

# **DOWSING**

**AN EXPOSÉ OF HIDDEN OCCULT FORCES**



## **DOWSING, RADIONICS, WATER WITCHING, AND RELATED PRACTICES**

**“Dowsing – An Exposé of Hidden Occult Forces”**

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## Introduction

There are areas of human experience that, to one degree or another, are outside the normal understanding of what we call the explainable. Yet they are real in the sense we are aware of them and sometimes use them. In time some of these are researched and found to be what we call scientific. The magic of electricity is one of these.

However, there remain today, even in this scientific age, many of these anomalies we have not examined, and maybe we have not even considered. We react to them in different ways and for various reasons. The scientific man labels them 'erratics' (consciously or subconsciously) and lays them aside. The unscientific man often refuses to think about them at all. The superstitious man categorizes them within his understanding and accepts them.

Once in a while one of these anomalies turns out to be so useful it cannot be cast aside or labelled untouchable, and then the reasonable man tries to justify it, the religious man either embraces it or condemns it, and we go on using it. As generations pass, old theories are discredited and new ones appear. Those who report on it are seldom objective for they see it only in the light of their generation's understanding.

Today's reporting is no more objective, because everything must be explained in terms of the present popular understanding of reality. Therefore, anything that smacks of the 'supernatural' must be totally ignored or twisted to fit in our frame of reality, and all past reporting appears ridiculous.

This then, in a nutshell, is the story of dowsing. There is a very vocal minority of dowsing enthusiasts who demand that establishment science be restructured to include the reality of the supernatural—at least in the case of dowsing. More often they are reduced to muttering and hoping. It must be added that the preoccupation of the communications media with this is certainly preparing the public for its eventual acceptance.

Finally, there is another miniscule minority, timid and non-vocal, who see dowsing as a combination of physical and psychic and have a rather unpopular explanation for it all. But then, who pays any attention to a voice crying in the wilderness?

### Statement

My appreciation of the work and persistence of my friends, Gerald Rentfro and David Mead Jr. cannot be adequately expressed. "Gerry" is not only a man of ideas and singleness of purpose, his drive is responsible for DOWSING: An Expose of Hidden Occult Forces. David's unrelenting research and canny ability as a questioner helped to provide a mass of field data that eventually broke my resistance, for I entered the argument over dowsing firmly convinced that these men were so steeped in medieval superstition, no dialogue was possible.

I had a nearly closed mind in favor of dowsing as a not-yet-understood physical phenomenon. The discovery of contradictions in the information from field interviews and written material on dowsing was the beginning. Once my eyes were opened to the fact of the truly supernatural aspect of dowsing and

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the fact that it had never been satisfactorily explained in the 500 years of written material—even to the community of dowsers—my own questioning began.

The circumstance that not one of us was an expert on dowsing, I believe, contributed materially to an objective viewpoint. We found from the start that the writing of the so-called experts (at least those with considerable dowsing experience) was so subjective that they wrote as though they alone understood it all, and all the while paying no attention to the viewpoints of other writers. This was often carried to the point of the ridiculous, and was certainly nothing more than completely confusing. We ordinary bystanders could see the forest as well as the trees.

This short presentation will include facts that dowsing writers ignore, deliberately or not, but which are plainly evident to the onlooker. It is true that some readers will decide that we also, write subjectively for we see the supernatural in a light different from theirs. In fairness to these people we have left our 'interpretation' to a well marked chapter they can easily avoid. What we believe we have done with fairness and objectivity is to present a short, clear view of dowsing as it really is. For the reader who wishes to examine the details, we have referred to the sources in text and footnotes.

More must be said about the source material. It was necessary to find a point short of total condemnation of all anecdotal records. This was because there is nothing else to use in any consideration of dowsing. We also realized that the repudiation of anecdotal records has been undergoing a change in recent years. Legend, myth, folk tales and unwritten history anecdotes are coming to be considered as an acceptable reflection of actual events, circumstances and reality.

Admittedly, all dowsing reports are open to repudiation by:

1. The individuals who will accept NOTHING not provable by the scientific methods.
2. Anyone with a contrary opinion.
3. The skeptic.
4. Anyone who sees in every presentation, an opportunity to disagree.

Therefore every discussion of dowsing may easily descend to the level of an experience in mental gymnastics. Anecdotal records at best are a recording of statements from a reputable source—generally an individual. At their worst they are stories told by liars, the emotionally unstable, and mental defecatives. So, one must be careful in the choice of stories.

It happens that all the reports of controlled, mass dowsing experiments, except those coming out of Soviet Russia, have indicated abysmal failure. There is good reason for this and we will discuss it. What is left must be examined for its usefulness, often no more than for the 'claims' made. When stories and claims from different sources agree we feel more secure. When we quote from written records of past centuries we realize our vulnerability, but we can do no less. When we personally interview dowsers, within certain limits we have to accept their utterances as truthful. The entire dowsing experience is subjective and we can only report the way it comes to us. This is not to say that no conclusion can be drawn.

The three of us are Christians. We belong to different denominations. This is not to infer we see dowsing through 'church glasses'. I am not certain whether my church is ignorant of ESP (dowsing) or considers it unworthy of notice. Gerry's and David's church, at this writing, has not declared itself for or against dowsing, but many of its leaders are well-known dowsers, and the laity is divided on the subject.

It happens that the three of us see eye-to-eye on the supernatural, believing that there is a malevolent, intelligent entity—leader known as Satan, who represents what others might call the negative or evil side

of existence. We also agree that there is no biblical evidence to support the idea that "discarnate spirits" or spirits of the dead can possibly be the supernatural force of dowsing.

What I have attempted to present here is a reproduction of the step-by-step discovery pattern I experienced in examining the act of dowsing.

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## Terminology

For the purposes of this writing it will not be necessary to explain the niceties of dowsing terminology, but for the uninitiated, time will be saved and frustration avoided if, at least, the synonyms and a few other items are listed. The reason for this is that although dowsing writers do not contradict each other on terminology, no concerted effort seems to have been made to arrive at a universal agreement as to the terms. Thus Soviet, French, and British writers, for instance, seem to have concocted their own words which even when translated have different shades of meaning.

So, although we omit the fine distinction of just how the dowsing act may be performed, or the description of the what and how of the device, the following are general terms.

### Words for the Dowsing Act

Divining;  
Teleradiesthesia;  
Witching;  
Divinatory Pendulism;  
Pendulum Dowsing;  
Superpendulism;  
Water Witching;  
Information Dowsing;  
Water Dowsing;  
Biophysical Method or (B.P.M);  
Water Forking;  
Water Divining;  
Rhabdomancy;  
Radiesthesia;  
Radionics (specialized dowsing);  
Map Dowsing;

### Words for the Dowsing Power Source

Biophysical Effects (B.P.E.)  
The Force  
Life Force  
Psychotronic Energy  
Universal Mind  
Neutral Energy  
Cosmic Mind  
Bioplasmic Energy  
Holy Spirit  
The Fifth Force Field

Holy Spirit of Jesus  
Cosmic Energy

## Words for the Dowsing Device

Stick  
"Y" Rod  
Rod  
Rudder  
Forked Stick  
Gudgeon  
Wizard Rod  
Wand  
Pendulum  
Staff  
Angle Wires  
Index  
Angle Rod or Rods  
Doodlebug  
"L" Wires

## Other Important Words

**Contactee:** A person in contact with a power source, or a manifestation of the power source.

**Magic:** There are two dictionary definitions. Here it has no connotation of 'sleight of hand', but rather of the supernatural.

**Occult:** We do not ordinarily care for a third or fourth dictionary definition, but this word by general usage is a collective noun embracing almost everything of a supernatural nature. The exceptions seem to be God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and Holy Angels. So, for our reference to the occult we will include everything from sorcery to spiritism and mediumistic activities.

**PSI ( $\Psi$ ):** The twenty-third letter of the Greek alphabet used to indicate paranormal events, abilities and survival phenomena.

**Research:** Although the dictionary definition of this word, "careful, systematic, patient study and investigation in some field of knowledge undertaken to establish facts or principles" may be applied to the investigation of dowsing, present day scientific research has added a new, general usage implication of 'a field of knowledge in which the subject matter is consistent in action and reaction'. This is the basis of the 'repeatable experiment'. Since this is not true of dowsing except occasionally, the word 'research' as we use it will have to mean observe and record.

**Shielding:** In physics the word is taken to mean "electrostatic shielding" or a shielding against or from any electrical force. Yet, in dowsing this is not consistently true—if at all. One physics researcher stated that in the field of ESP (in which he included dowsing), this shielding has no effect. However the present day 'scientific dowser' has found that shielding is a significant factor. Since there is no scientific evidence that any of the different dowsing force fields are truly electrostatic, we feel free to use the word as meaning anything that shields out the dowsing power source.

**Spirits:** To many persons this has but one meaning; spirits of the dead or 'discarnate spirits'. We will use it in its broader dictionary definition including angels, demons, etc.

**UFO:** Literally Unidentified Flying Object. Originally, the term was Flying Saucers.

### **A Further Word of Warning**

Intensive reading of dowsing material will reveal restrictive meaning of some of what we classed as general meaning words. This will vary in different texts for the same word. "Dowsing" is one such word. It depends on the author's point of view.

There are words some authors refuse to use or recognize. "Divining" is one of them. It has an occult connotation that some modern writers wish to avoid at all costs, so they do not use it.

It must be recognized that the dowsing world has developed its own vocabulary. It changes from generation to generation, and from country to country. This has been a necessity because the words applying to what we know as the world of reality may have no application in what used to be recognized as the occult world. Practical use of dowsing has made modern man desperate to haul it up out of the occult to our scientific way of thinking and speaking, but it is not yet there, and the non-dictionary words of that para-world are still with us and must be used.

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### **A Note Concerning Chapters I, II, and III**

Do not expect to find pro-Christian conclusions drawn in these first three chapters. We have attempted to tell a straight-forward account of dowsing as it was, as it is, and its implications (physical and non-physical) without moralizing. So, if the reader finds that we have not taken advantage of the opportunities to point out obvious conservative Christian explanations, just have patience. We have attempted to touch all bases in chapters IV and V.

## Chapter I

# A Short History of Dowsing With Comments

"History is the lie commonly agreed upon."-Voltaire

### Why Bother With Its History?

Why, in 500 years of examination and research hasn't someone come up with a reasonable explanation of dowsing? In fact, what in common sense is dowsing? As one man said, "Certainly I know the meaning of the word! Dowsing is to throw water on something, such as dowsing a fire." We tried another word-witching. "Never heard of it," he replied. "Okay," we tried again, "How about divining?" "Oh yes, that's—" and he gestured as though holding a forked stick. This man was an attorney—a man whose chief professional tool was words!

Yet dowsing is practiced all over the world. There are British and American Societies of Dowsers, and dowsers to the last man and woman are an enthusiastic, proselyting lot that represent a cross section of every profession, trade, and interest in today's world.

But to read the dowsing literature is an exercise in futility. Even if all the writing were narrowed to the last fifty years, it would still be a collection of contradictions, omissions, and personal opinions that seem unworthy of the intelligent authors. How did it happen? Is there a reason behind it all? Is there a recognizable pattern? We believe there is, and this is why we want to examine it from a hopefully, intelligent onlooker's viewpoint.

As this is not written as an introduction to the art or a how-to-do book, we see no necessity to explain the rudiments, but it must be stated unequivocally, dowsing is not yet accepted by science—at least science as we understand it today. It is a very private act involving what a Christian calls "faith" and having such a wide variety of methods, there remains only one commonly shared aspect. The practitioner is endeavoring to tap a power source for personal use, or to seek answers to personal questions.

The methods vary from person to person and there is no language barrier. The questions asked of the device may be in any language under the sun, and the system of measurement necessary to determine the depth of underground water is up to the choosing of the dowser. Yet when all is said, it must be added that a force field is 'tapped' in the dowsing act. This is not only detectable in the dowsing device, but in the entire body and clearly registers with the electrocardiograph.\*

\*S Tromp, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PARAPSYCHOLOGY, Winter, 1968 on researching dowsing for UNESCO.

Soviet, German, and Dutch researchers agree on this in their findings. Ostrander and Schroeder in their chapter on dowsing; "Wizard Rod" to "B.P.E." in *Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain* write,

"The many careful experiments by Russian geologists, biologists, physiologists, and mineralogists all pointed to a conclusion many Western researchers had also reached: force fields of an unknown nature exist." There is no contradiction here. It just takes a lot of clarification.

It does seem, then, that everyone would be dowsing, yet we have found that nearly half of the people do not even know the meaning of the word. Of those who are knowledgeable, some are afraid of it, some are skeptical, and some use it enthusiastically. Some find it to be almost a religious ritual, while others believe it to be sorcery. Finally, there is a rapidly growing segment of dowsers who find it to be a useful tool, and refuse to inquire further. In any case there are many people who know about it, believe

in it unalterably, use it, and spread the gospel of its use. Television and the press are helping with presentations which play up the advantages, whet the curiosity, and never mention the drawbacks. Modern dowsing writers also urge the teaching of the art to children, commenting that children and women are the most sensitive, and learn more quickly. This is one of the few things about which they do agree. (Cameron says, "A child can become a dowser, often to an amazing degree, with only a few minutes' training.")\* In general they disagree, as do the researchers, on the explanation, the procedures, and the results.

\* Verne Cameron, AQUA VIDEO, 11, obtainable from Life Understanding Foundation, P.O. Box 30305, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

To understand dowsing it is necessary to take a good look at its history and maintain an open mind. It is also necessary to ascertain whether the history presented is complete. Almost everything written on dowsing today is actually slanted toward the author's preconceived opinions. A quite common ploy is to leave out those facts that are embarrassing. Both pro and con writers are guilty. This is maddeningly true in the history of dowsing. Only the part desired to make a point will be quoted, and the rest will only be found if one runs across the original statement. This may be history in the cynical view of Voltaire, but dishonesty in a historian renders everything he writes suspect and useless. Specifically, the dowsing writer who wishes to prove scientific validity leaves out all items suggesting the supernatural. The writer who wishes to prove sorcery, leaves out information that points to the physical aspect.

### **This Will Not be a Typical Look at Dowsing**

The research behind this particular writing, we believe to be unique, for we have seen no reference to its type in any other article or book. Also, it was accidental. In 1975 three men, curious, yet in complete disagreement on the subject, along with reading everything they could find, started recording interviews with every dowser, well driller, and well owner they could find in their area, southern California. Eventually this included information that came from correspondence with people throughout the state and from several other states.

At the outset, this was inquiry into simple witching (the search for underground water only). It brought out one glaring fact. The pro-dowsing writing on the subject and the field interviews were in total disagreement on one important point. The books inferred (some stated positively) that the expert dowser enjoyed a success rate of 90 percent or more. Not so, according to our case histories, and for an odd reason. The dread of the expert dowser is not the loss of his ability. It is when he obtains a clear, complete picture of water present, the exact location, the depth, the amount, and sometimes the quality only to find there was no water there at all—the dry hole. This was true of hand-dug wells as well as those drilled.

As we read the bits of information that go to make up the history of dowsing we ran across the following quote from Paracelsus, a fifteenth century physician, alchemist, diviner, animist and astrologer. Writing about divination, particularly the use of the dowsing rod in locating ores for mining he advised, "Therefore care is to be sedulously taken that ye suffer not yourselves to be seduced by the divination of uncertain arts. For they are vain and frivolous, especially the Divinatory Rods, which have deceived many miners. For if they show anything rightly, they on the contrary deceive ten times." Remember, this statement is not from a strait-laced churchman. This man was a practicing occultist. In our findings, what appeared to be deceit was clearly spelled out 500 years ago.

We found many well drillers reluctant to discuss dowsing, but after friendly conversation their reluctance changed to bitter denunciation of the dowsers and the financial havoc they create by their failures. Dowsers do offer explanations and we will discuss these and an interesting case in point later on.

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Again, the books and articles against dowsing present it as a mysterious witchcraft type of happening without pointing out that it also has a very physical aspect. On the other hand, the pro-dowsing writers, since science came out of alchemy, have ignored or double talked the supernatural part of the act. Of course it is true that the actual force field has only been identified and tentatively measured in the last few years, but dowsers have always been aware of a physical force they could not control. The many unreal and nonscientific explanations dowsers have evolved in the past will not be enumerated in this writing because we do not feel they are pertinent.

Harvey Howells has written what we believe to be one of the best and most definitive books of instruction on dowsing. In *Dowsing For Everyone\** which he subtitles *Adventures and Instruction in the Art of Modern Dowsing* he comes on as the perfect example of modern man who, finding dowsing a useful tool, ignores the source and any questioning about the supernatural aspect. He says, "... I have endeavored to avoid what some term the occult in order to give practical, down-to-earth instruction that will encourage the reader to try his or her hand at dowsing." Further on he states in the same context, "What matter as long as one gets the answer through the medium of the instrument?" After all the 'hedging' we have seen in book after book, we have to respect Howells for his honesty about telling only half of the story in his book.

\* Harvey Howells, *DOWSING FOR EVERYONE*, Author's Note, p. IX 1979. The Stephen Green Press, Brattleboro, Vermont.

When dowsers do refer to the source of this power their opinions vary widely. They run from, "What all of us are doing here at this convention is witchcraft; in another age we all could have been burned for it."\* to, "Radiesthesia is based firmly on Sensation, and is therefore within the classic domain of consciousness. Consequently it advances no claims at which the most meticulous scientist could take offense, provided he take the trouble to listen to reason and lay aside his prejudices."\*\* (We make no defense for the sense or logic of this last quote.)

\*Statement of Major General Jedyll Scott Elliot then president of the British Society of Dowsers, made to George Crile at the annual convention of the American Society of Dowsers. From an article *WATER WITCHING BY* George Crile in *New Times Magazine*.

\*\*Henry De France, *THE ELEMENTS OF DOWSING*, p. 79. Pub. 1948 by G. Bell and Sons, London.

Finally, there is a method of presentation becoming commonplace in everything from books to television. The scientific elements of dowsing are presented first, in a most logical manner. Then, when the stage is set, the non-scientific parts of the act are innocently introduced in a casual, yet authoritative manner, and without comment. The realist, faced with this bit of manipulation, finds it infuriating.

So far we have referred to simple witching only. This, however, is only the edge of the matter. Historically, dowsing included the search for anything; minerals, people, things lost, and any information that could be given with a yes or no answer. Today it is used for all that and more. Today we heal, make ill (cast spells?), rate friendships, test foods, and forecast the weather among other things. A few hundred years ago there were rigid rules as to how to dowse. Today we use innumerable methods, from a mental set, to reactions of the body, and almost every type of device imaginable. All this is part of the story and must be considered. It is illogical to consider one aspect only, (such as simple witching) and ignore the rest. What we are saying is that from ancient times to the present day the physical act never was, and never can be, separated from the occult aspect. We believe there is a reasonable explanation. With these things in mind, even the most uninformed reader should be ready for a full understanding of what follows.

## **Dowsing was Common and Worldwide at the Dawn of History**

The history of dowsing goes back at least to the beginnings of written history and maybe further.

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Marco Polo brought back detailed information on it from the Orient. Herodotus writes of its use by the Persians, Scythians, and Medes. There is record of its use by the Etruscans, Hindus, Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans. A cave drawing at Tassili, Algeria may be the oldest record of a dowser, although there are some who have seen it who feel that it takes a lively imagination to see a man dowsing in the depiction. Others note that he is carrying the same kind of device pictured in ancient Chinese dowsing illustrations.

The prophet Hosea of biblical times condemned it. His people had adopted the ways of their pagan captors, including the art of divination. He stated, "They consult their piece of wood and their wand makes pronouncements to them."\* Saint Jerome, who translated the Bible into the Latin vulgate in the fourth century referred to the divining "staff" of Hosea's time and says it was cut from Myrtle wood. Saint Cyril, in the ninth century made the same reference.\*\*

\* Hosea 4, 12. THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE. Since the word "wand" is translated differently in other Bibles, the casual reader takes exception to the use of one specific text. However, this text best fits the actual meaning. Cruden's Complete Concordance specifies "wand" as one of the many methods of divination mentioned in the O. T. Vol. I of the INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIA at the chapter on DIVINATION describes the many methods used by the ancients. Number six on the list is "Staff or Rod (Rhabdomancy)." It states, "While the use of the rod or staff for a variety of magicoreligious purposes is not uncommon in the O.T. (cf. Ex. 4:4,17; 17:9 [The rod of Moses] ; 7:9, 19 [the rod of Aaron]), the use of the rod for purposes of divination is referred to in the OT only in Hos. 4:12: "My people inquire of a thing of wood, and their staff gives them oracles." Here the "thing of wood" may refer to the Asherah that was a cult object found in all Canaanite sanctuaries of Baal; the "staff" undoubtedly refers to the practice of rhabdomancy, though the precise technique of this form of divination is not known. It is clear, however, that Hosea condemns such practices." Webster's dictionary defines "Rhabdomancy" as "divination by a rod or wand; especially the supposed art of finding underground water, ores, etc. by means of a diving rod; dowsing."

\*\* Christopher Bird, THE DIVINING HAND, p. 80. published 1979 by E. P. Dutton, 2 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10016

What is, perhaps, the oldest record of dowsing in written history happens to be about water witching. It predated the time of the prophecies of Hosea by about 1400 years. It is referred to as 'divination' and was done by the expert dowser, Emperor Ta Yu, the founder of the Hsia dynasty in China at about the year 2205 B.C. (Hosea prophesied from 745-739 B.C.) This is recorded in an inscription to be found on a Bas Relief in the Shantung province of China.\* The practice of divination was world-wide, and from this Chinese inscription, and Hosea's specific mention of the 'wand' (still a popular device used today), it is reasonable to conclude that water witching was one of the earliest divination practices of man.

\* A photograph of the Bas Relief and the inscription is to be found in the Freer Gallery in Washington D.C. This photograph is reproduced, and details of the inscription is noted on page 72 of Bird's THE DIVINING HAND. The Encyclopedia Britannica sets the dates of the Hsia dynasty as 2205-1765 B.C.

It should also be noted that in all historical references to divination there is no indication that it was a part of any religious rite, but rather a tool of convenience to pierce the veil beyond which the five senses of man cannot go. However, the entire practice was specifically forbidden to both Jew and Christian under the condemnation that it was a pagan supernatural act. There is no doubt that it was so considered.

Because it is such a valuable tool for obtaining information from the unknown, modern man has almost refused to class it with other methods of divination such as interpreting the arrangement of a thrown pile of bones, sticks, arrows, or the arrangement of tea leaves in a cup. This may have been true in Hosea's time also since he mentioned specifically only two of the many ways of practicing the divination of their pagan captors.

Of course, the biblical passage most often quoted by dowsers is the one telling of Moses striking the rock in the Sinai desert to bring forth water. This has to be discredited as a dowsing act, for according to the story Moses was not searching for water. He had been divinely instructed to go to that particular rock and verbally command water to come out of it. In his anger over another matter he disobeyed and struck the rock with his staff as he made the command. According to the account he suffered rather

severe punishment for this disobedience, which implies there was some important meaning in the use of the staff, which he should not have made. Understanding that the staff was used to find water in the pagan act of divination, was this wrong implication to the witnesses of that act the very same as dowsers make today? In any case, striking the rock in a command for water to burst forth is certainly not dowsing practice.

It must be added that although the staff historically was a tool of witchcraft, magic, and sorcery, it was also a symbol of leadership, and in its most lowly use, an aid to the foot traveler, as well as his weapon of defense. Moses was a foot traveller, a leader, and according to your particular belief a prophet or magician, but the Sinai incident was not dowsing.

### **Dowsing and Christianity**

As unpleasant as it may be, the history of dowsing includes a strange association with Christianity, most of it with the early and medieval Church. From this can be seen the important background of opinion that persists to the present day. The Church equated dowsing with sorcery, yet it occasionally condoned it and used it.

Present day writers are inclined to condemn or ridicule medieval Christianity's attitude. As one writer put it, "A paranoid fantasy which brought to life the diabolical conspiracies and sorceries of its own disordered imagination."\* What they seem to forget is that the reality of dowsing includes a factor that, even today, we class as nothing less than something outside the normal experience and knowledge of man. Because this factor was (and is) used for harm at the will of the dowser, the Church labelled it "evil". This factor, we presently label "the supernormal" element. The New Testament makes specific reference to divination and tells of its positive prohibition. Today, pro-dowsing Christians insist that the "divination" condemned in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible has nothing to do with water witching or mineral dowsing. However, all Bible history research contradicts them. Dowsing is, and has been historically, a part of the divinatory arts. Some of the oldest references so state it. Whether we believe presently that this prohibition is correct, or a "paranoid fantasy", the beginnings of the controversy are ancient.

\*Leslie Shepard in the introduction to DEMONOLATRY BY Nicholas Remy (U.S. reprint) University Books, Secaucus, New Jersey, pub.

In fact, the early Church's proscription against divination was so strong, it is believed, as one writer put it, the dowsers went underground. There is, at least, no mention of dowsing for hundreds of years. Then, in the tenth century coins struck to commemorate the discovery of a silver mine in Germany depicted a dowser at work. So, at least in that area, dowsing had become such a useful tool in mining it was worthy of commemoration.\*

It is believed that dowsing in Germany originated in the Harz mountain area, and oddly enough, Webster's Geographical Dictionary describes that area as "long a stronghold of paganism."

In about 1275 there appeared in Spain what was reputedly a compilation of the ancient oral traditions of the paganistic Hebrews.\*\* It was banned by the Church and its possession forbidden. It contained instructions for the ritual of preparing a dowsing rod it called "Solomon's Rod". It stated that by the use of the original rod, King Solomon became the most powerful and wealthy man in the world. (It must be remembered that King Solomon, at the same time he confessed belief in "the one true God", was building temples to the pagan gods for their worship. If the above reference is true, Solomon's allegiance to paganism is more easily understood.) This book, the Cabbala (Cabala, or Kabbala) became the secret possession of only the alchemists, secret societies, and sorcerers.

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In 1300 a Benedictine monk, Valentine, wrote about dowsing in a manner that indicated someone was experimenting with it seriously. He wrote of six kinds of rods used for locating different metals underground. Christopher Bird in *The Divining Hand* remarked that this seemed strange. However, we interviewed a dowser here in California, an intelligent, well educated, professional man and expert dowser who had a number of rods he claimed he had "calibrated" for accuracy in determining mineral and vitamin deficiencies in the ill.

\*\* Bird. *THE DIVINING HAND*, p. 80

\* Francis Hitching, *PENDULUM.- The Psi Connection*, pp. 44,45. William Collins Sons& Co. Ltd. Glasgow, Scotland.

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In 1362 a Papal Bull against the "use of a ring to obtain answers in the manner of the Devil" (pendulum dowsing) was issued by Pope John XXII. We note here that the Church of that time suffered the difficulty (seen in a lesser degree today) of positive rule over its far-flung 'empire'. While a positive dictum might be issued by The Pope, a Cardinal or even a priest in a distant nation or area might act in disagreement—So we find this contradiction of Church attitude toward dowsing.

In 1518 Martin Luther had taken a positive stand against dowsing, declaring that its use broke the first commandment. Today, the Roman Catholic Church takes somewhat the same stand as reflected in its works on Moral Theology, stating that for anything except searching for water, dowsing is "practicing superstition" which is a serious sin. The Catholic Information Service of the Knights of Columbus classifies dowsing as "rank superstition" and breaking the first commandment only if using the power as supernatural.\*

\* The Reverend Stanislaus Woywod, O.F.M., LLB., *A PRACTICAL COMMENTARY ON THE CODE OF CANNON LAW*, p. 523. Joseph F. Wagner Inc. N.Y. Pub. Dominic M. Prummer, O.P., *HANDBOOK OF MORAL THEOLOGY*, p. 199. The Mercier Press Ltd., Cork Ireland. The Reverend Antony Kock, D.D., *A HANDBOOK OF MORAL THEOLOGY* pp, 300-302. B. Herder Book Co., St. Louis. Mo. Pub. The Reverend Francis J. Connel, C. Ss. R., S.T. D., L. H D., *OUTLINES OF MORAL THEOLOGY* p. 151, The Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee, Wis. *CATHOLIC INFORMATION SERVICE*. Knights of Columbus, New Haven. Conn.

Twelve years after Martin Luther's condemnation of dowsing, a German physician and mining buff, Georgius Agricola, whose unlatinized name was Georg Bauer, wrote his first essay on mineralogy and mining lore, which by 1556 had become the greatest treatise on mining ever written. Because mining and dowsing were inseparable (at least in Germany), there was much in his work on the art of finding metals. There seems to be no evidence that the Church condemned him for his writing.

