The craft or skill of dowsing is most easily recognized by someone walking a property searching for underground water using a forked wooden stick. Dowsing has long been a part of American folklore since our founding days and is kept alive today despite many scientific advances for one simple reason. It works. In fact, it works so well that major companies, industries and cities around the globe still hire dowsers to locate water, oil, minerals and other targets when conventional means fail or are rendered ineffective.

To date, science has been unable to offer an adequate explanation as to how the skill operates. Therefore, frustration levels tend to relegate dowsing to folklore, superstition or worse—despite dowsing’s higher than normal success rate when compared to modern means of exploration. And so, unfortunately, dowsing remains the victim of ridicule from modern day “experts” who, because of their ignorance of the skill, choose not to take advantage of it. Dowsing adherents ignore the ridicule, but most are still reluctant to publicly admit using “unproven science.”

The purpose of this article is not to prove or disprove the efficacy of dowsing but rather to offer a possible explanation, overlooked by modern science, to the elusive “how” dowsing came into being.

So, speaking as a dowser for the past 40 years, (professionally for 34 of those years), here is one dowser’s attempt to answer the question:

Energetically speaking, how does dowsing work?
To answer this question in a comprehensive way, one would have to ask every dowser who practices the skill, since ideas and opinions vary with each practitioner. The attempt of this article, therefore, is personal and backed up only by personal experience. Since I feel brevity is best when answering difficult questions, I have come to several conclusions about how dowsing works and would like to share these thoughts and opinions with you.

The Source of dowsing’s energy is part of a Universal Triad. The totality of Consciousness, Intelligence and Energy of all that exists, whether tangible or intangible, is referenced in many ways. Most commonly, the terms used are God, Unity, Deity, Oneness, Allness or Isness. Regardless of the term used, the concept of a Grand Totality is normally in the form of a singular Creator.

If this is so, then it is the dowser, the practitioner, a creation of the Creator that makes dowsing “work.” How could it be otherwise? Following the same logic, the connection between them would also infer that there is a form of communication that takes place between Creator and Created. This is what I call “Dowsing.”
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In my opinion, the *answer* to any question has already been created and therefore, is already known. All the dowser has to do is to ask the proper question and then receive the answer. It is that simple, although “uncomplicated” would probably be a better term. Please note that I am saying that dowsing is *simple*, not that it is *easy*. There is a big difference.

As a survival skill, humans discovered their ability to locate underground water wherever they traveled. At some point in time, curiosity led our species to discover new uses for the skill which eventually evolved into modern day dowsing and the continuing evolution of Consciousness, Intelligence and Energy in the ever expanding Triad of Creation. It has long been said in the dowsing community that *as far as your mind can reach, that is how far you can dowse*. In essence, this means that there are no limits to applying the dowsing ability as long as the simple basics are being followed. Since our modern technological discoveries have increasingly ventured into the unknown, this will undoubtedly lead to further dowsing discoveries by our highly experienced practitioners.

The dowsing skill is primarily mental. Therefore, communication between each segment of the dowsing routine must be clear, crisp, exacting and perfectly understood, as well as being honest, sincere, balanced and well intended. This is where things tend to get complicated and may begin to unravel. We are human. Our egos enter into the dowsing routine in a variety of ways and with different intensities and desires. These varying energies throw off the necessary balance which is essential to communications. Garbage in—garbage out.

This also means that a dowser cannot just seek “water” as in the olden days when water was more pristine and shallower to dig. What dowsers now look for must be specific, such as an underground supply of fresh, flowing, potable water with sufficient recovery volume to supply all household needs, located at a reasonable depth, everlasting—and will never go dry even in the worst drought.

“Simplicity” has evolved into more complex questioning techniques, yet the basics of Consciousness, Intelligence and Energy have remained the same.

To receive accurate answers, the dowser must not only ask the proper questions, but ask them in the proper frame of mind. To identify one specific segment of a dowsing question now becomes more difficult. One must form a single question covering each element applying to that specific target or else ask a series of individual questions pertaining to a single element, receive the answer and then move on to the next question.

Complexities increase when particular targets are being sought. Since the answers are already known, but remain covered until the proper question is asked, many of today’s dowsers have adapted and developed their techniques to enhance their abilities to locate both tangible and intangible targets previously thought to be only in the realm of the “experts,” such as oil, gas, minerals, missing items, etc.

However, along with the more complex target structure comes the intangible *mental* aspects of the human ego. Thoughts of wealth, greed, desire, fear, emotion, errors and anxiety come into play. These “thought forms” are known to disrupt the dowsing state of mind which must of necessity be quiet, relaxed, allowing, still and perfectly balanced in order to perform accurately. *Continued on page 42*
Dowsing for Hearing Aids
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We trekked through the tall grass, veering around rusted-out old trucks and abandoned construction equipment with our pendulum and dowsing rod swinging in full force. My dad and I were on a mission to find his lost hearing aids that had presumably disappeared while he was photographing the dilapidated vehicles a week earlier. As Energy Magazine’s Assistant Editor, I had read Greg Storozuk’s article submission, “Dowsing,” and my interest was piqued. My dad is notorious for losing things, much to my mother’s chagrin. Would this technique be a viable tool for recovering some of his wayward possessions?

