AGAIN SUBTLE PROCESSES AND PROFOUND EFFECTS

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Once again, I find myself reflecting on how the researches described in this issue of our journal show the interactions of various "layers" of our being. For this issue, the cover of our journal shows a complex and beautiful geological formation, including both sedimentary and igneous rock. When geology began to mature as a science, it followed a path much like all the other sciences, turning away from traditional stories of origins, and more toward theories that current and identifiable physical processes should explain how rocks come to be as they are. Still influenced by traditional stories, some people proposed fire as the ultimate force shaping the earth. Others looked at the vast presence of water on the planet and gave it the primary role. Today geology recognizes both fire and water as primary forces, each rendering stone in its own image.

Visually igneous rock manifests the flowing processes, active before the stone cooled into its frozen forms. Sedimentary rock reveals shelving, the result of layers of silt settling to the bottom of a body of water. Geologists also recognize that great pressures can reshape the original stone, in processes they call metamorphic, i.e. transformed. Marble is a metamorphic transformation of sedimentary limestone. Geology shows us that powerful forces can have subtle effects, such as the varied and beautiful flowing structures in igneous stone. And subtle forces can have powerful effects, as the gentle accumulation of particles settling on the bottom of a lake or sea slowly compress the layers below into solid stone.

The papers in this issue of *Subtle Energies & Energy Medicine* also explore the powerful effects of subtle energies, and the subtle effects of powerful energies.

To find anything, we must look. The study of subtle energies requires believing that such forces can exist, at least as a hypothesis. Mogens Ehrens has surveyed a group of people intended to be a representative sample of the population of Denmark. Nearly one-third of those interviewed said they can feel healing energy or some form of radiation from other people. The survey also found that most of the people who seek complementary or alternative therapies are from this group, who allege they can sense subtle energy.

Some effects of subtle energy may be very tiny, and looking for such effects of novel forms of energy can require very detailed observations. James DeMeo has investigated the small heating effect reported by Wilhelm Reich, proposed to result from physical processes affected by the concentration of Orgone in Reich's Orgone Accumulator (ORAC) devices. DeMeo had to very carefully construct an ORAC in which tiny fluctuations in temperature could be measured, and a comparable thermally balanced chamber that would not be expected to concentrate the hypothesized Orgone. Orgone accumulation is also supposed to be affected by differences in the

environment, so these observations required also building a thermally stable enclosure that would allow measurements under a wide range of environmental differences. DeMeo reports data from experimental eras conforming to Reich's optimal environmental conditions (low humidity, light or no winds, and clear skies) showing a temperature cycle with daily maxima about +0.5° C warmer than the control device, and minima about -0.1° C cooler. DeMeo interprets the experiment as a confirmation of Reich's claim of a slight spontaneous heating effect inside an Orgone Accumulator.

Konstantin Korotkov and his colleagues report a range of interesting energetic observations using the Electrophotonic Imaging/Gas Discharge Visualization techniques.

During a workshop demonstrating the EPI/GDV methods, a series of experiments were conducted using Reconnective Healing, group intention focused on affecting the energy of a vial of water, and a novel method of sound therapy using a didgeridoo. Analysis of the changes measured by the EPI/GDV all showed energetic shifts, for the human subjects receiving the Reconnective Healing and didgeridoo treatments, and in the water receiving the group intention. The main focus of the workshop was to introduce a new technique for measuring the ambient energy shifts in space using an antenna device that has been added to the EPI/GDV camera system. Interesting variations in the ambient energy were observed among the various eras having different healing and teaching activities. Like the igneous and sedimentary rock, multiple forces can be observed, interacting in the same environment.

Garvin McCurdy proposes a theory for how Spirit guides physical growth of a living being. Extending William Tiller's 11 dimensional model, McCurdy emphasizes the role of superluminal information waves guiding magnetic information waves shaping the growing organism. He also includes recent discussions by Mae-Wan Ho of zero-entropy energy use in living organisms and the foundational role of water for both communications and energy resources; James Oschman's emphasis on rapid and perhaps instantaneous electronic communications through the living matrix; and Claude Swanson's review of Russian explorations in torsion science, especially the ability of torsion phenomena to operate in past, future, and present time. McCurdy's theory unfolds and enfolds multilayered processes, exchanging energy and information as life manifests the potential of Spirit. His vision imagines how matter is directed to shape deeper levels of consciousness as "Information is passed by means we can barely perceive that shapes our particulate selves into sentient transducers that are affected by and affect our environment, including our human and spiritual environments."

McCurdy's exploration is a detailed theoretical consideration of many subtle and profound processes, and will repay a careful reading. As a final suggestion, he proposes that the layered structures of living organisms act as Organe Accumulators. An organism is a layered nesting of structures similar to the layers of organic material and metallic "mirrors" of an ORAC. This layering appears at all levels within the organism, providing ORAC functions nested at various scales.

McCurdy's rich and complex discourse reminds me most directly of the image of multiple forces rendering the forms in the stones on our cover, manifesting the powerful effects of subtle energies, and the subtle effects of powerful energies.

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