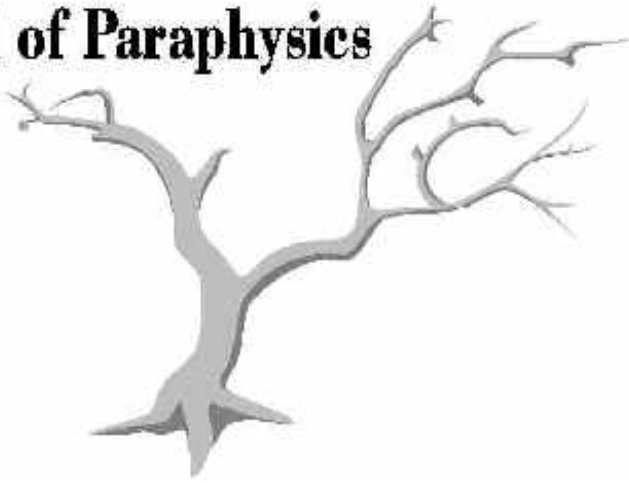


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This journal is dedicated to both the explanation of paranormal phenomena within the context of physics and extending the science of physics into areas of study that are normally considered beyond the scope of physics. This journal will offer a forum where refereed papers can be presented without prior prejudice toward either their content or subject matter. The material presented will span all levels of knowledge. Knowledge cannot be reserved for those who are highly educated, but is the right of all who search it out. It is hoped that this journal will prove interesting to the self-educated reader as well as the professional scientist. The ideas and content of the articles will be stressed rather than the "scholarly" language of presentation, as long as the proper norms of presentation are preserved. The journal will also offer a forum where issues concerning the conceptual bases of physics and the validity of advance in the science of physics into the paranormal and elsewhere can be openly discussed. As an electronic journal, the editors have far more latitude for the presentation of ideas than would normally occur in a hardcopy journal and this latitude will be utilized whenever necessary. The format of this journal will surely change in the first few issues, but the philosophy behind its publication will not change.

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["Up, Up and Away: The fifth dimension in physics"](#)

Hyperspatial theories are again in vogue with as many as ten dimensions being used in theoretical physics. However, five-dimensional theories have had a more illustrious and varied career than these newer hyperspatial theories would indicate. The original five-dimensional unified field theory was developed by Theodor Kaluza in 1921 and extended by Oskar Klein, Albert Einstein and others over the next few decades. These early hyperspace theories are studied within their historical context in this article. (Text 47 kB, Graphics 125 kB)

["Simple 'MYSPHYT' Theory"](#)

It has now been two decades since Fritjof Capra published his book *The Tao of Physics*. Other books making essentially the same claims, relating modern physics to mysticism, predate Capra's *Tao*, while similar books have also been penned since its publication. The persistence of the claimed relationship between two such opposing methodologies seems to imply that there may well be some fundamental relationship between modern physics and mysticism. This relationship is explored within a more formal context as the "MYSPHYT" (pronounced misfit) theory. (Text 99 kB, Graphics 2 kB)

["The PSience Fiction of H.G. Wells"](#)

H.G. Wells was neither the first to write nor the first to publish what is now called science fiction, but he is still considered by many to be the 'father' of the genre of literature known as science fiction. His writing spanned a period from the 1890's to the 1940's, during which both science and culture underwent revolutionary changes. His stories, like the science fiction of other writers, reflected some of the best of science and scientific speculation of the era in which it was written. Within this context, several stories written by Wells during the 1890's are of special interest within paraphysics since Wells used a hyperspatial hypothesis to explain the paranormal events he described. (53 kB)

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A more detailed description of the new paraphysics is presented within its scientific context.

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A new method of reconciling the philosophical differences between special relativity and uncertainty is developed in this highly original paper.

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This paper describes the influence of the work of W.K. Clifford in the later development of relativity theory, unified field theories and multi-dimensional physics.

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This paper traces the early history of parapsychology and paraphysics within a much broader historical context than can normally be found.

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"The Physical Nature of Psi"

Psi phenomena have long been typified as mental phenomena, but they clearly display physical properties. The definition and enumeration of these physical properties is a necessary step in successfully developing either a physical theory or a working model of how psi functions.

"Physical Theories of Psi"

Attempts to develop physical theories and models of psi phenomena have been numerous but futile in the past. The one element that these attempts share in common with one another is that they reflect current attitudes and priorities in physics. This fact yields a convenient way to categorize and study these theories. This paper documents some of the physical theories of psi and places them within their proper historical contexts.

"The Five-Dimensional Unified Field"

Kaluza's theory is considered the progenitor of all modern hyper-dimensional unified field theories. Both Maxwell's and Einstein's field equations have been successfully derived from the single-field model presented by Kaluza, but philosophical problems have always dogged Kaluza's theory. So, the majority of scientists never accepted it. In this article, a new extension of Kaluza's theory is offered. It alleviates past philosophical problems and unifies the natural forces (interactions) of physics as well as the quantum and relativity theories.

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