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OUR RECENT MEETINGS

Telekinesis is DEFINITELY NOT an easy subject of experimentation! Our February meeting at Eloise and Dan's home dealt with the subject . . . first a discussion of it and then some of the few "brave" attempted some experiments to affect the roll of dice, move a pendulum that was free hanging from a light fixture, and/or attempt to move a foil spinner under a glass. We also worked as a group in attempting to move the free hanging pendulum by all concentrating on it at once. How frustrating! Nothing happened!

I felt a sense of letdown at the meeting upon the realization that many who attended thought that a demonstration of telekinesis was planned for the evening, and that I had a "pro" there to do so, which was not the case. I guess my announcement in the last issue of THE TAMULET was a bit misleading to some members and they were disappointed. What I was hoping for was that some of the members would have some talent in this area which they would demonstrate for us, but no one volunteered so basically we just discussed instances which had happened to us during our lifetimes or to our children, etc. I apologize to those of you who felt disappointment that I couldn't book Yuri Geller or somebody like that. I would really love to!

The March meeting at Marge Kennedy's was very well attended and our speaker, Larry Doehlman, kept the group's rapt attention with his story of near-death experience.

It all started with the Tampa flu at Christmas time. Larry and his wife both had gotten it but Larry was unable to throw it off quickly and had been suffering with chills, fever, nausea, diarrhea and the inability to eat for about a week. On the 2nd of January, he felt his pulse change and noticed that his

heart was "throwing PVC's" -- pre-ventricular contractions with every 2nd or 3rd heartbeat. Being a trained nurse, Larry knew that this was a very dangerous thing that could lead up to sudden cardiac arrest and death, so he sought help from a neighbor who called an ambulance which got him quickly to the hospital. Unfortunately for Larry, the paramedics started an intravenous on him and used a drug that he has since learned he is allergic to.

While Larry was in the emergency room and the doctors were working on him, it happened. From the way he tells it, the experience was as if he had been watching TV and all of a sudden someone changed the channel. The emergency room where he had been was suddenly "switched off" and he found himself in a different room which he described as being orange in color, and he was staring at something that looked like pigeon-holes of the type you might find in a post office or somewhere. He was totally alone in this room, and was free from pain but very scared and upset because he knew that he was dying and he was not ready to do that yet since he is only 41 and has a wife and family to raise. So he said he started praying like mad for forgiveness for all the things he felt that he had done wrong in his life. He felt that he never lost consciousness and that this was not a dream or a hallucination of any sort. He said he did not see any tunnel or any light like many people mention in this type of experience, but that he felt a sense of imminent judgment and he just was not ready for that and wanted to return to his wife and family very badly.

The next thing that happened was that he was back in the emergency room full of pain. He has since made a full recovery. In fact, some chronic health problems he had have disappeared too, for unknown reasons.

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Our logo was designed by Eloise Hurst, a Tampa member of our SIG. The following meanings are given for the various parts of the logo:



= Motion



= Growth



= Healing



= Love/Happiness



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As with all Mensa meetings locally, there will be a \$1.00 per person KITTY collected at all SIG meetings to help to defray the cost of snacks and drinks. Occasionally we may need to charge a slightly higher kitty in order to reimburse a speaker for travel expenses. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SATELLITE SIG MEETINGS

A couple of SIG members in other parts of the state and country have indicated an interest in getting some meetings started in their areas, and would like to learn of the membership interest in the following locations:

