

BETTY SHINE

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The Sun newspaper claimed Betty Shine as the world's number one healer which is a ridiculous statement since how can human being be called that? What about all the doctors, surgeons, consultants and GPs who regularly heal people and, indeed, save lives?

Compare this woman with Jesus Christ. It is not known how many He healed. We read that all who came to Him, He healed. He even raised both Lazarus and the daughter of Jairus from the dead. Is Betty Shine a greater healer than Christ?

The Independent said that all who encounter Betty and her supernatural powers will find it hard to remain sceptical. That is also untrue. I know people who have encountered her and say the exact opposite. Two very dear friends of mine were victims of her nonsense and, as a result, they are now nervous wrecks. Before they encountered Shine, they were normal well-balanced individuals.

In 1984 we put advertisements in several well-known and popular journals asking people who had been helped by Betty Shine to write to us with their experiences of her. We did not get one positive reply but, from one journal, we had 127 letters from people saying that they all had proved that she was a fraud.

Like many spiritualists, she uses words and expressions which do not make sense and which you will not find in dictionaries. She talks about mind waves which she says gives simple answers to the whole structure of the paranormal and is a must for budding psychics. She also talks about mind magic, another invented phrase. Magic is illusion, trickery and deception. Look the word up in any dictionary. Therefore mind magic must be deception and illusion.

But what are mind waves? You won't find this expression in any 2008 dictionary. The mind is the part of a human being that is responsible for thoughts, feelings and intentions. Waves are (1) the gesture to say goodbye, (2) to guide or direct someone as in backing a car, (3) to hold something up and wave to gain attention, (4) a ridge of the surface of the sea or other body of water, (5) a curve in the hair, (6) a prolonged spell of weather as a heat wave and, (7) in science, a disturbance that carries energy by a series of vibrations without any movement of matter. Again, consult a dictionary.

She says that mind waves control both our private lives and the whole world, and that individual minds linking with others becomes an ocean and if the waves are not positive we could lose everything to a mass of negative energy.

What in the world is she talking about? It is mumbo jumbo and needs translation. But if she used words correctly we might understand her.

People who think the same positive thoughts can benefit the world seems to be her message. But it is not an original concept and despite the efforts of man through the centuries all such positive thinking by groups of people has not made the world a better place..

Perhaps she means telepathy, but the word really means suffering from afar; tele means far and pathy is the word pathos. But spiritualists state that telepathy means the direct communication of thoughts or feelings between two people without using speech, writing or touch. How do we arrive at this definition from suffering from afar?

However, this erroneous meaning is in our language and we have had to accept it. But why have a word for natural events?

Let me quote some examples.

Those of us who love the music of Beethoven are like minded. We share similar opinions. We do not issue a direct communication from our respective minds of our views without speech, writing or touch. And the word

communication means the exchange of views, thoughts and feelings by speech, writings, including e mail, or through another person, a second or third party.

If I met someone for the first time and sat down with them in an empty room I am not going to know what they think of Beethoven unless they tell me.

What about love at first sight? I know it happens.

Would Betty Shine say it was telepathy? Was it the minds of two people communicating with each other without speech, writing or touch ?

It was the result of what the eye saw. Beauty is said to be in the eye of the beholder.

In one of her books, Shine talks of her ability to perform psychic surgery. Psychic surgery is another erroneous and ridiculous expression and concept. Psychic surgery does not and cannot exist. Surgery is the medical procedure by which a qualified person cuts the patients body to treat or remove the problem. Is Shine a qualified surgeon ? For example, has she performed an appendicectomy in an operating theatre in a hospital ?

She talks about an operation in two parts carried out by her and then by spirit doctors on a boy with brain damage. What she does not tell us is what had to be done to that damaged brain, why the medical profession did not conduct an operation and she does not speak about the subsequent medical evidence to show the healing such as the resultant X ray of the brain.

She talks of another one of her patients, another wrong use of a word, who had a problem with their stomach. She saw a small cloud of energy which changed into a scalpel and then the hands of the spirits cut into the patient's stomach and pulled out a substance that looked like balls of cotton wool. Shine does not say what the medical condition was or why doctors did not attend to it. She asserts that after these psychic operation she draws her finger along the cut so that there will not be a scar. She calls that finger her energy knife.

Alastair had an infected appendix and the surgeons were loathe to operate fearing they might spread the infection. Shine said she could do the operation by psychic power although she was 6,000 miles away. Shine informed the patient that she had removed his appendix and in a few weeks time all the infection would also be gone. She was adamant about this. Alastair believed this but a month later had a X ray. The appendix had not be removed and the infection had spread.

