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## Electronic Reactions and Occultism

By C. C. Zain

This paper is issued to inform progressive persons of the light shed upon the problems of occultism by one of the latest, and possibly the most startling, of scientific discoveries. It does not advocate Electronic treatment as a panacea. Neither should it fail to mention that a so-called expose has just been published in "Hearst's International Magazine," and that systematic effort from other quarters is being brought to bear to discredit the excellent work of Dr. Abrams.

But as to this opposition, space will permit me here only to quote the closing paragraph of the just mentioned article by Paul H. De Kruif:

"As this goes to press, Abrams announces a new discovery, most astounding—and idiotic—of all. From a drop of your blood or a sample of your handwriting, he can tell whether you are a Jew or a Theosophist, a Methodist, or a Catholic! He does this by the same system of 'tummy tapping' used to diagnose disease. Do you need anything more to convince you of the hollowness of his claim to diagnose and to cure disease?" (From Hearst's International Magazine, January, 1923.)

Now it seems to me that the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and if, as Dr. Abrams claims, mental states, as well as objects, each radiate an energy of particular wave-length and frequency, what can be accomplished by his methods should be determined by carefully conducted experiment, rather than by whether it coincides with popular opinion.

In "Pearson's Magazine," June to September, 1922, appeared a series of articles by prominent writers who had personally investigated the claims of Dr. Abrams and found them genuine. These articles have been issued as a supplement entitled ERA (Electronic Reactions of Abrams) and may be had by sending five cents to Pearson's Magazine, 799 Broadway, New York City.

In this supplement Upton Sinclair gives his personal observations on two weeks spent at Dr. Abrams' place, which he calls "The House of Wonder," for I saw in it such miracles as I never dreamed of in this world."

Alexander Marky, managing editor of "Pearson's," there gives his personal experience in the office of a New York physician, where, together with Dr. Francis A. Cave, he "saw the almost miraculous manifestations of the work of this great genius." Dr. Cave also contributes an article. There is an article by Dr. Frederick Finch Strong, also. "The Diary of a Patient" is given; and Sir James Barr, past president of the British Medical Association, writes enthusiastically in favor of the Abrams discovery. He quotes Dr. H. A. Hess, a distinguished surgeon, as saying:

"Dr. Abrams has made fifty examinations of blood for me, and all correct, as far as I can judge."

As the findings of these men can be had in detail for five cents I will not quote them further, but will relate my own experience.

I have been interested in the work of Dr. Albert Abrams since 1915. Consequently, when during the

past year, one after another, three physicians of my acquaintance, who are M.D.'s of high standing and good reputation, investigated the Electronic Reactions of Abrams and immediately became enthusiastic about it, it gave me an opportunity I had long desired. For each of these physicians installed the Abrams equipment and commenced making remarkable cures. And they were each kind enough to invite me to come to their offices at any time I so desired and to be present both at the examination of blood specimens and when patients were receiving treatment. Thus I have had the opportunity to observe and check up on three different physicians in their use of the Electronic method.

Space will not permit a detailed account of my investigations. I must be content with bald statements only. I have witnessed the diagnosis of disease in a manner remarkable for correctness and precision. The Electronic diagnosis reveals three things. It shows exactly the kind of disease (the vibratory rate of sixty-five different diseases have so far been ascertained), precisely the spot in the body where located, and its specific virulence.

I have also witnessed the cure of the three so-called incurable diseases—Cancer, Syphilis, and Tuberculosis. I have talked with patients who have tried every sort of cure imaginable, and who were given up to die by physicians and healers of all kinds, each afflicted with one of the diseases mentioned, who after taking the Electronic treatment have told me they were completely cured, and from appearance they seemed so.

But I must not neglect to present the other side of the subject. For I have talked with patients who have taken Electronic treatment from the same physicians that performed the seemingly miraculous cures who have reported no improvement whatever. Then again, the method of diagnosis is very sensitive to a variety of conditions, and it takes a skillful person to get accurate results. One would hardly trust his automobile to a person with no mechanical ability who had never seen an automobile until two weeks before. Then why trust the human body to a doctor who has had no more experience or natural ability in using a very delicate and extremely sensitive apparatus. And further, if a physician were dishonest, the Electronic method provides about the easiest way known to fleece the unwary public without detection. It is so easy to tell a person he has some dreadful disease that needs treatment.

Nevertheless, while I do not think the Electronic method will cure all cases, or is good for all diseases, it seems to me that at least people should be told what it has accomplished in many cases. It offers hope to a class of sufferers for whom up to this time no hope has been forthcoming.

But my object is not to boost the Electronic Reactions, but to show in what manner both the method of diagnosis and the method of cure, if true, form proof of the correctness of the explanation offered by occult scientists for various observed phenomena.

Diagnosis by the Electronic Reactions is based upon the idea that everything is radio-active. That is, just as radium is known to be emanating atoms and electrons, and as every electric current has a field of force about it, so it is thought that every kind of substance, organic and inorganic, radiates energy that may be detected by suitable apparatus. It is also thought that everything has a vibratory rate of its own, so then whenever its vibratory rate is present it is a sure indication of the presence of that specific thing.

Dr. Abrams now provides a mechanical demonstration that this idea, which has long been held by occultists, is true. He assumes that this energy is electronic in nature, an assumption not yet proved. It is, however, an energy that is readily carried by the nerves of the human body: for up to the present time he has mostly used the nerves of a human subject in connection with his instrument to sort out the vibratory rates.

