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MY NAME IS Kathleen Tornqvist (name changed) and I am 66 years old. I live in Queensland, Australia, but was born in Adelaide, SA. It seems that so very often I make things happen. It is pretty spooky really. (I don't make anything bad happen). Sometimes if I just speak of someone, such as one of my husband's patients, they invariably phone for an appointment just as I ask about them. They can make contact within a very short time. I've had it happen before I've finished asking about them and

while I still have their treatment card in

my hand. This happens frequently—even if that person hasn't been to the surgery for years.

I have a little business, and if I concentrate on an item, look at its photo, or handle that item and ask myself why none of that particular item has sold for 12 months (let's say out of over 412 different items), I will suddenly sell not one, but two or more of that item to different people within minutes or within a 24-hour period. This happens with great regularity. With popular items I just expect it, but with items that have proved unpopular it seems odd. Also, I seem to be able to 'pick up' on somebody being terminally ill before

they even have a sign of illness. This happens with friends and family. The intuitive list goes on and on, and I've been like this since I was a small child.

I have a tertiary education (Law, UC Berkeley, USA), and am semi-retired. I have never been treated for a psychiatric disorder. I have never attended a séance, ghost hunt, or tarot-card reading because I see them as being potentially dangerous. I do not claim to be a medium. I do not claim to be a psychic. I have been to a fortune teller

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only once at Brighton in the UK, and she was pretty much 'spot on'. I have a fear of places where spirits/ghosts/presences may be, and this is because they seem to target me. And the ones that have targeted me in the past have not always been pleasant. In fact, they have terrified me. Have I ever seen a ghost? Yes, four times. Have I felt/heard spirits? Absolutely—I lived with one in the house for 17 years.

The following reports are in chronological order, and continue from where I left off in Part 2 (Volume 9, issue 1). These reports represent some of the more profound premonitions I have had:

August 2010. Concern for

my daughter in Dubai. Water drowning: I 'know' when my children are in danger or are going to place themselves into a dangerous situation in the near future.

For example, my youngest daughter lived in Dubai for eight years. For several days I kept getting 'flashes'—several of them a day—where I saw her laying face up in what looked like fresh pond water, with her long hair floating around her. She was very white, her eyes were staring and open, and she was dead. This same

'vision', or whatever it was, kept happening, so I asked my older daughter

what I should do about it. We decided that I should phone my daughter in Dubai to make sure she was okay. So, I did, and I asked her if she was planning to go anywhere near water, or go swimming. I insisted that it was fresh water, not the ocean. She then told me that she was planning on going with some friends to a deep waterhole spring in the desert the next weekend. She said that the rocks got so hot that you couldn't stand on them with bare feet and that you had to run like mad and make sure that you jumped as far out as possible so that you didn't hit the rocks below. I suggested that perhaps she should re-think about going. She

At My Desk

Sometimes I wonder if readers might be puzzled by some of the choices of articles in THE AIPR NEWS. Some readers might question whether they're getting 'the news' *per se*. I often think about what news is, or might be, or should be. Apart from being timely and significant, our articles should relate to the 'paranormal'. Naturally they do, but a defining feature of THE AIPR NEWS, and why our newsletter differs from the rest, is that I give contributors a chance to talk about the paranormal from personal experience—let's call that the 'human-interest' factor—and I find they want to talk about those experiences *today; right now*. There's a sense of urgency there, to which I give heed, so I publish as soon as I can (I don't draw from a back-log of submissions), and that's why I've printed the Tornqvist series, and the Barker series. And you get to read them almost as soon as I do. So, they're news-worthy. On another point, I make no judgement about the veracity of the series content, but I do say that I engage in lengthy correspondences with contributors, whom I find to be sincere; they ask genuine heart-felt questions about psi, and they believe they've experienced something paranormal. And let's not forget that these premonitions—probably far more socially pertinent than most lab-generated items—may indicate the real purpose served by psi, whether that be a highly intuitive process, a special kind of need-serving coincidence, or something altogether different. Time and again, in the alarming premonitions of Tornqvist and Barker, we become aware of the life-changing life-saving consequences inherent in them, and attempts to explain them away can come over as specious, dismissive, even insulting, and lose touch with the import of what's really happening. Skeptics might say these 'psychic' people have merely been *very lucky!* But doesn't that just beg the question?

