

CHILD-PARENT TELEPATHY

A young man named Jeff from a western state reported that while “half asleep,” he “saw” his mother, father and brother driving down a highway. He then saw a car trying to pass another car in front of his father, who was forced to swerve off the road with his two right wheels hanging over the edge of the ditch. The cars passed but Jeff’s father continued to struggle to get back on the road. But then the front wheel caught the ditch, the car made a 180-degree turn into the ditch on the other side, and rolled over onto its roof. Jeff “saw” that his father got a bloody nose and a cracked ankle, and then Jeff came out of it. Fifteen minutes later his parents arrived home, but Jeff already knew what had happened and what injuries they had sustained. When he went back with them to the crash site, it was exactly as he had seen it.

Jeff’s telepathic awareness or “remote viewing” of his parents’ accident is a typical example of the very large collection of spontaneous ESP or “psi” experiences reported to the Rhine Research Center that have made our collection the largest of its kind in the world. While these reports are not taken as proof of ESP, they give us suggestions about how the psi process occurs in real life. For instance, we know that about 40% of these reports appear to bring extrasensory or psi information about those to whom we are emotionally or biologically close, in contrast to 33% about our self, 14% about distant relatives or acquaintances, and 13% about strangers and/or celebrities.

Since infants don’t send in reports, we have no way of knowing how frequently young children are telepathically aware of their parents’ lives as Jeff was as an adult, but we suspect this is a fairly common childhood experience. An occasional parent has kept a record of the comments of young children that suggest psi, and these frequently involve picking up on a parent’s thoughts. Some adults remember early psychic experiences that have stayed with them over the years. A striking one was emailed me by Olivia from Fayetteville, NC about what happened to her one night after her father went to Vietnam in 1965. This occurred after her mother moved her and her sister from Texas back to Italy to live with the grandparents, since the mother spoke very little English.

“What happened to me that night I will never forget, and the images are as sharp in my mind today as when they happened all those years ago. Funny, that I don’t remember much else about being a five-year-old! Anyway, I woke up one night to see my dad standing in the doorway of my room in full army gear. I remember being soooo excited about him being home and wanted to hug him!

“He said, ‘No honey, tell your mother I’m shot in the shoulder and waiting for help. Don’t be scared, tell your mother.’ I started crying, and then he was gone. I was so upset I went to wake my mom, and of course, the rest of the family awoke—my grandparents and my aunt. I told my mother what happened and she became very upset. Back then, there was really no family support for army spouses. The Red Cross was the only means of communication. We stayed up the rest of the night, too upset to sleep.

“Three days later, the Red Cross found my dad in an army hospital. He had been shot in the shoulder but he was still alive.” Her father recovered from his wartime injury and lived many more years. But his daughter’s psychic vision of his injury will remain with her forever.

Probably the most common and universal psi experience that adult children report relates to their sudden knowledge of the death of a parent, whether it comes in the form of a dream, a vision or a sudden waking hunch.. Here are two nearly identical ones about two different women from different states.

“One Sunday afternoon, several members of our family were eating dinner at my paternal grandmother’s house. Suddenly, and for no apparent reason in the midst of pleasant family dinner chatter, my mother stood up and screamed ‘My mother! My mother! Something has happened to my mother!’ We were all shocked....About fifteen minutes after her experience, the phone rang, and she received the information from her father that her mother had indeed died fifteen minutes previously. My mother was not aware that her mother was ill, or even that she was in a hospital, where she expired.”

A woman named Jane wrote to report that on Thanksgiving Day, she was at a dinner and surrounded by happy people. Nevertheless, around 11:30 in the morning, when conversation consisted of nothing more serious than chitchat about the dinner, she suddenly knew without a doubt that her mother, who lived far away in California, was in great distress. She tried not to disturb the party of fourteen people and managed to finish dinner. But her thoughts were perfectly clear. She knew her mother had passed away. Jane excused herself and went home, and when she got there a message awaited her. Her mother had died at about 9:30am, making the time of the mother’s death and Jane’s reaction about the same. The mother was aged, but she had not been ill, and Jane had no reason to expect her death.

In our RRC case collection there are at least an equal number of reports about parents experiencing psychic awareness about their children. The most frequent are those of mothers who sense that their infants or young children are in danger. A woman named Maria wrote to me from New Jersey to report that while enjoying a lively dinner with her relatives, with the children all outside playing, she suddenly “just knew” that something was wrong, screamed, and ran out the door to find that indeed her youngest son had been seriously hurt in an unpredictable bike accident that occurred out of earshot of the dinner table.

This parental awareness of a child’s wellbeing is less common as the child grows up and leaves home, but we still hear of many, such as the following.

“In May, while attending college in Washington, D.C., I slipped and fell down a small flight of marble stairs, dislocating vertebrae in my spine. Not wanting to worry my parents back home in New York City, I didn’t notify them. That same evening, as I was upstairs in my dormitory, I received a long-distance call from my mother. She wanted to know what was wrong, how badly I was hurt, and if she should come to D.C. to take care

of me! I played dumb and asked her what made her think I was hurt. She told me she had a dream the night before in which I had fallen down a ladder and hurt my back.” Even though the mother substituted a ladder for the stairs in her dream, she got the message—my daughter has been hurt.

Our controlled laboratory research at the Rhine Research Center provides some strong statistical evidence that demonstrates that ESP does seem to flow the best between pairs who are biologically or emotionally close in a way that isn’t reported nearly as often between casual acquaintances, friends or strangers. It seems that the psi connection is a natural component of the emotional ties that bind us, whether we are a parent or a child from childhood on through the rest of life. Furthermore, these psi experiences along with the lab research indicate that these bonds are not limited by either space or time.

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