### **Anecdote of a Family Tragedy**

Early in the seventeenth century occurred the incomprehensible story of the Beausoleil family. The Baron de Beausoleil was a mining expert. His wife, Baroness Martine de Beausoleil was an expert dowser. The family was wealthy and of excellent standing.

Because of his expertise and her ability to find ore deposits, the Beausoleils had served as mining consultants in Germany, Switzerland, Moravia, Silesia, Poland, Italy, Spain, Hungary, England, and Scotland, as well as mining advisor to the Papal States for the Holy See. In 1626 he was commissioned by the Superintendent for Mines and Ore Deposits under Louis XIII to survey the entire area of France for its mineral wealth. Using a team of sixty mine workers they spent a year in southern France discovering more than forty mines. The written report of this work was full of references to astrological and alchemic formulas, dowsing philosophies, and indicated that all the work was done under correct astrological dates.

Then, as they continued their work in Brittany, officials under the pretext of investigating the two for the use of the "black arts", impounded their reports, detailed maps of mine surveys, ore samples, as well as

100,000 ecus worth of precious stones and silver. In spite of the fact that the Beausoleils were successful in convincing higher authorities that their commission by the Crown was legitimate and that they had made no pact with the Devil, none of their impounded possessions were returned. Bird in his account of this in *The Divining Hand* observed that this injustice only foreshadowed worse to come.

Because they had received no expense monies, the Baroness wrote to the Superintendent of Mines. In reply, their work was gratefully acknowledged, a new commission issued, but no payment was made. Desperate because of the huge sums they had expended, Mme. de Beausoleil wrote again. This time it was a lengthy, complete report of all mining work done in France from 1602 to 1640 and dedicated this time, as Bird puts it, "not to Louis XIII but to France's sickly, diplomatically crafty, and ruthless Prime Minister—and real king—'His Eminentissimus, Cardinal le duc de Richlieu'."

In her report Mme. de Beausoleil pointed out that she and her husband were neither "mining apprentices" nor had they been "constrained by necessity", but that they had worked "nine long years" to produce solid evidence of France's mineral wealth for the Royal Court. She suggested the formation of a mining administration of mining engineers with branches in each province. It would have seemed that such an inclusive report should have pleased even the grasping personality of Richlieu, but it was ignored. She had made the mistake of openly revealing the extensive use of alchemy, astrology, and the dowsing rod, and had praised the dowsing rod's effectiveness.

Richlieu's reaction was immediate and cruel. He remanded the Baroness and a daughter who was with her at the time of the arrest to the prison castle of Vincennes. The Baron was arrested and placed in the Bastille. Then when one of his young sons dared to visit his father, he too was imprisoned.

The Baron and his wife were never allowed to see each other again, and they remained in prison the rest of their lives. They had been incarcerated without trial, which was not unusual for certain offenses, and the charge was sorcery.\* It might be noted that this charge was brought only after their monumental work had been nearly completed sorcery or no. A century and a half later, Napoleon acted on the advice of the Baroness de Beausoleil, and their work is still reference material.

\*Bird. *THE DIVINING HAND* p. 94

Francis Hitching, *PENDULUM*, p. 48.

### **The Dowsing Rod Christianized?**

Whether the Church vacillated or the Church authorities in Germany were disobedient is not known, but sometime during the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries the Church claimed the dowsing rod as holy Church property. Theodore Besterman in *Water Divining*, pages 188 and 189, tells of the Holy Mass instituted to be read over the rod before allowing it to be used by an outsider. After the Mass, the rod was to be held in the hands and these words intoned, "Dowsing Rod, I adjure you in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost." Then the rod would work.

Francis Hitching, on page 49 of *Pendulum* remarks that it was common during this time in Germany for the rod to be "Christianized" by placing it in the bed of a newly baptized child, after which the rod was addressed first in the names of the Father, the son, and the Holy Ghost, then in the child's name, roughly translated, "that thou tell me so pure and true as Mary the Virgin was, who bore our Lord Jesus Christ, how many fathoms it is from here to the ore" after which the stick held in the hands would answer by nodding a certain number of times indicating the number of fathoms. This is exactly the method used today except the rod answers in feet, and it does not have to be addressed in the name of the Father etc. Hitching goes on to say that one of the problems of the Church at that time was that so many of their priests were natural born dowsers.

## A Dowsing Device That Lied

In 1692 occurred the famous story of Jacques Aymar Vernay, a wealthy peasant farmer from the province of Dauphine, France. Not everything is known about Aymar, as he is generally called, and certainly not everything that is known is always told.

The story apparently started when the city officials in the city of Lyon, France, desperate over the unsolved and particularly brutal murder of a man and his wife by burglars, for some unknown reason accepted the advice to call in Aymar the dowser. He came with his forked stick and tracked the murderers to their escape point in the seaport of Toulon. They had fled the country, but his stick guided him to an accomplice who was in jail in Toulon on another charge. Aymar confronted the terrified man and caused him to confess. The man, a hunchback, was tried, convicted and sentenced to death on the wheel. He was the last man in Europe to be "broken on the wheel". Aymar was immediately called upon to track down other criminals in other jurisdictions.\* This caused a furor among the Church leaders because of the possibility of putting innocent people in jeopardy by this suspect process.

\*Bird, THE DIVINING HAND, p. 97.

Francis Hitching, PENDULUM, pp. 57-60.

Then, when a dowser was discovered walking down the city streets followed by an excited crowd which was witness to the dowser's rod pointing out the houses of respected matrons who the rod indicated were guilty of illicit sexual relations, the uproar reached national proportions. The "press", which was not the newspaper we know today, but was private printing of the 'editorial opinions' of the young and generally wealthy owners, took up the cry and something had to be done. So late in 1692 Aymar was called back to Lyon for public testing of his ability. This he passed easily. He had come to the attention of the Royal Court and was in demand to perform what one author called "parlor tricks" with the rod. Finally, the Prince de Conde set up an interesting test in Paris. Holes were dug in a courtyard and some left empty, some filled with metals and others filled with gravel. When they were carefully covered and all traces of their locations removed, Aymar was called in to dowse. This time he failed miserably and in the manner that has always plagued dowsers. (Remember the warning of Paracelsus?) His stick pointed out metal in holes that contained none. (One was empty and the other contained gravel.) Over night his popularity was gone. This should have been the end of the story of Aymar the dowser, but there is a curious and thoroughly revolting climax to this story.

About ten years later, in 1703 Aymar was dowsing for the Church, tracking down Protestants for massacre.\*\* This is the part of the Aymar story almost never mentioned, and would be suspect except for its unimpeachable source. It is all the more revolting in the light of the added fact that only two years earlier the Inquisition had forbade the use of the dowsing rod in criminal prosecution.\*\* Whether this was by order of the Pope or one of the Tribunals we do not know. It is recorded that the dowsing rod was used not only to track down the accused, but as a lie detector in the trials proper.

\*\* Britannica Library Research Service, MINERAL AND WATER DIVINING. quoting from Eve and Keys, APPLIED GEOPHYSICS IN THE SEARCH FOR MINERALS, pp. 8-11. University Press, Cambridge Pub.

## The Bishop's Rule

In 1870 Dr. Pierre Thouvenel began to investigate a young French peasant herdsman, Barthelemy Bléton who was exhibiting a new phenomenon in the act of dowsing. Bléton had been tested repeatedly by the Bishop of Grenoble for his oddity. He would consistently obtain a dowsing rod reaction at a distance from the located water vein and the same on each side of the vein. The Bishop discovered that this distance from center of vein location to the far reaction point was the same as the found depth of the vein, and could thus be used as a means of ascertaining the depth before touching a shovel to the

earth. Ever since, this method of ascertaining water depth has been known as "The Bishop's Rule". It might be added that dowsing to Bléton was a painful affair for the act caused him to suffer convulsions. In spite of this he was tested repeatedly by skeptical priests and "scientists". Even so, he repeated the act successfully every time except when he was so intimidated, frightened and confused by the accusations and ill will of his 'accusers' that he could not even begin to perform. It was said of him that he was "uncommonly timorous", so the whole affair must have been traumatic to him. His method of dowsing was without a device, but to illustrate accurately to the investigators he used an unusual method with a stick. This was laid across the index fingers of his outstretched hands and it revolved rapidly when over water. Even though it was impossible to imitate this device reaction manually, his accusers would believe nothing less than that he was a 'fake'. Other dowsers found that they, too could get this depth measurement reaction, so the method has survived to modern times. We will examine it further in the chapter on Modern Dowsing.

### **Dowsing Comes to the New World**

It should not be inferred that dowsing was confined to the Old World during these centuries. Without a doubt it travelled to the New World with the first dowser to take passage. One account tells of a nonsectarian band of religious mystics from Germany, self-titled The Chapter of Perfection, who came over here in 1649. They settled not far from Philadelphia and Germantown on the Wissahickon River. They practiced "a variety of mystical and cabalistic rites", and were faith healers, dowsers, and clairvoyants.

Their leader, Johannes Kelpius "was a mystic and thoroughly familiar with the occult practices of the Rosicrucians, who claim him as their first forebear in America." The poet John Greenleaf Whittier referred to him as "the maddest of good men".

The surrounding colonists were "attracted to the Tabernacle by the lure of the occult", and not only made use of the occult powers of the "monks", but received religious teaching at "classes in religious instruction in the morning and evening, well attended by both children and adults."\*

\*Ernest Schell, HERMIT OF THE WISSAHICKON, an article in AMERICAN HISTORY ILLUSTRATED, October, 1981.

### **The Beginnings of "Scientific Dowsing"**

During the latter part of the eighteenth century the argument over dowsing began to change. First the cast of characters changed. From clergyman against clergyman was added clergyman against laymen (physicians and such), then the locus moved away from the Church to the 'scientifically minded' individuals-the intellectuals. The vocabulary began to change with a shift in belief, and such terms as "felonious matter", "murderous matter" and "magnetic corpuscles" gave way to "animal electrometry", "organo electricity", "nutaton", "siderism" and "odic force". The actual knowledge of dowsing had not changed, but it had come out of the condemnation and general acceptance that it was sorcery to a point that men of intelligence were attempting to explain it in terms of reality. The rule of repeatable experiment-the scientific method-had not yet appeared, but men were beginning to think along those lines.

Early in the nineteenth century the pendulum was discovered again. The same attempt to explain it was halted by the research of a brilliant Bavarian Academy of Sciences member, Johann Wilhelm Ritter, who after a thorough examination discovered that instead of reacting to physical things, the pendulum reacted to the desire of the user, foretelling or answering any question requiring no more than a yes or no answer. He came to the uncomfortable conclusion that "Magic has been recreated, and along with it, that dangerous frontier at which one is capable of deciding questions of good or evil." His pronouncement, however, had no effect on dowsing or experimentation which continued with the

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researchers coming very close to the present day belief in 'mind over matter' or what was later to be known as PK (psychokinesis). We would refer you again to the excellent book *The Divining Hand* by Bird for details he records in chapter seven.

For dowsers, the twentieth century started with an explosion. Roentgen had discovered the X-ray, and the Curries radioactivity. This, the dowsers were certain, was the physical explanation of the "emanations" that they needed. They seemed to have forgotten the supernatural aspects. It seemed as if every dowser who could write did so and went into print. It was about this time that the "black box" came into being. It gave dowsing another boost toward the scientific, for here was an instrument that had every appearance of a most professional, scientific device (with a gleaming front full of dials), and though it took no power to operate it, it did everything the pendulum used to do. In fact in his recently written book *Rhythms of Vision*, Dr. Lawrence Blair refers to it as, "merely a form of a complex pendulum."\*

\* Lawrence Blair. *RHYTHMS OF VISION*. pp 148-9. Schocken Books and Croom Helm Ltd. Pub.

When someone remembered remote and map dowsing, the psychologists were appealed to for explanation. They had no adequate answer and by the 1930s researchers were admitting that neither physics nor psychology seemed to have an answer. Then in the early 1940s, Tromp, a Dutch professor of geology at Fuad I University in Cairo, Egypt after years of skeptical research, shook the dowsing world with the positive conclusion that dowsing was "as real as electricity and other physical phenomena."

Others were experimenting with what was termed the "electrodynamic theory of life" from the experiments with oat and barley shoots increasing or decreasing growth with the phases of the moon and the position of some planets. Later came the conclusion that there was a "life field" or electrical field around every living thing.

By 1975 enough serious scientific investigation of dowsing had been done that it was suspected by some and stated as a certainty by others that there was an unknown force field tapped in the dowsing act, and that it could be measured. However there was disagreement on whether it was a weak field measurable on a Gauss meter, or whether this measurement was only that reaction of the dowser. There was question as to the identity of the field—electrostatic or a new unknown. It would not react consistently, and the conclusions reached by investigators in, for instance, Russia, were in complete contradiction to those in the West. The element of "intelligence" that seemed so evident in all dowsing methods, suddenly became a 'non-factor' and was not considered or mentioned. The desire to prove physical reality of the phenomenon resulted in serious claims and conclusions that no 'establishment' scientist could accept. Serious pseudo-scientific papers were presented and published. These presented a new method of 'proof', justification by analogy. Because the phenomenon they were discussing had the same paradoxes as an accepted scientific thesis, it was claimed to be factual by comparison. This is still a serious presentation in the 1980s. A few physicists began experimenting to ascertain whether the dowsing device or the dowser was the "sensor" in picking up the dowsing signal. Their conclusions were based on so much conjecture, even the most casual reader was astonished. These investigators based their entire thesis on the unproven assumption that every living and nonliving thing gave off an identifiable 'signature' or vibration that the dowser could single out and tune in on. This was reminiscent of the age old belief (still accepted by some parapsychologists) that even the inanimate object has an intelligent 'spirit'. A careful reading of the material of this era of dowsing investigation revealed that the many dissimilar force fields encountered by the dowser (earth radiation, living cell vibrations, signature of inanimate objects etc.) were all thrown together in a single classification called THE FORCE, also reminiscent of the belief of sorcery. Still ignored was the fact that every one of these force fields also answered questions, had total recall of history, could and would predict the future, and would give advice. They were also selective at the desire or demand of the dowser.

It would seem that dowsing must have been used in times of war. However there are only a few recorded instances, but they are significant. It was used successfully by both sides during World War II. The German sea captains used it to locate Allied shipping for torpedoing. The British Admiralty employed two dowsers during 1939-1945 to map down enemy harbors for the presence of ships worth bombing. They were successful 75 percent of the time.\* The U.S. Marines used it successfully during the Viet Nam war. Its efficacy was proven beyond a shadow of a doubt to the Marine Command, but it was not sanctioned for use. The Marines used it anyway for locating everything from mines to Viet Cong underground emplacements. It was reputed to have saved many lives. Obviously the intelligence behind dowsing was either unbiased or amoral in bestowing war favors.

\* Francis Hitching, EARTH MAGIC, p. 226. 1977. William Morrow and Co. Inc. New York.

Summing up the many centuries of dowsing, it cannot be said we are back to point one in our inquiry or understanding. We are aware of a force field or fields involved. However, we must either ignore or be embarrassed by the intelligence evident. All of the explanations which endeavor to separate the force fields from the intelligence are either arbitrary statements of belief, or the theories hold only if some of the facts are ignored. The centuries-old charge of sorcery has not been refuted, and unfortunately it will not go away in spite of the acid comments of the modern writers.

Our short history of dowsing (with comments) is the result of sifting out the accounts of the erroneous theories, efforts, and conclusions of past centuries, and attempting to present only the factual events. Hundreds of pages could be filled with the entire story. Much of this will be found in Bird's The Divining Hand. It is heartbreaking to read of the lifetimes of work, the cost, and the mental energy spent on attempting to prove personal opinions that a generation or two later were completely ignored or discredited. The live thread that runs through it all is the fact that within certain confines dowsing is a working (if undependable) hypothesis. No one has yet come up with an inclusive explanation, and maybe it is not possible.

The frustrating problem in examining dowsing literature is the subjective view taken by every writer. It would seem that each one has concluded that he has developed the right and unique explanation by his own elaborate theory. He has also either coined a few new words and terms, or has put a new interpretation on the old. Then he has put it all in writing.

## **Chapter II Modern Dowsing**

### **The Many Explanations**

Any discussion of modern dowsing should be prefaced with the observation that if a person, ignorant of dowsing, were to pick up the books written on the subject in the last five years or so, he would be intrigued by the variety of explanations as to just what it is that makes dowsing work. However, if he had perused the history of dowsing beforehand, he would recognize that compared with the earlier attempts to explain, today's efforts are just the same old tune set to different words.

The modern explanations may be couched in the language of physics, psychology, the psychic, parapsychology, parascience, or even our easy way of presenting paganism and the different popular religions, but they only add up to a collection of personal opinions! The supernatural or occult color of dowsing has not changed down through the centuries. It is something we have to live with if we are interested in the phenomenon, and we find different ways to accept it.

One easy way is to ignore it as we mentioned before. If it works, use it! No one stops to consider whether this philosophy might be just as dangerous as that other up-to-date one, `If it feels good, it is

right!' Another is that it is of the mind-that unused part of the mind that reputedly knows all, including the collective memory of the past and it can predict the future. Some religious people refer to it as the Universal Mind, others believe it to be an inherent ability known to our ancestors, but forgotten by modern man. Some Christians are labelling it a gift from God. There are some who label it of the Evil One, but the good being done, at least as told in those anecdotes that 'hit the news', so overwhelms any small hint of questionable magic, or the supernatural that any voice of protest is not heard. However, to the Christian there are enough interesting facts about dowsing to warrant a further look, which we will do in a chapter 'for Christians only'. Here it is interesting enough to note what is presently going on, and to examine both the physical and the psychic elements of the act.

## **Soviet Investigations and Some Contradictions**

Earlier than 1970 the Soviet scientists were treating dowsing as a verifiable, non-religious, worth-while physical phenomenon. In 1966 a team of Soviet geologists were carefully monitoring the blasting of several million tons of rock into a ravine for a dam. One of the principal recording instruments used by these hard-headed government scientists was the dowsing rod.\* They had good reason to use it without fear of the ridicule their peers in the United States would suffer.

\*Ostrander and Schroeder, *PSYCHIC DISCOVERIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN*. pp. 186, 187. Bantam Books. New York

At the close of the Stalin era the publishing of a report on dowsing research sparked an ambitious program launched with a large-scale dowsing test involving more than a hundred able dowsers. (Which indicates that Stalin had not been able, in the least, to stop the 'underground' use of the dowsing rod which he labelled 'superstition'.) Upon completion, the official scientific commissions concluded, "The 'wizard rod' is the simplest of all conceivable electrophysiological instruments." They also found that there was no shielding against or from this "new" force-even lead. Then, they added an odd footnote. They said, however, that even though rubber would not act as a shield, water running through a rubber hose was undetectable with a rod. Astonishingly, research reports in the United States were completely contradictory. Here we found, conversely, that shielding was possible (lead and rubber), and water in a rubber hose was easily dowsed.

The Soviets also added that after a few days of intensive dowsing, the dowser's ability lessened unless a new forked stick was cut from a different kind of tree. A broken or patched-up rod would not work. Again, in contradiction, here in the United States the findings of the investigators showed no necessity of cutting a new stick or using a different kind of wood. We found that rest time was all that was required for renewed dowsing ability. Because of the history of the rod being used in warfare, the Soviets were said to be experimenting with it for that purpose.

It should not be inferred from these Soviet reports that they found their experiments conclusive. It is quite noticeable that their reports cautiously indicated only "significant" results. This caution and indefinite conclusions is present in all Soviet reports. They did coin several new words and terms. They renamed dowsing the "Biophysical Method".

Ostrander and Schroeder, in their 1970 publication *Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain* said that this new name for dowsing was to "conceal its magical origins".\* These authors, in their chapter on " 'Wizard Rod' to 'BPE' " were so enthusiastic about this department of Soviet science that it seemed logical to conclude we had surely reached the 'new frontier of science'.

\*This reference is an illustration of a certain weakness in dowsing literature. Authors are obviously careless, using incorrect dates, incorrect names, and as in this case incorrect terms. Tom Williamson, geologist, reported on this same Soviet research in *NEW SCIENTIST* magazine of February 8, 1979, No. 81. He quoted from Soviet sources and journal including *Geologiya Rudnykh Mestorozhdenii*, and definitely interprets the Russian coined term for dowsing as Biophysical Method or BPM. BPE is Biophysical Effects-- the term they coined for the dowsing force field. Ostrander and Schroeder used the wrong term.

Yet seven years later, Francis Hitching in *Pendulum* devoted one scathing paragraph on pages 95 and 96 to what appears to be the unwarranted happy conclusion of Ostrander and Schroeder. They had compiled what he termed "largely unrelated findings" in an attempt to bring these things "within the area of respectable science". Hitching adds that from the point of view of seven years later, it is not at all clear that the Soviet scientists are offering any new solutions to the basic difficulties of determining what happens when a person dowses.\* In fact we feel that the entire chapter (*Dowsing Versus Science*) would be an excellent cathartic for the dowser with a closed mind.

It is recorded in the story of mining in Cornwall, England, that the only wood that would work for a dowsing rod was that of the witch hazel tree. The early experience of the Soviets taught them that the rod had to come only from a shade tree, but that when the dowser lost his sensitivity, the rod had to be replaced by one from a witch hazel tree, a willow, or a peach. Present dowsing practice contradicts this sensitivity completely. It is well known now that anything will work. Verne L. Cameron in *Aquavideo* lists an unbelievable number of materials from grass stems to plastics and metals. He also states that no device is necessary.\*\*

\*We continue to use *PSYCHIC DISCOVERIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN* as reference material since the integrity of its material is not in question. Only the author's use and conclusions drawn are questionable.

\*\*Verne L. Cameron, *AQUA VIDEO*, edited and prepared by Bill Cox, Life Understanding Foundation, P.O. Box 30305, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

In the early Soviet experiments they reported that although leather had not proven to be shielding, the wearing of leather gloves, even kid, shielded the contact.\* We remembered this when watching and interviewing an internationally known dowsing expert. When requested to try gloves to dowse he assured us it would not work. He finally acquiesced, and to his astonishment the heavy leather workman's gloves made no difference. He then tried plastic gloves with the same result.

\*Ostrander and Schroeder *PSYCHIC DISCOVERIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN*, p. 193.

## **The Modus Operandi of Modern Dowser Writers**

We feel that the Francis Hitching book *Pendulum: The Psi Connection* is an excellent illustration of the best in modern dowsing literature.\* It contains a staggering amount of material, history, instructions, problems, justification, fallacies, and, as we inferred, a very open discussion of dowsing versus science. By the time this point is reached in the book, and the enormous amount of technical information is digested, the hope suddenly arises that here, for once, we may find a straightforward facing of the apparent gap between the physical and the psychic aspects. With a preparatory chapter on Rhythms of the Universe, the reader is dumped into a very detailed account of Map Dowsing, done in England for the location of items in the United States. With this introduction to map dowsing, the reader anticipates some attempt to connect the phenomenon with all the past pages of explanation of magnetism.

\*Francis Hitching, *PENDULUM The PSI Connection*. William Collins Sons & Co., Ltd.. Glasgow.

The first hint of the same old ploy of slipping in the mediumistic aspects without comment, explanation or apology appeared when the author and his dowser-friend got down to work with the map and pendulum, searching for the kinds of stone emplacements as are found in England, but thought to be existing in the U.S. also. The author asked for the location of a burial chamber, and the map dowser answered, "What about this, then?" The dowser went on to say that the burial chamber was located in the neck of a river bend, that the area was all silted up, but the mound was clearly visible, the capstone was all broken and silted up, and the stones could be seen sticking up!

This was not map dowsing. It was the visual image received by a medium! This complete letdown made all of the preceding material on "The Scientific Search" a farce. This took us right back to another age

when it would be labelled sorcery. Not one paragraph of the 150 plus pages of preceding material in any way prepared the reader for this jump into the supernatural (or at least the supernormal). The following 50 pages tell of present day cases of ESP, and link it all with the ability of the Eastern Mystic, the Witch Doctor, and the Medicine man. In the last few paragraphs of the book it states that, "Dowsing may also be important in helping to overcome the widespread nervous scepticism about the occult."

Finally the conclusion: "Dowsing, perhaps because of its common association with the countryside and water, the most basic of man's needs, has remained largely free from suspicion. Yet in its own way it is no less dramatic a method of gaining access to another world, and a new understanding of the mysteries of consciousness. The world of psi, you might say, is at your finger tips."

The glib method of putting everything unknown about dowsing in "the world of psi" is an extremely poor excuse for an answer. Hitching admits this is "gaining access to another world", his Eastern mystic's world is full of entities, his Witch doctor's world is full of entities, and his Medicine man's world is full of entities, yet the possibility of the spirit entity and its power, total recall of past events, predictions of future events, giving information and visual images is not considered as a possible answer. Why is not every possibility presented? Yet this is what we get, to one extent or another in modern dowsing writings. It would appear that these writers are so desperate to link dowsing to what most people see as reality, they cannot bear to be thought of as believing in a world of unseen beings. And curiously enough, out of this fear, they have developed a new kind of 'double-talk'. In it the possibility of spirit entities is alluded to in words that will not really nail them down under scrutiny because they also allude to something else rather indefinite, but implied. It is a method that is evidently considered valuable since author after author is picking it up. The only sense that comes out of it is that either the physical has an element of the psychic, or the psychic has an element of the physical that science, so far, cannot justify.

### **The Automatic Use of the Supernatural in Dowsing**

Many persons insist on separating simple witching from the more overtly psychic elements of dowsing because this method of finding water is so valuable, and they cannot, for one reason or another, stomach the idea of the psychic. Yet these same dowsers, to one degree or another, use the psychic without hesitation or question-even to the use of "The Bishop's Rule" which we will discuss later. Aside from ascertaining the depth of the water source, the quality and the quantity, what physical, scientific law causes the selectivity factor? What causes the device to select only water when one dowses for water instead of some kind of ore? What causes the device to discover only the desired ore out of the many that will occur in the same general area?

Every move, question or word in the dowsing act bespeaks of supernormal intelligence-greater intelligence than can be credited to any phenomenon of human intellect. The hallmark of every occult experience is undependability. This is the exact trait of dowsing from simple witching to the claimed sophisticated radionics instrument, and it has been so since ancient times. Every book or pamphlet on dowsing instruction stresses the necessity to ask the device questions from the very first try. They urge the learner to keep trying until the thing suddenly does answer! Is there any difference in asking, "How deep is the water?" and, "Was this a murder?" Some dowsers vehemently deny asking questions of the device, but the unspoken question from habitual use is no less a question. Is there any basic difference in this and the use of the Ouija Board?

We watched a dowser and his unasked question. He had carefully covered an acre of ground and had gone back to the spot where his forked stick had pulled down the strongest. As he stood holding his stick out over the spot it started to nod very slowly. We exclaimed over this and started to ask the obvious

question, but we were summarily silenced by the dowser while he concentrated on the action of the stick. He was silently counting the nods. When the motion ceased he turned to us and announced the depth of the water in feet. (In another country or another time it would have been meters or fathoms.) He had not uttered a word from the time he stood over the spot and the stick began to move, except to silence our question. His question was one of long standing habit, the unspoken question to be answered once the water was located. Another dowser used a dry stick in the form of an arc. It was probably an inch in diameter. He grasped the stick at each end, and when over water it twisted in his hands. He, too, asked no question, but just stood transfixed, stick in hand, and arms stretched out over the spot while he waited quietly. After almost a minute he turned to us and told us the depth, and he was right!

### **A Few `Simple Witching' Methods**

There are so many ways to dowse it becomes confusing. The following list is incomplete, but it contains the most usually used ways, and it will give a fair idea of the world-wide diversity:

Sticks bend down.

Sticks bend up.

Sticks turn round and round.

Sticks twist in the hands.

The stick flies back and hits the witcher in the face.

The stick is torn from the grasp of the witcher and flies through the air to drop on the spot above water.

Wires cross.

Wires spread.

The wire bobs up and down.

The pendulum rotates.

The pendulum swings.

The metal band or wood stick forced into an arc (as used in Britain) slaps back against the belly of the witcher.

Hands bleed.

Feet burn.

Muscles jerk.

Objects are rubbed.

A mental image is received.

The witcher smells water over the correct spot.

Sometimes the dowsing act includes a combination of some of the above. However, once the dowser has chosen a method, or the method is thrust upon him there is never a mixup or misunderstanding on which method is his.

