

## How will Parapsychological Research benefit Mankind?

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### ABSTRACT

Parapsychology, a sibling of Psychology, is just a few years younger, but while Psychology is accepted by science, Parapsychology is still struggling to find a place in mainstream science. But this does not undermine its importance. The ongoing Parapsychological Research is immensely benefiting mankind, and once the research concludes, we shall see the whole world revolutionised by its results. Science would, then, have expanded manifolds with newer laws governing it. This paper brings forth the benefits provided by the ongoing parapsychological research and then delves into a fantasy when a logical end is brought to this research, and fantasises about the impact of research conclusions on mankind

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Parapsychology, as a field of study, is not very old; hence, many people are unaware of this field. We all know about psychology, but parapsychology, which is beyond psychology, is not known to many.

Both words have psychology in common because both fields concern the study of human behaviour. The difference is very subtle—Psychology studies human behaviour when the perception is through the known five senses, i.e., seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and touching. Humans perceive the world through these five senses and act using these senses, but it is also observed that many a time perception happens without the use of any of the above five senses. The difference between Psychology and Parapsychology lies in the fact that Psychology is human behaviour under normal senses of perception, and Parapsychology is human behaviour when the perception occurs without using any of the five senses.

We have instances of Mind-to-Mind connection, i.e., *Telepathy*. We have instances of Seeing through the Mind's Eyes, i.e., *Clairvoyance*. We have instances of Mind Perceiving future events, i.e., *Precognition*. We have instances of Mind influencing the matter, i.e., *Psychokinesis*. We also have instances of people seeing their dead relatives (*Ghost sightings*) or having discarnate communication with them (*after-death communications*); we have also witnessed cases of *Reincarnation*.

For a better understanding of the above phenomena, I cite some examples:  
Here are some examples of commonly reported Extra Sensory Perception (ESP) experiences:

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- ***Telepathy between family members:***

A common scenario involves a mother sensing danger or a negative event happening to her child, even when they are physically separated. For example, one account describes a mother who suddenly while washing dishes, felt her daughter was in danger and later learned the daughter had been hit by a car.

- ***Dreams predicting future events (Precognition):***

Some individuals report having dreams that later seem to correspond with real-life events. For instance, one person recalled a dream about a friend getting lost in the woods, which later matched a real-life incident where the friend became lost during a trip.

- ***Vision of happening many thousands of kilometres away (Clairvoyance)***

A person visualises that fire has broken out near the vicinity of his house situated many kilometres away, but the fire stops a few flats before his house and his house is safe. The incident had really happened, which the person knew later on.

- ***Bending spoons through the use of mind power (Psychokinesis)***

Literature abounds in stories of Uri Geller, who could bend spoons only by gazing at them for long periods. He had given several shows on TV to exhibit this psychokinetic ability.

An experience that all of us have undergone is the discomfort we feel when someone is staring at us. This uneasiness is more pronounced in women. This is the effect of the mind of the starrer who can influence us—i.e., a manifestation of Psychokinesis.

- ***Ghost Sighting---Mind perceiving an image of a dead person***

I underwent a bizarre incident which happened when my father breathed his last. He died on 23rd Feb 2018 at 2.55 p.m. I came out of the ICU, and when I glanced at the relatives of other patients seated on benches outside the ICU, I could visualise my mother sitting there—she had passed away more than 27 years ago! I was baffled, and when my brother reached the ICU, I asked him to see the lady who is, none other, than our mother. He saw that lady and he, also, jumped with excitement and exclaimed that Ma has come to take away daddy—A connect with deceased--- we sighted a ghost!!

- ***Reincarnation--- A Person gets Reborn as another person***

Reincarnation, vastly studied by (Stevenson<sup>1</sup>) over many decades, gives account of baffling instances where people recall what they were in a previous birth and the incidents, when verified, are found to be true. There is a reincarnation case of Sharada (a Bengali lady), who is reborn in Maharashtra as Uttara. Uttara began to have apparent memories of an earlier life when she was in her thirties. These memories occurred during dramatic personality changes, at which time she spoke Bengali (Marathi was the only language she knew), which she apparently neither spoke nor understood in her normal state, and which she apparently never had an opportunity to learn.

