

Introducing Psianthropology

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There have been a lot of attempts made in the past to study the different psi abilities. Most often than not, psi abilities were studied detached from the fundamental nature of their courier, the human beings, and from their respective cultural and environmental context. Furthermore, the studies conducted have made use for the longest time, the traditional deterministic scientific worldview, Newtonian physics, that resulted to partial if not negative appraisal of psi abilities. The reality of psi abilities deserves more than this. It is time to seek for a new approach in studying psi abilities, one that would require a cohesive appreciation of psi abilities, human nature, their culture and environment, and the use of a different lens into better cognizance of them. In this case, studying psi abilities would make more sense. Introducing the new discipline that will provide answers to all these demands, psianthropology.

What is Psianthropology?

Psianthropology is a compound word of “psi” and “anthropology.” Psi is the term parapsychologists use to generically refer to all kinds of psychic phenomena, experiences, or events that seem to be related to the psyche, or mind, and which cannot be explained by established physical principles. These include telepathy, clairvoyance, psychokinesis, psychic healing, out-of-body experiences, poltergeists and a number of others (Varvoglis, 2011). Anthropology is the study of the anthropos or human beings and their cultures in the broadest sense. What then is psianthropology?

Psianthropology is a budding anthropological sub-discipline that studies humanity within a particular cultural and environmental context viewed from a cosmic perspective, primarily focusing on the reality of psi abilities and how these abilities can be awakened, developed and utilized for the advancement of human lives and the preservation of the integrity of the whole cosmic world (Santander, 2012).

Ideological Imperatives and Framework

Psianthropology basically works within certain ideological framework. Though they are not conclusive, they provide breadth and depth of this new anthropological sub-discipline ensuring deeper and unique way of studying psi abilities.

A. Biblical Anthropology

Psianthropology's anthropological dimension takes its root from biblical anthropology. The concept of human being is drawn out from the sacred scriptures of Judeo-Christian tradition. The Book of Genesis of the Old Testament specifically narrated the origin of human beings. We have two accounts to consider describing distinctively the creation of human beings.

First account,

"God said, "Let us make man in our image, to our likeness. Let them rule over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, over the cattle, over the wild animals, and over all creeping things that crawl along the ground." So God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:26-27).

Second account,

"Then Yahweh God formed Man, dust drawn from the clay, and breathed into his nostrils a breath of life and Man became alive with breath... Yahweh God said, "It is not good for Man to be alone; I will give him a helper who will be like him."... Then Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to come over Man and he fell asleep. He took one of his ribs and filled its place with flesh. The rib which Yahweh God had taken from Man he formed into a woman and brought her to the man. The man then said, "Now this is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called woman because she was taken from man" (Genesis 2:7, 18, 21-23).

These two biblical accounts clearly described how human beings, male and female, were created by God. In the first account, it was revealed that human beings were created in the image and likeness of the divine (*Imago Dei*). In the second account, a more descriptive creation of human beings was narrated. Man was first created by God. It happened when God fashioned man from dust and

by breathing the breath of life into the nostrils man became alive. Then out of the rib of man, God formed a woman, and she became a helper of man. Undeniably, basing from these two biblical accounts, human beings, male and female have divine origin.

When God created human beings, he gave everything under their dominions. Aside from this, God gave them supernatural and preternatural gifts. What are supernatural and preternatural gifts? Fr. Jose Francisco Syquia, director, Archdiocese of Manila Office of Exorcism, in his book, "Exorcism Encounters with the Paranormal and the Occult," differentiated supernatural and preternatural gifts. According to him, "Supernatural gifts are divine gifts that are totally beyond created nature; they come directly from God. Preternatural gifts on the other hand, are abilities that are not bound by matter or physical nature but are bound by laws of created nature" (2006, p.16).

