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Divination — valid or hoax?

By **CLAY B. COCKRILL**
Special to the Battalion

Dowsing is a form of divination used to locate a hidden article or substance through the use of an instrument called a divining rod.

Water witching is the best known type of dowsing, the rod most commonly used being a forked stick cut from a small tree. The water dowser grasps each side of the fork and walks about the land; when he crosses over an aquifer, or underground reservoir, the free end of the stick dips in response. Dowsters claim they make no voluntary movement to cause the stick to respond.

Evidence indicates that water dowsing existed at least 400 years ago in Germany. Today it exists throughout Europe, some parts of Africa and Australia, throughout North America including every state of the United States and probably throughout Latin America.

In the United States dowsing adherents range from practical types such as farmers and excavation workers searching for water and underground pipelines, to those who have strong beliefs in supernatural powers and who believe their practice can locate missing persons and diagnose illness.

Jim Phillips, an electronics technician at Texas A&M, is convinced that dowsing works.

"All I know is what I have actually experienced and proven to myself," he said.

Phillips became convinced a few years ago when he and some men were trying to locate a steel pipeline running beneath a parking lot between two buildings. They had dug a large hole where they thought the line should be but had been unable to find it.

Phillips took two copper welding rods and bent both of them into an

dowser. He has attended both a beginning and advanced dowsing school in Truth or Consequences, N.M.

Polley said that all matter exudes energy in the form of waves, and that it is possible for the relaxed, confident mind pick up these waves and differentiate between them. The mind must be relaxed and confident, he stressed. Negative, skeptical attitude about this "phenomenon" impeded its ability come about.

Polley also said that just as potable drinking water does not emit the same waves as non-drinkable polluted water, neither do any two people. He said the rod, then, can be used to locate people by indicating from which direction the waves are coming from the particular person the dowser is concentrating on.

Standing in his living room, Polley placed his \$300 universal dowsing rod in my right hand. The rod is designed in the L-shape with the short end as the handle. The long end is telescoping like an antenna and can turn freely a complete 360 degrees in the handle.

Polley told me to hold it there for a minute to allow it to "warm up" in my hand. Then I held the rod out in front of me with the end tilted down slightly to keep it from swinging from side to side. He told me to concentrate on finding Ben Polley.

Polley was standing a few feet to my left. The rod slowly started to swing in that direction, swung past him, bounced against my body and then came to rest pointing directly at him. I was extremely careful not to turn my hand and cause the rod to swing one way or the other.

Polley then moved over to my right and I repeated the experiment just to make sure the rod was follow-

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L-shape. Then holding each one loosely in his hands with the long ends extended out in front of him, he began to criss-cross the area where the line should have been. Just as he walked over the buried pipe, the long ends of the rods swung toward each other and crossed. He marked X's on the asphalt at each point where the rods crossed and then chalked a line between the X's. When the men dug down at the line they found the pipe directly beneath it as Phillips had predicted.

"The body generates a certain amount of electricity," said Phillips. "It could be that an electric field is created between the body and the underground pipeline." The rod then becomes an instrument which indicates when the field becomes established.

But that theory does not explain entirely a dowser's supposed ability to distinguish between water and all the other substances with which an electric field could be established. How does he tell if it's an aquifer or a pipeline?

It's not that specific rods find specific things. Wooden rods are not necessarily used to find water and metal rods to find metal. Now there are specially manufactured steel rods which diviners say can be used to locate anything. Most dowsters believe they are able to differentiate through a psychic element of dowsing.

Since 1976 a College Station resident, Ben Polley, has been an avid

major body of evidence in support of dowsing comes from a huge number of testimonial accounts like Phillips'.

The authors say that while experiences tend to corroborate dowsing, there is no proof that it actually solved the problem.

The authors of "Water Witching U.S.A." point out that the careful experiments which dowsters are to eliminate variables the worse the dowser performs. In other words, dowsters have failed to prove themselves under laboratory conditions.

lips at least knew the vicinity of the pipeline, there could have found it by chance. The crossing of the rods could have been caused by something unrelated to the steel in the ground.

The authors say also that testimonial there is a tendency to only the "good" accounts, that ones that support dowsing. People begin to believe that things work, they will accept bits of evidence that support belief and pass over those which do not.

Many experiments have been conducted in which variables controlled in laboratories. Vogt and Hyman point to more rigorous experiments come in eliminating variables. The dowsters perform other words, dowsters have to prove themselves under laboratory conditions.

One experiment involved cigar boxes which were filled with sand. A bottle of oil was used to find the box containing the oil. The dowser was told he could do no better than guessing the correct box.

Since each dowser was through the test 10 times, he could get the right box at least just by guessing. To prove the dowsters therefore to do significantly better than the right box only once. The test was given to 50 different dowsters and the best score was 10 correct choices out of 10. It was enough to prove the validity of dowsing.

But while testimonials are able to prove the practice, do the controlled experiment necessarily disprove it. Out field dowsters prove their

they seek and they frequent at they are looking for. In one done in Australia, water was in 70 percent of the sites probed by dowsters. It may have been chance, but nevertheless water found.

And though dowsters are able to prove themselves to scientists doesn't seem to bother them. "People think you're crazy," Ben Polley. "I don't care, I know it works."

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