

Three Cases of Synchronicity

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In the process of searching for office space for our new Institute, we surveyed four potential sites. The first three were rejected for various reasons, leaving only one clear choice, an office suite in Los Altos, California. After settling on the Los Altos site, I became curious about our neighbours in the new office complex. I found a directory sign listing the names of the occupants; most were psychiatrists and psychotherapists, but then I noticed that one business was named "PsiQuest, Inc." This was a pleasant coincidence, as the purpose of our new Institute was also a "psi quest" of sorts, in the sense that we are engaged in parapsychological research. I was certain that the "psi" in PsiQuest, Inc. referred to "Personnel Services Incorporated," or something similar, as there are only a handful of full-time psi research efforts in the entire world. So I took the similarity in names as a curious coincidence and forgot about it.

About a month later, after we had moved in, I happened to be walking towards our office suite from a direction I hadn't taken before. As I neared our door, I noticed that the sign on the adjacent suite was "PsiQuest Research Labs." I was reminded of PsiQuest, Inc. of course, but now my curiosity was piqued by a more mysterious coincidence: Why would "Personality Services Incorporated" (as I had imagined PsiQuest, Inc. to be) require a research lab?

Two weeks went by before I noticed someone in the office next door. I knocked on the door and walked in to say hello, but before I could utter a word the man behind the desk looked up and immediately said, "Dean Radin?"

I blinked, wondering how he knew my name, then I replied, "Yes? I'm your new neighbour. I wanted to introduce myself and see what kind of work you do here." "What do you think we're doing?" I asked. He replied, "Psi research.... parapsychology."

I was astounded. To my knowledge, our new "Boundary Institute" (<http://www.boundaryinstitute.org>) is one of only three organizations in the United States engaged in full time psi research. And yet, unbeknownst to me, or to any of my colleagues around the world, here was a group engaged in full time commercially-oriented psi research, next door to our new offices!

Now for the second case. It turns out that the President of PsiQuest, JK, is not only thoroughly familiar with psi research, but he had attended lectures my colleagues and I had given, had read our published articles, and had given copies of my 1997 book, *The Conscious Universe*, to his friends and investors. This is how he knew who I was when I opened the door to his suite. I subsequently learned that on the very day I met JK he had been practicing a type of lucid-dreaming technique, in which he slept for three hours, then was awake for three hours, then alternated sleeping and waking in this manner for 24 hours. During the waking periods, he was wishing for a "sign" that his business was still on the right track. Thus, when I opened the door to his lab that day, he was shocked because for a long moment he wasn't entirely sure if he was awake or dreaming. My appearance at that moment was as clear a "sign" as he could have hoped for.

And here is the third. About a month before my initial meeting with JK, I had spent a fair amount of time visualizing what our new offices and laboratory space should look like. In

particular, I found myself thinking about a certain type of reclining leather chair that I wanted to purchase for our psychophysiological research, and I was hoping to build an acoustically and electromagnetically shielded chamber for those experiments. I knew that this equipment would be quite expensive, and as a result I didn't realistically expect that we would get it any time soon. The day after I met JK, he took me on a tour of his facility. As we went from one room to the next, I could hardly believe what I was seeing. JK had the identical leather chairs and shielded chamber I had been visualizing, and they were located no more than 10 feet from where I was sitting in my office, imagining what I wanted for our lab!

Now every day when I go to work at the Boundary Institute, and I pass our neighbour's "PsiQuest Research Labs" sign, I am reminded (in a pleasant way) to be mindful of my intentions, because sometimes our wishes manifest in unexpected, and in this case, extremely unlikely and undeniable ways.