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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 other 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.

What is **PARAPHYSICS?**

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What is the **YGGDRASIL?**

International Society of Paraphysics

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Something old, Something new, Something borrowed, Something long overdue

An Editorial!

By James Beichler

The 'old' and 'borrowed' are the first of a series of historical papers on paraphysics and related subjects that will be republished in the *Yggdrasil*. These republications are part of the continuing effort to educate the public about paraphysics as well as demonstrate the long history of the subject. On the other hand, the 'new' and 'long overdue' refer to the proposal to establish an <u>International Society of Paraphysics</u>. The need for such a scholarly scientific society is outlined in detail.

The Postulates of the Science of Space

By William Kingdon Clifford

This is the third in a series of four lectures given by Clifford. Although the paper is somewhat dated, it offers an excellent discussion of the logical basis of non-Euclidean geometries (which is still relevant today) as well as Clifford's early opinion that physical space is not three-dimensional flat but four-dimensional Riemannian. This lecture was originally given at the Royal Institution in London in March of 1874 and subsequently published in *Nineteenth Century* magazine. It was later republished in Clifford's collected *Lectures and Essays*.

The Fourth Dimension: Mathematical and Spiritualistic

By Hermann Schubert

Schubert looks at the geometrical foundations of a possible four-dimensional physical space and relates this concept to the modern spiritualism movement of the late nineteenth century. This essay was originally published in English translation in *The Monist* and later republished in Schubert's book *Mathematical Essays and Recreations* of 1899.

The Fourth Dimension

By Charles Howard Hinton

Hinton wrote many books and essays in the late 1800s describing a hypothetical four-dimensional physical space, but he developed no specific theory regarding a physics of four-dimensional spaces until the early years of the twentieth century. This essay, originally published in *Harper's Magazine* in 1904, summarizes the main thoughts and concerns behind Hinton's development of his last physical theory of space.

THE PARAPHYSICS DISCUSSION FORUM for Volume II, Issue 3

The "Paraphysics Discussion Forum" provides a platform for readers to debate issues and topics relevant to modern thought in science. All readers are invited to join the discussion by sending their responses to the editor of this journal. Depending on the amount of response to these questions and topics, readers' opinions will be posted in coming issues of the *Yggdrasil*. If you send a response to the editor, please note whether you wish your name to be published or whether you wish your response to appear anonymously. The privacy of readers and correspondents will be respected.

QUESTION #1

What is the present moment of time?

QUESTION #2

If western science and society do not accept psi phenomena as real, why is the practice of psi so prevalent in movies, television and the popular press?

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