

Is Thought Transference Proved?

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 Can one person communicate with another at a distance without any visible intermedium? The skeptical will at once deny the possibility. It is possible to communicate, they readily admit, by the use of some physical force, by electric spark or ether waves that have some definite originating force; but by a mental process, no. Yet after centuries of debate as to the possibilities of such communication, the thing has been accomplished. Thoughts have been transferred over a distance of five hundred miles, from one person standing in a room in Prince Rupert to another in a room in Vancouver. No mechanical assistance is involved. The thoughts of one person are reflected on the mind of the other, and recorded by a little instrument as simple as a child's self-made toy.



ARCHBISHOP F. H. DU VERNET of the Diocese of Caledonia, whose experiments prove the fact of thought transference.

Nor is this statement made on dubious authority. The experimenter is a man of standing, of education, of more than the average intelligence, a man whose motives cannot be impugned, whose conclusions cannot be lightly set aside. The originator of these interesting and momentous experiments is none other than Archbishop H. F. DuVernet of the diocese of Caledonia, a cleric of the Church of England in Canada.

It has remained for this man, who spends much of his time in the remote parts of Canada to demonstrate by observation and experiment that telepathy is not only possible and probable but an established fact. He has told the world how it is done and many already have proved the truth of his statements.

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While the greatest success has been attained when messages have been sent between the Archbishop and his daughter, that is only because their minds are attuned to each other and they have practised concentration and receptivity. There is no peculiar power which either possesses that others do not possess except that they are both intellectual and that they have been intensely interested in proving the correctness of the theory which the Archbishop had formulated.

Distance is no barrier. It is easier to send a mental message to a person in the same room, because it is not so difficult to get co-ordination in time. Given such co-ordination there is no limit in distance. The longest distance so far proved has been from Prince Rupert to Vancouver, over 500 miles. Messages have also been sent from Terrace to Prince Rupert and faithfully recorded, a distance of about one hundred miles and from Prince Rupert to Metlakatla between six and seven miles. Hundreds of messages have been sent back and forth between Archbishop DuVernet and his daughter at various times and places, all proving conclusively that it can

The Archbishop has always been a student of psychology. He was interested in it when an undergraduate at King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia. He lectured on a kindred subject when professor of practical theology at Wycliffe College, Toronto. During his curacy at St. James the Apostle, Montreal, and while rector of St. John's, West Toronto, he spent some of his spare time delving into the mysteries of mental phenomena. It was after his appointment as Bishop of Caledonia eighteen years ago, however, that the great opportunity came. His diocese comprises the entire northern half of British Columbia and is 200,000 square miles in extent and includes the great British Columbia Peace River country east of the Rocky Mountains.

In travelling over this great extent of territory, being for days at a time alone, he had time to think out and test this great problem of the influence of mind over matter, and the influence of mind over mind.

About three years ago the Archbishop read a statement by Bergson, whom he regards as the greatest living philosopher, that while he was inclined to believe in telepathy on historical and judicial evidence, there was as yet no scientific proof of it. Then the Archbishop set out to get the proof and he got it. He says that in any two persons who will carefully fulfill the psychological conditions of concentration and receptivity can try the experiment for themselves; there is nothing of the nature of hypnotism in it, for both minds need to be keenly alert. Anything like distraction or preoccupation must be avoided and distance makes no difference.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Minister of Lands, at Victoria, not later than noon on the 8th day of November, 1923, for the purchase of Licence X 5482, to cut 20,000 lineal feet of Piling, 4,000 lineal feet of Cedar Poles, and 9,000 Hemlock Ties, on a portion of Lot 1571, Cassiar Land District.

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Three (3) years will be allowed for removal of timber.

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There will be offered for Sale at Public Auction, at noon on the 1st day of November, 1923, in the Forest Branch Office at Smithers, the Licence X 5571, to cut 1,084,000 feet of Hemlock and 1,465,000 lineal feet of Cedar Poles, on an area situated near Sheraton, Range 8, Land District.

