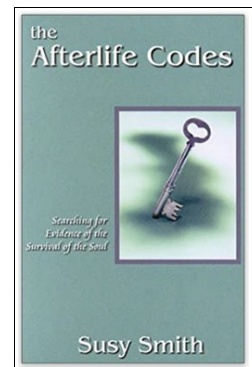


The Afterlife Codes by Susy Smith



For many years I have been aware of Susy Smith (Born 1911 – Passed 2001) who was an author of thirty books about the paranormal, the afterlife, ghosts, and just about anything in that genre. Since I did not have much of an idea about who Susy Smith really was I decided to purchase and read her final book, **The Afterlife Codes**. The title is a bit misleading because only the introduction and the first and final chapters deal with the author's plan to provide a public internet registry which people could use to record a secret code or short phrase to later be communicated from the Afterlife to a sensitive person with mediumistic ability to prove their continued existence. At first I thought it might be a trudge to read though 242 pages simply dealing with codes, but fortunately the book is actually an interesting autobiography.

Susy Smith's childhood was unsettled due to frequent moves. After her father's death in 1933, Susy married but later divorced and then lived with her mother until her mother's death in 1949. Since then, she has generally lived alone. Her loneliness led Susy to the paranormal. In 1955 Susy had some success in contacting her deceased mother via the use of a Ouija board and this initiated Susy's interest in the paranormal. Later this skill developed into automatic writing.



Desiring to learn, Smith worked briefly with Dr. J. B. Rhine's Parapsychology Laboratory at Duke University in Durham, [North Carolina](#). This association, together with many years in newspaper work, have had a lasting influence on Smith's writing. In the mid 1960s Smith received grants from the Parapsychology Foundation, which enabled her to prepare her first published books. Since 1965 when her writing began to provide a modest living, she has traveled and lectured widely.

Smith's works fall roughly into two categories: those reporting psychic occurrences and secondly, those about herself. Because Susy was deeply impressed by the methods utilized in Dr. Rhine's laboratory, she has striven to bring similar objectiveness and precision to her writings. She rarely expresses her own opinions, but instead simply presents the material she is reporting on in a lucid fashion and leaves the readers to form their own conclusions.

For the greater part of her adult life Susy received messages and guidance from her mother as well as unwanted interference from some encroaching, undesirable spirits. Subsequently, she began hearing from a spirit who identified himself as James Anderson. Later, she discovered that Anderson was actually the famous psychologist and philosopher William James of Harvard. James admitted that he used a pseudonym, because he figured that if he came to her with his well-known name, she probably would not have believed him. Susy actually admitted that she wouldn't have believed him. In 1974 she published her book by William James titled, **The Book of James** which describes his take on the Afterlife.

Smith has made a unique literary contribution. Her many works documenting psychic events and processes have brought an extraordinary amount of information on this subject to the public arena, in simple, intelligible language.

It was a very engrossing book because I was able to learn a lot about her personal private life which by the way was very difficult. In addition to her relationship problems she suffered an infection which caused her to lose two inches of one of her legs which meant that she would be disabled for the rest of her life culminating in her final years living out of a wheelchair. So you have to hand it to her for her stamina and willingness to keep on keeping on in spite of all of the difficulties and disappointments.

The sum total of all her experience studying the paranormal culminated in her Big Idea which was to have people who are currently living their 'final chapter' create a secret code or phrase and register it with her website managed by Dr. Gary Schwartz who is Professor of Psychology, Medicine, Neurology and Psychiatry, at the Laboratory for Advances in Consciousness and Health at the University of Arizona - Tucson.

And so as luck would have it, in her later years she was befriended by Dr. Schwartz and his wife who is a medium and over the next few years Susy was able to develop her Big Idea about developing a website database to register Afterlife Codes for any senior individual who wanted to participate. The idea was that the code would be registered and then encoded so it was not known or available to anyone in the public. The idea was that when that person died they would try to transmit their special Afterlife Code and hopefully some Earthbound individual with mediumistic talent would be able to pick up the code and then refer it to the Afterlife Codes website where the database manager would then verify whether or not they got a hit. And obviously if this could be accomplished this would provide evidential proof of the afterlife!

Was the Afterlife Codes project successful? Susy Smith passed on February 11, 2001 and I found a website which discussed Dr. Schwartz's long-distance phone session the very next day with medium, Allison Dubois which was recorded and the results posted. At the time Ms. Dubois did not know that Susy had died and so Dr. Schwartz was able to ask her for whatever details she was able to pick up. At the end Ms. Dubois came up with the phrase, "I don't walk alone," which sounds like something Susy might have provided. There were also dozens of other evidential details provided. It seems fairly conclusive and you'd like to read the detailed report, you can find it [here](http://www.innerknowing.net/research.html).

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Get the book: [The Afterlife Codes on Amazon](#).