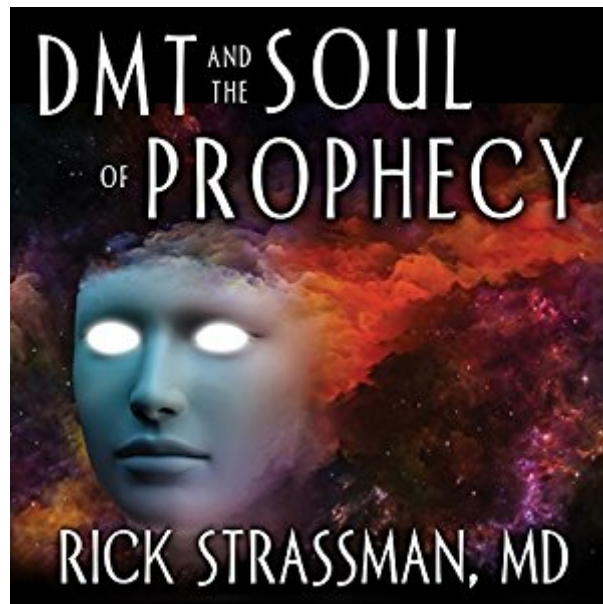


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DMT And The Soul Of Prophecy: A New Science Of Spiritual Revelation In The Hebrew Bible



Synopsis

After completing his groundbreaking research chronicled in *DMT: The Spirit Molecule*, Rick Strassman, MD, was left with one fundamental question: What does it mean that DMT, a simple chemical naturally found in all of our bodies, instantaneously opens us to an interactive spirit world that feels more real than our own world? When his decades of clinical psychiatric research and Buddhist practice were unable to provide answers to this question, Strassman began searching for a more resonant spiritual model. He found that the visions of the Hebrew prophets were strikingly similar to those of the volunteers in his DMT studies. Carefully examining the concept of prophecy in the Hebrew Bible, he characterizes a "prophetic state of consciousness" and explains how it may share biological and metaphysical mechanisms with the DMT effect. Examining medieval commentaries on the Hebrew Bible, Strassman reveals how Jewish metaphysics provides a top-down model for both the prophetic and DMT states, a model he calls "theoneurology". Theoneurology addresses issues critical to the full flowering of the psychedelic drug experience. Perhaps even more important, it points the way to a renewal of classical prophetic consciousness, the soul of Hebrew Bible prophecy, and unexpected directions for the evolution of contemporary spiritual practice.

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This book is a third significant contribution by Dr. Strassman toward understanding the mind-brain dichotomy. The noted mind-brain philosopher John Searle concludes one of his several books on

this problem by pointing out that seven billion people have the subjective experience of a mind in addition to obviously having a physical brain. He argues that a common subjective experience of seven billion people is an objective fact of biology, so deal with it! Dr. Strassman has been dealing with it and doing so very well. His third book transports his research from the clinic to the very concrete, pragmatic, and historical world of the Hebrew Bible and its prophets. He demonstrates the similarity of these experiences by comparing the testimony of his DMT (dimethyltryptamine, a mild endogenous hallucinogen created by the pineal gland along with melatonin) research subjects with the testimony of the Hebrew prophets on their communications from a non-material realm and its spirit inhabitants, in particular YHWH. The experiences are remarkably similar with the exception of the message content, which was largely nil from his DMT subjects and remarkably rich and consistent over several centuries from the prophets. Dr. Strassman hypothesizes that the human brain may have been designed or perhaps evolved to receive messages from the spiritual world as prophecy, but without the individual's call of prophecy and a received message, it is like a radio receiver not precisely tuned to a broadcast station and hence "hearing" only static. So, perhaps Descartes' Rationalist Dualist conjecture that the pineal gland was the portal between the mind and the brain, between the soul and the body, and hence between the spiritual world and the world of matter may after all be correct, and according to Dr.

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