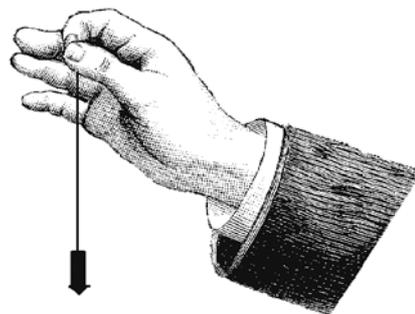


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NEXT MEETING
Sunday, 17th February, 2008

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year

Here we are at the beginning of 2008 and I am sure that like me, some of you are still trying to work out what happened to 2007.

At our last meeting, Paula Polson informed and entertained us with details about some of her many and varied experiences as a respected dowser and feng shui consultant.

This year I would like to issue you a special challenge. On Sunday 27th April 2008 we are holding our Annual General Meeting, so I invite you to consider standing for a position on our Committee. The more nominees for each position, the better I believe. Of course I am very proud of our existing Committee, however, as a member of this wonderful Society, remember you are a valuable part of it and it's your right to be considered for the Committee yourself.

As usual, we intend to vary our meetings. There will be a range of speakers, plus our panel discussions, and we have some other interesting ideas under consideration. As a real bonus Dr Pauline Roberts has indicated that she may be available later in the year to present one of her fabulous workshops. All in all, 2008 promises to be lots of fun as well as educational.

Since shifting to a glorious rural environment last year, I have a new appreciation for the power of dowsing. I've been busy dowsing to find the right position for fruit trees, the best locations for various items, and generally doing all sorts of small but important testing. The value

in selecting local people for various services has all been made easier thanks to dowsing - although the expressions on the faces of some of the trades people when told how we selected them has been interesting !!

We were saddened in January by the passing of another valuable member of our Society, Phyllis Davidson. We will miss her greatly.

At this point I would like to make a special mention about the numbers of new people attending our meetings after travelling far and wide to join us. At our last meeting we welcomed one new member who travelled some 500 km from Cann River. Fortuitously she also won our raffle !! We were delighted to welcome visitors from Learmonth, Kyneton and Benalla as well.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you again on 17th February when Dianne Ward (no, she's not a relation of mine), a Dreamspell Calendar expert, clairvoyant and tarot reader will enthrall us with her presentation. Don't miss her.

Wishing you all the best for 2008..

Fred Ward, President

NEXT MEETING

Time & Date:

2.00 pm, Sunday 17th February, 2008
(1.30 pm for dowsing practice)

Place:

Mt. Waverley Community Centre,
Miller Crescent, Mt. Waverley
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OUR NEXT MEETING

We are delighted to welcome a new speaker for our meeting on 17th February, 2008: **Dianne Ward**, who will present to us on the **Dreamspell Calendar**, which draws on aspects of both the Mayan and the Gregorian calendars.

As an introduction, Stuart Kingsford will provide a brief history of the Gregorian Calendar, the standard one used.

Dianne will discuss the Dreamspell (13 moon Natural Time) Calendar which she finds wonderful for 'synching' with the natural flow of the Universe – to live in peace and work with the cycle of time.

She will explain the equivalent of the "birthday" using this calendar, for a personal "Galactic Signature", which shows the areas the Soul must work on in this life. While the Dreamspell Calendar is not prophetic like astrology and so on, Dianne has kindly offered to forward your Galactic Signature if you provide your birth date at the meeting. Make it a date !!

OUR LAST MEETING

At our last meeting **Paula Polson** presented on a wide range of aspects drawn from her experience as a dowser and feng shui expert.



Paula entertained us all with some real life stories of how she has dealt with "ghosties and ghoulies" as she fondly calls them. She also spoke about other professional experiences that had resulted in many satisfied property owners.

Vale Phyllis Davidson

Phyllis Davidson, a Life Member of the DSV, was interested in natural medicine long before it became popular. She ran a healing group at the Theosophical Society for many years, caring with compassion. She will be sadly missed.

A Tribute to Phyllis Davidson

(17.8.1916 – 20.1.2008)

By Mary Ward

Phyllis was one of the founding members of the Dowsing Society. She was a beautiful soul, who until her health failed, was always sitting in the front row at every dowsing meeting.

