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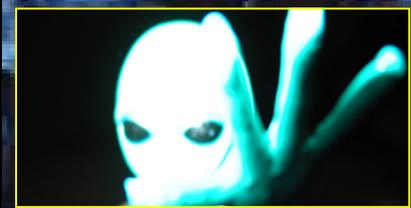
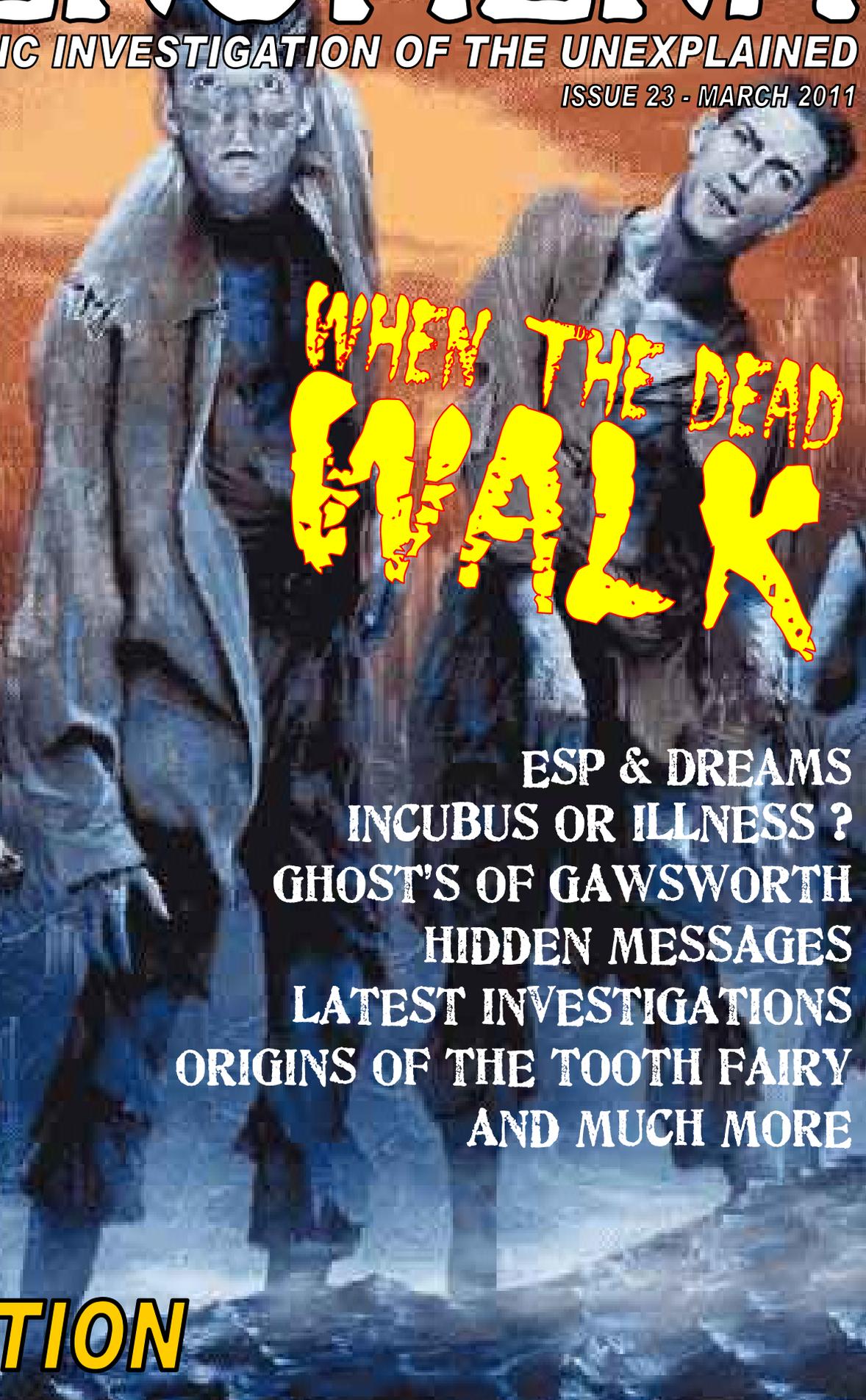
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It's been an interesting month. MAPIT & UPIA have secured two investigations at hotels in Wythenshawe and Knutsford, UK in regards alleged paranormal disturbances. We have also been approached by a number of authors that would like us to review and advertise their books. This issue has a number of good articles, including an alleged incubus encounter and a feature on Real Zombies, plus much more.

We hope you enjoy it.

SUB-EDITORIAL



I was lucky this month to be invited to take part in a BBC documentary called 'Inside Out', a weekly magazine show. The subject I was asked to participate in was the UAV project at BAE Systems at Warton in Lancashire. I was able to discuss UFO sightings throughout the North West in association to experimental aircraft related to the site.

The overall slot offered some fantastic examples of amazingly shaped unmanned crafts, seen by some for the first time. I must offer an apology to Ann Winsper this month; Last month's magazine included the Chocolate girl of Thornton's Chocolate shop in Chester. I worked with Ann a lot in the past, and have many of her articles stored for research purposes. Unfortunately I forwarded Ann's article to Steve instead of my own for submission. Hey I'm not infallible. Sorry AW.

The world of the strange offers quite a lot this month. We have been working in depth with many associates regarding the Jerusalem UFO videos, Steve will be reviewing this in our news section. We have also been looking into the recent Indonesian crop circles. Finally a lull in media interest in animal and bird deaths, And there's been several large cat sightings in the UK. Its also UK Conference silly season and there's announcements with the same speakers, saying the same thing, as well as the inevitable claptrap talking crowd trying to make a name for themselves. Note: Not all participants fall into these categories, and I hope one day, the stand out lecturers can be on a worthy event together. That would be worth seeing...

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I have been rather skeptical for many years in regards the alleged alien abduction phenomena. However, in 1996 I came across an investigation that was to put my scepticism to the test. Physical marks left on the ground, trees singed by heat and a witness recount through the use of hypnosis sent a shiver down my spine. Could this incident really have happened? Steve Mera explains.



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**Page 19: Hidden Messages.**  
For a number of years I have has a mild interest in the subject of UFOs ever since I saw one a number of years back. I have noticed over the years a growing public interest due to TV shows, movies, magazines and books. Recently whilst attending the US Super Bowl I was surprised to see five alien invasion movie trailers for 2011. Is someone trying to tell us something? Kevin Baum wonders...



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It's fair to say I'm a huge zombie fanatic. If it's dead, walks and bites I'll be there watching, a bag of toffee popcorn in one hand and a Colt 45 in the other-just in case! You could say I think zombies are, "Dead good!" But there is a much more realistic side to these stories. Tales of real zombies, black magic, rituals and the dead rising from the ground to do your bidding. Colin Veacock explains...



**Page 21: Scientists and UFOs: They 'ARE' interested.**  
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# The Robertson Panel: The CIA Consider UFOs.



1918-1939 is sometimes called "the golden age of aviation" because of the much technological advancement made in aircraft. With World War II came better, faster airplanes and more experienced pilots. By the time the war was over, air travel was becoming firmly established across the world. The skies became the highways of the future. People started looking up in curiosity. What they saw in the skies was sometimes mundane, but sometimes astonishing. The UFO age had begun.

The early 1950s saw a surge of civilian UFO reports. So serious had the problem become, that normal intelligence duties in the CIA were being seriously impacted. Authorities were worried that if the Soviet Union or another adversary attempted to invade the US, the lines would be clogged and the government would be unable to act, so serious had UFO hysteria become. Clearly, something had to be done. The CIA responded by forming a committee to investigate the thousands of UFO reports and choose a course of action. The committee, headed by Howard Percy Robertson came to be known as The Robertson Panel.

