

"Astounding and Deep". A long list of such adjectives usually abound in any contemplative conversations about a man who has become known as "The Maine Psychic"

Dr. Alexander Tanous, a native of the Pine Tree state, evokes many, not easily categorized sentiments on his diverse journey through, as he puts it, "the understanding of the mind, the last frontier".

Born in Van Buren, Maine, in 1926, he began to exhibit unusual powers even as a child of 18 months. By the age of nine, he had accurately predicted the imminent death of an apparently healthy family friend. At thirteen, he warned a neighbor's son against

crossing railroad tracks. Shortly thereafter, that same individual met his demise..... killed by a train. Coincidence, some might and did say. But not according to the evidence of this remarkable man's future.

The son of psychic parents, he was born with traditionally recognized psychic markings; a veil, the mystic cross and a five pointed star on his left hand. Graduating from his home town high school, he proceeded to compile an impressive academic array; M.A. in Philosophy from Boston College; M.A. in Sacred Sciences and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Fordham University; M.S. in Educational Counseling from the University of Maine, and a Doctor of Divinity from the College of Divinity in Indiana.

Aware of his psychic powers even as a child, the realization of his other gifts took a longer time. Yet by 1960, a wide variety of other unusual talents came to the forefront. Curious and in wanting to further mankind's knowledge of psychic phenomena, he submitted himself to the American Society of Psychical

Research where he is still being tested and observed.

Documented by the A.S.P.R., in addition to future prediction, have been astral projection, bilocation, psychometry, the Bergman test, the practice of teleportation, faith healing, communication with ghosts, solidifying light and projecting his thoughts on a screen.

Yet throughout these years of exhaustive testing, Dr. Tanous has managed to sustain a full time career in education, teaching at Manhattan College, St Johns University, St. Anslems College, Rivier College and most recently, the examination of E.S.P. at Thorton Academy, the first high school to give such a course with credit attached.

And if that's not enough to keep even a psychic fully occupied, he runs the entire gamut of parapsychology lecturing, published a book called "Humanity Of Christ", in addition to authoring numerous newspaper and magazine articles. He also is an outstanding musician, composer and arranger, having collaborated on over 500 songs for radio, television and films.

His "Mass In Jazz" has won him the Musical Religious Award and his "America In Jazz" a Grand Prix de France.

As is generally accepted, future prediction is the mainstay of a psychic's reputation. In this regard, Dr. Tanous has proven time after time, on and off the published record, his psychic credentials. Following are some time tested and published far-in-advance examples of this ability.

For 1968 he predicted:

- A. President Johnson will not seek reelection.
- B. There will be a blow-up in Korea (the Pueblo affair)
- C. The United States will be shocked by assassinations (Kennedy and King)
- D. (Several months prior to Kennedy's death) Nixon will be nominated and so will Kennedy.....if he doesn't get shot!

For 1969 Dr. Tanous announced:

- A. Edward Kennedy will meet with an accident, but will not be injured. (the Mary Jo Kopechne case)
- B. Judy Garland will make headlines (her death)
- C. A great scandal will come out of the U.S. government (Abe Fortas case)

For 1970

- A. There will be an assassination attempt on the pope.
- B. Apollo 13 will not make it to the moon. There will be an explosion. The astronauts will return safely. (it happened)
- C. DeGaulle will come back into the headlines (his death)

For 1971

- A. The man who will be nominated by the Democrats for the Presidency will be McGovern.
- B. There will be a death in the British Royal Family within 18 months (the Duke of Windsor died)
- C. Senator Edmund Muskie will have big political problems and it will cost him the presidential nomination.

For 1972

- A. The kidnapping of an American official will make headlines.
- B. Big names in the news will be Harry S. Truman (he died) and Charlie Chaplain (he returned to the U.S.)

Though not of national or international significance, Dr. Tanous's ability to predict the future has been evidenced still, in many other matters. Following is an account of how he aided (much to their relief) a couple in locating a lost pet. In a letter to Dr. Tanous describing

As can be expected there are many dis believers, therefore Dr. Tanous has made a practice of predicting in front of witnesses. His current average is about 85 per cent correct. Commenting further on those who discount psychic phenomena he states:

"Those who don't believe in the phenomenon of creative perceptive energy are unable to give man credit for what he is.....after all, man is created in the image, in the likeness of God, and in my opinion, Jesus was the greatest psychic that ever lived"!