Her lovely countenance glowed with love and interest

Phyllis was a very spiritual person who was 'ahead of her time' and had vast knowledge which she was always willing to share. She made the world a better place - she was generous, helped those in need, was true to herself and added her distinctive colour to the world.

Her family have expressed interest in any photographs or memorabilia linking Phyllis to dowsing as their own records of her dowsing interests are minimal.

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Responsible Dowsing is Endorsed by Religious Leaders

As a professional dowser I have met people who are afraid of becoming involved with dowsing because they don't want to be in conflict with their Christian or other religious belief systems. I am convinced that responsible dowsing practices fit comfortably within all religious traditions, and in this article have brought together quotes from a variety of sources to support this view. As Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and you will find; knock and it shall be opened unto you:"¹

In some ways, individuals who fear that dowsers are controlled by evil entities are like people who fear fire because it can cause destruction. Just as controlled fire is a beneficial tool in the proper hands, so dowsing can be a benefit to humanity when done correctly. It is of utmost importance that dowsers be properly trained, and that is why organizations such as the Canadian Society of Dowsters (*and the DSV*) are important: they offer a forum for responsible practices to be developed and taught.



Religious Leaders Support Dowsing

From the 17th century on, many priests wrote about the use of dowsing for healing and helping purposes. These include: Jesuit Father Kircher, Jacques Le Royer and Abbé de Vallemont. Abbé Alexis Mermet, a country priest, wrote the *Principles and Practice of Radiesthesia* in 1935. In Quebec in the 1960's, a catholic bishop, Edouard Jetté, was a well-known dowser and wrote a book titled *Au Seuil du Subconscient*.

The Vatican endorsed dowsing in a letter written in May 1935 by Mgr Eugene Tisserand, Prefect of the Vatican Library, to Monsieur Delattre, Secretary General of the Society 'Amis de la Radiesthesie'. [In 1929, priest Alexis Bouly gave the name of "Radiesthesia" to describe dowsing phenomena, from the Latin "radius" (rays) and the Greek "aisthêsis" (feeling).] He wrote: *"I was required to attend an audience of the Sovereign Pontiff for the purpose of explaining to Him personally the nature of the researches to which the members of your Association are dedicated, and to tell His Holiness of your wish to have for the officers of your Association, and for its activities, the Apostolic Blessing. The Holy Father was touched by the sentiments expressed in your letter, and has charged me to communicate to you His Paternal Blessing."*²

The Vatican also used dowsing when the engineer Czepl, a leading Austrian dowser, was invited to assist, as a dowser, in planning a restoration of the Cathedral of St. Peter. 3



Interior, St. Peter's of Rome

Many other religious leaders have used dowsing to benefit humanity. "I have met doctors, pastors, missionaries, and even evangelists who use the rod or pendulum and believe they have received this gift from God." Dr. Kurt Koch.⁴

What the Bible Says About Dowsing

The word "dowsing" does not appear in the Bible, which is not surprising since it is a modern word. Sometimes dowsing is referred to as *divining* because of the belief that the answers obtained are of divine origin. What the Bible talks about extensively, is the use of the "rod of God" to find water, feed people and measure things.



In Exodus 3, When Moses communicates directly with God for the first time through the burning bush, Moses is afraid his people won't believe that God has asked him to lead them out of Egypt. God says to him in Exodus 4:17 "And thou shalt take this rod in thy hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs." Reassured that God would show himself through the tool he had been given, "...Moses took the rod of God in his hand." (Exodus 4:20)

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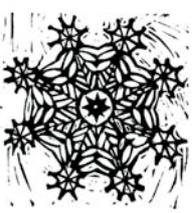
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Dowsing, or something like it, is described in Exodus 15: 24-25. "And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet." Exodus 17:5-6 goes on to describe how Moses found water when his followers were thirsty: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine

hand and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel."

In Numbers 17 God sets up an event to show through the blossoming of Aaron's rod, that he has been chosen as the principle priest. "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel and take of every one of them a rod, according to the house of their father's ... And it shall come to pass that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom ..." This passage underscores the use of the rod by the priesthood as a means of divine communication.



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Following are other passages from the Bible that refer to the rod as an instrument of God:

Psalm 23:4 "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Ezekiel 20:37 "And I will cause you to pass under the rod and I will bring you under the bond of the covenant"

Jeremiah 1:11-12 "Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten over my word to perform it."

Micah 7:14 "Feed thy people with thy rod."

