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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 4:19 PM  
**To:** Jeff Epstein  
**Cc:** Barnaby Marsh  
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Subject: Re: SAVANTS

Dear esteemed colleagues,

I have read and admired your work for decades, and would like to express gratitude for all that you have done to lead us to this exciting point in time. This collaboration sounds like a dream team. Thank you Deepak for bringing us together to work on what could bring about a major paradigm shift.

I am currently collaborating with Professor Daniel Sheehan to develop a model that incorporates quantum physics and neuroscience for understanding savant skills and non-local phenomena.

Congratulations Darold! I would love to learn more about the Treffert Center.

Respectfully,  
Diane Hennacy Powell, MD

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On Sun, Jul 23, 2017 at 5:18 AM, Deepak Chopra <[redacted]> <mailto:[redacted]> wrote:

Dear Dr Trefferet

I have admired your work for several years . I am particularly fascinate= with the following statements you make "How do savants "know things they never learned", like the periodic t=ble, prime numbers, solar system or whole globe geography? (my expla=ation is genetic memory--the genetic transmission of knowledge (nature v. =urture). I have a register of about 300 savants and about the time I think I have heard it all comes another with new unhe=rd of skill or ability, type 1 or 2 as you refer to those skills. &nb=p; I met with GOMA, a celebrated Japanese musician who, after a head injur=, is now an accomplished artist as well. An acquired savant with an entirely different skill post injury" =

While "genetic memory "= is a good hypothesis we must remember that "genes " themselves =re human constructs -names we have give to modes of knowing & experience in consciousness, which remains a mystery. Savants who ha=e " know things they never learned" may offer a window to non lo=al reality.

I have interest from Amazon film= on a documentary on consciousness and the universe and will seek your's a=d Dr Ramachandran's & Diana Powell's participation. Meanwhile meet Ryan and Bill who are in charge of ISHARonline.com

We would love to document and ar=hive your work for future generations and promote it on social media to in=rease awareness & expand the conversation so we can all learn more. With great respect & admiration of your work=/span>

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From: =arold Trefferet <[REDACTED]> <mailto:[REDACTED]> >  
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:34:33 PM  
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Cc: Deepak Chopra  
Subject: RE: SAVANTS

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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. =nbsp; 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 (nature v. nurtur=). I have a register of about 300 savants and about the time I think=I have heard it all comes another with new unheard of skill or ability, ty=e 1 or 2 as you refer to those skills. I met with GOMA, a celebrated Japanese musician who, after a head injury, =s now an accomplished artist as well. An acquired savant with =n entirely different skill post injury. Some of these sa=ants have been part of documentaries. The "work-up" =as usually imaging studies looking for 'the spot' of savant syndrome. &n=sp; The imaging produces very pretty pictures for TV, but very=little illumination of what has happened. Imaging, impressive as it =s, just is not sensitive enough (yet), even DTI or DTT, to pinpoint the underlying defects at the synapse level of savant sy=drome, creativity and even autism. More productive results will come=from carefully designed, intricate, neuropsychological testing. But =here is always the rush to imaging.

I have been so consumed w=th the acquired savant, and hyperlexia (children who read early often mis=iagnosed 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 hyperl=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 c=llaborate. One person I was collaborating with, Oliver Sacks, regret=ably passed away. We were exchanging some cases. I have the largest world collection of savant books, theses, professional articles, n=ws articles, videotapes and correspondence on savant syndrome, which has g=adually morphed from savant syndrome only to other manifestations of the =xceptional brain. It is a gold mine of data. The hospital has been kind enough to provide a buildin= 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.

Darold A. Treffert, M.D.<=>

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From: Ramachandran, Vilayanur []  
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:54 PM  
To: Darold Treffert  
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Dear DR Treffer=t

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 <=span>

Bernie Rimland had indicated he would like to collaborate but , alas , passed away.=/span>

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

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

There's also a vast gray zone between these two classes.

We hope it can interest you in this venture

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