



Consciousness and Contact Research Institute

**Consciousness & Contact Research Institute, CCRI,
a new 501c3 Academic Research Institute,
and our new book titled “A Greater Reality”
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My name is Rey Hernandez and I am a member of a newly organized academic research institute, *Consciousness & Contact Research Institute*, that is researching the relationship between consciousness and contact experiences with non-human intelligence (NHI) via non-ordinary states of consciousness we call the **Contact Modalities** (**Near-Death Experiences, Out of Body Experiences, Ghosts/Spirits, Channeling, UAP/UFO Contact, Remote Viewing, ESP, Hallucinogenic Journeys, Orbs, EVPs, etc.**). This organization will be an IRS registered 501c3 academic research institute.

Most of the members of our organization hypothesize that “consciousness” is fundamental, non-local, and that matter, energy, and information are derivatives and contained in consciousness. We hypothesize that all of the Contact Modalities might be interrelated and part of a broader spectrum via a manipulation of space-time and by definition might be interdimensional in nature. We also hypothesize that there is a range of states of consciousness (The Contact Modalities) where we can access both non-physical and physical realms, and interact with perceived non-human intelligence via our ordinary senses.

We intend to undertake both a comprehensive short term and long term worldwide academic research study on what are the commonalities of the "Experiencers" of the Contact Modalities. Our members believe that comparative academic research on the "Experiencers" of the Contact Modalities might be an important "key" to better understand the possible relationship between consciousness and contact with non-human intelligence (NHI). We are defining NHI as “any type of intelligence that is not a physical human being”. Thus, perceived ghosts, spirits, angels, demons, ETs, aliens, energy beings, non-physical beings, etc., are all considered NHI under this definition.

To this end, we want to establish an exploratory academic research organization that will begin to establish a science based academic research methodology that will address both a short term and long term academic research study on this important question: "*What is the Relationship between Consciousness, our Cosmology, and Contact with Non-Human Intelligence via the Contact Modalities*".

Initially, we will be discussing a short term research agenda, possibly 5 years in length, which will be empirical, using quantitative and qualitative surveys, and in-depth structured interviews of major "Contact Experiencers". We might also undertake a meta-data analysis of the diverse fields of the Contact Modalities, a project which has never been undertaken. We envision the first 6 months of our research to be dedicated to methodological issues, years 1-4 for data collection and analysis, and year 5 for the writing of both peer-reviewed academic articles and non-academic publications and books.

We also intend to develop a proposal for a long-term research agenda, that might be presented to potential funders, for a long-term world-wide research initiative that will include world-wide empirical studies but also might involve laboratory research such as acquiring data via individual PSI experiments, the latest neuroscience exams such as MRIs, various types of video EEG tests, histology exams and other medically related investigations. This long-term agenda will only be initiated upon securing major funding. We hope that the short term 5 year academic research study will provide the foundation for the long term research agenda on this new paradigm which will explore the relationship between consciousness and contact with NHI.

Dr. Jeffrey Long, one of the pioneers of research on Near-Death Experiences, has agreed to make accessible his extensive survey data, collected over the last 20 years, from over 10,000 NDE and 4,000 OBE Experiencers. Dr. Rudy Schild and I have also agreed to contribute the survey data from over 4,200 UFO Contact Experiencers collected during the 5-year academic research study by the Dr. Edgar Mitchell FREE Foundation, which resulted in the recent publication of our 820 page book titled "*Beyond UFOs: The Science of Consciousness and Contact with Non-Human Intelligence*".

This new organization, titled "*Consciousness and Contact Research Institute*", or **CCRI**, is comprised of 20 Ph.D. academics, who will be the formal researchers, with the assistance of approximately 10 non academic researchers, who have agreed to participate in this pioneering research study. We currently have one co-chair for our research committee, famed NDE researcher and medical doctor, Dr. Jeffrey Long, but expect to name one of our retired Ph.D. academics as our second co-chair in the near future. The formal members of **CCRI** are as follows:

CO-MANAGING COORDINATORS:

- **Reinerio (Rey) Hernandez**, J.D and Ph.D. Candidate UC Berkeley, Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Maryam Ebadi** - Maryam has a Masters in Engineering from the University of Surrey and an MBA from the London Business School, Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities

RESEARCHERS:

- **Dr. Rudy Schild** - Emeritus Prof of Astro-Physics at Harvard University, Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Jeffrey Long** - Medical Oncologist and one of the world's leading researchers on Near-Death Experiences -- has published 3 books on NDEs
- **Dr. Gary Schwartz** –Director of the University of Arizona, Laboratory for Advances in Consciousness and Health and one of the world's leading experts on Non-Local Consciousness.
- **Dr. Jon Klimo** – retired Professor of Psychology and Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Bob Davis** - Ph.D. in Neuroscience and retired professor of Neuroscience at SUNY, Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Claude Swanson** - Ph.D. in Physics from Princeton University and Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Michael Grosso** - Ph.D. in Philosophy from Columbia University, affiliated with the University of Virginia and Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Stephan A. Schwartz** – One of the pioneers of Remote Viewing and one of the world's leading experts on Non-Local Consciousness.
- **Dr. John Alexander** - Ph.D. dissertation supervised by NDE researcher and MD Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Raul Valverde** - Ph.D. Information Systems, Ph.D. Transpersonal Psychology, MBA, MS Engineering, Professor Concordia University, Consciousness researcher.
- **Dr. Sean Esbjorn-Hargens** - Ph.D. in Consciousness Studies &Integral Researcher at MetaIntegral Academy, Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Russell Scalpone** – Ph.D. in Psychology. His work over the past 40 years has entailed statistical survey research, consulting, and training for large companies.
- **Paul Eno** – author of “*Dancing Past the Graveyard: Poltergeists, Parasites, Parallel Worlds, and God*”. Paul has been researching the topic of Poltergeists and “spirits” for over 40 years.

