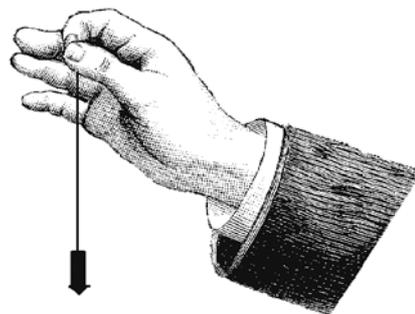


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DSV philosophy: Through awakening consciousness, we are empowered with knowledge and skills to unconditionally serve others.

NEXT MEETING
Sunday, 15th February, 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has begun. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some happy New Year celebrations. 2009 is shaping up to be an interesting year.



We're sure it will be another good year for the DSV. We have some great speakers lined up for the year, a field trip to Hanging Rock is planned for March, and our new website is up. More details in the newsletter.

Various channelled messages being relayed via the internet are telling us it will soon be a time when our positive thoughts will manifest a more balanced, peaceful world.



I'd like to urge you not to fall into the trap laid by the media, which seems to want to keep us in

a state of fear. To me, it feels as though the events that seem so bad, like the "financial crisis" for example, are clearing the way for something better, more balanced and fairer to all. The pendulum swings, things change. And we are certainly living in times of great change.

Our next speaker at our first meeting for the year is DSV Member, Charles Cheesman, who is a student of Mayan philosophy and the Dreamspell, among other things, and works with energy. He is going to explain to us some of the changes he foresees in the years leading up to the "end times" of 2012.

This end of the Mayan calendar doesn't mean the end of the world, as forecast by some, but perhaps the end of many things as we know them. I personally believe that 2012 will open the way to a "new" world in the 5th dimension.

I'm looking forward to hearing what Charles has to say on Sunday 15th February at 2.00 pm. Please arrive at 1.30 pm if you'd like some brief dowsing tuition or if you simply want to catch up with fellow dowsers. Hope to see you – please bring along friend or two to help us launch the new DSV year. **Lyn Wood, President**

NEXT MEETING

Time & Date:
2.00 pm, Sunday 15th February, 2009
(1.30 pm for dowsing practice)

Place:
Mount Waverley Community Centre,
Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley
(Opposite Mount Waverley Railway Station)
Melway: 70 E 1

Parking at rear, off Holskamp St. which runs
off Stephenson's Road

OUR NEXT MEETING

To launch the 2009 year, the DSV is delighted to announce that one of our Members, Charles Cheesman, will present at our first meeting on Sunday, 15th February, 2009.



Charles Cheesman

Charles will provide a perspective for the events of 2012. He will discuss his views on what he is expecting to occur up to and beyond December, 2012.

Charles' presentation will encompass what is happening to Planet Earth and her inhabitants now - as we approach the year 2012.

The year 2012 is much talked about in the media and Charles will discuss it from the Mayan Calendar perspective, as well as from other esoteric points of view.

He will ask the question: Is there truth in any, or all of it?

This promises to be a lively event, one not to miss as we step into the year 2009. Please join us and bring your friends.

Visit Charles Cheesman's website:
<http://www.aethericconnections.com.au>

OUR LAST MEETING

Our last speaker was DSV Member and dowser, Joan Evans. She talked about how she and five Americans who had all trained with renowned international dowser, Eric Dowsett, agreed to meet in Hawaii. They had no schedule or structure for the trip, apart from booking houses on three different Hawaiian islands to

compare their various energies. They simply wanted to share the experience of exploring and dowsing on energies in interesting places.

Joan said that it turned out to be "possibly the most special experience" in her privileged life.

The group came together with quite different backgrounds which she felt others would probably have seen as something of a risk. However, very quickly they became a wonderfully cohesive group, exploring so many possibilities, all the while expanding on their dowsing experiences. In three short weeks they had bonded so well that Joan said she felt like a different person. That bond remains with them as their energies come together in their monthly teleconferences.

