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## DOORS OF PERCEPTION

In his novel "Lord Jim", Joseph Conrad wrote: "Each culture shapes reality for the individuals born into it, and they can only survive unscathed by staying within this definition of reality." Such is the foundation upon which a culture rests. Yet, history has shown repeatedly that the "reality" is short lived; the myths of a given culture are often disproven by subsequent generations. And as historian Arnold Toynbee has shown, when societies cling to aging myths, the outdated reality can bring about the downfall of the culture.

Many of the sacred cows of our own pioneering society are losing their relevance as the march of mankind leans toward a 'one world' view. The current reality has been shaped by the mechanical models of Issac Newton and the Industrial Revolution. But unfortunately many of the common-sense rules born of this worldview prohibit necessary advances. (It can't happen, and therefore it doesn't.) Einstein wisely cautioned that common sense is "that collection of prejudices accumulated by the age of eighteen."

Alternative realities are being born to better handle new information emerging from laboratories. Our daily life has no place in the micro world of atomic physics where there are no absolutes, only probabilities. (There can be little patience for returning home to a probability.) The "reality" of the macro world makes time and space inseparable---equally confusing to grasp in our day-to-day existence.

We all would do well to entertain the possibility of new alternative realities; since it is our definition of reality that decides for each of us what is possible, and what is not possible. Today, for instance, we might say that it is "impossible" for man to move clouds or to seed them for rain purposes. Yet, only a few centuries ago when Indians were the sole settlers on the American land, not only was the moving and

seeding of clouds "possible" -- it was an integral part of the Indian culture. (Those Updaters who have seen Greta move clouds know that it is, indeed, quite possible.)

Similarly, today few citizens believe in the existence of devas (also known as wee people, leprachauns and brownies). In ancient Ireland, devas were an active part of the culture, with people regularly leaving out pots of milk for these wee entities to ensure good luck. However, those who lived at the Findhorn community in Scotland in the 1960s and 1970s claim to have established an active working relationship with the local devas. Together they produced extraordinary results in their vegetable and flower gardens, despite adverse soil and weather conditions.

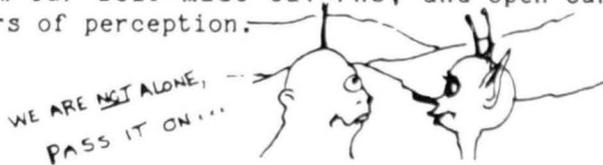
Our personal "reality" is shaped by our thoughts. They determine how we perceive our future, our accomplishments, our relationships. Our emotions are our reactions to these thoughts and perceptions, and mirror our inner consciousness. They play a crucial role in our happiness and physical wellbeing.

Mankind has spent most of history fretting about deeds, which he calls either good or bad, productive or destructive. But he has spent almost no time on his inner thoughts, without which there would be no deeds. Yet the future of our civilization, our objective reality, is being shaped and developed by our inner thoughts. Consciousness is the creator of our 'real world'. It programs us for what we believe is achievable...and what is not. As new "realities" are being developed to accommodate the data arising from scientific experimentation, so must we open wide the gates and allow the evolution of the inner person. The more we expand our minds the more we can enlarge our "reality" and create new worlds.

An ancient tale is told of a monk who went out one fine spring day to listen to a meadow

lark sing. When he returned home, all his friends were gone; three hundred years had passed. Such things as time and space, you see, can disappear in the presence of greater (alternative) realities.

The effort to enlarge your own reality begins with mind energy--your thoughts. We must try to get beyond those self-censoring thoughts that say "This can not be" and "That simply is not possible". We should heed the wise words of William Blake: "If the doors of perception were cleansed every thing would appear to man as it is, infinite. [But] man has closed himself up, till he sees all things thro' narrow chinks of his cavern." It is time that we emerge from our self-made caverns, and open our doors of perception.