- ***After Death Communication—A Person gets a message from a deceased person.***

Dr. Joseph Murphy<sup>2</sup> gives a narration of after-death communication in his book *Psychic Perception*- “A widow visited me last year, saying that her husband, shortly before his demise, had told her that he had made out a new will leaving all of his estate to her. But his lawyer knew nothing about it. She had searched everywhere but could not find the new will. I suggested to her that she should believe in the sentence, ‘Infinite intelligence knows where the will is and reveals to me.’ And she should chant this sentence in her daily prayers.

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She started praying, and after three or four days of praying, she distinctly heard her husband's voice in the kitchen where she was doing the ironing: 'Look up the 45th chapter of Isaiah.' She did that, and there she found the new will, attested by two witnesses, all in legal phraseology, dated and signed." This was an incident of after-death communication.

The first three incidents, i.e., the Telepathy, Clairvoyance and Precognition, fall under the term "***Extra Sensory Perception (ESP)***". The incident of spoon bending and the impact of staring are incidents of mind influencing matter and fall under ***Psychokinesis***.

***ESP*** and ***Psychokinesis*** together fall under the term '***psi***'

***Ghost Sighting, Reincarnation*** and ***After Death Communication*** are grouped under the topic "***Life after Death***"

Study of all the above phenomena, i.e., '***psi***' and '***Life after Death***', together constitutes the field of ***Parapsychology***.

***Parapsychological Research*** has been progressing well for over 200 years. Humans are inquisitive by nature, and this curiosity prompts them to reach out to unknown arenas and try to explore those phenomena that are shrouded in mystery. Not only Parapsychological Research, but any research is an exploration of the unknown. Each research has its objective. The objective of Parapsychological Research is not only to reach the root cause of the weird phenomena, but it has a broader objective—the objective of benefitting mankind.

This paper explores this aspect of Parapsychological Research!!

Parapsychological Research takes us to a virgin arena where we are dealing with phenomena which defy scientific laws, but as the research progresses, it has started benefiting mankind, and the benefits to society will be profound when the research reaches its ultimate objective of having a complete understanding of these phenomena through causal Parapsychological Research.

Parapsychology benefits society in many ways, and we start exploring the benefits by looking at the help it has provided, while the research is ongoing.

The first and foremost is the benefit provided to psychology, which is slightly older and similar to it. Research has shown that psychology is a relatively new science, with the first psychology laboratory being established at Leipzig University in Germany in 1876 by Wilhelm Wundt. The term "parapsychology" was first used in 1889 by German psychologist Max Dessoir. There is only a 13-year difference between the establishment of the two fields (Osman Gunes Ozkurt<sup>3</sup>). Psychology is more advanced in the sense that it is accepted by mainstream science, whereas Parapsychology is still struggling to be accepted by science. Still, both are siblings as both relate to the same thing, i.e., Human perception and behaviour. Parapsychology is slightly younger, but it has benefited Psychology in many ways. Let us begin looking at the benefits to Psychology from Parapsychology:

### ***Psychology benefited from the ongoing Parapsychological Research.***

Parapsychology can add more insights to the field of psychology by exploring phenomena like telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis and life after death, which currently challenge existing psychological models. The researchers from both fields can work together so that consciousness, perception, and the mind-to-mind, mind-to-matter connection can be

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scientifically studied to evolve scientifically robust psychological models which explain all the above phenomena.

Psychological experimental designs are being improved by adopting parapsychological blind testing methodologies. Parapsychological experimental designs have been greatly refined due to pressures from a sceptic lobby that continuously found loopholes in experimental designs. Psychology greatly benefited from Parapsychology by adopting robust Parapsychological experimental designs in its research.

