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The special bond between twins and their "exceptional experiences" will now be scientifically studied unprejudiced and with scientific methods

Twins have for many years reported to have very special experiences that sometimes can remind about telepathy. Now for the first time in modern time, these experiences that so far only have been anecdotes will be investigated by scientists, in an unprejudiced way and with scientific methods.

In collaboration between The University of Gothenburg, Greenwich University and King's College, London, twins' exceptional experiences are to be studied unprejudiced, so that we better can understand their true nature. We have so far got very interesting results with British twins, and now want to continue with US as well as with Swedish twins. For Swedish twins we recently had an advertisement in a major daily Swedish paper.

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I think that you as a journalist, whether being at a big journal or a local one have come across or know some twins, and that you have noticed the special bond they have to each other. This bond is one part of this research. We also believe that this bond can be one part of an explanation to the 'exceptional experiences' that twins in many years have reported and that so far are only anecdotes, even though they are much appreciated in local journals and weekly magazines. These experiences are the other part of this research, what we call "exceptional experiences", e.g. telepathy.

The results so far show that identical twins report more of these experiences than non-identical twins and that twins reporting a stronger attachment report more of these experiences. Also, many twins report having the experiences on a distance and without having any previous contact and thus having no reason to suspect something special was going on. Surprisingly many twins report the experiences to be about the well-fare of the other twin, often to be about injury, accident or sense of mood.

This research project is about something rather unique, 1) it is about a research project where universities in two countries collaborate, a UK and a Swedish university, 2) it is about telepathy, a clearly controversial phenomenon, but with more support than many people know about, and 3) it is about twins and the special bond that twins seem to have, a bond called attachment.

With this in mind I think you can judge it to be of a special interest and therefore want to write about. You may even yourself have noticed twins in your neighborhood, in your district, that claim to have had these experiences?

Nobody has so far approached these reports with an interest that is serious and scientific. So far these reports only exist as anecdotes. We want to change this and use a scientific approach in the study what twins report about.

We would appreciate it if you would write about it, so that twins being interested amongst your readers can make contact with us, and make comparisons between UK, Sweden and USA.

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