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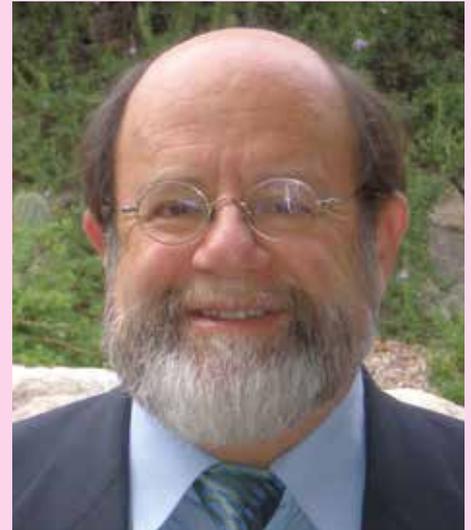


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# 'SOULPHONE' COULD LINK US TO SPIRIT WORLD IN TWO YEARS, SAY EXPERTS

BY ROY STEMMAN



Dr Gary E. Schwartz (above) and his wife Rhonda Eklund Schwartz, a medium (below), are pictured, left, at work in the the University of Arizona, Tucson, laboratory where they are attempting to develop technology to communicate with the next world



## TWO TEAMS of scientists are currently refining sophisticated equipment which, they claim, will soon make it possible for us to communicate with those we love who have passed to the next world.

Their early experiments, conducted with the help of mediums and experts in electrical engineering and other disciplines, are extremely promising, leading those involved to express a high degree of confidence in achieving their ambitious goal.

In fact, they are so confident that they have now decided, after years of secrecy, that it is time to share some of their results and ambitions with a wider audience. By doing so, they hope to attract the additional funding that is required to perfect their communication devices and expand the project internationally.

*Psychic News* is the first publication they have spoken to in depth about their work.

Endeavours to penetrate the veil between this world and the next with

communications equipment are not new. Thomas Edison, the prolific American inventor, caused a media sensation almost a century ago when he told a reporter he was working on the development of a "spirit phone" (Next issue: "Edison: still working on spirit communication technology").

In more recent times, various researchers have claimed degrees of success in communicating with the next world using radio equipment or similar devices. The results, initially described as "electronic voice phenomena" (EVP) but more recently known as "instrumental trans-communication" (ITC), are sometimes impressive but are not yet reliable, despite the hundreds of researchers in many countries who are

experimenting with these techniques.

Now, following years of research, a very different approach appears to be reaping results. Two teams are reporting positive results as they strive to achieve a momentous collaborative breakthrough: a permanent communications link – which they call the SoulPhone – between this world and the next.

Before I introduce the team members, here's a brief summary of what they have achieved so far and the projected timescale towards having a fully-operating and reliable channel of communication between this existence and the world of Spirit, once funds are available.

### *Stages of development*

Gary E. Schwartz first used the term SoulPhone a decade-and-a-half ago, in his book *The Afterlife Experiments* (2002), when describing potential applications of his research work carried out with evidential



Dr Gary Schwartz (right) discusses with Mark Pitstick, author and co-founder of the SoulPhone Foundation, the spirit technology under development at the university

mediums. This had satisfied him that human consciousness probably continues beyond death.

In communicating his theories and research findings to fellow scientists, Schwartz has to use cautious language. For example, when he published the results of important proof-of-concept experiments (in the peer-reviewed *Explore*, the Journal of Science and Healing, in 2010 and 2011), he referred to the entities he was detecting in the laboratory as “hypothesised collaborating spirits (HCSs)”.

Their presence, he revealed, was detected using (1) a state-of-the-art silicon photomultiplier costing \$2,500 (£2,000) per sensor, cooled to -22 degrees Celsius that can detect single photons of light in a pitch-black environment and, (2) a state-of-the-art low light camera costing \$40,000 (£32,000), typically used in astronomy for deep space imaging.

These tests provided confirmation of a medium’s perception of the presence of spirit entities in Schwartz’s laboratory. Even more important was the discovery that a “skilled” spirit could use the technology to produce statistically-significant “yes” and “no” responses.

This, of course, is an essential first step towards developing a practical communication technology. In effect – though this is not an analogy that Schwartz uses – it is like an electronic hands-off replacement of the Ouija board.

He was able to replicate these findings in a soundproof and electrically shielded chamber at the California Institute of Human Science. The results, together with other experiments at his own laboratory,

convinced him that the creation of a functioning working prototype of a SoulPhone was not only feasible but highly probable.

