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Dowsing Rods/Crystals vs KII/Ghost Meters

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There are many different kinds of tools that people can use while on an investigation. There are those that like to use the scientific tools and equipment like the KII and the Ghost Meter. Then there are those that like the metaphysical ones like the Dowsing Rods and Crystals. It is best if you are able to collect evidence from more than one source.

Dowsing Rods are made of metal or wood and in the shape of an "L" or "Y". For the paranormal investigations, metal "L" rods are preferred. They are held out straight, the short end held loosely, one in each hand. Crystals are used as pendulums. A Pendulum is a string or chain with a crystal or some other type of weight attached at the other end. Pendulums are held with 2-3 fingers by the chain or charm on one end and allowing the crystal to swing freely at the other end.

KII and Ghost Meters are EMF detectors. The KII has 5 colored LED's that light up as the EMF increases near the device. The more lights that are lit up, the higher the EMF is around it. The Ghost Meter shows increases in EMF's by a needle and a LED light and also by an audio beep.

While on an investigation, the "scientific" investigators will go around with the KII and Ghost Meters and other devices to find spikes in EMF. You can also find spikes in EMF with the Dowsing Rods and Crystal Pendulums. The Dowser will ask to be shown where the Ghost or Spirit is and follow where the rods point them (the theory is that where there is unexplained high EMF, there maybe a ghost or spirit present). When they come to the source of where there is high EMF or where a ghost or spirit is, the rods will either cross each other or start to swing around wildly like a helicopter blade. The faster the swinging, the higher the EMF is. The pendulum user can basically do the same thing. Instead of asking the pendulum to find the ghost or spirit, the pendulum user will go from room to room asking if there is a ghost or spirit present in that room. You can also ask the pendulum to show you how strong the energy in the room is and the faster the swing, the stronger the energy is.

As an Investigator, we try to get a response of some kind out of the ghost or spirit that is inhabiting the premises. With the KII and Ghost Meter, you can ask for the ghost or spirit to come up and touch the devices and make them light up. You can also ask questions and have the ghost or spirit touch once for "no" and twice for "yes". You can basically do the same thing with the Dowsing Rods and the Crystal Pendulums. Instead of having the ghost or spirit touch the rods or pendulums, the holders will just ask questions, and it depends on which way they move or swing on whether it is a "yes" or "no" answer. If the pendulum user has a pendulum board (a board that has numbers and the alphabet on it), you can get more detailed information than just a "yes" or "no" answer to your questions. With the board, you can get dates and names for example, that can be later verified through research.

The downside to using KII and Ghost Meters is that they have been known to give off false positives. The use of cell phones, walkies-talkies, and wireless routers, for example, will set these off. On the other hand, Dowsing Rods and Crystal Pendulums are not effected by these. They do not give off false positives, well, maybe the rods might, if it finds a water source or a dead body. Yes, you can find buried bodies with the Dowsing Rods.

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There is a lot of controversy over the use of Dowsing Rods and Crystal Pendulums. The skeptics say that the users are moving the devices themselves, whether consciously or sub-consciously through small muscle twitches. The believers say that it is the ghost or spirit that is moving them themselves. Some say that they (ghosts or spirits) moves the devices through the user's sub-conscious, others say that it is their spirit guide who bridges the gap between them and the ghost or spirit, and shares that information with them through their sub-conscious.

What ever you choose to use on your investigations, you should not rely solely on the response you get from the device of your choosing. It is good to have the evidence backed up by other different devices like an EVP on an audio device or visual on a camcorder or camera. There is no right or wrong when it comes to choosing the equipment that you want to use in an investigation. It basically all comes down to what your ultimate goal is and what you feel comfortable with. Just remember the short comings of the device you are using and what they are capable of doing. Most importantly, have fun on your investigations.



Figure: Ghost Meter



Figure: KII Meter