Parapsychology, during its research, touches upon untapped areas coming under the domain of psychology and helps psychology increase its knowledge. Richard Wiseman and Caroline Watt<sup>4</sup> expand this viewpoint with specific untapped areas:

*“We believe that parapsychology and psychic research contain a large amount of untapped potential for psychology. Indeed, the relatively small number of mainstream researchers who turned their attention to the paranormal have often uncovered new and interesting psychological phenomena. For instance, in the late 1930s, psychologist Louis Goodfellow studied the results of a mass participation Extrasensory Perception study and discovered some of the first evidence for population stereotypes and sequential dependency in human guessing research into why people were impressed with horoscopes, which resulted in him discovering **hindsight bias**.*

*In short, psychical researchers and parapsychologists are often ahead of the curve and conduct pioneering studies into topics that are relevant to mainstream psychology. This work tends to be overlooked by psychologists, which is unfortunate as it has the potential to highlight new topics and to accelerate scientific progress. This kind of research can also help in the teaching of psychology because, in our experience, students are often interested in work about the paranormal. Gaining a greater appreciation of parapsychology and psychical research is straightforward, and we suspect that psychologists and students alike will benefit from probing the paranormal.”*

I, myself, have found that students of psychology show keen interest in parapsychological phenomena, and they believe that parapsychological research is bound to expand psychology's horizons. While delivering a lecture on “Parapsychology-some perspectives” to undergraduate and post-graduate students of a university, I distributed a questionnaire to the students. To the question, “Do you think that Parapsychology should be taught as an optional subject in Psychology undergraduate/postgraduate level?”, all students said ‘yes’. Thus, it is accepted by all Psychology students that Parapsychology can't be brushed aside and that it certainly helps Psychology.

It is true that while Parapsychology faces scepticism, its contributions to Psychology are valuable not only in providing robust experimental designs, but also in helping psychologists in developing new methodologies by challenging established assumptions. Parapsychology generates new ideas and concepts to expand Psychology's horizons.

Another most important contribution of Parapsychology to psychologists will be that its research will help them expand their understanding of mind and consciousness because parapsychological research can't progress without increasing its knowledge about mind and consciousness. Parapsychology deals with phenomena associated with mind and consciousness, as was clearly explained in the above paragraphs, and hence Parapsychology's investigation of seemingly paranormal phenomena can force psychologists to re-evaluate

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established theories about consciousness, free will, and mind-matter interactions, and the Psychologists and Parapsychologists can work together synergistically to research mind and consciousness phenomena, which is still considered ‘A Hard Problem’

Physicists and Medical Researchers must join Parapsychologists if we have to crack the ‘Hard Problem’ to have a breakthrough causal research in Parapsychological Phenomena of Telepathy, Clairvoyance, Precognition, Psychokinesis and Life after Death.

Thus, we see that Parapsychological ongoing research is immensely helpful to Psychology. So much so, for Parapsychology helping Psychology, now we move on to other benefits that are brought out by Parapsychological Research:

The topics under Parapsychological Research are relevant to our day-to-day living and also to death that we all eventually face. Dying is the ultimate destiny of all living things, but what happens after death is a matter of belief that consciousness outlives death. This belief has surfaced because of parapsychological research on Near-death Experiences. There are instances of Near-Death Experiences where a critically ill person declared dead is resuscitated back to life. They were all dead for some moments and had a bizarre experience during the period they were dead. Such instances suggest that consciousness outlives death and make the belief in an afterlife very strong. Parapsychological Research has put forth strong reasons for having a strong belief that consciousness outlives death and there may be an afterlife.

This belief of the afterlife has benefitted mankind, as was brought out in my paper<sup>5</sup>. The following paragraph establishes the fact that Parapsychological Research, through this strong belief, benefits mankind:

### ***How the belief in ‘Life after Death’ benefits mankind***

Before we take up the belief in ‘Life after death’, let us examine the role any belief plays amongst humans:

We see and witness the great impact of religious beliefs on people of different cultures. Muslims leave all work five times a day and face Mecca to pray; Americans make a weekly pilgrimage to church. Hindus go to temples for worship.

The sentiments of people get hurt and cause violent aggression if something derogatory is hurled at their religious beliefs.

Look at the mental thought process of a suicide bomber terrorist, or a soldier who is willing to sacrifice his life for a belief. (Milgram<sup>6</sup>; Ross & Nisbett<sup>7</sup>).