Many of these preternatural gifts were psi abilities. Fr. Syquia divulged that the protogenesis of human beings, Adam and Eve, had the capacity to foresee things, power over material objects, see and communicate with the angels. These psi abilities gave the first human beings a life with ease, security and comfort in paradise, aside from using it to get in touch with the spirit world.

In the New Testament, psianthropology takes its cue from the person of Jesus Christ, the perfect image of becoming fully human, fully alive. In the mystery of His incarnation, life, passion, death and resurrection, the mystery of human being truly becomes clear. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life for every human being (John 14: 6).

The gospel according to St. John further exclaimed, "Truly, I say to you. The one who believes in me will do the same works that I do; and he will even do greater than these"... (John 14:12)

A lot of psi principles and functions are said to be can be traced in the words and deeds of Jesus Christ, having true faith in Him enables any human beings tap and responsibly utilize different psi abilities.

B. Cosmic Anthropological Perspective

Cosmic anthropological perspective also influences psianthropology's ideological framework. Cosmic anthropology

entails studying of the anthropos from a cosmic angle or cosmic perspective.

From Neil deGrasse Tyson's (2012) article entitled Cosmic Perspective posted in Natural History Magazine.com, explained cosmic perspective as:

- It flows from fundamental knowledge. But it's more than just what you know. It's also about having the wisdom and insight to apply that knowledge to assessing our place in the universe.
- It comes from the frontiers of science, yet it is not solely the provenance of the scientist. It belongs to everyone.
- It is humbling.
- It is spiritual—even redemptive—but not religious.
- It enables us to grasp, in the same thought, the large and the small.
- It opens our minds to extraordinary ideas but does not leave them so open that our brains spill out, making us susceptible to believing anything we're told.
- It shows Earth to be a mote, but a precious mote and, for the moment, the only home we have.
- It finds beauty in the images of planets, moons, stars, and nebulae but also celebrates the laws of physics that shape them.
- It enables us to see beyond our circumstances, allowing us to transcend the primal search for food, shelter, and sex.
- It does not only embrace our genetic kinship with all life on Earth but also values our chemical kinship with any yet-to-be discovered life in the universe, as well as our atomic kinship with the universe itself.

Furthermore, Dr. Paul DeJillas (2010) explicated what cosmic perspective in viewing humanity entails in his YouTube video entitled Cosmic Anthropology-Part 1-The cosmic perspective. He said, "Viewing humanity from a cosmic perspective entails knowing where we came from to understand who we are, what we are, and why we are here in the world... to understand our respective roles in politics, business, government and education. By knowing our

origin and past enables us to appreciate our values and beliefs better, and the reasons why we behave so as a people. Imbibing the cosmic perspective is not only a matter of knowledge, but more importantly, it is for our own survival as a people.”

Embracing humanity from a cosmic angle can enlighten our view of human life and our place in this cosmos. And the principles derived from this cosmic understanding of humans are expected to be functional in resolving human beings’ lack of more positive appreciation of psi abilities.

Psi abilities viewed from a cosmic anthropological perspective

Psi abilities are ordinary human potentials given to us as spiritual blessings for a noble purpose to find ourselves back again one with the source of everything, as fully human energized by the divine spark in life, well and whole, living in harmony and celebrating along with the rest of creatures the integrity of all creation.

Ordinary latent human potentials Psi abilities should be regarded as “ordinary human potentials” because of the following points:

- a. They are human potentials that are found embedded in the very nature of being human. They probably reside in the collective unconscious or perhaps locally imprinted in the matrix of the newly found subatomic particle called Higgs Boson that ignited life of everything.
- b. They are present in all of us as potentials in varying forms and degrees of manifestations which at any given moment can be released and manifested outwardly. Some of them are dormant, others are advanced. They are present in us as a solitary or multifaceted potential.
- c. Just like any other human potentials, they can be developed to their fullness through embracing psi spirituality and mastery of some operations. This is the process called as “preternaturalization.”
- d. As human potentials, when being developed, could be utilized for the benefit of humanity given with the right intention. They can be very useful in building and maintaining better human relations, protecting and

preserving human life and other life forms, ensuring balance in the ecological order, and warranting a deeper unity with God or the Ultimate Source.