Shine prevented people going to the doctor or a consultant stating that she could heal them on payment of a fee and produced so-called documents and testimonies from those she had healed. Many of those people who submitted to her claims died. Had they seen a doctor, many of them could have been saved. Therefore Shine is guilty of unlawful killing and there have been recent cases of this in the press where mediums like Shine have made these claims and patients have died.

I am sure that she has 'healed' people with psychosomatic illness and such people are grateful to her. But wise people and psychologists do this all the time.

I am told that all her books are nauseating self-promotion in which she constantly says how wonderful she is. It is this Elgarian pride and pomposity that is hard to take, as are her claims. In the book of hers which I have read she does not identify any of those she has healed, nor is there any neutral testimony to support anything that she says. It is all self.

She talks of a patient with damaged knees who came to her, and then she puts doctors down by cruel crushing remarks stating that they could not make a diagnosis. With a scalpel that appeared from nowhere she made a cut in one of the knees. She writes, " The energy body opened and balls of energy were revealed."

What is she talking about ? What is an energy body? You won't find this expression in any dictionary as I write this in 2008.

Energy is (1) the capacity for intense activity, vigour, (2) a vitality of action or expression or forcefulness. Body

refers to (1) the human form with flesh and blood, or (2) a mass of land or sea and (3) the main part of anything.

She uses more gobbledegook, pretentious and unintelligible language and talks about chakras which are vortices of energy that draw in life-force. According to David Icke, we have seven chakras in our body. I cannot find the word chakras in any top class dictionary. What is Shine talking about ? If she spoke in plain language, one might understand her.

Vortices of energy. A vortex is (1) a whirling mass or motion, or (2) a situation in which people are drawn in against their will.

What does she mean by life-force? That is not in the dictionary either.

One can understand how people turn away from her because they are frustrated and bamboozled at her unintelligible language and linguistic nonsense. And, so far, I have only got through 38 pages of her book of 280 pages.

She says that we all have these chakras, hot spots, focal points of energy in our body. Most of us did not know that. She explains that hot spots are a sign of congestion. Congestion means crowded to excess, clogged or blocked. If I have that congestion how am I to find out where they are?

Like other mediums she says that unless you are psychic you cannot understand such things. There are words and phrases are not in dictionaries not even modern ones. That only psychics can understand these words is a standard cop out.

She emphasises that mind waves or telepathy, if that is what she means, is the ultimate energy that could change the world. The remedy for the world's ills is only to be found in spiritualism. She ridicules without mercy, people who question both her beliefs and motives to the point of sheer rudeness and people have complained that she does not speak in plain language, and we have certainly seen this.

She writes about a pop concert in Hyde Park in 1991 which was held in the pouring rain but everybody had a wonderful time and that this is an example of mind wave energy which can have great healing potential. But she has previously explained mind wave energy as telepathy.

I cannot see how pop music has healing potential. It can produce enjoyment and, indeed, euphoria for those who like this type of entertainment, and very great irritation for those who dislike it. Healing does not exist in pop music.

She makes claims about automatic writing which is when the author receives messages from the spirits and writes them down at their dictation. It is spirit communication.

There are cases of people who claim that God has spoken to them and they have written down sayings by the help of the spirits and often what they have written is blasphemy insulting God and issuing curses against Him.

Rosemary Brown believes that she has visitations from the great dead composers who dictate their new music to her from beyond the grave and, therefore, what she writes is automatic writing. The composer Liszt dictated a new piece to her and it was shown to the Liszt expert Humphrey Searle who dismissed it as a fraud. Rosemary Brown says in her book that the dead composers can only dictate piano versions. They cannot dictate instrumental details or orchestration.

But they could write for instruments and the orchestra when they were alive.

Betty Shine believes that Rosemary Brown is genuine and a respected medium.

This so-called world's greatest healer says that she communicates with wild animals and pets. She knows how they think and what they think. She asserts it has all to do with mind waves. Animals have this energy too and they can perform amazing telepathic feats. We must have more telepathic contact with them insists Betty Shine.

A close relative sought her advice. Shine told her all sorts of things about this relative's father and every single statement was wrong and outrageously so.

She also said that a certain person was not physically dead and would not die for another twenty years. He was dead and buried and an exhumation was carried out which proved this. Shine was a liar and a fraud.

Shine now introduces us to regression phenomenon. That expression does not appear in any dictionary either, but she defines this as receiving information about our past lives. There is no evidence that any of us have had past lives and no evidence of reincarnation. Some spiritualists believe that after death a soul is reborn in another body and this cycle is a continuous one.