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—Lance Storm

Premonitions (Part 3) by Kathleen Tornqvist

abused me, told me she didn't want to know how she was going to die, and that I had freaked her out. But, as soon as I had warned her of the danger, and told her to rethink her plans, the visions that had plagued me for days ceased. And, she did not go into the desert to swim in that water-hole.

August 2010. Walking dogs with a friend and I suddenly 'knew' that she was dying when she seemed to be healthy and well. She died very soon thereafter: I somehow knew my friend was going to die. My friend and I were walking our dogs together, and I said to her, "I have this very weird feeling that someone close to me is going to die soon."

She said that she hoped it wasn't her. As

soon as she said this I somehow knew it was her, but I lied and said that perhaps I was on edge because another friend's sister had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.

My friend had only recently had a full medical check-up for her visa (she was Norwegian and living here) and she passed with 'flying colours', so I wondered why I had such strong feelings about her.

A month later my friend complained of pain in her hip. I suggested she get a blood test. She went to the doctor who told her she had fibromyalgia. I told her I thought that was rubbish and asked if she'd had a blood test. She said no, the doctor felt it unnecessary since she'd had blood tests recently for her visa. I became insistent and she finally asked for a blood test.

The following day we got a phone call from her husband who was crying. He said that she was in the final stages of breast cancer, that she had a red-cell count of only 15, couldn't have any more blood transfusions, and that there was nothing they could do. She died three weeks later. And two

weeks after that, her husband brought a new woman into the house whom he has since married. I have wondered ever since whether arsenic may have been involved. In hindsight she was displaying symptoms of arsenic poisoning. And, she was cremated immediately. Her husband threw out all of her belongings the day after she died, and cleaners removed every sign of her. I will forever remain suspicious.

August 2012. Concern for daughter whom I discovered had fallen and was in hospital: I was agitated all day. I had a feeling that something was not right with my oldest daughter who lives in Perth. I tried testing and phoning her during the day, but she didn't answer.

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My husband arrived home from work at around 5PM and I told him how worried I was. He told me to just ring her, and I responded that I'd been trying to call her during the day, but she hadn't got back to me and that I didn't like annoying her without good reason. I suggested to him that I had a feeling that she may have had an accident or been ill and was in hospital. Finally I caved in and phoned the house again at 6:55PM. My grand-daughter answered the phone and told me that her mother was driving the other children to and from hockey and would be home soon.

At 11PM my mobile rang and it was my daughter apologising for not getting back to me. She said she'd had a very busy day; she was at the hospital as she'd apparently been rushing to get to the gym and had fallen down their front stairs and broken her foot. But she was in Perth, so my call at 6:55PM from Queensland was 2 hours earlier. She said she had fallen at 6:55 PM Perth time.

September 2012. I was so

convinced my daughter in Dubai would need rescuing soon that I put plans in place. The plan was executed in November: My daughter was living in Dubai and had been there for eight years. She had a new boyfriend and seemed to be very happy. But I had a feeling about him. I had expressed my doubts to my daughter and she told me I was imagining things and that she was loved and that she was happy.

Over a period of weeks I had this dreadful feeling of impending doom. I began to have quick images of window boxes filled with flowers and a long drop down. I decided to secretly contact one of my daughter's friends via Facebook and asked her whether she thought my

daughter was okay. The friend told me she hadn't seen my daughter for a month or so and that

none of my daughter's friends had seen her; that my daughter seemed to spend all of her time with her new boyfriend, and that he was very possessive and didn't like her to see her friends.

After a few days, my daughter phoned home, crying, and telling me how unhappy she was, and that her boyfriend was behaving weirdly. I suggested she move out and leave him. She said no, and thought it must be something she was doing. I tried, but couldn't convince her to leave him. So, I contacted her friend again and suggested an escape plan for my daughter. You see, it is illegal to live with someone you aren't married to in Dubai, and in the event of domestic violence you can't call the police or get support from anybody. If the police are involved, both parties end up in prison. My daughter had briefly visited home a few weeks before because my mother was unwell, and at that time I had organised an emergency credit card for her. She told me she didn't need it. I was insistent and told her it was for emergen-

cies only.

