

A haunting is a recurring presence of a ghost, demon, or similar supernatural being at a specific place. A haunting can occur anywhere. Belief in hauntings and ghost is worldwide and recorded throughout history. Anthropological evidence indicates it was common in prehistoric times. Typical researchers of hauntings consist of Parapsychologists, paranormal investigators, historians, folklorists, anthropologists, and of course, skeptics. Let's take a look at the different types of hauntings.

Intelligent

The entity is aware of its surroundings, including living people who are present within the area. The entity's classification can be benevolent, benign or malevolent.

Residual

It is believed that a residual haunting occurs when an entity visits the same place and performs a repetitive act. The entity is not cognizant of any living persons who are present within the area and often times is not aware of its surroundings as we see it today. These types of hauntings typically occur after a tragic event and the repetitive acts display a portion of the event as it happened. Sometimes the residual act is of a mundane act the individual repeated often in life. Generally these entities are not considered an actual ghost but instead an imprint of energy left at the location due to the tragic event.

Benevolent

This haunting is of a protective nature. It is felt that the entity is a loved one looking to protect the living people within an area in which a demon or other possibly violent entity exists. These ghosts are often found to be related to the living persons within the area but have also been found to be closely connected to those being attacked.

Malevolent

This haunting occurs when a ghost or demon seeks to inflict harm on the living within an area. It is believed that this occurs because the entity is angry about events that occurred in its life, is jealous of the living, or is a malicious personality in general who is seeking attention or being defensive of its home and wishes current living persons to leave, or is sad and wants others to acknowledge its sadness and feel its misery. Poltergeist activity is often confused with a malevolent haunting; usually it is a spirit seeking attention. A demon can be present if a murder occurred in the area. These types of hauntings are rare but do exist. I will briefly go into demonology – just enough to give you a basic understanding of them.

Benign

This type of haunting occurs when the entity is unconcerned with the living or unaware of their presence in the area. This type can also be connected to an intelligent or residual haunting.