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Many people are confused when it comes to paranormal terminology. As you can see by the below reference, there are profound differences between these things, yet all are lumped under the paranormal umbrella.

"Psychic - pertaining to mental forces, telepathy, extra sensory perception

Medium - contacting and being able to communicate with spirits of those that have passed

Clairvoyance - the ability to see things beyond our normal senses")

The word psychic, used for the first time by Camille Flammarion, a French astronomer and spiritualist, comes from the Greek work psychoikis meaning "of the mind". Psychics, known as fortune-tellers in ancient times, used astrology and elaborate systems to perform their work. Fortune-tellers believed the position of the stars would allow them to see into others' lives and be able to see their future. Others that didn't use astrology and elaborate systems to see the future were known as seers or prophets. These individuals later became known as clairvoyants.

In early times, seers were usually priests, judges or advisors. One of the most notable published prophets of his time was Michael de Nostredame or Nostredamus. Nostredamus' prophecies are world famous and rarely out of print. Although he has been called controversial, he has been credited with predicting numerous events around the world.

In the mid-nineteenth century spiritualism became popular in the United States and it was believed that with the help of a medium one could contact the dead. In the Victorian period, a gentleman by the name of Daniel Dunglas Home became famous for his ability to speak to the dead.

In 1875, Helena Blavatsky co-founded the Theosophical Society. This group brought together spiritualist elements and eastern mysticism and had a major influence in the 20th century.

Mediumship or the ability to talk to the dead dates back to early civilizations but became very popular in the 19th century. However, a lot of fraud was found during this time with mediums using tactics of a magician. Researchers are still trying to establish the validity of mediums. Mediums are considered frauds by scientists who are studying anomalistic psychology and it is believed that mediumship and Spiritualism can be clarified through suggestion, hypnotism and magical thinking. It is also believed that mediums receive info from having someone eavesdrop, the Internet and newspapers before they have a reading.

There are different types of mediums. There are those that channel, where the spirit takes over the medium's body or voice and uses it to send their message. Other mediums receive message from the spirits and pass the message on to the recipient.

Spiritualists believe there are two types of medium: Mental mediums – these are mediums that receive their messages by listening, sensing or seeing symbols. The other is Physical mediums – that produce spirits through knocking, bell ringing or even ectoplasm.

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Although psychics and mediums are part of the paranormal umbrella, you can see that they are different in nature. It is said that mediums have psychic abilities but psychics do not always have mediumship abilities.

Additional information can be found at:

http://www.mystic-mouse.co.uk/Wisdom_Texts/MediumsClairvoyantsPsychics.htm,

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychic>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mediumship>



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