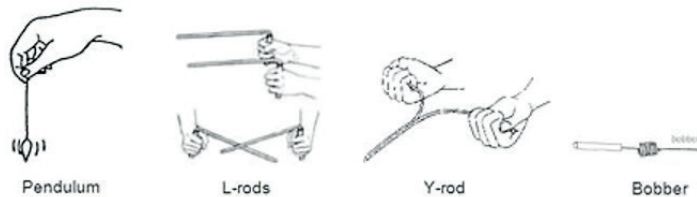


DO "DOWSING RODS" REALLY WORK?

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Dowsing, also known as water witching or divining, is a practice that has been used since the sixteenth century to locate underground water sources or other hidden objects. The most common tool used for dowsing is the dowsing rod, which can come in various forms such as fruit branches, copper rods, coat hangers and pendulums. While many people claim to have had success with dowsing, it's important to note that the effectiveness of dowsing remains a topic of controversy and skepticism.

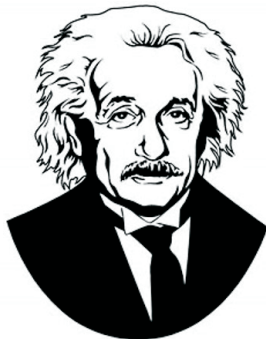


Many people that I've worked with over the years use this method daily to find utilities or leaks. I personally have been witching water since I was a child alongside my father with a split apple branch that he gave me. I never realized then that I would be using this technique at my job today. My experience over the years has been very successful, whether I was looking for water, sewer or drainage lines, or locating a spring to dig a well. However, after reading many articles on this topic, there is a lack of scientific evidence to support the claim that dowsing works. Many controlled experiments and studies that have been conducted over the years, have generally been inconclusive. Skeptics argue that the success of dowsing can often be attributed to luck.

There was a study that was done in 1990 over a 10-year period by the German government that sent experienced geologists and dowsers to dry regions like Sri Lanka, Kenya and Yemen. They drilled approximately 690 wells and found that the dowsers found water 96% of the time, which perplexed the scientific community.

A quote from Albert Einstein:

"I know very well that many scientists consider dowsing as they do astrology, as a type of ancient superstition. According to my conviction this is, however, unjustified. The dowsing rod is a simple instrument which shows the reaction of the human nervous system to certain factors which are unknown to us at this time."



While many people have claimed success with dowsing such as myself, the scientific community remains skeptical, and the phenomenon lacks support. It's possible that some people may have a unique ability to allow them to detect certain underground features, but this has not been consistently demonstrated in controlled scientific experiments. As a result, dowsing is generally considered unreliable and should be approached with caution when making important decisions based on its results.

In my opinion, if I'm able to help find water lines, curb boxes and leaks with my dowsing rods to help others, and it works... I don't care what the scientific statistics say. 💧💧💧

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