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Season 6 Episode 13 - The Crumbling

The Crumbling: Arthur Findlay College, Spiritual Gatekeeping & The Future of Mediumship

Hello and welcome to Mediumship Matters with me, Hannah Macintyre!

We are living in wild times right now, and the spiritual world is no exception. Today, I'm tackling something that's been on a lot of your minds—the situation at Arthur Findlay College, spiritual gatekeeping, and the much-needed evolution of mediumship.

Let's get into it.

Arthur Findlay College: The Mass Walkout

So, for those who don't know, there has been a mass teacher walkout at Arthur Findlay College.

- ◆ The teachers haven't publicly said why they left.
- ◆ There are plenty of rumours and speculation floating around.
- ◆ The official response? "Unresolved issues."

Now, I want to be clear—I don't know exactly what happened, and I don't like adding fuel to a fire that isn't mine to set ablaze.

But what I can talk about is the wider crumbling of outdated structures in the spiritual world—because this is part of a much bigger picture.

The Arthur Findlay "Cult" Culture

Since this news broke, I've been flooded with messages from people sharing their negative experiences at AFC—many saying they felt pressured into silence.

There seems to be this unspoken rule that you're only allowed to say that your experience was:

- ✔ "Incredible!"
- ✔ "Life-changing!"
- ✔ "The best mediumship training in the world!"

And if your experience was different? You're supposed to keep quiet.

I know people who have had amazing teaching there. But I also know people who have been damaged, belittled, and left questioning their own abilities by their experiences.

Why do we pretend this doesn't happen? Why do we accept that only certain voices get to speak? That is what's crumbling.

The Problems With Arthur Findlay's Teaching Structure

One of the things that's always baffled me is the weird way courses are run there.

- ◆ You book a course with a specific teacher—but that doesn't mean they actually teach you.
- ◆ You show up expecting one person and get assigned to someone else.
- ◆ Some students have been placed with teachers who weren't the right fit for their style of development.

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Imagine booking a course with me and then arriving to be told, “Oh, I’m not actually teaching this, my mate Duncan is.” You’d be like, “Who the hell is Duncan?!”

That’s standard practice at AFC. And it makes no sense.

If you’re paying good money to train with someone, you should know who is actually teaching you.

The Bigger Issue: Is Mediumship Stuck in the Past?

Arthur Findlay College is owned by a spiritual organisation that sees mediumship as a religion. And as with many religious institutions:

- ◆ It struggles to evolve.
- ◆ It prioritises hierarchy over accessibility.
- ◆ It holds onto outdated ideas about who “can” and “can’t” be a medium.

When I tried to do my teaching qualification there, I gave up halfway through because I didn’t agree with their core belief:

● “Everyone has psychic abilities, but not everyone can be a medium.”

I 100% disagree with that. If you believe that, then shouldn’t you be screening people before taking their money for courses? If someone “can’t” be a medium, why are you letting them sign up?

This kind of gatekeeping is what’s finally starting to break down in the spiritual world. And thank goodness for that.

The Wider Crumbling of the Spiritual Industry

Arthur Findlay isn’t the only thing falling apart.

- The fraud in physical mediumship is getting exposed.
- Outdated power structures in spiritual organisations are collapsing.
- People are finally speaking out about toxic teachers and experiences.

And the most important question we should all be asking is:

- ◆ Is this good enough?
- ◆ Am I being taught in a way that actually helps me progress?
- ◆ Am I blindly following a path just because it’s “how it’s always been done”?”

If you’ve been attending the same mediumship course for 20 years but still aren’t working on platform—is it because you’re not being given the right tools?

This is our moment to demand better teaching, better opportunities, and more openness.

What Comes Next? A New Spiritual Landscape

So, what’s the solution? What do we build in place of the old system?

I think it starts with: ✓ More transparency—Honest conversations about the flaws in traditional training.

✓ More accessibility—Mediumship shouldn’t be for a privileged few who can afford expensive courses.

✓ More open-minded teaching—Supporting all styles of spirit communication, not just what fits an old-school mould.

This shift is already happening. New teachers are emerging, online training is growing, and people are realising they don’t have to follow outdated rules to connect with spirit.

And honestly? I love to see it.

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Final Thoughts: The Crumbling is Necessary

I called this episode “The Crumbling” because we are watching an old system fall apart. And I believe that’s a good thing.

- ◆ Yes, it’s messy.
- ◆ Yes, it’s uncomfortable.
- ◆ But it’s necessary for true change.

To those feeling disillusioned—I see you. You’re not wrong for questioning things. Your experiences matter. And I truly believe that what comes next will be better.

Let me know your thoughts—I’d love to hear what you think about all of this.

Until next time—trust spirit, trust yourself, and keep evolving.

Love,

Hannah x

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