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Chapter-by-Chapter Changes

Chapter 1

- Updated section on the dangers of using psychic services

Chapter 2

- Updated explanation of the universal negative
- Updated box feature about failed psychic predictions

Chapter 3

- New section on evaluating sources and cognitive errors that lead us to believe fake news, including confirmation bias, denying contrary evidence, availability error, social reinforcement, credibility by repetition; and how to use reasonable skepticism to evaluate new claims from online sources, including evaluating the legitimacy and reliability of the website, investigating the authors, examining the claims, checking the supporting evidence, and distinguishing advertising and news

- New box feature on taking bias into account when evaluating news sources
- New study questions asking students to consider what fake news is, why can sometimes be dangerous, and the cognitive errors that can lead people to accept and share fake news
- New section asking students to evaluate a series of claims for fake news

Chapter 5

- Updated discussion of selective memory as it applies to prophetic dreams and dream “themes”
- Three new claims for students to evaluate for reasonableness

Chapter 6

- New box about flat Earth conspiracies
- Updated discussion of untestable hypotheses
- Updated discussions of the theory of creation
- Updated discussion of parapsychology and the ganzfeld procedure
- New claim for students to evaluate for reasonableness

Chapter 7

- New box feature on the Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program
- Updated section on near-death experiences
- New claim for students to evaluate using the SEARCH method

Chapter 8

- New claim for students to evaluate for reasonableness