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Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2017 9:55 AM
To: Deepak Chopra
Subject: Re: SAVANTS

ill fund the assistnat . no help n=eeded. looking forward to seeein gyou

On Sat, Sep 16, 2017 at 5:=4 AM, Deepak Chopra <[REDACTED]> >>
wrote:

Let's do it
I can get some funding=C2

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On Sep 16, 2017, at 3:45 AM, Ramachandran, Vilayanur <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])> <[\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])> wr=te:

We would need a full time assistant housed in one of our off=ces (or divided between us) to coordinate all this

But for starters Do you Darold (if i may) know of any ma=hematical savants who could come to our facility to be tested . The advant=ge is that the Parameters are clearly defined T=o savants would be good for starters I may invite an eminent professional number theorist to join us (UCSD is a hot-bed for number the=ry and pure math - with three Fields medallists)

Cheers Rama [REDACTED]

From: Darold Treffere= [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Ramachandran, Vilayanur
Cc: Deepak Chopra
Subject: RE: SAVANTS

VS,

Likewise I feel that I kn=w you through your remarkable work. We toil in the same vineyard of =ysterious and (as yet) unexplained exceptional brain performance. I would welcome collaboration.

So much to explore. =C2 How do savants "know things they never learned", like the =eriodic table, prime numbers, solar system or whole globe geography? =(my explanation is genetic memory--the genetic transmission of knowledge (natu=e v. nurture). I have a register of about 300 savants and about the =ime I think I have heard it all comes another with new unheard of skill or=ability, type 1 or 2 as you refer to those skills. I met with GOMA, a celebrated Japanese musician =ho, after a head injury, is now an accomplished artist as well. =A0 An acquired savant with an entirely different skill post injury. =C2 Some of these savants have been part of documentaries. =C2 The "work-up" was usually imaging studies looking for 'the s=ot' of savant syndrome. The imaging produces v=ry pretty pictures for TV, but very little illumination of what has happen=d. Imaging, impressive as it is, just is not sensitive enough (yet), even DTI or DTT, to pinpoint the underlying defects at the synapse l=vel of savant syndrome, creativity and even autism. More productive =esults will come from carefully designed, intricate, neuropsychological te=ting. But there is always the rush to imaging.

I have been so consumed w=th the acquired savant, and hyperlexia (children who read early often mis=agnosed as being on the spectrum) and paranormal phenomenon in about 1% of savants, my congenital savant registry has not been kept cu=rent. I intend to correct that. We have organized an acquired =avant registry from unsolicited emails or other sources and will soon publ=sh those preliminary results. We have designed a comprehensive survey instrument to now collect uniform data from those u=solicited, non uniform e mails and will be sending that out soon to the sa=ants and/or families. We have done the same now for 160 hyper=xia patients/families and will be

analyzing that data. My exploration of para-normal subjects continues. I intend to renew some effort with the savant registry and that may be where our interests most intersect.

So there may be ways to collaborate. One person I was collaborating with, Oliver Sacks, regretably passed away. We were exchanging some cases. I have the largest world collection of savant books, theses, professional articles, news articles, videotapes and correspondence on savant syndrome, which has gradually morphed from savant syndrome only to other manifestations of the exceptional brain. It is a gold mine of data. The hospital has been kind enough to provide a building and some staff for the Treffert Center which we intend to put to full use and explore other sources of support and expansion.

So, let me know your thoughts on this somewhat rambling response to your welcome note. Please feel free to share this with Deepak because of his interest in these same 'mysteries'. Let's see if there are ways to work together in this extraordinary vinyard.

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From: Ramachanran, Vilayanur []
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Darold Treffert
Subject: SAVANTS <[REDACTED]>

Dear DR Treffer=

WE haven't been introduced formally but I feel I know you through your book, your SCi Am article and your recent lecture transmitted to CARTA UCSD where I work .

I have had a long-standing interest in Savants - especially those with math skills = eg prime numbers) and visuospatial and our center , in fact , focuses on 'solving " neurological mysteries eg synesthesia , phantom pain , xenomelia (apotemnophilia) Capgras etc

Bernie Rimland had indicated he would like to collaborate but , alas , passed away.

Would you be so kind as to refer savants with unusual skills in any domain but esp math , music and art to our facility ? Needless to say we would invite your participation (assuming you have the time) and coauthorship

Coincidentally= my good friend and colleague dr Deepak Chopra was visiting our lab a few weeks ago and this matter came up

There are two classes =f phenomena . First , skills that are clearly definable such as prim= numbers , drawing , memory size estimation etc which can be replica=ed under carefully controlled settings ; two- ' super human ' or even=supernatural abilities like telepathy , clairvoyance etc which= have long resisted replication

my focus will on=class 1 - a more detailed understanding of whats going on. Before ju=ping to imaging there are basic simple tests one can do. But I'm=also open to testing the latter

Theres also a vast gr=y zone between these two classes.

We hope e can interest you i= this venture

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