Robertson was a distinguished physicist, a CIA employee, and a director of the Defence Department Weapons Evaluation Group. He drew upon six friends and colleagues of scientific importance to fill the panel. Some of the more famous scientists on the board were Luis Alvarez, who won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1968; and Samuel A. Goudsmit, who was a head of one division of the Manhattan Project and jointly proposed the theory of the electronic spin. Other members were Frederick C. Durant, missile expert; Thornton Page, astrophysicist; Lloyd Berkner, physicist; and Allen Hynek, astronomer.

From the beginning, the panel was biased against the idea of UFOs. In their first briefing, Robertson explained that their purpose was to "debunk" UFOs. At least one committee member, Thornton Page, was reprimanded for his "excessive levity." There has also been some criticism that, while the scientists on the panel were leaders in their respective fields, these scientists specialised in outer space. No scientists were consulted who had expertise in atmospheric conditions - which is where UFOs are seen. The panel met in secret for four consecutive days. During this time they viewed two amateur

motion pictures: The 1950 Montana and the 1952 Utah UFO Films, which had already undergone 1,000 man hours of detailed analysis by Navy officers who had concluded that the depicted objects were not any known aircraft, creature, or weather phenomenon.

Air Force Captain Edward J. Ruppelt and Major Dewey J. Fournet then addressed the panel, summarising the extensive work they had been involved with in UFO affairs over the preceding years. Ultimately, the panel spent twelve hours considering reports and investigations that Project Blue Book and other committees had spent years investigating. They speedily found "explanations" for the reports. When there was no answer to be found, they swept the case under the table. The Robertson Panel wasted no time in formulating their official report. They concluded that 90% of UFO sightings could be readily identified with meteorological, astronomical, or natural phenomenon, and that the remaining 10% could be explained with detailed study. They furthermore stated that such study would be a waste of time.

Their final recommendation stated "That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired." Based on their recommendations, a public relations committee was assembled to reduce public interest in UFOs. Believers subscribing to such notions were painted as foolish and irrational.

This effort drew upon the resources of renowned scientists as well as celebrities and mass media. Even the influential Disney Corporation was involved in the debunking effort.

From this point forward Ufology has been seen in disrepute among scholarly circles, and UFOs have become a subject of the fringe communities. Finally, due to the suggestions of the committee, groups studying UFOs were monitored by government agents and spies in order to keep them from influencing mass thinking. As late as 1976 a CIA memo was discovered telling how the agency was still having to report on the activities of UFO groups.

In the years following the Robertson Panel at least two members expressed disappointment with its proceedings. Because of the panel's conclusions, the attention needed to acquire the data to even decide the nature of the UFO phenomenon has not been given the subject. Thornton Page and J. Allen Hynek both lamented that the subject had not been treated with more seriousness. While Page expressed passing interest, J. Allen Hynek went on to become a scientifically respected voice in the subject of Ufology. There can be no doubt that the Robertson Panel opened the era of government cover-up regarding the UFO phenomenon; And yet, stripped of credibility and respect, there are still those who insist on sharing their experiences. For no matter the cost, there are still those who look up into the sky with curiosity...

The Robertson Panel concluded that a public relations campaign should be undertaken in order to "debunk" UFOs, and reduce public interest in the subject, and that civil UFO groups should be monitored. There is evidence this was carried out more than two decades after the Panel's conclusion.

Critics (including a few panel members) would later lament the Robertson Panel's role in making UFO's a somewhat disreputable field of study.

# INCUBUS OR ILLNESS ?

From time to time, and more often than you'd think, the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) becomes involved in a case that has nothing to do with UFOs, Aliens or alleged Abductions. Judith Jaafar Investigates...

The following case came to my attention, in May 2000, through my then colleague, Malcolm Robinson of SPI (Strange Phenomena Investigations). The very disturbed witness called Malcolm for help; we discussed the situation and decided to take up the case in the hope of providing some support and perhaps helping the witness understand and come to terms with her experiences – at least that was my remit. The case turned out to be very harrowing, and much more complex than we at first envisaged. Malcolm Robinson removed himself mid-way through the investigation and refused to answer the witness's calls thereafter, even though events were escalating.

In late May of 2000 SPI received a call from Elizabeth (pseudonym), a 47yr old white English woman living in a council house in a suburb of west London. She was in a deeply distressed and disturbed state and reported that she had been subjected to the attentions of an invisible entity that was raping her on an increasingly regular basis. In demonology, this type of predatory entity, if indeed an entity is the true agency, and is called an *incubus*, if male, and a *succubus* if female.

Elizabeth had not slept for weeks, certainly not in her bedroom at night, and had taken to trying to catch a few hours on the living room couch during daylight hours. However, the attacks

and poorly furnished and decorated, in fact many of the walls were bare plaster and hadn't been painted. I noticed this immediately, as lack of pride and effort in a "high strangeness" witnesses immediate environment (and in their person) has become such a common feature in my investigations that it merits study in and of itself. The aforementioned details are in no way intended to be critical or judgemental; I draw them to attention only because they may have a bearing on the nature of Elizabeth's troubles. They could mean many things, but are certainly possible indicators in psychology of depression or other more serious forms of mental illness. Within the spheres of paranormal and psychical research, received wisdom tells us that disturbed emotions coupled with a disordered or dirty environment appear to attract unwelcome attention and provide a fertile feeding ground for negative energies or malevolent entities.

Martin, Elizabeth's 22yr old son, lived with her but was frequently absent and I got to meet him only briefly on one of my five visits. Martin was sceptical of his mother's claims and was impatient with her, thereby denying her the support and understanding she so badly needed.

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He cites, in his own account of this case, that he believed Elizabeth to be seriously disturbed and in need of medical help, and his further involvement would profit nothing. In all conscience, I could not so easily walk away from someone who was so clearly distressed and disturbed, so decided to proceed with the case investigation on my own without any further involvement with SPI.

had increased in frequency and now she felt the entity with her at all times, even when doing such mundane things as shopping. She told us that she had made several attempts to contact religious agencies to help relieve her of this burden, including inviting the local Anglican priest to bless her and her house. The vicar had come with three women from the church, said some prayers, sprinkled holy water and asked the "spirit" to leave.

This did not help at all, and things got worse afterwards. Elizabeth had also been on a residential retreat with nuns at a rural convent in an attempt to rid herself of whatever it was that was plaguing her. She felt peaceful and relaxed whilst at the convent, but events resumed as soon as she returned home. As a last ditch attempt, she had contacted a paranormal organisation in the hope that a different approach would be more successful.

On 21st June 2000 Malcolm and I made our first visit to Elizabeth. Her house was small and ordinary, not very clean



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He may have had his reasons, though, as we shall see shortly. Some general chatting followed, allowing witness and investigators to get to know each other over several cups of tea. Elizabeth had moved to her current address in 1992 from another nearby suburb after a divorce from her husband, but maintained she had never had any odd experiences in her previous homes.