Zimbardo<sup>8</sup>, suggests, “Social psychology has shown that a strong belief in some reality motivates a person to do extraordinary things.” For example, to the extent of sacrificing his own life.

The point I wish to make is that beliefs do have a tremendous impact on contemporary lives, not only on the believer but also on others, who are affected by the actions of the believer. Belief systems regulate our thought processes and actions.

Coming to ***the belief in ‘Life after Death’***, the belief serves as positive reinforcement in current life-Nirvanic beliefs about a transcendental future make present inequities less painful. Devers<sup>9</sup>, in his study, claimed that the pain of loss of dear ones was greatly reduced with the belief in the survival of life after death. While experimenting with people who were grieving the death of relatives, Berger<sup>10</sup> found that those who believed in survival could easily come to terms with the loss of the deceased and return to normalised routines in a short time.

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Besides alleviating bereavement pain, the belief in the afterlife also overcomes the fear of oncoming death through awareness of the immortality of the self, thereby making way for a peaceful exit during bodily death. The belief instils a sense of purpose in life, gives comfort and reassurance that the relationship continues even after death.

Thus, we see that while the Parapsychological Research is in its infancy, it has just generated a belief that life could continue after death, and this belief has benefited humans greatly by alleviating bereavement pain and preparing them to face death boldly.

Adding to the benefit from the belief that life exists after death, there are significant benefits reaped from witnessing the incidence of after-death communication from deceased loved ones. Parapsychology abounds in incidents of communication from discarnate spirits. You may have heard some such instances from friends and relatives. After-death communications (ADCs) create a soothing effect on the experiencer.

Let us now see how other phenomena under Parapsychology help humans.

Parapsychological Research on Clairvoyance helped the great advanced nation, USA, to take the help of Remote Viewers for the Star Gate Project for many years. The next paragraphs discuss the benefits that accrued from the Parapsychological phenomenon of Remote Viewing:

### ***Parapsychological Research helped the defence system of the USA -the Star Gate Project.***

Wide-scale application of Parapsychology is recorded in literature under the name of the Stargate Project.

The USA army had been using " Remote viewing" as a spying weapon where the mediums having the capability of seeing things miles and miles away were able to perceive details of enemy army installations. This program, known as the Star Gate program (Marwaha Sonali and Prof May<sup>11</sup>) continued for more than 20 years till the satellite era ushered in.

The Stargate Project utilised "remote viewers"—trained individuals who attempted to perceive distant locations or events psychically—to gather intelligence about the defence capabilities of enemy countries. The project was born out of fears of Soviet psychic research and aimed to assess the military applications of psychic abilities, including clairvoyance and precognition. Remote viewers would be given a "target," such as geographical coordinates of an enemy defence installation, and would sit in a quiet room to describe or sketch the location or event without any sensory contact. The goal was to gather information on the defence capabilities of enemy countries. Remote viewers were used when all other intelligence methods had been exhausted. A peak of 22 active remote viewers provided data, though this number dwindled over time as the project neared its closure in 1995.

The project is remembered as a peculiar, classified effort to explore the potential military applications of psychic phenomena.

This was a government-funded project which utilised the services of many psychic experts having remote viewing capabilities.

Whenever we look at the benefits provided by Parapsychological Research, the Stargate Project comes to the forefront, which was a practical application of a Parapsychological phenomenon.

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As Parapsychological Research gained momentum, scientists worldwide got interested in Parapsychological Phenomena. These intrigued them and prompted them towards creative inventions.

### *Parapsychological Research opens the door to groundbreaking inventions*

Nichola Tesla was impressed by Telepathy—thought transference from one mind to another. He came up with an idea that thoughts appear in our mind as pictures.

