

WEIRD HISTORY OF DOWSING

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Dowsing is the art of aligning your inborn unconscious ability and your tools with subtle earth energies in order to divine for something that is desired. Dowsing can be used to help us clarify health and personal issues, locate water and minerals, find missing persons or objects, receive suitable answers, and make good decisions. Dowsing is known by many names throughout the world, such as divination, divining, radiesthesia, and geobiology. Throughout the ages, dowsers have been called water witchers, rod wielders, doodle buggers, and water diviners.

Dowsing is a normal sensory perception available to birds, fish, animals and people. Salmon use it to find their way back to their birthplace to spawn. Swallows use it to return to the Mission Capistrano every year. Bees find their way back to the hive after flying from flower to flower over a distance of 2 miles or more. Monarch butterflies return from South America to the same trees in Santa Cruz, California, three generations after the original ones left. Thousands of lost cats and dogs have crossed the country to reunite with their owners.

People use sensory perception all of the time, without words or actions. We sense if we are welcome or unwelcome as we enter a room, or if an argument just took place there. Mothers “know” whether a child is *in* trouble or *making* trouble.

According to quantum physics, all matter is merely energy condensed to a slow vibration, such as water condensed in clouds. Human beings are also vibrating energy, everyone with their own individual frequency or speed. Our organs, cells, and all physical or mental disorders also vibrate with characteristic frequencies. With dowsing, it is possible to tune into these invisible energies using tools such as pendulums or rods.

Dowsing has hundreds of applications, including locating water, lost objects and missing persons, archaeological remains, and mineral deposits. It aids us in the science of criminology, military operations, understanding the health of people, pets, and gardens, receiving guidance in personal growth work, improving agriculture, and locating geopathic and manmade stress lines to determine the best places to build structures. Many techniques exist to “cure” such stress lines, such as Earth Acupuncture, so people can safely live in these areas.

Well over 300 items are used as dowsing instruments and have been called Jacob’s rods, divining rods, shining rods, leaping rods, trembling rods, rotating rods, dipping rods, transcending rods, superior rods, and forked sticks. Many people can use their own body as a tool to dowse, swaying back and forth, or from side to side, to indicate YES or NO. Some people have a “gut feeling,” which is a form of dowsing. The Chinese used yarrow sticks to divine answers to questions asked of the *I Ching*.

The 4 most common tools used today are:

- ◆ Y-Rod, a forked stick.
- ◆ L-Rod, a rod bent in the shape of the letter L.
- ◆ Bobber, a long slender tapered stick, often with a spring at one end.
- ◆ Pendulum, a weight attached to a string or chain.

Dowsing is, indeed, “as old as the hills.” Cave drawings have been found in Spain dating back to the Cro-Magnon era, 40,000 - 50,000 years ago, showing dowsing being used. In Iraq, cave drawings depicting dowsing are 8,000 years old. In King Tut’s tomb dowsing tools were found.

Our ancestors followed herds to water, which sustained both flocks and people. They learned how to survive with the meat, skin and bones from these animals. Wherever they were,

they found herbs and vegetation in the area for meals and medicine. Yet, they were nomadic. They did not sit on the same desk chair or lie in the same spot.

In the 5th century B.C.E., Scythians dowsed with willow branches. When the Queen of Sheba traveled to see Solomon, her entourage contained dowsers for locating water and gold. Divining “rods” are mentioned several times in the Old Testament. The book of Numbers in the Old Testament tells how Moses twice struck a rock with his rod and water gushed out for the Hebrews and their flocks.

In China, the art of *Feng Shui* used dowsing to find the most auspicious places to locate the tombs of the ancestors, as well as palace buildings for royalty. The Chinese Emperor Yu, in 2200 B.C.E., was represented in a *bas relief* holding a double branched instrument, which appears to be a forked dowsing rod. Dowsing was called “seeking the dragon flow with the claw of the dragon,” or dowsing rod, and people were warned not to build on the “eye of the dragon.”