## AN ALTERNATIVE REALITY

I have long been a Loren Eiseley fan. Eiseley was one of the finest stylists of our time when it came to pure prose. A scientist-poet-anthropologist whose language and themes are timeless, Eiseley provides great solace for me through his magnificent writings. Last night I was reading his "STAR THROWER" and I came across an essay in which the author described wandering home through a terrible fog when he heard a "frantic outcry of hideous terror." Apparently a crow was flying very low but thought he was much, much higher in the sky, and so was terrified when he unexpectedly came nose to nose with a human. To the crow, who thought he was flying among the rooftops, he was suddenly confronted with "...a man walking on air, desecrating the very heart of the crow kingdom--an air-walking man." Says Eiseley: "The crow had seen a marvel in his heights of air and is no longer as other crows. He has experienced the human world from an unlikely perspective. Our worlds have interpenetrated."

I got to thinking about seeing things from an inverted angle (obviously not a gift just reserved for a crow!) When I am on the border between two worlds--whether by intent or by chance--the borders may shift or interpenetrate for me too. When this happens, my outcry is not one of 'cawing' terror, but of wonderment and awe. But then again, to a crow there is no past or future, just the present; to a human there



is memory. What can one remember when one suddenly interpenetrates a world and hears the colors, sees the music, and experiences the extra-dimensional world "from an unlikely perspective"? I am inarticulate when I try to explain. It is as if Alice has indeed fallen through the looking glass. Somehow, some way, we all know that there is a way through that tunnel but we can't always find the opening. For many who find it, the scratches received going through that glass are overwhelming enough to send them scurrying back to the known, never to return. But for me, the passageway is clear and inviting. Despite some bruising, I return again and again with joy and excitement. Santayana once wrote that "life is a movement from the forgotten into the unexpected"--and he was right.

It is a while since I went "out there". The humdrum and mundane keep me happily earthbound: settling into Reisha Way...planning for the S.T.A.R. House...entertaining guests...playing with the animals...puttering in my gardens...writing...and reading. But always at the edge of my consciousness is the Ogatta group beckoning me closer. When the worlds interpenetrate 'out there', I am not a channel. I am my own being who experiences a "marvel" unlike any other. So--very soon--I must go back?

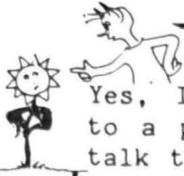


## E.T. Vocabulary

I have answered more than 5500 letters since ON A SLIDE OF LIGHT was published, and about one third of the mail involved attempts at defining the words at the back of the book. A few came close on one or two words, and one man was right on target with the whole list, which was terribly exciting. Ken Lawless, however, gives us "The Real Extra Terrestrial's Lexicon" which we pass along to you:

- Alpha Centauri = Martian dog food
- Alien Life Form = Herpes virus
- Flying Saucer = An item that cost Nancy Reagan \$500
- Take Me To Your Leader = I want to audition for Steven Spielberg
- Apogee, Perigee, Azimuth & Zenith = A Real Extra-Terrestrial Law Firm
- Double Nova = PBS reruns back to back

Who says we don't do "think and relate" pieces?



## A NEW EXPERIMENT

Yes, I talk to plants. I can talk them to a premature death (I don't) and I can talk them into longevity (I do). From the time I learned about Cleve Backster's work with lie detectors on plants, I have been a believer in communication with flowers. Updater Chris Bird's splendid book, THE SECRET LIFE OF PLANTS, made an impact on my thinking and experimentation. The conscious thought that sentience doesn't stop at the cellular level gave me pause for reflection. Recently, I worked with a fragile orchid from a corsage and kept it going for 18 days, although the florist told me that it would die "in a day or so". (I left for an overnight trip and came back to find it very dead.)

Research chemist Marcel Vogel, of IBM background and fame, is convinced that there is a psychic energy involved when one interacts with plants or flowers. This is demonstratable. And so...instead of another telepathic experiment, I am suggesting the following alternative to each and every Updater while the March winds do blow: Take two cut flowers and/or two leaves from the same tree, and set them in water a few feet apart on an indoor table or windowsill. Every morning and every evening, talk pleasantly and vivaciously to **one** of them for a full minute. Ignore the other one! Water them equally, but only talk to one. After three days note the result. Don't be mechanistic in your approach to the flower or leaf. Be gentle and encouraging in tone of voice (yes, talk out loud!) and remember not to look at or talk to the second flower or leaf. For those of you who cannot bring yourself to talk to a flower, hook up two tape recorders, one on either side of your flowers; play hard Rock to one and Mozart to the other. Guaranteed, the Mozart-ed flower will thrive and the Rock flower will wither. Believe it.

