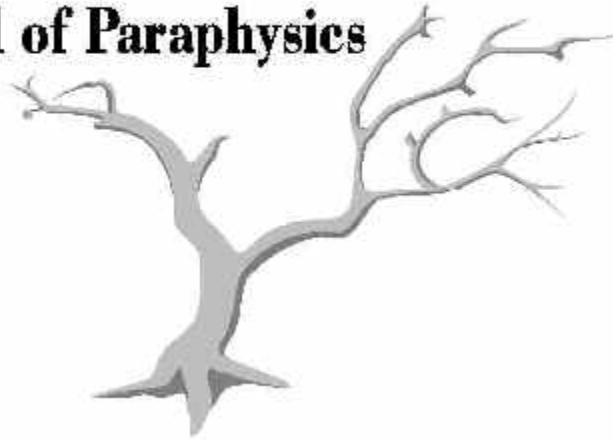


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This journal is dedicated to both the explanation of paranormal phenomena within the context of physics and extending the science of physics into areas of study that are normally considered beyond the scope of physics. This journal will offer a forum 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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"Paraphysics on the Internet: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"

A good deal of what passes on the Internet as 'paraphysics' has little or nothing to do with the science of paraphysics. The term is misused as well as abused by many who do not understand (or do not care to understand) the meaning of the term. A recent home page titled "The Paraphysics of Star Trek" is a good case in point. Even a keyword search on the term 'paraphysics' turns up some erroneous information. A hyperlink resource list to some the best 'paraphysics' on the Internet is included and will become a permanent feature of the *Yggdrasil*. (35 Kb)

"To Be, or Not to Be? An analytical study of psi as a physical quantity"

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. In this article, three questions relative to this issue are discussed: Is psi a physical quantity, how are psi and physical concepts related, and is psi a quantum or field effect? (127 kb)

"The Search for Spock: Developing the Theoretical Basis 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 the current attitudes and priorities of 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. (261 Kb)

"A New Theory of Psi"

This paper represents an attempt made in 1979 to derive a new theory of psi based upon a five-dimensional worldview. The theory posits "propensities" which are associated with animate material particles. These "propensities" are five-dimensional extensions of the normal space curvatures that represent matter in the four-dimensional space-time continuum of general relativity. (19Kb text plus graphics)

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"The Five-Dimensional Unified Field"

Kaluza's theory is considered the progenitor of all modern hyperdimensional unified field theories. Both Maxwell 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.

"The Adventures of Psi in Five Dimensions"

A five-dimensional Kaluza space-time, with modifications, has been found to offer the best physical framework for the physical interactions associated with psi. No other physical or mental framework offers as wide a variety of possibilities for the explanation of the various forms of psi phenomena. Given this extra-dimensional framework, psi emerges as a natural consequence of the physics when the differences between animate and inanimate matter are taken into account. This paper offers an extension of the theory as published in the previous issue of the *Yggdrasil*.

"Physics and Consciousness"

Physics does not normally distinguish between animate and inanimate matter, living and dead masses. Since consciousness is a property of living matter and not dead matter, the questions represented by the existence of consciousness do not enter classical physics.

However, this situation has changed over the past few decades. It now seems that a conscious act is necessary to 'collapse the wave packet' in the quantum mechanical view of nature. This new introduction of consciousness as a necessary ingredient for understanding our world at the quantum mechanical level presents new and challenging problems for scientists. These scientists have adapted their worldviews to account for consciousness and are seeking new theories of physics to explain phenomena.

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