Early human beings enjoyed their life in paradise with full use of their psi abilities. But not until they have sinned against their creator, as a consequence, all their psi abilities were diminished. It is said to be on this condition human psychic abilities find its present state. Meaning, psi abilities are still present in human beings but they are latent. Frederick Myers, a classical scholar and co-founder of Society for Psychical Research in London, mentioned in his book entitled *Human Personality and Its Survival of Bodily Death*, that he believed that there is a primitive psychic capacity latent in all human beings. He termed it as “latent faculty.”

“Man is in course of evolution; and the most pregnant hint which these nascent experiments have yet given him is that it may be in his power to hasten his own evolution in ways previously unknown...The point from which we started was an analysis of the latent faculty of man. The point toward which our argument has carried us in existence of spiritual environment in which those faculties operate” (p.30)

Psi ability is a natural ability in human being and not a special talent limited to a handful of gifted ones. Jaime Licauco, foremost Filipino researcher on psychic phenomena locally and abroad, in his book *Exploring the Powers of Your Inner Mind*, implied that anybody who has a soul must necessarily have psychic ability, because psi ability is an attribute of the psyche or soul (2005, p. 24). Psi abilities are inherent latent talents in most if not all human beings. As the gospel according to Matthew says, He gave five talents of silver to one, then two to another, and one to a third, each one according to his ability” (25:14).

C. Principle of Sufficient Reason

Under the principle of sufficient reason nothing is without a causation. Meaning, everything must have a reason or purpose. There is a sufficient reason or purpose why things exist. It also states that every fact has an explanation.

Relating the principle with psi abilities, one can assume that the fact psi abilities exists, embedded in human beings, they

certainly have reason or purpose why they existed and they can be explained.

Four-fold reason or purpose of psi abilities

Everything that exists has a reason or purpose, including the different psi abilities. When God gave this preternatural gift to human beings it was meant for them to live, work and survive in paradise with ease, security and comfort (Syquia 2006, p.16). They were not just given for no reason at all. Psi abilities were given basically for the benefit of humanity.

Further reflecting on the reason or purpose of psi abilities in human lives with much consideration given to the present socio-economic-political, cultural, and environmental condition, one can arrive with psi's four-fold purpose. They are as follow:

a. To be one with the Source of everything

Psi abilities which are preternatural gifts to humanity are minute reflections of God's insurmountable power and might. They are meant to be used by human beings in order to see, feel and communicate with God, to be one with the source of everything. And there will be more personal, but mystical or divine encounter.

b. To live human life to the fullest, well and whole

Human life can never be full, well and whole if humanity will not acknowledge, tap, and use the inherent psi abilities. They are tools that can be used in order to have an easy, secured and comfortable life on earth. Non-recognition of these latent psi potentials may mean human weakness and lesser self-realization.

c. To live in peace and harmony with the rest of creation

The responsible development and utilization of any psi abilities can make human beings sensitive to inner and outer realities. With sensitivity, human beings become more mature. Human beings will be able to connect and give due respect to all created beings (material and spiritual), will work for sustainability, and there will be a life filled with peace and harmony in this cosmic world.

d. To celebrate the integrity of all creations.

Psi abilities are inherent natural talents. They are part

of nature within us and the nature outside us. They add meaning to human beings. But they do not exist in, for, or by themselves. Their value finds in interconnecting all creatures for themselves, for one another, and for God, which is the integrity of all creations.

The ills existing in the present condition may have aggressively challenged human beings to depart from the true source of everything – God, or have successfully influenced people of the world to self-destruction, or effectively disoriented us to live in harmony with the rest of creatures, or debarring us to positively honor all creations. The development and utilization of psi potentials inherent in all human beings can contribute in solving the problems brought about by the present ills prevailing in the world, because it is for these reason or purpose why they are existing.

