

**People Who  
Have More than  
Five Senses...**

# People with Superpowers

Have you heard of people who can see through a body as though it was glass, or boil a glass of water with their bare hands? Did you know that there are people who can live in the water, and others who can run without getting tired? Join us for a look at ordinary people with extraordinary capabilities, some of which defy explanation.

At the end, read an article about special abilities that people like yourself can develop with the aid of modern technology, such as seeing in the dark, making yourself invisible and regenerating missing limbs.



School children are taught that every healthy person is born with five senses: vision, hearing, smell, touch and taste. There are more senses, though, that not everyone is familiar with. Some, such as balance, are so integral to our daily lives that we overlook them.

Let's take the example of proprioception, the sense by which you know where your limbs are without having to look. You know where your hands are even with your eyes closed and can touch the tip of your nose on the first try even in a darkened room. It's not something you have to think about and does not involve memory. You just "know." It is an inborn ability that enables every healthy person to intuitively sense where their limbs are. That's the kind of wonder Hashem has built into the human body.

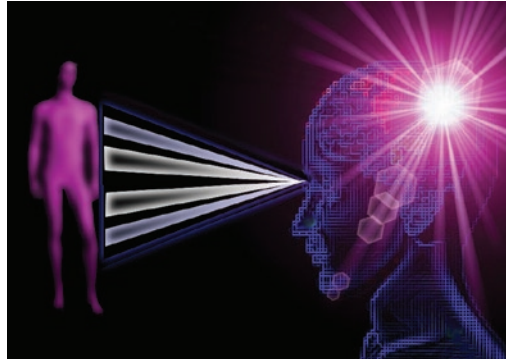
There are other senses, however, that are enjoyed only by an elite few. There are also special senses that some people develop through intensive training, etc. Then there are senses that only animals are imbued with. In the not-too-distant future, technology may give humans capabilities so incredible that they will be difficult to believe until they can be seen.

But let's not run ahead of ourselves. First, let's look at ordinary people who are blessed with extraordinary abilities, some of which are impossible to explain.

### X-Ray Vision

Natasha Demkina was an ordinary girl in Saransk, Russia, with average school grades. Everything changed in 1997, when Demkina was 10. Over several months, Demkina's parents noticed her staring intently at people. Each time their daughter saw someone, she would concentrate her gaze at them, as though she was seeing something unusual.

One day, Natasha's mother questioned her about the unusual behavior. The girl replied in complete innocence that so-and-so—referring by name to the most recent visitor she stared at in that manner—had something in his intestines. Taking this as



Amazingly, Demkina's seems to see inside people's bodies. (Illustration)



A 1989 report about Douglas Cottrell, who claims he can diagnose and treat patients who are thousands of miles away.

nothing more than fantasy, Mrs. Demkina pointed out that people feel uncomfortable when others stare at them.

A few weeks passed. Then, Natasha's mother learned that this man had been diagnosed with a growth in his intestines! Mrs. Demkina was shocked. Had her daughter viewed with her eyes what the doctor could only see with an X-ray? She quickly blocked out the thought, but the idea kept returning to haunt her.

In the end, Mrs. Demkina decided to test her daughter. She invited over a friend who had undergone surgery on a bone that involved inserting a metal plate in her foot. She called Natasha in and asked her what she saw in the woman's foot. Natasha correctly identified the plate, even describing its precise location. The mother now had evidence that her daughter was endowed with "X-ray vision," which enabled her to see inside people's bodies.

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