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Season 6 Episode 17 - AI, Vulnerable Clients & Downright Rudeness!

Audience Energy, Ethical Boundaries & Mediumship's Ever-Changing Landscape

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

Today's episode is a bit of a rollercoaster, covering some big topics like audience behavior in mediumship, the impact of venue energy, ethical dilemmas in spiritual work, and the growing challenge of scammers in the industry.

Let's get into it!

When an Audience is a Rabble

Last week, I demonstrated in Sittingbourne.

- ◆ It was a great venue—lovely stage, twinkly lights (which I love), and plenty of seating.
- ◆ The challenge? A disruptive audience.
- ◆ Echoey acoustics didn't help—it made every noise so much louder.

I always start my demonstrations by setting clear expectations for the audience:

- Mediumship is a collaboration—I need their energy and attention.
- The more they engage and listen, the stronger the connection to spirit.

Yet despite this, some people treated it like a pub night out rather than an evening of spirit communication.

- Two women at the back were talking and walking around the entire show.
- A pair at the front right were chatting non-stop.
- One front-row VIP guest spent the entire night on her phone, lighting up the theatre like a beacon.

It was infuriating—and not just for me! At the interval, people commented on how rude and distracting the behavior was. One person even joked about launching the phone into the rain! And honestly? I get it. Why pay for a ticket if you're not going to watch?

But here's the mediumship challenge—

- The more disruptions and distractions, the harder it is to maintain the connection.
- Energy affects mediumship—a warm, open audience lifts the vibration.
- A cold, chaotic one? Makes everything harder.

It wasn't my worst night—but it was a test of patience, focus, and resilience.

The Ongoing Nightmare of Venue Booking

I want to do more demonstrations in 2025. But let me tell you—finding venues is a nightmare.

- ◆ Some don't answer emails.
- ◆ Some charge £1,000+ for a four-hour hire (ridiculous).
- ◆ Some initially say yes—then stop replying.
- ◆ Others have the nerve to ask, "You're not doing anything metaphysical, are you?" IN GLASTONBURY. 🤔

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I swear, spirit must be guiding this, because every time I try to book, another roadblock appears. It's like I'm being nudged toward a different path, and for now, I'm just trusting that process. (But also—if you're an agent or tour manager, help me! I just want to turn up, do the work, have a glass of wine, and go home. 😊)

Spiritual Ethics: The Fine Line of Responsibility

Let's talk about boundaries and our responsibility as spiritual teachers and mediums.

I recently had an interaction that left me questioning where the ethical line is.

A woman (let's call her Catherine) briefly joined my online school. She never attended live sessions, but a couple of weeks in, she messaged me saying:

"I won't be continuing. It's a great school, but I found a local circle that suits me better."

No problem! I wished her well and moved on.

Then, a month later, the messages started.

- "My family thinks I'm having a psychotic break."
- "I need you to tell them this is real and that spirit is everywhere."
- "I see spirit all the time, non-stop, and I need you to tell them this is normal."

And here's the thing—

- I don't think that's normal.
- Spirit is always present, but we are not meant to be connected 24/7.
- Being unable to switch off isn't spiritual mastery—it's overwhelm.

This situation got more intense.

- Catherine claimed she had fallen out with her entire circle because she was "too powerful."
- She started sending me relentless messages, despite my auto-responder being on.
- Eventually, I had to block her and cut off all contact—as advised by my insurance provider.

Then, the scam madness began.

AI Scammers, Fake Conversations & Police Involvement

A few weeks later, Catherine's sister emailed me:

"She's talking to you online, but it doesn't seem like you. Can you confirm?"

It wasn't me. Someone was impersonating me.

Then, I got a call from the police. Apparently, Catherine was also "talking" to John Holland (a well-known medium) and my friend Jennifer.

🚩 Scammers had used AI to create fake conversations. 🚩 They told Catherine she was getting a TV show. 🚩 She was fully convinced—and her mental health was deteriorating.

And here's the question that haunts me—

Why are so many vulnerable people drawn to mediumship?

Yes, we deal with grief. But I think for some, there's also a desperate need for life to "make sense".

- Hardships must mean something.
- Struggles must be leading to greatness.
- Spirit must have an incredible destiny planned.

And that belief? It makes people easy targets for scammers.

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Final Thoughts: Boundaries, Scammers & Personal Responsibility

This experience left me questioning our role as spiritual teachers—

- ✓ How much responsibility do we have for students' mental health?
- ✓ How do we support without overstepping our expertise?
- ✓ Where do boundaries need to be clearer?
- ✓ Why is mediumship so attractive to vulnerable individuals?
- ✓ How do we protect people from online scams?

I've updated my Gateway membership terms to make it crystal clear:

- I don't offer personal mentorship via email.
- I can't provide mental health support.
- Joining a spiritual school is not a replacement for therapy.

Because at the end of the day, we must be responsible for our own energy.

I'd love to hear your thoughts on this—

- Have you experienced disruptions in mediumship demos?
- Have you had encounters with spiritual scammers?
- Where do you think the ethical line is between guidance and responsibility?

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

Love,

Hannah x

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