D. Principle of Multi-functionality

The concept of multi-functionality means any reality can function more than one way. In the case of psi ability, it has multi-function character. It can be perceived having multi-functions.

Multi-functions of psi ability

Psi ability comes in different forms or functions. Based from the book entitled *Understanding the Psychic Powers of Man* by Jaime Licauco (2008), Rich Anders' (2003) article entitled *Psychic Phenomena under Parapsychology label* in *World-Mysteries.com.*, and other sources some of the multi-functions of psi ability are as follow:

- Extracting tooth from the mouth using only bare hands.
- Adding optical grade on lenses by dipping the lenses on the surface of water.
- Giving vitamins, blood and energy to a person with the use of invisible injection.
- Sensing or feeling the presence of invisible things like spirits, energies or even thought forms which are not normally sensed by ordinary people.

- Seeing with the inner eye or spiritual sight, not with one's physical sense of sight.
- Finding hidden minerals or objects underground by means of a dowsing rod or a pendulum.
- Casting out evil spirits from a person or a place such as a house, office or building, using power words, sometimes with incense and amulets, or simply use of mind and moral suasion to command the spirit to leave a person or place.
- Summoning, communicating with or obtaining information or messages from the spirit world.
- Telling exactly what's wrong with the person's physical body without using any medical instrument.
- Seeing things that will possibly happen to a person through dreams.
- Effecting healing on the etheric or energy field of the person by passing hands through an affected part of the human body with the use of subtle energy called prana.
- Using psychic or inner mental faculty to heal another person by visualization of the affected organ of the patient to be functioning normally.
- Telling anything or everything about a person's important event in the past, present and future, ailment, hidden things, etc., by mere looking or use of instruments like crystal ball, tarot cards and others.
- Project the sense of awareness to a distant place and describing it accurately without having been there before.
- Sending or receiving the thoughts of another from afar and without the use of any of the ordinary physical senses.
- Healing with the help of power that is external to the healer by using the healer's body as a channel or medium to heal another.
- Projecting or detaching one's astral body out of one's physical body.
- Being at two places at the same time.
- Smelling psychic information rather than seeing, feeling or hearing.
- Hearing voices or conversations from afar.

- Walking on fire without being hurt or burned.
- Speaking in a foreign language that is completely unknown to the person.
- Understanding and translating the foreign words spoken by somebody who is speaking in tongues.
- Reversing the polarity of one's magnetism in relation to earth and thus enable one to float on air.
- Producing something out of nothing.
- Telling what is going to happen before it happens.
- Making incision or open the body of a patient using only one's bare hands (sometimes with the use of certain instrument in the case of Brazilian psychic surgeons), taking out diseased tissues and then closing the incision without any trace of the operation.
- Moving, lifting or transferring an object from one place to another, by sheer mental power and without the use of any physical means what so ever.
- Reading or obtaining information about a person by merely holding an object belonging to him or one he has touched or held previously.
- Possessing knowledge of past events without being present there.
- Seeing aura.
- Hastening or accelerating the natural biological process.
- Seeing or reading with one's finger or skin.
- Producing fire by psychic or mental power alone.
- The spirit of a deceased painter or artist takes over a person's hand while he is in trance, which enables him to paint images on canvas rapidly and automatically.
- Transporting one's self instantly to a distant place with no physical means what so ever.
- Transferring the image of what is in one's mind onto a photographic film.
- Producing coins in the mouth.

Psianthropology's task is to search for more functionality of psi ability aside from what has been already cited. This time, it tries to seek the functionality of psi ability in other disciplines and professions.

