



#### **PARAFACT #4:**

#### **How do you know if it's a possession???**

by Reverend Fuzzy

First of all, before we stampede like a bull at a gate, into proclaiming it's a possession, there ARE some things you have check first, to make it official. First, we have to first verify that the potential host is not being influenced by any medication. It doesn't mean that they might just be "high"... sometimes you can get all kinds of faux lunacy from a common adverse drug reaction. See a licensed medical professional, to verify this is not the case. Next, there is a possibility that the potential host may just be having a severe mental and/or emotional issue. See a licensed psychological professional, to

verify this is not a garden variety case of schizophrenia, or something just as natural.

Granted, this all seems tedious, and a grand waste of precious time, but it's all for the good.

If you are one of the many paranormal investigators now in the field, making sure it's not a medical or psychological issue, before looking for help, will keep your peers from taunting you for months on end, and save you years of trying to re-build your credibility in this trade, if after claiming a case of genuine possession, it turns out to be something less than demonic. And if you're clergy looking for help, the governing church will likely insist on these tests anyway, before allowing an exorcism to be administered.

So what differentiates odd medical or mental illnesses from full-blown demonic possession? Here are five key symptoms that are common in possession cases we've encountered that can't be explained by science:



#### **A person can suddenly speak fluently in foreign languages they've never learned.**

Some say they've encountered possessed people who can all of a sudden speak in perfect Latin, despite the fact that they've never taken a class in their lives. If that person is just "speaking in tongues" (Acts 2:4\*) ,the possessing spirit is of the holy variety... so keep checking.



#### **A person develops superior strength and, in rare cases, gain ability of levitation.**

During expressed acts of possession, the potential host will often display remarkable feats of strength. I admit that I've not seen levitation personally, but half a dozen people I work with, vow that they've seen it in the course of their exorcisms.



**A person starts saying unusually venomous things about religion.**

Sure, lots of people dislike religion — but the sort of thing we're talking about here is like that scene in *The Exorcist* where Linda Blair stabbed herself repeatedly in the crotch with a crucifix. Even the most diehard atheists usually aren't *that* antagonistic toward religion.



**A person has detailed knowledge about a complete strangers' darkest secrets.**

It's said that, among other things, possessed people may know how a stranger's loved ones died, what secret sins they've committed, or even where certain people are at, at a given moment. Some of us test for this with two small random amounts of money in each of your pockets. A demon will know how much is in each pocket, and the denominations it's in.



**A person who is a mentally healthy adult has stopped blinking.**

The average mentally healthy adult human will blink involuntarily once or twice every 10-15 seconds or so... it's part of the human ocular lubrication system. This is much slower in babies, and the mentally challenged, but it still happens. Stoppage of the blinking process altogether only happens in the possessed.

Whether these issues convince you that demonic possession is a real thing, is entirely up to you. That said, if your child starts speaking in ancient Aramaic and mentally tormenting your friends by revealing their most shameful secrets to the world, calling in backup from the clergy, might not be the worst idea.

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\* Acts 2:4 -And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.