Upon asking when these unpleasant manifestations first occurred, she told us that they'd started in January of that year, for no apparent reason as far as she was concerned. I asked what else was going on in her life at that time, and she appeared hesitant and embarrassed. By dint of some gentle cajoling, she finally admitted that she'd been deserted by her lover around that time and had been inconsolable with grief and longing. Some more gentle probing revealed that she'd been having a very secret, very passionate and all-consuming sexual relationship with her son's best friend. She had been in love, and felt loved, for the first time in her life, but as is the way with things, her son had found out and he was horrified and enraged. The relationship ended there and then, not at her insistence, but at her young lover's. She was devastated. Soon after this the trouble began. She couldn't eat, couldn't sleep, and couldn't do anything except obsess about her lost love. The first physical sensations began with pins and needles moving over her head, then a sensation of something pushing down on her legs whilst lying in bed. She felt a constant "breeze" blowing around her head and also the sensation of someone/thing gently stroking her hair. She began to wonder if she was losing her mind when she started to detect a horrible

and foul disgusting, musky smell in her bedroom. Which was accompanied by visions of small, human faces with intensely black eyes staring at her from mid-air above her bed.

Things just went from bad to worse after that. As soon as she lay down to sleep, she would feel invisible hands touching her all over, becoming increasingly rough. Cold breezes would play all around her and then her breasts would be pummeled followed by a weight descending onto her body. Ultimately she would be penetrated by what felt like her to be a penis, all the while finding herself powerless and unable to fight back. This would go on and on until she was exhausted. It would then stop and allow her a few hours of fitful sleep before starting again. When asked if she felt sexual arousal, even against her will, during these episodes, she refused to give an answer. In the absence of a vehement "no", one can only assume that she was too ashamed to answer in the affirmative. This is common in such cases, and also in incidents of childhood sexual abuse.

At one point, while Elizabeth was in the kitchen making tea, I had a look at her bookcase. I discovered around ten hefty tomes on witchcraft, the occult and demonology, most borrowed from the public library service. I mentioned this when the witness came back into the room, asking why she would have such a collection of disturbing books in her home. She assured me that this had never been an interest of hers in the past, but she had, in desperation at her situation, decided to do her own research on the subject, hoping to gain some understanding.

Malcolm and I later discussed at length the possibilities and probabilities in this case. Did some supernatural force genuinely oppress Elizabeth? Was she suffering from a type of delusional psychosis?

Was she fabricating the whole thing for reasons best known to her? At the time I was training as a mental health practitioner (psychotherapy and hypnotherapy) and I was well aware of the mental health implications of this case.

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I asked the witness if she'd been to her doctor about these "symptoms", or was she taking any type of medication, but she said no. I advised her to go to her GP and ask for a referral (schizophrenia or sexual psychosis were on my mind), but she refused this advice on the grounds that any doctor would automatically diagnose her as "mad", without even considering the possibility of entity oppression. She was convinced that a spirit was plaguing her, and nothing would shake that conviction.

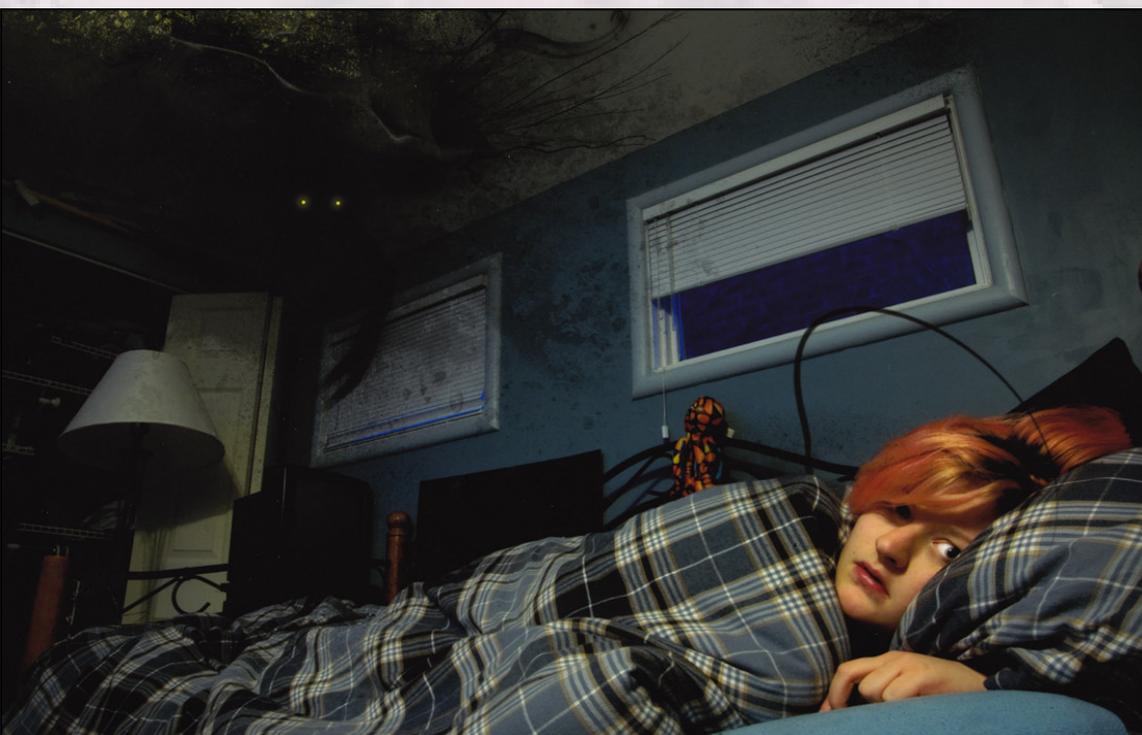
It was not lost on me, however, that the details of her oppression exactly matched those of the woman whose allegedly true story was immortalised in the film, "The Entity", which came out some time in 1981, I believe. The foul smell that signaled the "presence", the breeze blowing through the victim's hair, the touching, the sexual arousal, the free-floating, strange faces, the manhandling of the breasts, the pinning down on the bed by a heavy weight, the penetration, the pain and exhaustion... and finally the self-loathing, all exactly the same in both cases.

Malcolm then took the step of contacting a psychic medium, with Elizabeth's consent, and asking her if she would come and meet Elizabeth, find out what was going on and do something about it. I was very much against this approach, as I know that such efforts often compound the problem and in principle I prefer not to work with those who claim themselves

Judith Jaafar was the vice chair of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA). She was also an accredited investigator for the BUFORA National Investigations Committee (NIC). Judith was an active member of BUFORA for many years and conducted investigations and research into paranormal events and profound experiences. She was also involved in a Witness Support Group during the 1990's. Judith has spent many years actively attending conferences and events around the country and often hosted and organised BUFORA lectures in the London area.

*'Within the serious boundaries of paranormal research, she maintains a refreshing humour towards the subject and researchers at large and has contributed to many areas of this field of research with a pragmatic, objective and positive approach'.*

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to be 'psychic', as their testimony is purely subjective and cannot be validated, or denied for that matter, in any objective, empirical way. It all comes down to faith in the psychic's ability and an acceptance of whatever they might feel and say. However, it was initially Malcolm's case, and I could not dissuade him from this course.

***'I let out a cry of, "Oh, my God," as I watched spots of a beautiful aquamarine colour play all over her face and head, following the contours of her nose, lips and brow'.***

On the 8th of July 2000, we made another visit to the witness's home, this time with Jenny (pseudonym), a well-known clairvoyant medium from the south of England, accompanied by her grown-up son. Malcolm had, unfortunately, fully apprised Jenny of Elizabeth's take on the situation – I would have preferred to have given her minimal information. We spoke with Elizabeth for some time and I had a chance to see how the psychic was approaching the situation. Jenny then startled us by asking us to leave, as she did not like performing 'cleansings' in front of an audience. We had no option but to retire to a local café for an hour, thus being denied any chance of documenting proceedings and, most importantly, observing the dynamic between psychic and witness. The following testimony, therefore, comes solely from Jenny and was related to us when we returned from the café – Elizabeth herself had little to say after the cleansing.