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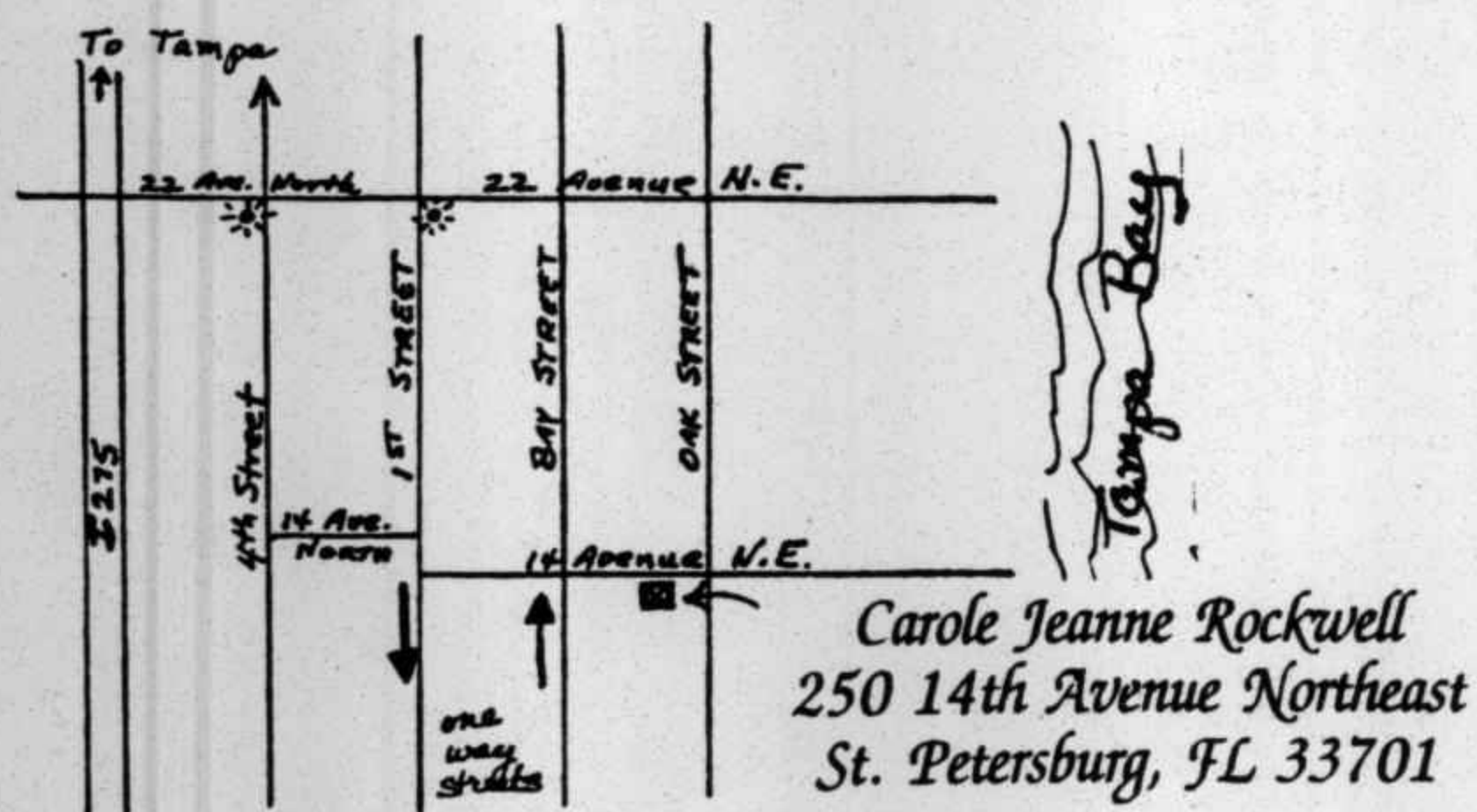
April 4 - Friday - 8 PM

"Reading the Runes" will be the topic of the Parapsychology SIG meeting this evening at my home. Eloise Hurst, local member and authoress of the column by the same title, will be conducting the meeting and answering your questions about this ancient method of divination. Eloise works specifically with the Norse runes, but there are other varieties as well evolving from the Teutonic or "Germanic" nations, embracing the people of High and Low German speech, Dutch, Danes, and Scandinavians, which people have always displayed a marked leaning toward the study and consideration of the occult.