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A Simple Experiment
 All psychologists know the Chevreul pendulum. The Archbishop made a simple little one. He took the handle of an artist's paint brush about twelve inches long and attached a string to the small end. To the other end of the string which was about eight inches long, he attached his latchkey. That was the instrument he used for all the experiments. Nothing could have been more simple. It was made in two minutes and answered the purpose as well as one that cost any amount of money.

Taking a piece of paper, a line was drawn as on a map north

and south and another east and west and a circle of three or four inches diameter was drawn round the intersecting point. Then he performed the experiment. Holding the stick with the pendulum hanging like a fishing rod with a key over the centre and the arm free from the side, he began to think north and south and the pendulum at once began to swing north and south. Changing the thought to East and West, the pendulum changed its direction to east and west. Then thinking of motion in a circle, the key swung around the circle. He had often tried this before, having learnt it from a Geneva psychologist. There was nothing new in this.

The next step was the important one. Letting his daughter hold the pendulum over the centre of the circle, the experimenter concentrated on swinging north and south, the mind of Miss Du Vernet remaining passive and she not knowing what he was thinking. At once the pendulum began to move and swing in the direction desired. The thought changed as before and the pendulum changed its swing. The mind of the experimenter, working through the mind of the person holding the pendulum, was acting on the muscles of the arm in such a way as to cause the movement. That was the beginning.

Then followed the next step. A card, on which large letters were drawn, was placed upright on the table, the letters being widely spaced. The word chosen was "Radio." These letters were used for the experiment. One of the experimenters held the pendulum and caused it to swing in the direction of the word by the energy of thought. Then the second experimenter without notifying the other, concentrated on the letter "O" thinking the expression "Swing to 'O'." The pendulum at once swung in that direction. The letters were changed indiscriminately at the will of the sender and each time the direction of the pendulum's swing changed. That was the second step in the experiment.

The third step was to send the mental message from a distance. This was not as simple as the other, although just as effective. The chief difficulty was to secure concentration of thought just at the right time. The watches had to be carefully set so that at the same second when the receiver began to swing the pendulum the sender of the mental message should commence his concentration. By getting the time correct, it was found that the pendulum could be influenced just as easily from a mile or two distant as by standing alongside the receiver in the same room. The most distant point from which a message was sent was from Prince Rupert to Vancouver, but it is the Archbishop's opinion that distance is not a factor. Time and concentration are the factors. The mind of the sender must be bent on the one thing and the mind of the receiver must be absolutely passive.

Some people can send better than others and some receive better. A person who is trained to concentrate would send well. There must be mastery of one's own mind before the thought can be successfully transmitted and received by the other in such a way as to be recorded.

Thinking 500 Miles

In the sending of the message from Prince Rupert to Vancouver it was arranged between the Archbishop and his daughter that they should communicate at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 19. At that time Miss DuVernet was in Prince Rupert at her home and her father was at the home of J. R. Seymour, Vancouver. There in the bedroom he stood at the appointed time with the card disc on the table and the pendulum suspended from the end of a lead pencil over the centre of the disc. As the clock struck the pendulum commenced to swing along the "start" line. Then it moved to the gutterals K or C. After swinging there a number of times it swung clearly to "O," then to "A" to "T" and finally to "Stop." After that the swinging stopped and the receiver knew the message had closed. The word "Goat" had been spelled out.

Here the question naturally arises, why is the receiver not aware of the message sent if the mind of the receiver is the medium through which the thought is conveyed, why does the impression not enter into the consciousness of the receiver when it is passed on to the pendulum? The Archbishop explains: "The natural barrier of

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HARPING does not always make an angel.

THERE is a current idea in some minds that the first chord of the National Anthem is the home waltz.

WHEN a girl is Out for a lark She imagines a knee Is the place to park.

I AM told that it is wicked to laugh at people's foibles. That is just the reason. We like to be just a little wicked sometimes.