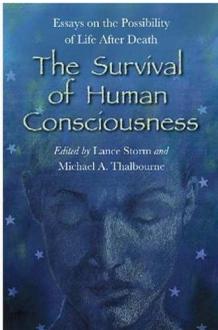


By now, parapsychology should have become an accepted scientific field of research. However, there is great resistance to parapsychological research despite the strength of evidence in favour of conducting it. This collection of essays focuses on the future of the psychical research field. Some of the areas of study covered include altered states of consciousness, ESP, meta-analysis, the theory of psychopraxia, and sociological and phenomenological issues.

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There is an ever-increasing scientific examination of life after death. Religious and secular believers are more frequently using empirical research to answer the key questions of how consciousness may transcend corporeal life and death. These essays from leading survival theoreticians scientifically assay the issues and evidence. Interdisciplinary in nature, it covers diverse topics including the origins of life after death hypotheses; theoretical, methodological and empirical approaches to afterlife research; hallucination experiences; evidence for consciousness survival; birthmarks and previous-life memories; suicide; and spirit participation. Concluding chapters discuss the future of afterlife research and offer a new interpretation of consciousness survival.

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