

## Delineating the Preternatural: Modern Occultism in a Scientific Context

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How does the preternatural fare under such scientific measures and scrutiny? What are the effects of the collision of scientific methodology with the preternatural subject? What happens when the preternatural is examined and presented as natural? This volume focuses on examining these effects throughout a series of historical explorations of the intersection of modern science and occultism in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

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