After Jenny had questioned the witness for some time, Jenny's spirit guides informed her that there were two spirit presences in the house – one good, and one not so good. It was decided, by whom I don't know, that the benign presence was that of Elizabeth's stillborn daughter of 28yrs ago, who had grown up in the spirit world and was now attempting to protect her mother. Elizabeth had been very surprised and moved by this revelation, and Jenny had encouraged her to spiritually embrace this daughter and give her a name – Susanna. The other, malevolent entity was a scruffy-looking man of around 50 yrs, 5ft 9ins in height, gaunt and thin with long greasy, curly hair and a long wiry beard.

He was an earthbound spirit who liked being where he was and did not want to go to the light. He had latched on to Elizabeth when she was mentally and emotionally at a low ebb in the aftermath of her relationship break-up, and when she was experiencing unfulfilled, intense, sexual longing. Jenny told this spirit that his actions were predatory and despicable, that he had to leave, and that "the light" would be shown to him now. At this point the spirit threw himself on the ground, apologised for his actions and indeed went straight to the light that had appeared like an elevator shaft in the corner of Elizabeth's bedroom. To facilitate this process Jenny had asked her guides to manifest the man's father to help him "go over".

And so it was all sorted. Jenny at this point had administered psychic healing to the witness and provided her with a protective cocoon that would allow nothing negative to come through from the other side. She also advised her to take positive steps to change her life, get herself an interest or hobby, get out more and generally "smarten up" – all very sound advice. Elizabeth was smiling and looking decidedly bemused by the whole thing, but averred that she was feeling much better and that a great weight had been lifted from her. So far, so good – or was it? The following paragraph is lifted from my initial thoughts on these events, as written at the time.

*"I was totally unconvinced by Jenny's well-intentioned performance. I have never seen anyone so adept at asking leading questions and putting thoughts and words into another's mouth. As an investigator this angered me, although I am absolutely sure that Jenny was doing her very best to help Elizabeth. I was very concerned that she was reinforcing Elizabeth's total belief in a spiritual explanation for her distress, and possibly making matters worse. If this didn't work, then Elizabeth would be plunged into even greater depression. It all just seemed far too pat, far too easy to me".*

***"I had an overwhelming sense of deception, either on Elizabeth's part or on the part of the alleged entity, if it existed at all".***

*Jenny was insistent that the possessing entity was a human soul, lost and unloved. She did not believe in the existence of non-human entities. Hundreds of years of conventional wisdom about incubi and succubae dictates otherwise. They are invariably manifestations of an evil that has never been human, and are incredibly difficult to banish. At the moment I can see two distinct scenarios emerging – that of a depressed, delusional,*

*mentally- ill woman, or a non-human force that is cunning and deceptive, or even a combination of both".*

***"There is something we are missing here, and I am sure that Elizabeth has not told us all the information about herself that we must have in order to make a proper and responsible evaluation".***

*"I fully expect Jenny's spirit deliverance not to have worked. We researchers take on an enormous responsibility when trying to handle a case like this. Neither Malcolm nor I are clinical psychologists, nor are we trained exorcists. But we are catapulted into a distressing case where we have to make judgements about what is the right way to proceed, because people like Elizabeth have nowhere else to turn. I personally want Elizabeth to go to her doctor, but she won't. What do we do? Wash our hands of the whole case and leave her to the hell that's she's living in, be it created by herself or not? If Elizabeth were to go to her doctor and be wrongly diagnosed as psychotic, it would be a travesty, and thus I understand her reluctance. But if she is in need of psychiatric help and we don't try to ensure that she receives that help, then that would be a travesty also. This brings into focus a huge problem that we have in Britain in paranormal and UFO research. More and more what we term "high strangeness" cases are being reported, and who in all honesty is qualified to deal with them? There are no diplomas in spirit possession or alien abduction. If you leave it to psychologists, you can be sure before you even start what their evaluations will be. They have been trained to think in a certain way, and believe in certain things. Very few have the courage, or the curiosity, to embrace this kind of thing with open minds, and open hearts. This is not to say that I believe all witness reports on the paranormal can be taken at face value and a supernatural explanation be arrived at. Not at all. The majority of weird experiences do have a natural or psychological stimulus, and this is in itself an interesting field of study. But there will always be some cases where this just does not apply. We'll keep you posted on Elizabeth's case, but I can guarantee you that there's more to come, lots more."*

Now is when my stern and disinterested objectivity takes a firm knock, however, just when I thought I had put the psychic's performance into a sensible, sceptical perspective. At the end of this second meeting, we all got up to take our leave and were saying our goodbyes to Elizabeth. I reached over to shake her hand and looked at her face whilst speaking to her. Quite involuntarily I let out a cry of, "Oh, my

#### **Legend has it...**

The Incubus is a mythological creature described as a comely male demon. The Incubus, depending on the myth, either visits its victim in their sleep (in dreams) or physically (coming and going in the form of vapor or smoke). It lures its victims with sexual favors, inciting lust and intoxication (presumably a state like drunkenness). Depending on the version, the Incubus feeds either on the soul or upon the life of its victims. The difference being that if it feeds upon the soul, the victim allegedly suffers eternal damnation, if it feeds upon the life then the victim's soul is intact. In either case, the victim gradually suffers physical deterioration like a wasting disease. It is thought that if the victim is not "saved" from the attacker they die. Some versions suggest that the person becomes so obsessed with the incubus that they stop taking food and drink, some say that the person dies from the incubus itself.

The actual description of the Incubus is much like the modern version of Dracula or other vampires. A demonic parasite which lulls its victims with euphoria so that it can feed on the essence of the individual.

God," as I watched spots of a beautiful aquamarine colour play all over her face and head, following the contours of her nose, lips and brow. They were not lights, just spots of colour and elliptical rather than round in shape, moving in the way that projected lights do over the walls and ceiling in clubs or disco's. Before I could say anything, Malcolm piped up, "Can you see them too, the blue lights on her face?" We were both stunned, to say the least. Jenny then informed us that this was the healing energy she had left with Elizabeth. We studied the room, but there was nothing I could see that could have produced such an effect, nor any light source that could have left an after-image on the retina.

As if that were not enough strangeness for one day, as I walked down the hallway behind Jenny's son, I watched this time elongated bars of a deep golden-orange colour rippling up and down the young man's spinal area on top of his beige sweater and trousers. I told him this as we exited the house, and he informed me that his mother had done healing on his back that morning to alleviate a painful football injury. I have seen nothing like this before, nor since and am quite willing to concede that Jenny does indeed seem to have genuine paranormal abilities, at least as far as healing is concerned.

As I expected, the mediumistic intervention had not helped. Two days after Jenny's ministrations, Elizabeth called Malcolm and told him that things had escalated and were worse than ever. He suggested contacting Jenny and asking her to come for a second visit, which she had offered to do anyway, but Elizabeth was adamant that she didn't want this, and revealed that she had not "taken to" Jenny initially. Curiously, or perhaps not, this same reaction was evinced by witnesses to whom Malcolm had introduced Jenny in the investigation of a haunting/poltergeist case in south London. They didn't like her and didn't want her coming to see them for a follow-up visit. I was also present at the investigation of that case, and can well understand the witnesses' discomfort, but that is the stuff of another report.

I decided to confide in David (pseudonym) my tutor and supervisor, the man who, at the time, was guiding me through my postgraduate diploma in clinical hypnotherapy. He is a man of many years experience in psychology, and quite the most adept hypnotist I have ever met. I gave him the bare bones of the story (not wanting to contaminate his perceptions), and he agreed to come with me to meet Elizabeth. Malcolm did not accompany me on this visit for personal reasons of

his own. This was now a whole different kettle of fish: no psychics, mediums or paranormal investigators, just clued-up psychology at work.

