

Intermission Memory Codes and Tests

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Code Table Legend

Name: Case name

Source: Author date, pages

Are: Area: A(sia), W(est),

Cou: Country: B(urma), GB (Great Britain), H(ungary), I(ndia), J(apan), L(ebanon), SL (Sri Lanka);
Th(ailand), Tu(rkey), US (United States, nontribal)

Sta: Status: S(olved), U(unsolved). Suffixes: p(oorly), w(ell) investigated

Dea: PP's manner of death: (N)atural), (NI) Natural-Illness; V(iolent), VA (Violent-Accidental), VD
(Violent-Drowning), VB (Violent-Snakebite), VM (Violent-Murder), VS (Violent-Suicide)

AD: PP's age at death: (in years; m=months)

RS: Relationship status between PP and S: F(amily), A(cquaintance), S(tranger)

IL: Intermission length: (in months) (*approximate)

AO: Age at case onset (S's age when first starting to speak of PL): (in months)

PS: Physical signs (PS): B(irthmark), EB (experimental birthmark), D (birth defect), G(eneral
resemblance), I(nternal diseases), O(ther congenital abnormalities)

Stages: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. 1=death to body disposal; 2=intermediate stage; 3=choosing parents; 4=womb;
5=birth. Stage 2 suffixes: t(errestrial), h(eavenly), th (both terrestrial and heavenly)

1C: Stage 1 conclusion. O (at own initiative), E(scorted)

2A: Stage 2 activities: (H)ang out or walk about with little purpose; E(scorted about), P(lay), R(eflection),
S(tudy), W(ork)

Psi: ESP perception of or PK interaction with terrestrial world: Stage # + P(erception) + v when
established as veridical; PK (psychokinesis or poltergeist activity)

Spirits: GK (Gatekeeper); E(scort), plus suffix MIW (Man in White); EIC (Entity in Charge), plus suffixes
G(od), J(esus), Y(ama); O(ther), plus suffixes A(angel), D(eva); GP (general population of ex-human
spirits); FoF (family or friends + v if veridical)

OF: Other features: D(arkness), L(ight), T(unnel), F(ruit of forgetfulness), A (seen as apparition), AD
(announcing dream), RD (reciprocal dream), OD (other dream), J(udgment), LP (life planning)

R: Reincarnation mode: E(lective), A(assisted); A/E (elective but w/ assistance). + g: geographical factor
present.

