

Bay Research Institute

MISSION STATEMENT

RATIONALE

Psychic abilities are being developed in government supported laboratories in both the United States and the Soviet Union. But this development includes little or no research that might allow us to explain or scientifically describe these abilities. In order to build a science that will be useful in guiding an individual to achieve his or her potential, it is essential to understand the fundamental nature of exceptional human capabilities.

PURPOSES AND POLICY

Bay Research Institute is a non-profit, tax-exempt, California corporation, organized to conduct scientific research of an experimental and theoretical nature. The major focus of this research is human perception, both normal and paranormal, and the corresponding effects of consciousness on the physical world.

We will conduct research into the relationship between psi and the learning experience, including cognition, perception, memory, and related subjects, engage in educational activities in these areas, and publish the results of this research.

It is the policy of the Institute not to assume as true any single interpretation of events or phenomena, but rather to encourage the unprejudiced study of and research into the physical and psychological laws governing these areas of science.

BACKGROUND

For the past twelve years Bay Research Institute scientists have been investigating a perceptual ability called remote viewing, in which persons in the laboratory are able to describe, often in great detail, object and events shielded from ordinary perception or blocked by spatial and temporal distance. The existence of this capability has been scientifically established. It is now most important to find the correlates from physics and psychology that will bring paranormal perception and psychokinesis into the mainstream of modern science. Our understanding of psi has reached the point where we can also consider research involving applications.

THE PSI IMPERATIVE

We believe that the ultimate importance of psychic functioning is its ability to help us develop a deeper understanding of who we are, and what our relationship is to one another and to the rest of nature. Psychic abilities can give us greater access to information about the past, present, and future, allowing us to transcend our limited understanding of time and space, and the perspective

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of our familiar senses. These ideas are compatible with recent observations in physics which show that there is something inadequate and incomplete about our understanding of the space-time continuum in which we live.

Bay Research scientists have pioneered the development of this field, and published groundbreaking technical papers in such internationally respected journals as *Nature*, *The Proceedings of the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers (IEEE)*, *Foundations of Physics*, and *the Proceedings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)*. They have also co-authored three important books on psi research. The most recent of these, *The Mind Race*, was published in March 1984 by Villard/Random House.

PROPOSED RESEARCH

We consider the following research topics as the highest priority items in a coherent program to advance our understanding of psi.

Investigations into the nature and limits of precognition:

Bay Research scientists have carried out experiments that offer conclusive evidence that it is possible to psychically forecast events that will occur a few days in the future. How far into the future can we look with accuracy and reliability?

Feedback:

In most psi experiments the viewer is given immediate feedback after his description of a distant location. Is this feedback necessary? Does a lack of feedback degrade the accuracy of psychic functioning?

Displacement:

Researchers in many laboratories have reported the accurate psychic description of incorrect targets. Why does this occur, and how can it be prevented? Why does it seem that only the most experienced psychics are troubled with displacement?

Psi as nature:

Is it possible for machines or computers to function psychically? If psi is an underlying process in nature, then all aspects of the physical world may be expected to manifest psi.

Psychokinetic interactions with computers:

Many researchers have reported results suggesting that some individuals have psychokinetically influenced the functioning of random number generators. Is this interpretation correct? Could participants in these experiments be clairvoyantly choosing an optimal time to begin their trials?

Teaching psychic functioning:

Can psychic abilities be enhanced through the use of ESP teaching machines as suggested by our NASA study with such machines? How good can a person become at using psi with practice?

Distribution of psychic abilities:

Who has psychic abilities? Does everyone have latent psychic potential, or are only certain special people capable of using psi? What is the distribution of psychic abilities in the general population?

Public education:

It is vital to educate the public, the mass media, and the scientific community about the progress of our research. The public has been greatly misinformed about psychic abilities – films, television, and the news media continue to present distorted and misleading information about psi.

RESEARCH STAFF

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Mr. Targ is a research physicist with more than twenty-five years experience in managing and conducting research in lasers, microwaves, plasma physics, and most recently, pioneering developments in psychic phenomena at SRI International. He is vice president of the International Association for Psychotronic Research.

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Dr. Rauscher has been associated with Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in theoretical and experimental studies in relativity theory and high energy physics for over twenty years, and has taught at University of California (Berkeley) and Stanford University. She has also developed multi-dimensional models for remote perception and psychokinetic phenomena.

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