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Science

Where Experiment Stops: The Reality of the experiential: The First Reason.

- R. K. Mishra. (61 pp from Series on The Living State: The 'Mind', Science and the Puzzle of Yoga, 1999). Offers a new concept involving energy- networks in the whole body to account for the phenomenology of 'mind', the results of the practices of yoga and the possibility of transcendent experience. This technical paper is available in booklet form and sets out the author's comprehensive understanding of the mind-brain question. It will repay careful study by any member interested in consciousness studies. Booklet costs £2.50 while supply lasts.

***Evolutionary Waterways: The Contextual Dynamics of Biological Diversity.** - Alan Rayner. (11 pp). Argues that popular evolutionary Theory unrealistically separates 'dry' inherited information from the "wet" context in which that information is processed. Hence the recipe for biological diversity emits a vital ingredient, water, and evolution is thought to evolve purely external selection of fully discrete informational units that struggle for existence in a fixed frame of reference. Instead of a belief in calculable, controllable genetic futures, the author offers a more empathic understanding whereby evolutionary versatility results from varied patterns of assimilation and distribution of free energy in a dynamically bounded context. Here, the properties of water as a receptive medium are paramount.

***The Descent of Man?** - Paul Carline. (11 pp). Paul writes: Mainstream evolutionary theory since Darwin, including the 'modern synthesis' of neo-Darwinism; has assumed . that *homo sapiens* has 'descended' by modification and selection from essentially ape-like ancestors i.e. the ~ presumed 'common ancestor' of both humans and non-human primates is taken to have been decidedly more ape-like than human, possibly resembling a modern lemur. However, a study of the comparative embryology of humans and other mammals, and in particular the phenomena of so-called 'neoteny', reveals evidence which clearly contradicts this view and provides a direct challenge to orthodox Darwinism. In this article I review the facts of embryology and suggest an alternative account of the 'Descent of Man'

***Russian Advances in the Study of the Effects of Environmental factors and**

Electromagnetic Medicine. - Alexander P. Dubrov. (13pp). Report at an International Symposium 'The Effects of Ions EMFs and EMWs on the Human System' covers ionisation and ozonation, EM resonance . therapy and diagnostics, geopathic zones, and ' new diagnostic methods in medicine drawing on the latest Russian research.

*** The Structure of Time - A Resolution of the Grandfather Paradox** - John Kidson (12 pp). Paper presented at this year's AGM. Argues that paradoxes of this kind are not inevitable but stem from a faulty view of time. Will interest anyone concerned with the philosophy and physics of time as well as issues of free will and determinism.

Discrete Degrees - A Top - Down Presentation. Ian J Thompson. (17pp) A talk given at a meeting of the Swedenborg Society. Discusses Swedenborg's understanding of mind and reality on the light of author's own thinking in physics and parapsychology. A very systematic treatment that repays close study. Summary available at www.ph.surrey.ac.uk/~phslit/papers/degreetalk6.html

Near-death Experiences; Far-death Attitudes. James H. Austin. (11pp). An in-depth consideration of this topic, by the author of *Zen and the Brain* including a neurological perspective. Concludes that our emphasis should be on how we live this life to the fullest. A very stimulating essay.

***Rethinking the Basis of Technology.** - Dolly Knight and Jonathon Stromberg (8 pp). Argues that today's technology is based on explosion. Following the lead of the Austrian Viktor Schauberger the authors propose a new philosophy of technology based on implosion based on the crucial importance of energy moving in a vortex fashion, Illustrates the research work of David Schweitzer and reports the results of 'vortex energised water' on plant growth, as well as the Coghill Research Laboratory investigations of the personal harmoniser on human health.

***Slow Light and the Seven Morphes.** - Robert Barry (8 pp). Asks if the connection between the speed of light and mass means that the slowing down of light is related to gravity and the other forces of nature. Also if the deceleration of light as it gives up some of its energy is connected with the formation or renewal of matter. Perhaps matter is simply light moving at a slower speed. Pursues a hypothesis of life as a manifestation of light and explores its ramifications.