The word rune is derived from an old Low German word, raunen, "to cut" or "to carve," and as the runes in more ancient times were invariably carved and not written, it later came to designate the characters themselves. Comparatively few were able to decipher these symbols, of which there are approximately 24, since the meanings change according to the sequence drawn or where they land when cast upon a circular diagram. Since so few were able to decipher the runes, those who read them were often the object of veneration among the common folk, who believed that the ability to elucidate them meant the possession of magical powers.

My home is located at 250 14th Ave NE, St Pete. Please try to RSVP to me by Wednesday, April 2nd, so I shall have an idea of how many to expect. Normal \$1 per person kitty, and smoking on the front porch only.

Carole Jeanne Rockwell



MAY MEETING / MAY MEETING

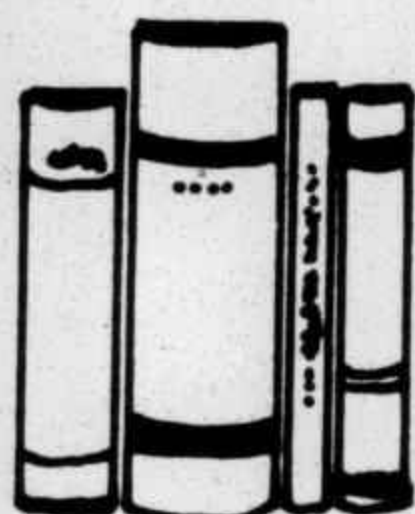
May 2 - Friday - 8 PM

We are going to try something NEW this month by having a PSYCHIC FAIR at my home. Several of the SIG members are gifted in being able to read Tarot Cards or Runes, while others are gifted in Psychometry, which is a way of giving a person a psychic reading by holding an object and picking up certain information from that object. There are undoubtedly others among you who read by other means and it is hoped that you will volunteer to participate in this program by offering to do a few readings tonight. What I have in mind is setting up different areas of the house where each reader can sit and do short readings (FREE, OF COURSE) for a portion of the people at the meeting. I shall devise a way to work things out so that no single volunteer reader gets swamped with a disproportionate share of subjects. Also, we shall have a brief discussion of the various methods of psychic reading and what to look for in a genuinely psychic reader. It is bound to be an entertaining and enlightening evening and I sincerely hope that we shall have a good number of participating readers as well as subjects, which are always easy to come by.

I personally became enchanted with the field of parapsychology as a direct result of meeting people who were psychically gifted and able to tell me some of the most personal things about myself and my life style. I knew that these psychics had no way of knowing about some of the things they told me -- some of which came true years later after the reading was quite forgotten by me. It is true, to my belief, that certain individuals have an uncanny ability to tune into others and pick up on things past, present and future. It is far easier for me to understand the ability to know things past and present than to know things that have yet to happen . . . especially when we are talking about long-range things, but this seems to be the case with those truly psychic people. I want it understood, though, that I am not promising any



READING THE RUNES



This column provides an overview of parapsychological literature. Not all of the books reviewed will be currently in print. This does not mean that they are unavailable however. If a book that has been reviewed interests you, begin searching for it by contacting your local library or bookstore. Either of these sources should own an annual publication called Books In Print. If it is listed in the current edition of this reference work, it is probably in print and obtainable through any bookstore that has it in stock or is willing to order it from the publisher. If the book is not in print, a library in your area may have a copy you can read. If the book is not in the collection of a library where you have check out privileges, they may still be able to obtain a copy for you through interlibrary loan. Ask the librarian for details. It is also possible to buy out of print books. If the book is recently out of print, call the publisher and ask if they still have any copies available for sale. Also, check with any used or antiquarian book dealers in your area. Many of these dealers provide search services for out of print books at little or no charge. Mail order services, such as Publishers Central Bureau, often carry out of print overstocks which they have purchased from the publishers. If you reach a deadend on searching for a book, or have any other questions, write me: Ms. Eloise R. Hurst

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Mintz, Elizabeth E. in consultation with Schmeidler, Gertrude R. The Psychic Thread: Paranormal and Transpersonal Aspects of Psychotherapy. New York: Human Sciences Press, 1983. 232 pages.