It will be noticed that some of the above listed methods involve no overt action on the part of the dowser (muscles jerk, hands tingle, etc.), other than the decision to go out and dowse. For some reason,

dowsing is expected to be the deliberate act of picking up a device and going out to dowse. The fact that this is not universally true gives rise to an interesting question. If these dowsers received their reactions automatically every time they walked over water, ore, something of value buried, or whatever else dowsers look for underground, would they not find it impossible to lead an orderly life, to say nothing of being given a chance to differentiate between things reacted to? In all probability they would have to be institutionalized for complete mental breakdown early in their experience! The fact is, these dowsers too, get their reaction only after making the decision to go out and dowse.

### **Dowsing by an Entity**

Verne L Cameron, the grand old man of dowsing, known all over the world for his ability, and completely generous in sharing his 'knowhow' tells in Aquavideo that his decision to dowse (he was primarily a water dowser) is nothing more than getting in touch with a spirit entity. He makes it sound like a most beneficial experience, saying that the entity will tell you things you never dreamed of. He also instructs in the use of dowsing devices for "automatic reading". This is holding the device over a printed page on which it will pick out words that, when strung together give a specific message. He says this is the same thing as map dowsing. The map dowser is a distinct embarrassment to the dowsers who wish to have dowsing accepted by science. In map dowsing, a pendulum is used over a map, or sometimes just the hands are used. They will tingle when held over the correct spot.

### **The Problem of Right and Wrong in the Use of Dowsing**

If dowsing were no more than a physical reaction of the device or the human body, as some modern investigators claim, there would be no particular need to discuss the problem of right and wrong. However, since the device will answer questions, and almost all of the instruction for beginners stress learning to ask questions and get answers, and since a large percentage of dowsers do ask questions and get answers, the question of right and wrong becomes a critical issue. In using the information, or acting on the advice of this supernormal source, the dowser automatically puts himself in the position of a subordinate whose actions are determined by someone, or something else. The well known fact that the answers given to him sometimes (generally at a critical moment) turn out to be entirely untrue could be laid to lack of communication, or simple misunderstanding except that these answers that turn out to be untrue are always positive and complete. For instance, a water dowser who is an expert with an excellent reputation will unexpectedly receive an answer of water location, water quality, quantity, direction of flow, etc., and not only is it a lie, there will not have been any water close by!

Note our anecdote (of personal knowledge) about three expert dowsers having been called in, without knowledge of each other. All three not only found the exact and same location, but all were given the message by their devices that the water would be found at the same depth. No water was found. There is no answer for this happening in the physical phenomenon theory, or the Universal mind theory, or the gift-from-God theory, or the superconscious theory—unless the superconscious is what Verne Cameron stated specifically, "a separate entity". Fact: there is an intelligence demonstrated in dowsing. Fact: this intelligence does not always tell the truth—it is amoral.

Further evidence of the amoral character of the dowsing intelligence is the fact that the dowsing power can be, and is used for immoral (harmful) purposes. Historically, the act of Aymar the dowser is incontrovertable proof. Presently, this element in dowsing is well known.

Recently in a dowsing seminar here in southern California (which we were allowed to tape record) the dowser-teacher was not concerned with dowsing for water. Healing was his subject. One of the statements he made was, "I can heal a man in Chicago from his photograph." Then he chuckled and

added, "I can also make him sick as a dog!"\* Later he told of an instance when he was in a restaurant and a woman nearby was smoking. He found this extremely annoying and he asked her politely to desist. She refused, and he said he took out his small collapsible dowsing device, which he always carried with him, and pointing it at her she became so suddenly and violently ill she rushed from the restaurant. He warned his students not to make wrong use of the rod. He told them it was up to their conscience. The most frightening conclusion one can draw from this is its danger in the hands of an evil man, and much worse, that this intelligent power source will lend itself to do evil.

\*Wayne Cook, dowser-teacher.

### **When the Dowser Fails to Give a Correct Answer, Who is to Blame?**

To return to simple witching. We would add the details of the three expert dowsers mentioned above. This happened in northern California. The property owner was overjoyed that he could use the three dowsers. It was better than insurance to be thus triple sure. He called each dowser without telling the others of his plan. They came independently of each other and located exactly the same spot. It was staked, and the well drilling rig set up carefully over the stake. All three dowsers had said that water would be found at the same depth-450 feet. How could the owner miss? At 450 feet there was only a trickle of water-an overnight trickle. The three dowsers, who by this time knew of each other, came back and redowsed. The picture of an excellent supply of water at 450 feet was still there. The hole was checked for plumb. No blasting had been done, which might have closed off the stream. The well was drilled deeper-no water. The owner finally gave up a little short of 800 feet with about one gallon per minute flow.

We checked with well drillers and pump men about the charge dowsers make of wells drilled off center so that they miss the stream. They scoffed at the idea. They said that this was the standard alibi when a dowsed well turned out badly. They explained that one of the main concerns of the well driller is that this does not happen—for his own protection. Most well drillers here use an eight inch bit or smaller, except for the very deep wells, and an off-plumb hole can easily lose the driller his very expensive bit by binding. Also, the installation of certain kinds of pumps would be impossible in an off-plumb hole. The driller sets up his rig as carefully as a surveyor sets up his instrument. We have watched it. It must be firmly level in all directions. Then when the drilling starts, they watch every second of operation.

They added that if a bit is started off center and it is not corrected it may be off several feet in a hundred feet of depth depending on the rock formation penetrated. They watch and handle the feed carefully. We asked them about the dowser's charge that a stream is often missed because the driller is careless in setting up over the dowsed spot. One well driller who hated the sight of a dowser because of the financial ruin their dry holes caused his clients, exploded at the question. Omitting the expletives, his explanation was that when a driller goes on the property and sees a stake marking the spot to drill, he immediately asks if it is a dowser's stake. If it is, he demands that the owner witness his careful setup directly over the stake.

When asked about the stream being in a vertical fracture, rendering a miss easy if not probable, he said that few streams were that narrow, and if it were a vertical fracture the bit would discover it, often long before it widened enough to contain water. The modern dowsing instruction books tell the beginner to watch for the first signs of action in the device which tells of the approach to the main body of water. A dowser we watched explained this as the edge of the stream, and he continued from that point to the deepest water flow. In this case the stream was about twelve feet wide, tapering to nothing at the edges and quite deep in the center and 85 feet deep into bluish granite.

Finally, although it would be extremely difficult to prove either the claim of the dowser that the well driller's carelessness caused the failure in finding water, or the well driller's claim that the dowser's device lied, there is one instance that is conclusive. This same dowsing failure is seen in the hand dug well. Although there is danger of closing off a stream by blasting in a particular type of underground formation, there are many wells that are hand dug with no blasting. When dowsing predicts a generous stream at a certain depth, and that depth, and greater, is reached without any hint of a stream of water, there is no doubt that the dowsing device did not show accuracy.

### **By What Standard Shall Dowsing be Judged?**

Dowsing cannot be judged by any scientific standard of conventional science. The only rule of judgment then, must be excellence of performance. However, the general public has been seriously misled in, not only the stories about dowsing, but in the success rate and performance of the 'good' dowsers. This has come from the ridicule by government circulars and reports, and from other writers who either parroted this source or have done no actual investigation before going into print. It is evident from even a casual perusal, that writers of government circulars approached the subject from the preconceived opinion that dowsing was either superstition or deception.

Only recently has the communications media classed dowsing with the other "ancient mysteries" that are enchanting the viewing and reading audience. The dowsing community is aware of the 'bad press' of their members who cannot perform, do not have the good sense to stay out of the public eye, and generally give dowsing a bad name. There seems to be some disagreement as to what makes a good dowser. Some writers state positively that practice makes for perfection, while others give the impression that it is an innate, and maybe an inherited ability. We do not believe that it can be judged by any other means than an examination of the experts. We do not accept learners and the inept as a valid part of the picture. Therefore, our view of dowsing is through inquiry about those of known ability.

### **The Bishop's Rule**

The picture of modern dowsing would certainly be incomplete without a look at the Bishop's Rule. We told of its beginnings in the History of Dowsing chapter, and it is important today because it is the hook upon which many modern dowsers wish to hang their "scientific dowsing" classification. It is often known as the "the triangulation method" of ascertaining water depth. It is felt that it is a physical fact and therefore acceptable. What they do not take into consideration are other facts:

1. Not all dowsers find this reaction.
2. This reaction only occurs when the dowser asks for it.

However, it is not quite as simple as it sounds. From what we are told about it, we would assume that any dowser can learn to use it. However, those who do not use it do not automatically receive that reaction when walking over the ground. Those who do use it have made a conscious decision to do so at the outset, after which it will come automatically if the dowser never varies the sequence of his dowsing actions. The dowser often, literally, asks for it, or states his intention of ascertaining the depth.

A vivid illustration of this method was seen in the television program "In Search Of" shown at least twice in 1979. The subject, of course, was dowsing and one of the scenes was the dowsing of a well-gone-dry "high on the Yorkshire moors" of England. The dowser was a senior lecturer in electronics at a university, and the then President of the British Society of Dowsers, Doctor Arthur Bailey. He found that the stream was still there, but at a lower depth. The description of his entire dowsing operation must be given to understand the quite obvious nonscientific aspects of his 'triangulation method' of ascertaining stream depth.

Dr. Bailey used ell shaped wires held as one would a pistol in each hand. The wires appeared to have handles, probably to reduce dowser interference with their action. As he walked over the area near the old well, his wires suddenly crossed decisively and he remarked that the stream was still there. As he stepped back, the wires straightened out again and he announced he would ascertain the direction of flow of the stream. This time as he came to the same spot where the wires had snapped across each other, they both snapped to the right, indicating, he said, the direction of flow. Then as he announced his intention to determine the depth of the stream, the wires straightened again and he walked forward until they crossed. The measurement from this point back to the location of the stream, he said, would be the depth dimension.

This, to the skeptic, could have been rather obvious trickery except for one clearly seen fact. The wires moved in a manner impossible to mimic by manipulation. By tipping the handles, the doctor could have made the wires move exactly as they did except the way they moved. They moved suddenly and stopped suddenly, exactly as if someone had taken them in the fingers and moved them precisely to a spot and then held them stationary. Although it was not remarked upon, it was there for all to see. It was also not remarked upon that the wires changed movement at the decision of the dowser, and the stream depth reaction did not occur when he made his first pass—only after he made the decision to 'triangulate'. If it was a physical act, why did the wires cross the first pass, and snap to the right the second time—over the same spot? It could not have been mind control because the doctor did not know the direction of the stream until the wires showed him.

### **Shielding with Blue Tape**

The dowser has long maintained that "water veins" give off "emanations" that are harmful to man and beast in one way or another (see 'Ley Lines' in this chapter). They also claim that "lines of force" from such modern installations as electrical substations, radio station grounding systems, high tension lines, etc. travel long distances aboveground in streams, conduits, fences, railroad tracks, etc. as well as in water and mineral veins. A dowser in Maine became interested in the high incidence of auto accidents at certain spots in the Maine highway system. He dowsed one intersection having a particularly high accident rate and found an under ground stream which he followed to an electrical substation where he ascertained very high leakage currents. Another dowser found the same situation in the Ohio highways. Choosing an intersection where there was a high incidence of auto accidents, he tried to apply the idea of the dowser's treatment of bedrooms located over a water vein and where the room occupant were adversely affected. They use blue tape to encircle the room or the bed to "shield it from the noxious rays". Being unable to shield an intersection with blue tape, he tried doing so on an auto, and dowsed it while it traversed the intersection. He claimed that the auto was shielded from the "rays". Believing in map dowsing, he tried encircling the highway spot on the road map with the blue tape. In the following six months there was not a single accident at this intersection.\*

\* L.F. Willard, WHEN WATER WITCHES GET TOGETHER, article in Yankee Magazine, September, 1979.

This was late in 1978. We wonder whatever came of this piece of map dowsing.

### **Another Book, Another Viewpoint**

We have an interesting book, now out of print, written by Emmett Culligan on water. The name Culligan is a household word here in southern California because of the widely used Culligan water softening service. This book covers such subjects as water resources, water and health, water and livestock, and dowsing.\* There is no doubt from the dedication of the book to Father M. Raphael Stafford, and a preface by Monsignor Luigi Gino Ligutti, and Culligan's own positive declaration, that he was a very religious man. He was also a brave man, for he titled his chapter on dowsing, "Water Dowsing

Explained." He admits that prior to this, dowsing was unexplained, he regrets that dowsers are held in ill repute, and he predicts that when the dowsing rod is correctly explained it will be in as great demand as the Geiger counter or the compass. He states positively that he does not believe the explanation will show it to be in the realm of geological science, but rather a matter of engineering.

\* Emmett Culligan, EMMETT CULLIGAN ON WATER, Crestline Book Co., San Bernardino, Calif.

No doubt it is unfair to attempt to coalesce Mr. Culligan's explanation into two sentences, but for the sake of brevity; he feels that the charge of positive electricity moving rapidly through the end of the dowsing rod is drawn powerfully into the negative electricity flowing from the sun to the earth in the moist air. These two energies meet over an underground water body, the circuit is closed, and remains closed until the dowsing device is removed. He does not mention how the dowser ascertains the depth, quality, quantity, and direction of flow, et cetera.

He adds that proof of his theory is that by shielding the dowser with a rubber mat, the flow of energy will be cut off. He also tells of the Russian experimentation, but he does not mention that the Soviets found rubber to be ineffective as shielding. He states positively that there are no devils or witchcraft involved in dowsing. The dowser is using the same "atmospheric energy" used by radio and television.

He also states that there is nothing divine involved other than an unexplained law of the father of all natural laws. He ends the chapter by accusing those trying to solve the "population explosion" as committing heresy against the providence of God, and that the idea that God cannot supply adequate food and water for the people "He places" on earth is nothing less than atheistic propaganda.

### **Talk to Your Stick!**

We have mentioned before that modern dowsers are taught to talk to the device. Time Magazine of October 9, 1978 reported on the eighteenth annual convention of the American Society of Dowsers at Danville, Vermont. The report starts with a description of a dowser at work. Describing the dowser talking to his stick as almost an incantation, it quotes, "Please indicate a vein of good drinking water. It should flow at a rate of at least five gallons per minute, and should not be more than twenty feet deep." We wonder, with this Ouija Board-like approach, how dowsers can ever hope to enter the halls of science.

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The report goes on to quote an electrical engineer, "Dowsing for water is only the bottom rung of the ladder. Now these powers are used for everything from determining what foods to eat to finding lost objects and people." Another man stated flatly that he was not interested in "all this psychic stuff". A dowsing convention book-stall is probably an adequate measure of the dowser's interests and beliefs. This report states that "piles of books on the occult are offered for sale, from the works of Edgar Cayce to studies of UFOs and the Bermuda Triangle." Among the "tools" for dowsers, the report noticed, there were the "miraculous electronic black boxes (price \$65) that purportedly `discharge toxic vibrations from your mind, emotions and etheric body'." Once the term "black boxes" appears, a whole new element of dowsing is introduced into the picture. This we will describe in detail in the section on "Dowsing the Animate"—all living things.

### **Loss of Dowsing Ability**

Anything that causes the dowser to question the act, or to lose "faith" in it, immediately renders him incapable of performing. He can get no answers from his device, or method. We witnessed such a circumstance. An expert dowser was in great demand, and was doing an important job of water witching

when we appeared on the scene to interview him. He was curious about our interest in dowsing and about the psychic aspects, of which he seemed to be entirely ignorant. He called us the next day to tell us he had become perturbed about the sorcery aspect of the act, and when he had returned to his day's dowsing, he found that his ability had left him. We have found repeatedly that a mental 'set' or faith is an absolute necessity to successful dowsing.

Another case of loss of ability seemed to be traced to an acceptance of Christian belief. We wrote to a doctor whom we had known here as an accomplished dowser. He had moved out of state and we had not heard from him for about three years. He seemed surprised at our inquiry, and he stated that he had lost his ability to dowse when he had been converted to Christianity and had become a "born-again-Christian". This puzzled him until one day as he was reading his Bible, he ran across the biblical proscription against divination. He concluded that he had been saved from serious trouble.

### **The Physical Part of the Dowsing Act**

Now that we have tried to examine the confusion that exists in the beliefs surrounding dowsing, the time has come to attempt to sort out the truths and untruths of one specific element—the physical aspect of dowsing. It must be apparent by now that there are four types of dowsing:

1. Terrestrial dowsing.
2. Dowsing of inanimate objects.
3. Dowsing the animate or living.
4. Information dowsing.

It must also be apparent that the dowsing world refers to four different power sources; however they only discuss three. The fourth is dismissed with a farfetched theory or two, and dropped.

### **Terrestrial Dowsing**

The general agreement seems to be that the dowsing power source or force field in terrestrial dowsing, is "emanations". In the fifteenth century it was "corpuscles". Then the theory of vital energy in everything began to form and the descriptive words were, "Od", "siderism", "dynamic activity", and "orgone". Finally in the twentieth century, the idea that there was a specific terrestrial energy was formed with the measuring of terrestrial magnetism. There were variations of the explanation that the green cut forked stick was pulled downward over water because of the "attraction of green things to water", or an intensification of the magnetism over water. There was difficulty with this theory because the forked stick also found ores and other things. However, there was difficulty in any of the ideas to date because terrestrial magnetism is "an incredibly weak" force and anything would work as a dowsing device—even a non-conductor. And finally it was noted that no device was necessary!

### **The Ley Line**

Along with the ongoing argument over the terrestrial dowsing force, dowsers were beginning to find other interesting 'facts', (dowser findings, not recognized by the scientific community). The 'force' emanating from underground was exceptionally strong over the entire width of a "water vein", and if there were veins intersecting, the force seemed greatly intensified. This led to the discovery of something that had been suspected for many years and had been labeled 'an old wives' tale'. Houses known as "cancer houses" were located directly over these vein crossings. Obviously, a cancer house was one in which there was a phenomenally repeated incidence of cancer deaths. The medical world scoffed. However, there were a few logical minded individuals who began to gather statistics. One of the

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first was Gustav Freiherr von Pohl who, in 1929, documented a survey of the entire town of Vilsbiburg, Bavaria (8,300 inhabitants), and located the houses over discovered water veins and those only partially over a vein. Then he tabulated the 'cancer houses'. In the face of ridicule from the medical world, von Pohl chose another town in Bavaria—one with the lowest incidence of cancer. He located the cancer houses there and resurveyed in 18 months to find ten more cancer deaths in these same houses.

In 1964 a French physician, Dr. J. Picard started to keep records of what appeared to be cancer houses in Moulins. Each of the 282 cancer deaths recorded had occurred in houses directly over dowsing-located water veins or some unidentifiable underground anomaly. The attitude of the scientific world had been reflected in a short article in Science magazine of May 5, 1933, telling of the work of two French statisticians. They surveyed the city of Lyon—23,258 houses. The time period was 20 years. Omitting the few houses that had exceptionally high incidence of cancer deaths, they compared the cancer death rate to the birth and marriage rate there for the same period of time and found that generally, the distribution of all three "phenomena" were about equal. So, Dr. Picard was afraid to make his findings known.

In the 1970s Dr. Joseph Kopp, a consulting geologist and dowser in Switzerland, made an astonishing discovery when he was dowsing a water vein in Grabs, in the Sankt Gallen Canton. He noted that the vein ran directly under a new barn. The barn was empty. On inquiry he found that the owner of the barn had had so many of his animals fall ill, he had abandoned it. This led Kopp to a survey of 130 barns in which animals confined for long periods of time had developed illnesses running from severe rheumatism of the joints to repeated miscarriages, sickly calves, and uterine deterioration. He discovered one or more water veins running under every one of these barns.

In England, this phenomenon has been known since ancient times. These veins, generally containing water, have been known to be generally harmful to man and beast. They run in straight lines across the countryside, and they are known as "ley lines". However, there are spots along these lines of "noxious emanations" that have exactly the opposite effect on man and beast. These have been known for hundreds of years as "healing spots". In some cases the spot will be a spring of water, at others it will be a "menhir"—literally an upright stone—that the ancients erected. These were places of worship. Sometimes the place of worship would have an arrangement of stones. The ley lines are to be found all over the world.

When the Roman Catholic Church "Christianized" an area, the pagan gods and worship customs would be absorbed, with names changed, etc. So, these healing spots were often used by the Church as the site for a church or cathedral. Chartres, Nimes and Sangres in France, and York Minster, Carlisle, and Glastonbury in England were cathedrals built directly over healing springs. Many country churches in England have been built around a menhir or megalith (the very large upright stones). These stones will be seen in a church yard, incorporated in the wall of the church or the church yard where they are easily seen. In a church in Arrichinaga, Spain there are two enormous upright stones in the church.

Two interesting phenomena are noticeable at these ley lines. There is intense UFO activity over them, and noticeable supernatural manifestations. The old churches of England are noted for their 'ghosts'. Psychics and dowsers agree that there is some sort of electrical charge to be felt on touching some of the menhirs. If the contact is maintained for several minutes, the person begins to lose the sense of reality, the stone "feels" as if it were moving, and the person is almost overcome by an urge to dance. (A part of the ancient worship at these stones is said to be a dance.) On the other hand, the average person can touch the stones without reaction. Some of the undamaged menhirs were tested with a Gauss meter and it was found that the charge "spiralled" up the stone and was not always the same intensity. It was said to "wane" and then come back several days later spiralling in the opposite direction. The

bands of the spiral measured ten times stronger than other places on the stone. Whether this first testing has ever been verified by repeat testing is not known.

The truly scientific examination of the ley lines began early in the 1930s in France. It had to do with cancer deaths. The instrument used was the electroscope, an instrument to check ionization intensity in the air. An engineer, Pierre Cody was the investigator. His method was to set up his electroscope in a basement or lower floor directly below the point of the cancer in the patient confined to bed. His Elster and Geitel electrometer showed a reading of as much as ten times the concentration of air ions above normal. This he did in more than 7000 cancer houses. He discovered from the placement of the instrument in different places, and reading it five times a day, repeatedly for more than a year, that a band of radiation exactly the width of the dowser-located water vein rose vertically and undiffused. To further check the radioactivity, he placed lead sheets under the instrument, and found that the time for instrument discharge rose from seven seconds to forty-nine minutes. He left the lead sheets in place for more than a month, and found at the end of that time that the normal grey color of the lead had changed to a peacock blue and a canary yellow at the point of greatest intensity. The condition of the patient above had also changed. He wrote a book on his findings, *Experimental Study of Air Ionization by Certain Radioactivity in the Soil and Its Influence on Human Health*. He listed three interesting findings in 491 cases:

1. When lead sheets were placed under a patient, there would be an increase of pain for the first several weeks, then a definite improvement.
2. The lead sheets had to be renewed. If this was done often enough, the patient either improved markedly or recovered completely.
3. If the sheet was not renewed, the patient became suddenly worse after several months had passed.

A Swiss nuclear physicist, Angelo Comunetti became interested in Cody's findings. Using a dowsing device, he checked this radiation in a multistoried building over a known water vein. The building was concrete with heavily reinforced concrete floors. He found the radiation to exist the width of the vein and sixty feet above ground through three concrete floors.

For almost fifteen years, these men and others who had joined the investigations begged the medical world to note their findings on cancer houses. They were either ignored or ridiculed. Then in 1955 several men began to find evidence of increased gamma radiation over earth fractures and water veins. This they did with the Geiger counter.

By 1973, Jacob Stangle, a German engineer, had built a scintillation counter that by amplifying millions of times the sensed gamma radiation from deep within the earth, would record the finding on a 'strip chart'. This gave a picture of the variations from normal. Suddenly what the dowsers had found became a scientific fact. Any anomaly such as an earth fracture, an oil pool, or a vein of underground water could be "seen" by its variation from the normal gamma radiation, spread and concentration.

Unknown to Stangle, another German-born engineer, Dr. Armin Bickel, retired from research at the NASA Western Missile Test Range in Lompoc California, was working on a scintillation counter more sophisticated than Stangel's. Bickel's instrument was small enough to be carried on his person and had an 1800 transistor computer built into it. (Stangel's instrument was wheeled along the ground) Bickel claims to be able to pinpoint accurately oil, mineral and water locations as well as tell the depth, width, and length of mineral deposits to 1000 feet deep and oil bearing strata as deep as 10,000 feet. This is what his instrument was invented for. He told us that his instrument was not a dowsing instrument, and that he had no secrets about it. He sent us a printed booklet he had had made up which gave a complete description of the instrument and the mathematics justifying it.

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These instruments revealed two interesting bits of information on gamma radiation. While the radiation from an earth fracture or a water vein is intensified and is as the electrometer found, in a band the width of the anomaly, oil deflects gamma radiation. So the oil bearing stratum is outlined by the intensified gamma radiation deflected to the edges of the pool.

Stangle was requested to check von Pohl's and Dr. Picard's claims of water veins under cancer houses and he found them all correct He referred to these areas a "pathenogenic stimulation zones".

Since dowsers have hailed the scintillation counter as the breakthrough to scientific or "machine dowsing" it might be worthwhile to consider a comparison.

The instruments identify and locate geological fractures. So do dowsers.

The instruments identify and locate water veins. So do dowsers.

The instruments identify radiation from both of these as intense and perpendicular to the earth's surface. So do dowsers.

The instruments pinpoint the depth of water, oil and minerals. So do the dowsers, by asking the device for it.

The instruments indicated the quantity of water, oil and minerals. So do the dowsers, by asking the device for it.

The instruments differentiate between water, oil and minerals. So do the dowsers, the device reacts to their decision or desire.

The instrument cannot locate water, oil and minerals from a great horizontal distance. The dowsers do, by map dowsing.

The instruments cannot determine the quality of water, oil and minerals. The dowsers do, by asking the device questions.

We point out that dowsing devices (wood, metal, plastic, etc.), or even the human body, are impossible to fit into the terrestrial dowsing situation. If it were conceivable that by some means the dowser and/or his device could be sensitive to gamma radiation (when the non-dowser is not), the fact that this happens only at the time the dowser decides to dowse rules out any physical aspect. The fact that the dowsing device reacts forcefully (forked stick pulls down forcibly, the wires cross with a snap, the metal band held in an arc slaps back against the belly of the dowser, or the wand slaps back into the witcher's face) is just not explained by gamma ray emanations. It would seem idiotic to discuss it except that dowsers refuse to consider facts that interfere with their belief. For instance, we talked to a dowser who was delighted to learn that there was a strong radiation from water veins. He stated that undoubtedly this was the cause of the pull-down of his forked stick. We asked him about the incredibly weak gamma radiation readings from an oil deposit that the scintillation counter can ascertain but must magnify millions of times to make it discernable at the surface. This he would not discuss. Nor was he the least interested in inquiring about the physical properties of gamma radiation.

There are physicists who are following such a different line of reasoning about terrestrial dowsing that it is evident they have paid no attention to the gamma radiation findings. They have theorized that the variations in terrestrial magnetism caused by underground anomalies, form a chaotic, if weak, force field in which we are immersed. The dowser merely sorts out the correct "signal" to find what he wishes. The explaining of this is fascinating. It must be noted at the start that all of the unexplained items in their theory are thrown into a bag called "mental programming"! For instance, they make no explanation about how the mind of the dowser knows the difference in the magnetism variations, and what each

difference identifies (the many different ores, water, oil, etc.). It is thrown into Mental Programming. Map and remote dowsing are also included in Mental Programming.

Obviously the picking up of these signals must be done by a sensor, and the sorting out of the correct one desired must be done by a processing center. Since the sensor must fit the scientific frame of reference of these physicists, the dowsing device had to be abandoned, for it presented impossible problems. The fact of the many and varied styles and types of devices and the many different ways they react proved too great a barrier. So, they concluded, the dowser himself must be the sensor. Meticulous and imaginative experimentation ascertained that the adrenal glands and the pituitary glands must be the sensors. From this, they conjectured that there must be a processing center in the brain—which they proceeded to state as fact. However, there was the embarrassing device action to explain. They have stated as fact, that for the processing center to telegraph to the conscious mind the correctness of the find, the muscles of the dowser's arms are caused to "twitch" producing a movement in the dowsing device. This completely ignored the force of the dowsing rod, forked stick, or whatever, that once started in its movement cannot be controlled or stopped by the dowser. This is the witness of every experienced dowser. They describe it in such terms as, "almost frightening", "challenging", "exciting", and "my greatest experience".

Dr. Bruce Copen of Sussex, England, in the introduction to his book *Dowsing For You*\* describes this vividly, "But what does the dowsing rod do? It moves up, down, or stays immobile according to the conditions at the time; it is held under tension in the hands—but one thing is very certain, that once the rod decides to move-it moves and nothing can stop it! Unlike the pendulum which can be stopped by thought alone. Strong men have tried all kinds of gadgets to retard the movement of the dowsing rod without avail, the best one can describe the movement of the rod is that the movement, being very sudden, is like a mysterious hand which grasps the end of the rod and either moves it up or down, even at times when one is practicing on something that is known to be present the shock of the movement is so sudden that one wonders where the power comes from." (Emphasis his.) It can be stated no more clearly, it is an outside force that moves the rod, not the slight muscle twitch of the dowser's arms.

