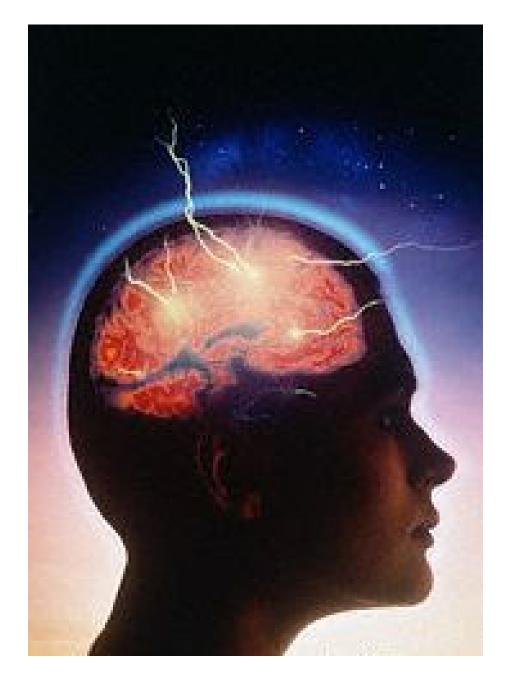


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PSYCHOMETRY



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Psychometry

Have you ever touched someone or something and gotten some kind of message -- a message in the form of ideas, pictures, or words? While shopping in an antique store, do you pick up impressions about certain pieces? Are you instantly attracted to some people and objects and repelled by others? If you've experienced any of these sensations, you're experiencing psychometry.

Psychometry is the art of interpreting the psychic vibrations contained in objects. Sometimes referred to as "psychic touch," it is the ability to read an object's history or the history of those who have handled it. While it deals most often with the past, it may often reflect present states as well. It is often used in cases of missing persons. The reader can touch an object the person has worn or touched, usually an article of clothing, to get intuitive impressions of the person's whereabouts.

Some common items used in psychometry are rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, and watches. Any of these items will hold information about the wearer, such as their thoughts, emotional state, and events affecting their life. Through psychometry, a story unfolds that describes not only the events of a person's life, but also how the person is feeling, thinking and reacting to these events. In order to receive clear information, the object should belong to, and have only been worn by, the person getting the reading.

The following exercises are very basic, but they will help you learn to develop your psychometric abilities, individually and in groups. Everyone has this ability to some degree, but most of us don't focus on it consciously. With practice, you may become proficient.

If you decide to develop your psychometric skills, only use them for positive purposes. Any attempt to intrude on someone's life without their permission is not only inappropriate, but clearly an invasion of privacy.

Which Hand To Use

The hand you use to get impressions from objects is very important. Your dominant hand *gives* or *relays* information, while your non-dominant or receptive hand *receives* information. Your receptive hand is the correct hand to use.

The following is a simple test to find out which hand is most receptive. It is very important that you do this, as you will always use this hand to receive impressions, at least until you have become so accurate that you can use either hand.

For most right-handed people, the left hand is the receptive hand. For left-handed people, the right hand is likely to be the receptive hand. If you are in doubt, or were changed from a left-hander to a right-hander as a child, the following test can be used to discover which hand is your receiver.

- 1. Hold both hands at chest level with fingertips pointing up and palms facing each other.
- 2. Rub hands together very lightly to stimulate the energy flow.
- 3. Move your hands closer together, then apart, feeling the flow of energy.
- 4. Whichever hand feels stronger, or that it is emitting stronger energy, that is your dominant hand. The other is your non-dominant or receptive hand. Always use your receptive hand in psychometry.

When you are beginning your work in psychometry, always pick up or touch an object with your receptive hand. If you pick up the object with your dominant hand, you may inadvertently transmit an impression as you do.

Form a habit of using your receptive hand to take things from others, and to pick up something you may intend to use. This will be a challenge, as you are probably used to picking things up and holding things with your dominant hand, but this practice will help you to remember to use your receptive hand for psychometric work.

How To Practice Psychometry

As we have already learned, all objects carry an energy frequency connected to the person they are most in contact with. You can learn to interpret these energies with the exercises that follow.

The first exercise is for the individual, but it is best performed with a friend from whom you can receive feedback.

- 1. Sit relaxed with your eyes closed and your hands in your lap, palms up.
- 2. Instruct a person to place an object that they have had in their possession for a long time in your receptive hand.
- 3. Relate everything that you see in your mind, think of, hear in your head and any feelings that you have while holding the object.

