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Persi Diaconis*, Stanford University, Department of Statistics, Stanford, CA 94305. *On Coincidences.*

Coincidences amaze us. They can affect where we live and work. I will review classical attempts to come to terms with them (work of Jung and Freud), introduce some quantitative tools, and talk about lessons to be learned from real-world interaction with psychics. Sometimes, a bit of quantitative thinking shows that things are not so surprising after all. (Received May 17, 2013)