In Europe, the ancient Druids were sensitive to vibrations, rays and magnetic forces, using dowsing to locate Stonehenge and other holy sites.

Dowsing was accepted by the early Christian church, as long as the dowser was doing “the Lord’s work.” The terms rod, reed, and staff are mentioned numerous times in the Bible, relating to dowsing. As the Catholic church expanded to Central and South America, the best practitioners were sent to dowse the locations of their churches and placement of the altars. Such attention to detail was used primarily for the “conversion” of the natives, to heighten their experience of a “magical healing” while on the altar.

Copies of the *Encyclopedia of Mining*, published in Germany in 1546, were chained in churches, and priests would read from them to illiterate miners. Pope Marcellinus, who ruled from 296 to 304 C.E. was known for his use of a pendulum.

But in 1326, Pope John XXII publically called dowsing “the work of the devil.” Throughout the Middle Ages dowsers were severely persecuted, tortured, and killed. Martin Luther called dowsing witchcraft and deemed it a Mortal Sin, even though his father was a miner known for his talent using dowsing in mining and locating water.

In 1546, a German book on using dowsing in mining was published, followed in 1639 by the first English book. Queen Elizabeth I of England, who reigned from 1558 – 1603, had German miners come to England to teach dowsing to English miners, enabling them to find mines and ore deposits.

In the seventeenth century, Martine de Bertereau become a famous dowser and advisor to the French government, having learned dowsing from her husband, the leading mining expert Baron de Beausoleil et d’Auffenbach. Martine became skilled at divining minerals as well as water and wrote a book on her methods. When the French Cardinal Richelieu learned of Martine’s success at dowsing, he arrested her, the Baron, and their daughter on suspicion of witchcraft, and they died in prisons, never allowed to speak or see each other again.

The most famous dowser of his time, James Mullins, was born in 1838. He primarily worked as a mason, and through his dowsing located over 5,000 sources of water. His skill was considered “supernatural,” and he only received payment when he found water.

By the 19th century, dowsing was recognized by educators and scientists. Johann Wilhelm Ritter, mainly remembered as the “Father of Electrochemistry,” studied pendulum dowsing in Italy. But he failed to get a response from a pendulum until his teacher laid his hand on Ritter’s shoulder, thus transmitting his sensitivity to Ritter. Ritter’s years of research led him through the study of polarities in the human body, although he was ridiculed by academia.

Some of the famous dowsers in history include Leonardo De Vinci, Robert Boyle (the “Father of Modern Chemistry”), Nobel prize winner Charles Richet, and Albert Einstein. Einstein said, “I know very well that many scientists consider dowsing as they do astrology, as a type of ancient superstition. According to my conviction, this is, however, unjustified. The dowsing rod is a simple instrument which shows the reaction of the human nervous system to certain factors which are unknown to us at this time.”

Dowsing was also used in military operations by General Rommel of the German Army and General Patton of the U.S. Army. Patton had a complete willow tree flown to Morocco so that a dowser could use branches from it to find water to replace the wells the German army had blown up. The British army used dowsers on the Falkland Island to remove mines.

U.S. Marines were taught dowsing to locate the tunnel systems of the Viet Cong during the Viet Nam war. In 1967, the New York Times ran the headline: “Dowsers detect enemy’s tunnels.” Hence, the element of surprise ended for U.S. military troops in the jungles.

Dr. Peter Treadwell, chief dowser and spokesperson for Hoffman-La Roche, the giant Swiss pharmaceutical company, used dowsing when building all the company’s new laboratories. He explained, “We use methods that are *profitable*, whether they are scientifically explainable or not. The dowsing method *always* pays off.” [emphasis added]

Other corporations employing dowsers are RCA, Bristol-Myers, and Canadian Industries, partly owned by Dupont. Every pipeline company in America uses dowsing, as does the Canadian Ministry of Agriculture and UNESCO. Russians use aerial dowsing to find gold, and their scientists report there is 30% less drilling needed for success.