Name	Source	Are	Cou	Sta	Dea	AD	RS	IL	AO	PS	Stages	1C	2A	Psi	Spirits	OF	R
Maung Gyi/Maung Ngé ("Okshitgon twins")	Fielding Hall 1898, 339-41	A	B	Sp	N?			<12			2t						
Sunder Lal	Sahay, 1927, 17	A	I	Sp	NI		S	172*			1, 3			1Pv, 3P			Eg
Rabah Zar Elldin	Haraldsson/Matlock 2016, 126	A	L	Sp	VW		S				1			1P			
Keaw	Story 1975, 192-93	A	Th	Sp	NI	20	S				1,2t,3	O		1P,3P	GP		Eg
Nai Chook	Story 1975, 193-94	A	Th	Sp			S				2t,3			2Pv,3P			Eg
Nang Tong Klub	Story 1975, 195-96	A	Th	Sp	VD		F			B	2h			2P	EA (MW)	F, AD	AE
Somkroon Meetuan	Story 1975, 220	A	Th	Sp			S				3			3P			Eg
Sayadaw U Sobhana	Stevenson 1983, 244	A	B	Sw	NI	36	S	12*	12?		2t,3			2P	EA (MW)	AD	A
Maung Yin Maung	Stevenson 1983, 288-89	A	B	Sw	VA	28	F	12	30	B, O	2t,3			2Pv	FOFv	A, D	Eg
Thiang San Kla	Stevenson 1997, 1585	A	B	Sw	VM	34	F	12	36	B, D	1,2t,3,4	O		1P,2P,3P,4P			E
Maung Kalar	Stevenson 1997, 1746-47	A	B	Sw	VM		S			B	1,3	O		1Pv,3Pv		AD	Eg
Aye Kyaw	Stevenson 1997, 218	A	B	Sw	VM		S			B	1, 3	O		1P	O		Eg
Maung Zaw Thein Lwin	Stevenson 1997, 255	A	B	Sw	VA	40	S	36?	36		2t, 3					RD	Eg?
Daw Aye Than	Stevenson 1997, 345	A	B	Sw	VA	3	A	52	36	B	2				FoF		
Wijeratne	Stevenson 1974, 168-69	A	I	Sw	VE		F	216	27	D	2t					J	
Sumitra Singh	Dayal 1988	A	I	Sw	VM		S	2	n/a		2h	E			EIC(Y), O		A
Reena Kulshreshtha	Mills 1989, 138	A	I	Sw	NI	30	S				1,2t	E		1Pv	O		
Ashok Kumar Shakya	Mills 1989, 148	A	I	Sw	NI	45	S	18	12?	O	2t,3	O		2Pv			Eg
Jasbir Jat	Stevenson 1974, 47	A	I	Sw	VA	22	S	0	42		2,3				EA		A
Puti Patra	Stevenson 1975, 273-74	A	I	Sw	VM	25	A	96	20		2t			2P			Eg
Veer Singh	Stevenson 1975, 328-29	A	I	Sw	VA	4	S	132	36		2t			2Pv, 2Av		OD	
Gopal Gupta	Stevenson 1975, 81	A	I	Sw	VM	35	S	99	30		2						
Mira Devi Sharma	Stevenson 1997, 1074-78	A	I	Sw	NI	45	S	15x12	40	B	2h						
Sunita Khandelwal	Stevenson 1997, 483-84	A	I	Sw	VA	8	S		24	B	2h	O			EIC(G), GK		A
Santosh Sukla	Stevenson 1997, 556, 557	A	I	Sw	NI	15	S	51	24	O	2t,3	E		2P	O, GP	F	E
Savitri Devi Pathak	Stevenson 1997, 566-67	A	I	Sw	NI	9	S	9*	60	O	2,3				GK	J	AE
Pratima Saxena	Stevenson 1997, 594, 598	A	I	Sw	NI	30	F	240		B	1,2th	O		1Pv,2Pv		RD	Ep
Juggi Lal Agarwal	Stevenson 1997, 773	A	I	Sw	NI	53	S		18	B	2t					PR	Ep
Katsugoro	Hearn 1898, 280-283	A	J	Sw	NI	4	S	36	?	G	1,2t, 3	E		1P	EA		A
Kazuya	Ohkado 2016, 527-530	A	J	Sw	VS	21	F	92		B	2h,3	O	R	2P	F/F	OD, LP	E
Daniel Jirdi	Shroder 1999, 74	A	L	Sw	VA	25	S		36?		1			1P			
Rabih Elawar	Stevenson 1980, 151	A	L	Sw	VA	17	S	6	36		1			1P			
Duminda Ratnayake	Haraldsson/Matlock 2016, 126	A	SL	Sw	NI		S	660	36		2h				O (D)		
Purnima Ekanayake	Haraldsson 2000, 18	A	SL	Sw	VA	36	S	28	36	B	1, 3	O		1P	GP	D&L	
Disna Samarasinghe	Stevenson 1977, 105-06	A	SL	Sw	NI	72	S	15	36		1,2h			1Pv, 2Pv	EIC (King)		A
Lalitha Abeyawardena	Stevenson 1977, 150	A	SL	Sw	NI	39	S	102	30		1			1Pv			
Thusitha Silva	Stevenson/Samararatne 1988, 224	A	SL	Sw	S	2	S	60	36		3			3P			
Bongkuch Promsin	Stevenson 1983, 109, 123	A	Th	Sw	VM	18	S	94	20		1,2t,3	O?		1Pv,2Pv,3Pv		AD	Eg
Pratomwan Inthanu	Stevenson 1983, 157-60, 168-69	A	Th	Sw	NI	3m	S	10	240		1,2t,3,5	O?		1Pv,2P,3P			Eg
Chaokhun Rajsuthajarn	Stevenson 1983, 174-	A	Th	Sw	NI	45	F	0			1,3	O		1P,3P		A	E
Ratana Wongsombat	Stevenson 1983, 21, 36	A	Th	Sw	NI	68	F	20	11		1,2th,3	E		1Pv,2P,3P	O (D)		E
Ampan Petcherat	Stevenson 1983, 67-68	A	Th	Sw	VS	4	S	48*	12	EB	1,2th	E		1Pv, 2P	EA,O,EIC	F	A
Hair Kam Kanya	Stevenson 1983, 83, 90	A	Th	Sw	NI	50	F	193	60		2t			2Pv	FoFv		E
Som Pit Hancharoen	Stevenson 1997, 283	A	Th	Sw	VM	35	S	48*	24?	B	1,2t	O		1P	O	F	
Chanai Chhoomalaiwong	Stevenson 1997, 313-4	A	Th	Sw	V	36	S	69	36	B	1,2t,3	O		1P,2P	O	J	A
Tong In Songcham	Stevenson 1997, 976	A	Th	Sw	VM		S	12	36	B	2t,3			2P			Eg
Ampan	Tucker 2013, 21-23	A	Th	Sw	NI		S		60		1,2t,3	O		1P,2P,3P			Eg
Cebriye Bayri	Stevenson 1980, 257	A	Tu	Sw	VM	28	S				1			1Pv		AD	
Nasir Toksöz	Stevenson 1980, 335	A	Tu	Sw	NI	70	A	0	24-36		2h				EIC(G)	AD	
Celal Kapan	Stevenson 1997, 1703	A	Tu	Sw	VA	18	A	18?	24	B, O	1			1P			

