

## ABOUT "GRID SYSTEMS", A CLARIFICATION

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During recent months I was asked by some dowzers about the "Grid" they read about in the AMERICAN DOWSER. In the papers by W. de Boer, Dr. V. Harvalik and Dr. Z. V. Harvalik (1) and Dr. Z. V. Harvalik (2) we reported our findings related to the Universal Grid, a grid system magnetically oriented North-South and East-West. We stated that such a grid system does not exist. Being a neuro-physiological phenomenon, the East-West grid dimension relates to the interaction of the human body with the dip angle of the earth-magnetic field.

Since even the most sensitive magnetometers could not detect periodic discontinuities of the earth-magnetic field over a large area (minimum 4 x 4 grid elements) we concluded that grid systems based upon magnetic parameters of terrestrial or cosmic origin spanning the whole globe (like a checker board), do not exist. Grid systems reported by dowzers, therefore, do not seem to be the kind of system mentioned above. They could be, however, the results of autosuggestion, or of spurious dowzing signals observed at apparent periodic intervals that suggested a grid system. The signals received could originate from uneven distribution of soil radio-activity (actinic lines and zones), earth currents of electric nature, and similar stimuli. When dowsed over a small area (less than 4 x 4 grid elements) a misinterpretation of these signals can occur.

A number of grid systems have been proposed. Some of them are magnetically oriented North-South and East-West and others Northeast-Southwest and Northwest-Southeast. One of the latter systems was proposed by Siegfried Wittmann and Manfred Curry, both of Germany.

In a summary paper by Wittmann (3) he describes his grid system as deriving from polarized fields (polare Felder) and extending over the whole globe, like a checkerboard, and converging toward the magnetic North and South poles. At 48° North latitude it has the dimensions 15.9 m x 15.9 m, with diagonals of 22.5 m. The diagonals face North-South and East-West magnetic. The crossing points of the diagonals, which Wittmann calls "main points" (Hauptpunkte) are essentially circles and have a diameter of 2.45 m. They carry a positive charge, symbolizing a beneficial effect on man. The negative poles are located at the intersections of grid lines passing through the main poles in the direction of NW-SE and NE-SW. They are also circular in shape and have an approximate diameter of 2.45 m. They have an unhealthy effect on man, according to Wittmann and Curry.

The Wittman polarized fields seem to be very similar to Mr. Slack's "Slack's Circles". Since neither Wittmann nor Slack reported how large an area they dowsed to ascertain its periodicity, one could assume that these grids and circles are of short order periodicity, and probably associated with above-background (positive circle) and below-background (negative circle) radio-activity of the dowsed location.

When dowsing for any type of grid it is important to program oneself clearly: "Crossing points of a magnetically oriented NE-SW and NW-SE grid lines of positive (or negative) influence on the human body." (in the case of the Wittmann-Curry grid). It should be understood that after programming appropriately, any thoughts of projected positive or negative dowzing results should be avoided and that the mind should be blank. Any preconceived notions or wishful thinking will void the validity of the dowzing results.

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## Book Review

*Feuer des Lebens* (Fires of Life) by Dr. Josef Oberbach, DBF Verlag, D-8022, Grünwald, Federal Republic of Germany, price DM 85.00 (=about \$43) written in German.

Dr. Oberbach's book, FEUER DES LEBENS, (599 pages, 96 illustrations) deals with the holistic approach to the medical arts. Documented with actual cases of various illnesses, it illustrates the forces that lead to the illnesses as well as those that permit healing.

In the first chapter Dr. Oberbach assumes that *cosmic energies* play a significant role in the ill- or well- being of man and over 80 pages are devoted to their aspects. The second chapter entitled *Bioenergies* (233 pages) discusses among other subjects, acupuncture, radionics, Kirlian electrography, biomagnetism, negative ions in the air, chakras and other phenomena. The next 160 pages are devoted to the discussion of *bioplasma*. The action of "magnetized" water, bioelectricity, and pathogenic zones are related to bioplasma interactions that eventually lead to effective diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. In the 11 pages of the *appendix* some instrumentation is explained that the author either invented or uses in his medical work. A short bibliography refers the reader to the pertinent literature upon which the content of the book is based.

Dr. Oberbach attempted to treat the sometimes far-out topics in an open-minded spirit while adhering to the conservative tradition of scientific research and experimental procedure. It is to be hoped that his book will be translated into English and thus be made available to the English-speaking world. It should be mentioned that it would not be too difficult for persons able to read German to enjoy the book without extensive use of a dictionary.

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