Addressed to the practicing psychotherapist, this book discusses the significance and therapeutic

management of paranormal and transpersonal experiences which are reported or occur during a patient's therapy. It covers topics such as telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis, mystical revelation, and transcendence of the self. Guidelines are provided to distinguish true psychic and transpersonal experiences from psychotic delusions.

Despite the fact that it is intended as a professional guide for therapists, the book is not written in uninterpretable jargon. It is well organized, informative, and readable. Anyone with a serious interest in parapsychology will benefit from reading this book.

Ms. Mintz holds a PhD in clinical psychology from New York University. She has been in private practice for over 30 years. Ms. Schmeidler received her PhD in psychology from Harvard University. She is currently a Professor Emeritus in psychology at City College of the City University of New York and President of the American Society for Psychical Research.

Davison, Roanld C. Astrology New York: Bell Publishing Co., 1958. 175 pages.

This book provides a basic overview of the full scope of astrology. It includes explanations of natal astrology, the significance of sun and moon signs, the relationships of the planets, astrological houses, and delineations. It also provides step-by-step instructions for charting and interpreting horoscopes.

Davison's work is a solid introduction into the field of astrology. The background information and instructions are easy to understand and arranged in a logical order. It is highly recommended as a starting text by many astrologers.

Ronald C. Davison was President of the Astrological Lodge of the Theosophical Society in London.

Eloise R. Hurst, Librarian

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MAY MEETING (Continued from page 3)

SUPER PSYCHICS at tonight's meeting -- I can only say that we shall offer those readers among our SIG membership who are willing to participate for free for the good of all.

NOW, AN URGENT PLEA . . . those of you who can and are willing to read for this meeting, please contact me as far in advance as possible and tell me what method or methods you wish to use so that I can know in advance how many readers we will have to handle the people desiring readings. This way I can plan some organization to the meeting before the group arrives.

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(Same map as on page 3)