***'Elizabeth mentioned that she would see, fairly often, strange little lights in her bedroom, lights that she associated with the unwelcome presence in her home and her life'.***

We arrived at Elizabeth's house on the evening, a couple of weeks after Jenny's unsuccessful "cleansing". David immediately noted the bare walls and general state of the house, communicated to me by just a "look". We settled down with cups of tea and started the psychologist's case taking,

At this point we took a cigarette break and Elizabeth went to the kitchen to make more tea. David and I went to the garden and discussed whether these new revelations were offered to us because she knew we were psychologists, and this was just the sort of stuff she thought we would love to hear. Could false memory syndrome be applicable?

We also discussed something that I have not mentioned so far, the fact that the witness had such enormous breasts that they would constitute a medical deformity. I only mention this because it could possibly have a bearing on how Elizabeth perceived herself, in a female, sexual sense. We decided to ask her about this, and ascertain if it were the reason for her visits to the psychiatrist, as therapy is always offered before women go ahead and agree to breast-reduction surgery.

First things first – the breasts. No, her psychiatric visits were nothing to do with breasts, but to do with her life "issues", although she was indeed in



an integral and very important part of the therapeutic process. I was now at liberty to ask questions and go down routes I was previously unable to do when accompanied by a paranormal researcher with little idea of what is truly required in such cases. David said little at the beginning and allowed me to go with my instincts, possibly as an appraisal of my abilities as a potentially fully qualified clinician. We went over all the old ground (for David's benefit), and then some new. And the new was startling. Elizabeth obviously felt comfortable, or forced, into revealing hitherto guarded secrets; she was seeing a psychiatrist at a the local hospital, she had been sexually abused by her father as a child over a period of 10 years, she had lived in Ghana when she was young, and her father had been involved, whilst in Africa, in black magic.

the NHS "queue" for breast-reduction surgery at the local teaching hospital. Was she on medication? No, and she wouldn't take it anyway. What were her issues? Depression, lack of motivation, insomnia. What was the treatment? A six-monthly 10 minute visit with an Italian doctor at the local hospital, she understanding little of what he said, and he understanding even less of what she said. Outcome – nothing of worth. This, of course, is what Elizabeth told us. It would be interesting to hear what the Italian psychiatrist had to say, but that is not an option - medical records are confidential, totally. Did these hospital appointments pre-date the onset of her recent troubles? Couldn't give an answer. But if these appointments were every six months, then it's obvious that she had been to her GP some time ago about something, and he would have

**What is an Exorcism?**

*The Catholic Encyclopedia defines exorcism as "the act of driving out, or warding off, demons, or evil spirits, from persons, places, or things, which are believed to be possessed or infested by them, or are liable to become victims or instruments of their malice." In short, it is a ritual performed by a Catholic priest to expel the devil from a person, place or thing.*

*There are several types of exorcism in the Roman Catholic Church, such as, a Baptismal exorcism - blessing an infant prior to baptism to cleanse it of evil resulting from original sin. A Simple exorcism - blessing a place or thing to rid it of evil influence and a Real exorcism - performing the Rite of Exorcism to rid a human being of diabolical possession*

*A "real exorcism" is what most of us think of when we think of exorcism. In this case, the priest-exorcist is dealing with a human being who is possessed by the devil -- the devil is inhabiting this person's body.*

had to set up psychiatric referral, on the NHS, at least some time before she contacted us, as it sadly takes ages to get a mental health referral, even if the subject is suicidal, unless a sectioning order is issued.

We decided then to follow the clues she had offered, and see where it took us. The obvious question was about the alleged childhood abuse. Elizabeth told us that she had been sexually abused by her father from the age of four until she was fourteen, at which time he had attempted to have full penetrative intercourse, as he regarded her at that age to be "up for it". This was when she managed to gather her strength and say, "No, no more," realising that she was about to be raped by her own father. The family were living during this time in Ghana, as her father had secured a job there. No mention was made of her mother or siblings and this was a point I wanted to come back to in subsequent meetings.

***'Just fleeting glimpses of what appeared to be another intelligence behind her eyes, cruel and mocking and in essence apparently inhuman'.***

We discussed with her, in light of this revelation, without putting ideas in her head, the profound effect this might have had on her self-image as a woman, and on her subsequent behaviour with men. She volunteered that as an adult she had only ever seen herself as a sexual object (huge breasts were a part of this) and that she felt she had no worth except as an object of sexual desire to men. Her ability to provide sexual favours (without love) was a huge part of her life. A lot of discussion ensued, too detailed to go into here, but much of it about love for the self and love for others.

At an appropriate point, David suggested that he hypnotise her and try to get to the bottom of all these tangled issues, access the "part" of her that was living all the issues, and determine how it was impacting on her present life. She agreed, with some initial diffidence, and I sat back to observe. Unfortunately it was a complete non-starter. I watched the fear in the eyes as David approached her, the tensing of the body and the clenching of the fists. She was totally resistant, whilst maintaining that she wished to be compliant. David tried and tried, every

sneaky technique that he knew, but to no avail. Eventually he gave up, whilst reassuring her that this was normal, and that next time it would work, and there would be a next time. We left it at that, and had another tea break. David seemed edgy and uncomfortable, something I had never before witnessed.

Next up was the revelation of the childhood life and sexual abuse in Ghana, and how she knew that her father had become involved in African "occult" practices and how he would disappear for evenings and days, refusing to tell her mother what he had been doing. He had an extensive library of occult books that, whilst being unaware of their true potency, she had nevertheless dipped into with her childish curiosity. She had an unarticulated feeling that she was somehow more involved than that. This, of course, gave the lie to her earlier assertion, when I espied her books, that she had no knowledge of, or interest in such subjects. There were good times also when she would accompany her father to a local creek where they would swim and fish together for hours.

Elizabeth then mentioned that she would see, fairly often, strange little lights in her bedroom, lights that she associated with the unwelcome presence in her home and her life. David then suggested that we all go upstairs and see what we could see in her bedroom. The three of us stood in her room as Elizabeth pointed out the usual place for this manifestation, up in the corner above her wardrobe and just near the ceiling. Try as I might, I could see nothing. We waited a while until Elizabeth excitedly exclaimed, "There they are! Can you see them?" I still saw nothing, but David, my rock of rational objectivity, turned and nodded to me in the affirmative, whilst saying nothing to Elizabeth. I was stunned. We went downstairs, had a parting cup of tea, and discussed the next visit, where David had assured Elizabeth, in respect of her entreaties, that he would definitely get to the bottom of her troubles and hopefully banish them.

We weren't a second out the front door when I asked him, "What was all that about, the lights?" He assured me he had seen them, describing them like 5th November sparklers and was astonished that I hadn't seen them as well. David was absolutely the last person I would have thought susceptible to suggestion, seeing as he used it as his stock in trade and knew very well how the whole dynamic worked. But his next statement was really to shake me to the core. He looked at me intently and said, "Did you see the other face?" Other face? Now this was something I hadn't

mentioned to anyone, not David, not Malcolm and certainly not Elizabeth.

Yes, I had seen her other face, right from the first visit, and it had discomfited me greatly. Just fleeting glimpses of what appeared to be another intelligence behind her eyes, cruel and mocking and in essence apparently inhuman. It was the face I saw when David was attempting to hypnotise her and he had obviously seen it too. Quite frankly, it was scary, and set off the "hairs on the back of the neck" response. I have seen this before, in very different circumstances, so perhaps wasn't as surprised as might be expected. I had done some research on the topic and found that this type of transfiguration was common to both extreme psychological states (including mental illness) and possession, if indeed the two are separable.