MEDICINE

Is the Placebo Effect Dependent on Time? A Meta-Analysis, by Harald Walach and Catarina Maidhof (7 pp, from *How Expectancies Shape Experience* - edited by Irving Kirsch). A technical paper assessing the duration of the placebo response in general. As expected the magnitude of this response varied considerably across categories of disorders, as did that of the verum response. Differential analysis showed that the correlation between placebo improvement and duration of the study across all disorders was small and negative, indicating that the placebo response did not decrease substantially with time.

Protective Effect on Human Peripheral Blood Lymphocytes of a Water-Filled Metal Device ('Personal Harmoniser'*) Against Cellphone Radiations at 1800 MHz. -Roger Coghill, and Tamara Galonja- Coghill. (14 pp., produced by the Centre for Implosion Research, PO Box 38 Plymouth; PL7 5EB, by whom this report was commissioned - see article on Implosion Research above). The results of this study show that the device had a significantly protective effect against overnight exposure to electromagnetic fields and radiations from a mobile phone on standby, compared both with cellphone-exposed cells not exposed to the device, and with controls.

Autogenic Training in the Context of Yoga. -Velta Snikere Wilson. (6pp). An article introducing autogenic training (AT) with some clinical examples of its beneficial effects. The second section discusses relationship between AT and yoga based on the author's personal experience.

Adverse Effects of Fluoride. - Sheila Gibson (4 pp). Backing up the author's article Water Fluoridation - Therapy or Fallacy? (4 pp from Positive Health Dec/Jan 1998), she has prepared a list of references documenting adverse affects of fluoride on teeth, bone structures, structure of enzymes, stomach lining, the thyroid gland, the kidneys and the immune system, among others. Titles of related articles available on request.

PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION

Religion and the Web of Life. - Peter Talbot Willcox. (6 pp). A reflection on this theme from the view point of perennial philosophy drawing especially on the work of Meister Eckhart argues for an extension of knowledge beyond the current perceptual limits of science which will in turn help us to restore the integrity of life by means of an expanded world view.

The Possibility of Life beyond Death: A Tibetan Buddhist Perspective. - Geshe Ngawang Sherap. (4 pp., lecture given at 'Beyond the Brain III' Conference 1999, Cambridge). Starting from an understanding of the nature of consciousness, the author analyses the Buddhist perspective, discussing the nature of the experiences and the conditions required for experiencing. Challenges the reader to redefine their sense of self.

What Survives During My Life? The Case for Energy Monism - Mark Woodhouse. (6pp). Notes provided at Cambridge to give a background to his talk. Describes the fundamental tenets of the author's 'Energy Monism' then sketches elements indicating the primacy of energy and the integration of energy in consciousness. Then goes on to discuss what his theory helps to explain in a comprehensive way including PNI, the limitations of reductionism in relation to consciousness, the complementarity of science and spirituality, and the logic underlying paranormal phenomena.

Individual Identity: Beyond Identification with the Body. Ravi Ravindra. (12pp). Background paper for the Cambridge Conference discusses the role of spiritual disciplines in the transformation from an identification of oneself exclusively as the body to one closer to the supreme identity of oneness with all. These multiple levels of identity can be spoken of as levels of spiritual development or in terms of levels of materiality corresponding to suppler and suppler bodies. Spiritual disciplines do not aim at or hope for reincarnation.

Science and the Sacred. - Ravi Ravindra (11pp) A paper prepared for the 'Millennium Conference on Integration', this is a brilliant analysis on a number of pertinent themes including origins and context of midern science, western science and non-western cultures, new science and the contemporary situation, science and spirit, the particularity of modern science, spirituality, and science as a spiritual path.

The Superstring as Microcosm of the Spiritual Macrocosm. - Stephen M. Phillips. (49pp). An analysis of the century- old description by Annie Besant and C W Leadbeater of the basic units of physical matter, which they magnified with the use of a yogic siddhi called 'anima' showing that these particles are not only the constituents of the up and down quarks in atomic nuclei : (subquarks) but also superstrings. The paper claims to prove mathematically that these particles are the microscopic manifestation of the Kabbalistic Tree of Life.

