

No Supernatural Entities, Forces, or Powers and No Ghosts

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This morning I saw a headline in the Washington Post about [libraries loaning out ghost hunting kits](#). 😞

Here is the USA, as we head into the "Halloween Season" time of the calendar (which seems to get longer and "bigger" each year) I have been thinking about how important it is to be grounded in a realistic worldview of matter and phenomenon having natural causes. Back in the September first Monday Zoom, we discussed what this worldview should be labeled, and the consensus in that meeting was the label "materialism". However I see a problem with that label because it has a double meaning (the belief that money and material possessions are the most important thing in life - which is not what Epicureans believe at all) and wondering if we could come up with a better label. I think that the "philosophical materialist worldview" is a very important aspect of Epicurean philosophy for many reasons.

I found this article about a poll of 1000 people in which 41% said that they believe in ghosts. Here is an excerpt:

Quote

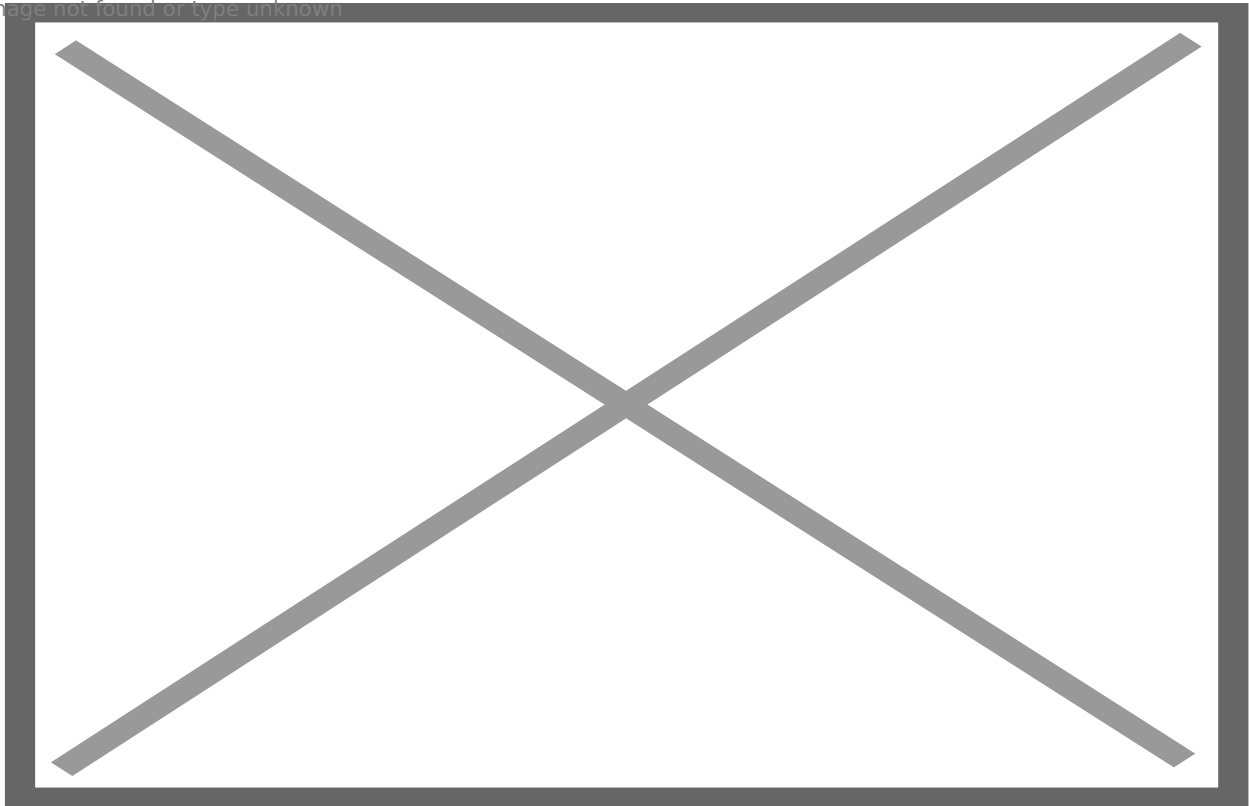
Never before in history have people recorded so many ghost encounters, thanks in part to mobile phone cameras and microphones. It seems there would be great evidence by now. [But scientists don't have it](#).

Instead, there are lots of ambiguous recordings sabotaged by bad lighting and faulty equipment. But popular [television shows on ghost hunting](#) convince many viewers that blurry images and emotional reactions are proof enough.

As for [all the devices](#) ghost hunters use to capture sounds, electrical fields and infrared radiation - they may look scientific, but [they're not](#). Measurements are worthless without some knowledge of the thing you're measuring.

You can read more about it:

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[Millions of Americans Believe in Ghosts. An Expert Reveals Why.](#)

Certainly, lots of people believe in ghosts – a spirit left behind after someone who was alive has died.

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