He believed it could be possible to photograph thoughts. The inspiration came while he was doing experiments in 1893. Let us remember that since 1882, the study of psychic phenomena was gaining momentum after the formation of the Society for Psychical Research in the UK, and the mental phenomenon of Telepathy was being studied along with the main aspects of consciousness outliving death. Maybe Telepathy caught his attention, and Tesla told a newspaper reporter: ‘I became convinced that a definite image formed in thought must, by reflex action, produce a corresponding image on the retina, which might possibly be read by suitable apparatus.’ The inventor conceived of reflecting an image on an artificial retina, taking a photograph and projecting the image on a screen. ‘If this can be done successfully, then the objects imagined by a person would be clearly reflected on the screen as they are formed,’ he said, ‘and in this way every thought of the individual could be read. Our minds would then, indeed, be like open books and telepathy at our tips.

Flash forward to 2021, and there are indeed scientists working on ways to read our thoughts. There is even a new project that enlists the help of Artificial Intelligence to help decipher what our neurons are doing and convert it into text. As Big Think puts it:

“Right now, it’s a bit like seeing through a heavy fog, but researchers at the Chang Lab at the University of California at San Francisco have trained a machine-learning algorithm to extract meaning from neuronal data.

It was not exactly what Tesla had in mind, but it was not that different either. Farther into the future, even more technological trickery may be possible, such as the ability to record and play back our dreams or communicate with one another telepathically through brain implants or neural laces. And you don’t need a thought camera to know that most people will think these concepts are super cool. (Inspired by internet citation

<https://greatestideaever.wordpress.com/2021/02/26/2150-teslas-thought-camera/>)

The above shows how the ongoing research motivated the scientists to innovate to decipher what neuronal activities are going on and convert them into text, but still, it may not amount to capturing thoughts immediately as and when they occur, because thoughts do not originate in the brain; they originate in the mind. But once thoughts have been generated, neuronal activities make them manifest in our awareness, and this is what we shall be capturing the thoughts, maybe with a lag in time. But it goes without saying that such a possibility of reading thoughts through AI and brain mapping is a benefit to mankind, owing to Parapsychological Research.

So far, we have witnessed the benefits that Parapsychology is providing while the research is underway. Revolutionary benefits to mankind will manifest when, one by one, each Parapsychological phenomenon is completely understood, and we have gained mastery to the extent that we can achieve telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, and psychokinesis as and when we feel their need, and we make these manifest at our own will.

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Also, if survival research reaches its final stage, where we scientifically know whether and how consciousness outlives death, worldwide revolution will happen in the fabric of societies.

A day will come when we shall make Parapsychological Research reach its conclusion, and we shall be fortunate to reap the benefits.

How we, the people, shall be reaping colossal benefits from the conclusion of each parapsychological research phenomenon is being fantasised in the coming paragraphs as per my paper<sup>12</sup>:

### ***Benefits to mankind when Telepathy is completely understood***

Imagine a stage when we have mastered Telepathy and each of us can read the minds of others.

***The telepathy*** capability, if possessed by each of us, will make the interconnection of minds universal. We shall be able to know what is happening in others' minds in a flick of a second, irrespective of where the person is. We shall be able to communicate easily, and the current communication devices will become redundant.

No mobiles, no emails! Imagine a world devoid of “WhatsApp chats”. The communication devices will be of no use for transmitting conversations because vocal communications will be replaced by mental communications.

The Post offices and banks will work with higher efficiency and speed. Post Offices will work only for money transactions and not for delivering letters because telepathy will remove the necessity of letters. The money transference will not be through money orders but through “Money Thought Orders” where the message for money transfer will be done via thoughts between the sending post office to receiving post office—postal officers would communicate through thought transference, and money transfers will happen at a lightning speed, thus improving the working of post offices

Bank counters will operate quickly without the customer opening his/her mouth; bank transactions will happen through mental commands, but to track the instruction, pre-printed advice based on a tele-thought receipt will be taken out by the bank cashier and got signed by the customer based on telepathic instructions given by them, and there will be very quick transactions at the Bank, thus, improving their efficiency and speed. The transactions will get done telepathically at lightning speed.

Apart from the above, there will be a revolution in society. The world will become purer because our persona will be transparent. The crime rates in society will reduce drastically because there will be a strong deterrent to lawbreakers, as they will have a fear that if caught, telepathy will expose their crime. After all, the police will be able to read their minds and will be able to prove their crime.

