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Book review by Prof. Peter Stewart

CONSCIOUSNESS, INTENT AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSE

Jeffrey Keen

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On the cover, the four claims made for this book are;

- (1) It is a groundbreaking book proving with scientific precision that consciousness involves more than just your brain and actually depends on the very fabric of the Universe.
- (2) Jeffrey Keen explores consciousness and its relation to the Universe.
- (3) Keen has identified, observed and measured universal energy fields that have not previously been detected either by the five senses or by existing scientific instruments.
- (4) This book unquestionably demonstrates and explains the ancient mystery of Dowsing and its connection to the Cosmos.

Big claims indeed!

Jeffrey Keen, himself, obtained a B.Sc., Honours Degree in Physics and Mathematics at Imperial College. He is a Member of the Institute of Physics and a Chartered Physicist. He is also a Chartered Engineer. He has carried out research into, and meticulously studied, the topics of consciousness and perception for over 20 years. He is a respected member of The Dowsing Research Group, the DRG, of which I am Chair, and which is affiliated to the British Society of Dowsers.

He has collaborated with three or four other Scientists and Engineers in the DRG who have supported him in the empirical scientific experimental work described in his book. Above all he adopts the Scientific Method in his approach to the subject. The subject of Dowsing is no longer in doubt as a subject for serious research. Many dowsers earn their living from it on the basis of a 'No success-no fee' contract.

The reason why three dimensional physical Science has not previously been able to get to grips with Dowsing is because, for historical reasons, Science is poorly equipped to deal with abstract topics. The two new emerging sciences of 'Information' and 'Consciousness' are now giving it the capability to examine the faculty. Jeffrey Keen's book is the first to do so using new science since the earlier works of Mabey and Franklin and later van Tromp. It is good that a 'hard science' Physicist is at last exploring this topic rather than the previous abortive efforts of Parapsychology. The book has a 'bottom up', empirical, approach and is divided into two parts.

Part 1 has nine chapters. It commences with an introduction to the basic principles of Dowsing Physics and goes on to identify objects that 'emit' what he describes as 'dowsable fields'. He next addresses the act of dowsing considering ,in

turn, the necessarily precise 'Intent', the seeking of permission to dowse and the actual detection of the field itself. He then discusses the geometrical shapes of dowsable fields together with 'dowsable factors' that can be detected and measured.

In examining the 'physical' nature of 'dowsable fields' he covers topics which include; the range at which they may be detected, their boundaries, attenuation and screening, field strength and propagation through space. In considering the physical location of the organ with the dowsing faculty on the human body he identifies the 'Brow', 'Throat' and 'Solar Plexus' Centres of Consciousness. Part 1 concludes with a discussion of the effects of 'two' and 'multi-bodies', in proximity, on the dowsable field.

In the earlier sections of Part 1 he concentrates on the measurement of 'fields' relating to simple physical objects such as stones, crystals, water and other tangible natural objects. He refers to their 'dowsable fields' where I would refer to them as 'local information fields'.

The topics outlined in Part 1 of Jeffrey Keen's book employ simple inexpensive dowsing instruments and easily obtainable objects and attack problems which are on the boundaries or 'cutting edge' of contemporary science. He describes it as an opportunity for the amateur to take part in scientific discovery. His approach also lends itself well to a School Science Syllabus and a demonstration of the Scientific Method. From my own experience over 80% of individuals can be dowsers and the simple instruments, the L-rods, Y-rods and pendulums are visual read-out systems which, 'on-site', or in conjunction with a plan, map or photograph, can give geographical co-ordinates. The results can be validated by others and can be made reasonably 'objective' by careful design.

In Part 1 Keen enumerates 24 Principles that he has discovered. In Part 2, he enumerates six more Principles using the insights that he has developed in Part 1, he applies them to a wider range of topics including; Dowsing Life Forms, the Geometry of Sacred Sites and interestingly - Artificial dowsable fields created by the mind of another person. This has resonances with one of the theories associated with the creation of crop circles and of certain successful experimental work.

He then adduces evidence for the existence of a Universal Energy/Information field which may be accessed by an extension of consciousness as in dowsing. I teach this Principle myself. Finally he discusses the Structure of the Universe and the Information Field - a Speculative Qualitative model.

So going back to his claims. Yes it is a groundbreaking book. I would query his claim for 'scientific precision' but agree that his findings that Consciousness, the Energy/Information Field and the structure of the Cosmos are inextricably linked are correct. Jeffrey Keen has produced a challenging, provocative book. It is a 'Tour de Force'.

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