If your success is as staggering as I'm certain it will be, take a photograph of the results, and share them with us. In any case, let us hear from you so that we can publish the results. Come on...try it!...men and women alike. As for me, I shall be working with two mums and two philodendron leaves. Good luck!

The human brain is so intricate, vast, and complex that a computer looks primitive in comparison.



R. P. V. P.

In the last Update I pondered whether or not Shirley MacLaine "...ever read ON A SLIDE OF LIGHT." A gracious note from her confirms that indeed she had, and found it "excellent". We mutually hope to connect at Reisha Way in '84.

## SUBSCRIBER Scriblings

Dear Greta and Dick:

Back in 1956 our Centric Fdn. Inc. decided on an experiment to determine the percentage of a group that would have to understand a concept before that concept would metastasize through the group. (As you are aware, the "broadcast system" between members of a group is fairly strong; so that almost any group creates an electromagnetic network that is in effect a computer/brain on which the entire group draws.) I was, at the time, Managing Editor of a weekly newspaper in Fort Pierce, Fla., an agricultural & shipping town of not very high intellectual capacity.

We decided to use the word **ecology** and its concept as our test measure...a word and concept that had certainly not entered the town "computer/brain" at that time... nor had the concept made itself a part of the mass subconscious except in intellectual centers, anywhere in the nation. I used the word "ecology" in the newspaper three different times in each issue, each time in a different context in which the meaning would be clear.

It took 3 months; and we estimated that 10% of the population had received the concept in three different contexts (the rule of I Tell You Three Times) when the word and concept metastasized through the town so abruptly that it quite startled us. Every Tom, Dick and Harry began talking in ecological terms.

It was 15 years almost to the day when "Earth Day" was celebrated throughout the nation. As president of Centric, I felt it was a most rewarding and exciting piece of research for the foundation. Three decades later I 'think and relate' to your Hundredth Monkey piece (Vol. 3, #3). Best wishes to you both,  
Leigh Donahue



[A special vote of thanks to our conscientious editor, Jill Smolowe, who gives unstintingly of her time and her talent for each Update.]



## MOUNTAIN MUSINGS

Are you really John? I call you John... and have called you John since we were boys together. I would know you as John even if events conspired to keep us apart for many years. Yet, I have recently learned that all parts of our body die and are reborn. In fact, birth and death appear to fuel the human body. If we were not to meet for six months, John, there would not be one molecule in your face that was there when last we met. Yet we would take up our conversation as though we were the same two people. John, how come we are so oblivious to the life cycles that go on within our bodies?

Dr. Lewis Thomas wrote, "We are not made up, as we have always supposed, of successively enriched packets of our own parts. We are shared...rented...occupied." The living entities he referred to within our body, John, are cells. They are the building blocks of our 'parts and parcels' and are what make each of us unique within our species. I always knew there was only one of you, John, but I wasn't thinking biologically. Cells live and cells die, but we go on...as John or Dick or Harry. All of the hundreds of millions of cells in our bodies are replaced at least every six months, most at shorter intervals. I've come to look upon cells as independent friends belonging to the larger organization familiarly known as a human being. And when these cells die, John, they supply much of the material needed to replace themselves...a real life cycle. I guess the reason for writing, John, is that I can no longer view death as the opposite of life. The cells die so that the larger body may renew. Death seems to be the central organizer and essential ingredient in ongoing life. The life sciences are making great strides in understanding the biology, and chemistry, and physiology of life. But, with all that's so new since last we met, is that really you, John?

Sincerely,

### **Predictions! Predictions!**

What will happen? When will it happen? What can I do? Where should I go? Sound familiar? These are the requests for specifics that bombard psychics...and the S.T.A.R. headquarters. Most psychics who try to give specifics about future events are usu-

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ally wrong or off in their timing. It's too much of a burden for any sensitive to be asked to bear. And, it abridges the free will of those who ask for specifics. (Reread A TAURI STORY in your second Update.)

