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Season 5 Episode 4 - Interview with Bill Hughes

From Childhood Spirit Encounters to Professional Platform Mediumship: A Conversation with Bill Hughes

Hello and welcome to Mediumship Matters with me, Hannah Macintyre! Today, I have another fantastic guest for Season 5—the wonderful Bill Hughes. Bill is a demonstrating psychic medium, teacher, and spiritual mentor, and I'm thrilled to dive into his journey, experiences, and insights. Let's get into it!

Bill's First Encounters with Spirit

Bill's spiritual journey began very early in childhood, sparked by a profound personal loss.

- At 11 years old, his father passed away.
- Six months later, he became sensitive to spirit.
- One of his first spirit encounters? Seeing his father in full form sitting at the end of his bed.
- His mother's reaction? She went as white as a sheet when Bill casually told her, "That's where Dad sits when he visits me."

This early awareness led him to see not just his father, but other spirit communicators as well. But, as is often the case, not everyone around him was immediately on board with what he was experiencing.

"Mum thought I was completely bonkers! But luckily, my sister was spiritually sensitive too, and she encouraged my mum to take me to a local spiritualist church." – Bill

A minister at the church reassured young Bill that he wasn't mad—he was gifted.

The Teenage Years: Balancing Mediumship & Life

Between 11 and his early 20s, Bill had one foot in the spiritual world and one in everyday teenage life.

- He frequented spiritualist churches, soaking up the energy and watching demonstrations.
- But, like most teenagers, his interests shifted toward friends, relationships, and everyday life.
- Mediumship took a backseat—until life threw him a curveball.

The Life Event That Brought Bill Back to Mediumship

In adulthood, Bill's spiritual path reignited after a separation and divorce, which left him as a single parent to five children.

"It was like spirit dived in and said, 'Here you go, Bill—here's a distraction you didn't know you needed!'" – Bill

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As he worked through the emotions and challenges of single parenthood, spirit took the opportunity to pull him back into his development.

- He joined a spiritual development circle, committing to four years of intense training.
- He sat in two circles—one in a private summerhouse and another in a spiritualist church.
- Spirit made it very clear when it was time for him to step out publicly.

From Development Circles to Platform Mediumship

After four years of development, Bill stepped onto the public stage in November 2019.

- His first platform demonstrations were in spiritualist churches.
- Just as he was gaining momentum, COVID-19 hit, and everything shut down.
- He transitioned to online demonstrations, which unexpectedly became a training ground for stamina, connection, and confidence.

“At first, I thought my entire career was over before it even began. But looking back, working online actually made me stronger for in-person demonstrations.” – Bill

Today, Bill is a regular on the platform circuit, working in spiritualist churches, private venues, and psychic nights.

What Makes a Great Platform Medium?

Bill’s take on what separates a good platform medium from a great one:

- Authenticity – Be yourself. Don’t try to perform—just allow spirit to flow.
- Passion – True mediumship isn’t about ego; it’s about sharing spirit’s message with love.
- Empathy – A great medium delivers healing as well as evidence.
- Respecting the Process – It’s not about “getting names” or “proving yourself”—it’s about serving spirit.

“Mediumship is about spirit, not ego. A good medium knows when to step back and let spirit take the lead.” – Bill

Church vs. Public Demonstrations: The Differences

Having worked in both spiritualist churches and general public venues, Bill shared the key differences:

- Church audiences are 95% believers. They understand mediumship and are already open to spirit.
- Public audiences are mixed. Some are believers, some are skeptics, some are just out for a fun night.
- Church mediumship follows stricter guidelines. Mediums must respect the traditions and structure of the spiritualist church.
- Public demonstrations are freer. But they also require a thick skin—not every audience is receptive!

“At a public event, you might have to deal with people who’ve had one too many drinks. In a church, you don’t have that issue!” – Bill

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The Most Profound Demonstration Moment

Bill recalled a life-changing demonstration just before Christmas:

- Three difficult messages came through: Two murders and one suicide.
- The weight of these messages hit hard.
- For the first time, Bill physically teared up during a reading.
- But he allowed himself to feel it, realising that the recipient needed to see his empathy.

“We’re always taught to ‘contain’ emotion. But in that moment, I knew they needed to see that I felt it too.” – Bill

It was a huge moment of trust—not just in spirit, but in himself.

Advice for Developing Mediums

For those starting their mediumship journey, Bill’s advice is:

- Trust the Process – It won’t always make sense, but spirit knows what they’re doing.
- Find the Right Teacher – Not every teacher will be right for you, and that’s okay.
- Expect Challenges – Spirit will test you, stretch you, and push you beyond your comfort zone.
- Never Stop Learning – Even experienced mediums still develop and grow.

“I might come across as confident, but before every dem, my stomach is flipping. It’s normal!” – Bill

What Bill Wants Everyone to Know About Spirit

If Bill could broadcast one message to the world, it would be this:

“Spirit walks beside you every day. They are closer than you think. You are never alone.”

What’s Next for Bill?

Bill is fully booked with UK demonstrations in 2024 and is also heading to Austria for public demonstrations, private readings, and teaching—his first time working with a live translator!

“Spirit always finds ways to push me further. Just when I think I’ve got it figured out, they throw something new at me!” – Bill

Where to Find Bill Hughes

- Facebook & Instagram: @BillHughesMedium
- Website: [Coming Soon]

Thank you, Bill, for such a fantastic conversation! Until next time—

Trust spirit, trust yourself, and keep evolving.

Love,

Hannah x

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