Unnamed boy	Fielding Hall 1896, 349-350	A	B	Up			S	3			2t			2P			
Karen house boy	Story 1975, p. 147	A	B	Up	VM		S			D	2t			2P			
Ma Par	Stevenson 1997, 1812-13	A	B	Uw	VA		S	12-24*		B,O	1,2t,3			1P,2p, 3P	EICA	RD	AE
Maung Sein Hla Tun	Stevenson 1997, 1829-30	A	B	Uw	V		S				3			3v			Eg
Myint Aung	Stevenson 1997, 198	A	B	Uw	VB		S			B	2t,3			3Pv			Eg
Ma Khin San Tin	Stevenson 1997, 2029	A	B	Uw	VW		S				2t	O		2P			
Tinn Sein	Stevenson, 1997, 183	A	B	Uw	V		S				2t,3			2Pv, 3P		PA, RD	Eg
Ornuma Sua Ying Yong	Stevenson 1983, 196	A	Th	Uw	VD?		S		12	D	2t						
Nicola Wheeler	Harrison/Harrison 1983, 13	W	GB	Sw	VA	5-6	S	1080*	24		2h				EIC (G)		
Mandy Seabrook	Harrison/Harrison 1983, 22, 26-27	W	GB	Sw	NI	5m	F	60*	24	O	1			1Pv			
Desmond Sanderson	Harrison/Harrison 1983,70-76	W	GB	Sw	N	0	F		42		2h, 3, 4			2P	GP(h+an), O/EIC		A
Samuel Helander	Stevenson 2003, 156	W	F	Sw			F				1			1Pv		AD	
Christina K.	Rivas 2004; Haraldsson/M 2016	W	NL	Sw	VA		S				2t,3	E		2Pv,3v	EA (W)		AE
Michael Wright	Stevenson 2001, 85-86	W	US	Sw	VA		A				1			1Pv		AD	
Sam Taylor	Tucker 2005, 141-43, 172	W	US	Sw	N		F	18	18		2h,3				EIC (G), FoF		AE
Bobby Hodges	Tucker 2005, 164-68, 178	W	US	Sw	V	0	F		54		2h,3,4,5			2Pv,4Pv,5Pv	FoF,GP		E
Patrick Christensen	Tucker 2005, 172; 2013, 7-8, 12	W	US	Sw	NI	2	F	144	48	B, I2	2h				FoFv		
William	Tucker 2005, 2-3, 172, 178	W	US	Sw	VM		F	60	24?	D	2h,4			4Pv	EIC(G), GP (an)		E
Lee	Tucker 2013, 122-30, 199	W	US	Sw	VA	48	S		30		2h,3						
James Leininger	Tucker 2013, 85-87	W	US	Sw	V		S	660*	24		2h,3			3Pv	EIC(G), FoFv		E
Ryan Hammons	Tucker 2013, 97	W	US	Sw	NI	61	S	480*	48		2h,3,4	O		2P,4Pv		L	E
Iris Farczády	Barrington et al. 2005, 57	W	H	Uw	NI		S				2h						
Karen	Bowman 2001, 137-38	W	GB	Up	VA		S				1,2h,3	O?		1P	EIC(G)	T	E
Olivia	Tucker 2013, 147	W	GB	Up			S	2400*	30?		2h				GP		
Dutch girl	Rawat/Rivas 2005, 197, per Klink	W	NL	Up			S				2th,3			2P	O(A)		E
Sietske	Rawat/Rivas 2005, 198	W	NL	Up	VA		S				1			1P			
Jessa	Bowman 2001, 144-45	W	US?	Up			S				2h,3				EIC(G)		E
Amanda	Bowman 2001, 145-46	W	US?	Up			S				3						E
David Norden	Brownell 1946, 10-11	W	US?	Up	N		S		36		2h, 3			2Pv	EIC(J)		E
Stephen Ramsay	Harrison/Harrison 1983, 104-106	W	GB	Uw	VW		S		24		2h, 3				EIC,E(W),GP,O		A
Lorna Taylor	Harrison/Harrison 1983, 109-113	W	GB	Uw	NI		S		24		2h				EIC(J), GP		
Alexander Dennison	Harrison/Harrison 1983, 124-127	W	GB	Uw	VW		S		24+		2t			2P	EIC(J),GP		
Elspeth Lacey	Harrison/Harrison 1983, 135-36	W	GB	Uw	VA		S		18		2h				FoF	D	
Kees	Rawat/Rivas 2007, 198	W	NL	Uw			S				2h,3	E			EIC(G),O(A)		A
S. of Amsterdam	Rivas 2001	W	NL	Uw	VW		S				2h				GP, O		