Still, there are those who point to prediction inaccuracies. He attributes such occurrences as "misinterpretations" of the "vibrations" he receives.

"After all, I'm only human," he says, laughing.

Some of the hottest critical heat Dr. Tanous has encountered because of his ventures into the psychic frontier have come from the Church. Having an extensive theological background, (he almost became a priest), some vehemence from that quarter is understandable. A boiling point, was reached when The Church World decided to print some of his predictions. The flood of critical mail at this action,

claiming "traffic with the devil" and his information coming from "evil spirits", however, was quite eloquently rebuked by Rev. Clement D. Thibdeau in the Jan. 17, 1969 Church World column, "Catholics Ask Questions"

In it Rev. Thibdeau states, "let us not..... bring ridicule upon our religion and our church by attributing all the unknown forces of man's mental and psychic nature to supernatural and diabolical interventions. Let us give the budding science of parapsychology a chance to show how marvelous the works of the Creator really are".

Though many are still not convinced, Dr. Tanous feels there is a growing tendency in the church world to "question rather than accept"

Documented for future ponderance, Dr. Tanous's creative perceptive abilities became cemented in scientific fact when Dr. Karlis Osis, director of the American Association of Psychological Research stated that in a series of E.S.P. test given Dr. Tanous, in which he scored very high, the law of chance was 1 out of 3000, or percentage wise, 99.9% against his answers being correct by chance.

Still being tested, Dr. Tanous's exploration of the mind, as previously mentioned, has led him into many areas. One such facet has been astral projection (sending one's mind to another point). Numerous cases of his using this psychic power have been witnessed in private. But the following two examples are matters of public record; cited as existing evidence of such a power dwelling in the person of Dr. Tanous.

The first example occurred during a Portland, Maine radio program on which he was speaking. A woman called the radio station saying that she feared for the life of her son stationed in Vietnam. She went on to add, the post where her son was serving had been attacked and virtually leveled by fire, charred bodies the only remains.

According to Dr. Tanous, he used the power of astral projection, sending his mind to Vietnam and found that the woman's son had been transferred to another post the day before the attack. Her son was safe and well, he assured her, and would call very soon, but in connection

with the number "three".

The man's wife received a telephone call three hours later about her husband, saying he had been transferred to Hawaii the day before the attack! The joyful news was then relayed via the boy's mother (the initial caller) to Dr. Tanous.

An even more astounding account of astral projection by Dr. Tanous took place at a meeting of the Psychological Research Association a few years ago. Called upon to demonstrate this power, he proceeded to relate unpublished information regarding the Russian Revolution of 1917.

"I simply sent my mind back in time," he stated in reflection on the incident, "observed what was happening, and related to those present as events actually occurred".

The really astonishing part of the entire episode was revealed after all of the information he had related was sorted out. At that time it was affirmed that he had correctly described places and events concerning the revolution, but that no one could have known those unpublished facts except the psychology professor, Dr. Jack Granofsky of Hofstra

University, the man who tested him!

"That was a remarkable experience for me," Dr. Tanous comments "and certainly suprising to those who witnessed it with me".

The list of Dr. Tanous's achievements in the realm of psychic phenomena are long and grow even longer with each tick of the clock. Yet any examination of a man, regardless of his vocation, would be incomplete if the subject of humanness were to be left out.

"Friendly", "warm" and "open" have been just a few of the humanness character traits assigned to him. But what is probably the most engaging aspect of his personality is an unassuming conduct.

Thoroughly without pretentious airs, this man, this Super Seer from East Millinocket, Maine, this psychic "par excellent", this man who speaks nine different languages also speaks a language everyone can understand; the language of caring. Even in factual admonition, one feels the gentleness, not of pedantic wisdom, but of human caring. Caring for and about other people, the old saying of "I feel I've known you always" is in truth a reality for those who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Dr. Alexander Tanous, or as he signs his correspondence.....Alex.