



Grandma's Reflection?

SPECIFICATIONS:

Date: August, 2013

Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka

Photographer: Name withheld

Type Camera: iPhone 4

Other Information:
Location has no known history of paranormal activity.



I receive many photos in which a person claims to see a face in a glass window. Normally they are either distortions, reflections of some ordinary object across the room that looks unusual, or matrixing (technically known as pareidolia), which is the brain's tendency to pick out familiar images—such as faces—where none exists. (In other words, an optical illusion.) This one, however, taken at a restaurant in Sri Lanka in 2010 and only noticed recently, is different. First of all, the face is unusually clear and secondly, the head is abnormally oversized.

Additionally, the woman who sent me the photo believes the face closely resembles that of her deceased mother. She was even kind enough to send me a photo of her mother for a comparison, and while the face in the glass isn't a

perfect match (and is partially obscured in any case) I have to admit that there is a strong resemblance. However, I'm content to let the viewer make their own determination.

I'm not normally a fan of these sorts of photos, as they are too prone to subjectivity, but I thought I'd include it purely because it is one of the few I've come across that is unusually clear and, as such, worthy of consideration.

If it is the woman's deceased mother, I find it interesting to what extent the dead will go to make themselves known, and wonder what her motivation would have been for doing so. In any case, an interesting photo I thought worthy of inclusion. *(Used with permission. All rights reserved.)*