Love birds will no longer worry, “She loves me/ loves me not”, as the feeling of love or otherwise will get mentally transferred and known.

Thus, Telepathy alone, if understood completely, will bring a major revolution in our society, and these benefits from Parapsychology will prove to be a game-changer.

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In the same way, if Clairvoyance, the ability of the mind to see long distances, is acquired by all, we shall overcome the barrier of distance. We have seen this happen during the Stargate Project time, when Parapsychological Research of this phenomenon was in its infancy. Let us see how the world would benefit if each of us could see long distances.

### ***Benefits to society when Clairvoyance is mastered by all***

Just imagine if we can see long distances, over a thousand kilometres, we shall be able to see our far distant relatives without using mobile phones. Not only shall we be able to see them at our will, but we shall be able to communicate with them using clairvoyance together with telepathy, thus video chats without using any instruments will become a reality.

The advancement of Parapsychology through mastery over Telepathy and Clairvoyance will make the world a very small place, as each of us will have access to any place instantly. Telepathy and Clairvoyance will break the barrier of distance, and the day is not far off when Precognition will remove the barrier of time.

### ***Benefits accruing through mastery over Precognition and Psychokinesis***

**Precognition** capabilities, if mastered, will equip people to foresee the coming future events as and when they want to and **Psychokinesis**, if acquired, will make the mind manipulate things to our advantage.

While we shall be able to predict the outcome of a dice throw, we will also be able to make the result come as per our wish through the capabilities of Precognition and Psychokinesis. These will eliminate the Gambling Profession, thus ridding mankind of a dreaded vice.

Gambling flourishes because of our inability to correctly guess the outcomes in roulette. The casinos will go out of business with the enhanced precognition and psychokinesis capability in people. The gambling dens like the Casino City of the USA, Las Vegas, will be the worst sufferers as its economy is based on the flourishing business of gambling. Gambling will stop totally as people will not only predict correctly, but will make the roulette give the number on which they have put the bet. All the casinos will close down, and gambling vice will become extinct.

With the Precognition capability under our command, we shall get alerts before the events actually occur. The future depends to a great extent on the present. With our enhanced capability of foreseeing the future, we shall be tempted to take suitable actions to prevent grave events from occurring; we will be tempted to continuously improve our current actions to manipulate the manifestation of a better future. One improvement in current action will give a revised picture of future events that will manifest; the revised picture will prompt another suitable improvement in current action to make a better future to manifest, and so on.... So, we shall be prompted to go on improving our current actions, and this snowballing effect will benefit society greatly because the motivation to continue doing better deeds to ensure a better future will be very strong.

We can imagine its profound implications—the noble deeds will happen on a large scale in this scenario. People will tend to move away from crimes, first of all, because in the transparent society arising out of clairvoyance and telepathy, where it will be difficult to commit a crime and go scot-free and secondly, with precognition, we would come to know about the crime well in advance, so the acts of crime will take back seat.

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*The world will become a very nice place with transparency at its peak and where each person will be engaged in noble deeds, and the crimes will take a back seat. **This will be the most profound impact of the culmination of parapsychological research.***

Another significant benefit will be that we shall be able to foresee death and shall be able to prepare ourselves to go into its lap without any sudden surprise confrontation with death. We shall know the time and mode of death because we shall have the capability to look at the future.

Death is a phenomenon under the umbrella of Parapsychological Research, where survival research investigates whether consciousness outlives death.

We shall conclude this paper with the future scenario that we know in real scientific terms, whether or not consciousness outlives death, and whether there is an afterlife. The above paragraph hints that just knowing the time of death benefits humans, giving them time to prepare to die and face death boldly. Earlier, we had elaborated on the benefits of belief in life after death (the belief arose because of Near-death experiences of people). Just believing that life continues after death, people have profound benefits, and now, in the scenario where science has discovered that consciousness outlives death, several other benefits will accrue to mankind.