Considering the magnitude of effects the unleashing and development of psi potentials in human beings, it may serve as impetus for other academic disciplines or programs to consider or reconsider the reality of psi ability and the possible contribution it may effect for the further enrichment of the existing academic disciplines or professions. The reality of psi ability may have efficacious contributions on the following academic disciplines or programs:

- a. Anthropology*
- b. Business and Marketing Management*
- c. Community Development*
- d. Education/Teaching*
- e. Guidance and Counseling*
- f. Human Resource Development*
- g. Law*
- h. Socio-Pastoral Work*

Since most of these academic disciplines or professions entail more on person to person transactional activity, the use of psi ability can greatly contribute. Equally necessary of the inclusion of knowledge of psi functions are the academic disciplines or professions that concerns creative expression like:

- a. Athletics*
- b. Music*
- c. Performing Arts*
- d. Visual Arts*

E. Preternaturalization

Because psi abilities are latent talents, they can be awakened and developed. Neale Donald Walsch (1998), famous author of the *Conversations with God*, in his book *Conversations with God: An Uncommon Dialogue (Book 3)*, compared awakening and developing of psi abilities to awakening and developing muscles. He said, "To develop your psychic "muscles," you must exercise it. Use it. Every day, all the time." (p. 113).

The latent talents given to humanity by God need to be developed and used responsibly. Doing this sincerely will merit joyful approval and further generosity of God. As what the master said to his servant whom he entrusted with five talents and returned to him with five more in the parable of the talents, “Very well, good and faithful servant, since you have been faithful in a few things, I will entrust you with much more. Come and share the joy of your master” (Matthew 25:21).

The development of psi ability comes in bundle of development. Once psi ability is developed another psi ability will be developed too, because most psi abilities operate within the same principles.

Otherwise, if not responsibly developed and used, then, the ‘master will take the talent from him and give it to someone else.’

“Therefore, take the talent from him, and give it to the one who has ten. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have abundance; but from those who are unproductive, even what they have will be taken from them” (Matthew 25:28-30).

What is preternaturalization, its relation to psi development? Preternaturalization is the very process of unleashing and developing the psi abilities. This process requires following an everyday life directives (spirituality) that can create personal condition suitable for more effective unleashing and developing of psi potentials, and also mastering the underlying operations in psi abilities (Santander, 2012).

a. Psi spirituality

What is spirituality? Spirituality concerns basically with experiencing God (for people who are God believers) or the spiritual source called Ultimate Energy (for the non-believers). It can find its expression through the effort human beings exerted in search of the real essence of the self or the true Self. The search for the real essence of the self is a search for God or Ultimate Energy, for God or Ultimate Energy is the very essence of all of the creations including the human beings.

Spirituality can be of great help in unleashing and developing psi potentials. Human beings must pursue a certain

kind of spirituality more than pursuing directly the unleashing and developing psi potentials. Authorities in psi phenomena were saying that not all people with advanced psi abilities are spiritual, but people who are spiritual would certainly possess advanced psi abilities. This implies the idea that the best way to unleash and develop psi potentials is to become spiritual. And so, human beings need to exert effort in embracing a kind of spirituality, psi spirituality, that is radical, liberating, mystical and biblical in character.

- **Radical in character**

Radicalism entails going back to embryonic condition of ourselves. This particular condition is best described by having an innocent mind, faithful heart, pure intention, dependent behavior, secured attitude, and desirable personality. To most of us, this embryonic condition is departing from our present condition or way of life. This means bringing out the child in us.

- **Liberating in character**

What will best describe “liberating in character” is the very principle surrounding the four-fold journey of *via positiva*, *via negativa*, *via creativa*, and *via transformativa*. Inner outlook must constitute the following values of delightfully befriending whole creation (*via positiva*), letting go and letting be darkness, suffering and silence (*via negativa*), befriending our divinity, birthing and creativity (*via creativa*), and compassion, celebration, justice and healing (*via transformativa*).

- **Mystical in character**

Having a mystical character implies pursuing an everyday life of meditation and contemplation to attain unity or oneness with the divine. This prayerful life is very much required to observe by anyone every day and everywhere. This is basically reflected on the kind of life commonly exhibited by the so called saints and the mystics.

