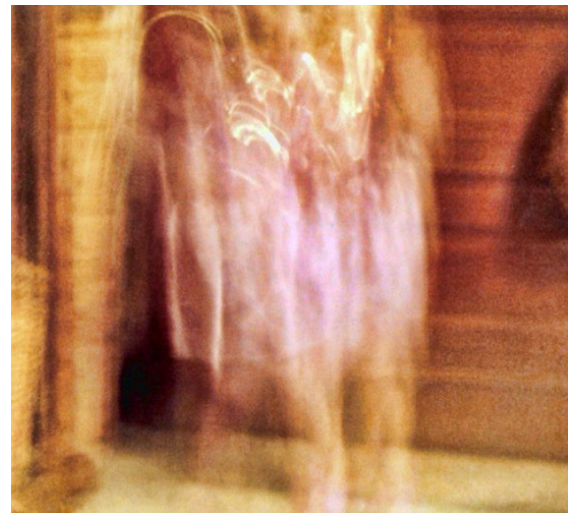
RESIDUAL HAUNTINGS

Residual hauntings are the playback of past events or experiences that have imprinted themselves onto the surrounding environment. There aren't any "conscious" or real entities involved within this phenomenon. It can be mistaken for an intelligent haunting especially when noises are involved. When the sound of footsteps can be heard walking down hallways, or the whispers of past conversations can be perceived that the entity exists and is, in fact, nothing more than the past repeating itself.

The theory behind this type of haunting is an extension of the belief from Albert Einstein, that says "energy cannot be destroyed. It simply changes states." So, in following that statement, when a person resides within a home, the energy they produce doesn't disappear when they touch an object, it gets dispersed. During an event that results in being traumatic or violent, the belief is that because these events can invoke stronger emotions and energy, they tend to leave bigger imprints on the atmosphere.

Many in the field say that if one experiences the same phenomenon happening at the same time every day/night, or on the same day every year, the likelihood that it is a residual energy is very high. This phenomenon has also been connected to what is called the "Stone Tape Theory".

CASE EXAMPLE



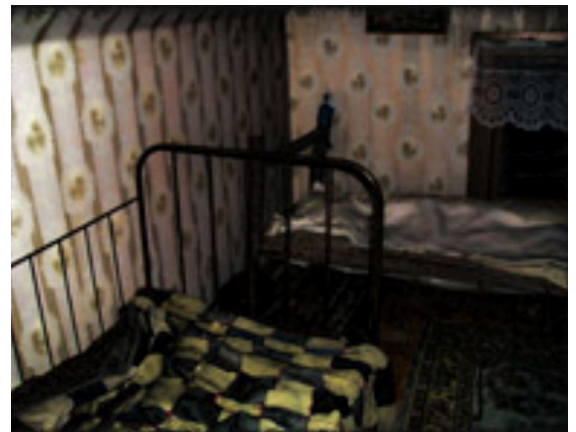
Many paranormal investigative groups who have investigated the Villisca Ax Murder House have caught several residual EVP's of both adult and child screams, some that were caught are thought to be glimpses of that horrible night on July 10, 1912. One group named ORBS found a disturbing EVP caught on their digital recorder of screaming children during a time in which the house was empty. In 2005, Miller's Paranormal Research teamed up with PRISM and caught this photo (seen above) in which it is believed they captured the residual image of these three children that were brutally murdered.

INTELLIGENT HAUNTINGS

Intelligent Hauntings are a conscious or physical entity that has the ability to interact verbally with people as well as physically in regards to their surroundings. For example, if one asks at a supposed haunted location "Are you female? Can you knock once for 'yes' and twice for 'no'?" and receive two solid knocks, then you can gain confidence in the evidence given that you are dealing with something intelligent. If in continuing the query you get answers through consistent knocks, the more it proves you are with an intelligent entity.

There are some theories behind these intelligent hauntings that many have discovered over time. Some believe that when someone dies and their energy remains, they are unable to move on to the next stage of their existence. Especially when there is an exceptionally violent or quick death, they are unaware of that sudden death, therefore stay attached to the world they lived in. Other theories suggest that spirits cannot move on because there is a special object, place, or person that will not allow them to move on and they stay attached until they are given the opportunity to leave this world to go to a "better place". They may also feel a particular obligation or "unfinished business" that may keep them from moving on. Some spirits are also very afraid to leave this world and are unwilling to consider moving on. In any case, each spirit with their own reasons and various deaths stay in this world and usually in the place that they died or lived in.

