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PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH
IN
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF
CHINA

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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- LACK OF GOOD REPORTING ON PARAPSYCHOLOGIC PHENOMENA INHIBITS IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS
- AVAILABLE REPORTS OFTEN PRESENTED IN A SKEPTICAL LIGHT
- SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN APPROACH OF EAST AND WEST TO PARAPSYCHOLOGY
 - WEST IS MORE SKEPTICAL AND LESS SUPPORTIVE OF RESEARCH
 - EAST GENERALLY AHEAD OF WEST IN ACHIEVING CREDIBLE RESULTS

OBSERVATIONS

- CHINESE RESEARCH GOES UNDER SEVERAL NAMES, MOST COMMONLY
 - ENHANCED HUMAN BODY FUNCTIONS
 - SOMATIC SCIENCE

- SOMATIC SCIENCE EXAMINES THREE INTER-RELATED AREAS
 - PARANORMAL CAPABILITIES
 - TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE
 - QIGONG
 - A SYSTEM OF BREATHING EXERCISES AND BREATH CONTROL BELIEVED TO BE A SOURCE OF BOTH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHIC ENERGY

APPROACH OF SOMATIC SCIENCE

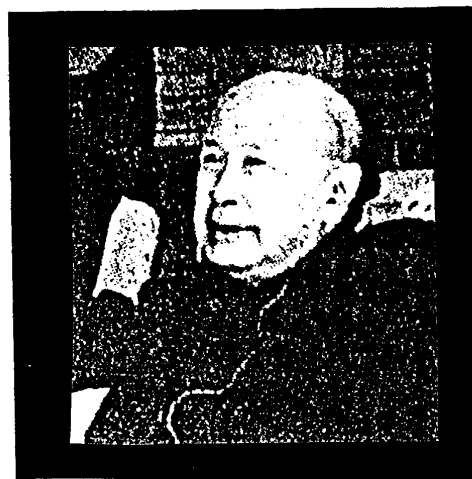
- APPLIES SYSTEMS THEORY TO STUDY OF HUMAN BODY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTERACTIONS
- HOLDS THAT THE BODY CAN ASSUME DIFFERENT "FUNCTIONAL STATES", ONE OF WHICH IS THE "PARANORMAL STATE"
- APPLIES MULTIDIMENSIONAL DATA ANALYSIS METHODS TO DESCRIBE THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONAL STATES AND IDENTIFY THE "NORMAL STATE"
- SEEKS TO DETERMINE AND ENHANCE THE MECHANISM BY WHICH DIFFERENT FUNCTIONAL STATES ARE ACHIEVED AND THEIR CHARACTERISTICS
 - STUDIES OF QIGONG MASTERS IN THE "QIGONG FUNCTIONAL STATE" IS A KEY RESEARCH TOPIC
- GREAT ATTENTION GIVEN TO SCIENTIFIC CREDIBILITY AND REPRODUCIBILITY OF EXPERIMENTS

RESEARCH CLAIMS

- THE EXISTANCE OF THE "PARANORMAL FUNCTIONAL STATE"
- THE ABILITY OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO ENTER THE PARANORMAL FUNCTIONAL STATE AT WILL
- CERTAIN OBJECTS, WHEN ACTED ON BY PERSONS WITH PARANORMAL ABILITIES, CAN BE PUT INTO A PARANORMAL STATE
- THE EXISTANCE OF "REMOTE VIEWING"

STATEMENT BY QIAN XUELIN

- LED EFFORT TO DEVELOP APPLICATION OF SYSTEM SCIENCE TO STUDY OF PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL PHENOMENA
- "RESEARCH IN SOMATIC SCIENCE MAY LEAD TO A NEW SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION IN THE 21ST CENTURY... THAT MAY BE A GREATER REVOLUTION THAN THOSE OF QUANTUM PHYSICS AND THE THEORY OF RELATIVITY IN THE 20TH CENTURY."



CHRONOLOGY

1979 - 1982

- EARLY INDICATION OF INTEREST
- INFORMAL, LOOSELY CONTROLLED DEMONSTRATIONS
- CONFLICTS NOTED (ACTIVITIES, IDEOLOGY)
- MILITARY INTEREST SHOWN

1983 - 1987

- TIGHTENING OF RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS
- EXPANSION OF HIGH LEVEL SUPPORT
- DEDICATED CONFERENCES

1988 - PRESENT

- NATIONAL LEVEL RESEARCH CENTERS, COMMITTEES
- CONTINUED MILITARY INTEREST
- CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPROVAL

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