



Eileen Garrett's and Lawrence Leshan's "Comparison of the Sensory Reality and the Clairvoyant Reality in Reality in Reference to Certain Basic Limiting Principles," from Leshan's *The Medium, the Mystic and the Physicist: Toward a General Theory of the Paranormal*



Sensory Reality	Clairvoyant Reality
1. Objects and events separated in space and/or time are primarily individual and separate, although they may be viewed as being related in larger unities.	Individual identity is essentially illusory. Primarily, objects and events are part of a pattern which itself is part of a larger pattern, and so on until all is included in the grand plan and pattern of the universe. Individual events and objects exist, but their individuality is distinctly secondary to their being part of the unity of the pattern.
2. Information comes through the senses and these are the only valid sources of information.	Information is <i>known</i> through the knower and object, being part of the same unitary pattern. The senses give only illusory information.
3. Time is divided into past, present, and future and moves in one direction, irreversibly from future, through now, into the past. It is the time of one-thing-followed-by-another.	Time is without divisions, and past, present, and future are illusory. Sequences of action exist, but these happen in an eternal now. It is the time of all-at-once.
4. An event or action can be good, neutral, or evil, although its consequences often cannot be seen until long after the event.	Evil is an illusion, as is good. What is, <i>is</i> , and is neither good nor evil, but a part of the eternal, totally harmonious plan of the cosmos which, by its very being, is above good and evil.
5. Free will exists and decisions that will alter the future can be made. Action can be taken on the basis of will.	Free will does not exist since what will be <i>is</i> , and the beginning and end of all enfold each other. Decisions cannot be made, as these involve action-in-the future, and the future is an illusion. One cannot take action but can only participate in the pattern of things.
6. Perception can be focused by the will in any desired direction, unless it is externally blocked, and thus specific knowledge can be acquired.	Perception cannot be focused, as this involves will, taking action, and action-toward-the future, all of which are impossible. Knowledge comes from being in the pattern of things, not from desire to know specific information. Perception cannot be externally blocked since knowledge comes from being part of the All, and nothing can come between knower and known, as they are the same.
7. Space can prevent energy and information exchange between two individual objects unless there is a media, a <i>thing-between</i> to transmit the energy or information from one to the other.	Space cannot prevent energy or information exchange between two individual objects, since their separateness and individuality are secondary to their unity and relatedness.
8. Time can prevent energy and information exchange between two individual objects. Exchanges can only take place in the present, not from present to past or from present to future.	Time cannot prevent energy or information exchange between individual objects, since the divisions into past, present, and future are illusions, and all things occur in the "eternal now."