

***Beyond Biocentrism* by Robert Lanza with Bob Berman (BenBella Books)**

Book review by Nigel Twinn (September 2017)

I somehow missed *Biocentrism*, the first book in this series, which came out in 2010, while I was enmeshed in finishing Hamish Miller's biography. However, the sequel *Beyond Biocentrism* is crucial reading for anyone who wants more than a few pointers as to why dowsing might work.

The thesis demolishes, from a strictly scientific viewpoint, the four pillars of the mainstream worldview of life - the illusion of time, the mirage of space, the impossibility of randomness and the location of consciousness.

It replaces these elements with personal experience as reality, an all-pervading consciousness, the centrality of perception and the continuum of existence.

Robert Lanza has been a leading light in stem cell research, while Bob Berman is a respected astronomer - and the book takes the unashamedly biological starting point that everything we perceive is in our mind, and not 'out there'.

The reduction of time and space to perceptions - which we then use to make sense of the information field - rather than dimensions, as we would usually consider them, completely circumvents all the usual objections both to remote and map dowsing, and also to seeking information from the past and future.

For dowsing to work as it does, consciousness has to be omnipresent, not in our heads. Most dowsers would accept that, but it is a bit of a first to read leading scientists coming to a similar conclusion - without the benefit of our input!

The authors even acknowledge the emerging realisation that matter arises out of mind (consciousness) rather than the other way around. Again, this is a view that is gathering momentum amongst our chattering classes, but here the concept is firmly placed centre stage - and this provides an even more robust platform from which a credible dowsing mechanism can be understood.

The acceptance of the observer's experience as 'fact' will bring a smile to Tom Graves, who has promulgated such a concept for years - and the proposition of an omnipresent consciousness, which may well correlate with Billy Gawn's base level of an information field, is added support to those of us who are seeking a breakthrough in dowsing awareness.

The concentration of the work on perception, and the view that we interpret perceived sensory information to create our own comprehension (not quite making it all up, but certainly heading in that direction) is almost exactly what Bill Kenny and I concluded from our research into the non-physical enhancement of musical sound (see <http://sounddowsing.org>).

Lanza and Berman even manage to get in a plug for the non-physical aspects of solar eclipses (which I am actually quite chuffed about). They also portray a straightforward and rational explanation for the misinterpretation of the waystation we call death, and

re-open the door to garnering information from past lives - all which will chime well with spiritually-minded dowsers.

When their chain of reasoning edges into more philosophical territory, and the standard scientific approach has yet to provide adequate research, the authors are willing to resort to occasional quotations from spiritual eastern philosophers, which itself is indicative of professionals with an open-minded approach to their journey.

It is not a book that claims to provide an answer to all of life's mysteries, but it is a significant milestone in repositioning our corporate outlook to one that more accurately reflects our personal experiences.

From the vitriol on social media from certain mainstream scientists, Lanza and Berman, who have considerable reputations to lose, have clearly struck a few raw nerves. Their bravery and tenacity should be applauded.

If I had more of a scientific background, I would love to have written this book myself. My own collaborative efforts to liberate the evident nature of dowsing have been largely philosophical and experiential - but here are people coming at the subject from a completely different angle and ending up with a very similar worldview.

In a brisk 200 pages, the content of this work provides more sustenance to - and potentially removes more barriers from - a dowser's view of why dowsing works than almost any other similar offering that I have come across. Yet it doesn't even mention the D word, not once!