CASE EXAMPLE



In 2005, another PRISM paranormal investigator investigated The Villisca Ax Murder House, caught an EVP on video by Anney Horn. They were investigating the second-floor attic with a video camera set up in the doorway. In the video, she asks, "Hey sweetie, can you close the door?" Immediately after she asked the question, a child's voice was captured in response to her question, "Do it again. Lena, you do it." which is a fascinating example of an intelligent haunting. One of the victims was a child named Lena Stillinger whose parents were friends of the family and was sleeping over that night with her sister.



GHOST TECH

THE GREEN LASER GRID SCOPE

This green laser pen shoots out a grid of green dots which can help detect any visual disturbances during an investigation. Make sure to pair with a camera to capture evidence.



DID YOU KNOW?

That the seance was one of the first paranormal tools used when communicating with the afterlife. Individuals would sit around a table and ask questions to those they wished communicate with.

The Stone Tape Theory



The Stone Tape theory is the speculation that ghosts or spirits are able to imprint mental impressions during emotional or traumatic events that can be projected in the form of energy to physical objects. These impressions can then be replayed or recreated at any time, being experienced by the living. The trigger for these events, or residual hauntings, is unknown.

The Society for Psychical Research



The Society for Psychical Research is a non-profit organization, formed in the United Kingdom in 1882. Henry Sidgwick, a well known philosopher in his time, became the first president of this society. Studying a range of paranormal topics, including; hypnotism, physics and apparitions. In 1894 the society conducted a study around hallucinations, sampling a whopping 17,000 people!

Death photos



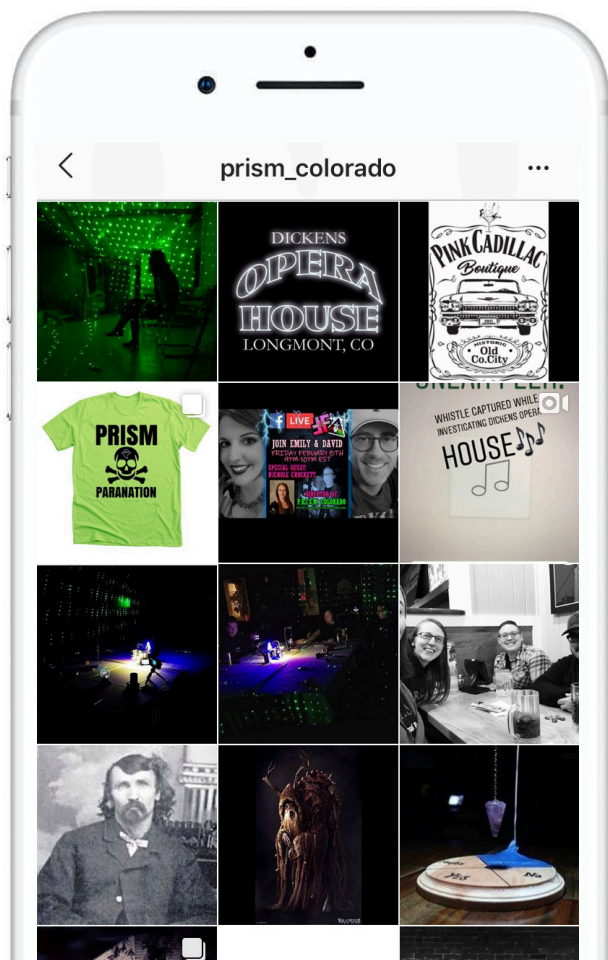
William H. Mumler started his career in photography simply as a hobby. Mr. Mumler captured his first spirit in a photo by accident in what is now known as a selfie. Furthering his work in New York City, Mumler became known as a professional Spirit Photographer and made a healthy profit taking photos of families in hopes to capture loved ones in the frame. Mumler's most famous death photo is of Mary Todd Lincoln with her deceased husband, Abraham Lincoln.



**HI, I AM NICHOLE
AND I LEAD
PRISM PARANORMAL**

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