

Editor's Foreword

In my recent announcement of the decision to publish not four but three issues of this *Journal* each year, I mentioned that some issues might be longer than had previously been the case. This issue is a prime example: more than half-again the customary length. And for good reason.

In the lead article, retired physicists Jack A. Mroczkowski, PhD, and Alexis P. Malozemoff, PhD, assert that many authors addressing psi phenomena—experiences that seem to transcend the usual limits of space and time, including near-death experiences—attempt to explain these phenomena by referring to concepts from quantum physics and, in the process, misuse these concepts. Mroczkowski and Malozemoff provide explanations of basic quantum physics concepts and then show how various authors have misinterpreted them. Their focus is not psi phenomena themselves but, rather, how misuse of quantum physics to substantiate psi weakens rather than strengthens the credibility of both the authors and the phenomena they are seeking to explain.

Because Mroczkowski and Malozemoff essentially “take to task” most of the various authors, I asked them if they would be willing to engage in a scholarly dialog, whereby the authors they mentioned would have an opportunity to respond, and the two co-authors would then have an opportunity to rejoin. They agreed.

I attempted to contact by email each of the mentioned authors to invite them to respond. I also invited a few other authors well-known for work addressing both psi and quantum physics—recommended to me by founding and long-time, now former, Editor of this *Journal*, Bruce Greyson, MD, of the University of Virginia. Five authors responded affirmatively, and their Responses appear in this issue in the following order: First are Responses by authors Mroczkowski and Malozemoff mentioned, presented in alphabetical order by last name: Deepak Chopra, MD; Amit Goswami, PhD; Dean Radin, PhD; and Pim van Lommel, MD. Then appears a Response by an author they did not mention: Bernardo Kastrup, PhD. Following these Responses, Malozemoff and Mroczkowski's Rejoinder appears.

When I finished editing the final work, I felt a hunger for a concrete

example that exemplified what Malozemoff and Mroczkowski had discussed. We engaged in some back-and-forth communication, and the result was the Afterword that closes this issue.

This issue is rich in both length and content. It is my hope that, like me, readers feel both challenged and enlightened by tackling the complex yet important topic of the relationship between quantum physics and psi phenomena.

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