We discussed this briefly and David took his leave, agreeing that I should contact him to set up the next meeting with Elizabeth. In the event, this second psychotherapeutic visit never happened – David refused to go back with me to the witness, saying that he never wanted to be in her company again and apologising for breaking the promise that he'd made to Elizabeth to continue her therapy. I tried hard to cajole him into staying with the case, but obviously he had been so spooked by what he saw in that house that no inducement was going to be successful. I had to relay this information to Elizabeth, who had been calling me to find out when we were coming back, and told her that David's heavy work and family schedule precluded a further visit. She begged me then to try and arrange an exorcism, something she had been wanting all along, and a route I had adamantly resisted. She knew I was a Catholic so therefore thought I had some influence with the Vatican and their trained exorcists, which of course I don't have, but I do have knowledge of the precepts of possession and exorcism.

From this I know that exorcism is an absolute last resort for the Catholic Church, and will only be sanctioned after exhaustive medical and psychological testing has come up with no answers. I also know that there are certain signs of possession that must be in evidence before an exorcism is contemplated, such as a distinct sense of presence (felt by all observers), unnatural displays of physical strength, outbursts of foul language uncharacteristic of the person, displays of psychokinesis and telepathy, speaking in tongues (glossolalia), unaccountable temperature variations in the vicinity of the subject, fear and loathing of any religious symbols or words, levitation and idiopathic wounding, obscene sexual speech and

**Apparent signs of Demonic Possession.**

*According to the Church, telltale signs of demonic possession include:*

*Speaking or understanding languages which the person has never learned (different from "speaking in tongues," which is considered a sign of religious ecstasy, not possession).*

*Knowing (and revealing) things the person has no earthly way of knowing.*

*Physical strength beyond the person's natural physical makeup.*

*A violent aversion to God, the Virgin Mary, the cross and other images of Catholic faith.*

*If you do a Google search for the word "exorcism," you'll find ads for exorcists -- Wanda Pratinicka, for example, has "30 years experience with 25,000 successfully performed exorcisms." This makes demonic possession seem like a pretty common occurrence. But to the Roman Catholic Church, it's rare: It only finds true demonic possession in about one out of every 5,000 reported cases.*

*A word of warning... It's probably best not to believe everything you read on the internet...*

actions, etc. Some of these, of course, can be found in severe mental illness, but there is a “quality” about true possession by negative forces that is unmistakable, or so conventional wisdom dictates, and it is this, taken together with all the above, that the Church looks for before countenancing an exorcism. Elizabeth displayed none of these characteristics.

Before full-blown possession however, there are mounting degrees of affliction, the two distinct stages being obsession and oppression. Could it be possible that Elizabeth, with her history of interest and possible involvement in the occult, through her evil, abusive father had been tainted by something “other”, something that took over her life when she was at a mental and spiritual low ebb? It is certainly an idea that many people believe is possible, and one that I knew Elizabeth was convinced of. I wasn’t convinced myself, but as a student of psychology I was well aware that often beliefs wield more power over people than reality does. If Elizabeth truly believed that she was haunted by a discarnate entity, would her parallel belief in the efficacy of religious exorcism be the very tool to fix the problem?

I was dubious, ambivalent and very concerned not to do anything to worsen Elizabeth’s condition, nor interfere with what little medical help she appeared to be receiving. I had been unhappy with the intervention of a psychic, so how could I reconcile that with allowing the intervention of an exorcist? But she was calling me incessantly begging for help, so I made up my mind to discuss the matter with a work colleague of mine, an evangelical pastor and deliverance minister (when not a company manager). Nancy (pseudonym) was of Caribbean origin, an island woman of great strength and presence. We had had several talks in the past about her religious work and some of the stories she told me about deliverance were truly astonishing, and somewhat disturbing. I approached her with Elizabeth’s case, only relating a few relevant details. She listened, and then stopped me, saying that she would go home and consult with a higher authority and let me know whether she could be of assistance.

Little did I realise that the higher authority was God (female), who told Nancy that Elizabeth was both psychologically impaired and demoniacally possessed, and that the doctors could only help her with her emotional dysfunction once the invading entity had been expelled. Nancy believes she has the gift of “discernment”, a Christian grace bestowed on special people enabling them to identify spirits and demons, as

opposed to manifestations of mental malfunction. She agreed to meet the subject and attempt to help her.

I called Elizabeth and asked if she would be happy for Nancy to intervene. She was grateful and enthusiastic, and so the next visit was arranged. I was still very much in two minds about this whole thing, concerned that taking such action would exacerbate the situation, as had happened with the psychic. I suppose it all comes down to what you believe, and Elizabeth surely believed that this was what she needed. I gave Nancy Elizabeth’s details as she had intimated that she initially wished to see and speak to Elizabeth alone in order to assess the situation. A few days later Nancy called me to say that there was indeed work to be done, and that during her brief visit with the witness when she had been praying and asking for God’s assistance, loud banging and rapping had been heard from somewhere upstairs. Upon investigation of the upper part of the house, nothing untoward was found. She asked if Malcolm and I would like to be present during the forthcoming exorcism, and we readily agreed.

On the 16th August 2000, Nancy met us outside Elizabeth’s house at 7.30 pm and we chatted whilst waiting for two assistant ministers to turn up. Both were black, and I assumed Afro-Caribbean like Nancy, and as we were shaking hands and introducing ourselves, I had the distinct impression of being under somewhat cool scrutiny. I wasn’t to find out why till a little later in the proceedings. I told them only what I thought was necessary, that Elizabeth believed she was oppressed or possessed by a sexually predatory entity, and that the oppression had started around six months before when her love affair had ended. I deliberately withheld information about her sexual abuse as a child in Ghana, partly as an investigative protocol but mostly because this information was private and it was up to Elizabeth to decide if she wished to divulge it to strangers.

After tea all round and the exorcists chatting to Elizabeth about her situation and her religious faith, the business started in earnest and continued for the next three hours. I had stated that I wished to take no part in the proceedings and that I would be there as an observer only, staying in the background and taking notes (Malcolm equally stayed in the background recording the events).

### ***‘Immediately the onslaught began, the barracking and badgering of the putative possessing entity to show and name itself’.***

At first it was simply all participants praying together, including our witness and that went on for some time. Many passages were read out from the Old and New Testaments mostly involving supplication to God and Christ for strength in the face of demonic adversity. To me, as a bystander, it seemed that this lengthy prayer period was part of a “psyching up” process for the ministers, allowing them to divest themselves of the trappings of the normal day they had just had and to slip into a very different mental and emotional state.

Elizabeth seemed at ease with all of this and although she was not much of a churchgoer, I did notice that she joined the others in a halting attempt to recite the Lord’s Prayer. After the formal praying had ceased, Elizabeth was invited to vacate the sofa she had been sitting on and to sit on a dining chair that Nancy had now placed in the centre of the room. Nancy’s request was stern and brooked no disagreement, in fact Nancy had suddenly become stern and commanding in every way. I noticed an immediate change in



#### **Some Facts.**

*Belief in the possibility of demonic possession has waned since the advent of sophisticated medical knowledge. What had previously been considered to be examples of control of an individual by a spirit or devil are now commonly accepted as numerous forms of mental illness, easily explained by nervous system activity. If all types of behaviour (including emotional states and cognitive states) are produced and mediated solely by the brain, there leaves no potential for such a phenomenon as demonic possession to exist and such cases would clearly be instances of various illnesses. However, neuroscience has not yet been able to explain all of the characteristics common to purported cases of demonic possession.*

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Elizabeth – she looked scared and hesitant. She nevertheless complied and the exorcists gathered round her, all of them exuding a sense of purpose and power which I would think anyone sitting in Elizabeth's chair might have found slightly intimidating.

