GREAT LAKES PARANORMAL RESEARCH TEAM

Scientific Method, What is the Big deal?

The paranormal field has battled for recognition, support and credibility. At this point it is easier to disprove us than to believe in our work. Why? It has had a bad track record since the beginning of time. We have been very inconsistent on how we collect data. Data collected has been of poor quality and we have failed to debunk situations. There have been people who have tried to take advantage of situations and have faked events. The field has attracted "characters" of all kinds, mediums, sensitives, people who speak to the dead, spirits or aliens and no one can prove that what they do can be believed. You can go on with missteps in our field.

We do have a window of chance in improving our odds, by using the scientific method. What does this do for us? It gives us structure, gives us consistency, makes us more responsible in what we do, guides us in what, how, when, where, and why. We use our brains, think things through, helps us be much more careful how we collect data and do our research, just do our homework in other words.

But how to use the scientific method is another task. In the reading room you will find a button that goes to a site that explains the method step by step. It is critical to memorize the steps and get it all under your skin, so no matter what you do, you begin to do it automatically. Most teams that are serious in helping those struggling with odd events, are using this method. It appears to have improved our findings or lack of. Seems like we are not believing just anything that happens as paranormal and that is a good thing. We are taking our time in figuring things out and making sure we have done everything possible to prove that either nothing is there, or that there is something there.

It is interesting now to see the work that has been happening among teams that take the work seriously. They are working harder in designing tools that are stronger and less vulnerable to external situations, such as wifi, radio signals and other wireless situations that could interfere with tools being used. There seems to be more experiences now that we can say, "oh, well, we know that it caused by such and such". So, we are building collective experiences that can dismiss what is not necessary, what we know is not paranormal, and we are able to focus on what truly matters, the unknown.

We now have a list of man made and nature made events and that clears things up a bit as well. We have been able to create wisdom that helps us look for man made issues. We know now that in nature that certain metals, crystals and minerals in the earth can cause issues. We have been able to take into account weather or the lack of. We are becoming smarter and clearer on how certain phenomenons happen. It is the hope that soon, we will gain more support from the scientific community. If that happens, it just might be possible that we will be able to get more help in solving our long list of mysteries that still remain unsolved.

As a long standing or a new investigator, you can help, learn the scientific method well. Use it faithfully. Help others to use it for all investigations. Work with your team to problem solve and find solid instruments and techniques to do solid and fruitful investigation and be able to help a client in need.