Greg states that Energy is one part of the Universal Triad that is the Source of dowsing. I am a Healing Touch Certified Practitioner. I know something about energy. But the ins and outs of dowsing were new to me and I wondered if I could effectively use energy to find the lost hearing aids as Greg describes in his article. My dad, eternally suspicious of anything that could be considered “woo-woo,” was up for the challenge. What could it hurt? And if it worked, it could save him several thousands of dollars in new hearing aids. That is a great motivation to suspend disbelief.

So we trudged over the rough ground, following the spin of my pendulum and the point of his dowsing rod (made from a wire coat hanger cut and bent into the shape of an “L,” then one end inserted into a plastic drinking straw so it could spin freely). While using a pendulum to determine the health of a chakra is old hat to me, trying to figure out what a spinning pendulum meant in the context of dowsing was entirely different. Did a circular spin mean I was going in the right direction? Was it supposed to swing back and forth in the direction of the object? And what about a still pendulum or oval-shaped swing? It was an exercise in experimentation. And patience.

It was also an exercise in letting go. We had to fight the urge to think about what we were doing, and instead just follow the guidance of our dowsing tools. In his article, Greg explains that there is a “dowsing state of mind which must of necessity be quieted, relaxed, allowing, still and perfectly balanced in order to perform accurately.” Fear of failure or anxiety while dowsing disturb the connection between dowser and dowsing’s source, which clouds the answers to a dowser’s questions. Dowsing seemed to require the same meditative mindset that is needed for doing energy healing.

It took us about an hour, but each of us finally found a lost hearing aid. Once my dad was in the vicinity of one hearing aid, his dowsing rod swung to point at the same spot, regardless of where he moved. Upon finding it, his jaw dropped and he stood frozen for a moment. The look of shock on my dad’s face was priceless as he exclaimed, “I’m a believer!” By then, I was closing in on the second hearing aid. My pendulum was spinning so fast over the spot where I unearthed it in the matted grass that the spin was horizontal, swinging in the widest diameter possible. It was clearly trying to tell me something.

Surprisingly, when I found the hearing aid and held it up, my dad’s dowsing rod swung around and pointed at it. We were both thrilled and amazed that it worked. Hopefully my dad can replicate this method for finding lost things in the future. And my mom can breathe a sigh of relief.

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This brings the wholeness of the dowsing state, the Creator and the Created, into the Unity of combined thought. In short, the realm of the modern day dowsers is rewarding, exciting and ripe for new discovery. It is also entrenched with the same frustrations scientists face unless the simplistic concepts of Consciousness, Intelligence and Energy are being followed.

Scientifically Speaking
Results are the physical evidence of dowsing’s veracity. As yet, the lack of provability in a laboratory setting does not allow dowsing to meet scientific standards. Some scientists, such as Dr. Zaboj Harvalik, a professional physicist (and dowser), have been able to prove after years and hundreds of hours of testing, using an artificially induced electromagnetic field on a random generator, that 80% of his subjects were able to obtain a dowsing signal when exposed to a signal strength above 20 milliamperes with the rest successfully recording signals down to two milliamperes and a few to half a milliampere. (A milliampere is one thousandth of an ampere for small electric currents). He said:

If one assumes that man is able to detect magnetic anomalies by using dowsing techniques, one is utterly amazed by the sensitivity of the human body to such anomalies. Magnetometric measurements indicate that a dowser reacts to magnetic gradient changes as weak as one millimicogauss, or expressed another way, 10 to the -9, or .00000001 gauss.¹

Another scientist, Dr. Edith Jurka, MD, Diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, conducted tests on brain wave patterns of seven gifted dowsers on a sophisticated electroencephalograph called the “Mind Mirror.” Her testing showed that the dowsers had wide amplitude beta and delta voltages with an alpha peak not only while performing their dowsing, but also during normal conversation. She referred to this as the “fifth state” pattern. She also noticed that when performing dowsing, most of the time the beta and delta voltages were so high that they sent beyond the 160 microvolts that the Mind Mirror could register.² Technically, the dowsers were both wide awake and sound asleep at the same time and were the only group who tested this way compared to TM Meditation, Zen Meditation and lucid awareness. In addition, a 10-year field laboratory study was conducted by the German government under Dr. Hans-Dieter Betz, a physicist at the University of Munich. This program involved over 2,000 drillings in arid regions of Sri Lanka, Zaire, Kenya, Namibia, Yemen and other countries, and was considered the most ambitious experiment with water dowsing ever conducted. Briefly, Betz stated:

The outcome was striking. An overall success rate of 96% (by dowsers) was achieved in 691 drillings in Sri Lanka. Based on geological experience in that area, a success rate of 30-50% would be expected from conventional techniques alone. What is both puzzling but enormously useful, is that in hundreds of cases, the dowsers were able to predict the depth of the water source and yield of the well to within 10 to 20 percent. We carefully considered the statistics of these correlations and they far exceeded lucky guesses.³

Three Prime Undercurrents
From these studies and personal experiences, I have been able to deduce three prime undercurrents for the dowsing ability:

First—Spirituality: A higher form of Consciousness, Intelligence and Energy that exists beyond our current understanding.

Second—Simplicity: Following simple laws of logic using the above concepts.

Third—Natural Law: The use of the basic simplistic governing tools applied to each creation from its inception.

In conclusion, dowsing is evolving as the Universal Triad and humankind evolves. Along with this evolution, dowsers have become more attuned to the core of the questions and have learned to allow the ego to diminish into the background regardless of increased complexities. With practice, dowsing can be used by anyone to successfully receive answers to any questions they may have.
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