One morning at 2AM, I received an hysterical phone call. She was screaming that he was trying to kill her. I could hear screaming and the sounds of things being broken. Eventually he got on the phone and because I'd already decided he was a psychopath I treated him cautiously. I told him that my daughter was very naughty to have upset him and that I was on his side. I told him that she was crazy and needed time to cool down, and suggested that he leave the apartment, bunk in with some friends and not return until later the next morning.

He did leave, and as soon as he did, I put my plan into place. I contacted my daughter's friend who arrived with her boyfriend. They packed up what they could and took my daughter to their apartment. They told nobody she was there.

My daughter used the emergency credit card I gave her to buy a plane ticket (the boyfriend had maxed out her other credit cards). She phoned her boss to say she had to return home for a family emergency (her grandmother was dying) and that she'd be back in a few days. (You see, you can't just leave Dubai without a special clearance given by your employer).

My daughter later told me that her boyfriend had tried to throw her off their high-rise balcony that incidentally had window boxes with planted flowers, just as I imagined. After my daughter arrived home, a former girlfriend of this psychopath contacted my daughter and said that he had actually dangled her from a high-rise balcony, holding onto her ankles—he had broken her arm, and had pushed her down a flight of stairs. So, my daughter was lucky to escape.

But if I hadn't somehow known what was going to happen, and put a plan into place, I don't think she would have survived. As it was, she arrived home badly bruised and beaten. She suffered post traumatic stress syndrome, was on suicide watch for a while, and it took over a year for her to recover. She is now working again, living in Perth, and getting on with her life. Ψ

Thinking the Unthinkable by Dean Radin¹

MONDAY, June 1st, 2015: I just finished attending a small, invited conference at Hayman Island, Australia (one of many beautiful islands located in the Great Barrier Reef).^[2]



The meeting was a gathering of Australian government, education, science, and business leaders, with a few international experts in various domains. At dinner I was told by one of the participants that the 130 or so people gathered there essentially run Australia.

The theme of the meeting was 'thinking the unthinkable'.^[3] We heard all sorts of depressing apocalyptic things on the horizon, along with a few positive potentials.

My role was to think unthinkable things about the human mind, so I spoke about psi and its potentials. I

cast my talk into one of the more positive potentials.

It was well received. Many people later came by and told me their psychic stories.

With regard to psi research, I see all this as a positive move. I was speaking to the Australian equivalents of the head of the US National Science Foundation, the Pentagon, and the Congress.

After my talk, a General pulled me aside and said that they had been tracking psi research for years and are convinced that there is something interesting going on. But they haven't seen it as sufficiently robust to do anything about it. At least not yet. With political tensions heating up, things may change. Ψ

Notes

1. Dr. Dean Radin is Chief Scientist at the Institute of Noetic Sciences. He holds appointments at AT&T Bell Labs, Princeton University,

University of Edinburgh, and SRI International. Dr. Radin is author of over 200 technical and popular articles and the award-winning books *The Conscious Universe* and *SUPERNORMAL*.

[2. The event, the Australian Leadership Retreat, is organised by the Australian Davos Connection (ADC Forum), an independent not-for-profit organisation founded in 1996 by Australian members and participants of the World Economic Forum.—EDITOR.]

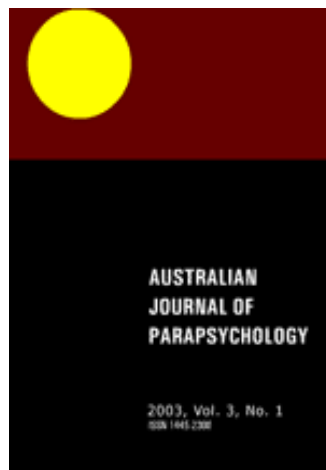
[3. The Retreat brochure says: "Undoubtedly 2015 will be a year to test our nation and its institutions and businesses. With ongoing disruption in many sectors and increasing geo-economic and geo-political challenges, we need fresh and bold thinking. Our theme reflects the imperative for us to create a basis for future prosperity by imagining and forging a resilient future."—EDITOR.]