Immediately the onslaught began, the barracking and badgering of the putative possessing entity to show and name itself. The "spirit of schizophrenia" was particularly mentioned, even though the commands to the entity to name itself had been unsuccessful. The Bible was held to the witness's head many times, whilst entreaties were made that the blood of Christ be allowed to flow down over witness and exorcists alike. (I asked Nancy about this later, as I was unaware of such a particular invocation in any Catholic ritual. It seems this is the preferred protective mechanism for Evangelicals, where Catholics would use saints and angels and a crucifix).

At one point during proceedings, loud banging noises were again heard from upstairs, but this time we managed to ascertain that they were coming from the adjoining property and were totally unrelated to the exorcism. Demands were made for the entity to leave and return to the Pit whence it came etc. etc., exactly like all of us have seen in films or TV programmes about exorcism. All the while I was watching Elizabeth who was becoming more and more uncomfortable and distressed, but also remaining resolutely silent. There were no howls or screams, no abusive or blasphemous language, no attacks on the ministers and interestingly no "other face". In fact, as much as the exorcists were behaving as expected, Elizabeth wasn't. I began to doubt the wisdom of this course of action, and was glad when Nancy called a halt to proceedings at 11pm.

Nancy explained to Elizabeth that the invading demon was very strong and cunning and was hiding deep within and that they would need to come back to continue and hopefully finish the deliverance process. I intervened at this point and asked Elizabeth if that was what she wanted, because she could stop everything right now if she wished. She stated that she did indeed want the women to come back as soon as they possibly could, as she felt their intervention was helping. I was surprised, to say the least. We left then, having arranged an evening of the next week for a follow-up visit and with Elizabeth having been instructed to start reading from a prayer book that Nancy had left for her, and to get all the books on demonology and witchcraft out of her house, even if she had to burn them. Once outside the house I spoke to the women and asked them

what they really thought. They told me it was quite normal for the demon(s) to hide at the first session, hoping to trick everyone into thinking that the person possessed was just mentally ill, and that exorcism was not going to be effective.

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They were all three convinced that there was indeed a demon latched on to Elizabeth, and equally convinced that they would get it to reveal itself next time. During this conversation I also discovered why the other two women were wary of my presence – I was a Catholic, and they had no truck with Catholics, perceiving us, I suspect, to be not much better than demons ourselves. I had a quiet smile to myself and thought, "So much for Christian solidarity in the face of the Devil". However, after meeting me and observing how I comported myself and how much I cared about Elizabeth's mental and spiritual welfare, they decided I was "all right" and perhaps Catholics weren't so bad after all. In fact, I was the only Catholic they'd ever had occasion to deal with, so where they got their prejudiced opinions from I do not know.

Next visit they were going to mean real business and up the ante, as the stakes were high and they'd never engaged in an unsuccessful exorcism to date. For me that last statement could mean many things, and I was mildly disturbed by it. Was it a case of convincing some poor, dysfunctional soul that they were possessed even when they weren't, and then driving out a non-existent entity? It made me wonder whether I wanted Elizabeth to be possessed or not – which was the lesser of the two evils?

I had a real sense of foreboding about this next visit, which I put down, at a conscious level at least, to ambivalence about the nature of the "treatment" to which I had acquiesced and, to be honest, facilitated. But I knew Nancy well and was confident that she would do her best to help and would not put anyone through such a procedure if she

Didn't believe it to be appropriate. Apart from her persona as a minister, she was a highly intelligent, skilled and compassionate woman. This I decided to put my faith in.

Malcolm had declined to be further involved in the case as he couldn't be bothered any more with Elizabeth's constant phone-calls for help and had decided that she was mentally ill, so I was on my own again. There were no pleasantries this time, straight to work. Elizabeth was questioned about how she had been feeling in the intervening days between visits – still under attack but feeling less depressed and much more hopeful for the future. They decided it was a good start. Strangely, I was asked if I had brought any Catholic paraphernalia with me, to which I answered no, but that wasn't strictly true.

Because of the sense of foreboding I had been experiencing (and maybe a lack of faith in my own rational objectivity) I had retrieved my Rosary beads off my bedroom mirror and slipped them over my head to be worn unseen under my sweater. There was method in my apparent madness, but those are stories for another time. The hard chair was placed in the centre of the room and Elizabeth was told to sit in it. This time she balked and said she had back problems and the chair caused her discomfort. The response from Nancy, "Satan doesn't deserve comfort. Sit in the chair designated for you." Wow, we were off and running! The prayer ritual started, the three exorcists stationed around the witness, encompassing her like an impenetrable barrier. I was seated at the other end of the room, well back from proceedings, on the sofa.

I was listening intently, whilst thinking my own thoughts. Elizabeth was much more agitated than last time, although silent. She was rocking and fidgeting in the chair and turning her head towards me for support. She didn't like this at all. I had to make a decision – do I intervene and stop the process, or do I let it continue? I decided to move near her and hold her hand, a conciliation between two opposites. Her hand was icy cold, and I mean icy, as was her gaze. I didn't know whose hand I was holding. Nancy intimated to me with her eyes that I should retreat back to my corner, in a glance that conveyed more meaning than a thousand words. I obeyed. I was obviously the weak link in their understanding of what they were doing, or so I thought.

A moment later, as I was writing down some notes, I became aware that all three exorcists had, at exactly the same time, slipped into a strange, yet familiar sounding language.

**The Modern Theory.**

*Liberal Christians and assorted skeptics generally deny the existence of indwelling evil spirits controlling the minds and bodies of humans. They often view exorcism accounts in Scriptures as having no grounding in reality. The descriptions simply represent how authors from the 1st century interpreted the events. i.e. the gospel writers described stories about demons being commanded to leave their victims. Actually, Jesus may have simply been using his faith-healing abilities to cure sufferers.*

*Conservative Christians who accept the Bible as infallible have a range of opinions concerning demon possession in modern times. Two extremes are:*

*Possession is no longer common: This is the belief that demon possession, and thus the necessity for exorcism, was widespread only during the ministry of Jesus and shortly afterwards. It is very rare or non-existent today. Perhaps Jesus's presence on earth caused Satan and his demons to become unusually active. Or perhaps, Jesus and the apostles cured many possessed people in order to prove to the public that Jesus was the Messiah. With the establishment of the Christian church, the need for exorcisms faded. Thus, one can assume that contemporary reports of possessions by evil spirits are all (or essentially all) invalid. What appears to be demonic possession is really caused by mental illness. Exorcisms are potentially dangerous and abusive to their victims.*

*Possession is still common: This is the belief that demon possession and the necessity for exorcism is as valid today as it was in 1st century Palestine. Many people who are being treated by psychiatrists and psychologists and other therapist are in fact demon possessed and can only be cured by exorcism. Uncounted millions of pounds are being wasted by the mental health profession in useless, or even dangerous therapy.*

I looked up to find them with heads raised to heaven and eyes closed, unaware of each other and possibly of their surroundings. I recognised the trance state immediately. The physiology of trance is unmistakable. What amazed me were the speed of induction and the simultaneousness of its effect. I listened, and listened well, looking for patterns in the unfamiliar words within the familiar cadences. Was this gibberish, some made-up language inculcated in fevered imaginations, or did this have the hallmarks of true human language? Was I, for the first time in my life, a witness to glossolalia?