Esoteric Key to Explaining of Intelligence Concept. -Valerii Polesskii. (36 pp). An article constructing a correspondence between mind faculties, studied by esoteric psychology and conventional psychology : argues that a few basic mental faculties are the basis of human mental activity and that these are projections of the fundamenral components of the

esoteric structure of the God Mind. Defines concepts of 'intelligence', 'intuition' and 'mental psychosynthesis'.

The Soul-Body Interface. - Jens Jerndal. (9 pp., presented at the 13th Continental Meeting of the SMN at Schloss Petzow. near Potsdam, May 1999). Contends that morphogenetic fields are created by Soul Consciousness, as it purposefully applies its information to mould and modulate cosmic energy into an invisible electromagnetic matrix which acts as a bridge between the non physical soul dimension and the physical universe.

The Work To Play Book. - B. Smiley. (3 pp). A poetic musing on the nature of God, Love and the Cosmic Game. A sample sentence: 'God did not discover love as an objective phenomenon, He became what we call love as He became more and more who He is'

PSYCHOLOGY/PARAPSYCHOLOGY

Afterlife Research: Evidence, Problems, Paradigms. - Michael Grosso. (15pp from 'Human Nature' - see News and Notices section). A wide ranging discussion of the scope of after life research, types of evidence, then phenomena involving apparitions, reincarnation memories and mediumship. Then discusses problems of interpretation and brings related evidence to bear. Very informative.

Limits to Therapy and Counselling: Deconstructing a Professional Ideology. - Richard House. (16pp from British Journal of Guidance & Counselling, Vol. 27, No. 3, 1999). Argues that therapy's pretensions to being a legitimate professional clinical practice are not only highly questionable but actually constitute a self-serving and ethically suspect ideology. Concludes that deep and honest ethical reflection is needed on the nature of therapy, and on the possibility of developing more healthily appropriate socio-cultural forms for helping people with their 'difficulties of . living'.

The Place of Psychotherapy and Counselling in a Health European Social Order: A Commentary on Tantam and Van Deurzen. - Richard House. (8 pp., from European Developments). Further critical reflections on the role of therapy and its tendency towards self-interested exaggeration of its own cultural indispensability.

***Psycho/Logics:** D O van Nieuwenhuijze (13 pp). Presents the author's understanding of the logic by which the psyche operates. It is the logic of the phase relationship, between close systems and open systems, which explains the problems that emerge when imbedding of the part in the whole is warped. Proposes the fundamental law that Experience minus expectation equals feelings/emotions to account for the energy balance at the system interface. The principles of phase transitions can be recognised and applied to the psyche.

GENERAL

Towards Lifelong Professional Learning. - Graham GUEST. (7 pp., from the Institution of Fire Engineers, Northern Branch Conference, Sunderland. 5th July 1999). Argues that Continuing Professional Development is coming to be seen as a key component of life long learning. Considers the future of CPD, touching on individual responsibility, the importance of learning networks, and a scenario where self employment is the norm.

How The Cookie Crumbles at Frenchman's Cove -Robert Coughlan. (13pp). A very . amusing article written about Frenchman's ; Cove when it first opened. Shows how the . human body

cannot put up with too much luxury, such as attempting to drink one's ; weight in champagne! A must read for anyone who has been to, or is planning to go to, Jamaica.

Strategic Briefing tor Satan. - Anthony Judge (3 pp). **Strategic Briefing for the Messiah.** -

Anthony Judge (4 pp). On www.uia.org/musings/briefings.htm

Mutually cross-referenced articles giving 12 guidelines in which it becomes clear that policies can be used for very different . purposes. Each recommendation is followed by an analysis of its advantages, with the Messiah Briefing giving advice on how to maximise benefits and trends rather than creating division and marginalisation. Rather reminiscent of C S Lewis's Screwtape Letters.

Being the Universe: a Metaphoric Frontier. - Anthony Judge (7 pp). On

www.uia.org/musings/xphasing.htm

'We are our own metaphor' according to Gregory Bateson. This essay advocates a multidisciplinary approach to the possibility of activating new metaphors which can enchant, empower, explain and orient us through the user's own comprehension of each metaphor's significance.