\* Bruce Copen, *DOWSING FOR YOU*, p. 5. Academic Publications, Sussex, England.

We watched and interviewed an internationally known dowser who, at our request used two pairs of pliers to hold his forked stick. The pull downward by some external force was so great it stripped the bark off the stick held in the pliers. We tried to pull the stick up from its downward position and found it necessary to exert what we estimated to be more than a ten pound pull. How could a physicist ignore such a fact?

Returning to the comparison of the scintillation counter and the dowser, it should be noted that three of the eight dowsing actions listed are dependent on a non-existent relationship between gamma radiation and the dowsing device. The other five are nothing more than asking the device questions—in any language—and getting answers. The fact that water, oil, or minerals can be located at the desire of the dowser demonstrates selectivity and intelligence—nothing more. Terrestrial dowsing is a demonstrable fact, but it is not physical in terms of the reality of this planet. It has to be a reality in some unknown, or extranormal manner yet to be discovered.

### **Dowsing the Inanimate Object**

In dowsing for 'things'- inanimate objects-the scene changes drastically. (There is no more provable radiation as is found in terrestrial dowsing.) It is the theory that the dowser can tune in on the 'vibration', 'emanation', or 'signature' of an object This idea may have grown out of the proposal of Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose a famous scientist of India, that even the inanimate things have life vibrations.

This was more than seventy years ago, and now the dowsers believe inanimate objects 'broadcast' these vibrations, and that each object has its own peculiar, identifiable signature. Of course, this means we are immersed in a chaotic 'force field' of untold millions of these signatures. If it were found that this broadcasting distance were limited to the area around a person, and close by, it would seem less impossible. However, these object signatures are picked up thousands of miles away by map dowsing. The manner of recognizing the specific signature desired, or the method of singling it out is not even mentioned in this theory. It is only a partial explanation, but the dowsers seem satisfied, most probably because it is possible to dowse inanimate objects, and that is enough.

However, that the variety of dowsing devices, or that the supposed pulsations of a non-living object could pull the rod down, or that either the rod or other sensor could pick out the desired item, is simply not possible—by the physics of this planet. This dowsing has to be done by some power that overrides our physical laws.

### **Dowsing the Animate—the Living Things**

Here, suddenly we are in another world. It used to be that this was just another type of information dowsing. It is still done with all of the more common dowsing devices, particularly the pendulum. However, after the turn of the century there began to be refinements that took it out of 'common dowsing' into a far more sophisticated method. It is called Radionics. Before radionics, dowsing life was simple. Questions asked for a yes or no answer supplied the diagnosis in medicine and the answers in horticulture and animal husbandry. Healing, and such things as the destruction of plant pests was done by the healer-dowser with a pendulum or other device. When radionics was introduced, the whole picture changed. Not only the dowsing method changed, but the answers became more sophisticated. To understand it, a careful look must be taken at the different types of radionics.

First, we realize that to the reader whose chief interest is dowsing with a hand-held device, radionics may seem foreign to the whole idea of dowsing. Yet it is of such importance to an understanding of modern dowsing, we must take careful consideration of its methods and implications. First to explain the names used: Radionics is synonymous with Radiesthesia. Of course, both are coined words. Radiesthesia was coined in France in about 1919 as a word for general dowsing. It is taken from the Latin root for "radiation" and the Greek root for "perception". At the discovery of the radionics method of dowsing, it began to be used for that specifically-in the English speaking world. Radionics refers to 'rays' or 'radiation' and seems to be the favored of the two terms.

As mentioned above, this type of dowsing is done with an instrument (originally a black box with a front full of dials, hence the name "black box") or a system that gives the same answers and results as the dowsing rod, but appears to be more sophisticated and scientific. They are often intricately devised or designed to look like an electronic instrument. They were invented at about the turn of the century, which makes it important that they have scientific explanations. Without exception, these explanations are always prefaced by an attack on conventional science. This includes a demand that the unknowns of what used to be classed as the occult, must now be made a part of the "unknowns" of conventional science. If our presentation of Radionics seems to insult the intelligence of the reader who considers himself a realist, we are sorry, but we only tell it as we find it.

These instruments always perform "work" (in terms of physics), but they are not powered. They operate, so we are told, on the radiating energy from a living body—generally human. The radiation is apparently a part of what is generally known among dowsers as "THE FORCE", emanating from every animate and inanimate thing. In this type of dowsing, THE FORCE is often referred to as "neutral energy".

The radiesthetic or radionic instruments are generally thought of as diagnostic instruments, but it has been discovered that healing by them can also be effected. This means they are most often used in medicine. However, it must be added that they will "diagnose" anything. In other words, they answer questions just like the pendulum, rod, or Ouija Board.

Our value judgment of these instruments is difficult, for even though we try assiduously to relate our reactions as an onlooker only, we have been educated to think in terms of conventional science. So, at first glance, we are tempted to discredit this particular piece of dowsing explanation as plain dishonesty. However, we have found that first hand acquaintance with these people reveals only intense credulity and belief. We do find that their reasoning is understandable only if one presumes that their desire to prove scientific validity is so great that their good judgment is destroyed.

### **The Justification of Radiesthesia**

At the very beginning these people recognized that they were tapping into a power source. In dowsing, generally, this power source has many names: psychotronic energy, bio-plasmic energy, bio-physical effect, the fifth force field, and now, neutral energy. The sources of this energy are claimed to be the widely differing earth radiations, the signatures of inanimate objects, cellular radiations from the living, and UFOs. So far, none of these have been, or can be examined by any of the scientific methods. (It has been established that for a phenomenon to be considered physical, it must repeat in reaction consistently 19 times out of 20.) However, scientific respectability is always claimed for the dowsing phenomenon by association. This is clearly seen in all dowser-writer material. For instance, they refer casually to "radiology and radiesthesia"—radiology being a scientific fact, and radionics or radiesthesia being a complete unknown. Only because the two phenomena deal with energy sources, however unrelated, they are equated.

One of the acceptable mental activities of the scientific method is comparison (class likeness and analogy). However, there is a point beyond which comparison cannot be used in a rational manner. In logic it is a well know fallacy. (Fishes swim. I swim. Therefore, I am a fish.) When this fallacious comparison is made in a casual, yet authoritative manner, the uninformed reader tends to accept it without question.

Dowsing writers are clearly resentful of this nonacceptability. It is evident in J. Cecil Maby's introduction to *Co-operative Healing*. \* The book itself is a record of author Eeman's experiments with a type of this 'neutral energy', and his struggle for acceptance by the medical profession.

\* LE. Eeman, *CO-OPERATIVE HEALING, The Curative Properties of Human Radiations*. Frederick Muller Ltd. London, publisher.

The introduction, however, takes up arms against those who will not accept the inclusion of the psychic, the metaphysical or supernatural in what we know as physical science. He states it plainly,

"We strongly protest against the tendency to call psychical, metaphysical or supernatural all those subtle or ill-defined phenomena in nature that happen, at present, to lie on the fringes or outside the fully explored domain of physical science. All natural phenomena are physical, if they are real, only they may be 'etheric' and non-material in many instances."

In contrast to Maby's protest, Wilson and Weldon in *Occult Shock and Psychic Forces*\* point up the contrast in the occult and science, "Electricity, magnetism, and quantum physics were all discovered through scientific principles based on previous science, not through occult principles based on occult experiences. This is a crucial distinction. The fact that quantum physics is producing paradoxes does not give us the right to assume that it, therefore (1) scientifically validates the occult—it does not; or (2) because there are some similarities between theoretical physics and the occult, we can therefore

investigate the occult with impunity. The research purporting to connect the eastern-occult view and science (e.g. The Tao of Physics, The Dancing Wu Li Masters, Stalking the Wild Pendulum, etc.) deals more with appearance than reality. Also, some, if not many, of the 'new consciousness' scientists who support a merger of science and eastern metaphysics are themselves involved in eastern occult philosophy and practice. They are, therefore only too happy to justify their activities by molding science into conformity with their world view. The issue is how much of the purported relationship is real and how much has been contrived or unnecessarily extrapolated. More conventional scientists are so far unimpressed with data purporting to show relationship."

\*Clifford Clifford Wilson, Ph.D and John Weldon, OCCULTSHOCKAND PSYCHIC FORCES, pp. 152, 153, Master Books, P.O. Box 15666, San Diego, CA 92115.

### **Radionics Devices of All Kinds**

An examination of radionic (or radiesthetic) devices should clarify matters. They are often referred to as "little black boxes", however, they are not all little, they are not all black, and they are not all box-like. They come in many shapes and sizes, ranging from the ridiculous to the, if not sublime, at least impressively professional appearing. The one Christopher Bird describes must qualify as the most ridiculous.\*

\* Bird, THE DIVINING HAND, p. 264.

It was a small black box with a front full of dials. An American traveler brought it back from New Zealand where it was alleged to have produced "fantastic results". On opening the box it was found to contain nothing but a note saying, "Ha, ha, there's nothing in this box."

We have personal knowledge of one from San Diego, California. This one caused its designer serious trouble. Its price was \$700. These instruments were sold to fulfill several functions. The inventor claimed they would, (1) Keep gophers out of the garden, (2) clean orchard trees of pests, (3) restore trees to health, (4) revitalize garden and field soil, and finally, (5) cure the ills of man and beast. It was this last claim that got the designer into trouble. He instructed that placing the instrument under the bed was the method of healing. The authorities took a dim view of this and arrested, tried, and convicted him for practicing medicine without a license. It was found that when one of the instruments was taken apart and examined, it was full of nothing more than a "jumble of unrelated electronic parts."

### **Abrams' Black Box**

Weldon and Levitt in Psychic Healing\* describe the original black box. It "was developed by Dr. Albert Abrams, an unconventional physician. The box consisted of several variable rheostats (devices for measuring electrical currents) and a sheet of rubber mounted over a metal plate. A blood sample was placed in the box, itself connected with a metal plate attached to the forehead of a healthy person. By tapping the stomach of the healthy person and/or stroking the rubber, the 'doctor' determined the illness of the patient according to the dial readings on the apparatus."

\* John Weldon and Zola Levitt PSYCHIC HEALING, p. 55, Moody Press, Chicago.

### **The Drown Instruments**

After Dr. Abram's death, Dr. Ruth Drown in the U.S. took up his work and 'perfected' her own version of the radionics instrument.\* She designed two, the HVR (Homo Vibra Ray) and the Radio Vision Instrument. In her book she explains the techniques in detail, but not the instruments. In telling about the first, she states that the tissue of the human body "broadcasts radio-active energy" on which the HVR can tune in. This she likens to a commercial radio set tuning in on the "wave-lengths of sound energy sent out from the commercial broadcast station." Again, the scientific justification by analogy.

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The instrument in the hands of a trained operator tunes in "to the various organs, glands, and tissues of the body" to receive each patient's specific wave length. "Then, by precise tuning, the degree of variation in that wave length reception from the normal point can be determined..."

\* Ruth B. Drown, THE THEORY OF THE DROWN H.V.R. AND RADIO-VISION INSTRUMENTS, Vol. 1, Hatchard & Co., London, Out of print.

This, then, the doctor interprets. It must be added here that exactly this same tuning in, can and is being done, with the pendulum, or any other dowsing device, by asking it questions requiring either a yes or no answer. Continuing the Drown book explanation, it states positively that the energy of the body is the only force or current used by the "Drown method of diagnosis". It goes on to say that this energy is "an invisible white ray just above the white light in the spectrum...". The method of diagnosis is as follows: Metal plates are placed against the bottom of the feet of the patient, with a tin block in place, generally over the solar plexus. These, of course, are connected to the instrument. There are nine dials on the instrument that can be set to tune in on the cell vibrations from any minute area of the body chosen. These cell vibrations course out of the body into the "radio-active carrier bands about the earth", much the same as radio sound energy from broadcast stations. "This same radio-active ether penetrates the body substance and carries off the energy in wave-lengths emanating from the tissues, returning it again after encircling the earth with the speed of light (seven and three-quarter times per second)." The method of using only nine dials to tune in on the many areas and parts of the body is done by instruction from an "atlas" provided each doctor.

If these cell or energy vibrations are interpreted by the instrument as being imperfect (from disease), they are changed by the instrument with a different dial setting, to normal vibrations as they re-enter the body to effect healing.

### **The Drown Photographs of Internal Tissue**

The Radio Vision Instrument is much more interesting. To understand the basis for this diagnostic "machine" (a term they will not accept), the book explains that "Each blood cell, each cell constituent of the urine, etc. has its own mass-form, and therefore its own frequency, and can be accurately measured." In using the "Invisible Light" (LIFE FORCE), "The photographs made with the Drown Radio Vision Instrument, which 'prove' this theory, are obtained by touching either the patient or the blood with a wire.

"This acts as an aerial, and carries the patient's energy into the instrument through the rate of vibration of the part desired, and its outline is placed upon the film in a natural, normal scanning process." This is followed by the modest understatement, "Some have felt this to be uncanny."

We should make two explanations at this point. These photographs are actually photographs as we would expect from a camera. Secondly, our reference to "the book says, or states" is because the contents of the book is a collection of talks and lectures given by four people, including Ruth Drown, and yet it is published under Ruth Drown authorship.

The explanation of this "uncanny" process is typical of the repeated justifications found throughout the book. A scientific fact is mentioned (in the case of the photographs, the fact that bacteria, also, can be seen only through a microscope) and then a casual comparison is made with the radionics phenomenon. "The first is so common it has become a normal activity; the second is uncommon, therefore not yet accepted as usual."

In case this uncanny method of taking photographs of internal cells, tissue, and organs by touching a wire to a blood sample still remains questionable, the book also contains photographs for further proof. Facing page 64 is a "Radio-Vision Photograph of Duodenal Ulcer, taken from Blood Specimen." Facing

page 96 is a "Radio-Vision Photograph of a Diseased Prostate Gland Lobule, Taken from Blood Specimen...". Through this method, they claim, photographs of cellular structure are more realistic than those from dead tissue as seen under a microscope, and this is why they are not quite like the histological specimens we are used to seeing. Besides the photographs it produces, the blood sample in the instrument is claimed to give (1) a differential blood count, (2) a urinalysis, (3) the blood pressure of the patient, (4) the temperature of the patient (5) locates impinged nerves along the spine, and (6) checks the diet of the patient!

Perhaps the most uncanny fact of all is the disclosure made by Weldon and Levitt that, "... Dr. Drown has made accurate diagnoses even when she has forgotten to place blood samples in the machine."\*

\*Weldon and Levitt PSYCHIC HEALING, p. 56.

We wish to emphasize that we find no fault with the results obtained with the Ruth Drown radionics instruments, or the accuracy of the photographs taken of internal tissue. It is evident that miraculous healings have been effected by them. We have recounted this long description to illustrate the background for our conclusion that there has to be some other explanation for the instruments' "revelations" than anything approaching the scientific. We would also add the non sequitur, that from our, perhaps, ignorant onlooker's standpoint, we found the reading of Ruth Drown's book fascinating as science fiction!

Since Dr. Drown states specifically that her instruments are not the source of the diagnostic pronouncements, and since by no stretch of imagination could "vibrations" from the blood cells give such far reaching information as claimed above, the only possible conclusion must be that the blood cells themselves are intelligent. Unless, of course, the whole thing is mediumistic!

Finally, when Ruth Drown was hailed into court and she attempted to demonstrate her instrument for the court, it failed to work. This reduced her to tears. Anyone acquainted with the other types of dowsing and/or occult manifestations will recognize this immediately as the modus operandi of the phenomenon. It was another case of failure at a most critical moment in the life of another devotee. One parapsychologist and doctor of psychology stated positively that this is an illustration of the "sense of humor" of the spirit entities involved. (Heaven deliver us from such a sadistic sense of humor!)

### **Radiesthesia of a Different Sort**

In 1947, L. E. Eeman published his, aforementioned, controversial book Co-operative Healing in which he used the dowsing principle to develop a somewhat different method of healing and diagnosis than that of Abrams and Drown, but based on the same theory of The Force. Again, it was the theory that cells and tissue, broadcasting interpretable energy, could be used for the healing and diagnostic process. The introduction to his book states, "The main facts stated in this book fit the established radiesthetic framework."

In his early experiments in 1919, Eeman claimed to have located polarity points on the human body. By connecting these points by means of copper mesh and wires, he found that one connection produced tension, while another connection produced relaxation. He states, "The relaxation circuit automatically promotes relaxation of the voluntary muscles and stimulates functional activity. It fosters sleep, recovery from fatigue and disease, capacity for work and health in general. The tension circuit reverses these effects more or less. Both circuits effect not only organic but also nervous and mental health." He eventually found he could connect several people in tandem and obtain (generally) the same results in all of them.

His final experiments resulted in what he termed a type of telepathy. If one of the wire connections of a person in the relaxation circuit was broken and the wire ends inserted in a test tube containing a disease culture, the person experienced the mental impression of the disease symptoms. If a drug were substituted in the test tube, the person received the mental impression of the drug use symptoms. However it was evident neither he nor his colleague, J. Cecil Maby really understood what they were working with. Maby stated in the appendix of the book, it was, "the hypothetical energy or rays." We wonder how these "hypothetical" cellular energy rays equate with the earth radiation, both of which activate the dowsing device, and both of which answer questions.

## Nanoray

Yet another, and more up-to-date radionics instrument is the nanoray diagnostic instrument. It is 'discussed' in a booklet put out by Nanorayx titled Nanorayx Presents Pollution Reversal Systems for the World Ecology. In its 31 pages aimed at the obviously non-scientific person (judging by the pictured and written illustrations), there is a mind-numbing welter of scientific jargon not quite concealing the same resentment as the others, that their theory is not accepted by the scientific world. At the conclusion of the booklet they offer the rather pious hope, "Nanorayx is willing, is the scientific body to which this question is addressed ready to accept a 'truth' that 'electronics is the basis of all creation?'" (emphasis theirs).

The text reveals that a very learned smoke screen of electronics discussion almost disguises the claim that the Nanoray instruments takes photographs (literally) of the interior body areas from the atomic radiation of those cells. They also claim this process to be analogous to the TV and radio station broadcasts, "In a similar way the picture emulsion acts as the tuning grids of the radio, and so remains tuned to the station to which it was originally fixed as the station broadcasts, so do the emitting atomic waves radiate." The healing process of the instrument is described, "Now, to reverse these radiating waves back to the broadcaster atoms, a 'jamming project' is put into effect by using higher EMF (electromotive force) potential on the picture. The closer the subject in the picture is to the photo being treated, the more powerful the EMF of the reversing broadcaster unit potential is and the shorter time needed to "blast off the offending atoms into nothingness."

In an earlier paragraph they state, "At this stage of reasoning, a logical mind will have a fair grasp of the 'molecular biology' as it is applied to this new etiology of nanoray research." In other words, the person who cannot accept (swallow?) this verbal garbage does not have a logical mind. This is a new and, we suppose, logical use of that very old selling ploy of shaming the ignorant to silence. Is it possible that this presentation could be thought to render scientifically acceptable the process of using "a higher EMF potential on the picture" (a photograph of the diseased area!) to heal-specifically "to blast off the offending atoms into nothingness"? This is electronics? Again, we hasten to add that we do not doubt that this abracadabra does work. The question we, the onlooker, must pose is why and how? It cannot be science by the wildest flight of the imagination. In fact, it has all the earmarks of the abrogation of physical laws since it does work.

The most important claim made by every radionics speaker or writer, is that since science has determined that everything in the universe is energy, or a specific state of energy, this psychotronic energy or neutral energy is a valid and acceptable part of reality. They admit it is "paraphysical" and that it cannot be adequately perceived by the five physical senses. What they never point out is that it is anti-physical, disruptive of physics, and above all, intelligent. There is no way it can be considered a part of our universe. It has to be something external and alien. The claim that it is nothing more than an extension of the human mind is attractive only if one neglects to examine the impossibilities.

In 1976, John Wilcox, secretary of The Radionics Association in England, wrote an article, *Alternative Medicine: Radionics* published in *Nursing Times*, April 15. He explained the energy of "the cosmos" for the nonscientific reader, and stated, "Preceding physical energy and matter in the creative process is non physical energy which cannot be monitored by any kind of instrumentation and is perceptible only to a human being with powers of extrasensory perception." This statement, by itself, may be acceptable to some creationists. However, a creationist generally believes that the "creator" created within the confines of harmonious physical laws; else the creation would 'self-destruct'. The manifestation of this alien "science" is not compatible with a creation theory.

In further explanation of radionics, Wilcox admitted that the radionics instrument is "of secondary importance". He states that the operator consults the instruction book, creates a "force field", and is ready to diagnose or heal. "Then, using a pendulum or a stick pad, he proceeds to *pose a series of mental questions, and according to the answers registered by the pendulum (or stick pad), he forms conclusions* about the ultimate cause of the patients' trouble." (emphasis ours) It would appear that the "instrument" is only window dressing! The 'stick pad' referred to is described as a metal plate over which is stretched a thin layer of latex rubber. When the layer of rubber is "stroked", and the rubber "sticks" to the metal, a "yes" answer is indicated. If the rubber slips free on the metal, the answer is "no" or "no answer". This is excellent dowsing practice and goes back into antiquity. On page 265 of Bird's book *The Divining Hand* there is a photograph of a Zande witch doctor using an "iwa". The iwa has the appearance of a miniature three-legged stool about four inches in diameter, with one leg curved outward so that the witch doctor can hold it firmly on the ground with his toes. Sitting before it, the witch doctor rubs the iwa with a flat piece of wood. If the two pieces of wood "stick", the answer is "yes"! The caption states "...may be one of the world's earliest 'radionics boxes'." Were Abrams, Drown, and all their followers nothing more than witch doctors?

There is a curious reference to radionics in the writing of Vera Stanley Alder. In her book, *The Fifth Dimension*,\* in which she gives a blueprint of the new Age philosophy predating David Spangler by many years, she introduces her comments on the claims of Ruth Drown, and the significance of her methods in the coming Fifth Dimension (New Age) by stating that in this Fifth Dimension, scientists will be 'guided' by "occultists, mystics, and mediums" who will be known as "mind scientists". Now, someone has finally said it! In book after book of modern dowsing this aspect of the New Age intentions has been ignored, soft pedaled, double talked, and covered up. This is of particular significance, since the New Age is no longer a "kooky fringe group", but a world-wide, fast growing and powerful organization. We will examine this further in the chapter on 'Perspective'.

\* Vera Stanley Alder, *THE FIFTH DIMENSION*, p. 134. 1940, Wiser, New York, publisher.

### **Information Dowsing**

The mystery of information dowsing has been covered up in modern dowsing writings by alluding to its power source as "mind control", "psi", "Universal Mind", "latent mental ability", etc. However, it is agreed upon by all, that it is the tapping of a superior intelligence. That this intelligence is far superior to anything heretofore dreamed of in human mentality, must be admitted. It is frightening to find it also lying, contradictory, undependable, and often harmful.

Information dowsing includes remote dowsing, map dowsing, medical dowsing and every other kind in which questions are asked. It seems evident from a careful examination of the other three types, in which it is impossible to find scientific validity, that all dowsing is information-seeking except that kind causing an effect on something or someone. If terrestrial dowsing is non-physical, in terms of this planet's physics, then it is purely information dowsing. An exception would be the effort of the dowser to cause an effect such as their claim of being able to "move" the placement of an underground stream.

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If dowsing the inanimate is physically impossible, considering the factors of reception, interpretation, distance, etc., then it, too, is information dowsing. If dowsing the animate is a scientific hoax as it is presented, then it must be information dowsing except when it is used to cause something to happen. Then, if information dowsing can be made to fit what is accepted as reality, it must exhibit recognizable consistency. It does not! As we have related, there are dowzers who are aware of a spirit entity who answers the questions and does their bidding. There are many explanations of information dowsing, none of them consistent.

As an ending to this chapter, we would like to look at the dilemma of modern, scientific man, ignorant of the complexities of this alien intrusion into our physics, and yet trying to correlate the two. It is illustrated in a lecture at an annual meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science in 1970. The lecturer was Robert Wood, then, Deputy Director of Research and Development in Advanced Systems and Technology of McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company in Huntington Beach, California. The lecture was *Giant Discoveries of Future Science*.<sup>\*</sup> Although it was a delightfully (and perhaps carefully) tongue-in-cheek look at the haunted world of the unexplained, it was definitely a serious attempt to warn scientists of what is on the horizon. Among such possible giant discoveries of the future as: extraterrestrial intelligent life, the origin of life, cosmic and planetary evolution, and united physical theory, he listed the confirmation and basis of ESP.

<sup>\*</sup> A reprint from Vol. 21 No. 4, 1970, VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF SCIENCE Official publication of the Virginia Academy of Science.

(He discussed all of these as paradigms—accepted scientific achievements that provide temporary model problems and solutions).

He introduced ESP cautiously as "a possible paradigm in the making." In this category he included dowsing. He stated that he would comment on dowsing only briefly, and added that dowsing might be related to ESP, and it might be related to antigravity. He told of its positive use and success by the U.S. Marines in Viet Nam in locating enemy bunkers, and of a controlled experiment in France in which dowzers located, fairly successfully, an artificially induced perturbation in a magnetic field. He said he would like to know if such a controlled experiment as "building a little dolly and putting a divining rod on it to see how many dynes of force result when you move over an underground stream" had ever been done. We must say that Mr. Wood's merciful ignorance of dowsing elicits a most interesting picture. If everything used for dowsing devices reacted automatically to underground water—even out of the hands of the dowser—one would see pieces of plastic, twigs, wires, blades of grass, and a variety of other items endlessly writhing and jerking on the ground above a water vein. Then, if the imagination went so far as to include all the other items dowsed for, it would conjure up a picture of the insane animation of all these dowsing device materials.

He concludes, "I think that this last possible paradigm in the making is a good example of the conflicts between logic and emotion. People tend to make rather a priori decisions on the basis of emotion rather than logical analysis of the 'data'. The reason, in my opinion, is that people are much more afraid of being too gullible than they are of being too skeptical."

This is a perfect illustration of the curious dilemma in which the scientist is caught. If he is the type who has the 'nerve' to exercise his most treasured characteristic, curiosity, in the face of the rigid taboos of conservative science, he is a prime candidate for ESP. Once he makes the step of observing that dowsing, for instance, does work, he is faced with the irresistible need to find out why. At that moment he is in deep trouble, for every bit of his scientific training demands that this 'why' must be logically and physically explained. To do this, he has to break one of the most important commandments of science, that of objectivity. He cannot consider all of the observable facts and make them fit in a physical picture. He has crossed over into the emotional. Then if he has learned to dowse, himself, as most investigators

do, he has entered the world of all-out subjectivity. He is lost to his peers. This is exactly the condition of the physicists writing in scientific journals on the subject of dowsing. A perfect example is Dr. Zabož V. Harvalik, perhaps the foremost scientific investigator of dowsing in the western world. Quoting Christopher Bird again, on page 263 of *The Divining Hand* in an entire chapter devoted to Harvalik, Bird states, "During the ongoing process of his research, Harvalik himself has become so expert in remote, map, and information dowsing, the physics of which he cannot yet begin to explain..." Two paragraphs later Bird adds, "The persisting question of whether dowsing is a physical or psychic act continues to trouble Harvalik." However, one would never guess from the positive public statements made by Harvalik, that he has this reservation.

This is not a profound effort to psychoanalyze these men. It is simply what any curious onlooker will discover by observation, reading the material and asking questions. Mr. Wood sees solid evidence that dowsing works. He quite obviously feels that it will react in the predictably physical manner he is used to. It does not and it will not. If, then, he is one of those scientists who can shift gears and assume the stance of the parapsychologist who builds a theory on ifs, he can proceed. This is exactly where modern "scientific" dowsing is today.

### **Chapter III**

## **Objective Summation**

To the casual reader, dowsing appears to be performed by two apparently disparate factors—the physical and the psychic. However, a closer look reveals all the thinking within the dowsing community places both of these factors in one which they have labeled THE FORCE. This force which is both physical and intelligent is the factor that the 'scientific' dowsing community demands be included in the field of physics. They claim that the elements of THE FORCE that appear to be supernatural are, in truth, natural phenomena, and that all natural phenomena must be considered as scientific. In some writings, this is not as clearly defined as in others; however, it is always present.

