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THE PSYCHIC "SITUATION"

Deep in each of us, beneath our surface egos, beneath our every-day waking consciousness, there exists a rather amazing psychic core.

If we were to draw a map or a scheme of this psychic core, it would appear like a network of roads going to and from major cities (centers). The roads carry psychic information. The centers process it.

In most of us, the maps of our own psychic core look like a battle zone. The roads are blasted and disrupted, the centers destroyed or closed down -- with whatever is left trying to function the best it can. When we do turn our parapsychological attention to trying to look at the psychic map, we get somewhat lost trying to make sense of the broken roads and ruined, partially-functioning centers.

It is not unusual for a very important factor to escape our inquiring minds -- the "terrain" upon which the roads and centers were built in the first place. Roads (links) and cities (processing centers) have to be built upon something. You cannot reconstruct roads and cities very well if you ignore the terrain upon which they are to be built. If you comprehend the nature of the terrain, the roads and cities fall into place within a "logic" that would be missing otherwise.

In this present book, our psychic "terrain" is called the emerald kingdom. As we shall see, this is a metaphor while at the same time it is not a metaphor, a problem that calls for a brief discussion here at the beginning of our book.

Metaphors (familiar words or phrases used to denote a likeness to other obscure concepts) are especially useful in approaching the psychic realms -- which at first are likely to be totally invisible to our intellects. But there are two kinds of metaphors. Dead (empty) metaphors and living metaphors. Living metaphors invoke or activate our minds to form patterns through which the obscure concepts become clear and take on an existence of their own. Dead metaphors don't perform this kind of service, and, in fact, can become lodged in our thinking apparatus, often blocking any formation of correct activating thought patterns.

Part of our ruined "psychic situation" here in our highly scientific cultured West involves the over-abundance of dead

metaphors. For example, we use the terms telepathy (mind-to-mind contact), psychokinesis (mind over matter) and precognition (seeing the future). Although these terms allow for intellectual conversation about three very important invisible psychic components, they do not call forth mind patterns that evoke or activate our capabilities of telepathy or psychokinesis.

It is probably true that these three terms (among so many others) were not meant to be metaphors. They were invented as neo-scientific labels by early psychical researchers and parapsychologists seeking to elevate their work within science by giving science-oriented terms to obscure psychic components. But, in effect, they are used as labels and metaphors.

In the psychic realms, if a term being used does not evoke or activate accurate mind patterns thereby calling forth the appropriate psychic patterns already existing in us at some deep unfamiliar levels, then they are of no real service in the psychic sense. They are dead, empty terms.

In our ruined psychic terrain, we can come across many neo-scientific sign posts. Telepathy, this way, one sign will point -- but to a box canyon. Psychokinesis, this way, and one ends up in the confusions of a typical parapsychology laboratory where PK is seldom ever seen at all. Precognition, this way. Just look at this word! Cognition means the act or process of knowing including both awareness and judgment. How can you "pre" that? Intellectually, "pre" has some loose affiliation with the future,

I suppose. But you cannot precognite anything, since that would literally mean "in front of your cognition."

In terms of appropriate mind patterns needed to begin to activate psychic patterns, metaphor-terms like precognition are only booby traps (mind traps) since they defeat the formation of correct ideas that evoke clear insights. Our psychic terrains possess many booby traps like this one, and in the rest of this book we will begin to deactivate the most obvious of these, bringing some new order into our ruined psychic terrains.

As a metaphor, the emerald kindgom evokes a certain response in you, although your intellect might not understand it -- as yet. But your psychic core does. The emerald kingdom is a powerful, naturally activating psychic concept -- a living metaphor -- much as was (and still is) The Emerald City in Frank Bauer's famous tale The Wizard of Oz of Judy Garland fame or as was "Wonderland" as in Alice.

Regardless of the overall ruined condition of our psychic terrains, almost everyone has experienced some form of invisible psychic linkage -- to other people, to situations, places, things, to foreknowledge, to "missions in life," to "callings," to particular fates and destinies, and so forth. The list of examples of psychic linkages is endless.

An open, intellectual belief in things psychic is not necessary for one to become aware of psychic linkages. Linkages exist both "above" and "below" the thresholds of our intellectual

mental patterns whether or not we intellectually believe them to be there.

Psychic linkages reach through space and across time, into the past and into the future, by way of their own inherent "laws" that are usually illusive to the intellect's normal powers of understanding. And thus when psychic linkages supprisingly make their existence known they can sometimes rather dazzle one's brains.

Information about linkages can come into the waking intellect via many forms: dreams, hunches, creative visions, telepathy.

A mother doing the breakfast dishes suddenly senses her child is in great danger and dashes out the door to pull him from the path of the family auto whose breaks have just given away and is rolling down the dirveway into the street.

A stockbroker suddenly gets a hunch about a certain stock and, going totally against its expected projections, invests in it and maks a vast amount of money.

A medical student intent on becoming a wealthy brain surgeon dreams that he has become an archaeologist and is digging up ancient ruins at a unique site in a distant country. He forgets the dream because "it is all so unlikely." Yet ten years later, after switching professions, he finds himself in that distant country and at the unique site which he recognizes from the dream which he now "remembers" with some amazement.

A daughter, after her father's death, can't find his stock certificates which he had hidden. In desperation, she consults a psychic who "sees" them sewn into the lining of an old worn and tattered overcoat. The daughter screams, since the old coat ("it was Daddy's favorite") was among the clothes she had just given to a charity. She dashes, reclaims the coat and finds the stocks in the lining.

There are millions of similar true life anecdotes, some more amazing than others, which wreak havoc with the normal intellectual way we try to view existence. How can one's dream mechanisms "see" ten years into the future? How can a mother's telepathic bond with her child alert her to immanent danger and cause her to race outside without thinking? How can the stockbroker's hunch penetrate the highly complex workings of the notoriously fickle stock market? And, when one's own efforts fail, how can a psychic "see" something about which he or she has no personal interest?

Normally, we would view these kinds of events in different ways and separate them by deam metaphor-labels such as telepathic bonding, dream prediction, hunches or clairvoyance. But they all have two aspects in common. The first is that they happen. And continue to happen regardless of whether or not our intellects can comprehend the illogic in them. The second is an aspect which -- so far as I have been able to discover -- has never been posited. They are all examples of psychic linkages.

Yet we know virtually nothing about how they happen, nor, more importantly, how to locate psychic linkages in ourselves even though the advantages of being able to do so are obvious.

The emerald kingdom is that "place" of psychic linkages, the basic terrain upon which our own individual psychic systems are to be found in some sort of ruin and operate only spontaneously if and when they can. Each section of what follows is meant to act as a conceptualization that will work towards activating or evoking some aspect of the innate psychic systems that exist in each of us, but which, because of the way our Western intellectual overviews are constructed, are in some sort of shambles.

*Have to make our intellectual understandings
fit hand in glove with the
realities of the psychic realm.*

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