

DOWSING

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For the sake of those who have only a vague idea of what dowsing is about let us start from the beginning by stating that dowsing has now been acclaimed as a scientific fact. It is also an art, and a reality, not just a lot of hocus-pocus that so many, even educated people, seem to think it is. Einstein made a very wise observation when he said, "The person who criticizes something he knows nothing of, is saying the least, he is being very unscientific. So; before one criticizes anything, study it first. To my mind dowsing is the basic science, for it can analyse every other science. Scientists are more and more coming to realize that there are many more subtle forces and radiations around us than they were prepared to accept or admit existed 80 years ago at the turn of the century. Although there are still some conservative scientists around many are more open minded who are investigating these unseen forces and radiations. which they have not been able to detect by any instrument up to date.

It was only eight. years ago that Professor Rocard a physicist of Paris University, set out to prove or disprove dowsing and to find why the rod reacted as it did over water. He found that underground flowing water creates an electromagnetic force which in turn affects one's body and pulls the rod down. So, after three thousand years of being ostracized dowsing is at last earning some respectability. In the light of modern findings scientists have to accept that the human being has two different voltages in his body, and that he sends out four different types of brain waves. Because of Kirlian photography it has been accepted that all things give off invisible radiations. To talk about this basic science means that one could never exhaust the subject, for we find there is always something more to learn and know about it. It was in 1930 that a French priest, Abby Bourley, who was himself a dowser- coined a word to embrace all the various aspects of dowsing. The word was Radiesthesia which literally means - A sensitivity to radiations or vibrations. The word radiesthesia is the more applicable as when one speaks of dowsing one is apt to think only of dowsing for water. oil or minerals. But this is only a very small aspect of the wider understanding of dowsing, for this science embraces the whole of life.

Although it has only been in this century that dowsing has been truly accepted and really come into its own, dowsing has been used since time immemorial. There are records, in ancient Egypt that dowsing was used. Moses, who had been instructed in all the arts of the Egyptians used this faculty to find water for the children of Israel as they journeyed through the desert to the Promised Land. It was also used in China and India. During the dark ages the use of this faculty was frowned upon by the church. Perhaps they thought that if the people used dowsing they would become enlightened and know too much. So it was condemned, and those who did use it were branded as witches and accused of using black magic. Many were burnt at the stake. The church labelled it a tool of the devil and people come to believe that it was Satanic. Even in this enlightened age there are still a large number of people living in Auckland who really believe it is all of the Devil. Yet, if people would only realize, this faculty which is in everyone, is

one of the greatest gifts of God to humanity. It was the Monks that through the dark ages, and up to this century, who kept the knowledge of this science alive. In 1906 a French Monk. Abby Mermet, startled the medical world by being the first recorded person to have diagnosed the human body with the use of a pendulum. He built up a large medical practice of diagnostic techniques, and when he retired he passed it over to a doctor. We have found that in France there are over 1, 000 doctors who use the pendulum to help them in their diagnosis. Accepting then the fact that this faculty is in all people, it stands to reason that anyone can learn to dowse if they are interested enough to practice and develop the faculty. It is like any other skill if we have the awareness of it, and gain a working knowledge of its basic principles and mechanics, we can by practice, learn to develop and use this faculty to our great advantage. All true dowers will agree that by developing and using this faculty it greatly enlarges their vision and understanding of all life, and that it has helped them in their attunement and awareness of the one life power. For in using this science we are working with and tuning into the higher forces of life. This then is a skill of great import to everyone, to strive to develop this faculty, for it can be used in many different aspects of life, also to investigate and find an answer to any problem that we may have to face. This faculty of Radiesthesia has so much more to offer than just water dowsing. It enhances and enriches the whole of life and when we have developed this faculty we will never be the same person again. Our minds will have expanded and given us a greater awareness of the higher things of life. The Bishop of Rochester, who is a man of great intellect, has made this statement; That science and Radiesthesia, divine and spiritual healing, medicine, psychology, and the whole of man are linked together and that all these activities - are of God, and that there is a duty laid upon us to investigate the Laws underlying them. "

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