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Joan entertained us with her personal experiences and insights. She explained quite frankly that she found Honolulu a great disappointment and felt quite overwhelmed by Waikiki Beach with its crowds of people and noise. As a result she was pleased to move on to other areas, including Kailua where she found beautiful sand, no rocks or seaweed and enjoyed meditation and feeling at peace with the sea.



She described a number of locations in detail, explaining their differences and her reactions. At one point, she and the other Joan in the group came across a yacht club where they inquired about finding their way to the beach. This proved impossible for various reasons, something that was a bit difficult for us Australians to understand, given that beaches here are so accessible to the public.

Continuing their search for the beach, they came to a school, and felt that there had been mass slaughter. They meditated and having watched one of Raymon Grace's DVDs just prior, decided to draw on his teaching to help relieve the energy in the area, releasing overwhelming sadness, aggression and hatred. They worked together to clear the tremendous amount of bad energy and believed that their visit had made a significant impact. They often wonder whether any of the teachers ever noticed a difference in the attitude of the students, as Raymon Grace reported had been the case in his example.

Joan conducts dowsing workshops, and arranges personal and environmental clearing consultations in Victoria. For further information, email joanevans@westnet.com.au or phone Joan on (03) 5422 68903

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NEW DSV WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce that the new website for the DSV has been completed and is now up and running. It has much more information than the old one, which was a simple site originally intended just to get us out there on the internet.

You can check our new website out at the same address: <http://www.dsv.org.au>



There are a number of new features, including an extended *Links* section, connecting to a wide range of websites of interest in Australia and internationally. So now it's even easier to stay in touch with dowsers around the world.

FIELD TRIP, MARCH 2009

It has been some time since the DSV held a field trip, so after a number of requests we are delighted to announce a very special trip to Hanging Rock on Sunday, 29th March.



Hanging Rock

Hanging Rock (Mount Diogenes) is a rare volcanic formation of solvsbergite situated in the Heskett plains near the townships of Mount Macedon and Woodend in Victoria, Australia.



A close up of Hanging Rock

It is home of the Hanging Rock Cup and Races, and the setting of Joan Lindsay's world renowned novel and film, "Picnic at Hanging Rock", about the mysterious disappearance of a group of local school girls during a picnic excursion at the Rock in 1900.



Hanging Rock is an excellent area for dowsers to explore, with its history, mystery and geology. The walking track to the summit passes a series of unique rock formations which have

acquired various colloquial names over time. These include The Cathedral, The Eagle, Flying Saucer, Morgan's Lookout, King Arthur's Seat and Birdbath.

By following the path to the top of the Rock you'll be able to enjoy the magnificent panorama extending across from Mount Macedon in the south to the Cobaw Ranges in the north. This field trip promises to be lots of fun and fascinating from a dowsing point of view.

The Rock is said to be one of the best examples in the world of a volcanic feature known as a mamelon. It was formed six million years ago when a particularly stiff type of lava formed around a pile of layers on the surface as it was squeezed through a narrow vent in the earth.

Make it a date to join in the fun of the DSV field trip on Sunday 29th March, 2009.

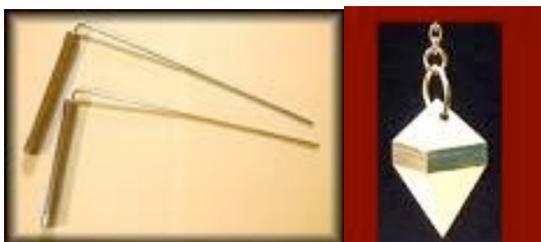
Please note: A separate form is provided with this Newsletter for those living in Victoria. There is a non-refundable* \$10 fee which includes a map and tea/coffee in the café. We need a minimum of 10 people for the field trip to proceed. If you'd like to attend, please fill in one form per person and pay at the next DSV meeting on 15th February. Or, please mail the form/s with a cheque/money order made out to the DSV, and post it to "DSV, PO Box 2635, Mount Waverley, Vic. 3149", to reach us by Friday, 13th March, 2009. Receipt of payment denotes that you accept full responsibility for medical, ambulance and hospital insurance prior to the excursion and it indemnifies the Dowsing Society of Victoria (DSV) and Committee Members from any liability for loss, accident or death, including while travelling to and from Hanging Rock. *As a precaution, if three days prior, the weather is expected to be over 35°C, or if the area is a Fire Zone, the trip to Hanging Rock will be cancelled and, for either reason, monies refunded.