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Quid Nunc by Hannah Jenkins

ABC of EEG

THIS ISSUE OF QUID NUNC takes a look at the electroencephalogram (EEG). The electrode-studded helmet which feeds out indications of brain activity is now an icon of science's ability to understand ourselves. Whether we are dead or not, whether we are normal or not, whether we are sick or not, whether we can use it to communicate telepathically. What? Is this a sign cognitive scientists are finally taking the possibility of telepathy seriously and trying to understand how it may work? Sorry to get your hopes up, but no. Just another case of media savvy lab workers using the word to drum up a bit of coverage for their new 'brain interface'.¹

It is funny though, because the EEG was invented by a guy who was inspired to dedicate his career to find out how telepathy works. Truly. In 1892 Hans Berger, a German psychiatrist, was 19 years old, and yet to become interested in psychiatry when he fell off his horse during a military exercise near Würzburg (he'd recently ditched his studies in

maths and astronomy in Berlin).² The fall put him smack bang in front of a huge artillery gun which stopped just short of crushing him to death. That very same day, back in Coburg, many miles distant, where he grew up and where his family still lived his sister had implored their father to send a telegram to Hans as she felt that something terrible had happened to him. It turned out he was fine, he received the telegram and reassured them that nothing was amiss, but the incident left him wondering. He didn't usually receive concerned telegrams from his family and the fact that it coincided with his sister's impressions that he was in danger, which he certainly was, that very day made him consider the possibility that telepathy could be responsible. From that time onwards he dedicated his professional life to understanding what could be responsible for this transfer of information. Out of his investigations emerged the EEG, which was, and still is, used to measure the electrical activity of the brain in medicine and neuroscience.

Given its origins, it is appropriate that the EEG also plays a star role in many parapsychological experiments. Of the most famous, if still contentious, are the experiments of Cleve Backster. Although more famous for use of a lie detector to measure the response of plants to human intention to harm them, he also used EEG-type set-ups to measure activity in human cells. He found significant correlations between increased emotional state of the person from whom the cells had been taken and activity measured using an EEG.

While we are delving into this now long-gone era of psi research, here's a quirky fact. At the same time as Cleve Backster was maintaining his career as both a lie-detector expert, and developing his theory of bio-communication, on the other side of the globe, in Japan, another lie-detector expert was also measuring the output of plants. Ken Hashimoto, one time Managing Director and Chief of Research for Fuji Electronics, had developed a method of transposing the modulations in the suspect's voice from a recording into a graph which provided an indication as to whether the person was lying or not. Inspired by Backster's work, he decided to see what happened when he hooked up a plant, a cactus,³ to a modified lie detector and then reversed his own lie-detection method by converting the resulting graphs into sound and Bingo!; he produced what appears to be the 'voice' of a cactus responding to questions put to it by his wife (it didn't respond to him). Now, don't get me wrong. I don't think plants can talk or have emotions as such. I am just curious about the history of the use of this type of equipment and also inspired by the exploratory spirit of that era of experimentation.

At the same time, I am glad that there are present-day parapsychologists making good use of the old EEG. Along with electrodermal measurements, EEG measurements are being

used to explore presentiment.⁴ Namely, there is an indication that when we experience a fright, sensation of pleasure or other significant emotion there is a measurable response from our bodies. That would seem pretty normal and uncontroversial. We can feel it in ourselves, our heart beats faster if we see someone nearly get run over. However, the trick is, there is an indication that we exhibit these same responses *before* the event takes place. That's what the EEG is being used to investigate. I think it is fitting that the EEG was invented by someone who experienced a fright that was somehow picked up by his sister in a distant location which then investigated his interest in telepathy and is now being used to explore what could be one of the most useful and intriguing aspects of psi.

So, I've decided to start a collection. If you know of any other inventions that were inspired by psi experiences, I'd love to hear about them. Send them through to:

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Notes


1. More about the interface here:
<http://theconversation.com/brain-to-brain-interfaces-the-science-of-telepathy-37926>
2. D. Millett, "Hans Berger: From Psychic Energy to the EEG," *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, 44(4), (2001): 522-542.
3. You can see a clip of the 'talking' cactus here: <http://www.qipp.com.au/Files/MOV01058.AVI>
4. There's a nice summary of presentiment experiments here: B. Williams, "A Brain Response to a Future Event?" *Public Parapsychology*, (2007), Retrieved from: <http://publicparapsychology.blog-spot.com.au/2007/11/brain-response-to-future-event.html>

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