- **Biblical in character**

Psi spirituality is basically founded on the Sacred Scriptures. There are biblical or spiritual principles if authentically lived, would contribute to freeing and purposeful utilization of psi potentials.

Observing psi spirituality will subdue the direct intention of awakening and developing psi potentials at the end. It will purify one's intention. What becomes the primary intention now is pursuing righteousness that can lead to holiness. In this case, the awakening and developing psi potentials become natural consequence of a spiritual life.

b. Underlying operations in psi function

- **Relaxation**

Relaxation of the whole being is necessary in most cases of unleashing psi abilities. It operates along with self-awareness, proper breathing (fetal), cleansing of the body and mind, and the mental focus. In order to attain full relaxation one must be able to enter the alpha and theta state of consciousness. Relaxed state of consciousness heightens one's imagination, visualization, memory, learning and concentration. Vivid visualizations, great inspiration, profound creativity, exceptional insight manifest during deep relaxation. It is in the alpha-theta state of consciousness psi potentials naturally manifest.

- **Breathing**

Breathing plays very important operation in tapping and developing psi ability. With proper breathing, from fetal breathing to rhythmical breathing, one can relax and eventually become gigantic battery of will that can help unleash psi potentials. Simple but proper breathing or fetal breathing begins with slow but deep inhaling from the nostrils and exhaling on the mouth for a while to enter relax state, then rhythmic deep inhaling and exhaling both from the nostrils in order to become a gigantic battery of will which is required in unleashing psi ability.

- **Cleansing**

As a preparatory operation in unleashing psi ability, cleansing pertains to clearing of the physical body and mind with all things that may destruct one's attention, relaxation, and focus (pains, feelings, thoughts, and images). It starts with self-awareness, recognizing one's existence, present condition (interior and exterior), then ignoring one by one all destructions that may affect full self-realization.

- **Focus**

Focusing is paying attention to the intended activity. It comes in variety of expressions depending on the kind of psi ability to be given concern. There is mental focus (consciousness mindfulness), audial focus (hearing alertness), sentient focus (feeling sensitivity), olfactory focus (smelling sense), and gustatory focus (tasting creativity). Each of the sense organ has a mind of its own that if given attention and it works well great psi ability unfolds.

- **Constant practice**

Psi ability if to be developed must be dealt as often as possible. Regular and purposeful practice enable Human beings gain familiarity and mastery over a psi ability.

F. Quantum Physics Principles

Quantum physics is the study of the behavior of matter and energy at the molecular, atomic, nuclear, and even smaller microscopic levels (Jones, 2013). It is also the study of how, what and why everything that makes up the universe as well as everything in it, both the seen as well as the unseen, is derived (Danes, 2012). Here are some of the basic principles in quantum physics that may have influenced psi abilities based from Chuck Danes' article "Quantum Physics" posted on Abundance-and-Happiness.com:

- a. Anything and everything which exists in the entire cosmos, when broken down and analyzed into it's purest and most basic form utilizing sophisticated scientific tools and instruments, is merely a vibrating frequency

- of energy which joins together with energies of the same harmonious frequency to form what we “perceive” to be reality and as a result determines what we experience in the physical world.
- b. Everything at it’s core consists of pure energy and everything, both the seen (physical) and the unseen (metaphysical) is intricately interconnected with everything else at this level of causation which is a continuously vibrating mass of pure energy.
 - c. Energy, when observed acts in exact proportion to the way that it is “believed” that it will act and will provide a physical appearance based on the “perception” of the thinker.
 - d. As particles form they attract additional particles that harmonize with their vibrational match which transmutes from the “quantum field” and become the physical things that can be seen and observed in physical form.

These statements provided insightful clues to understand things like psi abilities. With these reflected principles on quantum physics what used to be rejected by the traditional deterministic science as a reality becomes substantially accepted as probable or real. Psi abilities now can be proven true and explained scientifically. The cited quantum physics principles give support to the existence of psi abilities and how they function.

