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Dear Mr Randi,
Dear JREF Committee,

My name is Pierre de Lasteyrie and I would like to take you up on your « **One Million Dollar Challenge** ». I am a French osteopath. I graduated from the European School of Osteopathy, in Maidstone UK ,in 2004.

What is my claim ?

***« I have the ability to feel someone's¹ emotional state by "palpatory-pathy" .
Indeed, blind folded, I can differentiate successfully between at least 2
different emotional states: "contempt/relaxation" VS "anger" using cranial
and fascial osteopathic approaches. »***

Why is my claim ripe for your challenge?

I am currently working on the publication of a literature review concerning cranial osteopathy. It appears that there is :

- No valid scientific evidence to explain cranial osteopathy.
- No evidence supporting the fact that it can be possible to feel someone's emotional state through cranio-fascial osteopathic techniques.

Palpatory-pathy presents itself as a phenomena understood to be outside of science's current ability to explain or measure.

Is it not the definition of "paranormal"?

Why winning this challenge matters to me?

- Osteopathy is a passion of mine because of its balance between art and science. A lot of the approaches work, but are not fully or well explained, and let's be frank some parts of it are pure placebo. What a fantastic playground to try to understand and to dissociate its myths from its facts!

¹ Age : between 20 to 35, no major physical and psychological traumatic history, BMI between 20-25, Caucasian type

- For the past 5 years understanding and learning about suggestion-hypnosis-NLP has become a hobby. Richard Dawkins, Derren Brown, and yourself have been inspiring figures.
- These mixed interests have helped me to get a deeper introspection in osteopathy and have deepened my understanding in different “alternative therapies”. I strongly believe that osteopaths (or other alternative therapists) would gain a lot in doing the same.
- This experiment could also be of major significance to help to understand cranio-fascial osteopathy and to take its research in a radically new direction.
- This challenge could truly bring a new understanding to the body-mind connection.

What will I do with a 1 Million-Dollar prize?

A part of the “1 Million-Dollar prize” will be spent in the creation of an innovative osteopathic research centre in which one of the research program will deal with the “*palpatory-pathy*”. I believe the explanation lies with the *ideomotor effect* coming from the practitioner (the rhythmic source) *interacting with* the general and specific *inherent muscle tone* of the patient.

I heard you once in an interview with R. Dawkins:

R.D.: *« Can I ask you a question about the 1 M dollar prize? I would be worried if I were you because of the fact that we have peri-normal possibilities...I mean what if there really is a peri-normal phenomenon which is going to be embraced within science but at the present is classified as paranormal... You shouldn't pay out for that, because it becomes physics. I wonder how you define what you prepare to pay out for? »*

J.R.: *« Well first of all let's say that if we have to pay out 1 Million dollar I'll happily do it, we'll have discover something wonderful and new and it will be worth 1 Million dollar... »*

The time has come ☺

Yours Sincerely,

Pierre de Lasteyrie du Saillant