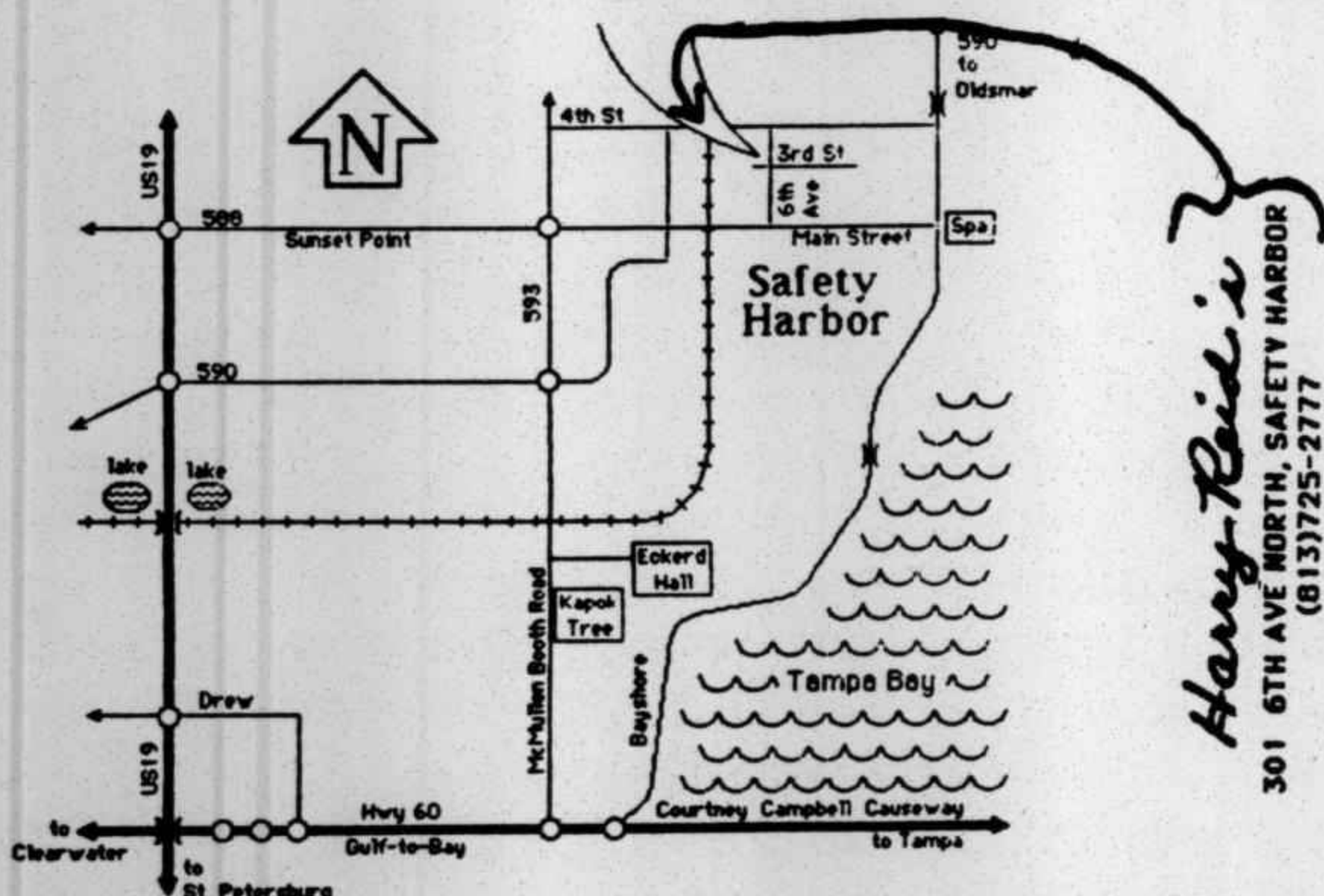
SWEAT LODGES SCHEDULED

2nd & 4th Sundays / Month -- 2 PM

Open to all regardless of age, race, or creed. In Safety Harbor at the home of Harry Reid. Bring food and/or drinks to share and tobacco (any kind) for the pipe. Call Ghost Horse at 321-0061 to confirm that there is a sweat lodge scheduled that particular day, since I don't know what his travel schedule is for this spring and summer. For further information, call Ghost Horse directly.

Donations are gratefully accepted for this work, but all are welcome regardless of their ability to donate money.

Carole Jeanne Rockwell



IN MEMORY OF

ERIC VERNON ROCKWELL

August 30, 1964 - February 14, 1986

My nephew died tragically on Valentine's Day. He was 21 years old. As I prepare to go to press this month, the pain of our family's loss is pulling at my heart strings. So I dedicate this issue of THE TAMULET to Eric, and ask your indulgence as I write this open letter to him, believing in my heart that the powers that be will take this message to him.

Eric, your death was so sudden and unexpected that it left us all in a terrible state of shock and grief. Six weeks later we are still trying to make some sense out of this senseless loss, and I am trying to find some way that I can console my only sister and help her to find peace within her own heart and soul. So I come to you with this invitation to use my psychic ability and sensitivity to get the necessary messages back to your mother, sister and brother. You see, I believe that death is not the end of your existence, and that you have gone to another place, which I call Side, to analyze your life and prepare for your next period of growth. And I believe that if you truly want to you can communicate with those still here by means of a person who is sensitive and open to the idea that it is possible. In our family, I would be the logical one for you to approach should that be your desire. I shall not be frightened, for I know how important it is to have the unanswered questions answered.