He has an instrument now, however, if acquaintances of mine who have witnessed experiments with it are to be believed, by which vibratory rates can be detected quite as well without the use of a human subject. This instrument not only registers the vibratory rates of diseases, but it can be set to detect the mental state of a person. A person telling a falsehood radiates a particular rate of energy that can be detected by using this instrument, a person feeling love radiates another rate, and a person under any strong mental stress radiates an energy which, when its rate has once been determined, can again be detected when present, by this instrument.

This instrument, called an "oscillophone," is still in the experimental stage, and we must await its perfection before venturing an opinion on the scope of its usefulness. But even by the older method the race, sex, approximate age, kind of disease, and where the disease is located, may be determined by placing either a drop of blood, or a little of the handwriting, in a little rubber box from which a wire runs through a rheostat to an electrode in contact with a human subject.

Persons conversant with the practice of psychometry—which is in reality exercising the sense of touch of the astral body—will readily believe that the handwriting, or any other thing that has been closely associated with an individual, retains in its etheric and astral structure an impress of all that pertains

to the individual. He will believe it because on numerous occasions, he has given an object, such as a letter or handkerchief belonging to some person not present, to a psychic and has received a detailed account of the owner; information then not known by any person present, but subsequently verified. In fact, the only startling thing about the Electronic method to any person who has thoroughly investigated psychic phenomena is that an instrument has been invented to perform much of the work usually done by a psychic.

This method, discovered by Dr. Abrams of San Francisco, by which vibrations more subtle than any hitherto recognized by science can be detected, has amazing possibilities. For if his "oscillophone" proves the success promised by initial trials with it, half the problem of receiving communications from the so-called dead by purely mechanical means will have been solved.

The other half of the problem consists in mechanically providing etheric energy of suitable organization. The living bodies of human beings furnish etheric energy which, under suitable conditions, may be utilized by the so-called dead, who live and move and perform the various functions of life in a world quite as real as ours but of much finer substance and higher rate of motion. A person who furnishes etheric energy suitable for the manifestations of spirit phenomena is called a medium. But if apparatus can be devised, as it will be some day, to furnish such etheric energy without drawing on any person for it, the so-called dead can then communicate directly with their loved ones as easily and as certainly as people now converse by wireless.

In fact, the "oscillophone" seems to be a receiving set keyed to register the etheric vibrations radiated by a person when in a given mental state. Thought is primarily a motion in astral substance, but conscious thought and emotion impart motion to the ether also. Therefore, the "oscillophone" work implies that an instrument has been invented delicate enough to register etheric thought-vibrations of definite wave-length and frequency. And it is quite conceivable that with an instrument so extremely sensitive to the radio-activity of mental states, that etheric energy may also be furnished from non-human sources in such suitable form that it can be utilized by those who have departed physical life and live on the astral plane to convey their thoughts directly through this mechanical instrument to those still occupying dense physical bodies.

But let us now turn to the cure of disease by the Electronic method. This is accomplished by breaking up a weak electric current and passing it through a resistance box in such a manner that the vibrations

of only a given rate are permitted to pass through the diseased area of the patient. The theory is advanced that introducing a vibration of the same frequency increases the swing of the vibratory rate of the disease to such an extent that the disease is broken up and entirely destroyed. But I am inclined to believe the principle of vibratory antidotes (as explained in Course IX) is here brought into play. Yet more important than any theory is the fact that an energy of a given rate of vibration, so imponderable that the patient cannot feel it, when applied to the body cancels and annuls the disease vibration and destroys the disease.

It is further found that certain substances naturally radiate energy of such a rate that when applied externally their radiations destroy specific diseases. And if each mental state, as seems certain from the experiments conducted so far, has its own particular rate of vibration, we find nothing absurd in the notion held by occultists of all ages, that names, numbers, and colors have an influence upon persons associating intimately with them. For, the thought of each sets up a particular mental radiation in the thinker, and this rate of energy has a power to cancel and annul, or perhaps intensify, rates of energy already existing in the person. If, for instance, a name sets up a certain vibration in the mind of every person thinking it, consider what a bombardment of energy of this particular rate is received from others, as well as from the person himself, by one who wears the name!

Nor must we neglect to consider that if thought-vibrations are potent enough to traverse the ether and register themselves on a mechanical instrument, that this demonstrates them capable of producing, at a distance from the thinker, changes in physical substance. And it is my belief that all so-called Divine, Spiritual, Mental, Christian Science, Metaphysical, and New Thought healing is accomplished by the power of thought-vibrations to change the structure of the astral and etheric bodies and through them impart changes to the physical form.

Then again, if a subtle energy, not perceptible to human senses, applied by an instrument which Dr. Abrams calls an "oscilloclast," can bring about such changes in the human body as his wonderful cures bear witness to, may there not be many subtle energies pervading the spaces—those radiated by the planets, for instance—which tend to produce other changes, either destructive or constructive? Any person who will take the trouble to learn to set up a birth-chart can soon demonstrate to his own satisfaction that such energies do exist, and that they are ever active. He will find why he had apparently unavoidable misfortune at one time, and at another time without much effort on his part everything worked to his advantage. Such periods are due to subtle energies impinging upon his finer body in such

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