Schwartz and his colleagues have explored the use of nine different state-of-the-art technologies over the past seven years, each of which has produced positive findings to various degrees. These include fluctuations in magnetic fields, radioactivity, infrared beams or pulsed light achieved by spirit entities as a way of registering their presence.

They also developed a super-sensitive microphone and sound-collecting system and combined it with certain computer and statistical procedures for detecting essentially subliminal sounds – far below the level that our ears can hear – to document the presence of a recordable audio signal.

To do this, it was necessary to build a sound-isolation chamber that was also electrically shielded (known as a Faraday cage) in the Tucson laboratory in order to minimise the possibility that outside sources were producing the anomalous “noise” registered on their equipment.

Although the sound cannot be heard by the human ear, sophisticated computer software makes it detectable by converting it into a measurement of decibels.

The Arizona team believe the path towards their ultimate goal will involve the staged development of a number of “soul devices” but this will only be possible when additional financial resources become available from investors who recognise its potential, to take the project from proof-of-concept to practical working

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prototypes. Schwartz is currently talking to potential backers.

Once additional funding is in place, the following staged developments will follow:

**SoulSwitch:** this simple binary device – more complex than a light switch – will allow communicating spirits to give either “yes” or “no” answers to questions. In this way, the answers they give to a short series of specific questions will confirm their identity. The team believes there is a 90-95 per cent chance this device could be functioning within 12 months of receiving sufficient funding and hiring the needed staff.

**SoulKeyboard:** a series of SoulSwitches will broaden communication, enabling SoulText messages to be conveyed between this world and the next, in much the same way as we use cellphones or emails to communicate with each other today. The team says there is a similar degree of probability that the spirit keyboard will be ready two years after funding is made available.

**SoulAudio:** the next anticipated breakthrough will be a SoulAudio device that will enable people to hear and talk to those living in the next world.

**SoulVideo:** will enable visual images to be transmitted along with audio signals, much like Skype or Facetime

**SoulStudios:** just as modern telecommunications need satellite signals and relay stations to carry our messages,

so the SoulPhone devices will need to be connected to a SoulStudio which houses the technology to make this concept possible. The team's ultimate vision is that it might be possible for people to have an "app" on their smartphones which will connect them to a SoulStudio.

However sceptical many people will be about this ambitious project, the teams involved have a high degree of confidence that what they are proposing is achievable.

### Meet the teams involved

The driving force and chief scientist behind the SoulPhone project is **Gary E. Schwartz** who is based at the University of Arizona (UA). Schwartz studied first at Cornell University, beginning in electrical engineering and achieving a psychology major and chemistry minor in 1966. He then received his PhD in psychology from Harvard University in 1971 where he later served as an assistant professor for five years.

He went on to become a professor of psychology and psychiatry at Yale University where he held senior positions before moving to Arizona in 1988.

As well as teaching courses on health and spiritual psychology, Schwartz is professor of psychology, medicine, neurology, psychiatry and surgery at UA's main Tucson campus.

Author of over 450 scientific papers and co-editor of 11 academic books, he is now the Director of the UA's Laboratory for Advances in Consciousness and Health (LACH) which was formerly the Human Energy Systems Laboratory.

In addition, Gary Schwartz's name will be familiar to many *Psychic News* readers as the author of several important books on mediumship, spirit communication and associated subjects (see panel right).

"One of my colleagues has described me as the Helen Keller of afterlife research because I don't see or hear spirits," he told one interviewer. "So I have to rely totally on evidence-based mediums and until the technology comes along, I'm dependent on their eyes and ears."

### The Earthly 'B team'

One of the mediums who plays a vital role in the SoulPhone research is Schwartz's wife, **Rhonda Eklund Schwartz**, whose mediumship developed after the death of her mother, Marcia Eklund, before she met Gary. Rhonda received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in fine art and painting at Northern Illinois University, and she has a background in spiritual



Author and broadcaster Mark Pitstick (above) and physicist Bob Staretz (below) are the founders of the SoulPhone Foundation

healing.

Rhonda retired as a quality assurance specialist for a Fortune 100 company in order to work full-time on the SoulPhone project. She acts as the coordinator and interface between the spirits who are communicating and the scientists who are seeking a better form of dialogue between the living and the so-called dead.

In order to raise awareness and help attract funds for the research being conducted at LACH, the SoulPhone Foundation has been established by **Dr Mark Pitstick**, author and broadcaster, and **Bob Staretz**, a physicist and electrical engineer who has studied consciousness since early adulthood.

