

EDITOR'S NOTE

In this December issue we start with the first of a two-part study on the *I Ching*. I've been working on this Chinese system of divination since 1998, which means I have spent just over a decade seeking evidence that a paranormal component is involved in the *I Ching* process. I've had mixed results (see also, Storm, 2002, 2003a,b), but this study is especially important to me as it is the first time I considered *meaningfulness* (in a synchronistic sense) as a predictor of psi. Note that readers might like to check my related comments on Braude's criticisms of C. G. Jung's challenging concept of synchronicity in the book *The Gold Leaf Lady*, which I review in this issue (see p. 192).

Vernon M. Neppe follows my *I Ching* study with an article that re-examines some controversies in neuroscience research. His paper takes into account recent findings about the brain, and stimulation thereof that results in phenomena similar to OBEs and NDEs. He also examines REM "intrusions", and his baseball analogy is insightful. This article is very in-depth, but Neppe has a way of making the most complex issues intellectually accessible to the novice.

A paper that covers fairly new ground—even for our journal—is that of Adam J. Rock and Julie Beischel. Their research area is also controversial, and concerns the conscious experiences of mediums during discarnate reading. From a phenomenological perspective, is it possible to produce a self-reported 'map' of the typical workings of a medium's psyche? Rock and Beischel attempt to answer that question.

Finally, Michael A. Thalbourne closes this issue with a paper that attempts to gauge whether psi experiences (as measured on the 'Inventory of Childhood Memories and Imaginings') can be predicted from various personality test scores. Enjoy this second and final issue for 2008, and we wish you all the best for 2009!

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