Hebrews 9:4 "... the arc of the covenant ... wherein was ... Aaron's rod that budded and the tables of the covenant."

Revelations 11:1 "And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein."

The Bible also includes passages that have been subject to controversial interpretations.

In Deuteronomy 18, Moses tells his people to follow the teachings of the priests (the Levites), and cautions them not to follow practices that are not inspired by God. "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee,

thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any that ... useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord." Moses goes on to reassure his people that God has told him that he "will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto him all that I shall command him."

Deuteronomy 18 is a difficult chapter for people not sure whether or not dowsing is sanctioned in the Scriptures. I believe this chapter's message is that dowsing should only be used responsibly in communication with the best and highest good, and should not be used for personal gain or evil purposes. This chapter also tells us that ordinary people can speak God's word. As Rudolph Steiner said in 1911: "As people become clairvoyant, they must also become able to distinguish between the particular types of supersensible being and occurrences they perceive." 5

Hosea 4:12 "My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God". This verse underscores the necessity of working under God's direction and not for personal gain.



What Leading Dowzers Say About Responsible Practices

Responsible dowzers always seek to work with and for the best and highest good as appropriate in a way consistent with, but not limited to, Christian philosophies. Following are a series of quotes that support this view. "Never use the pendulum for speculation, to gain power over others, for prediction and what not. It is a

device of measurement and one that uses it correctly is under the covenant of the Most High as the Bible said." Rev. Hanna Kroeger. 6



"All good things can however be abused and thus also the work with rod and pendulum. Therefore the Church warns people not to use these instruments for occult experiments. We draw attention to the fact that work with a rod and pendulum can be dangerous if arrogance, curiosity, evil thoughts or greed are the sole motive. If however a Christian wants to do God's will and protects himself with prayers when doing radiaesthetic works and uses his or her instruments only in a helping way, based on love, when examining houses and finding water, then this work is blessed by the Church (Decree of 26 March 1942)." Dr. Karl Berg, Archbishop of Salzburg. 7

"As a Christian my gifts are a part of my offering when I yield myself to my Savior [sic]. Love is the way in which gifts are to be used...." Rev. Norman Evans. 8

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"The dowsing rod and pendulum are physical objects, and thus neutral, which means they are beyond good and evil, as would be a knife, or fire or water. It is true however, that the misuses of those instruments could become dangerous. But in the hands of people with integrity, who use the pendulum and the dowsing rod only in

the service of their fellow men, the effects are most beneficial." Kathe Bachler. 9

"Ask permission first. The permission is asking to access God's wisdom. If permission is not granted, we can receive no answers. I consider my pendulum to be a sacred tool, a way I have of understanding what God wants me to do, a way I have of being able to observe what is appropriate to request, and a way I have of being able to see healing energy being delivered to the person for whom it was requested. And I request answers that are for the highest good, not just what I might want or think is best. For me, dowsing is a way of accessing my intuitive wisdom, my God-connection. Some people need glasses to see, or hearing aids to hear. My pendulum helps me connect with my intuition. It is not the only way, but if it works for me, then I am happy to use it." Joan DeNew, Past President, Canadian Society of Dowsters. 10

"Some folks say that it [dowsing] is the work of the devil ...", [but when you are dowsing]"You are in tune with the Infinite, and your journey on the path of life will be richer and fuller as you grow in the Light of Truth." Virginia Baker, ASD Trustee Emeritus. 11



Susan Collins

"The work with the dowsing rod and pendulum opens new vistas into God's beautiful world and into the wonders of creation" Father Kunibert Reisinger, South African Missionary. 12

The American Society of Dowser's Prayer reads: "Lord, guide my hands, enhance my sensitivity, and bless my purpose that I may be an instrument of Your power and glory in locating what is searched for." The Dowser's Prayer. 13

"It is important to have 'Good Intent' whatever one is doing - including Dowsing - and to check that those who send answers are 'In the Light'." John Living, Executive Secretary, The Holistic Intuition Society. 14

Conclusion

Dowsing, when done appropriately for and with the Best and Highest Good is a tool that can be used to benefit humanity.