Pitstick, with a background in psychology, counselling and integrative health, has over 40 years' experience and training in hospitals, mental health centres and private practice. He is also the author of *Soul Proof: Compelling Evidence That No One Really Dies* and a documentary based on that book, and *Wellness: a Holistic Guide for Optimal Body, Mind & Spirit*.

The foundation's co-founder, Staretz, studied at Tufts University and Ohio State University, then moved into leading edge research and advanced technology developments in electronics and telecommunications. He enjoyed a long friendship and collaboration with Apollo astronaut Edgar Mitchell, the sixth man to walk on the Moon and the founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), an organisation whose main focus is the study of consciousness.

During their 28-year relationship, Mitchell and Staretz collaborated on many research projects, journal articles, papers and presentations, including *The Quantum Hologram and the Nature of Consciousness* (*Journal of Cosmology*, 2011, Vol 14).

The foundation also benefits from the services of staff members Beth West and Tracy Soussi. They, the LACH workers,



## BOOKS

by Gary E. Schwartz

*The Living Energy Universe*  
(Hampton Roads Publishing, 1999)

*The Afterlife Experiments*  
(Atria Books, 2003)

*The Truth about Medium*  
(Hampton Roads Publishing, 2005)

*The G.O.D. Experiments*  
(Atria Books, 2007)

*The Energy Healing Experiments*  
(Atria Books, 2008)

*The Sacred Promise*  
(Atria Books, 2011)

*An Atheist in Heaven (with Paul Davids)* (Yellow Hat Productions, 2016)

*Super Synchronicity*  
(Param Media, 2016)

by Rhonda Eklund Schwartz

*Love Eternal*  
(Param Media, revised edition 2017)



Marcia Eklund



James Clerk Maxwell



Susy Smith

including the laboratory's Circle of Trustees and other collaborating scientists and professionals, are referred to by Schwartz as the "B team".

### The other-worldly 'A team'

In addition, more than 10 evidential mediums have been involved at various stages, providing feedback and input from spirit entities who are as eager to contribute to the successful introduction of spirit communication technology as their earthly counterparts.

These spirits, whom Schwartz referred to initially as the Sacred Promise Team, based on his book of the same title, are now simply called the "A team". Their real identities were cloaked in secrecy for much of the time, even within the LACH laboratory, and some were given pseudonyms.

Now, however, various core members of the team of more than 30 spirit entities have been named and their contributions to the project fully acknowledged and honoured.

Marcia Eklund and Susy Smith are key members of the "A team". Rhonda Eklund Schwartz believes her mother and Smith, a well-known psychical researcher with a particular interest in afterlife codes, brought her and Gary together. Schwartz regards Susy as his adopted grandmother. She wrote 30 books on parapsychology and survival of consciousness.

The other spirit collaborators who have now been named include theoretical physicists **Albert Einstein**, who developed the theory of relativity, and **Max Planck** and **David Bohm**, both famous for their work on quantum theory.

Also in the "A team" are the inventor of the phonograph, **Thomas Edison**,

electrical engineer and inventor **Nikola Tesla**, the mathematician who formulated the theory of electromagnetic radiation **James Clerk Maxwell**, and astronomer and astrobiologist **Carl Sagan**.

As well as this formidable group of scientists, the team also includes Apollo 14 astronaut **Edgar Mitchell**, founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences, **Harry Houdini**, the escapologist who was famous for his investigation of Spiritualism, **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**, author and creator of Sherlock Holmes, and – who better to assist with the development of the SoulPhone? – Apple's co-founder **Steve Jobs**.

Lastly, a spirit who was a global celebrity is also an active spirit collaborator on the laboratory's subliminal sound experiments and other technologies. The Arizona "B team" has been reluctant to identify him, except by the pseudonym "Peter", out of respect for his family. They have now decided to reveal that "Peter" is **Michael Jackson**, who is known to have taken an interest in Gary Schwartz's after-life research shortly before his untimely passing.