For further information about Hanging Rock
<http://www.hangingrock.info>

WELCOMING NEW DSV MEMBERS

DSV President Lyn Wood and the Committee welcome our new members who signed up in November 2008. We hope your membership and dowsing adds a new dimension to your lives.

Meredith Ackland
Lolita Gunning
Anda Lawson
Somasekhar Patil
Kay Scott



DOWSING: An Ancient History

Extract from an article by Lloyd Youngblood

The American Society of Dowsers
<http://www.dowsers.org>

The Ancient art of dowsing has been practiced throughout millennia, although the names used to identify it may have changed in different cultures and eras, the techniques have not. In this vein, in 1949, a party of French explorers (while searching for evidence of lost civilizations in the Atlas Mts. of North Africa) stumbled upon a massive system of caverns known as the Tassili Caves, wherein many of the walls were covered with marvelous pre-historic paintings.

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Among the many fascinating wall murals, not only did they locate an art gallery devoted exclusively to the depictions of spacecraft and ETs, they also found a remarkable, huge wall painting of a dowser, holding a forked branch in his hand searching for water, surrounded by a group of admiring tribesmen. These wall murals were carbon dated and found to be at least 8000 years old. During several research journeys to Egypt and the Middle East, I have photographed etchings on 4000 year old temple walls of pharaohs holding devices in their hands resembling dowsing tools.

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Cairo Museum is holding ceramic pendulums which have been removed from thousand-year old tombs. In China, there is an etching of Chinese Emperor Yu who ruled China 2500 years ago, and in his hands he holds a rather bulky turn-pronged device that resembles a dowsing device. Many passages in the Bible

allude to dowsing, relating in considerable detail how both Moses and his son, Aaron, used a dowsing device referred to as "the Rod" to locate and bring forth water. In the Old Testament, the Prophet Ezeiel reports that King Nubucadnezzar of Babylon, was uncertain as to which city he should attack, Jerusalem the capital of Judah or Rebath of the Ammonites (today's modern-day Amman, Jordan). He directed his dowsers or diviners to select the best target and they chose Jerusalem, leading to its seizure and the long "Babylonian captivity of the Jews".

The Jews learned the ancient art of dowsing from their captors and in the Old Testament Prophet Hozea wrote: "They now consult their pieces of wood then the wand makes pronouncements from them!"

The historical records of Greece refer to dowsing and the art was widely practiced on the Island of Crete, as early as 400 BC. Researchers have uncovered evidence that the Pytheon Oracle of Delphi used a pendulum to answer the questions posed by her clients, kings, queens, nobility and military commanders who traveled great distances to confer with her.

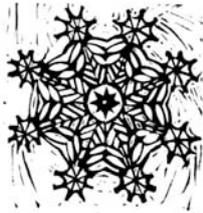
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In this regard, E.S. Cumbie in his fine book entitled, "The Psychometric Pendulum and the Pendulum Board" has this to say about dowsing and the ancient priesthood. "In ancient times, the priesthood felt that the layman did not have the belief, knowledge or training to contact the cosmic mind for enlightenment. So the poor people were forced to rely upon the priests to gain the guidance they sought from a higher source and the priests used dowsing devices to make this contact." For example, in Ezra 3:63 of the Old Testament, it is written: "The governor told the people not to partake of the most holy food until the priest contacted Urin & Thummin". In Samuel 28:6 it says, "When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer either in dreams by the prophets or by Urim & Thymmin". Cumbie is convinced that the words Urim & Thumin referred to dowsing devices which could have supplied crucial information and sometimes refused to do so because the priestly dowser held the wrong attitudes or phrased their questions in an incorrect manner. The blind Greek poet Homer refers to dowsing as

Rhabdomancy, which means Divining Rod in Greek. That same word is still used today in the Italian language to denote dowsing.



