

Questions written by Ben Hester after publishing his book on dowsing.

There are two basic arguments used by dowsers to contend that dowsing is not witchcraft. One idea is that dowsing is a physical (scientific) phenomenon; the other is that it is a gift from God. These questions address both of these arguments.

If you believe that dowsing is some unknown physical phenomenon:

1. How do you explain that it is not uncommon for water witchers to be visited with unexpected and spontaneous occult abilities such as clairvoyance and clairaudience?
2. How can you explain the dowser's ability to heal with the rod or pendulum? (This is big business in Germany.)
3. How do you explain the fact that the one and most important requirement to learn to dowse or to get the device to work after learning, is BELIEF in it (we call it "faith")? (Remember, if anything shakes the dowser's belief in the act, the device WILL NOT WORK!)
4. Explain the phenomenon of map dowsing: what causes the pendulum to react to your questions? If your answer is "mental programming" would you explain that please?
5. What is the scientific explanation for "remote dowsing"? (Locating objects not close by, or lost, or hidden by asking the device questions.)

If you believe that dowsing is nothing more or less than a gift from God:

1. Have you ever obeyed the biblical command to test the spirits before deciding that this is a gift from God?
2. Have you ever prayed sincerely and in the name of Jesus Christ that the rod's action be stopped if it is not from God?
3. How do you explain the use of the dowsing rod to heal (and it has been proven to) when it is never done in the name of Jesus Christ?
4. Would you explain why dowsing teachers warn their students not to make wrong use of the rod, and that it is up to their conscience how they use it? Could a gift from God allow you to use His power to do evil?
5. How is it that the dowsing device IS used to do harm the same as voodoo at the will of the dowser?
6. How is it that even an evil man can use the dowsing rod successfully?
7. How is it that no repentance, right living, or dedication of the life to God is required to dowse successfully as would be true of getting answers to prayer?
8. How is it that the dowsing rod works at the desire of the user, and prayer CANNOT be used that way?
9. Would you explain the fact that the INTELLIGENT force behind dowsing is amoral?
10. Would you explain how this intelligent force can and does lie to you if it is a gift from God? (One of the oldest historical warnings about dowsing is its lies!)
11. Some of the most expert dowsers in the world claim that an entity is involved in every witching act. If you have not been able to answer the above questions satisfactorily to yourself, are you still certain that the entity is an angel of light, and that dowsing is truly a gift from God?

For a more complete study on the subject of dowsing, go to www.clp.org and order the book Dowsing—How Does It Work?