So how does dowsing work? Dowsers themselves do not all agree on how it works, but we do know that:

1. Subconscious thoughts influence the pendulum and dowsing rods.
2. We can program dowsing rods and pendulums to move in the direction we request by posing questions requiring a YES or NO answer.
3. Thus, it is not surprising we tap into Universal Mind for guidance.
4. There is possible electromagnetic attraction between the dowsing tool and the item we are searching for. However, magnetic attraction does not explain how a dowser determines additional details such as the depth, volume, or direction of water flow and other information.

One of the most popular dowsing tools today is a pendulum and a direction card with vertical and horizontal arrows for yes and no. Whether the pendulum swings in a clockwise or counterclockwise circle is also used for guidance.

A pendulum can also be used for “map dowsing,” whereby the dowser holds a pendulum over a map grid and asks questions on the location of the desired object. Map dowsing can be as accurate as actually dowsing the land in person.

Some uses of dowsing include:

Personal Growth and Decision-Making: Asking questions such as, “Should I attend a weekend training in Pendulum Dowsing and Earth Acupuncture? Should I invite my best friend or co-owner on our property?”

Locating Objects: “Is this the area where I lost my ring? Is this area beneficial for mining silver? Is there water nearby?”

Agricultural Dowsing: “Is this the best place for me to plant lilies of the valley on my property? Are the plants receiving enough sunlight, water, and nutrients?”

Medical Dowsing: Some healers cure with laying-on-of-hands, which is a form of dowsing or channeling energy from a higher source. Such healers detect the exact site of illness through sensations they experience in their hands. The New Testament records Jesus and his disciples healing people this way.

Healthwise, people in my home state of Colorado face special challenges. Why is there more cases of multiple sclerosis, breast cancer, muscular dystrophy, and ADHD in children and adults in Colorado than any other state in the nation? Some of the reasons are:

- Clay and high mineral content in the soil
- Rock strata
- Harmful chemicals used in mining, one of the state's chief industries
- Negative earth radiations
- Radon, a carcinogenic gas, which affects one in every eight homes
- Radioactivity
- Altitude: results are showing that contaminants emitted by nature and/or humankind are currently "rising up" and following the jet stream. At mile high elevation in Colorado, we are particularly affected.
- Electromagnetic and "dirty" electricity. Home and office environments with computers, copy machines, telephones, and other electrical devices, are drowning in a sea of electromagnetic "dirty" energy. Many scientific experiments have proven that the human immune system is suppressed by continued exposure to electro-magnetic frequencies, or EMFs, thus contributing to many illnesses.

- Network of earth radiation grids covering the earth. Ancient peoples knew this and avoided building on “dragon lines” and certain power zones.

So how can we reduce or eliminate some of these stress factors with dowsing? One method may be EARTH ACUPUNCTURE, a method of dowsing and “curing” three types of stressful energy lines:

- ◆ Manmade energy grids called Hartmann lines, named for the German scientist who discovered them, which are caused by harmful frequencies from such sources as electrical equipment, cell phone towers, and power lines.
- ◆ Geological or earth-made stress grids, caused by natural occurrences such as mineral deposits, underground running water, and rock strata.
- ◆ Personal stress lines, unique to the owners of the property.

To “cure” these stressful areas, pairs of dowsing L-rods are buried on the perimeter of the property, creating a “safe bubble” on the property. When the area is re-dowsed, no negative stress grids are found!

The benefits of Earth Acupuncture are many and include:

- ◆ A calmer, more peaceful environment.
- ◆ Improved relationships among the inhabitants.
- ◆ Better health due to less stress to the immune system.
- ◆ Increased finances and business acumen due to greater mental clarity.
- ◆ Greater sense of harmony felt by visitors to the environment.

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