

PARTICIPANTS' BACKGROUNDS AND INTERESTS

SERVADIO: First of all it is usual in these conferences that all the participants should one by one introduce themselves briefly in order that everybody should know who the others are. I'll start.

Servadio. My name is Emilio Servadio and I'm a psychoanalyst by profession, current president of the Psychoanalytic Association of Rome and a member of the International Psychoanalytical Association. I've been interested in parapsychology for many years and my particular contributions have been about the psychodynamics of extrasensory perception (ESP) in and out of the analytical situation. That's all.

Mundle. I'm Professor C. W. K. Mundle and I teach philosophy at the University College of North Wales in Bangor. I'm a Scotsman. I've been interested in parapsychology for the last twenty to twenty-five years mainly in the theoretical problems, when we try to explain these very puzzling things. I suppose I'm more of a sheep than a goat though I have my goat-like moments.*

West. I'm Donald J. West. I'm a lecturer in criminology at Cambridge and a psychiatrist. At one time I was a professional parapsychologist because I used to work as research officer for the Society for Psychical Research in London, with which I am happy to be still associated as vice-president.

Roll. My name is William Roll. I'm director of the Psychical Research Foundation in Durham, North Carolina. Our Foundation is particularly concerned with the question of survival after death and this brings us into studies of mediumship, so-called haunted houses, poltergeist situations, etc.

Hardy. I'm Sir Alister Hardy, Oxford, Professor of Zoology. Most of my life's work in biology has been concerned with the sea, small life of the

* The terms "sheep" and "goats" were first used in this sense by Dr. Gertrude Schmeidler. She used the word "sheep" to designate those subjects who said that they accepted the possibility of paranormal success in the particular experiment in hand, and the word "goats" to designate subjects who said they did not.

ocean. But I have believed in parapsychology because of certain experiences dating back to the first World War, since 1915. I've always been extremely interested in various ideas related to it. I'm a member of the Society for Psychical Research. I am now directing the Religious Experience Research Unit.

Cutten. My name is John Cutten. I'm the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Society for Psychical Research. My interest in the subject doesn't go back as far as it does for most of you. I first began to be seriously interested about 1955 and I have never had much opportunity, being too busy in other fields, to make any contribution. I suppose I contributed less to the subject than anybody sitting at this table. I regard myself not so much as a parapsychologist but as an observer of parapsychology and one who tries to organize the S.P.R. of London and do all I can to help those who are really doing the work.

Hillman. My name is James Hillman. I'm an American but I've been living in Zurich for about seventeen years and I'm associated with the C. G. Jung Institute there. My interest in parapsychology comes through practical analytical work with people in whose lives ESP events play an important part that leads then to theoretical psychological questions (in Jung's language, archetypal psychology) so that my concern now is mainly with where the parapsychological and what we call the psychological meet and whether they are more or less the same thing.

Herbert. My name is Benson Herbert. I'm British. I used to be a lecturer in physics. I joined the Society for Psychical Research while still at school and have spent most of my life studying parapsychology. I have myself seen a certain amount of phenomena which led me to be especially interested in this field. In the last few years I have been editor of the *Journal of Paraphysics* which endeavors to deal with this field.

Angoff. I'm Allan Angoff. I've been associated with the Foundation since it was founded twenty years ago. I have served as a consultant, editor, trustee and administrative secretary.

Pahnke. My name is Walter Pahnke. I'm a research psychiatrist. I'm presently at the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center in Baltimore, Maryland, where I'm director of clinical sciences. I also teach in the Department of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University. My interest in parapsychology goes back, I guess, more than twenty years. My chief research interest at the present time revolves around the phenomena and possible uses of psychedelic drugs in research and therapy. In addition to my training in medicine and psychiatry, I've also had graduate training in theology, philosophy and psychology.

Hansel. My name is Mark Hansel. I'm a psychologist at the University College of Swansea of the University of Wales. I've been interested in parapsychology for about twenty years and have mainly had the role of a professional goat, I suppose.

Cohen. My name is Dan Cohen. I'm a journalist. Most of my training has been writing scientific subjects for popular consumption. In the past I've written some rather goat-like things about parapsychology.

Kanthamani. My name is B. K. Kanthamani. I found an interest in parapsychology as a graduate student at the University of Andhra, Waltair, India.

Weiner. My name is Herbert Weiner and I've been a rabbi working with a congregation for over twenty years . . . and running away from this congregation as often as possible to go to places where I try to study a subject called the Kabbalah—Jewish mysticism dealing with all "para" kind of things.

Greenbank. I'm Richard Greenbank. I'm a professor of psychiatry and psychoanalyst in Philadelphia. My prime interest is in working with people and as a result of this I have become, I think, the devil's advocate approaching parapsychology to remove those things that are not truly parapsychology from the field.

Greenbank. I'm Sondra Greenbank, married to "devil's advocate" Robert Greenbank, and I also work in the field of psychology.

Ely. I'm Don Ely from Syracuse University where I'm Professor of Instructional Technology. I guess I'm as far away from parapsychology as anyone around the table. I take a broad view of communications which I feel must be at the heart of psychology and parapsychology. I would best characterize myself as an applied learning psychologist concerned about the way people communicate ideas in the classroom and outside the classroom. I have a personal interest in the philosophy of religion and comparative religions.