



A Review of: “Consciousness, Intent, and the Structure of the Universe”

by Jeffrey Keen

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It has long been hypothesized that there is a common thread or force that connects the known (and unknown) universe. Although some have dismissed this notion for the lack of objective, supporting evidence, there is a growing list of supporters who not only embrace the idea of an interconnected universe, but have provided the much needed evidence by documenting their experiences. Such is the case with the recent book, *Consciousness, Intent, and the Structure of the Universe*, by Jeffrey Keen. Although the author assumes that the readers of his book will have a basic understanding of dowsing, for those with no exposure to this discipline there is something to be learned about how our consciousness interacts with, and influences, our surrounding environment and the universe.

In his book, the author provides the reader with a solid grounding for the notion that there are transpersonal connections between the consciousness of one person and the mind and body of another. The underlying assumption that the author puts forth is based on the argument that the mind/brain of the dowser interacts with the information field that pervades the universe. From this, the author constructs the framework on which he argues that the interconnected universe interacts with the consciousness of people. He supports his argument by providing clear, unambiguous scientific evidence that the dowsing phenomenon is an extension of the idea of a common field or medium. As noted by Ervin Laszlo in the forward of this book, “(T)he phenomena presented by Keen is neither imaginary or esoteric. It is a bona fide phenomenon that requires a bona fide explanation.” By using the tools of the scientific research community, such as mathematics, extensive measurement, and statistical concepts, the author provides a convincing argument that dowsing, like other disciplines involved in the study of consciousness, involves information and how it gets conveyed between entities in the universe.

Jeffrey Keen presents his research on the connection between consciousness and dowsing fields (or auras) by noting that dowsing fields can be perceived as being of three types: those that can be read passively and measured by an observer; those that can be created and transmitted by the observer's mind; and a combination of the former where the observer is interacting with the emitted field. In Part 1, consisting of chapters 1-9, the author lays out the methodological approach that he uses in investigating and measuring dowsing fields, particularly those auras that can be passively read by an observer. By using the underlying principles of physics the

author presents the dowsing phenomena in an objective, scientific manner. The author concentrates on measuring the fields of tangible, natural objects (e.g., stones, crystals, and water) that are perceived to emit dowsable fields, but unfortunately, these natural objects cannot be easily transported into a controlled laboratory environment that would allow for replication in measurement and analysis. The author notes that with dowsing techniques it is possible to detect, and measure, a vibrating field from natural objects, such as crystals, stones, and water. Moreover, sensing vibrations implies “waves, which in turn, suggests wavelengths with an associated frequency and velocity.” Although the first part of his book is technical, the interested reader needs to approach it with an open mind, and should not be put off. Rather, because of his detailed, methodological approach, the author provides the scientific precision that makes it hard to refute that our brains, and ultimately our consciousness, depend on the information field that pervades the fabric of the known (and unknown) universe.

In the second part of this book, consisting of chapters 10-19, the author focuses on the other two types of dowsing. That is, discussing those dowsing fields that can be created and transmitted by the observer's mind, as well as the interaction of the observer's consciousness with those dowsing fields emitted by natural objects. In this part of his book the author provides the reader with a discussion and verification of the great diversity of empirical phenomena that governs the unfolding of order in the universe as experienced through dowsing (information) fields. These fields, as the author points out, have a tendency to involve spin, frequencies and vortices, as well as having the capability to being sensed over long distances by the consciousness. The notion of spin, frequencies, and vortices are terms commonly found in discussions of quantum physics, and the author's discussion should not be viewed as simply an analogy to the discipline, but rather an extension and empirical verification of the discipline.

Whether one accepts or dismisses what Jeffrey Keen presents in his book is a matter of personal preference. However, one cannot deny that the author provides a solid, empirically backed, and very readable argument to his readers that our consciousness, and its development and growth, involves more than just our brain, but rather, is part of a much larger entity that is the very fabric of the universe. After reading this book, a question still remains, and that is: What types of exercises can someone do to improve and enhance their ability to sense the information field that surrounds us? Hopefully, the author can answer this question for us with his continuing research efforts and insights involving dowsing fields.