"Let me know before a major quake hits Tokyo because my mother lives there." "Tell me when Mt. Shasta (or Mt. Helens) will erupt again because we are planning to build a summer home in that area." "Is it safe for me to take a trip to the east (or west) coast in the month of April? June? November?" "Where is the safest place to build a retreat?" No, no, it's impossible to answer these questions.

Bettyann Kevles, writing in the L.A. Times, says of earthquake predictions: "...it is more than a problem of geophysics. It is a social question too. If the (earthquake) warning proved a false alarm, as happened five times in a region of China before a large quake did occur, how many of these false alarms could an American population take before individuals decided to ignore ALL warning as mere cries of wolf"

It is one thing to nudge a complacent audience to consider dynamic changes occurring before their very eyes. It's another to pinpoint the date, place and moment of calamity. "Tell us where and when", Dick used to ask the Ogatta group when we were speaking of earth changes. "We know people all over the world...we can warn them." The almost-sad answer was, inevitably: "Ah, but who would listen and really act upon the warning? Who would actually leave business and home, community and state..or country.. based on a 'futurism'?" The answer is no one...or maybe a rare few. So knowing the specifics of where the earthquake will strike or where the next comet will land serves little positive purpose.

If you think that your homebase is in a threatened locale, then you should devise alternate plans. Think of a second area as "an insurance policy". If you are in a town ripe for strikes, riots, nuclear waste leaks, water and/or food shortages, then prepare, as we are preparing, for those possibilities. No, I can't tell you when, where, why, or how. I can only tell you that between 1984 and the turn of the century, major changes will occur on this planet that will alter your way of life. Depend on it.



# "Man's Inhumanity to Man and Nature's Plan"

## The Scenario Rolls On

So you ask, "When will it happen, this man's inhumanity to man"? Well, look around you. It is happening every day and, we are sad to report, in every grisly way. Update editor Jill Smolowe writes about it almost weekly for Newsweek (International). She sends us this report of two recent assignments:

Those who follow the news undoubtedly know that Brazil is a country in great turmoil. Its deficits are enormous, its inflation gallops along at 200 percent annually and its chronic unemployment keeps 5 million jobless laborers in perpetual search of work. But there is more to the Brazilian nightmare. Today, as a Brazilian priest notes, "there is just no safe place anymore." There is a robbery every 20 minutes in Rio and more than 99,000 assaults annually in Sao Paulo. Even Brazil's beaches are no longer safe. Late last year 8 men staged a 20-minute shootout on a sandy strip at Ipanema. So much for the carefree girl from Ipanema "who goes a-walking."

Brazil's unprecedented wave of violent crime has citizens panicked. Now, most homes are surrounded with high walls topped with jagged shards of glass. And most householders own a gun for protection. Brazil is becoming a country of guarded fortresses where fear and distrust reign supreme.

The picture in Zimbabwe is hardly prettier. Africa's newest independent nation is now grappling with a rash of baby killings and dumpings that has left newspapers fuming: "Have our women become possessed by the devil?" The phenomenon owes much to archaic tribal attitudes that value young girls solely for their bride-price, a fee highly dependent on virginity. When unwed girls become pregnant, fathers see only the sinking market price and often react violently. So many young girls hide their pregnancies—and then get rid of the baby as quickly as possible. But it is not only youngsters who resort to such desperate measures. An unwed woman who knows she will receive no financial or emotional support from the man responsible for the pregnancy will often dispose of her baby, saying she can not "afford" to keep the child. The situations in Brazil and Zimbabwe are sick and they

are sad. And they are only a tiny piece of the inhumanity that afflicts the world today.