You were such a loving person who did without material things and suffered often but complained very little. You had kind words for those around you and showed your affection openly, without embarrassment. You loved and you were loved. I believe that love is the strongest vibration and that it does not die, but survives death of the physical body, so I invite you to follow that love back to me so that I can help your family to be at peace. I love you.

Aunt Carole

LETTERS

February 11, 1986

Dear Carole,

Such a nice reply to my letter in THE TAMULET! Thank you.

Yes, I have grown since our first contact. With patience and love and a lot of help from Paula and a few others, I'm learning and growing and progressing along the path. I've a much longer way to go than I've already come, but at least I'm moving forward.

My healing work is also progressing. And I've found that I can help animals heal quicker. It all started when a woman I write to mentioned that her cat had just had an operation to remove a piece of cloth she had swallowed. I sent both her and her cat a long distance healing, but I've yet to receive the results. I mentioned that healing to yet another woman I write to and she mentioned that her dog was ailing and on medication. So I sent her dog a healing and the dog is well. I don't attribute it to myself, just maybe a boost I gave to the dog to be more receptive to the care and medication.

Just a week ago today I had my cat spade and declawed so I've had the opportunity to work with an animal in a hands-on situation. The vet said that she is healing amazingly fast. Tonight she is bouncing around the house as if she hadn't a care in the world.

I like this new facet that has been opened up to me. I'll still work with people, but I'll never ignore their pets. And through all this, I've become almost fond of dogs. I am a notorious "cat-lady", but through the healing I've found that it doesn't matter what kind of animal is in need. I will help. All animals have a "sameness" of feeling to me beyond individual personality traits or species differences. They feel more pure of spirit, less complicated, and more open for receiving.

A few months ago, I was regressed to three past lives. In all three of them I was the healer of the village I lived in. I've not had the opportunity to do it again, but I've a feeling that most of my pasts will

be similar.

Through that experience I learned that what I had reached a few times in soul-searching was a form of self-hypnosis which led to my learning to meditate. And through meditation many things have come to me. I'm restoring balance to my life and learning to let go. This is just the start. I've a long way to go, but am enjoying the journey.

I do enjoy THE TAMULET. It seems to bring a warmth and restores my faith in what we're all doing. I send you my healing thoughts.

Take care.

E. J. Laky

Reedsburg, WI

{The healing circle that I work with on a weekly basis occasionally does some work on pets also. Most of us have pets and once in awhile one of them will be in bad shape so we verbally put them into the healing circle along with the names of the people we are working to help. I have done this one time each with my dog and my cat and was amazed and pleased to see immediate results (within a few hours). -- Editor}

March, 1986

Dear Carole,

Enclosed is my \$5, please enter my name on the subscription list.

After reading the Dec/Jan and Feb/Mar issues of THE TAMULET, I'm sorry I can't make the March meeting and discussion of Near-death Experiences (N.D.E.). I'll put something forth here which might make for some interesting comments. That is the similarity between out-of-body experiences (O.B.E.) and N.D.E. Both have the same result, though what leads to the experience is different. In both cases, one is aware of light, lightness, warmth, the body being "there" and not where "I" am, and a lack of fear. In an O.B.E. when you see your body, the sense of fear as you recognize that you have in fact left your body will, in many cases, pull you right back into the body. In a N.D.E., there is a much more casual sense of observation about the whole process. Many times the person is aware of being able to make a choice

between returning to the body or letting it go. In both experiences, though, what triggers them may be different, and the experience itself different. What does seem to be a uniting factor is the result of the experience. That result seems to be a release from the fear of the body's demise. Through both an O.B.E. and a N.D.E. comes the awareness of the conscious self existing with or without a body. If I, me, the essence that is me, exists, and can exist apart from and without the body, what fear does death hold for me? Who I truly am is not defined by the body and does not die with the body.

There IS a difference between the two. Most people do not choose to have a N.D.E., it kind of happens. One CAN CHOOSE to have an O.B.E. -- not just once, but many times. It can be learned much like yoga or meditation. To be consciously aware of leaving your body makes it much different also. What is to be learned from either experience is tremendous -- energy systems, vibrational rates, all kinds of things.

