

If you examine medical practice and accepted methods and treatment in different countries, you will observe there are many fundamental differences, as anyone going abroad knows. If 'non-conventional medicine/practice', in all its varieties, is to be accepted by the public, then we have to accept there are medical dictionaries which define present knowledge and practical terms. Dowsing, Radionics, Psionic medicine, Spiritual healing, etc., must all follow suit and use a common language and definition where appropriate. Engineering, chemistry, physics, etc., all have technical dictionaries, so the sooner the BSD, etc., organise such a policy the more likely are they to be understood by the accepted sciences.

I served on a Working Party for the Operational Research Society re terms and definitions for Network Planning Techniques in order to get a British Standard accepted, perhaps a small subject, but essential to allow better understanding between practitioners. Such standardisation of terms helps training and assessment.

*Henry Morris, Leicestershire.*

Dear Editor,

Please may I ask for help? Yesterday evening I was on the beach at Snettisham, when the seal rescue people from Gayton were releasing two young seals into the ebb tide.

There is a problem with a virus, which kills fast. Does anyone have any experience for using an antidote? Another problem, viral in origin, occurs in seals brought in off the Welsh coast in the Bristol Channel. There is a factory, by the coast, which processes diseased sheep carcasses, and the waste goes straight into the sea. The seals there die from Orf, a potentially serious disease of sheep, caught in the infected water. Help would be greatly appreciated.

*Mrs. E. Floyd, Norfolk.*

Dear Editor,

Mike Doney's dissertation on dowsing and proof is important, because it bears on how we construct the world around us and to what degree our construction is useful. He throws down a challenge (BSD Journal 228, p.93): are the calcium 20 channels he detects nine feet apart an actual thing or purely imaginary?

It would seem that they are legitimate artefacts of mind, created by Mike subconsciously to meet his speculation that there might be channels. Their actual mental construction, like most of the other so-called 'energy lines', is hugely complex but has the nature of 'rays of union' (only another idea?) which interrelate the creative processes which bring about 'physical' calcium 20. Calcium 20 is made by

practically all living things which are practically everywhere at once, so the lines (which I detect as a ribbon grid with north-souths every 52 miles) do not relate to them but the way in which earth life-forms corporately 'see' this particular process.

However, while legitimate, element channels are of passing interest except to radiesthetic biochemists. The rest of us might profitably look for 'calcium 20 islands' — pools of space where people having difficulty with bone structure could usefully be housed. Prior to the writing of this letter, they did not exist — but they can, if we so choose.

But suppose 'islands' are not the optimum answer anyway? You will find if you search that there may be other answers — crystals maybe, or diagrams on paper. Safety, prudence, precedent, are not in it. In this way, the highly suspect tomfoolery of dowsing can lead us to a better existence. A sceptic does not believe this. He invites the universe to *decide* it.

*Daniel Wilson, Kent.*

Dear Editor,

Six or seven years ago I had a burglary and got in touch with a Society member (whose name I cannot recall), who lived in Brighton, and got him to look into the problem for me with very interesting results. He traced through map dowsing to an address in Shoreham-by-Sea where it turned out the occupier had a criminal record and was a cousin of a labourer currently working at that time in our village on a drainage scheme. The police were very receptive, but unfortunately never had sufficient evidence to take out a search warrant.

I recently met the Detective Inspector in charge of the case, who now works for the Ministry of Defence, who told me that he was sure we were on to something and that he personally was a great believer in the help that dowsers can give. In this respect he told me about a well publicised murder, which took place in Stanmer Park, Brighton, several years ago, where the detective in charge of that case frequently consults a 'medium' (?) in Seaford. As a result of which, together with their own evidence they know who committed the murder but have not enough evidence to mount a successful prosecution.

More recently, about two or three years ago, a woman disappeared in Lewes. Both my son and I thought we would try our hand at some map dowsing and both of us came to the conclusion that her body was underneath the railway bridge over the River Ouse at Lewes, but, quite understandably, did not feel sufficiently confident to report this. A week later her body was, in fact, found floating in the water about 200 yards away from our estimated position.

Another project we started on some time ago followed from some research my son did into an 'O' level project relating to the history of