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Abstract

First Sight: A New Understanding of How Psi Works

Psi is not second sight. It is First Sight. This implies that psi is not anomalous, rare, nor unpredictable. It's not an ability or a set of abilities. It is not useless, nor is it dangerous.

The model is a basic way of thinking about psi and the mind. The theory is based upon the model and is a set of ideas spelling out how psi works in coordination with other normal psychological processes.

Psi is a condition existing actively but unconsciously in a very large, non-local universe. This condition is expressed inadvertently by implicitly expressive events within the thinking, feeling and behaving of people (we call these things ESP), or it is expressed inadvertently by the activity of things in people's meaningful physical environment (we call this psychokinesis).

First Sight theory can be seen to fit the findings reported in a very sizable body of accumulated research findings. And they point the way to integrating parapsychology with the rest of general psychology and psychobiology in ways that will be both productive and humanizing.



Jim Carpenter has been actively involved in parapsychological research at least since 1959, when he came to Duke University as an undergraduate to study with Dr. J. B. Rhine at the Duke Parapsychology Laboratory. He has authored numerous research articles, conference presentations and book chapters on various aspects of psi research. Among other things, in a study of several years, he and his colleagues demonstrated that psi information can be expressed in the spontaneous, inadvertent behavior of social groups. In another series of studies he showed how laboratory ESP effects can be used to transmit and acquire usable communications, including the perfect transmission of the word "peace" written in Morse Code. He is currently finishing a book on a new theory of psi. Jim has been active in the leadership of the field, including serving on the boards of the Parapsychological Association and the Rhine Research Center. In the rest of his professional life he is a clinical psychologist with a busy psychotherapy practice in Chapel Hill, NC. He is a diplomate in clinical psychology, ABPP, and a Fellow in the American Academy of Clinical Psychology.

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