Telekinesis, telepathy, clairvoyance, materialization, remote viewing, psychic diagnosis and healing, are few of the psi abilities that may be explained by the quantum physics principles.

G. Jung’s Human Psyche and Hindu View of Reality

Carl Gustav Jung, a Swiss psychiatrist, an influential thinker and the founder of Analytical Psychology, so called crowned prince of psychoanalysis and Freud’s heir apparent, has theorized things from which pioneering psychological concepts developed, among them was his concept of human psyche.

The human psyche (or mind according to Jung) is not only made up of ego and a personal unconscious (equivalent to Freud’s unconscious), but also a collective unconscious (Kalat 2010, p. 655).

For Jung, in every human being there is an ego which represents the conscious mind that which is expressed in the outer world. There is personal unconscious which is closely related to ego that includes forgotten or suppressed memories from our own personal lives. Then, there is the collective unconscious, the hypothesized part of the unconscious mind that is inherited from previous generations and that contains universally shared memory of human thought and experience, from ancient to modern times, that includes the basic human instincts and the archetypes (Hockenbury et al 2004, p. 404).

This Jungian concept of human psyche had its parallelism with the Hindu view of reality. Accordingly, an individual ego (a composite body of conscious mind and personal unconscious) is called *jivatman*, which means individual soul. It is an extension of God or *Atman* (collective unconscious), apparently with separate and independent identity. It is also said to be part of a created illusion, dream or dance of God called outer world or *Maya* (Boeree, 2006).

This unique parallelism of Jung's human psyche and the Hindu perception of reality led me to posit dual assumptions:

- a. Superficiality of the conscious self and the possibility of becoming whole through self-discovery and healing.
- b. Denial of the illusory idea about our being separated or disconnected entities, or forceful profession of our oneness or connectedness.

H. Synchronicity

The term synchronicity is a composite of two Greek words *syn* (together) and *chromos* (time) coined by Jung (Jung & Main, 1997, p. 24). It is about a causal connection of two or more psychophysical phenomena. Jung's paranormal experiences and the resulting need adequately to understand them were probably the greatest influences on the development of his theory of synchronicity (Ibid., p. 7)

Synchronicity is the occurrence of two events that are not linked causally, yet are meaningfully related. Often, people dream about something, like the death of a loved one, and find the next

morning that their loved one did, in fact, die at about that time. Sometimes people pick up the phone to call a friend, only to find that their friend is already on the line. Most psychologists would call these things coincidences, or try to show how they are more likely to occur than thinking of them (Ibid).

Jung believed there were indications of how human beings are connected, and with nature in general, through the collective unconscious. During dream or meditation state, one sinks into personal unconscious, coming closer and closer to one's true self, the collective unconscious. It is in states like this that a person is especially open to "communications" from other persons.

Jung's synchronicity is said to be not only compatible with psi abilities, but actually tries to explain them.

Closing Remark

As Dr. Dean Radin (2006) once said,

"Psi abilities have been present in the experiences of people since primeval times. People have spoken of strange and sometimes profoundly meaningful psi experiences. Such experiences are still spoken in the present modern times by the majority of world's population and across all cultures. But these same psi experiences (psi abilities) were dismissed as impossible, ridiculed as delusionary, unjustified."

The efforts made in the past to study psi abilities maybe good on its time. Although they were being questioned, challenged, and discriminated by existing institutions and disciplines, it has remained as a challenge to psi enthusiasts to prove that psi abilities are worth studying. With psianthropology, with all the principles that governs this new discipline, the academic world is now being offered with innovative way of appreciating psi abilities. And since psianthropology is just a new disciplinary endeavor taking human psi abilities as focus of study, many opportunities are being opened to prove that it has a place in the academic world. Studying psi abilities is no longer to be considered taboo, limited, and pseudo-discipline, but accepted, vast horizon of research, real and very challenging academic discipline.

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