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Number and Percentage of Cases per Country

Country	Number of Cases	Percentage of Cases
Burma	15	17
Thailand	15	17
India	15	17
United States	11	13
United Kingdom	9	11
Netherlands	5	6
Sri Lanka	5	6
Turkey	3	4
Lebanon	3	4
Japan	2	3
Hungary	1	1
Finland	1	1
	85	100

Tests

Table 1. Solved vs. Unsolved Reincarnation Cases with Intermission Memories in Asian vs. Western Countries

	Solved	Unsolved	Total
Asian	50	8	58
Western	13	14	27
	63	22	85
Fisher's exact 2-tailed $p = 0.000349 (< .0005)$			

Quality of Investigation and Description of Reincarnation Cases with Intermission Memories

	Well Investigated / Described	Poorly Investigated / Described	Total
<i>Solved</i>	<i>n.s.</i>		
Asian	43	7	50
Western	13	0	13
<i>Unsolved</i>	<i>n.s.</i>		
Asian	6	2	8
Western	7	7	14
<i>Combined</i>	<i>n.s. p = .0371</i>		
Asian	49	9	58
Western	20	7	27
			85

Table 2. Family, Acquaintance, and Stranger Relationships in Solved Cases with Intermission Memories

	Family	Acquaintance	Stranger	Total
Asian	9	4	36	49
Western	7	1	5	13
	15	5	41	62
Fisher's exact 2-tailed $p = .0316 (<.05)$				

Natural vs. Violent Death in Solved and Unsolved Cases

	Natural Death	Violent Death	Unknown	Total
<i>Solved</i>	n.s.			
Asian	21	26	3	50
Western	5	7	1	13
<i>Unsolved</i>	n.s.			
Asian	0	7	1	8
Western	3	6	5	14
<i>Combined</i>	n.s. $p = .1$			
Asian	21	33	4	58
Western	8	13	7	27
				85

Table 3. Presence vs. Absence of Stage 1 Intermission Memories

	Stage 1 Memories Present	Stage 1 Memories Absent	Total
<i>Solved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	24	26	50
Western	3	10	13
<i>Unsolved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	1	7	8
Western	2	12	14
<i>Combined</i>	$p = 0.0306 (<.05)$		
Asian	25	33	58
Western	5	22	27
			85

Presence vs. Absence of Perception of Material World during Intermission Stage 1

	Perception Present	Perception Absent	Total
<i>Solved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	24	0	24
Western	3	0	3
<i>Unsolved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	1	0	1
Western	2	0	3
<i>Combined</i>	n.s. $p = .1$		
Asian	23	2	25
Western	5	0	5
			30

Confirmed Veridicality of Stage 1 Perceptions (Solved Cases Only)

	Stage 1 Perceptions Veridical	Stage 1 Perceptions Unconfirmed	Total
Asian	11	13	24
Western	3	0	3
	n.s. $p = .222$		

