What Orbs Are Not 99% Of The Time

Posted by Steven Matrix - 10 Nov 2011 18:19

Hey Folks:

I just wanted to comment for a moment about orbs; something I've noticed is very exciting and downright appealing to many.

As a photographer, both from a professional level as well as just doing it for therapy [lol], I can say that most orb photos are not spiritual; but are the result of dust, insects, moisture, etc. Most of the folks who are putting orb photos across the internet think they just might have something paranormal, when in fact, the image is the result of where the flash on the cheap point and shoot camera is located. It has nothing to do with a spirit getting into the photo.

Spirits do not need a flash to manifest themselves. On the contrary, they need no flash at all. I've said many times that if you want to get a quality photo using flash, use a better camera with the flash placed away from the camera.

One of the things that I really like about this site is that we try to find the truth behind those things that are called "paranormal". In the case of orbs, there almost never is any truth when it comes to regarding them as "spiritual". I see once in a blue moon an orb that takes on a different characteristic all its own and can be regarded as something out of the ordinary. But more than 9 times out of ten, I see photos that should be disregarded as spiritual.

Just my 2 cents.

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Re: What Orbs Are Not 99% Of The Time

Posted by SkarletRae - 15 Nov 2011 20:02

Ocean County Paranormal Research wrote:

There are other theories with orb's i have heard such theories that orb's might be nature spirits,

or airborne protoplasm as you would find under a microscope but far more advanced.

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Re: What Orbs Are Not 99% Of The Time

Posted by crystalcross - 15 Nov 2011 22:39

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Posted by SkarletRae - 16 Nov 2011 05:18

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Posted by Steven Matrix - 16 Nov 2011 17:28

Hey Rob:

In the future, we should get together for an article which includes the classic examples of non spiritual orbs; then follow up and end the article with those orbs which deserve attention, along with maybe a little merit.

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Re: What Orbs Are Not 99% Of The Time

Posted by crystalcross - 17 Nov 2011 00:45

Sounds like a great idea. If we can get it going before mid November I can likely include it into the next edition of the Newsletter as well.

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Re: What Orbs Are Not 99% Of The Time

Posted by bluecup67 - 11 Dec 2011 01:00

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Posted by Steven Matrix - 11 Dec 2011 01:37

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Go ahead and post BC. Just because we say that orbs are nothing 99% of the time doesn't mean that yours isn't part of the 1%. Crystal is very good at analyzing and may be able to tell you.

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Re: What Orbs Are Not 99% Of The Time

Posted by bluecup67 - 11 Dec 2011 20:01

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OK! If this is the wrong place to post them just let me know. You'll see why it's all kind of ridiculous. These were taken in 2004 or 2005 and I am the one with the devil horns. First picture, no orb; second picture, blue orb on me. I felt like I should black out everyone's faces...

Edited to add: I'm not sure why the picture with the orb is smaller than the other, wish it were the other way around. I may have resized it at the time.

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Re: What Orbs Are Not 99% Of The Time

Posted by crystalcross - 11 Dec 2011 21:11

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Welcome Bluecup, and thanks for uploading this. I really loved how you had two images only moments apart with a stationary camera. Kudos to you for excellent evidence there.

Here's what I'm seeing. For one this image WAS taken with a flash, you can see the reflection of the flash in the wood grain background of the image. And you can also tell that the flash was roughly at the same location as the camera itself. This leads to prime environment for what we call "Flash Orbs", or orbs created by the optical effects generated from flash photography.

So, having said that, I don't think its dust. In my opinion (and take it for what it is, just my opinion) I think the one on the left was caused by some tiny reflective object which came dislodged from the pitchfork. If you notice the two images which I've overlayed and matched the backgrounds on. The only areas which show motion are the ones where things moved. One thing that moved was you and the pitchfork. You first had it in an orientation closer to the person to your left (our right) and then brought it over closer to your body. The trajectory of that move every closely coincides with the location of the orb to your right (our left). And if you notice the motion blur on that particular orb indicates that when the flash fired and the shutter snapped, the object creating the orb was in rapid motion. I'm thinking it was a glitter particle, or dewdrop or some small reflective particulate which is creating a bright spot coming

across as an orb in the flash.

The second orb over to the right, I believe to be caused by one of the links in the gentleman's chain. Between the two shots he moved ever so slightly which could easily have changed the reflective angle of one of the links in his chain/necklace. This can cause a flash reflective orb.

I must say though, interesting shot. Certainly looks like party I would love loved to attend.

See below for highlighted areas which I was discussing:

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