

On paranormal phenomena.

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Abstract

I present a short note on my expectations regarding this subject based upon my thoughts in my previous two books on relativistic quantum theory and a note on the emergence of consensus in science.

1 Introduction.

Reportings of paranormal or psychic activity are of all times and have given rise to all kinds of myths and legends. One could take the point of view of 't Hooft and write out a test someone with proclaimed paranormal ability should succeed in; I feel it is quite unlikely for anybody to succeed in this enterprise. Moreover, it doesn't explain away the issue of paranormal experiences, it just implies that they are not freely reproducible by a (human) being. For an old Greek, this would make perfect sense since he would attribute paranormal or psychic abilities to the Gods and they just play with people, they would never directly disclose their presence by someone just allowing to pass such test.

Catholics invented all kinds of mythical creatures such as vampires and people possessed by the Devil to "explain" away "mystical" experiences. For example, a vampire was said to possess psychic powers to seduce the opposite sex or to have a direct influence on the thought of a person from a distance. Typically, a woman would have an intense dream about a male vampire having sex with her and cheating on her beloved husband sleeping next to her. This would mean the vampire has induced her with that dream and would finish the job later on in a more real setting where he would bite her and suck her blood. Clearly, the physical biting scenes as well as the blood consumption are pure nonsense and likewise is the rebirth of the victim as a vampire. There are several ways of appreciating that this is true: (a) viruses are not able to change a genetic code (b) the chemical reactions in the body needed would be that huge that the victim always dies (c) the world would be full of vampires since they are the strongest and smartest (d) all proclaimed sensitivities of the vampire to garlic, holy water, the holy cross and so on are clearly nonsense since there is no chemical reaction possible. Therefore, one remains with the dreams and psychic sensations; here, some truth may exist given that there must be a ground for

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these unusual sensations and reportings.

As always, the best answer comes from thinking in a rational way about these issues and I will present my theory below.

2 Analysis.

There is much to admire for in the stance of 't Hooft: contemporary physics just doesn't allow for paranormal activity nor experience in any sense. These physical laws have been carefully checked in a large energy range covering the entire planetary physics. However, as I have repeatedly argued for, it may just be that ordinary physical laws are not sufficient for living creatures and that other very weak and non-conventional force fields have to be taken into account. This principle, called weak reductionism, has been explained by me several times. The very reason why I am seduced to take this seriously is because modern physics cannot explain conscious experience nor intelligence and I am a strong artificial intelligence sceptic. Actually, the point of view most scientists hold is that consciousness is an illusion which I deem to be one of the most silly things one can ever utter.

Now, a Catholic may think that I therefore agree that living creatures with active psychic abilities exist. Alas, my answer is a resounding no and it is here that my experience as a professional physicist may be of importance. Medical doctors nor priests have the slightest idea about physics and are not really competent neither willing to learn about it since their only goal appears to be to acquire as much power in society as one reasonably can. To explain all of this in a simple way, the force we are looking for is universal in some sense and therefore gravitational in nature which suggests it is terribly weak. Therefore, a living being can never be the source of a psychic field which is directly absorbed by another human being; this is the reason why everybody fails 't Hooft's test. If someone had the ability to read another person's mind, he or she would be stinking rich, but more importantly he or she would need to have a brain a million times more sensitive than another person's. Conventional wisdom would therefore imply that it is a million times heavier too which is clearly impossible. So, how could paranormal experience work? A "psychic" shield around the earth could certainly detect all our weak psychic signals and likewise would a heavy generator of unknown *technology* suffice. This again would imply the presence of a super-human race in the neighborhood of and on earth who know how to manipulate psychic matter we are so far unable to observe.

Coming back to vampires and people hearing voices: most likely, this is just the work of a higher civilization sending signals of an unknown nature to the primates we are. So, the "vampires" really have no active psychic powers themselves but are mere "actors" in a scheme of superior intelligence. This reminds me about the days that lighthening and thunder were a mystery, for sure electromagnetism demystified it to a large degree. Maybe it is time to move on, after all, the "Gods" would be pretty annoyed if we remained as primitive as we are now.