

THE MANY LIVES OF JOE NICKELL – UK’S DAILY MAIL PROFILE



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“He dreamed of becoming a lot of things, and he became most of them.”

For anyone, this would be a wonderful way to be described, and it should be no surprise that this characterization refers specifically to CFI’s own **Joe Nickell** in a lengthy and fascinating [profile by the UK’s *Daily Mail*](#).

The article by Jordan Gass-Poore covers Joe’s formative years, from when he was eight years old and had turned his room into a crime lab, through his experiences as a magician and private detective, and into the field that has earned him worldwide renown, the scientific investigation of claims of the paranormal.

With a wealth of anecdotes from Joe’s adventures and a collection of delightful photos that span a colorful career, the piece makes an important point about Joe’s point of view as an investigator, saying, “Nickell has gained international attention for being a ‘fair-minded investigator.’” As Joe says in the article, “It’s not my job to explain that there’s no ghosts. I don’t feel like I have to wrestle someone to the ground and beat on them the scientific knowledge.”

Joe also recounts the long-standing resistance within skepticism to the investigation of religious claims. Said Joe, “I came along and said, ‘No, the Shroud of Turin, the weeping icons, the faith healing miracles—those are important to look at and they deserve to be criticized and examined in the same way that any other claim but you do it with respect.’”

(See an example of Joe’s work in this area with his recent post on [new “research” on the Shroud of Turin](#).)

Do yourself a favor and [check out this great profile](#) of our favorite paranormal sleuth.

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