

## EDITORIAL

### SELF-PARADIGM

Thomas S. Kuhn's work, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, 1962, launched the category 'paradigm' in the field of history and philosophy of science, consisting of a predominantly sociological approach. One of the paradigm definitions is the model shared in a scientific community. However, the author also includes a psychological approach relating paradigm and perception. The example of a research with the change of color of card suits is famous, not noticed by some subjects even with the card standing before them. Kuhn suggests that the paradigm conditions the individual's perceptual system, limiting its scope or objective range. Hence the possibility of talking about a personal paradigm or self-paradigm, the personal cognitive model, formed from a social or collective model, conditioning the subject's relationship with the world.

In the work *700 Conscientiology Experiments*, 1994, Waldo Vieira proposes a new paradigm, which he called the consciential paradigm. This scientific model would be based on the consciousness itself as a laboratory and research instrument, applied to personal experiments or self-experiments. From this perspective, the old and controversial topic of extrasensory perceptions or parapsychism gains a new approach, as the method includes all personal experiences, especially parapsychic ones. The accumulation of descriptive records of parapsychic experiences in first person allows deductive and inductive inferences, verifications and refutations, concerning the researcher's consciousness (self-knowledge) and eventually also generalizations.

This issue of *Interparadigmas* poses the problem of the self-paradigmatic transition, that is, the process of modifying or gradually shifting from one self-paradigm to another. The reference is the consciential paradigm, proposed as a collective construct, constituting a challenge, however, to be experienced and thus become a self-paradigm.

In the article *Comparative and Interparadigmatic Studies from Materialism to Conscientiology and Holosomatology*, PhD in Geology Inês Terezinha do Rêgo exposes and clarifies the problem of recycling the materialist self-paradigm.

The article *Projective Para-aisth sis and Self-paradigmatic Transition*, by the PhD in Education Wanderley Carvalho, ponders the impact of the experience of conscious projection or out-of-body experience on the self-paradigm.

In the article *Self-paradigmatic Transition Diagram*, the authors present a methodological proposal for the analysis of the personal self-paradigmatic process, including conceptualizations and a case study.

The interview with the lexicographer and polyglot Laurentino Afonso, author of entries in the *Encyclopaedia Judaica*, published in 1971, presents reflections on the specific recycling case of theological self-paradigm.

Great interparadigmatic reflections to all!

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