To those outside the dowsing community, the thinking seldom reaches the point of such consideration because public opinion has been molded by writers who ridicule the whole idea as either fraud or superstition. The derisive, so-called "exposes" coming from pens of reporters, scientists, and writers of government leaflets illustrate one important point.

These people have written in ignorance of the evidence available to any inquiring person. In other words, either they have slanted their writing because of unknown reasons, or they have neglected to investigate impartially before going on public record.

The most often used charge is that dowsing is nothing more than the result of chance or less. This is often based on a few existing well-documented reports on "controlled" tests using many dowsers at a time to provide a statistical sampling. These tests always show a very low success incidence and the inquiry goes no further. No matter how many of these tests are made, the results will be very poor, and yet this is not a true picture of dowsing.

There are two important factors the scientists and reporters who use the scientific conclusions will not recognize. They cannot, because they are educated to think in terms of conventional science, and dowsing is outside these confines. The first important factor is that dowsing success can be seen only in individual cases rather than mass demonstrations, and there is a good reason for this. It is true in 'laboratory' investigation as well as field dowsing. Secondly, (and this factor is explanation for the first one) it is a fact that if a dowser is put under pressure with its implied threat of exposure and ridicule or censure should he fail, or if he has been "psyched" by chance or intention to question his ability, he

cannot perform. Even the most expert will fail if he loses belief in himself or questions any part of the dowsing act. He cannot dowse.

This is hard fact (perhaps one of the few to be found) and it is of utmost importance in attempting to judge dowsing by the mass dowsing method. Its arbitrary inclusion in the list of unacceptable alibis dowsers are accused of making does nothing more than create the impasse of severed communications. It renders this popular type of investigation a failure before it begins. Voigt and Hyman\* list this as one of the alibis, describing it as a claim of "unfavorable atmosphere", a circumstance of the dowser being surrounded by unbelievers who "think failure". In the Encyclopaedia Britannica Library Service report the author cites this circumstance, calls it an unacceptable alibi and on this basis gives an unfavorable report. He is 'dead wrong' and every experienced dowser knows it. It takes faith and an atmosphere of belief in the act, regardless of what is claimed as the power source. This is also true of every other act of divination. However, this is not the same as the "lie" mentioned before. It is the inability to get any reaction from the device. Whatever science, or the skeptic thinks makes no difference. It is a fact.

\* Voigt and Hyman, WATER WITCHING, University of Chicago Press.

It is also true, as we stated before, that the dowsing community is peopled with a majority who are learners, mediocre dowsers, and a few fakes, and the dowsing societies are the first to admit it and regret it. They are aware it is coloring their image, and they are endeavoring to correct it by teaching and self discipline. The minority of expert dowsers are the ones through which a true picture of dowsing emerges.

## Types of Dowsing

There are four principal types of dowsing evident in the overall picture. They are:

1. Terrestrial, or dowsing for water, oil, minerals, etc. in the earth.
2. Dowsing inanimate objects.
3. Dowsing animate objects-living things.
4. Information, or question dowsing, which may overlay any or all of the first three. According to the dowsers, these four types contact four different energy sources. This is not to say the dowsers list them, admit them or, in general, are aware of them. Nevertheless they are evident from the different descriptions provided by the dowsers. They are:
  1. Terrestrial radiation.
  2. The "signature" or radiation from every inanimate object.
  3. The "life force" emanating from every living thing.
  4. Intelligence from one of the following:
    - a. The human mind, or
    - b. Extraterrestrials, or
    - c. An entity or spirit.

It must be remembered; there is supernatural intelligence involved in every type of dowsing. Dowsers explain this in a variety of ways:

1. From a throwback to ancestral knowledge or ability.
2. From a breakthrough to that great unused portion of the human brain.

3. From the Universal Mind.
4. As a gift from God.
5. As a gift from Satan (witchcraft, etc.).

These four different power sources are thrown together and referred to as THE FORCE even though this is a physical impossibility, and a metaphysical improbability.

### **Specifics of the Four Types of Dowsing Terrestrial Dowsing**

1. There does seem to be a radiation pattern from geological anomalies.
2. The scintillation counter identifies geological anomalies by the variation from the normal gamma ray radiation from within the earth.
3. The scintillation counter identifies an oil deposit by the deflection of the gamma ray spread. However, it identifies a water vein from a band of intense gamma radiation above it and perpendicular to the earth's surface. This band is the width of the vein. This radiation was measured as ten times the normal. The band of radiation is said to extend undiminished, as much as forty or fifty feet into the air. This was termed an ionization band and was intensified further at a point where one or more other veins crossed. Shielding these points with lead increased the time needed for an electrometer to discharge from seven seconds to forty-nine minutes. However the lead sheets used, normally a gray color, changed at the exact point of intensified radiation to a bright peacock blue or a canary yellow in about thirty days' time.

\* Bird, THE DIVINING HAND, pp. 272-274

4. Medical records show an exceptionally high incidence of cancer and arthritis in people whose sleeping quarters were located over these points. Shielding or removal of the patient from the location generally caused an immediate remission of the illness. Long before the scientific identification of these points, the dowser noted them and referred to the radiation as "noxious emanations."
5. It is unexplained why certain of these points are, contradictorily, beneficial to man and beast. The animals are found to seek them out, and they have been known from ancient times as healing spots for man. (The healing springs and stone emplacements.)
6. These earth fractures or water veins have been named "ley lines" by dowsers, and it has been noted that there is intensification of UFO activity over them.

Whether or not these ley lines are intensified gamma radiation, there is some type of radiation. Dowsing cannot relate to this radiation in a scientific manner

1. The diversity of dowsing devices (conductors?). Everything from a pendulum to a plastic rod.
2. The diversity of reactions. The reaction of the device is a dowser-chosen code.
3. The device reaction is not automatic. It only reacts after the dowser has made the decision to dowse. This is also true of the dowser who used no device. His reaction also occurs only after making the decision to go out and dowse.
4. Other underground items (minerals and oil, etc.) can be dowsed for at will. The will of the dowser causes selectivity.
5. There is no intelligence characteristic in gamma radiation (or other natural physical radiation). Therefore there has to be some other explanation for terrestrial dowsing than the scientific.

## **Inanimate Object Dowsing**

1. Dowsers believe that every class of objects radiates a "vibration" peculiar to it alone. These vibrations are called "signatures". If information is desired on a specific item, a shift is made automatically to "information dowsing".

2. Some of the `scientific dowsers' believe that this radiated `signature' is a part of a chaotic field of signatures radiating from everything around us and in which we are immersed. They liken this to the field of TV and radio broadcasting. They also claim that the mind can be "programmed" to sort out a specific signature from the chaos.

This entire explanation of dowsing for the inanimate is pure speculation. The only `research' extant on this phenomenon has been to prove that the dowser can find and identify physical objects, and some of this research has been an attempt to determine how.

From the determination that dowsers can dowse, these physicists have speculated on what is the sensor, what is the processor of the received signals, and the meaning of dowsing device reactions; for all of which they have not produced the least proof or an attempt at proof. They have only issued statements. Their explanation takes no note of the other kinds of dowsing and the fact that this explanation will not fit nor answer the questions raised by them. It takes no note of the fact that in dowsing an inanimate object, the dowser can and does obtain detailed information about it-all from the `signature' broadcast. Since this type of dowsing does occur successfully, there has to be another explanation than the scientific.

## **Animate Object Dowsing (Any Living Thing)**

1. This includes:

- a. Locating any living thing.
- b. Obtaining information about any living thing.
- c. Causing an effect on any living thing.

2. The basis for the claim that every living thing can be dowsed is the fact that there is a weak energy radiation from the living cell. The dowser, however, adds an intelligence factor to this radiation. They claim that from this cellular "vibration" specific information about the tissue, the disease of the tissue, an actual photograph of the tissue or organ, the blood pressure of the body, and dietary information can be obtained. All of this information is supposedly taken from a blood sample, It must be noted that this information has also been obtained without the use of cell or blood samples.

3. This type of dowsing is done with both instrument and device. Perhaps the most simple diagnostic device is the pendulum, and the most sophisticated appearing is the radionics instrument.

4. Healing is also effected by these methods.

5. Harm to all living things can also be caused at the desire of the dowser. This factor of dowsing is either ignored or down-played in dowsing literature; however, it is taught by dowser-teachers, and the method is much simpler than voodoo. Dowsing teachers warn that this ability must not be misused, but the frightening aspect is that it is there to be used by anyone.

The very claim of what can be obtained from no more than the cellular radiation of living things removes it from the scientific or reasonable.

## Information Dowsing

1. This is simply the act of asking questions of the device. The method of answering is set up in a predetermined code selected by the dowser. The questions are asked in any of the following three methods.

a. Verbal.

b. Non-verbal (waiting for an answer that has been expected out of habit for so long that no question need be voiced).

c. Using a device to locate specific points on a map, these points being the location of an area desired by the dowser. This is most often done by pendulum dowsing, but any device delicate enough in its movements may be used. No device need be used. The bare hand tingling over the spot asked for gives the answer.

We repeat. THE FORCE contacted by dowsers is the power source dowsers claim for all dowsing. However, there is such a disparity in the specifics of the different dowsing sources claimed, it is impossible that they could be one physical source. The vibrations from living cells, as they claim, gamma radiation, and the supposed signatures from inanimate objects are the three power sources. All of them, by inference at least, possess intelligence. Information dowsing, obviously non-physical, would seem to be an embarrassment to the dowser-physicist. However, it is calmly, if tentatively classed as mental programming. Specifically, the mind is supposedly capable of being programmed: (1) to have total recall of past events, (2) to foretell future events, (3) to project itself through anything, (4) to project itself anywhere instantaneously, (5) to contain infinitely more information than it had ever been taught or heard of, and (6) advise its present possessor on all things in a manner than can be classed as no less than super human. Some dowsers attribute these six characteristics to "the God within you".

The first three types of dowsing are difficult to separate from the fourth because questions and answers are such a significant part of all of them. The water and ore dowser goes beyond the mere finding act. He dowses for a specific ore he desires. He may dowse for several different ores as he announces his choice. He may use the same device for ore and then for water. If he wants more specific information than just finding, he asks for it. The oil dowser, the diagnosing dowser, the healing dowser, the lost article dowser, the hidden item dowser, and the lost person dowser all use these same methods. It may be that information dowsing is not actually a separate type, but just a part of all the others, yet a part that can be used for such questions as asking advice, etc.

Finally, for the record we wish to list the characteristics of dowsing even though we have discussed them separately:

1. Even though the records of shielding are so positive, some investigators report that they find no shielding possible. The shielding factor is contradictory.

2. There is no such thing as a non-conductor.

3. These force fields are intelligent—universally so.

4. This intelligence is cooperative with man—up to a point.

a. It will answer questions requiring a "yes" and "no" answer, and give the typically mediumistic visual pictures to the dowser having a spirit guide.

b. It will analyze problems.

c. It will give advice.

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- d. It has total recall of the past and will give this information to man.
  - e. It will predict the future.
  - f. It will apparently heal.
  - g. it will make ill at the behest of the dowser. If it has been used to kill it would obviously never be reported.
5. These intelligent force fields are amoral.
- a. It is a historical fact.
  - b. Present day experience and warnings of dowsing authorities indicate it is still true.
6. The intelligent, amoral force field will occasionally bestow other occult powers upon the dowser whether he wills it or not.
- a. Clairvoyance.
  - b. Clairaudience.
  - c. Both pro and con dowsing literature contain case histories.
  - d. Present-day news articles tell of it.
  - e. This occurs even after simple witching only.
7. These intelligent, amoral power sources are not dependable.
- a. They do not repeat consistently so that they can be scrutinized by any scientific method.
  - b. They lie to the dowser.
  - c. This lying generally occurs at a crucial time in the dowser's career causing psychological trauma, as well as financial problems.
8. These power sources require "faith" or unwavering belief in them and what they will do. Lacking this, they will not perform.
- a. Losing that faith at any time during the dowsing experience causes an immediate cutoff in the contact.
9. These intelligent force fields are selective.
- a. They are active only at the dowser's call. If this were not so, the dowser could not live a normal life.
  - b. They will ignore everything except the specific choice of the dowser at that time.

This dissection of dowsing may have been boring to the casual reader, but it was essential in laying a sure foundation for the next chapter, which indeed, may be less subjective than might be charged by the non-Christian. The history of dowsing and an honest look at modern dowsing shows a picture with all the elements of pure madness if viewed only from a scientific standpoint. However dowsing is reality, and there must be some reasonable explanation. The two methods the parapsychologists use (mentioned above) to justify playing with dowsing and yet stay almost within the bounds of reason; we find insulting to the intelligence if there does exist another explanation that might be conclusive.

## Introduction to Chapter IV

In the following chapter we will be offering a conservative Christian viewpoint as a reasonable explanation of the obviously intelligent power source of dowsing. We will be discussing 'spirits' and spirit power. To the reader who has found it intellectually distasteful to consider a religious explanation for a phenomenon belonging more rightly in the classification of psi, we wish to make note: Non-religious writers who are examining the paranormal are reporting the undeniable occurrence of supernatural manifestations. Many present-day, level headed reporters are referring to intelligent "things" that can materialize and dematerialize into and from our reality at will. They are historical and well known. They seem to be a part of some greater manifestation of power that is just a thought above our reality.

However, these writers throw every supernatural manifestation in the same bag. They class Osiris, Vishnu, Jesus Christ, spirits, ghosts, poltergeists, Ufonauts, leprechauns, etc., as varied manifestations of the same power source. They consistently recognize the reality of the supernatural, writing whole books on the subject. They also point out that much of what we see as supernatural is harmful to mankind. In one such book, *The Eighth Tower* by John A Keel\* the author puts it in italics to emphasize, "...the majority of all supernatural manifestations are harmful or at least senseless."

We take the insanity out of supernatural manifestations by using the Bible standard of separating them into two classes-the good and the evil. We submit this as no more than a reasonable and intelligent viewpoint.

\*John A. Keel, *THE EIGHTH TOWER*, p. 19, New American Library, New York

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Which is an explanation of dowsing from the conservative Christian viewpoint, and which may be the most conclusive and reasonable of any served up so far.

It is impossible to write anything on the subject of "good and evil" and expect to reach the mind of every present-day Christian. This is because many Christians refuse to accept the idea of a literal being called Satan, that Satan was the original "tempter" in the Garden of Eden, or that there is an intelligent force of evil. So in fairness to all, we must declare ourselves so that every reader knows without doubt from which standpoint we come.

### **The Problem of Good and Evil**

We were talking to a parapsychologist recently. He is a Godless man who considers himself a hard-headed realist. We asked him if he believed in an active force of evil, thinking the question to him might be a stupid non sequitur. He surprised us with his answer. "Every person who deals with the occult knows only too well that there is an intelligent, malevolent force out there which will move in on you when you least expect it." We found that the "moving in" is something to be dreaded by anyone having such an experience. Yet some Christians, in their ignorance of reality, have taken the intellectual stance that there is no such thing.

Yes, we do recognize Satan and the active evil, and from personal experience. We refuse to be drawn into arguments as to the origin of the idea of Satan, whether Satan was or was not the serpent in the Garden of Eden, or the niceties of the role of Satan presently. We know him and what he does from personal exposure, which, even the above mentioned parapsychologist agreed was the real thing. So, in considering dowsing from a Christian viewpoint, we believe that good and evil play an important part, and are crucial to its understanding. We do not recognize the Universal Mind theory or reincarnation as

worthy of consideration simply because they are anti-biblical and anti-Christian. Also, we do not accept, in spite of the attempts of some Christians, that the idea of evolution is compatible with the story of creation. All of these points are of prime importance in a consideration of dowsing.

## **The Power Sources**

Not being able to think of any others whom we must alienate, may we get on with it. If this intelligent power source is believed to come from outer space or other worlds, it must be remembered that this idea only attempts to link science fiction and the Ufonaut to something that is not in the Bible. If there are any other inhabited worlds, and there is no denying that possibility, there is no biblical evidence that any other planet has experienced the disobedience to God's universal law as we did. In other words, there is no biblical hint that other worlds, if there are such, are 'sinful' as we are.

Since we were created full-fledged, highly intelligent beings, and disobedience was not necessary to fulfill our holy destiny, and since we have obviously deteriorated since we disobeyed, we seem to be unique in the universe. To speculate that other worlds were created any less than perfect carries the exercise too far. Therefore if there are other worlds, and if the inhabitants could visit us, they could not lie to us or harm us, both of which are elements of dowsing and the UFO phenomenon (which continually 'crops up' in the dowsing picture).

The Christian who believes in disembodied spirits (spirits of the dead) will fit one of two classifications. Either he believes that the spirit of the dead goes on to its immediate reward, or it stays somewhere in limbo (paradise?) waiting for that great day when its body will be resurrected and given back to it perfected. There is, of course, another classification of believers who believe that the dead only sleep, awaiting the resurrection. Certainly, if "the dead know not anything", they cannot come back. If they have "gone on to their just reward" they cannot be the source either.

The dowsing power source is historically, and presently amoral, so the perfected spirit could not be the source, and the spirit in hell would certainly not be allowed to come back to be a dowser's mentor. There is just no biblical justification for such a theory. This leaves the spirits in limbo; there are two facts that render this theory untenable. It is not biblically substantiated, and the abilities of the dowsing power source are positively superhuman. They include total recall of the past, the ability to foretell the future, superhuman knowledge of all things, and the power to over-ride our laws of physics. There is no reason to believe that a yet imperfect human spirit could suddenly acquire such abilities.

However, many dowsers are convinced that the power source is an entity, in fact a spirit of a dead person. One such case, of which we have personal knowledge, is that of a dowser-teacher who held a dowsing seminar in an adjoining city. He allowed us to tape record his classes, and we have those tapes. He stated flatly that several well known historical figures were his "spirit guides". This man was a sincere, humble and able dowser. He expressed his surprise to the class that he should have been singled out for the attention of these spirits. One of those he told about was the spirit of the prophet Moses.

With all due respect for this man's honesty and sincerity, the picture of the spirit of such a great figure as Moses placing itself at the beck and call of a stick waving dowser, much as if it were a genie to be brought out of a bottle at will is, to say the least, preposterous. To add to the insult by using this spirit to make a woman ill because she inconvenienced him, and to boast with a chuckle that he could use this same means to make a man in Chicago "sick as a dog" from his photograph, is so out of character as to be impossible. Yet this man is a highly intelligent person with his emotions under normal control. This was positive reality to him. The rather obvious explanation of this is that this man has been misled by

some power source that lied to him convincingly. This instance is not rare—it is commonplace in the occult scene. Who are they? What are they trying to do?

### **The Power Source Identified**

The Bible gives a most positive answer to this. The references may easily be found in both Testaments. They are described, and the inference is clear that they have been a commonplace occurrence in the life of mankind since Adam disobeyed. They are positively identified. There is clear warning that the spirits must be tested to prove their origin before having anything to do with them. The manner of testing them is made plain. The deceiving spirits are identified as evil angels—those who chose to be on the side of Lucifer who became Satan, and whose one and only intention is to deceive mankind and to lead away from the one true God. These deceiving spirit entities, benevolent, seemingly honest, sincere and wise, historically and presently lead mankind away from God by being truthful just enough to establish acceptance, and then the completely destroying lie is slipped in as innocently as if it were a continuation of the preceding truths. These lies are anti-God, every one of them.

So, there are spirit entities. There are two classes. Only one of them is amoral, lying, and hurtful. They are among us, and have been since Eden. They can materialize at will and convince us of reality that is not so. They are masters of the hoax. Eve, our first mother, and presumably the most intelligent woman ever to have lived was taken in by the first hoax lie, "... ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" without the least hint of the terrible consequences that accompanied the risk. They have been successfully hoaxing the intelligent among us ever since. According to the Bible, they were created as a higher classification of beings than man. Since their rebellion they have used this higher condition (which all of us know well) to defraud us. They fit every known need in an understanding of the occult. We submit that dowsing is an occult act, and has been known as such from ancient times.

### **The Gigantic Hoax as Seen Today**

The fact that dowsing has an undeniable physical element does not detract from an understanding of its occult aspects. There need not be any confusion over this. It is simply a fact that the physical element of the occult is not truly the physics of our planet, which it can and does over-ride. It is also a fact that the physical part of the occult is not even consistent. It seems to be used at the whim of the particular spirit or spirits confronting us at that time. It cannot be denied that there is gamma radiation from within the earth, and that there is an incredibly weak radiation from living cells, and that some inanimate objects radiate energies.

However, the picture that emerges from a close examination of dowsing reveals a twisting of facts and an adding to our physical phenomena. Sometimes there is evidence of the abrogation of our laws of physics. Again, it is the old trick of using our reality or truths just enough to bait our curiosity, and we are like moths to a flame. We cannot leave it alone. We submit that all of the occult elements of the parapsychological phenomenon are a part of a gigantic hoax to lead man away from God. They are contradictory, undependable, and will not repeat in a scientific manner.

The parapsychologist plays with them, or he demands that we restructure our physical laws to include things of the "etheric". This is also the method of the dowsing world. It has been in their literature since the turn of the century. We believe that our presentation has made this plain.

The great cry today is to stop condemning the unknown. Those who wish to withhold acceptance until identification and proof are forthcoming are ridiculed. There is an almost senseless demand that the unknowns of what used to be known as the occult world be presently included in the unknowns of the

scientific world (i.e. quantum physics). It is time we awoke to the intellectual dishonesty (or is it plain stupidity?) of this cry. We hope to present adequate clarification of this accusation.

## **The Christian Dowser**

First, consider the plight of the Christian dowser. If he, or she, is ignorant of the psychic elements he may take rod in hand and go out to find water—nothing more. He does not know that by his decision to dowse also for an ore of his choosing, his rod will oblige. He may not know that other Christian dowsers dowse for ores thinking that that also is a purely physical act. We know of Christian dowsers who have used it as a tool for their own use and to help others for almost a lifetime. It is impossible to accuse them of being occultists, yet they have been using an occult method in ignorance and innocence. This is truly innocent involvement. We wish to discuss this later.

Then there are Christian dowsers who do know, but they find the desire, or necessity, great enough to take the chance. They may never experience any inkling of occult involvement unless they become conscience stricken and desire to stop. They often confess to having prayed for protection, or they tell themselves that this must be a gift from God, suspecting all the while that it just may be something else. Not once have we ever heard one of them admit to having tested the spirits, or that they prayed for enlightenment. We have heard the dowser's smiling prayer, "If this is not from You, do not let it happen!" to show us how wrong we were in our opinion. The rod always worked perfectly after such a prayer. Against this we would present case histories of where prayer stopped the dowsing rod cold! We will also relate case histories of water wells being found by prayer alone.

We will also relate the findings of Christian counselors that tell of the effects of the dowsing experience. We will point out that involvement in the occult almost always occurs in noticeable "steps", just one at a time, with the first one so casual and innocent as to be undetectable. We are certain that dowsing is one of those first steps, and from the Christian standpoint we hope to prove it.

More often, the Christian dowser simply justifies his actions by the acts of someone else. "But Pastor X is a dowser, and he is certainly a holy man! Don't tell me it is Satanic!" We wonder if this holy man committed adultery, and it has happened, would it justify the act? Some consider it to be of so little significance in the light of what greater awful things are being done, that surely nothing will come of it. However this is entirely different from the ordinary committed mistake or sin. In this case the dowser is deliberately putting his hand in the hand of Satan for services rendered. Experience will show them as it has for many before, that just one such contact is all that is necessary for being introduced to the next step or temptation. We are not theorizing. We are dealing in hard facts.

## **The Trickery of Satan**

When once the Devil is seen in the dowsing act, the seemingly outlandish question of Satan's ability to 'do good', and man's using evil or an evil source to do good raises its ugly head. The apostle Paul wrote letters to the fledgling churches or communities in the then civilized world. In those letters he tackled the problems that faced the new and inexperienced Christians. He wrote of these two problems which evidently existed from the beginnings of Christianity. He encouraged them to take a firm stand. In a letter to the Christians in Corinth\* he spoke of false pastors (apostles) and warned the people against them saying that they deceitfully acted like true apostles. Then he went on to say that this was no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." As an angel of light, good and truth must appear to be there or men would not be deceived. If Satan were to appear and act like a monster, or the horned red devil of artist's depiction, he could never deceive a single soul.

\* Corinthians 11:13, 14. Any translation.

The trickery that entraps a Christian is something that appears so delightfully sane, true and good that the lie slipped in to entrap is swallowed with the rest. There is a real world of evil that most people never know about, would not recognize, and certainly will not accept as real. The occultist and parapsychologist know it well and avoid it at all costs. Stepping into it is physically, mentally and spiritually traumatic.

Referring again to the parapsychologist who recognized the reality of intelligent evil, he telephoned us one night in desperate trouble. He begged us to talk and keep talking to him since he needed "the reality of your voice". He told us that the occult blackness had moved into his house as punishment. He had to wait until it chose to leave to see to dial the phone. This total blackness is so feared that suicide is considered a welcome escape. It engenders a panic fear that is above anything ordinarily experienced. He confessed, what at no other time he might, that he had inadvertently been reading something in "that (expletive) Christian line!" This, he was forbidden to do. He stated it clearly, "I am not allowed to read that stuff. If I do, they move in on me."

People laugh at Martin Luther's statement that when the Devil appeared before him, he threw his inkwell at him. Those of us who have never experienced that personal confrontation are very fortunate, because it just happens to be reality. The point is, and we repeat it to drive it home, Satan is real, he is the worst enemy of mankind, and he deceives by assuming the role of goodness. He does this just enough to lull and entrap. Then, if one steps out of line, the whipping is immediate and severe.

### **The End Justifies the Means**

Paul also addressed himself to the problem of using evil to do good, so this too is nothing new. In his letter to the Christians in Rome\* he stated that the non-believer's gossip that these new Christians were doing evil that good might come of it simply was not true. He wrote that they even charged the Christians with actually saying, "Let us do evil that good might come of it." No, the text does not continue with an exhortation against the use of evil to do good. The strength of the text is that both the letter-writer and the recipients were so aware of the moral standard, there was no need to belabor the point. Paul's obvious reason for mentioning it was to voice a scathing denunciation of those so slanderous of his brethren. This obviously raises a question a non-Christian may never understand.

\* Romans 3:8

A perfect case in point is the news story about a Christian dowser who, with the financial help of his church brethren, went to the refugee camps in Cambodia early in 1980 to find water wells for the desperately thirsty refugees. There was supposed to be no underground potable water in that area. Wells had been dug to no avail. He dowsed well after well of good water. The photograph in the press of children gathered around a stream of water coming out of a hand pump, and the expression on their faces was answer enough to the question of the dowser's success.

In Grants Pass, Oregon, Paul Macomber, a staff writer for the Grants Pass Daily Courier, wrote up the story and was shocked at the letters he received from Christians who condemned the dowser for his act of sorcery to do a good deed. In the May 30 issue of the Courier, Macomber answered these charges. He retold the story and remarked on the dowsing debate that is old and will probably continue "for generations to come". He admitted to being a skeptic, but he also found it difficult to credit the Devil with success and goodness. He stated that faith has much to do with the acceptance of things not having "conventional scientific explanations" and he felt it is easy to give God the credit for those things of which we approve, and blame the Devil for the things with which we do not agree. He agreed that life would be simpler if God would supply annotations to the Bible every year or so to update it and clarify which things were "heaven sent and which are the work of the devil."

Meanwhile, he said, our guideline is to know people "by their fruits". He ended with the question of who is really to blame, the man who did the truly altruistic deed, or the people sitting in their easy chairs finding evil in things they do not understand, and passing judgment on people they do not even know.

He wrote us that his column was not aimed only at the critics of witching. He just did not believe, he said that "either God or civilization is served by hollering `evil' and pointing fingers." He only hoped for a more thoughtful dialogue. He said that on the bottom line he wondered whether it made any difference how the refugees were helped; by prayer, committed volunteers, financial aid, or democratic process, as long as God gets the glory.

We are certain, even from our limited contact with Paul Macomber, that he is an honest man and a good reporter. His editorial reply to the critical Christians seemed to be aimed at their "holier than thou" attitude, yet the overall thought of his comments summed up by, "... I really wonder how much difference it makes ... as long as God gets the glory instead of a black eye on behalf of his believers," epitomizes this problem that has always haunted Christians. The Jesuits put it more succinctly in their motto, "The End Justifies the Means". Carried to its extremes it has been a blot on the face of Christianity, yet in its less violent aspects it still poses a question of ethics a Christian must face.

