



Paranormal Phenomenon: Ghosts, Spirits & Hauntings



Episode 9: Ghosts & Spirits - Evil & Demonic Possession

Evil Spirits

Types of

- These are preternatural *inhuman entities* most often **demonic** in nature.
- They are eternal, powerful, have intelligence, and can perform acts that defy the laws of nature.
- Are spirits that despise God and want to cause harm to people.
- In Christianity and other religions, they are seen as powerful **negative forces**.
- They can **manifest themselves in a multitude of ways and forms**; this can include within human beings (**possession** – described later).
- They prey on spiritually weak or unstable individuals, and seek to control and manipulate their thoughts, behaviors, and actions.



Types of

Possession Ghost

- Is an **evil spirit** or **demon** that “possesses” (controls) a person and makes them say or do very bad things.
- **Signs of demonic possession** among the afflicted can include the following:
 - uttering growling sounds, using very foul language, speaking in a devilish voice, sometimes using a foreign language (usually unknown/unspoken by the person) such as Latin;
 - exhibiting supernatural strength, or even the ability to levitate;
 - moving or teleporting objects (even heavy ones) at will; emitting ghastly odors;
 - displaying clairvoyance ability (knowing intimate details and thoughts of people and things).

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Demonic Possession

- Usually, an **exorcism** performed by a priest is required to rid the afflicted from the unwanted entity.
- **Roman Catholic priests** are specially trained for this and have successfully performed countless exorcisms over the past several centuries, though success is not always guaranteed.



Types of – Demonic Possession

TOP 6 CASES

1. 1906, South Africa: Clara Germana Cele
2. 1928, USA: Anna Ecklund (pseudonym for Emma Schmidt)
3. 1940's, USA: "Roland Doe"/"Robbie Mannheim" (pseudonyms) upon which the 1971 novel & 1973 film of the same name *The Exorcist* was based.
4. 1973–1976, Germany: Anneliese Michel
5. 1983, USA: Don Decker (The Rain Man)
6. 2008, USA: Dr. Richard Gallagher and "Julia" (pseudonym), Satan's Queen

