

Phenomenal Proof

scientists for the purpose of testing the credibility of phenomenal mediums.

These methods, though well meant, are entirely wrong, unscientific, and usually futile.

The methods adopted for the prevention of fraud are just as likely to obstruct the expression of genuine phenomena. True you may impede the work of a trickster, then again you may not. You may detect a fraudulent medium at his work: but how does that prove that genuine phenomena cannot be obtained? Many instances of discordant results in the investigation of mediumistic phenomena would appear to show that a genuine medium, with a dishonest trend, will, from the mere love and necessity for money, attempt deception under imposed conditions which prevent genuine phenomena. Of course the use of the word "genuine" will be as a foreign tongue to many sceptical investigators when used in this connection. That would merely indicate a flaw in the mental make-up of the investigator. It would show an assumption of knowledge in advance of the fact, pro or con.