EXCERPTING Feb's. "WORLD PRESS REVIEW—European commentators see only faint hopes that Moslem and IRA terrorists can be curbed by political means. —Financial Times of London

Indochinese boat people are still afloat in the South China Sea, with fewer and fewer ships rescuing them. Three years ago 20% of all Indochinese refugees were picked up at sea. This year it will be merely 10%. —Frankfurter Allgemeine of Frankfurt

The International Press Institute (IPI) 1983 survey shows that today only a small part of the globe respects free speech. The rest of the world is "gagged". Most of the Eastern European countries continue to jail journalists, as do most in Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Asia. —"IPI Report" of London

Bangladesh has become the world's poorest and most overpopulated nation. Only a fourth of the people can read; a fourth of all children die before age five; and three quarters of the people are chronically undernourished. —NCR Handelsblad of Rotterdam

## SEEKING AN Rx FOR RF

We humans are being exposed to greater and greater amounts of radio-frequency radiation (RF). We discussed this ("Microwaves & their Macro Effects") in the Jan/Feb 1982 Update. Now the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed a review of more than 5,000 health-effects studies involving RF radiation. The conclusion reached by the agency is that the data presented is strong enough to justify federally enforced protection from the hazards of RF radiation. We're glad that the American government is finally acknowledging these health hazards, especially since so many other countries including Britain, Canada, the Soviet Union and China, have already set RF exposure standards far more stringent than our own.

You Updaters know that each frequency, apart from representing a given number of pulses, also represents a measurable amount of energy capable of interacting with the bodily energies and enhancing—or unbalancing—them.

## A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PAIN

Updater Dr. C. Norman Shealy, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the renowned Shealy Pain & Health Rehabilitation Institute, is a leader in exploring/incorporating holistic methods for the control of chronic pain. He writes to us: "As a neurosurgeon, I have long recognized that our understanding of brain function and activity falls far short of comprehending the vast capabilities and dimensions of the mind. In order to minister most effectively to patients, we need to understand the role of the mind, both the patient's and the health practitioner's. A small number of physicians, including myself, have explored innovative ways of treating patients using behavioral modification techniques, extrasensory perception, hypnosis and other mind-related methods. At the first national meeting sponsored by our clinic in 1972, I invited a faith healer and a trance medium musical therapist to appear on the program. Today, I consult with three different clairvoyants to assist me in understanding difficult patient-related situations.

My practise is involved largely with patients who have chronic pain, pain that has lasted over six months and has resisted traditional methods of treatment. Often these people present frustrating problems, frustrating to themselves, their families and their physicians. While the pain is real, the mind often plays tricks on the patient by persistently sending out messages of pain long after the cause for the pain has ceased. Some patients who express a desire to get well are psychologically resistant to attempts made to improve their circumstances, even if it involves only some simple changes in lifestyle. These are what I call problems of the brain/mind interface, that mysterious but powerful boundary where the intellect collides with emotions and values.

Most of the time during the intensive evaluation session our patients undergo, we pick up these conflicts; occasionally we seek the input of a skillful clairvoyant if only to reassure us that we have not overlooked an important component of the patient's problem. Most of the time the diagnosis and treatment are obvious because of our experience in pain and stress management. Determining the patient's total life stress (physical, chemical and emotional)

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assists us in deciding on a course of treatment. For instance, we know that for optimal health, everyone should avoid nicotine. We have some reliable guidelines on minimizing the intake of alcohol, sugar, caffeine and white flour. Studies indicate the value of regular exercise for optimal health.

Attitude, of course, has a great deal to do with health. Excellent mental techniques have been developed for improving attitude and achieving a state of mind/body harmony. In addition, there are a number of physical and chemical approaches that enhance the rate of return to optimal health in certain patients. These include acupuncture, nerve blocks (with novacaine type drugs), electrical stimulation of the skin, osteopathic manipulation, massage, ice, heat, biofeedback training, counseling and a variety of stress-reducing food supplements.

People often ask if I practise my own recommendations. Yes, indeed. In fact, considering the pressures and responsibilities that I live with daily, I must follow these recommendations to stay healthy. My family and I live on a farm, raise most of our food, and are concerned with water quality and energy conservation and production. We are eager to learn, and happy to pass along what we have found useful."

[We finally met Dr. Shealy when he flew to Kansas City to hear my lecture. We can vouch for the fact that he practises what he preaches...and looks fantastic!]

