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The Strange Case of Galte or Beyond the Realm of What is Physical

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Editorial

Creativity is like a willing mistress. It makes you feel full and content but at times, it does not. Sometimes it hides; and indeed, you miss it. At times, I have suffered the dilemma of the blank page. What do I write? On what or about what? Sometimes, there seems to be no light on the highway of ideas, not even a neon sign from which to extract a text. Or an enchanted object that triggers a memory or experience.

Fortunately, a blank page situation on my operating table has not happened to me. It has not occurred when I have had to make split second surgical decisions (where creativity plays a part) nor when I have operated with “Rosa”, the hospital assistant robot. In light of today's world, all decisions end in a result. Whether it is a medical decision as a result of evidence-based learning or a search on google scholar.

But, where does creativity or inspiration come from? From the gut, from the cerebral cortex or perhaps... outside of our consciousness? A revelation perchance.

Sometimes, there is very little time, not only to write but to make an urgent decision. A quick decision. Let me go further, what if that revelation came from beyond the limits of the physical body?

In a previous article, I commented on the experience of neurosurgeon Dr. Eben Alexander, whose incredible experience (and journey through death) was portrayed in a best-selling book.

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He tells us that consciousness has no physical limits and that on the other side, we are not alone. So, I want to tell you about the strange case of Jaime Galté. The Chilean mutant. Yes, indeed. In a long and distant country, a man was born whose legacy is still remembered to this day.

Many years ago, in the United States, a head of a pharmaceutical laboratory took a paper prescription with astonishment. He addressed those who were present almost unable to believe what he was reading - How do you know about this medicine? - The patrons looked at each other - What's the matter? Someone dared to ask. The head of the laboratory cleared his throat and said in a raspy voice: "This drug has not yet been released, it is in the experimental phase".

When it became clear that there was no espionage or theft of information, the laboratory filled out the prescription and the patient returned to Chile as quickly as possible.

That patient was a Chilean teenager (in the sixties) called Alfredo Reyes Corveaux, a victim of bronchopneumonia with staphylococcus aureus, which became so complicated that even the best specialists held no hope for his recovery.

Well, three days after ingesting that prescription from the United States, the patient began to speak and walk again (he had a long kinesiological recovery) and lived to tell his story.

Who gave him the prescription?

A lawyer who knew nothing about medicine. (If the reader has decided to stop reading, I understand, but I encourage you to finish). The lawyer was Chilean Jaime Galté. Galté was a medium and could channel the spirit of Dr. Erick Halfanne, a Swiss-German doctor who lived in Bolivia at the end of the 19th century. Through him (the spirit of him) he could prescribe therapeutic treatment. He could also receive philosophical wisdom from the spirit of Mr. Lowe (which we may delve into on another occasion). Even when nothing could be done for the patient; the spirit invoked by Galté could bring about a less painful (and more peaceful) death for the patient. From a very young age, the lawyer received manifestations of his gift. He had premonitions in dreams and manifestations. He entered law school at the University of Chile. He was a professor at the same faculty where he studied and became the lawyer of the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile. Galte perfected his gift with seriousness, dedication and reading although natural discretion was required since during that time "those kinds of things" were frowned upon. His diagnoses materialized in dozens of prescriptions that healed not only illnesses but the very lives of those who came to him. The word of mouth of that time reached the ears of a famous Spanish doctor, who knew about one of the many cases in which the Galte-Halfanne duo had intervened. A girl with a serious kidney condition. Dr. Gregorio Marañón came to Chile and he was greatly surprised when he discovered that the girl's doctor... was actually a lawyer! The doctor wanted to take him to Spain but the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War prevented them from taking the trip to Europe. The London Society for Psychical Research also wanted him to travel to England, but the start of the Second World War cancelled those plans.

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Galte's daughter, Sonia, remembers her father's medium ship: "He invoked it (the spirit) at will. After closing his eyes, concentrating and falling into a trance, his face changed expression deforming his features. Then, he took pencil and paper and, in large handwriting different than his, wrote" After the trance, the lawyer said that he began to fall asleep from head to toe to bring together the solar plexus. And about what was written, he himself was surprised because he did not understand anything when he regained consciousness. Galte's case is not widely known by the public. In the last century, there was, naturally, neither the internet nor social networks. His descendants have been in charge of maintaining his legacy.

Since evidence-based medicine, more than 150 years ago, progress has been enormous, especially from the second half of the 20th century to the present. Currently, it is being catalyzed by the explosive rise of artificial intelligence. The word scientist was coined by the philosopher, William Whewell in 1840.

This whole story and many others which I have read, of other men with special abilities and their patients (such as one who was blind and regained his sight for a day, only to die a short time later) may never be accepted as the official truth. Just imagine Dr. Alexander's journey and trying to explain and put on paper his experience of supra-consciousness. And the story that I have told you about the lawyer Galte, helped by a deceased doctor!

According to Darwin, we are the result of thousands and thousands of epochs of evolution and perhaps the immaterial world has also evolved (if it exists) and helps the human species with responses. In fact, while I was writing I remembered that Alfred Wallace discovered the same thing as Darwin, (on another trip to another part of the planet) but unlike Charles, Wallace was a convinced spiritualist (perhaps because of that paradox in the Victorian era, he is less popular and well known).

Matter versus spirit. What do you think dear reader?

I was recently talking to a skeptic about creativity and other things and he told me:—"Nobody can know the date of his/her death"- he told me.

"Of course," I replied.

I didn't want to tell him that someone did know the date of his death, it was the lawyer Galte, he communicated this event weeks before to those close to him on November 1, 1965 at 8:15 in the morning.

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