Termination of Stage 1 Intermission Experiences at Own Initiative or with Assistance of Spirit Escort

	Own Initiative	Spirit Escort	Unclear	Total
<i>Solved</i>	n.s.			
Asian	14	5	8	27
Western	1	1	3	5
<i>Unsolved</i>	n.s.			
Asian	1	0	1	2
Western	1	0	1	2
<i>Combined</i>	n.s. $p = 1.0$			
Asian	15	5	9	29
Western	2	1	4	7
				36

Presence vs. Absence of Stage 2 Intermission Memories

	Stage 2 Memories Present	Stage 2 Memories Absent	Total
<i>Solved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	37	13	50
Western	10	3	13
<i>Unsolved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	7	1	8
Western	12	2	14
<i>Combined</i>	n.s. $p = .764$		
Asian	44	14	58
Western	22	5	27
			85

Presence vs. Absence of Perception of Material World during Intermission Stage 2

	Perception Present	Perception Absent	Total
<i>Solved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	20	17	37
Western	4	6	10
<i>Unsolved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	5	2	7
Western	3	9	12
<i>Combined</i>	n.s. $p = .07$		
Asian	25	19	44
Western	7	15	22

Table 4. Terrestrial vs. Heavenly Stage 2 Intermission Memories

	Terrestrial	Heavenly	Both	Unclear	Total
<i>Solved</i>	$p = 0.000412$ $p < .0005$				
Asian	21	8	4	4	37
Western	1	9	0	0	10
<i>Unsolved</i>	$p = 0.000251$ $p < .0005$				
Asian	7	0	0	0	7
Western	1	10	1	0	12
<i>Combined</i>	5.535565163100019e-7 ($p < .000001$)				
Asian	28	8	4	4	44
Western	2	19	1	0	22
					66

Table 5. Presence or Absence of Spirits Seen during Stage 2 Intermission Memories

	Spirits Present	Spirits Absent	Total
Asian	22	22	44
Western	19	3	22
	41	25	66
Fisher's exact 2-tailed $p = 0.00927 < .01$			

Table 6. Nonhuman vs. Human Spirits during Stage 2 Intermission Memories

	Nonhuman Spirits	Human Spirits	Both	Total
<i>Solved</i>	$p = .0039 (p < .005)$			
Asian	15	5	1	21
Western	2	1	5	8
<i>Unsolved</i>	$p = 0.999 (n.s.)$			
Asian	1	0	0	1
Western	5	2	4	11
<i>Combined</i>	$p = .0153 (p < .0049)$			
Asian	16	5	1	22
Western	7	3	9	19
				41

Nature of Human Entities in Stage 2

	Family & Friends	General Population	Both	Total
<i>Solved</i>	$p =$			
Asian	4	2	0	7
Western	3	2	1	6
<i>Unsolved</i>	$p =$			
Asian	0	0	0	
Western	1	5	0	6
<i>Combined</i>	$p = .556 (n.s.)$			
Asian	4	2	0	6
Western	4	7	1	12
	8	9	1	18

Presence vs. Absence of Stage 3 Intermission Memories
in Asian vs. Western Cases

	Stage 3 Memories Present	Stage 3 Memories Absent	Total
<i>Solved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	25	25	50
Western	7	6	13
<i>Unsolved</i>	n.s.		
Asian	4	4	8
Western	7	7	14
<i>Combined</i>	p = 1.0 n.s.		
Asian	29	29	58
Western	14	13	27
			85

Table 8. Presence vs. Absence of Perception of Material World during Intermission Stage 3

	Perception Present	Perception Absent	Total
<i>Solved</i>	n.s. 0.426		
Asian	12	13	25
Western	2	5	7
<i>Unsolved</i>	0.003		
Asian	4	0	4
Western	0	7	7
<i>Combined</i>	p = 0.019 (p < .05)		
Asian	16	13	29
Western	2	12	14
	18	25	43

Elected vs. Assisted Reincarnation during Stage 3

	Elective	Assisted	Elective/ Assisted	Total
<i>Solved</i>				
Asian	22	8	2	32
Western	4	1	2	7
<i>Unsolved</i>				
Asian	3	0	1	4
Western	5	2	0	7
<i>Combined</i>	p = .792 n.s.			
Asian	25	8	3	36
Western	9	3	2	14
				50