

List of Scientific Research on the Maharishi Effect

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This is a list of 119 papers on the Maharishi Effect, the effects of individuals or groups practicing the Transcendental Meditation and/or TM-Sidhi programs on conflict-related variables and other social indicators. There are fifty-five papers published in peer-reviewed journals or professional conference proceedings, thirty-eight papers published in research anthologies (principally in *Scientific Research on Maharishi's Transcendental Meditation and TM-Sidhi Program: Collected Papers*), five papers on physiological variables, and twenty-one theoretical and review papers.

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Proceedings of the Midwest Management Society

Psychological Reports

Psychology, Crime & Law

SAGE Open2

Social Indicators Research

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Social Science Perspectives Journal 2

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