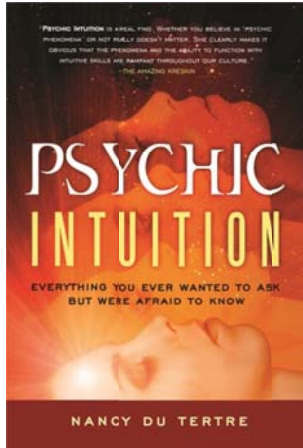


PSYCHIC INTUITION

By Nancy du Tertre



As author Nancy du Tertre points out in her new book *“Psychic Intuition: Everything You Ever Wanted to Ask But Were Afraid to Know,”* the topics of psychic phenomena and ability are like lightning rods for debate.

Skeptics argue fiercely that all things psychic are merely products of wishful thinking, delusion, and ordinary probability. They do not experience such things themselves. They maintain psychic phenomena is not real, otherwise it would lend itself to observation in the laboratory. On the other end of the spectrum are the believers. They trust their perceptions implicitly and do not question the origins of their strange experiences. They are as disinterested in a debate as the skeptics. They are less skilled at analysis and don't wish to argue facts. Moreover, they don't care. They have no need to be convinced one way or another.

In this strange atmosphere of ridicule and mistrust, lies a fascinating riddle. If psychic phenomena and ability are real, how can we explore and exploit the benefits of such extraordinary perception? Imagine what our world would look like if psychic claims were real.

- What if you could locate the bodies of homicide victims and identify their killers without any physical evidence or witness testimony?
- What if you could accurately identify enemy war installations and weaponry in foreign countries without any other form of spy operations?
- What if you could medically diagnose and even cure any kind of illness or disease simply by understanding
- Your own brain's interpretations of electromagnetic vibrations?
- What if you could actually have a conversation with a dead person and learn something about what happens after humans die?

- What if you could find a lost document, key or piece of jewelry without having a logical clue where it was last seen?

These are all “impossible” feats, right? Well yes, at least within our known, logical world and the understanding of science. However, anyone who follows the growing psychic and paranormal fields knows that these things are not only “possible” but they are being done every day. Psychic detectives can locate crime victims based on nothing more than a name or a photo of the victim. CIA remote viewers can describe any geographic location in the world with nothing more than a pair of numbered coordinates. Medical intuitives can accurately diagnose a person, either in person or over the phone, knowing absolutely nothing about them. Energy healers can cause instantaneous healing, pain relief and even cures while never even touching a person’s body! Mediums can not only speak with the dead to obtain information, but they can often see them as well! Psychics can feel the vibrations of an object and accurately specify characteristics of its owner using a method called psychometry. The author actually claims to have become a better lawyer after her psychic training!

It is a shame that those who have these skills are so unskilled at communicating how they do these things! It is equally unfortunate that those with the ability to scientifically investigate and probe the universe’s great mysteries are so disinterested in these amazing feats because they have already been adjudged to be phony.

“Psychic Intuition” was written as a way to create a starting point for a conversation between skeptics and believers. The author, using her own background as an attorney and trained psychic medium, carefully straddles both worlds. She offers a groundbreaking new approach to understanding how psychic ability functions. She proposes new approaches based on current neuroscience, psychology and linguistics and offers a logical framework for explaining how psychic ability works.

One of the main problems in getting skeptics interested in psychic phenomena is that they don’t have their own psychic experiences. Why is that? The author proposes that skeptics aren’t psychic, not because psychic phenomena aren’t real, but rather because the neural systems of skeptics have literally been altered over their lifetime so they can no longer experience psychic phenomena! Most skeptics are intellectuals -highly analytic, logical, sequential thinkers. There is nothing wrong with that – except it is antithetical to psychic sensing. To experience psychic events, a person must be open to receive data in a very different way.

Skeptics tend to have a blind reliance on our five senses. This is a mistake since even modern science cannot define what constitutes a “sense” and, in any event, we have

more than five senses and possibly as many as forty that have been identified to date! How can you claim to rely on your five senses to tell you the whole truth - or even the accurate truth - about reality?

The psychic senses – *clairaudience, clairvoyance, clairsentience, clairgustation* and *clairolfaction* – are like the shadow senses of the five physical senses. Are they any less real? No, says the author, because the psychic senses are – just like our regular physical senses – only giving us helpful imagery in our brain. We live in a world of vibrations. The brain’s job is simply to make enough sense of these vibrations so we can effectively navigate and survive. The psychic senses respond to much more subtle external vibrations. Often our five physical senses aren’t sufficiently sophisticated to recognize these vibrations so we fail to recognize them. The real obstacle is not so much physical as mental. The brain has a tendency to reduce everything it experiences into something it already knows. This is where skeptics fail to experience psychic phenomena.

Psychics aren’t actually crazy but they resemble certain people with neurological conditions – notably, autistic savants and synesthetes. Savants are able to access extraordinary information that is “invisible” to the rest of us by virtue of their unusual brains. Synesthetes experience cross-over of their senses. They may be able to “see” music or “taste” shapes. They too have an enriched sensory experience of the world. Ultimately, the author suggests that none of us is the sole proprietor of our own thoughts. Even our imagination does not belong exclusively to us. The imagination is our most active sensory organ. Many of our so-called fantasy thoughts are actually reflections of sensory data gathered by our body and brain! The imagination, thus defined, lies at the heart of psychic ability.