There is, perhaps, no way that criticism of this dowser could be made without the critic being labeled an unfeeling, self-righteous, carping skunk, yet does the Christian have the right to use a pagan act of divination to do good? The Bible says no! and for a very good reason. It offers another means to the same end, and peculiarly Christian. It is what is called `prayer'. The idea of finding a water well by prayer would be laughable to most Christians today because it is just not done that way and it could not be done so if one wanted to. Oh yes it is being done so. The history of this way of doing the impossible goes back to the earliest Christians who were solving their problems in the name of Jesus Christ.

Our dilemma today is that we have slipped so far from those days of real faith we do exactly as accused by Paul Macomber. We sit in our easy chairs, say it can't be done, and find fault with the doers. What an unbelievable witness for Christianity finding those wells in Cambodia by prayer would have been!

### **The Only Alternative to Dowsing**

In collecting anecdotes about locating water wells by prayer, or the experiences of dowsing and prayer, we ran across one outstanding fact. Regardless of the interpretation we hear made of certain biblical promises concerning it, prayer cannot be used in the same sense one used dowsing! Success in locating water wells by prayer is recorded. Complete failure is also recorded. There are case histories of the dowsing rod being stopped cold by prayer, as well as bitter disappointment because there was no reaction from prayer. This is reality, so there must be a reason.

Since God cannot lie, does not change, and has promised answer to prayer, the answer has to be in the supplicant. This places us in the uncomfortable position of apparently standing in judgment on the Christian who has failed to receive such an answer. This we dare not do, but in justice to the Christian reader whom we might have persuaded to try prayer as an alternative, we must point out that there are facts to consider. The easiest answer is to write it all off as chance—however one wishes to do it however, this is not honesty. Some of the case histories of well-finding by prayer contain facts that make the odds against chance too great. So, if prayer does work only part of the time, why? If we have heard one story about answered prayer, we have heard three of unanswered prayer.

So, to return to the problem of using prayer. To explain this, the use of dowsing must be reconsidered. Any person, pagan, Christian, or whatever, can with faith, use dowsing to his own ends. One learns the formula and the use of that power is at his finger tips. Not so of prayer. This is not to say that the Christian who gets no affirmative answer is in reality evil—it is more complex than that. In talking to that

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very small minority of present-day Christians who do receive phenomenal answers to prayer, it is apparent that the first factor is the complete dedication of their lives to Jesus Christ. (That eliminates much of what we others accept as a normal way of life—no details necessary.)

The second factor is the daily dedication of their wills to God. ("Thy will be done" is obviously the most difficult prayer imaginable.)

The third factor is their continuing effort to ascertain God's will before making a specific prayer request. (How many of us would think of spending time in prayer to ascertain if we should purchase that piece of property in the country. We see it, we like it, we buy it!) Every anecdote of answered prayer we have run across has had one common, and seemingly important factor. The prayer was one of humble supplication. It was not a phone call to take advantage of an advertised offer. There are other elements of unanswered (or refused) prayer that we just do not understand. We only record what we have witnessed in the dowsing scene.

It does seem that successful request prayers are dependent on the kind of Christian experience that places the will of God uppermost, the sincere offer of one's self to be used by God, and the humble placement of the personal need before Him. It seems to be something like a child-to-father relationship with the attendant sensitive communication. Few of us are privileged to know this firsthand. It points up the fact that there is nothing in common with the request to occult power. We will remark on this later. First, there is the matter of locating water wells by prayer.

Following are two illustrations of the use of prayer in finding water where it was either difficult to find, or there was supposed to be none there. Note a significant difference in this prayer method and dowsing. In 1980, a sincere Christian man and wife in northern California had to have a water well to live on the country acreage they owned. They were urged to call in a dowser. They believed dowsing to be sorcery, so they would have none of it. They prayed about it repeatedly, not having the least idea of how the answer might come. Finally the day came when the driller arrived and they still had no answer, yet they still held to their belief that prayer was the right way. The driller approached them, dowsing rod in hand. They told him they did not want the property dowsed. In complete misunderstanding of their reason, he assured them there would be no charge for the dowsing. They repeated their refusal, and asked him to wait for a few minutes. They went into the house to pray one last time. When they came out again, the man pointed to a spot convenient to the kitchen and said, "Drill there." The resultant well turned out to be one of the best in the area.

Chance? Maybe, however there was one curious fact about this well. It so happened that water in this region was so difficult to find, a stream had to be located and penetrated to get any water at all!

The second anecdote is about a couple in France, Luc and Patricia Fouchard who live near La Chapelle in southern France. This area is the typically hot, dry country where irrigation is a necessity. The Fouchards have a small, self-supporting rehabilitation center for youth there, and an important part of their program is the youth participation in an extensive organic farming project. So water in adequate quantities is a prime necessity. The water supply, as it was several years ago, diminished during the hot summer so that one field after another had to be abandoned, and finally there was not enough for bathing or flushing the toilets. With forty to sixty people at the center, this became an impossible situation. Something had to be done. The four drilled wells that had been put down in the past were failures. Finally some Christian friends in the U.S. raised enough money to drill once more. Consultation with geologists and local people who knew the area, elicited the discouraging information that water there could probably not be found—at any depth. Everyone involved prayed earnestly, right up to the time of arrival of the driller. He set up to drill and hit an abundant supply of water at only 45 feet, and it held right through the dry summertime.

If the two above wells had been dowsed, these successes would be casually accepted. However, since they were not, one is tempted to think in terms of chance. Yet, was it any more of a miracle to have found water in these unlikely places by prayer than by dowsing? Is it any more questionable that God could, or would, put it into the minds of these prayerful Christians where to locate the well than to accept the idea of another supernatural intelligence transferring this knowledge through the dowsing rod? Did it really require any more faith to believe that prayer would result in the finding of water than the dowser exercises in picking up the witching rod?

For anyone who has not yet learned the power of prayer, or who has no geologist friend, or knows an 'old timer' who knows 'the lay of the land', or does not live in an area close enough to a scientist who has a scintillation counter to be able to afford his services, dowsing may seem the only way out. At least it will be a big temptation. They must decide whether it is worth it to make a pact with Satan for this convenience. We use the word 'pact' with good reason. It is recognized that Satan's one purpose toward the human race is to cause the loss of souls. Therefore Satan only 'does business' with a person toward that selfish end. Also, therefore, if a person accepts a favor from Satan, he is indebted—he has made a pact of a favor for what? Satan then has a claim upon him. He has also weakened himself for the next temptation which will come. It will not be just any temptation, but one tempting just a little larger step into the occult. This is a recorded fact. The Christian cannot afford the smallest step in that direction.

### **Innocent Involvement**

Now it is time to look at the problem of the innocent dowser. It is shocking to find Christians who refuse to believe such a thing is possible. They believe that the innocent will be protected from such a thing. However, reality proves it is not always true, and since God is loving and good, there must be a reason.

In the occult world, there are two ways it may occur. It may be inherited! The entire occult world knows this and a few religious writers remark on it. One hears the statement, "My grandmother was a water witch, so was my mother, and it comes natural to me." Or, "My mother was a sensitive, so was her mother and grandmother." This is generally followed by an unusual tale of unasked-for occult ability by the person making the statement.

The world of witchcraft is proud of it and it is not 'an old wives' tale'. We know this from personal experience. Thus it is that an innocent one may be called to fight the psychic the same as an inherited disease or mental problem. However, if occult power has not been inherited, then the innocent has had to learn it. He may have been misled by someone in whom he has implicit faith, or perhaps no reason not to. Or, it appeared to be convenient.

We know of a sincere Christian woman who was shocked and unbelieving when told that the Ouija Board she was using to advise her was, in fact, not a God-given answer board but a Satanic device. She had inherited large landholdings she was unable to handle. She heard of the Ouija Board and purchased one in her need. It worked fine.

When one thinks of the innocent, it is generally the picture of a sweet innocent-faced child. There is no argument against the obvious circumstances of protection that we all know. However, there is a difference in the circumstance of the child walking along the edge of a cliff, and using a dowsing rod, which she was taught to use, "because children are such apt pupils and learn to dowse so quickly". When she picks up the dowsing rod to astonish her adult audience, she is actively playing with 'an intelligent, amoral force' that wants just one thing—her destruction. How much more foolish is her action if she is a grown woman with perception.

This author's mother was a staunch Christian, but also a natural-born telepath. She used it innocently enough, but looking back, we realize it was directly responsible for the catastrophe that befell her and

for which she paid dearly. Now, in many years of retrospect we realize she never once made personal application of the knowledge she had about the occult. Was God to blame because she was not protected from herself? This is an extremely complex situation, and it is altogether too easy to close the mind to its reality and to blame God. We make no claim to have answered the question fully. Perhaps only 'on the other side' will the answer be known.

It is completely incompatible with the understanding we have of a loving God that a person could be held accountable in a judgmental way for innocent wrongdoing. It is also true that it seldom happens that our wrongdoing is entirely innocent. We generally have some inkling of the true nature of the desire or temptation. This brings us to the hurt we bring upon ourselves by our wrong acts. It is a common occurrence to abandon common sense, and when payment time comes about we cry to God for extrication. Sometimes in old age and looking back is the first time this is seen clearly.

### **Asking God vs. Asking Satan**

The consideration here of prayer versus the occult as a means of satisfying our needs and wants deserves a little more reflection. Why are results from prayer so uncommon, and why are results from requests to the occult power source so immediate, satisfactory, and attractive? The answer is found in history. Through the eyes of history the present-day problem is suddenly clarified.

Our illustration starts with the early Hebrews. The descendants of Abraham (the "children of Israel") as pictured in the Old Testament, made a covenant with God. The dictionary defines covenant as "a binding and solemn agreement". In this historic covenant the people agreed to keep the "commandments" of God, and in return God agreed to keep the people safe, provide a home in the garden land of the world (in what is today barren desert), and keep them healthy and prosperous. This covenant was for a purpose. These people were to be the earth's leaders, guided by God. What could be more ideal? Yet for some hard-to-understand reason the people broke this covenant time after time. On the surface it would appear that these "chosen people" were so stupid as to be unable to exercise good judgment. However this was not the case. Even today, after many hundreds of years away from their original broken covenant Jews are quietly ensconced in the leadership of science, politics, banking, art, music, and all human endeavor in the world. Why did they fail?

First, there must be some understanding of the reality of the supernatural in this people-to-God relationship. Not only was the miraculous almost commonplace, there was almost direct contact with God through their religious leaders. It seems to us today that this would have been something impossible to turn from. However, there is evidence that there were also miraculous happenings in the pagan world surrounding these people. There is evidence in the biblical references to the other gods, that there was an ongoing Satanic attempt to match the miraculous happenings of the true God relationship.

However, there was one vast difference, and this is the key—then and today. God demanded right living, morality, and justice of his people. It was in the covenant. Paganism made no such demands. It fostered unbelievable immorality, licentiousness and freedom from any restraint. A perusal of their religious rites shows a picture of such unbelievable brutality, lasciviousness and gore to be mind-numbing to our present-day morality. This no-restraint society, plus what must have been an impressive display of occult manifestations and the use to which people could put them, appealed to these strong, virile, headstrong men of the man oriented society. There were the continually tempting no-restraint religions just a step across the border.

The standards Moses set up reflect how barbarous the world of that day really was. His requirement that all the people in a neighborhood take active part in the execution of a neighbor who broke the law, and the custom of an eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth was undoubtedly the only means possible of

getting through to them. This is clearly seen in a thoughtful reading of the Old Testament. The headlong wallowing in paganism marked their behavior for years after a return to the true God. Even such a strong figure as King Solomon built temples to the pagan gods to please his women, even while worshipping the true God, and his paganistic leanings are plainly seen.

The principle of the difference in religions is still with us today. The fact that we do not see the extremes or the overt supernatural manifestations today is not germane to our problem. The opposing forces are still there, and the same offer of benefits from the supernatural without any prerequisite of right living is the same old temptation to paganism. To come before God and be heard, still requires repentance, confession, and obedience. It includes a willingness to accept responsibility and a giving over of the will to God. So much of the teaching we are given today is sort of a total immersion in a gigantic love blob they call God, without any mention of responsibility following conversion. It certainly shows up when answer to prayer is demanded. The reality is so different from the emotional theory. "Thy will be done" is the most difficult prayer to learn.

None of this is a problem in approaching the occult for favors. No right living; no change of character; not even the intention to do good is required. And it is all buttered over with friendliness and good will. It is easy, immediate and inviting. Come and talk to the spirits with us. Come join our humanism. Come practice sorcery (dowsing) with us. Come join us in our pagan religions. We are such friendly people. We are your brothers. This invitation is as old as mankind. This is why, no matter if you are a good or evil man, you can practice divination (dowse) successfully. This is not our paranoid fantasy. The whole story of dowsing and other aspects of the occult contain these facts.

### **Do Favors Accepted Constitute a Pact?**

We must say it again; involvement in the dowsing scene is a matter of choosing whom you will serve. The idea of choosing to dowse as being a pact with Satan is ridiculed by the liberal Christian as well as the non-Christian. It is a fact, nevertheless, that any involvement with the occult implies required loyalty. If these are not elements of a pact, perhaps we are only hung up on semantics.

This whole idea is no longer a nightmare of the middle ages. The Faustian idea of selling oneself to Satan for success is popular among the youth again today. Whether it started as a gesture of braggadocio or was a serious effort is not known, but once the gesture was made, and a spiritistic response was experienced, the reality of this 'old wives tale' became a working pact. Witchcraft is with us again (or yet?) and the participants are proud and public about it. It is blatantly present in the rock scene with stars confessing spirit instructions, dictation of words, music and inspiration. The average rock listener ridicules this "superstitious" stuff, but those who have been in the professional scene and have had enough and have gotten out, tell it as it is. The dowsing pact, though much less implicit is no less an agreement because of the acceptance of occult favors.

We know of people involved in the occult who are the most happy, loving, carefree, successful persons one could hope to find. They are walking advertisements for the desirability of such a life. They are valuable to Satan, and may continue to be so for some time to come. However, they are subject to sudden abandonment and any attempt to welch, cheat, or escape is dealt with mercilessly. The incidence of insanity and/or suicide runs high among those attempting such foolishness.

This writer is no armchair philosopher, savoring the taste of these stories and ideas, and spitting them out for your entertainment (or disgust). We have been there personally and have survived the hell of escape. We were reduced eventually to the level of an animal trying to hide and enduring the panic of finding no hiding place. Then someone suggested prayer in the name of Jesus Christ and it was tried as a

drowning man grasps a thrown rope, and that release and escape was effected has been the subject of daily thanksgiving during the ensuing years.

### **Dowsing as a First Step Into the Occult**

It must be clearly understood. We are not suggesting that picking up the dowsing rod or calling in a witcher to locate a water well will certainly result in suicide or insanity. We do say it is the first step in the wrong direction.

The uncertainty of it is that one can never rest assured when the next step (temptation) will be presented, and just how tempting it will be. The certainty of it is that the next step will be presented sooner or later. The Christian is indoctrinated in the rule of "As ye sow, so shall ye reap." This is the one unchangeable aspect of the least involvement with the occult.

We have referred several times to dowsing as the first step, and in several different ways. The following steps are not always experienced in the order we list them, but generally there is a logical order, one building on the last. At least these are the steps that have actually been experienced:

1. Dowsing, using a Ouija Board, going to a 'reader', etc.
2. An opportunity that can be seized only through further occult means. For instance, if one happens to be in need of further information that cannot be gotten in the yes and no answers of the dowsing device, it may be suggested that a visit to a medium will provide an answer. By this time, that extra bit of information has become so necessary, this step is almost impossible to refuse.
3. After having experienced steps one and two, this important and most attractive new possibility to get information and advice is almost impossible to turn away from. This results in more active participation in mediumism, psychometry, or other exciting psi activities.
4. Some occult ability will suddenly be received. It may be telepathy, retrocognition or precognition, and one is suddenly an active participant in occult manifestations.
5. The final step will be the preparation or indoctrination to receive a "control" or "guide" or "familiar spirit". This may start through vivid and unusual dreams, unexpected and alien (important) ideas, a distinct mental impression (astonishingly different from the usual), and finally, the awareness of something or someone (a presence) nearby—generally at the right hand side. Eventually, after a time of introduction, the guide will establish an acceptable and recognizable method of communication.
6. Then, although the recipient is not only unaware of the danger, and will not turn back even if warned, the trouble starts. The guide starts giving advice. This advice is valuable, resulting in all sorts of advantages and good things. Then, if the advice is not taken, the guide pushes a little for compliance. Then the advice changes to demands—all for the 'good' of the recipient. The demands become stronger and instructions are given as though they must be followed. The person may resist, become angry, and demand to be left alone. It does absolutely no good, because although the guide will back off, it returns again and again endlessly and there is no way to escape. It ends by demanding control of every decision, action, thought and wish.

The person who has had no brush with spiritism will find these details impossible to accept as reality. To this person, what we have written on this subject may easily seem to be ridiculous imagination. However, there is one type of reader who will recognize every detail, for it will be as though we recounted his personal experience.

This is not all. The rest of the picture we have witnessed personally. The person so afflicted begins to lose his own personality, and the change is noticeable to the horror of his relatives and friends. The

person withdraws more and more from old associations because he or she recognizes what is happening and cannot control it. A different personality emerges and fear lives with him day and night.

At any time during this whole process a person, in desperation, may successfully turn to God for escape, but the further one goes into the occult, the more awful hell one experiences in the fight and the longer it takes. The spirit will be expelled only to return the moment the person's faith wavers, and it must be done all over again. Obviously, the whole thing can, and sometimes does, end in total 'possession' and the person becomes a thing, a zombie, inhabited by an evil spirit that is sadistic and absolutely merciless.

If the reader feels that this is a cheap attempt to frighten, he is half right. It is not cheap, however, for reality never is. This is no witch's tale. It is the absolute truth. We only write it because we are driven by actuality, and with the help and daily protection of God. What we cannot say strongly enough is do not take that first step, and if you have already, wherever you are, turn to God again quickly!

### **The Blindness of Occult Victims**

It would seem that the victim of this hoax might recognize his peril at an early stage and escape, but he does not. He is so enthralled by the excitement and the new experience, no warning seems to reach him. A psychic we know admitted that he had to "get rid of her" (his control) because she was becoming so demanding she wanted to order his every thought and action. She was with him to instruct every minute of his waking time. We asked how he got rid of her. "I just told her to get out," he replied. We asked if she ever came back. "Oh yes," he rejoined, "I let her come back sometimes on Sunday mornings just to play around."

This man's control was a 'she', which appealed to his ego, and made it more exciting to take on such a thing. During the acquaintance time, the personality of the control comes through friendly, personable, and generally identifying itself as either male or female, depending on which will be more enjoyable or acceptable to the psychic. Quite often one learns to talk to it as if it were a real person standing there. As this becomes a habit it may prove embarrassing. We sat in a public lecture by a nationally known telepath. The man was a marvel. He left us breathless. During his lecture he made a statement to a man in the audience who contradicted him—told him he was not right. The telepath was nonplussed.

He hesitated, and then turning toward his right (there was no one there) he said sotto voce, "Well, I thought you said—well, if that's true then—Oh, I see, thank you!" and turning back to the man in the audience he corrected himself and the man was satisfied. The audience seemed not to have noticed what had just happened, or its significance. We wondered if there really was such a thing as telepathy, or if it was just another mediumistic trick, for this man was nothing more than a medium!

This fact of a spirit control dictating the actions, decisions and thoughts of a person who allows it, is becoming commonplace and it is frightening. It may be as old as mediumism, but we were made aware of it in the 1960s when writers began to write of the joys of such a companionship. The ways of getting in touch with a "control", "guide", "companion" (or the biblical 'familiar spirit') were described in detail with the admonition to have patience and keep trying until an answer is received. No warning was ever given that once the contact was made, the control immediately started pushing for more and more authority. All that is ever told is that one will be healthier, happier and more successful. Dowsers who are aware that they contact an 'entity' say the same. The contact would be made first thing in the morning every day, and the spirit control would order the day for the person.

## **The Birth of the New Age of Aquarius**

The next time we heard of this thing going public was on receipt of the brochures of the Findhorn Foundation University of Light, 1977 Autumn Conferences. One of the subjects to be presented in seminar was "Birth of a New Age." The New Age way of life is based on David Spangler's book, Revelation: The Birth of a New Age. It is entirely spirit oriented and controlled. They teach "planetary transformation" to start with "a true European spiritual community". It all sounds like The Kingdom established on earth, but it is based on total spirit control of the individual with an icing of loving Brotherhood Of Man.

This did not die a-borning as a crackpot idea. It has become a powerful, and growing community. Findhorn, Scotland is its center and Findhorn started with a miracle which has left the world open-mouthed. The wife of an airman stationed in the bleak, windswept, cold east coast of Scotland was a medium. She was shown that she, her husband and friends should purchase land on the spit of land forming one side of Findhorn Bay. It was an area of gravel and sand so desolate that the gorse was stunted. She was shown how they should make "compost" of what was on hand. This small group started a commune and were suddenly in the midst of a horticultural miracle that had the horticultural experts of the world beating a path to their door. Things grew more lush there than in a tropical forest. A few years ago, a reporter for a newspaper went there to visit and report. He wrote that as he entered the area he saw two men struggling under a huge green plant they were attempting to carry. It turned out to be what was left of a single broccoli plant after the heads were harvested. They were taking it to the compost pit. This is another face of the hoax. One sees the miracle and thereafter believes everything told. Horticulturists have tested the soil, compost and method, and have concluded it must be something supernatural that causes such growth. It is not a natural happening.

In 1979, Jacques Vallee wrote Messengers of Deception, UFO Contacts and Cults. (We will comment on his findings at some length in the next chapter.) One of the premises of the growing UFO cults is that man must become the "instrument" for Ufonaut control. (Spirit control.) Man must give up his intellectual independence and become a tool of the spirit world, thinking and acting on spirit instructions only. One Bible commentator wrote that "spiritualism is about to take the world captive", and it appears that it is quite possible unless the Christian world wakes up.

## **Dowsing For More Than Water**

You will notice that we have concentrated on the most pedestrian of the dowsing acts, simple witching, or the finding of water. If it is made clear that this simple act is occult, the rest is easy. Of course, many Christian dowsers insist there is no hint of the occult, and so take their "first step". The other elements of dowsing are certainly more overtly occult, more easily proven so, and we would like to consider them too.

Returning to the findings of Dr. Kurt Koch, who has written more than a dozen books on various activities in the occult world and, although elderly and admittedly tired, he wrote us that he had completed one last volume over which he had suffered unbelievable spirit harrassment. Much of his writing is in the form of case histories or examples, and his books devote some space (and some a great deal) to dowsing, and as we mentioned before, to pendulum dowsing. Many who have become victims of psychic or spirit harrassment as the result of pendulum diagnosis have come to him for help. His case histories should be read by everyone tempted to dowse. His books here in the U.S. are in paperback\* and are not expensive. However do not read them to be titillated only. One will find that occult harrassment as the result of the dowsing contact is a frightening thing. His books are a very valuable if bitter dose of facts for the Christian who is tempted to play with dowsing.

\*Kregel Publications, P.O. Box 2607, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501

The medical dowser is certainly one of the occult miracle men of modern medicine. Since World War II he has been diagnosing and prescribing with a success that has stunned the medical world. Although it is true that he has not yet been recognized by the medical societies, the astounding stories of his work occasionally make the news.

The circumstance that renders the stories the more unbelievable is that so often the medical dowser is consulted as the last resort. He gets the hopeless cases, the terminal cases, those that have gone through all the tests and have been officially diagnosed inoperable or cause unknown. Yet he calmly causes cures that stir the emotions of not only the intimately involved, but of the general public.

Who would dare find fault with what he is doing. Yet the accounts of those who do Christian counseling are consistently full of case histories of serious psychic disruption after even one such treatment. Dr. Koch's books are replete with them, and he warns that the Christian, under no circumstances, can allow himself to be so treated. He tells of case after case where the physical illness was cured only to have the patient become ill with psychic disturbances that are most difficult to cure. This places the loved ones of a sick person in a very difficult and unenviable position. The more serious the illness, the more difficult the choice.

### **The Question of Predictions**

Any monologue on dowsing from the Christian standpoint must consider the ability of the dowsing device to answer questions about the future. The Bible teaches that only God knows the end from the beginning, yet something is wrong somewhere. Psychic predictions about the future have been with us since the dawn of history, and precognition is a recognized psi phenomenon. It is true the predictions of the psychics do not have a phenomenal success incidence, but they are correct often enough to be unnerving.

Some psychics claim their insight is from God, others prattle about the Universal Mind, and yet others are simply and admittedly mediums, tapping the spirit world. Dowsers are taught to use their devices for every type of precognition from forecasting the weather to foretelling future events. It all seems to be another contradiction of the Bible we have learned to accept and live with. Yet, there is a positive explanation.

First it is necessary to analyze predictions. There are different kinds:

1. Foretelling the pattern of events. This is easily done if one has a 'behind-the-scenes' knowledge of causes—which of course, the spirit world can witness.
2. Predictions of happenings from natural causes. An instance would be the prediction of the death of a well-known public figure. Even the close relatives could be entirely ignorant of an internal condition that the spirit world can easily see. From this knowledge, a fairly accurate prediction of death can be made.
3. Foretelling anything that can be the result of spirit manipulation. These are often tragedies involving more than one person. The spirit manipulation can be of living things or of physical objects. For instance, a man attempts to assassinate the President. When caught and arrested, he cannot give a reason for his action. If a psychic has predicted this (and it has happened), there is reason to suspect spirit manipulation. A person already spirit oppressed, possessed, or mentally ill is a prime candidate for such manipulation. Evidence of spirit manipulation of physical objects is seen going on almost anywhere in the world. This includes everything from spoon bending (Uri Gellar has admitted that an entity standing beside him does this), to the actions of the poltergeists.

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A Ufonaut predicted the collapse of the 'silver bridge' at Point Pleasant, West Virginia during the UFO flap there in 1967. Collapse it did just before Christmas eve when the bridge was crowded with cars full of Christmas shoppers returning home. This was obviously a case either of knowledge about a severely weakened bridge member, or actual spirit manipulation.

Finally, there is the possibility of a combination of any of the above. This adds up to an impressive array of causes from which reasonably accurate predictions can be made. Most of these predictions are tragedies. It is only necessary to look at the predictions of Jeane Dixon that have actually happened to see this. Aside from her predictions about the infidelities, vagaries, and dissolution of famous people, most of them that happen are catastrophic or at least unfortunate.

Do not imagine that it is too difficult to get this sort of information from a dowsing device if the dowser has imagination, is quick thinking and persistent. The "yes" and "no" answers of the device are no real deterrent. However, as we have illustrated, dowsing and mediumism (in the sense of obtaining a visual message) often go hand in hand. It might be added here that the psychic who talks in riddles or obscure meanings (Nostradamus) is the most safe and probably the most famous because these predictions can only be evaluated after the event. Then the subsequent predictions become a matter of interest, excitement or concern, depending upon the emotions of the reader.

Now, we can return to an evaluation of the apparent contradiction of the statement that only God knows the beginning from the end. There is a vast difference in knowing the outcome without manipulation to cause it to be so, and that of manipulating events so that what is predicted will occur! One of the important themes of the bible story is the attempt of Satan to discredit everything God said or did. God said only He knows what will transpire from beginning to end in this world. Satan's reply to this is to set up an elaborate hoax of planned (manipulated) or trick incidents to show to the unthinking (or casual) observer that his spirit world also knows the beginning from the end and that God lied again.

### **A Letter From a Dowser**

It might be fitting to end this chapter with a letter that illustrates not only the dowsing mind, but the nearly impossible problem of communicating with that mind. This letter is from a Christian dowser who took umbrage at the 'stupidity' of our stand and wrote us so. This dowser has an excellent university background and is accepted as an intellectual. His letter is quite long and remonstrative, so we will address ourselves only to the five reasons he gives that would cause him to admit dowsing is anything less than a physical phenomenon. He was restrictive (safe) in what he would consider as dowsing, in the type of answers he would accept, in the terminology, and in sources from which he would allow us to quote. In other words, he was a typical modern, yet Christian dowser. We may be somewhat arbitrary in our total acceptance of these restrictions, but we will attempt to make intelligent reply.

At the outset he stated that he would consider simple witching only, and he refers to it correctly as the search for underground water. However, since he maintains it is a physical phenomenon, we must point out that other Christian dowsers who are interested in finding minerals rather than water also claim that dowsing for ores is a purely physical phenomenon.

Reason No. 1:

"You could show me a prohibition against finding water with a forked stick in the scriptures."