I look forward to the April/May issue.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Finkle
Huntington, NY

March 13, 1986

Dear Carole Jeanne,

Thanks a lot for your letter as well as for the Feb.-Mar. issue of THE TAMULET. I was glad to learn that you're interested in an information exchange network.

Enclosed you find literature about the correlation between PSI and the IQ as well as some letters from different institutes all over the world that deal with the same subject. Moreover, I enclose the result of a self-made survey among German Mensa members as to what they think about different aspects of PSI (and other topics of interest). I am about to ask non-Mensans the same questions and I'll inform you about the results later. Next time I hope to be able to send you the results of an Italian survey and the results of a long-distance telepathy experiment

(Germany-Austria-Ireland).

I'd like to get results from your work (have you already carried out your intended telekinesis experiment?). Of course I'll send you the German newsletter regularly even though it is written in German (I'll translate the most important parts). Would it be possible to get your newsletter in exchange for the German one? And, may I copy your newsletter and distribute it among the German PARA-SIG members (as a part of our journal)? That would be great!

I'm looking forward to exchanging results and ideas with you and your SIG and I hope our work will be fruitful for our members.

Yours sincerely,
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{I am delighted with the exchange idea and have added Gunther to the mailing list as an exchange editor. Günther, please feel free to copy and distribute THE TAMULET as you see fit and I shall report on the information you send me as I have space available in my publication. I am including your address in case any of my members want to write to you also. Thank you again for your splendid idea of an information exchange.--Ed}

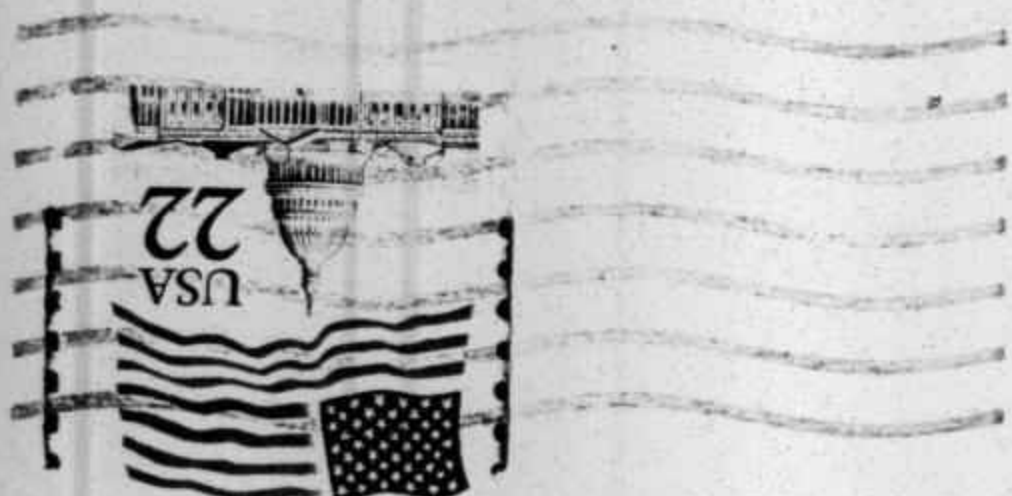
{EDITORIAL NOTE: The folks who write to me are writing to all of you in care of me as the SIG Coordinator and Editor of this publication. I would be very pleased to publish your comments, whether in agreement with letters published or in rebuttal of them. This SIG was created as a medium for the exchange of information, and with over 100 members among our ranks, I am quite frankly amazed that most of you are silent readers. Please get involved with your newsletter in the Letters section, and/or submit an article or two for inclusion in an upcoming issue. My desire is to provide a publication that will have something for everyone in each issue, but I need your help in order to do so. Deadline information is located on Page 2. Thank you.}



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