

Precognition: An Echo from the Future. Exploring the Interplay of Intelligence, Personality, and Belief Systems

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Abstract: *Precognition, the alleged ability to acquire information about future events beyond conventional sensory means, remains one of the most intriguing and controversial topics in psychological science. Researchers have long debated the role of individual differences in predicting precognitive performance, focusing on cognitive abilities, personality traits, and belief systems. While intelligence may contribute to the cognitive resources required to engage with precognitive tasks, evidence suggests it is not a decisive predictor. Personality traits, particularly openness to experience and extraversion, appear to influence susceptibility to anomalous perceptions, while belief in the paranormal consistently predicts enhanced performance in precognition tasks. This article synthesizes empirical studies on these psychological correlates, proposes an integrative model in which cognitive, dispositional, and attitudinal factors interact, and critically examines methodological challenges that have complicated the field.*

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