ADVISORS/CONSULTANTS:

- **Dr. Dean Radin** – Lead Scientist at the Institute of Noetic Sciences and one of the world’s leading authorities on PSI, Parapsychology, and Consciousness.
- **Dr. Jeffrey Mishlove** - Ph.D. in Parapsychology from UC Berkeley and Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Simeon Hein** – Ph.D. in Sociology from Univ of Michigan, speciality in statistics and research methods. Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Charles Emmons** – Professor at Gettysburg College, Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Paul Bernstein** - Ph.D. from Stanford University, Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Joseph Burkes** – retired MD Emergency Room Physician and Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Glen Rein** – Ph.D. in Biochemistry from University of London, Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities
- **Dr. Guihui Chen** – Ph.D. in Biochemistry, originally from mainland China, interests in Energy Healing and Consciousness.
- **Tyler Stevens** – Executive Administrator at the Academy for Spiritual and Consciousness Studies, Inc, and research associate of the Rhine Research Center
- **Mary Rodwell** - as Principal of the Australian Close Encounter Resource Network (ACERN) and Co-Founder of the Dr. Edgar Mitchell FREE Foundation.
- **Julia Sellers** - Founder of the SEN Slovakia/Czechia (Spiritual Emergence Network) and one of the world’s leading authorities on OBE experience research.
- **Dennis Briefer** – Engineer/Scientist working on FREE energy technologies
- **Susan Manewich** – MS, Director of Nui Foundation and Consciousness researcher.
- **Giorgio Piacenza** - Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities.
- **Philip Liu** – Consciousness researcher. BS in Theoretical Physics, China.
- **Francisco Valentin** – Is an NDE Experiencer and received “angelic downloads”.
- **Chet Swanson**: Consciousness researcher on the Contact Modalities.
- **Brent Raynes**: Researcher on the Paranormal and UFOs.

NEW BOOK: "A GREATER REALITY"

The **CCRI** organization was recently established but we have not formally begun our academic research study. Our first organizational meeting will be held on November 13, 2019. Nevertheless, we want to introduce our mission and our research agenda by developing an edited book, titled: "***A Greater Reality: The New Paradigm of Consciousness, the Paranormal, and the Contact Modalities***". Almost all of the previously mentioned individuals will be contributing a chapter to our book. We expect our book to be published in May of 2020.

Rey Hernandez (Ph.D. Candidate at UC Berkeley), Dr. Rudy Schild (emeritus research astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics), Dr. Jon Klimo (emeritus professor of Psychology) and Dr. Claude Swanson (Ph.D. physicist from Princeton University) have each published several books and articles on the topic of consciousness and the Contact Modalities and all will be co-editors and will write articles for our new 3 volume book.

This three-volume book will have approximately 45 authors, including chapters from 18 Ph.D. academics from diverse fields such as Psychology, Physics, Astrophysics, Medicine, Neuroscience, and Philosophy. The majority of the authors, however, are non-academic researchers and "Experiencers" of the Contact Modalities. Everyone will address this fundamental question: "***What is the relationship between Consciousness, our Cosmology, and Contact with Non Human Intelligence via the Contact Modalities***". The Experiencer chapters will address this question but will primarily focus on their diverse experiences via the Contact Modalities and what is their personal hypothesis on how their diverse experiences might be interrelated.

Why is our book important? Our book will present a new paradigm for understanding our reality-- that we might live in a multi-dimensional reality, that humans are interacting with NHI in many different ways, the Contact Modalities, and that the Contact Modalities might be interrelated and part of a broader spectrum via a manipulation of space-time and by definition might be interdimensional in nature.

One important contribution of our book is that we will reveal that consciousness research rarely discusses consciousness as being a non-local phenomenon and primary. Secondly, many of the Contact Modalities, with a few exceptions, are not studied by academics. Most of the few academics that do undertake research in this field, including the field of parapsychology, focus on just one of the Contact Modalities and view each modality via a "stove pipe" fashion, as a separate and distinct phenomena, totally independent from the other Contact Modalities, and not as "One Phenomenon" involving a manipulation of space-time. In addition, the few researchers

that are discussing the non-local aspects of Consciousness rarely integrate the topic of NHI into consciousness. Hence, the topic of NHI is rarely broached by consciousness scholars and researchers in the field of Parapsychology or researchers of the Contact Modalities. The majority of consciousness and PSI researchers generally try to avoid the topic of NHI in their research arena. **CCRI**'s work will break from this mold and will engage in research that has never been academically addressed in a systematic and comprehensive fashion.

Thus, our book will be a historic attempt to investigate if all of these previously artificially segmented Contact Modalities do have commonalities and if they might be derived from one possible source. It will present diverse writings from academics, researchers and Experiencers of the Contact Modalities that will merge the topics of consciousness, the Contact Modalities and contact with NHI. Our book will later be complemented by the research of the CCRI Research Committee who will begin the long awaited empirical research study that will present academically derived data that will enlighten humanity of the complexities of the possible relationship between consciousness and contact with NHI.

Finally, the Dr. Edgar Mitchell FREE Foundation will be disbanded but you can still download FREE articles from our 820 page book titled "*Beyond UFOs: The Science of Consciousness and Contact with Non-Human Intelligence*" at its website: <https://www.consciousnessandcontact.org/>

Should you have any questions about **CCRI** or our new book, "*A Greater Reality: The New Paradigm of Consciousness, the Paranormal, and the Contact Modalities*", please contact me via my email: Info@Experiencer.Org

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