

# A Possible Future Direction for the Network

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*I am generally an interested but non-active member of the Network, and am very concerned about the increasing collective mental ill health of our society, which seems mainly to be due to the lack of real purpose in life inherent in secularism.*

This will only get worse if Brexit goes ahead and brings about the expected economic downturn, thus depriving people of their 'drug' of consumerism. Since Science is now 'God' and its leaders tell everyone that it is socially taboo to be religious, only Science can restore an acceptance of spirituality or religious faith. Although I accept that the Network is primarily an academic organization, it does also seem to me that this is where the necessary impulse must start in Britain.

In relation to the above, although research into the 'paranormal' is taking many fascinating directions, I have a concern, which may or may not be justified, about an apparent lack of consolidation of advances. Some areas, such as survival of consciousness after death and transfer of information by non-physical means, seem to be promising avenues. Could we help consolidate these advances, and then get the information out to the public? We do not need the approval of the reductionist materialists of the scientific establishment - the educated man in the street (or the media) is well able to tell the difference between a valid argument and one based on rigid dogma.

If we can just crack the barrier between the 'paranormal' and what is considered an acceptable view of the universe we shall have removed the main obstacle to acceptance of spirituality and faith.

However, if we are to introduce a tornado into society's concept of the universe we do also need to have a plan for how we are going to achieve this without causing chaos! Not everyone is going to be thrilled about the prospect of their consciousness continuing after death; in fact, many will be downright terrified! We will need education and support networks, using existing ones where possible, and a means of giving guidance. This is where the less academic members of the Network such as myself could play a role. We may not be brilliant scientists, but we may have other useful skills.

I personally think that contemporary philosophy now has in place all that is needed for a modern faith based on the emerging picture of a sort of psychic / divine 'Internet' pervading the Universe and on evolution of consciousness through many lifetimes.

*“The ideal of using the present simply to get ready for the future contradicts itself. It omits, and even shuts out, the very conditions by which a person can be prepared for his future.*

*We always live at the time we live and not at some other time, and only by extracting at each present time the full meaning of each present experience are we prepared for doing the same thing in the future.*

*This is the only preparation which in the long run amounts to anything.”*

*John Dewey (1859 - 1952) American philosopher & educator*

