

FRATERNITIES AND LANGUAGE

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It is known that any discipline, be it old or new, creates its own “initiatory” language that allows easy communication among, well, “initiates”, but is incomprehensible to those who are not. Thus exclusive “fraternities” are born. Medicine, architecture, music – to name three old and very different fields – have created their own jargon (i.e. nomenclature) that segregates them; from the point of view of an ignorant public it gives them an aura of competence and credibility aided by its incomprehensibility.

Even the world of “frontier phenomena” is no exception; on the contrary, it only appears consistent to those who come in contact with it sporadically and superficially. In actual fact it consists of many disciplines, each of which is a “fraternity” in its own right with its own jargon, dogmas, and rivalries with other disciplines.

The task of making the worlds of “official science” and “frontier phenomena” compatible is particularly arduous, especially since many terms are common to both worlds but have very different meanings. For example, one group refers to Energy as work measured in joules, and the other group talks about Energy (often called “subtle Energies”) as something similar to “creative ability”, or better still, as the “ability to influence reality”.

To discredit anyone who thinks differently, official Science rises to the occasion and states that the only accepted and acceptable definition of Energy is its own and anyone who defines it otherwise is a charlatan. In Physics, Energy means work - the product of force by displacement - and force (according to Newton) is the product of mass and acceleration (distance divided by time squared). However, physics itself, although successful at explaining how to measure distance, time, and mass, can't explain WHAT THEY ARE. The objection to this is that mass is obtained by equating $E=mc^2$ with $E=hf$ (h =Planck's constant and f =frequency); this brings frequency and Planck's constant into play, but still does NOT give us a proper definition. Let's not forget that Newton himself, when writing the formula for calculating the gravitational attraction between two bodies, explained how gravity is used but NOT WHAT IT IS. As it happens, we still don't know.

One group talks about frequency as the number of (same) events occurring in one second, measured in Hertz (cycles per second); the other group refers to **frequency** (eg: *this place has a higher frequency than the other place*) as something along the lines of “ability to influence living beings”, and this is not necessarily measured in Hz. It doesn't mean, though, that it can't be felt by human beings. To put it simply, terms can mean something other than what is canonized by Physics, but what they describe exists all the same.

The attempt to discredit an opponent because the opponent confers a different (considered improper) meaning on a word is clearly a stunt to justify a refusal to consider other points of view.

On the other hand, in daily life it isn't uncommon for the same term to have different meanings: for example “arrow” means one thing in archery, another in construction, and another in road

signs. Similarly, the word “swing” can mean a back and forth movement (eg sport), a shift in opinion (eg politics), or a type of music, with nobody complaining about its misuse.

Here is the real problem: apart from definitions, how do we make a ‘paranormal’ phenomenon believable for someone who can’t ‘see’ it, either due to inability or refusal and, at the same time, how do we convince someone who regularly ‘sees’ it to describe it honestly and in detail such that it’s comprehensible and allows measurement? In short, how to make someone submit to laborious and repeated verification of his/her honesty? Many are negatively conditioned by the procedure and lose their abilities. Many others, unfortunately, are not totally honest and exploit to their (usually financial) advantage their ability to spot others’ weak points, without possessing any paranormal ability whatsoever.

It is to make these worlds compatible and mutually beneficial that **EvanLab** was created and works towards.

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