

Delphi and Parlor Games

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That spiritual experience of yours
is but the nerves and endocrine system
having their bit of fun. Ghosts

and the voice of God
never actually visited you
or any other suggestible party.

The Ouija board is dumb
without the hands' imagination
piqued by spooky set design.

It's all smoke and chemicals, perhaps
reverberant coincidence of music, at play
in the buzzing folds of memory and hope.

