

THE PHYSICAL BASIS OF INTENTIONAL HEALING SYSTEMS

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A similar presentation of this relevance argument was offered by our colleague, Dr. Roger Nelson, at a conference convened by Dr. Wayne Jonas, then Director of the Division of Alternative Medicine of the National Institutes of Mental Health, and

subsequently rendered into a Proceedings chapter as well as a PEAR Technical Report. Space allows inclusion of only the abstract, but the link will provide access to the full text and the relevant bibliography then available.

Abstract

A relatively strong literature describes anomalous effects in laboratory experiments where human participants attempt to change the behavior of physical systems by mental efforts. Parallel experiments show that information can be acquired about distant locations shielded from any normal access. Such research is considered as a model for the general class of distant healing research, for which only a few direct and well-controlled experiments are available. While there are important differences between the laboratory and clinical re-

search, certain commonalities also exist, and these may help to illuminate mechanisms and advance understanding of the practical applications.

Examples of experimental healing research are presented in the context of a survey of laboratory and field studies of anomalous interactions of mind and machine, studies of biological systems, and remote perception. A brief discussion of the attempts to develop a theoretical background for the anomalies associated with consciousness is followed by consideration of implications and possible applications.
