Hypnosis 101 (pre-EMF)

Welcome

- Bit about me & mindhackers
- Personal intros from everyone:
 - Name, member, etc?
 - How did people find out about hypnosis/course?
 - What are their interests/reasons?
 - Any prior experience as hypnotist/subject?

Introduction

- What hypnosis is and is not
- Reassurances
- Brief info about the origins
- 1952 Hypnotism Act
- **Compare:** clinical/informal/stage hypnosis
- NLP & meditation
- Differences between people:
 - Depth of trance
 - Reactions to suggestions

Warnings

- **Be alert** for abreactions
- Beware "taboos"
 - Alcohol
 - Cigarettes
 - Pork
 - etc.
- Never use potential allergens (e.g. tasting | The subject is the one that's important
- peanut butter)
- **Do not** age-regress
- Do not re-live trauma
- Be careful not to rewrite memories
- Avoid embarrassing the subject
- Remember: take it seriously
- **Remember:** it's never about the hypnotist

Practicals

Imagination demonstrations

- Hand-clasp lock
- Magnetic fingertips
- Books and balloons
- Backwards force

Signs of hypnosis

No hard rules

- Eyelid flutter
- Deep, regular breathing
- Muscular relaxation (inc. face) & twitches
- Change in skin colour (lighter/flushed)
- Reduced movement
- Tone of voice changes (slower/lower)

Induction types

Go through the different types, with explanations and demonstrations.

- Narrative
- Eve fixation
- Progressive muscle relaxation
- Confusion
- "Instant"

- Self-hypnosis
- Compare: Direct/indirect
- Compare: Physical/verbal/visual
- Induction vs. deepener
- Switching methods

Inductions

- Staircase
- Even/odd open/close eyes
- Clock face
- Blackboard

- Hand pressure
- Handshake interrupt

Hypnotic effects

Discuss and demonstrate some hypnotic effects. Examples:

- Eyelid catalepsyArm catalepsy
- - Steel bar (hypnotic)Locked in place (waking)
- Stuck to chair
- Hot seat
- Full relaxation below neck
- Cotton wool mouth
- Emotional: Happy/giggly
 Physiological: Caffeine shot
 Memory: forgetting number
 Memory: forgetting name?