

*this* manner, there are basic changes in the study of somatic science, and this will promote major developments in somatic science.

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ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM TO BE CONVENED BY COMMISSION ON SYSTEM THEORIES IN CHINESE MEDICINE

*an overall summary of the development of somatic science in China*

The system theories of Chinese medicine are an important component of the modernization of Chinese medicine. It already has a certain foundation in China and has attracted a great deal of wide-spread attention. In order to promote development in the study of the system theories of Chinese medicine and to strengthen ties, the Special Commission on Chinese Medicine System Theories of the Chinese Society of Somatic Sciences is actively organizing a conference and specialty symposium to be convened in Chengdu in the fall of 1990 to discuss the direction and special characteristics of the specialty of system theories in Chinese medicine and to study the system concepts in basic theory in Chinese medicine, especially the concept of man as an open, complex giant-scale system. The contact unit for this conference is Staff Office, Chinese Society of Somatic Sciences, Zhang Ruiyun, Post Office Box 5104, Beijing. Postal code is 100094.

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2. Targets must be sealed using tamper-proof methods--"irreversible" is the Chinese term.
3. There must be continuous, on-site, multi-angle observation by experimenters or by video tape.

These requirements have led researchers to believe that their reported results are real, and that the effect is PK acting on the target. When the use of modern instruments becomes unavoidable, it is believed that the experimental protocol must be arranged so that the subject is away from the instruments and without knowledge of when or how the surveillance and analysis of targets is performed.

#### 4. *Psi as a personally developable skill*

It is assumed as a matter of course in P.R.C. that psychic ability, as well as other benefits, can be developed through the practice of qigong. In the West, by contrast, the serious literature largely ignores training and stresses conditions at the time of the experiment.

#### 5. *Areas not studied*

Although investigations of apparitions, poltergeists, hauntings, and survival of death (including mediumship, channeling, and reincarnation) are not formally banned in P.R.C., these topics are often considered to be sensitive, and thus are not reported as being formally studied because of concern about their ideological inappropriateness under the compelling guidelines of Marxist materialism. Moreover, researchers are comparatively ignorant concerning these psychic research topics. Some experimenters briefly investigated such areas earlier, but soon became targets for attack by Mr. Yu Guangyuan and others. It seems that no one has mentioned these topics openly since then.

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