She writes, "Regression phenomenon comes to me through survival evidence and, second, in a more spectacular way when an energy face manifests over a normal physical face".

Oh dear !

What is survival evidence ? Can someone translate this into common sense? What is an energy face?

It does not make any sense.

From regression phenomenon she goes on to talk about ghosts and how real they are, whereas normal people regard them as hallucinations, the seeing of someone that is not there.

She states that the evidence of poltergeists is overwhelming. That is a lie. She asserts that many psychologists and psychiatrists agree with her, but, in all the books on psychology and psychiatry I have, and that numbers over one hundred, including modern writings, not one psychologist or psychiatrist say that they believe in ghosts or poltergeists, but have sick patients who do

A poltergeist is a noisy and troublesome ghost who throws things around.

One could continue listing Shine's beliefs and produce further evidence to show that she is misguided.

But it has to be remembered that spiritualism and mediumship is blatantly anti-Christian as are the belief in past lives and reincarnation, ghosts and poltergeists. Spiritualism is out to attack and discredit Christianity and yet it offers absolutely no evidence, but only offers the explanation that only psychics can understand and believe these matters. All the healings supposedly performed by Shine using her psychic surgery have no names of the patients so that we can pursue our enquiries with them. Therefore we have no corroborating evidence.

We do have evidence of many of her frauds!

However, one of her patients was David Icke who lived yards from me on the Isle of Wight. I observed him regularly and heard his sayings over many years. He persistently said that he was Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah. And yet on the introduction to his book Truth Vibrations it is said that he was guided by master souls from other dimensions and has helped to balance the disturbed earth's energy system. He claims to answer questions about God and Jesus. Wait a minute. He is, or was, Jesus. He alleges that he has all the answers to what happens to us when we die and can explain crop circles. He is also able to tell us what steps we can take to reduce the physical and emotional impact changes about to confront our planet. His message is vital to every man, woman and child in the world.

Is it?

David Icke asserts that Jesus believed in and taught reincarnation. That is utter rubbish. Jesus taught that after death we would have eternal life whether it be in heaven with God and Jesus Christ, or whether it was in hell with the Devil. On death, the Christian would be forever with the Lord Jesus in heaven. Christians in heaven would not come back to earth as a ghost, or as a spirit or be reborn in another body.

The God that metes out punishment and retribution does not exist. He states that God is neither male or female but both. Does that mean that God is a hermaphrodite? Of course not. God is not a person but a Spirit. He does not have a body since He is not a person. A person is someone with a human body, eyes, ears, legs, arms, a body, blood and bones. A spirit does not have a body.

Even some in the Christian church are hopelessly wrong on the subjects of spirit and person. They say that the Trinity is God as three persons but God the Father is a Spirit, the Holy Spirit is a spirit, the Eternal Word of God became flesh, became a person, Jesus Christ and yet He was and is eternal as are the two other members of the triune God.

Who is David Icke to teach us about God? Is he a theologian ? Has he studied the Bible, the Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic languages? Has he read the secular contemporary literature written by non-believing Romans and non-believing Jews evidencing the life, death and resurrection of Christ? Has he read the Roman records of the time when the Romans wanted to kill all Christians so that all the eye witnesses to the miracles, death and resurrection of Christ would be silenced forever ? Has Icke had a miraculous experience of Christ as millions have throughout two thousand years ?

It is clear that Icke has been influenced by Betty Shine and yet before this encounter he was personable and likeable man, a goalkeeper for Coventry City although not a very good one. He was charming as a television presenter but then, after 1990, he went off the rails claiming to be Christ. He then became scruffy, wore purple because the spirits told him to... but why?

In his book Truth Divided he complains about people on the Isle of Wight saying that everyone on the island has a closed mind. The truth is that he was so grossly objectionable to people and caused so many people incalculable trouble including driving someone to suicide so that he could not possibly stay.

I have seen some of the letters that Betty Shine wrote to people. In one letter she revealed that the dead father of a friend of mine had shown her the tattoo on his right arm and spoken of his many years service in the Royal Navy. That man was never in the Navy and did not have a tattoo on his arm.

In another letter Shine spoke of a dead eighteen year old sister and how this dead person had told her about her travels to the Philippines in 1966. This dead person had never left her home city of Coventry and had spent all of 1966 in a hospital. In fact she was in the same hospital for 15 months.

One could quote endless proven cases like this, and I emphasize proven cases, which will only confirm that Betty Shine was a charlatan, a mad and fraudulent woman. She made money out of people's gullibility.

As she was a mad or misguided person anyone who believes in her is also on the wrong road and a dangerous one at that.

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