You may pick up some thoughts, feelings, and symbols that seem meaningless to you but keep talking as much as possible about what is in your mind and you may be amazed at how much is relevant to the owner of the object. This technique develops your gift of feeling. It gives you the experience of learning to tune into another person's vibrations to discern what you are feeling.

Sometimes, while practicing psychometry, the feelings associated with the object

are vague and don't seem to bear much relevance to anything recognizable to the object's owner. On other occasions, the opposite is the case and intricate details can be discerned. Some people are more relaxed and trusting and so they get many messages immediately. Some people are afraid they will say or do it incorrectly so they get nothing. Don't worry. You can't do it wrong!

The following exercise is for a group of people. Group practice is best because you can all put an object into a bowl without knowing which object belongs to whom. In a new group setting such as this, try not to say anything that might make someone uncomfortable. Be tactful and diplomatic, but as descriptive of your thoughts, feelings, or symbols as possible for feedback from the owner of the object.

- 1. As discreetly as possible, everyone puts an object of theirs in a bowl.
- 2. Each person then reaches in and takes out an object that it is not their own.
- 3. Hold the objects in your receptive hands until you receive an impression. Sometimes I ask specific questions such as, "Will this person change their job or career?" "Will he or she find love?" "If so when?" "Who?" What lesson does this person have to face at this time? ... etc.
- 4. Each person then takes a turn describing his or her impressions. Relate everything that you see in your mind, think of, hear in your head and any feelings that you have while holding the object.
- 5. Everyone should give some kind of feedback. Feedback is what helps us to develop our skills.

Dermo-Optic Perception

Another area of psychometry is dermo-optic perception, or "sight through touch." It refers to 'seeing' by touching the skin's surface. Some people have developed this sensitivity quite naturally, especially those who are sight impaired and must rely on touch.

Everyone emits electromagnetic energy. When we tap into this energy, we can see as well as if we were using our eyes. But regardless of continuing proof that such a thing as dermo-optic ability is present in many people, arguments still abound that relate dermo-optics to telepathy and clairvoyance. Therefore, it should be mentioned that in many cases where dermo-optic perception ability was found evident in a certain person, that person was separately tested for telepathic and clairvoyant abilities, and in most cases, no such ability was present!

Some people can distinguish colours and patterns through dermo-optic perception. Various colours have different feeling. Some have described black as "sticky" or "clinging" to the touch, while yellow was "slippery" and blue was found to be "still more slippery, but cool to the touch, like delicate ice." Red causes great, bold radiation, and according to some, is so hot that the subject immediately draws his hand away, as though from searing heat.

It seems that small children are sensitive to colours, and can easily distinguish them merely by feel. One young mother reports the case of her six-year-old daughter's ability to distinguish colours by touch. She discovered it one day while she was wrapping Christmas presents, she asked her six-year-old daughter to give her the bolt of red ribbon. Her daughter reached into a bag without looking and immediately pulled the right colour of ribbon out of the bag, and repeated this with green, gold, white, and blue ribbon. She never pulled the wrong colour out of the bag.

With practice, we can all master the ability to read by touch. Here is an exercise to help you develop your sense of touch.

- 1. Prepare a bowl of lukewarm water.
- 2. Close your eyes and gently dip your fingers into the water.
- 3. Repeat this exercise for about five minutes at a time.

At first, you may have some difficulty knowing exactly when your fingers make contact with the water, but after a bit of practice, you will feel the tips of your fingers becoming more sensitized.

Feeling textures is also a helpful means of developing dermo-optic perception. Place various specimens such as salt, sugar, sand, or other granular substances into small separate envelopes and touch each substance *through* the envelopes. Don't reach in and touch the substance directly. First, try to distinguish it through the paper of the envelope. At first, it may seem impossible to detect exactly what your fingertips are touching through the paper, since all of the substances are similar in texture. Here is the point of the test where you must not doubt! Trust your instincts. With patient practice, you will be able to detect the substances in the envelopes just by using your fingertips.

Various objects have different feelings. This applies not only to texture, but to vibration as well. Because everything radiates its own specific energies, trained fingertips can sense these differences. Awareness of this speeds up your own development in dermo-optical attempts.

Feel the difference between wood and paper, plastic and metal, wool and silk, china

and glass, or hair and fur. This method will help to enhance your sensitivity to feel the varying objects and textures.

Such practice raises your vibration so that eventually you will be able to "read" someone just by touching them. Remember though, it's ethical and polite to ask someone's permission to read them before you touch them.

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