### ***Benefits to mankind when science advances to establish what happens after death***

My paper<sup>13</sup> gives details:

Ignorance breeds fear, and till we were researching the afterlife, we were in an arena of ignorance, and there was a fear lurking in our minds as to what would happen after we die. But when science reveals the truth about what happens after we die, this fear will vanish. With this fear gone, people worldwide will be more confident, and their lives will certainly benefit from the truth revealed by science.

When we shall scientifically know that we continue to live after physical death, we shall not be afraid of death. Our thinking will be that death is just an extended phase of life-childhood, youth, old age and the period after death, and hence we shall have a bolder, fearless outlook and shall embrace death willingly as a continuance of our existence. Our lives will be richer in content because of our boldness and enhanced confidence with knowledge of the afterlife.

As we saw in earlier discussions, even the belief that there is a continuance of life after death reduces the bereavement pain. The belief serves as positive reinforcement in current life-Nirvanic beliefs about the transcendental future, and makes present inequities less painful, and the bereavement on the loss of dear ones is reconciled painlessly. Now, scientifically knowing that life continues after death, there will be no bereavement. People will not be bereaved when their near-dear ones die, as they know that there is no end for them, and they are continuing to live bodiless, and they can communicate with them through after-death communication.

Knowledge that life continues after death, all religious practices done after burning/ burying the body of a person will become redundant, and religions will not insist on them. We shall gladly slip into death as we slip into old age without any ceremonies.

Since there will be no surmising about what happens when our bodies stop functioning, we shall not be inclined to do prayers for a better unknown destination (heaven) at death, and our

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belief system will change. With scientific knowledge about the afterlife, people will continue to go to temples, churches, and mosques, but with changed prayer wishes (not seeking a better destination of heaven after death). The people who currently pray for going to heaven at death will, now, pray for continued happiness and prosperity in the afterlife. The religions and belief in God will continue, but with a changed orientation. The generations will be more confident than the current generation with the enlightened fact about what happens after we die.

### **CONCLUSION**

It goes without saying that the parapsychological research, while advancing, has provided significant help to the world, and the culmination of its research in scientific findings is going to revolutionise the world.

The Parapsychological research is going to expand the horizons of Psychology, and it will not be out of place to reaffirm that, besides many overwhelming benefits provided by parapsychology, its most significant contribution to the world is going to be its research on the mind and consciousness. Mind and Consciousness have been baffling scientists for centuries. While science has progressed by leaps and bounds, these two aspects have eluded researchers. Brain research has also taken off, but still, we are in a situation where we do not know where consciousness resides, how it comes and where it goes away when we pass away. Mind is another aspect which is beyond science.

Since we know nothing about Mind and Consciousness, Parapsychological Causal Research has not taken off. Mind and Consciousness will have to be researched if parapsychological phenomena are going to be completely understood.

Thus, Parapsychological Research is going to expand the horizons of science, and maybe new laws will be established while researching the mind and consciousness. The knowledge will be greatly expanded, and newer scientific laws will come into existence with the advancement of Parapsychological Research on mind consciousness research.

This is going to be the greatest contribution to mankind!!!!

Lastly, I end this paper with a sad observation: While people worldwide have recognized the fact that Parapsychology is immensely helpful to mankind and are trying hard to propagate and research the Parapsychological Research, and scientists (parapsychologists, psychologists, neuroscientists, physicists and medical professionals world over are joining together in foreign countries actively to study and research Parapsychology we, in India, are yet to make a beginning.

Parapsychology is being taught and researched in foreign countries, and a day will come when they will have brought the mind-consciousness result to conclusion, and we, the Indians, who have a rich heritage of Vedas to philosophically understand mind and consciousness, will still be thinking of starting a scientific pursuit for these mind-stretching phenomena in Indian Universities. This is a real sad state of affairs that we are not even teaching the subject in our university, not to talk of undertaking Parapsychological Research. We must immediately take steps so that we start these and put India on the Parapsychology world map.

Let our universities recognise the importance of Parapsychology and start teaching and researching this subject to put India on the world map of Parapsychology!!

My Paper<sup>14</sup> shows the way how we can interface Indian Universities with Parapsychology.

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