Gently Does It

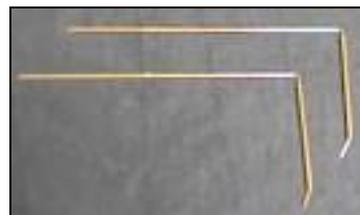
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In his monumental work "The Odyssey" Homer also called the dowsing rod the Caduceus, which was passed from Apollo (or Hermes) to Asclepius, the ancient Greek God of healing. This mystical, legendary staff with its entwined serpents has become the universal symbol of healing, used by medical societies around the planet. Back in the 1400s, dowsing as we think of it today, was called "Virgula Devine" in Latin which meant dowsing with the rod shape.

In Germany, during this period, dowsing devices were used extensively by miners seeking mineral ore, who referred to the forked stick as "Deuter" - an umbrella word in German - meaning "to show", "to indicate", "to point out", "to auger", "to strike". According to Christopher Bird, author of the classic book, "The Divining Hand", no one is absolutely certain of the origin of the verb to "dowse". But it seemingly made its first official appearance in 1650 in an essay written by the famous English Philosopher John Locke whose noble writings inspired the framers of our own Declaration of Independence and The Constitution of the United States. In his essay, Locke wrote that by the use of the dowsing rod, one could devise or discover water and precious minerals (such as gold & silver and mineral ore). Locke has appropriated his phrase from the long dead English west country language of Cornwall - where in Cornish Dewsys meant "Goddess", and "Rhod" meant tree branch, and from which he "coined" the phrase - Dowsing Rod.



In the 1700s and 1800s in England, Germany and France, various books on mining and engineering referred extensively to dowsing, including the "1747 Mining Dictionary" and again

in Bordlase's 1758 "Natural History of Cornwall", and also "The 1831 Quarterly Mining Review".

Because the ancient art was widely used by miners in Germany for hundreds of years to locate water and ore deposits, today their libraries and museums of natural history, science, mining and engineering - as well as many private collections of art and sculptures - have displays of wood carvings, paintings and drawings, porcelain creations, coins, etc. ... featuring dowsers holding forked sticks.



Interestingly, London, England's 1912 edition of "Mining Magazine" published the first translation of a Latin Opus into English. It was called "On Metals" in praise of dowsing which had been first published 356 years earlier. The translators were a professional American mining engineer and his wife. The engineer later gained fame and won notoriety as the 31st President of the U.S. -- Herbert Clark Hoover.

As Chris Bird notes, "God knows, had President Hoover been an expert dowser himself, he might have predicted, and therefore, prevented the great stock market crash of 1929." Collectively, in some of the world's finest libraries (e.g. The Library of Congress, The Widener Library of Harvard, The Sterling Library of Yale) you can find approximately 3,500 specialized books on the ancient art and the list grows steadily all the time.

First the question -- what is dowsing? Well, for those of you who are unfamiliar with the term, let me say that you won't find anything of value in current dictionaries or encyclopedias. Those comments, prepared by orthodox scholars, are incomplete and inaccurate, giving only a few descriptions, generally summarizing all with the cryptic comment, that dowsing is simply "folklore".