### **Holism Is Not New!**

Holism has a glorious history. For decades, exciting advances in science and medicine have taken center stage, pushing more comprehensive approaches into the wings. But the rebirth of holism is fast approaching. When the Prince of Wales dedicated the Briston Cancer Help Centre in July 1983, he stated, "I now declare the Grove House open in the hope that by doing so I can, in some small way, encourage doctors and healers to work together towards their mutual goal of healing the sick."

Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, preached a holistic approach to curing the sick. He noted the causative relation of food, climate and social occupation to dis-

ease. (His 4th century B.C. work, "Air, Waters, and Places", would be regarded today as a treatise on human ecology.) "Hippocrates viewed disease with the eye of a naturalist and studied the entire patient in his environment," states the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The role of the physician, according to Hippocrates, was to assist the natural forces in healing the patient. The emphasis was to be on a holistic balance between body, mind and environment.

Paracelsus, the controversial 16th century alchemist, was a vigorous advocate of 'folk medicine'. He stressed old home remedies along with new chemical remedies. In a most unorthodox manner for his day, he also pushed social reform as a positive thrust for health. Prince Charles championed this approach before the British Medical Association last June when he said, "...when it comes to healing people it seems to be that account has to be taken of those sometimes long-neglected complementary methods of medicine which in the right hands, can bring considerable relief, if not hope, to an increasing number of people."

The body cannot remain healthy when the mind puts it under continuing stress. Undue stress causes immune systems to break down and allows imbalances, called disease, to creep in. The mind cannot escape from prolonged periods of stress when an individual feels alien to his surroundings or social structure. We all must recognize that drastic changes in that environment will militate against the health of everyone. Mind and body, society and environment, ecology and positive thought; they are all important parts of the health system called HOLISTIC medicine....and have been since the birth of MAN. Some sage once said that there is nothing new under the sun. History repeats itself. Holism...we welcome you back!

I'D SAY YOU WERE 'OTHER'...

**S.T.A.R.**

**ACTIVITIES**

The newly formed Geneva Chapter of the Young Presidents Org. is bringing Greta to Switzerland to lecture on Mar. 10th. The Benelux Chapter will then fly her and Dick to Holland for a repeat presentation on Mar. 16th. S.T.A.R. applauds all new YPO chapters who invariably opt to put Greta at the top of the list of resources...and

the established chapters who request a return engagement for a reinforcement of the Scenario and an update on what's new "From ESP to ETI". (YPO'ers: Have your Education Chairmen contact Dick for scheduling of dates in either '84 or '85.) On Friday, April thirteenth, the University of Hawaii brings Greta back to the Center Campus Ballroom at the University for a lecture open to the public. It was gratifying to learn that the student body voted to have Greta return after a three year absence. (Everyone send good vibes; Friday the 13th?!) Please remember...ALL HONORARIA GO TO S.T.A.R.

All roads lead to Reisha Way, and the stream of welcome Updaters continues into the new year. First timers included the Breeds (Md.), Hughes (Ca.), Borowik, Richman, Stein (N.Y.), Donahues and Tannehills (N.C.). The "Good Doctor", Andrija Puharich, finally experienced the magic of Reisha Way during his February visit. It was a joy to be able to talk privately with one of our favorite human beings. Keeping his visit hush-hush was not easy! And returning to be helpful in the many plans for S.T.A.R. and for the projected S.T.A.R. House were the Sonnabends (Fla.), Keller (Switz.), S.Lotman (Pa.), & Bob Andron (our selfless architect and Updater from Raleigh, N.C.) who brought along the almost-finalized blueprints for the facility. A very heartfelt thank you to the three American and two European Updater/benefactors who are contributing mightily to help make the S.T.A.R. House a reality. All donations, gifts, pledges, and funding which come to the Foundation in such an unsolicited manner are deeply, deeply appreciated. So, too, is your sharing of news clippings, ideas, articles, letters, books, and phone calls. We're delighted to be publishing much of your material.

