

## **Spirit Influence on Mental Health**

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#### **Medical Science and the Need for Research**

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Whilst scientific investigations into the nature of consciousness, psychic phenomena (PSI) and anomalous experiences have become academically 'fashionable', medical science stubbornly refuses to acknowledge the reality of a spiritual realm and the spiritual causes of mental and emotional distress.

News reports from Italy are announcing that there has been an exponential rise in requests for exorcisms by the Roman Catholic Church. In the UK the mental health services of the NHS are not able to cope with the demand for psychiatric services when patients report hearing voices and committing suicide. The situation is dire and the BBC recently reported that the system is 'broken'. Mass killings by people hearing voices are on the increase, but both the mental health services and criminal justice systems in USA and Europe appear to be blind to these realities, or are they determined to maintain the status quo for institutional self-interest? Is it because there is more money to be made by keeping people on anti-psychotic drugs than curing them and more profit for private mental health hospitals by the NHS 'outsourcing' the problem. Outsourcing means 'privatisation', which means profit for someone.

We therefore have an uphill task in trying to educate psychiatry if we try to challenge the prevailing system. So, what's the alternative, and what can we do to help those people who need respite from their afflictions and rescue them from the mental health system?

Let's have a look at some fundamental facts.

## **The presentation**

In conclusion, it is my deep desire that some scientific institution will take these issues seriously and begin a research programme where the hypothesis can be tested and the results presented to a sceptical public for their own protection and education. In the meantime, a non-funded independent programme of gathering similar cases where people are subjected to auditory hallucinations has begun in the UK. A project protocol is available for viewing at <http://www.tjpalmer.org/hearing-voices-2/hearing-voices-research/>

An appeal for research funding is posted on the same site <https://www.gofundme.com/hearing-voices-research>

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