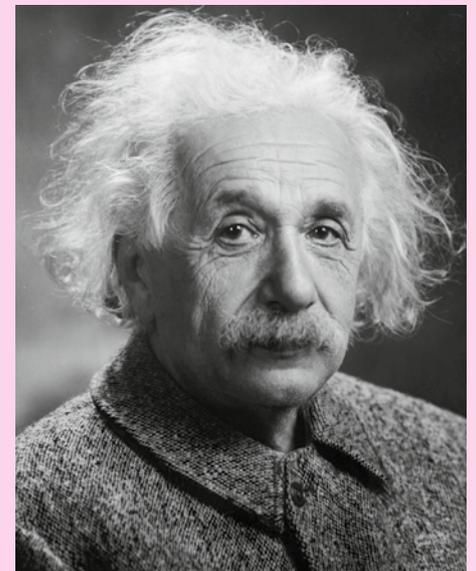
Houdini's identity was also kept secret at the start of the project, when he was referred to by the researchers simply as HHH, an abbreviation of "Hypothesised Harry Houdini".

The Arizona team realise that the identities of the spirits who are working with them will result in controversy and possibly even ridicule, but they emphasise that ultimately: "It's not about the team, it's about the technology!"

Until the SoulPhone becomes a reality and opens up a direct channel of communication, the "B team" continues to rely on advice and encouragement from "A team" members conveyed in a more



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (by E.O. Hoppe)



Albert Einstein

traditional way – through mediums.

Part of the story behind the SoulPhone project has been revealed for the first time in print in an additional section to a just-published updated edition of Rhonda Eklund Schwartz's 2011 book *Love Eternal: Breakthrough Personal and Scientific Evidence for Life After Death* (Param Media, 2017) which is now available on Amazon. Her husband also contributes an Afterword.

As well as describing how her own mediumship developed, Rhonda touches briefly on how the spirits of Einstein, Houdini, Conan Doyle and others came into their lives and the striking synchronicities that occurred around them.

And she promises another book, to be published next year, which will tell the full story.

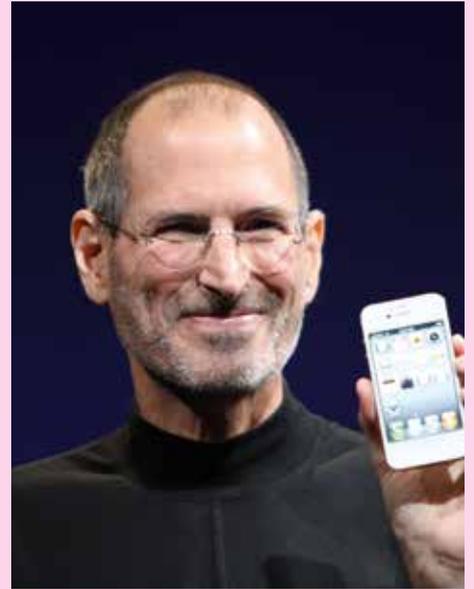
"This isn't fantasy or wishful thinking," she assures her readers. "We sincerely believe it is a genuine reality on the verge of being discovered, for which science is already yielding convincing evidence.

"Let's be sure to grab this opportunity to usher in a new era of communication capable of transforming our world in a way that would rival that of the internet, and offer a future for humanity which would be bright and full of love, peace and hope." ■

**Attempts to build equipment that would simplify communication between this world and the next have a long history. Among those who attempted it was American inventor Thomas Edison. Not only is he a member of Schwartz's "A team" but also he successfully participated in the Scoble experiments in the UK. We'll examine his two-world involvement in the development of spirit communication devices in the May issue of *Psychic News*.**



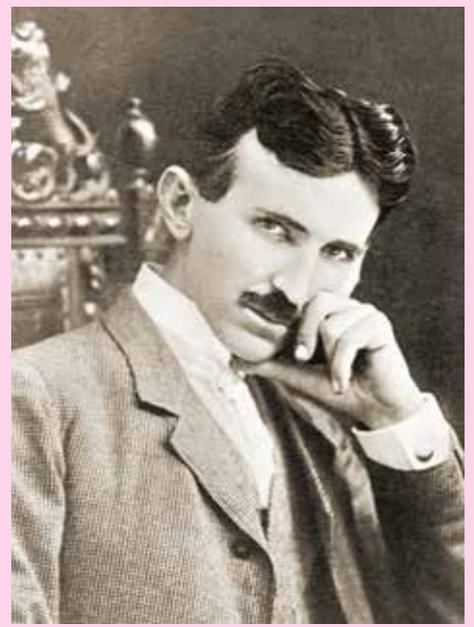
Max Planck



Steve Jobs (Photo: Matthew Yohe)



Michael Jackson (Photo: Casta03)



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Astronaut Edgar Mitchell (Photo: NASA)