

ALTERNATE DOORWAYS

The Relation between Alterations of Consciousness and psi Phenomena

In the West, Plato proposed that alterations in consciousness (*manias*) provide access to knowledge of a veiled reality. His view was seconded at the beginning of the 20th century by William James and F. W. H. Myers, who discussed the noetic possibilities of other states. In contrast, other authors have considered that the ordinary waking state, with its basis on sensory data and rationality, provides the only way to apprehend reality. Undoubtedly some altered states are the product of damaged brain/mind, but as this lecture will evidence, there is also good reason to consider altered consciousness as a potential valid alternative epistemological pathway. Professor Cardeña will review the research on psi phenomena and its relation to hypnosis, meditation, hallucinogens, and dreaming.

See also Abstracts of Panel 1 at the 56th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association, 2013 (Alterations of Consciousness and Psi & Hypnosis, Dissociation, and Psi): http://parapsychologie.ac.at/info/2015-01-20_panel.pdf



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