Most of the material comes from the Jewish/Christian tradition, simply because I have not found other sources. Thank you to the many individuals who suggested source materials: Eva Angyal; Jean-Paul Choquette, past president of

the Canadian Society of Dowsters affiliate in Montreal; Joan DeNew, President of the CSD; Mike Doney; John Living, Executive Secretary, The Holistic Intuition Society; John McFarlane; Mladen Mildragovic; Barbara Prisbe; Albert Schatz; and Bernie Urben, past president of the CSD.

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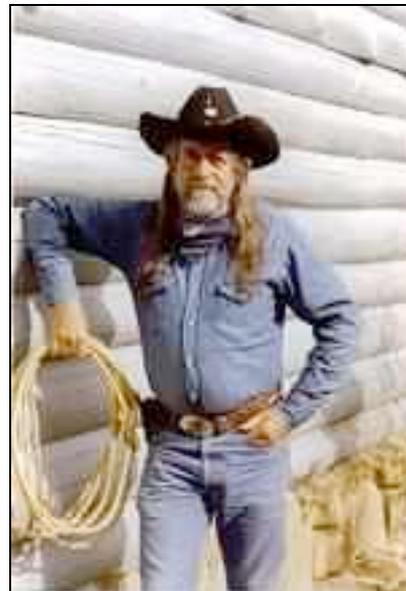
Healthy Mind and Body – Raymon Grace

I loved this DVD !! In Healthy Mind and Healthy Body, Raymon Grace presents an extensive range of material in a comprehensive and yet understandable format. Many aspects of healing are addressed with the key concept that a healthy body is supported by a healthy mind.

Raymon discusses fragmented souls and talks of conditions that may cause this. He discusses his methods of soul retrievals using dowsing as a key element.

Issues of a person's belief system are addressed, with reference to people attracting into their lives, that which supports their belief system. Raymon believes that belief systems can be influenced by factors we were exposed to whilst in the mother's womb. Raymon demonstrates his dowsing methods to assist people to remove negative beliefs and replace with the most appropriate energy to transform and improve our emotional and health baselines from an energetic perspective.

Further dowsing methods are demonstrated with reference to health. Raymon discusses the detrimental effects that some people can have on your own energy.



Raymon Grace

In summary, Raymon Grace believes that dowsing can change energy in the present, past and future. His presentation of a Healthy Mind and Body will be enjoyed by other dowsters.

Quote from Albert Einstein

"I know very well that many scientists consider dowsing as they do astrology, as a type of ancient superstition. According to my conviction this is, however, unjustified.

"The dowsing rod is a simple instrument which shows the reaction of the human nervous system to certain factors which are unknown to us at this time."

FENG SHUI TIPS

Feng Shui in the bedroom

The position of the bed is crucial to your wellbeing, and the security, development and

health of children. Place it in the part of the room that is diagonally opposite the main bedroom door, always against a solid wall, and not opposite a mirror. Having a headboard and no heavy overhead glassed picture helps to create a feeling of safety and thus promotes a deeper and more refreshing sleep. Keep electrical items and cords near the bed to a bare minimum (clock radios at least 1 metre away) and ensure the metre box is not behind the bed. Remove your TV from the bedroom for a less confused energy field and a more peaceful sleep.

*By Paula Polson - last meeting's guest speaker
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DOWSING IN MODERN TIMES

In modern times dowsing has been and is still used in many areas of life. It is used for: Finding underground water supplies, finding underground oil and minerals, health and healing, archaeological searches, detecting Earth energies, site surveys for buildings, tracing lost objects and people, Geopathic stress, agriculture and soil testing, fault finding and far more.

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In Russia they teach dowsing as a science. Many of the top dowers are doctors, engineers and scientists. Professor Alexander P. Dubrov, Pro. Of Biophysics, Doctor of Geophysics (author of

"Geomagnetic Fields and Life") being one of them.

Dowsing is an ancient art successfully used to locate water for centuries. Professional dowers may have a 99% hit rate in locating water - many operate their own drilling rigs on a no find no fee basis. The average cost to drill is £3000 a time.

Dowsing has been used in Texas USA to locate oil wells. Dowers are called Doodlebuggers. One of the most successful dowers is Paul Clement Brown. From his contacts with leading oil and gas operators over a quarter of a century, Brown learned that many important oil fields were discovered, not by geological-trained technicians, but by gifted dowers like himself.

US Marines used dowsing to accurately locate Viet Cong tunnels and booby traps.

Source:

<http://www.healthyandwise.co.uk/dowsing.htm>



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