Answer No. 1:

This man is an excellent Bible student, and he knows full well that "the scriptures" do not mention either water dowsing or the forked stick device. We also believe he is begging the question, for the Bible does

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mention the dowsing device of that time and it has come down to us through history what it was used for. We repeat a footnote we supplied in chapter 1:

The "wand" is listed in Cruden's Complete Concordance as one of the divining devices. In the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Volume I on page 973 under the heading of Divination, paragraph F, it states, "While the use of a rod or staff for a variety of magico-religious purposes is not uncommon in the OT (cf. Ex 4:4,17; 17:19, the rod of Moses; 7:19, the rod of Aaron), the use of the rod for purposes of divination is referred to in the OT only in Hosea 4:12: 'My people inquire of a thing of wood, and their staff gives them oracles.' Here the 'thing of wood' may refer to the Asherah that was a cult object found in all Canaanite sanctuaries of Baal; the 'staff' undoubtedly refers to the practice of rhabdomancy, although the precise technique of this form of divination is not known. It is clear, however, that Hosea condemns such practices." The dictionary definition of rhabdomancy is divination by means of a rod or wand especially in discovering ores, springs of water, etc.

In addition to the above stated, "It is clear, however, that Hosea condemns such practices" we refer you again to Cruden's Complete Concordance for their extensive discourse on divination, in which they state positively that one who practiced divination was called a wizard, and the sentence for practicing wizardry was death!

Reason No. 2:

"You could demonstrate a relationship between water forking and devil worship or demon possession by showing that there have been significant cases where one has led to another. I do not want warmed-over 'proofs' that you have taken undigested from someone else."

Answer No. 2:

From the restrictions placed on an acceptable answer here, we presume he wants first-hand knowledge of significant cases where there is no doubt that water witching resulted in the two cases of extreme Satanic involvement. No, we have never personally witnessed this.

Observation:

We believe he is making this problem much too simple. The time and circumstances between water witching (presuming this was truly the introduction to the occult) and demon possession, or the decision to worship Satan is so great, this question is almost ridiculous. One would have to start backwards and trace all actions, decisions, and happenings for, maybe, years to the "first step" to form a case history. Dr. Hobart E. Freeman does state that this has happened, but he gives no corroborative details or evidence.\* He simply states that a case of insanity was traceable to "this ancient method of divination." He made it clear that he referred to water witching. That there is often almost immediate intrusion into the life by Satanic forces is a matter of record.

\*Hobart E. Freeman, DELIVERANCE FROM OCCULT OPPRESSION AND SUBJECTION, p. 24. Faith Ministries, P.O. Box 1156, Warsaw, Indiana 46580, Publishers,

Dr. Kurt Koch relates a case history of a "well known Christian dowser." He was so successful he was well paid for his work. Dr. Koch sums up his condition, "He told me, however, when I talked with him, that when he searches for water, he cannot pray properly for days. During this time if he wants to read the Bible he gets spots before his eyes. If he hears a person preaching the word of God, he cannot concentrate at all, however hard he tries."\* Dr. Freeman also commented on this. He stated that one Christian dowser had difficulty with a "serious problem over which he could not achieve victory", and another suffered from a resistance to scriptural teaching concerning the Holy Spirit. They were both water witchers.

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\*Kurt Koch, DEMONOLOGY PAST AND PRESENT, pp. 65, 66.

Reason No. 3:

"You could demonstrate that the action of the rod was blocked by prayer." Answer No. 3:

If the word "demonstrate" means personal experience, again we have to say "No." If it means known instances, we give two case histories from Dr. Koch's records.\*\*

\*\* Kurt Koch, DEMONOLOGY PAST AND PRESENT, pp. 67, 71.

Case History No. 1

The brother of a man in Gebweiler, France, called in a dowser to find water on the man's residence property. The man was a Christian. He discovered his brother's action when the dowser appeared on his property and began to dowse. He went into his house and knelt down to pray, "Lord, if this man's power is not from You, then stop it working. If, on the other hand, You've given him his ability, then let him be successful in looking for water." After his prayer he went out into the garden and heard the man swearing, ". . . What's wrong with it? I found water here a moment ago, and now it won't work." Dr. Koch goes on to say that a power that can be blocked by prayer is certainly not from God.

Case History No. 2

Two Christian missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. McElheran were stationed in the interior of Africa where there was a great need for water. Mrs. McElheran learned that she had the ability to dowse. She found many wells in the area, but she found, as time passed, that she was becoming more and more upset and on edge. This became so severe that it was the cause of an earlier return home than had been planned. She grew worse and was finally confined to her bed although the doctor failed to find anything from which to form a diagnosis. One day a friend brought her one of Dr. Koch's books to read and she was amazed at what she read on the divining rod. Getting out of bed, she found her dowsing rod, walked out into the garden and dowsed until she got the reaction of water. Then she stood and prayed, "Lord, if this ability is not from you, then take it away!" From that moment on the rod would not work. Breaking it in pieces she prayed for forgiveness, and asked God to heal her. She was no longer ill.

Case History No. 3

A Christian man wanted to find if there was a water source in his garden. A dowser found two places where he said there was water. When they dug there, no water was found. The dowser was dumbfounded, claiming that this had never happened to him before. The man confessed he had prayed about the matter beforehand because he was not certain a Christian should be using a dowser. The dowser replied, "Well, that's why! Of course it wouldn't work!"\*

\*Kurt Koch, BETWEEN CHRIST AND SATAN, p. 39. Ex. 31.

However, it must be pointed out again that there are circumstances where prayer has proven ineffective. One is the prayer to prove to the onlooker that there is nothing wrong with dowsing. This prayer is by the dowser whose mind is made up beforehand that it is not a wrong act. Another prayer that has proven ineffective is one prayed during the heat of a dowsing argument in an effort to prove a point. We believe no further comment is necessary, except that these two unanswered prayers tell some interesting things about praying.

Reason No. 4:

"You could show that the act of finding water was inherently evil, or detrimental to the health and wellbeing of the finder or the beneficiary."

Answer No. 4:

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We believe that it is self evident that the fact the action of the rod in water witching can be blocked by sincere prayer truly labels it "inherently evil". That it is detrimental to the health of the dowser is a matter of record. Dr. Hobart E. Freeman in the section on "Water Divining" of his book Every Wind of Doctrine, writes, "Dowsers speak of experiencing such things as dizziness, nausea, convulsive pains, increased pulse rate and heart beat, muscle spasms, fainting and headaches both during and after dowsing." He goes on to point out that the non-Christian dowser exhibits the same opposition to Christianity as do other occult practitioners, and Christian dowsers frequently show resistance to biblical truths.

He ends the seven and a half pages on the examination of water divining by observing, "Dowsers frequently show evidence of psychic disturbances, and mental or physical illnesses, as well as other forms of occult oppression or subjection. In view of all these facts it should be clear that the practice of water witching, or the use of the rod or pendulum for any reason, places an individual under the influence and control of the forces of darkness and is in disobedience to the prohibitions against divination in the word of God."\* As we pointed out before, the case histories of Dr. Kurt Koch are also illustrative of the psychic, psychological and spiritual disturbances. There is much evidence of the ill effects on the "beneficiary" in other types of dowsing, but we have heard no report of this in water witching. This is not to say it does not happen.

\*Hobart E. Freeman, EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE, pp. 256, 257. Faith Ministries, P.O. Box 1156, Warsaw Indiana 46580, Publisher,

Reason No. 5:

"You could show that the forked stick itself has occult associations."

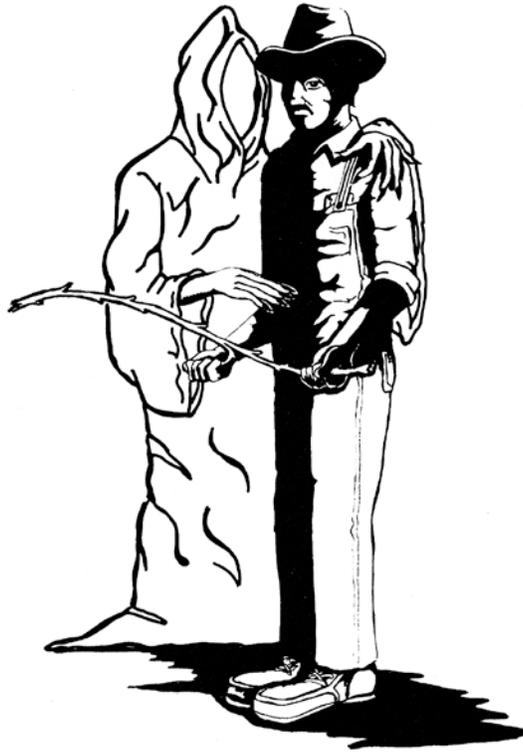
Answer No. 5:

We believe that everything we have presented here shows that the forked stick or any other dowsing device has nothing but occult associations.

We chose this letter from among others to illustrate our dilemma. This man is, as we stated earlier, an intellectual, and as such, he would be horrified if someone at his level of education would make statements in his field of knowledge that illustrates such a lack of digging out facts that are there for anyone to see. In this case his arbitrary demand to exclude all elements of dowsing except water witching, and his refusal to accept any text not specifying "water forking" or water divining, all of which are fundamental and historical, is like entering a discussion about peanuts only to discover the restriction that only the shell may be discussed.

We can be no more positive than to state that dowsing is making contact with the spirit world just as certainly as using the Ouija Board. The spirit world contacted is the world of evil spirits or angels under the leadership of Satan. The Christian who dowses removes himself from the protection of God if he has the least doubt about it or if he has been warned. After all, we do have responsibility toward ourselves. It is pure presumption to suspect or know and yet to try to pray for protection.

Finally, a word or two to the non-Christian or the liberal Christian dowsing addict who has read this far and laughs in ridicule. We say "Stop it!" You are the last one who has the right to ridicule the conservative Christian viewpoint of the occult. Our view of the reality of the unknown is every bit as good as yours, and is certainly more conclusive!



**Dowsing by a 'spirit entity' control. Many expert dowsers claim that an entity is present in every dowsing experience even though the dowser may be totally unaware of it.**

## Chapter V Perspective

A careful examination of the claims of dowsing as a truly physical phenomenon has shown no basis in fact. This same examination has also shown inconsistencies, contradictions and gross undependability in whatever new classification it might fall. These characteristics make absolutely no sense when considered in an effort to ascertain the "why" of dowsing, and yet since they are a part of a factual phenomenon, they have to. Then, if one takes the step of looking at it in the light of the occult only, it suddenly does make sense. Of course the occult itself is a snake pit of contradictions, but the characteristics are all the same. Even the modern dowsing writer has unwittingly placed it there also, when he demands so bitterly that science stop classing it as such and allow it to belong to the scientific 'unknowns'. Since science of this late twentieth century has entered the vast unknown of the discovery that everything is energy, they demand that scientific unknowns and occult unknowns be equated—and without the usual process of comparison and experimentation.

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Therefore, before we finish with dowsing we must take a wider view of the classification of the occult to get a better understanding of how dowsing fits, and the why and when. The easiest method of examination is to look at a closely related and more overtly occult phenomenon to start the perspective. This is the UFO and the Ufonaut, which is closely related only in that the two phenomena continually overlap. Then a look at the present-day occult world; its beliefs and plans for a world takeover will be seen as identical. This is not ranging far afield, but is a view of the whole, of which dowsing is no small part.

First, however, we would return to earth's science versus occult science to see if there can be any possible comparison. We see four characteristics of earth's science which we choose arbitrarily to find some basis for comparison. Today's scientific investigators consider legitimate only those phenomena that are:

1. Consistently repeatable.
2. Not self destructive.
3. Not destructive to our known reality.
4. Able to fit, in a working sense, into all proven phenomena.

Applying these characteristics to what is known about occult phenomena, we find unqualified contradictions, with an added one or two that really shows the impossibility of equating anything in the occult with earth science. Occult science is:

1. Not consistent. Not only all elements of the occult represent differently to different investigators, the seemingly established phenomena fail to react consistently.
2. Self destructive. The well known sudden abandonment by occult power source of the devotee at critical moments, exposing him or her to ridicule, shame and failure, destroys all credibility. The whole phenomenon is self defeating.
3. Over-rides our proven laws of physics and is positively destructive to our known reality.
4. Impossible to fit into the proven phenomena of this planet.
5. Intelligent! This must never be forgotten.
6. Amoral. There is no need to belabor this point. It is evident in the entire picture of the occult.

### **The Biblical Basis For the Charge of "Hoax"**

We have submitted the opinion that the occult is a gigantic Satanic hoax, obviously aimed at the destruction of mankind. There are two biblical statements one must remember if a clear understanding is to be reached. They are both in Genesis (although that is not the only reference) and they are both a part of the first Satanic hoax perpetrated on mankind. "... you shall be as gods. .." has never been abandoned by the occult. It came to Eve in an occult manner (there is not the least hint in the story of creation that any creature except mankind had the power of speech) and it has never ceased to be a part of the occult 'song and dance'. It is illustrated in all present-day occult literature, "the God within you", "the Christ within you", and the liturgy for the individual, "I am All!".

The second is a Satanic promise, "... You shall not surely die...". Reincarnation is the second chief teaching of the occult today. This belief has taken some sickening twists. An internationally known mystic from India stated that it was a greater mistake to kill an ant than a man, because a man would live on and on, while an ant, once killed was destroyed forever. At the time reincarnation was introduced to man's thinking, there was no belief in an afterlife. It must have had a tremendous impact on hopeless mankind at that time. It still has from the standpoint of no demands of self restraint or repentance. In fact it would seem to behoove mankind not to strive too hard to overcome Karma since the beautiful endpoint of the reincarnation theory is Nirvana or nothingness!

The "knowledge of good and evil" and eventual death is what mankind bought at the price of alienation from God. Yet this very action, with its catastrophic results is hailed by the occult as a beautiful happening, a "necessity in the evolution of man". It is forbidden in occult teaching to condemn "sin"

since it is touted as necessary to growth, with Satan, called by his former name, Lucifer, revered as the leader in this growth process. The more one learns about the occult, the more clearly one understands the charge of 'hoax', and the more sane is the charge of non-religious writers that the UFO, Ufonaut phenomenon is a hoax.

## **Dowsing and the UFO**

Talking to dowsers and reading the literature reveals a rather surprising connection between dowsing and the UFO. We have referred to it only in passing, as it appeared in the dowsing picture. We tried not to emphasize it because it appeared too subjective and would seem to cloud the understanding of dowsing without much explanation. Now is the time for that explanation. We did point out that dowsers claim to have found that "psychotronic energy" (a non-scientific energy) is the power source of the UFO as well as dowsing. We did not tell of the experience of dowsing the UFO and its occupants.

To get this explanation it is necessary to look at the parallels in the two phenomena and compare characteristics. The first, of course, is the seeming identical power source. Then there is the intelligence of the power source, the teachings and desire to teach exhibited. There is the lying and trickery and the supernatural entities involved. Finally, there is the predicting of the future. These are all underlying characteristics, particularly important parallels.

## **Three Sources of UFO Information**

It is almost as difficult to choose from UFO literature as it is from that of dowsing. The fringe writers and those making science fiction out of it must be ruled out. There are three classes of writers from whom we can get a fair overall picture. First is the reporter. He must have a reputation of integrity and he must give details of the actual happenings without withholding any unpleasant details for the sake of pretty writing. If he makes any conclusions senseless dissection of animals labeled them as insanely evil. Keel lived with the people at Point Pleasant, walked the countryside, interviewed the contactees, got firsthand information from the Sheriff's office and the newspaper editor. The picture he drew of the situation there was first-hand witnessed.

Another writer in the same vein is Dr. Jacques Vallee, an astro-physicist, and holder of a doctorate in computer science. He is one of the leading UFO authorities in the world. From his mathematical calculations and statistics gathered from reportings, he shows that it is inconceivable that sightings of the UFOs could represent contacts with extra-terrestrials who were here to examine us and our planet. From actual reported sightings he projects the probable actual landings or close encounters that would occur had the UFOs not chosen to appear in sparsely populated areas. This, with the widely different types, sizes and dress of the Ufonauts seen, renders the idea of space aliens ridiculous. He states that there has to be another reason, and the only logical one is that they are staged for a purpose!

He enumerates a sickening list of contactee actions after the contact, which includes an insane religious fervor, changed personalities, and the belief in a mandate to kill persons doing legitimate UFO research. He concludes that the UFO-Ufonaut behavior is nothing less than a concerted effort to "force a global behavioral change". He states his belief that it is truly a hoax toward this end. Early in the experience of sightings a pseudo-religious cult began to form, based on the pronouncements purportedly made by the Ufonauts. Along with this began the appearance of facts showing the UFOs to be something else than scientific. These factors, Dr. Vallee points out, provided the perfect makings of a dangerous following. If science had just recognized the phenomenon, indicating curiosity, and perhaps the intention of examination, the teeth of this new development would have been pulled. However it did not. Consequently the rapidly growing cult, made up of many, not too dissimilar beliefs, is divorced from our

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science, our reality, our social standards, and all of our beliefs. (Where have we heard this before?) He points out that it has all the potential of violence against all of our conventions, and our persons, because not only has their code of behavior changed, these UFO followers show themselves as taking everything they are told as the absolute truth.\* Again, we note that there is no religious connotation in Dr. Vallee's writing.

\*Jacques Vallee, MESSENGERS OF DECEPTION, UFO Contacts and Cults. 1979 And/Or Press, Berkeley, California

The third reporter (who would probably not class himself as such) is Dr. Harley D. Rutledge who has made an incredibly detailed record of sightings and some interesting case histories.\*\* We include his report of a sighting because its detailed, authenticated contradiction of our reality is a look into occult science.

\*\*I Harley D. Rutledge, PROJECT IDENTIFICATION, 1981. Prentice-Hall Publisher.

A truck driver claimed he was struck in the face by a ball of fire shot from a pursuing UFO. His wife was with him and witnessed it. He had stuck his head out of the truck cab to look at the beam of light shining on the tandem of his rig from a turnip-shaped UFO that had been following him. "A flash like a ball of fire" suddenly hit him in the face. He screamed that he couldn't see and slammed on his brakes, stopping in the middle of the highway. His glasses fell off, the frames partially melted, and one lense dropped from the frame. His wife drove the truck to where he could be taken to a hospital. There, the examining ophthalmologist could find no evidence of blindness, burns, or other injuries to his eyes. The glasses, when examined, showed no evidence of radioactivity. No unseen residue was found on them. The frames were pitted by the bubbles that had burst during the heating. The lenses showed no evidence of damage.

The spot on the highway where it had happened was examined and there appeared to be the remains of a road flare there. A flare was purchased and a pair of similar test frames. The flare was held about six inches from the frames for several seconds, and a similar bubbling of the plastic as seen on the originals, occurred. Obviously, no one could have survived that intense heat on his face, but as was noted, this man's face was not injured.

Either the ray that hit him was visible or the air had been heated to luminescence by its passage. It could not have been microwave radiation as the glasses would have remained unaffected while the flesh, bones and eyes would have been destroyed by that intensity. The logical conclusion was that it must have been a hoax, for it was a perfect example of either an impossibility, or the abrogation of our physical laws by the force. However, the authorities did not consider it a hoax, for the man was allowed to file for Workman's Compensation and medical expenses. It was ruled that he had been injured on the job. The insurance company argued in court that it was "an act of God". The judge over-ruled this and set the trial date. It was settled out of court.

This circumstance of burning without heat is well known in the occult. In the phenomenon of a human being bursting into spontaneous flame and being consumed by a fire that has no heat, items of clothing will be left unscinged, or maybe one piece of clothing being consumed while something touching it is left unmarked. This is not of our science, since it requires 3000 degrees Fahrenheit to consume a human body.

Dr. Rutledge adds another bit of unusual information. He points out that there is evidence that a UFO has a definite reaction with the environment where it lands. He quotes from An Analysis of Soil Samples Collected at a Reported UFO Landing Site in Southeast Missouri—A Project Report dated March 1976, by John W. Wilson. "Effects on soil may include the destruction of organic materials, loss of more volatile elements of the soil, residual radioactivity, and magnetism, possible recrystallization of minerals present in the soil, and introduction of foreign materials in solid or liquid form."

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MYSTERIES OF THE UNEXPLAINED, 1982. Reader's Digest book. Reader's Digest Association, New York,

Dr. Rutledge's conclusion about the possible purpose of the UFO is curiously close to that of Dr. Vallee. "Without a doubt, our research has established that there is a UFO phenomenon, and we have conjectured about the nature of the intelligence behind the capricious UFOs. I suspect that their game is to gradually create a general acceptance by repeated appearances. More UFO flaps will occur from location to location winning 'converts'. More people will believe in UFOs." It is obvious from the contents of the book, that Dr. Rutledge's experience with the phenomenon was primarily in recording sky sightings. His conclusion cited above reflects his lack of close contact with either the UFO or the Ufonaut. We would observe that his term, "winning converts" is a colossal understatement—unless fear is a powerful force in winning a convert.

### The Scientist's View of the UFO

Then, there is what we would arbitrarily class as the philosopher-scientific writer. The thrust of his writing is in direct contradiction to the reporter's. Physicist-mathematician James M. McCampbell is a clear example.\* If what he wrote were all one read on the subject, the belief would be established that the only danger to us from the UFO is our fear of the unknown. McCampbell utilizes everything in UFO literature from the stories of Adamski to the Condon Report. His explanations are all written in understandable layman's language.

\* James M. McCampbell. UFOLOGY. 1976, Celestial Arts Publisher, Milbrae, Calif.

The non-physicist, non-mathematician reader is given a convincing physicist's theory of the design of the UFO and even the propulsion mechanism. He describes the Ufonaut and the operation of the UFO. Just before giving us advice as to how we should go about communicating with the Ufonaut he states, "Very generally, one might say that the UFO people are furtive, seldom display any emotion, and have a kindly, but restrained disposition." If the reader has perused even half of the UFO literature he is left wondering how an author can disregard so many facts.

The second author of this style of writing also ignores the contradictory, seemingly insane actions of the Ufonaut, but it seems more acceptable in this case. Author B. L. Cathie writes from the standpoint of his personal discoveries, and his conclusion is based on this. Cathie is a commercial airlines pilot and self-styled "amateur physicist". A native of New Zealand, he seems to have won the ear of his government as well as the respect of his country's armed forces. However, his theory based on his observations is so unusual it is difficult to assimilate.

Sometime before 1968, Pilot Cathie began to notice that his own sightings during his flights, and the sightings of other pilots were forming a pattern. This pattern was one of straight lines. Repeatedly, sightings fitted on one of several straight lines in his part of the world. This seemed so consistent that he began to plot them on a map. However, this was not satisfactory and he transferred the plottings to a small globe of the earth. Finally, he graduated to a large globe for more accuracy and he found, to his amazement, that these lines of sightings formed a grid. He eventually came to the conclusion that these grid lines were broken in certain locations and that it appeared that there was some specific kind of UFO activity at these spots. He tells in detail of circumstances that led him to conclude there was some kind of repair work going on there. He came to believe that these grid lines were actually lines of force, either emanating from the earth, or perhaps laid down in the past by alien visitors. One of the intersections of his grid lines we noticed was at Stonehenge, England, and it appeared that the grid lines to this intersection laid very close to, if not on two of the "primary ley lines" in that part of England. Referring back to the physical properties of the ley lines claimed by investigators, and the fact that UFO activity

has been reported as concentrated over them, one is led to speculate on its meaning, and if Cathie's grid lines are truly earth fractures.

Cathie presents voluminous mathematical calculations ending with an anti-gravity equation which he compares to Einstein's later calculations. He speculates that Einstein may have arrived at this phenomenon, and for some reason never published it, or it has not been clearly understood from his records. However, our point in writing about Cathie is to point out his conclusion about the Ufonaut. He states that they were simply learned alien scientists no more and no less! If the ufonaut is truly such a being, then the fanciful theory of other writers could be right. They theorize that these tall, stately blonde aliens started most of the major civilizations on this earth. The actual contact records contradict this possibility.

### **The Christian View of the UFO Phenomenon**

To all this we would add the conclusions of Christian writers on the subject, after which the evidence of the Ufonaut's "teachings" can be summed up.

The most detailed treatment of the UFO by Christian writers we have found so far is *Close Encounters, A Better Explanation* by Clifford Wilson and John Weldon.\* They start with a compilation of accepted facts, laying the foundation for an examination of the parapsychical aspects of the UFO. They also deduce that the phenomenon is not extraterrestrial. Then as they present their material citing authorities, officials, authors, records and reports by the dozen (their bibliography list is 142) quoting incident after incident, they build a damning case of deliberate evil against the Ufonaut. Their conclusion that it is completely occult is unemotional and objective. It is the most objective examination of the UFO phenomenon from a Christian standpoint we have found so far. We found other valuable items in *Close Encounters*. Anyone interested in a look at the Uri Gellar story from a Christian standpoint will find all the bits and pieces that have appeared in different publications brought together in a coherent manner in the chapter, Uri Gellar and "Extraterrestrials", along with an examination of Dr. Puharich and Uri Gellar. We also recommend its bibliography to anyone interested in following through a thorough reading on the subject.

\*Clifford Wilson and John Weldon, *CLOSE ENCOUNTERS, A BETTER EXPLANATION*, 1978. Master Books, San Diego, California, Publisher.

Eric Inglesby, former undersecretary to Lord Mountbatten during World War II also wrote on the subject from a Christian standpoint.\* Inglesby is now an Anglican clergyman, and he became interested in what was then known as "flying saucers" during his military life. He saw evidence of the occult connections from the outset. He became active in UFO research in England and developed his conclusions within the Christian understanding. He states that he saw from the beginning, that a true understanding of the UFO could be reached only by accepting their relationship to the ancient mystery religions.

\* Eric Inglesby, *UFOs AND THE CHRISTIAN*. 1978, Regency Press, London.

He found the typical mixture of truth and occult error in the Ufonaut statements. There were three reoccurring pronouncements attributed to the Ufonauts:

1. We must stop using atomic bombs.
2. God is a universal and benevolent spirit.
3. Reincarnation is a fundamental fact of life. Here again, was enough truth to attract attention, if not to establish acceptance, then the anti-Christian lie slipped in casually as if it belonged there. Inglesby came to the unexpected conclusion we had noted a few times before. The Ufonaut's warnings that almost border on demands concerning the prohibition of nuclear warfare seem to stem from a fear for

themselves. It makes us wonder if it could be that a nuclear explosion could be lethal to them if they were caught in it, and this may be the "everlasting fire" mentioned in Revelation that will destroy them at the end of time.

We wish to include mention of one more Christian writer on the UFO because of his conclusion.\* In an essay, UFOs are Diabolic, Sidney J. Jansma Sr, examines the evidence that the UFO and the Ufonauts are anti-God. He points out the "virtual bonanza" of parallels to the occult, the mediumism and occult philosophy to be found in the modern writing about them. He listed five common ideas he found in some of the solid research reports by respected UFO investigators:

\* Sidney J. Jansma Sr., UFOs, SATAN, & EVOLUTION, 1980. Three Essays. No publisher noted. Listed in catalog of Creation-Life Publishers, P.O. Box 15666 San Diego, California 92115.

1. The UFOs are not extra-terrestrial, but originate on this planet.
2. UFOs have been with us throughout all of human history.
3. UFOs and Ufonauts practice evil deception.
4. UFOs operate on both physical and psychic planes, primarily the latter.
5. UFOs are one and the same with occult phenomena. Astrology and mediumism are classic examples, and numerous parallels are found in the UFO-contactee phenomenon.

## **The UFO Hoax**

Dr. Jacques Vallee has based his conclusions on a much more detailed examination of the UFO Ufonaut phenomenon than most investigators. Since we are forced to conclude that the UFO is a part of a gigantic occult deception, we find it most significant that Dr. Vallee used the term "Hoax" as the only valid conclusion. The contactee (or true convert) exhibits a blind belief and obedience in and to the Ufonaut's demands. It is also evident that the Ufonaut is a 'teacher', and that a prelude to this teaching is some sort of brainwashing technique used on the 'victims'. We have been led to believe that a person under hypnosis cannot be coerced to do or say things that are "against his nature". This implies that he will tell the truth and act morally even though instructed to do otherwise under hypnosis-if this is his nature. However, the actions of a contactee indicate something more is involved here, for there is often evidence of a complete personality change as well as a change in moral values. There is even evidence that the act of allowing one's self to be hypnotized exposes the person to the immediate intrusion of this hoaxing power.