But as Christopher Bird points out in his "The Divining Hand", ... throughout history, men and women characterized as diviners, dowsers,

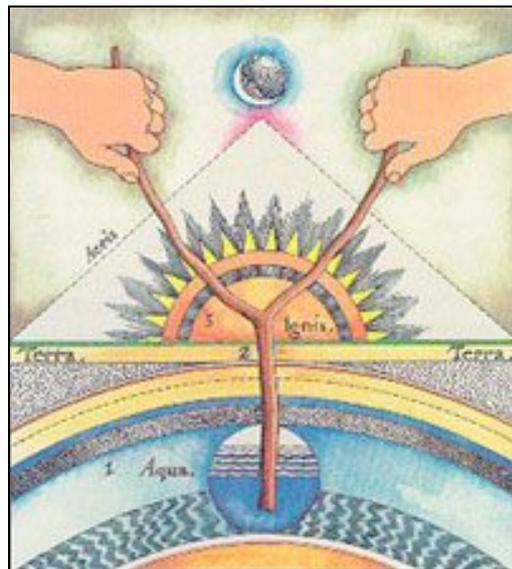
soothsayers, seers, mystics, mediums, clairvoyants, shaman, witch doctors, wizards, etc., developed and practiced arts regarded as divine or demonic (depending on the viewpoint) and were able to answer questions that logical reason could not provide.

In essence, these people through self training, diligent practice and a profound knowledge of how the universe really functioned, simply "knew things" via the faculty of what has been called the "hidden senses" or E.S.P. Engineer Raymond C. Willey's (one of the founders of ASD back in 1961) 1970 book "Modern Dowsing" gives one of the best definitions I have encountered. Willey says: **"Dowsing is the exercise of a human faculty, which allows one to obtain information in a manner beyond the scope and power of the standard human physical senses of sight, sound, touch, etc."**

Author Chris Bird says that "to dowse" is to search for anything. This is generally done with the aid of a hand held instrument, such as a forked stick, a pendulum bob on a string, L-shaped metal rods or a wooden or metal wand.

The next question is simply: How does dowsing work? Countless theories abound, even today, yet, I am not absolutely certain that any one, or even a combination of such theories, discloses the whole story.

I am persuaded that Moses and the ancient priesthood clearly understood the mechanism by which it worked, however, they never released such critical data to the masses. Therefore, recognizing that to have done so, would have meant a loss of power and prestige for them.



The premier consideration is simply this - dowsing works - and with proper understanding, training, time, patience, study and regular practice (especially in the beginning stages) it will work for the most important person in the world - you!

BLINDFOLD DOWSING

Recently the DSV received an inquiry asking us about information on results for blindfold tests of dowsing. We include our response here for your interest. Editor

Blindfold testing is not something that we do at the DSV. We have a basic and sincere trust of the dowsing system as being something that allows us to access our intuition to improve our lives.

The science of Sir Isaac Newton has dominated the world for the past four hundred years. This model of western science has regarded the world as being physical only - based on the belief that what can be "proved" in a physical experiment in a science laboratory is real and everything else is not real.

However, dowsing pre-dates the Newtonian view and now, through the acceleration of knowledge and more recent discoveries in quantum science and so on, this view is slowly changing to allow for a broader understanding - to include what the mind, consciousness and spirit involve. This sits well with our views on dowsing which has been practised for centuries.

Albert Einstein was also convinced of the authenticity of dowsing. He said, "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."



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DSV SPEAKERS AVAILABLE ON CD

We've begun recording some of the speakers who present at our DSV meetings - with their permission of course.

While the audio quality varies, thanks to Anne Smith for her role in carefully editing the talks to improve the sound, and to Fred Ward for printing

the labels as well as burning the copies. It's a real team effort.



To date we have four speakers on CD.

1. Dianne Ward - on the Dreamspell Calendar which draws on aspects of both the Mayan and the Gregorian calendars.
2. Astrologer, Christine Rothwell - on the value of Astrology.
3. Bill Patterson - on meditation to access our energy to connect with the unconscious.
4. Joan Evans - about her personal experiences of dowsing in Hawaii.

More CDs are in the pipeline and we'll keep you posted via our newsletters.

The CDs are a great idea for those who would like to hear the details again at their leisure, and for people who weren't able to attend a particular meeting and missed someone they'd really wanted to hear.

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