### The "Good Doctor"

In response to your many requests to know what Dr. Puharich is doing, Andrija wrote the following for the Update during his visit to Reisha Way: "I have been working for the past 2 years with colleagues M. Arnan, L.de Vries, and R. Mayer on a new treatment for cancer. The treatment consists of injecting a cheap, common gas called ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) into malignant tumors. The animal tests were completed in March 1983, and announced at the Sixth World Congress of the Int'l Ozone Association, followed by publication. Human testing was initiated in the American Biologic Hospital in Mexico.

Typically, the patient is viewed under a CAT SCAN, the tumor located, and ozone gas injected into the tumor. The tumor dissolves into a liquid and the destroyed cancer cells are aspirated. The ozone selectively destroys only the malignant cells, and does not affect the normal cells. This inexpensive, revolutionary new treatment is easier to take than going to a dentist. Results to date on humans are very encouraging! Plans are being made to have the new treatment submitted for testing leading to FDA approval.

I plan to ask Greta and Dick to take an active role in this testing program which may last for several years."

### **SPEAKING OUT... To my Update Family**

I'm angry. Psychic phenomena are finally receiving recognition by the national media, but their spokesmen are inept. Very. They are also skeptical, and it shows. The anchormen are willing enough to present the subject, thus appearing "open-minded", but they are reporters of news and claim to have no bias in presenting their reports. Not so. Quite the contrary, in fact. I remember a Walter Cronkite Special dealing with psychic phenomena a few years ago. It was well done. It was documented. It was fairly treated. And in the closing seconds of this splendid presentation, Cronkite looked straight into the camera and with a lift of the eyebrow and what amounted to a smirk, signed off with "And THAT'S the way it is." Sad.

"Can it be replicated?" is the big question that scientists ask regarding any feat in parapsychology. Yesterday, metal bent in an accredited lab, adhering to 'scientific conditions' under strain gauges, but will it bend on command today? If the answer is no, then yesterday's achievement is in question. Last week a man was cured of XYZ disease by a healer but next week can another man demand the same result if he has a mirror illness? If the answer is only maybe, then last week's healing becomes suspect. Science, you see, demands empirical data, and that data is compiled through repetitive testing. The world of psi cannot always deliver on command. It is, by definition, **paranormal: beyond 'normal'**.

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What to do? Many submit to the rigors of lab testings only to find that on a given day "it isn't working"; all of their efforts with past phenomena then become instantly questionable. They try again...and they eventually leave in despair, inevitably under a cloud of disrepute. Such is the problem which every psychic who becomes a guinea pig to Science faces.

It would appear that the U.S. Government is lifting--somewhat--the ban on talking about its own involvement with psi matters. Russell Targ of Stanford Research Institute (SRI) has been loosed to talk about remote viewing. On Nova. On Good Morning, America. On Nightline. He is a weak spokesman, which is unfortunate. For example, of his 5 years of successful testing with Uri Geller, he has nothing positive to say for the record. Of his Remote Viewing experiences dating back to the '70s (and about which he reported in Iceland in '77), he is inarticulate. When asked what the greatest feat to come out of his many studies was, he cited the successful tracking of silver trends by psychics. Not a word about telepathy. PK effects. Precognition. Channeling. Metal bending. Things which this physicist has been researching for years at the labs of SRI. Nothing new emerges. I am not knocking Russ. If I had wanted to do that, I would have named him as the researcher on p.161 of ON A SLIDE OF LIGHT. I didn't.

No, I can't help wondering what this flurry is all about. Sub rosa talk about the lettered agencies' connections to research in the USA has abounded for a long time. The government appears to be coming out of the closet...but always safely shrouded and definitely skeptical. The drum seems to beat out a message of their "keeping up with the Russians" as the primo facto. The equation is "Mind over Matter = Psychic Warfare". Consistently debunking everything from telepathy and precognition to healing and psychokinesis, the government's public posture is one of incredulity and low tolerance. But the lettered agencies ARE involved and have been for some time. Why this trend of late? Why Russ Targ? Is it deliberate? Is it effective? It is misleading...and it is dishonest.

**"Life is a movement from the Forgotten into the Unexpected"**