At California State University in Long Beach, persons who had no knowledge of UFOs, and were certainly not contactees, were carefully chosen from volunteers, and eight were hypnotized by clinical hypnotist, Dr. William McCall. Seven of the eight were put into a deep trance and told to describe what they saw "as the UFO appeared to them" in their everyday surroundings, "then as they went on board, met the occupants, were examined by them, were given a message, returned to the normal world, and thought about the way in which the sighting affected them." It was obvious that the outline of the abduction story had been given them, but Dr. Vallee states that, "The results of the experiment were shattering." These "imaginary abductees" provided "a coherent, intriguing UFO abduction narrative."

Dr. Al Lawson, who set up the experiment found that not only were the stories similar to the most classic cases on record, when the transcripts were closely compared with the "real" UFO cases, "the parallels became even more striking." They provided details and descriptions identical to those of real contactees. Dr. Vallee concludes that "many aspects of the experience may originate in the witness's mind."\*

We question the validity of this conclusion because of the sameness of the memories in many minds. It is unlikely that these identical details would appear repeatedly unless by some means they were put there by some outside source. This does fit the satanic hoax theory. It also does not prove the unreality of the UFO contact experience, since one obvious intention of the hoax (believed by both religious and non-religious analyzing) is to confuse.

\*Jacques Vallee, MESSENGERS OF DECEPTION, p. 46.

## **What the UFO Contactee is Taught**

Following are nine intentions and results Dr. Vallee finds in the hoax:

1. The groups of "believers" are exhibiting a "significant power over apparently rational people." They are using this to organize groups that suddenly abandon jobs, families, and former beliefs to seek "real truth".
2. We are offered survival after death and to being raised to a "higher cosmic level".
3. We are "only instruments" and must be open to the absolute take-over of the extraterrestrial beings. Vallee labelled this "intellectual abdication".
4. Some of us are "purer" than others because we are actually of extraterrestrial descent. (This is traceable to the belief in the "tall, stately blonde individuals" who were supposed to have guided us in our earlier evolution. These 'purer' ones strangely fit Hitler's 'pure Aryan stock' belief.)
5. We have no ability to build our own civilizations. The extraterrestrials did it. We can take no credit for our cultures.
6. To one extent or another, some kind of utopian system will replace our present systems. (Vallee adds, "usually dictatorial in their outlook.")
7. Abolition of the money system.
8. We must understand that the extraterrestrial Jesus Christ came to show us the way, and we "Kicked him out". Although he is the Prince of this part of the universe, he will not come to us again.
9. Melkizedek was an extraterrestrial who first came to Abraham to set him straight on cosmic matters. From this contact, all the religions of the world have sprung. (There still exists The Order of Melkizedek in the occult world.)

NOTE: The findings of this eminently respected secular writer and those of the Christian investigators are not contradictory. They each add details and different bits of information, but they do not contradict. The alien power is agreed upon. It is recognized as Psychotronic energy, not definable or truly measurable by our standards, but recognized by the initiates as the power of dowsing, the UFO and all occult (new science) manifestations. In dowsing it is made available to man for his use, and will heal or destroy at the user's will. The UFO manifestation is much more deadly. It kills, and even at a distance burns man and beast comparable to severe sunburn, and the eyes as though exposed to a welder's arc. It disrupts all known electronic devices, interrupts the electrical circuits in an automobile, interferes with photography, television, radio, tape recorders, and has caused brain damage and complete personality changes in humans. It burns trees, bushes and grass at the points of UFO landings. Animals act either as though they were numbed by it or they go into insane panic at its presence, and will not venture on the spot of the landing.

## **The Purpose of the UFO Hoax**

Animal mutilation is a part of the UFO phenomenon also. The only possible reason for this revolting fact that has been thought of so far, is to cause fear and confusion. There is no pattern to the senseless acts. In the first place, the surgery evident in the mutilations is so perfect and precise and improbable, it is seen as being humanly impossible to perform. Perhaps only the blood will be removed without spilling a drop. Certain organs may be removed in a senseless but surgically fantastic way. An eye may be removed by a small incision above the eye socket. The internal sex organs may be removed from a small incision in the rectal area, again, bloodless. Sometimes the organs are left laying on the carcass. There are never any tracks around the body. Only once in a while some sound may be heard if the mutilation is done close by, such as in a farmyard at night. Sometimes if an animal is killed in an outlying area or an inaccessible place, it will be moved to a spot where it will be found easily and dumped in such a way there is no mistaking the fact that it was moved (wedged between trees, rocks, etc.). There is no way to witness these happenings without concluding they were done for a reason.

The only positive and reasonable answer to the total of all these observable UFO and Ufonaut acts is to be found in the Christian view of the occult. The hoax is a part of a carefully planned take-over attempt of the world-maybe in our time if the occultists can win. The planned take-over is to be seen in the New Age movement, or perhaps a stronger one to follow. Before examining this, a look should be taken at the planned prelude to the takeover attempt. This is a well known phenomenon in individual experience, and is the same with a group. It starts with some kind of not-understood occult manifestation that generates fear. Then as the fear grows to a destroying intensity, a palliative is suddenly offered. This will be another occult manifestation, but so obviously protective—a veritable salvation. It is most often received joyously by the fear-ridden as the only answer. Only after having accepted it and being ensnared beyond escape is it recognized as a trap worse than the first. We will examine closely the New Age movement, for it is the palliative being offered to us right now.

## **The Development of the Occult Hoax**

Throughout history, occult manifestation has generated fear in the people at large. Perhaps it reached its peak in the "dark ages", but it is rising again. In the twentieth century it has grown with the UFO flaps and the horror movies of the late 70s which increased in their ability to instill fear. Then in the early 80s the movies began to serve stories of unbelievable mass appeal with "extraterrestrials" real and believable. These stories not only make the extraterrestrial a possible "good guy", but lovable—as in E. T. About this time the good things to come out of "The New Age of Aquarius" began to be publicized. This had been some time growing to the point of being a world-wide religion of loosely knit occult groups with one great purpose; to ignore the old (Christianity in the main) and bring in the new (strictly spiritistic, anti-Christian, and totalitarian). However it is covered with honey and the public is being prepared for the marvels and security of a new age.

## **The Fifth Dimension**

It is said that the New Age philosophy has been based on the book Revelation, The Birth of a New Age by David Spangler.\* However, another book predating Revelation by 36 years gives a clear picture of things planned. It is Vera Stanley Alder's Fifth Dimension identified earlier. It is interesting to note in the writings about the New Age-Fifth Dimension that all the main teachings of Christianity are used and cleverly twisted to mean things antibiblical. Even Jesus the Christ is blasphemously down-graded to a marvelous man who really knew his astrology, lived by it, chose his disciples by it, and taught it.

\* David Spangler, REVELATION, THE BIRTH OF A NEW AGE, 1976 Lorian Press, Elgin, Illinois.

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Vera Alder admits she was given this information while in meditation. She starts by identifying the different dimensions and adds her own, a fifth. She then states that, among other things it is the radiation of all things from the atom to the planets—THE LIFE FORCE. (Remember this theory in modern dowsing) In 91 pages she lists 24 items about the coming Fifth Dimension which are important to know in their relation to other elements of the occult world. Note the parallels to utterances or teachings of the Ufonauts and the beliefs of the late writers on dowsing:

1. Evolution and interplanetary life appearance is by atomic transmutation. p. 98
2. All men will evolve to a point where they recognize their own divinity, "I am All!". p. 107
3. There will be a moneyless society. p. 120
4. The increased violence (pain and torment) in the world today are only signs of man's evolving to a point of universal love. p. 130
5. The "second coming of Christ" will be the turning to the Christ within us. p. 131
6. There will be a world religion. p. 132
7. Science will be guided by "occultists, mystics and mediums" who will be called "mind scientists". p. 134
8. Clairvoyance among ordinary people will developed rapidly. p. 135
9. Psychometry will become a serious science. p. 135
10. The claim of Ruth Drown that any portion of the anatomy can be photographed from a drop of blood will become commonplace, and everyone will use this method to converse with people at great distances. p. 137
11. Medicine and astrology will go hand in hand. p. 149
12. Psychokinetics will become a school study. p. 156
13. Telepathy will be taught at an early age. It will become difficult to hide thought from anyone. p. 157
14. Music will appeal to the mind rather than to the emotions. Ravel's music is a foretaste of this. Wagner's music will live the longest as it portrays cosmic happenings. p. 158
15. Reincarnation is a fact. p. 162
16. There will be communal living only. p. 164
17. Garments will have astrological basis for their color and design. p. 166
18. A man's visiting card will be his horoscope. p. 179
19. "Sin" is only unbalance. p. 179
20. There will be a close communion between the living and the dead. p. 180
21. Sex and marriage will take on a startling new aspect. It will be a science of the group. p. 180
22. The twelve disciples of Christ represent the twelve signs of the zodiac. p. 185
23. Choosing of the twelve disciples was the outgrowth of the "deep astrological knowledge" of Christ. p. 186
24. Evil is a necessary part of the whole and must be welcomed. p. 189

It is quite possible that the only reader who will laugh in derision at these 24 items is the Christian who is ignorant of what is happening and happening fast in the world. One only needs to peruse the communications media, from television to the national tabloids to dispel any doubt as to our pre-occupation and reverence for the "ancient mysteries" of the world. Inquiry into them reveals most of them as embracing every pagan cult, religion, teaching and belief mankind has ever known. Every one of them have been enemies of the God of Genesis since Satan first devised a false religion. Every one of them is embraced in the New Age teaching.

## **The New Age**

The New Age beliefs are touted as "the new" but they are not at all. Several years ago David Spangler's book Revelation, The Birth of a New Age mentioned before, was claimed to be the basis for New Age philosophy, but not only was the backbone of it laid down years earlier by a respected occultist Vera Alder, the up-to-date view of it indicates that it has grown a long way from the teachings of the spirit "John" and the "sponsor" of it all, one, self titled "Limitless Love" who claimed to be greater than Jesus Christ or God.

A perusal of Revelation reveals the extent of pagan belief espoused:

1. There are intelligent and powerful spirit energies (Devas) behind all forces and forms of nature as well as "mountains, seas, of geographical locations. ...". pp. 40, 41
2. The old ideas must go (Jewish, Christian and Moslem). pp. 69, 232
3. "The fall of man was the original alignment of his spiritual energies with these forces of materialization so that he could enter into the physical sphere. Though this represented a sacrifice in some respects." p. 116
4. Of christ, "He is the motive power behind all evolution, and he is the product of that evolution." p. 117
5. The first man to become one with the Cosmic Christ was Buddha. The second man to do so was Jesus. pp. 119, 120, 176, 190
6. Explaining the crucifixion of Christ, "This was the occult crucifixion, the placing of this Cosmic Presence within the cross of matter. ..." "Through this action of sacrifice the Cosmic Christ truly became a Savior." p. 121
7. The idea of an "evil force" is man's creation, "tangent to the proper flow, out of timing and out of place." p. 131
8. The occult is above science-justification of "the etheric plane". pp. 135, 136
9. The "Second Coming of Christ" is not the coming of a person, but a "life which quickens a comparable Christ life within each one of us, revealing itself through group activity and a greater love flow within individuals." p. 141
10. From Limitless Love, "Heed not the voices that speak to the old, but know that I am within you, for I would proclaim to you what comes from beyond." p. 156
11. Old ideas and beliefs will disintegrate. pp. 166, 167
12. In the old culture, prayer was an exchange between man and God. In the new, it is unity and oneness. p. 205

## What the New Age Really Says

This cannot be dismissed as only fringe psychosis. It is becoming powerful enough to be influencing public thinking and is a real threat to everything we hold valuable in our culture. The whole plan comes directly from the spirit world. It contains the most awful satanic intention to destroy mankind. This is what they are saying:

Everything on earth will be totally dictated by satanic spirits; mankind's thoughts, decisions, actions, and understanding. This is what the Bible refers to repeatedly as "possession".

Every man will be considered divine, but without the rights we presently grant an animal.

Sin is a necessity and must not be downgraded.

All of ancient paganism will be part of the new belief; astrology, mediumism, spiritism, necromancy, divination, etc.

Reincarnation is the only truth of life hereafter.

Individualism will not be tolerated.

There will be no more privacy. Only group activity will be tolerated.

The family unit will be no more. "Communal living" only, will be allowed.

Sex and marriage will be changed entirely to group activity.

All present understanding of the Jewish, Christian, and Moslem religions will be destroyed. It will be replaced by occult and astrological interpretations.

No man will be allowed to think for himself!

Every one of the above changes are embodied in the notes we have identified specifically from the two books on the Fifth Dimension-New Age. In the two books totalling 474 pages packed with protestations of love, repeated in every manner possible, over and over again, these little facts of their belief are dropped so casually, that even the Christian can easily be misled to see only beauty where horror is almost covered up.

The most frightening aspect of all this is that seemingly right-minded people are willing to convert, or force, the rest of the world to accept the lie of "Limitless Love" when even those deeply involved with any part of the occult know from experience that it is lying, contradictory, and is known for its trickery, and sudden abandonment of its devotees. Perhaps the worst side of the occult is the absolute mercilessness in punishing those who stray or try to escape. These things we know from experience, not from the theories of others. There should be an organization of those who have been delivered from this horror and which will advertise affidavits of just how loving "Limitless Love" really is not.

Imagine a world of totally possessed people. What we have seen of mass suicide in the past few years would not even be a beginning. Incidentally, Jim Jones was a former Christian, but as leader of Jonestown he was a respected, full-fledged New Ager and Jonestown was one of the chief centers of New Age teaching. When it ended in tragedy it was immediately repudiated as of the New Age, and the news was put out that it was a Christian organization!

In the 1972 Spiritual Community Guide, a "Hand book for a New Age", the People's Temple of Jim Jones' was listed as one of the chief centers "to anchor The Plan on earth". After the mass suicide, the New Age denied any connection with it, and referred to Jones as a "Methodist Minister".

To the Christian onlooker it would appear that the satanic forces controlling The People's Temple became so greedy for the easy annihilation of all those souls, that their goal of world domination was temporarily set aside. Or, is what we witnessed no more than a true picture of the insanity of evil? What we are trying to say to anyone who will listen is, "Do you not see what you are stepping into with the least involvement in the occult?"

We are not suggesting that all of the New Age goals will become a reality. We are pointing out what is happening presently, and that it is easy for the Christian to become involved, for many are already. It is certainly not something to laugh at and walk away from, or to play with a bit "just for kicks", or even to use in desperation.

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There is a clever, plainly-to-be-seen propaganda devised by the New Age to appeal to the unwary Christian. None of the true aims of the movement are hinted at, and the implication that the New Age is Christ's Kingdom to be established on earth is the bait. It is frightening to notice (at least here in southern California) the number of rear car windows that carry both the New Age logos and Christian symbols. In the appeal to the business world, the propaganda is slanted toward self improvement, and it is clever enough to have been included in the required study for personnel advancement in some large corporations. The New Age has also gone political, and has backed and infiltrated certain "crusades" familiar to anyone watching television. These include ecology, disarmament, abortion, artificial insemination, genetic control, and forced limitation of family size. All of these are most important to a plan of total control of the individual.

Alice A. Bailey wrote prolifically on the New Age, and most of her material was admittedly 'spirit dictated'. She died in 1949. Her books were published by the Lucifer Publishing Company of New York, which became the Lucis Publishing Company of the Lucis Trust. She states plainly that buying and selling permission will be dependent upon the individual taking the "Luciferic Initiation". She also denies their public image of belief in racial equality. She writes, "The new world order will be founded on the recognition that all men are equal in origin and goal, but that all are at different stages of evolutionary development."\*

\*Alice A Bailey, THE EXTERNALIZATION OF THE HIERARCHY, p.190, published by The Lucis Trust.

She makes it clear that out of the New Age, "... which brings opportunity to the occidental races, and through the medium of this life force of executive organization, of government by rule and order, by rhythm and ritual, will come the time wherein the occidental races—with their active concrete mind, and their vast business capacity can take the initiation."\*\* In fact, even a most cursory perusal of the New Age teachings reveals the exact race supremacy belief of Nazism!

\*\*Alice A Bailey, INITIATION: HUMAN AND SOLAR. p. 182. published by The Lucis Trust.

A close look at some of the culture changes they espouse reveals frightening intent. "Death Control" exposes their intention to enforce "zero population growth", which means no births per year above the death rate will be allowed. To keep the society young and viable, legal killing of the aged, the infirm, the imperfect, and the unwanted is an absolute necessity. With this goes hand-in-hand rigidly controlled "forced limitation of family size", which means forced abortion per order of the State. This latter item is in the making now in 1983 unless the U.S. Senate defeats it. There is a bill before the Senate to enforce "population stabilization by the year 2000" which is only seventeen years away.

The moneyless credit card society is in our not too-distant future, according to some economists. This same plan, plus "redistribution of the wealth" has been a tenet of the New Age since its inception. It is a necessary part of denying mankind independence and individuality. To implement this rigid control of

the individual each person will be issued a number without which he, or she, can neither buy nor sell. The issuance of this number will be allowed only after a person has passed the "Luciferic Initiation".

The most sure way of obviating the illegal possession of such a number will be the official and permanent application of a number on the forehead or the hand. One plan suggests that this number be invisible except under a certain light. It is not exactly a non sequitur to add that to the New Ager, Lucifer is a being of worship and the saviour of mankind. The number 666 or its multiples is touted as of great occult value and strength. With these facts staring us in the face, it is inconceivable that some Christians still refuse to believe that the prophecies of the biblical book of Revelation are not applicable to our time.

All of this, with the openly declared phasing out of all religions except spiritism, the taking over of synagogues, mosques and churches for the Luciferic initiation rites, the abolition of Christian days such as Good Friday and Christmas, and particularly "sealing the door where evil dwells" (which Alice Bailey positively defines as eliminating Christians) must be the final steps toward "the end of the age".

Finally, we would quote David Spangler in one of the most blasphemous statements ever made (from his book, *Reflections on the Christ* written in 1978), "The true light of Lucifer cannot be seen through sorrow, through darkness, through rejection. The true light of this great being can only be recognized when one's own eyes can see with the light of the Christ, the light of the inner sun. Lucifer works within each of us to bring us to wholeness, and as we move into a new age, which is the age of man's wholeness, each of us in some way is brought to that point which I term the Luciferic initiation, the particular doorway through which the individual must pass if he is to come fully into the presence of his light and his wholeness.

"Lucifer comes to give us the final gift of wholeness. If we accept it, then he is free and we are free. That is the Luciferic initiation. It is one that many people now, and in the days ahead, will be facing, for it is an initiation into the New Age. It is an initiation of leaving the past and moving into the new, shedding our guilts and fears, our anxieties, our needs, our temptations, and becoming whole and at peace because we have recognized our inner light and the light that enfolds us, the light of God."

All of this is the picture of the attempt of Satan to take over the world in our time. No person, Christian or non-Christian is immune. No one, particularly today, dares take the least step toward this kind of possession. It is not only spiritual possession, it includes the mental, and the physical. It is total.

It was not too long ago that demon possession was recognized only by pagan religions, occultists, and perhaps the conservative Christian. The rest of us called it "mental illness"—schizophrenia. Today those symptoms are being recognized as stemming from two other sources also. One cause is surprisingly simple—nutritional. The other, more surprisingly identified by an increasing number of psychiatrists is pure possession of the individual by an alien personality, the demon possession of the Bible. If a person was reported to be afflicted with multiple personalities in those days of certainty about mental illness, we found it fascinating, and wondered if we, too, might have submerged 'other sides' to our characters. We even made movies about it (*The Three Faces of Eve*). Only the loved ones and close friends of those unfortunates knew the horror of reality.

Then toward the 1970s a few psychiatrists and psychologists began to have doubts as they saw evidence of an outside force actually taking possession while the patient himself (or herself) simply blacked out. There were cautious reports from such established institutions as veteran's hospitals of attempts to exorcise the intruding 'entities'. This was reported as being at least temporarily successful.

The type of possession that did not show overtly the character of the demon was more difficult to classify. In this type of schizophrenia the patient said and did things that were contrary to what he might

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be expected to say and do normally. He could give no reason for his words and actions. This was total control by the invading entity, and over which the patient had no defense.

Now-a-days, exorcism is becoming fashionable, particularly among the charismatics and there is the inclination to blame all illness on demon possession. In cases where the demon possession is actually demonstrated something is happening that has established, once and for all, that it is just that. There are documented reports of the demon leaving the possessed person and immediately possessing either the exorcist or one of the helpers—same voice, same characteristics, and same reaction. It is said to be most frightening to witness.

The successful and final deliverance from true demon possession occurs in a manner that is distasteful to both liberal Christian and non-Christian. It is done in the name of Jesus Christ. Just as distasteful to these people is the claim by the counselor (the term exorcist is avoided) that the shed blood of Jesus Christ protects those present from violence threatened by the screaming demon. The demon reaction to this statement by the counselor is most interesting. It is abject terror, sometimes ending in the spirit begging the counselor not to mention that above all things.

Perhaps it is clear by now that a true understanding of the smallest step into the occult can be gained only by a perspective of the whole picture and its "plan". The first step is often made in innocent ignorance. It has been found that such a seemingly insignificant act as having occult writings or artifacts in the home, or watching demon possession stories in movie or on television is an invitation to demon presence. (There was a rash of frightening spirit visitations recorded after watching *The Exorcist*.) Reading occult, Satan Church, or pagan religion writings "for fun", or playing with astrology (the horoscope) or the Ouija Board is an open invitation.

This leads us to our last observation in perspective; the problem of those who are caught in any of the aspects of spiritualism or the occult, and who truly desire release. Although we have, as stated before, been through this personally, we do not consider ourselves expert. So what we have to say here will be based not only on our perspective of looking back, but on the experience of counselors and what we have read.

We cannot state strongly enough, the only means of final escape is in the name of Jesus Christ. This is so important, one must never, for a moment, allow anyone to explain it away. Some times a person can escape by his or her own prayer.

Sometimes the demon is so entrenched in either harassment or possession, one must have help. In our own case, even though we were on the verge of suicide as the only means of escape and we were under severe pressure to submit to hypnosis, we resisted. Finally, at the last moment, before action had to be taken we tried, without belief, faith or any of the other supposed pre-requisites, one simple prayer. Probably it would be classed as just a last cry of anguish. Someone had suggested the cause to be satanic and we had laughed at the time. However, when there was no other hope we suddenly decided it had to be tried. It was no more than, "I don't know if You can hear me, or if You will hear me. If this thing is satanic I ask You please, please, in the name of Jesus Christ, deliver me!" It was gone out of the room instantly! It would have been interesting to have been able to see what happened in that instant, when satanic forces were so close to success.

We have exposed this most private and personal experience for only one reason. Hopefully, it might encourage even one person who can scarcely believe in the possibility of deliverance.

If the problem is so severe it cannot be handled alone, search for a Christian counselor who believes in Jesus Christ as Saviour (there are many who do not!), and who knows the power of His name, and who recognizes Satan as a literal being and the arch enemy of all mankind. Accept no substitutes. The

Christian community is full of would-be counselors who do not hold to these beliefs. They will interpret your problem in one of several learned sounding ways, but without acting in the name of Jesus Christ, they will fail you. Regardless of the depression, guilt, fear or hopelessness you feel, release is a certainty.

When once genuine satanic harrassment or possession has been experienced, one knows without the slightest doubt, the difference in it and the product of an active imagination. Perhaps a counselor is needed to help ascertain this first. If there is suspicion of physical or mental illness, professional consultation must be obtained. This is an important and often neglected step. Glandular imbalance or nutritional deficiency can produce depression and even hallucinations and the most awful nightmares.

Dr. Kurt Koch, the internationally known Christian counselor whom we have quoted repeatedly, makes a very clear distinction between physical or mental illness and satanic oppression. He points out the view of present-day intellectuals that Jesus was just an uninformed 'child-of-his-time' who thought that all sickness was demon possession. He is of the opinion that those who believe this way have only failed to ascertain the facts. We would put it more strongly. We believe that they have read and not assimilated a single word, for it is there in every new Testament book for all to see.

The entire ministry of Jesus was full of "healing the sick-and-casting out demons". In other words, Jesus certainly did know the difference between possession and pathological disturbances, and so did everyone else of his time. Matthew 4:24 tells of people bringing the sick and possessed to him. In Matthew 8:6 it reads, "He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick." Mark 1:32 states, "And at even, when the sun did set they brought unto Him all that were diseased and them that were possessed with devils." (Emphasis ours.) It seems that Jesus knew considerably more about sickness and demon possession than present-day psychiatry, for he, at least, knew how to differentiate between them. It should be added here quickly, that oppression and possession is only a matter of degree. A person can be oppressed by demons and gain release by a simple prayer. If it has progressed to the point of a spirit taking total control, then outside help is necessary.

One final warning to the person troubled by the occult, or who suspects that kind of trouble. Avoid at all costs the ignorant, if well-meaning Christian counselor who believes all sickness to be satanic oppression or possession, or, the highly trained professional who cannot recognize satanic oppression when he is confronted with it. Your only hope is in the experienced Christian counselor who can differentiate and guide you wisely. Take the time to find such a person. They are available.

Above all, do not go to a psychic, or allow yourself to be hypnotized as a cure, or accept the services of any type of dowser-healer, mystic, or medium.

### **Summary of Our Intent**

As we stated at the beginning of this chapter, a perspective view of the occult world is not ranging far afield from dowsing. It is making use of the rule of good sense expected of us in every other endeavor. It is the examination of the overall picture.

It must be admitted that from a practical standpoint, dowsing is a tool for personal use. As such, this tool should be examined for its true worth before buying it. Yet, we have never once seen, or heard of this being done. For some reason it is accepted gratefully as a gift—to some, a spiritual gift. It is apparent that the factor causing this attitude is the mystery and supernatural element in all kinds of dowsing. Who has not been attracted at some time or other by the stories of the genie in a bottle or lamp, which comes out at the call of the fortunate possessor to do miraculous things? This is exactly how most dowsers feel. This is why they will not listen to reason once they have experienced this supernormal power.

## Dowsing: An Occult Force

So, it is not so incredible that even the most highly intelligent individuals among us throw all caution to the winds and 'buy' dowsing exactly as a 'country bumpkin' enthusiastically buys from the con man at the country fair. They are promised superhuman powers, and they buy it without a second look. In our examination of dowsing we have probed deeper than might be thought necessary because, although the facts are there for all to see, few will take the time and trouble to look. We told of one rare Christian dowser who found the biblical condemnation of divination and accepted it as total and final censure of the act. However, most Christian dowsers state unequivocally, "Dowsing for water (or minerals) is not divination! It has nothing to do with the biblically condemned "wizardry".

It is a fact that the use of the dowsing device (a wand or staff in Hosea's time, still one of today's devices) is as old as written history—and was worldwide. The oldest written reference to water witching as "divination" is from China and predates Hosea by about 1400 years. There is no way to avoid the conclusion that the moment the dowser picks up the dowsing device he has accepted one of the oldest witch-craft and sorcery methods known to man!

The Christian dowser who wrote us the letter we discussed in Chapter IV was so certain that dowsing was harmless, he defied us to show differently. Yet the record is there for the reading. We can start with the convulsions during witching of peasant herdsman Barthelemy Bleton of the eighteenth century and list the present-day known nausea, dizziness, convulsive pains, muscle spasms, loss of memory, fainting and headaches during and after the simplest type of dowsing-water witching. Some dowsers do not recover their sense of well being for hours or many days after witching.

This does not include the physical discomfort of some types of dowsing; bleeding hands, burning feet, the rod flying back to slap the dowser in the face as the water is located (we know of one dowser who wears a crash helmet to take the force of the blow). Even the metal or wood rod forced into an arc at waist level, slaps back against the belly of the witcher with a stinging and resounding whack.

Dr. Kurt Koch has told us of dowsers who, although apparently suffering none of the above effects, have fallen prey to severe psychic disturbances at a later date. Dr. Koch has also recorded case histories of severe psychological and psychic trauma by recipients of medical dowsing. We have written of the harm a dowser can cause a 'victim' at will, but it is obvious that if this occult power is used to cause harm, it will seldom, if ever, be confessed.

What we have tried to show is that there are two sides to the dowsing coin. The side we have exposed is the one never discussed in polite dowser society. The act of dowsing, for whatever, is referred to as "wizardry" and divination in the Bible. The Old Testament penalty for practicing or consulting was death. To those who are interested, a lengthy discussion on this subject is to be found in Cruden's Complete Concordance to the Old and New Testaments, Youngman's edition.

The final word on the subject from the biblical viewpoint is the order, you shall not touch it, and for an excellent reason. It is destructive! There you have it. Dowsing is dangerous physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. However, if the public reaction to this warning is comparable to its response to the Surgeon General's warning about smoking, only a few will stop laughing long enough to consider. It is for those few that this book has been written.