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**Season 7 Episode 6 -**

## **Mediumship or Misdirection? A Deep Dive into a Disappointing Reading**

A Pricey Mediumship Reading, A Hard Lesson, and The Problem with Social Media Mediumship

Hannah Macintyre: Hello and welcome to Mediumship Matters! It's the 11th of March, and I'm recording this episode fresh after an experience that I just have to talk about while I'm still feeling it.

Recently, I've been watching a lot of mediums online, and my algorithm has responded accordingly—showing me an endless stream of different readers. And once again, I found myself having a mediumship wobble.

The Power of the Edit: What Social Media Mediumship is Really Showing You

Before we get into my experience, I want to ask you something:

- If you took every single person in your spirit family—everyone you've ever known who has passed—and then added everyone they knew, both living and dead...
- Would you be able to understand the names William or Mary in connection with them?
- And if I said I felt a strong connection to the month of April, could you find any family event—birthdays, anniversaries, passing dates—that ties into that month?

Because this is what I'm seeing on social media, and it's time we talk about it.

I've watched countless videos of mediums throwing out generic names and dates, and the audience always finds a way to make it fit. And the more I watch, the more I realize: this isn't impressive—it's just clever marketing.

When you edit out all the misses, all the pauses, and all the wrong names, you can make any reading look flawless.

The TikTok Medium That Shook Me

There's a particular medium on TikTok—who I won't name—who had me questioning everything. Their videos looked incredible. The level of accuracy seemed mind-blowing. And the comments were full of people saying things like:

- "This is what real mediumship looks like."
- "I've never seen anyone as good as you!"
- "I finally believe in mediumship because of you."

And of course, me being me, I spiralled. I thought, If they're this good, should I even be doing this? Should I be charging for readings? Should I be teaching?

Spirit, as always, responded in their usual way: "Book a reading."

So, I did.

The Reality of a £178 Mediumship Reading

I paid £178 (about \$250 USD) for a 30-minute session with this medium. That's a premium price. And in my head, I told myself, This is going to be amazing. Because that's how pricing psychology works—the more expensive something is, the more we expect it to be high-quality.

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The problems started before the reading even began.

- I got an email on the day of the session, pushing my appointment back by 15 minutes.
  - No apology, just “running behind.” That irritated me straight away.
- The WhatsApp call instructions didn’t work.
  - I had to manually figure out how to contact her, which took up the first two minutes of my reading.
- She was DRIVING when she picked up my call.
  - I heard the car door slam, keys jingling, and her walking into her house while greeting me. I was already frustrated.
- She asked ME what type of reading I wanted.
  - I booked a spirit link reading, which she should have known.

And then... the actual reading began.

The Reading That Went Nowhere

- First spirit she brought through? My mum.
  - Except... my mum is very much alive.
- “Okay, then it must be your grandmother on your mum’s side.”
  - Yes, my nan is in spirit.
- “She wants you to know she’s always been here.”
  - Groundbreaking.

Then came the list of names:

- Elizabeth, Betty, Betsy, Liz, Beth → No
- John or Jack → No
- William or Bill → No
- Michael → No
- Margaret, Peggy, Marge → No
- Joseph or Josephine → No
- Mary, Marie, Maria → Finally! My nan’s middle name was Mary.

That was 1 out of 17 names that I could even slightly connect to.

And when I questioned her? She backtracked.

- “Oh, just make a note of the names—they might make sense later.”
- “They could be connected to ANYONE in your family, living or dead.”
- “Maybe in your husband’s family, or a distant cousin, or someone you once met?”

At one point, she completely changed a message mid-sentence:

- “Your nan wants to say she’s sorry you didn’t get her ring.”
- Me: “I actually have it.”
- “Oh! She’s saying she’s sorry you don’t wear it.”
- Me: “I don’t wear it because it’s not my style.”
- “Ah, that’s what she meant! She wanted to know why you don’t wear it!”

It was clear she was fishing.

The Final Cherry on Top

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By the end of the reading, I had:

- No solid evidence that my nan was actually there.
- No meaningful messages.
- A lot of vague, generic statements.
- 17 names—only 1 of which I could loosely take.

And then she wrapped up with, “Spirit gives you what you need, not what you want.”

That line makes me furious because it’s often used to cover up poor mediumship.

Oh, and one more thing? She casually mentioned, “I just came back from a Morpheus8 facial treatment.”

Yep. The reason my appointment was rescheduled was so she could get a facial.

Final Thoughts: What This Taught Me

If I hadn’t been trained in mediumship, I might have convinced myself that I was the problem—that I just wasn’t open enough, or I needed to “make the messages fit.”

But that’s not how real mediumship works.

This experience reminded me why I teach evidential mediumship the way I do.

And if you’re developing, please hear this:

You are good enough. Don’t compare yourself to heavily edited TikTok mediums. Don’t think you have to “get” names to be valid. And most importantly—don’t let bad readings shake your confidence.

Have You Had a Bad Reading? Let’s Talk About It!

I want to hear your thoughts! Head over to Spirit Social and let’s discuss.

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Thanks for listening, and I’ll see you next time!