The familiar cadences unnerved me but were immediately recognisable, although the vocabulary was foreign to me. I have spent twenty years of my life, on and off, living in Nigeria and during that time my ear became attuned to four distinct languages although I learned to speak only one, Hausa. The language of the exorcists was a language unlike Hausa (which is Arabic based, and very different), but akin to other West African tongues like Yoruba or Ibo. It was similar, but not the same. To say I was startled would be an understatement. The same phrases were repeated at different times by the three women, but they were not talking to each other, in fact they seemed oblivious to others around them. I mustered all my linguistic skills to analyse this phenomenon and it did appear to me that the women were speaking an intelligible language. The apparent connection with West Africa was not lost upon me, especially as none of them knew that Elizabeth had lived there. How I wished I'd had a tape-recorder with me! Such a tape would have been sent off to SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies) with some alacrity, considering I have a good friend there who is an expert in African language. I didn't have a tape recorder as I prefer to work with my own notes and Malcolm, who records everything, was not with

me. I learned a valuable lesson from this mistake.

(I later asked Nancy and her assistants what language they had been speaking, but all seemed puzzled by this question. Further discussion elicited the fact that when the Spirit entered them they had no knowledge of what was being said, a kind of amnesia descended as one would expect in a deep, somnambulistic trance. They asked me what sort of language I thought had been spoken, and when I said West African, Nancy pronounced that it was a "spirit language" from that part of the world. I then wondered what that had to do with Christianity, as spirit languages are invariably "occult" in origin and anathema to received Christian wisdom. Latin seems to be the only permissible (and effective) tongue when expelling the Devil during Christian (or should I say Catholic) exorcism. Protestants don't have a history of "tongues" of their own and usually use the language with which they and the possessed person are familiar. I would have been much happier if the spirit language had been Latin as it is a tongue with which I am very familiar and I would have been able to attempt translation).

The apparent glossolalia continued for some time, maybe five minutes, and Elizabeth was becoming more and more wild-eyed. She really didn't like this at all. Why? Suddenly, as if on cue, all three women stopped speaking, and there was a moment's silence. One of the assistants then placed her hands around Elizabeth's head, waited a while, then announced to all, "I know what this is, Jesus be praised". She then spoke to Elizabeth, "I am now talking to Elizabeth and Elizabeth alone. Does this spirit try to talk to you?" Elizabeth answered, "Well, I think so, but all I can hear is a gurgling sound, always in my left ear, like running water with a mumbling sort of voice in it. I can't make out any words." Jesus was praised some more, a lot more, and I

got the distinct impression that the tables had turned and the exorcists now knew they had the upper hand – they were smiling.

***'Suddenly, from out of the blue, something struck my body with such force that it made me jolt and cry out, "Oh, my God," and I was aware of my face contorting and my eyes opening wide'.***

This lady assistant then proceeded to tell us that, with God's help, she had managed to identify the invading entity as a "Ghanaian water spirit", although she was puzzled as to why such an entity had latched onto Elizabeth, a white English woman. She knew about this sort of entity because she herself was from Ghana (although with an English accent), and not from the Caribbean as I had assumed. Such spirits, according to her, enter vulnerable (godless and sexually excessive) people whilst they are bathing in lakes or streams, and always through the ears. They then inhabit the body and mind of the victim, urging them on to sexual excess as their satisfaction is always to be found through human sexual congress, as much and as often as possible. Communication with the hapless victim is always through watery sounds in the ear through which the initial entry has taken place.

I was stunned, to say the least. This woman knew nothing of Elizabeth's life in Ghana or of her regular forays to the creek with her paedophile father. Elizabeth sat motionless and expressionless throughout this discourse, until I gently suggested to her that she might want to tell the ministers of her prior history. Her total lack of emotional response to what was being said was in itself startling. Reluctantly she confided the history of her childhood in Ghana and it was all the exorcists needed by way of corroboration, if indeed they needed any. There are coincidences and there are coincidences, and if this were one then it was a biggie.

Back to business now and the expulsion of an identifiable entity. The onslaught really started, with two women speaking English and the other speaking Ghanaian. This went on for quite some time and followed the

**Speaking in Tongues?**

*Glossolalia, the phenomenon of speaking in unintelligible utterances (often as part of religious practices).*

*In some contexts Xenoglossy (speaking or understanding an unknown language) may be intended instead.*

*"Speaking in tongues" is a topic of widespread interest in the Christian church. Many who are not familiar with speaking in tongues are often perplexed, amused, or disturbed when they first witness the phenomenon.*

*Their reactions are understandable since it seems to depart from the natural. Even seasoned Christians with a thorough understanding of theology wrestle with the nature of the subject. Adding to its mystification is the fact that many Christian cults, the occult, Eastern mystics, and New Agers claim to exercise speaking in tongues. Such a phenomenon is sometimes reported at times of demonic possession.*



normal format of an exorcism with abjurations and exhortations in the name of Christ. I was sitting back watching and taking notes as usual, very much a non-participant. Suddenly, from out of the blue, something struck my body with such force that it made me jolt and cry out, "Oh, my God," and I was aware of my face contorting and my eyes opening wide. Nancy saw this and silently communicated again with her eyes, "Are you all right?" I nodded in the affirmative, although I must admit I wasn't quite sure. I had felt something entering my body from the front with great force, and then exiting through my back, leaving an icy coldness in its wake. I shivered for some minutes after and so caught up in my own drama was I that I hadn't noticed how things had been progressing with Elizabeth – she was now slumped forward in her hard chair and was weeping uncontrollably, the first sign of any emotion from her other than wariness and fear.

They knew then that it was over, but continued to pray over Elizabeth whilst touching and embracing her and filling her with healing from the Lord. Nancy then came over to me to check I was all right, and to advise me that whatever had left Elizabeth had exited through me, and that I ought to be particularly prayerful over the next few days, and ask for God's protection. I could not understand why I had been singled out, as I was not a participant in the exorcism (exorcists are often attacked by beleaguered entities during the expulsion process, as the literature attests).

She asked me what exactly I had felt and I told her something had hit my abdomen with great force, like a blow or hard punch and then gone out through my back, which was still feeling icy cold. She asked to see my stomach, so I lifted up my sweater and much to my consternation and her surprise there was red, raised and very visible the exact shape of the crucifix on my Rosary beads imprinted into my solar plexus area. She looked concerned for a moment, and then smiled a knowing smile, "I knew you'd bring Christ with you, but I didn't realise it would be this literal. He told me that you would be the most important person in this deliverance." The redness turned to purple bruising before finally disappearing a week or so later.

(Upon reflection, I wondered if I, quite unwittingly and directly contrary to my detached, investigative status, had been caught up in a kind of group "hysteria" engendered by the beliefs of the deliverance ministers, to the extent that it had actually impacted my physical body. Such effects are not unknown in the annals of paranormal research).

All of us were exhausted, none more so than Elizabeth, who yet had seemed so detached from proceedings right up until the last moments. The Ghanaian woman averred that the entity had been with Elizabeth for so long, right from her childhood, that she would now probably find some difficulty in living without it. She had no true knowledge of who she really was, and now was the time for the doctors to step in and administer their type of psychic/psychological healing. We all extracted a promise from Elizabeth that she would indeed go back to her doctor and insist on a referral to a clinical psychologist, with whom she would be totally honest about her life experience and even about the exorcism.

But somehow, even after all this, I wasn't totally convinced that Elizabeth was taking everything on board. There was a slyness about her that still persisted, I felt, and I wasn't sure that she would take the well-intentioned advice. I hoped I was wrong. I asked her not to call me again until she had made such an appointment, as I was worried that she had become too dependent on me, and that having made said appointment I was more than happy to go along with her to her GP or a consultant psychologist as moral support.

For the next 48 hours I felt like I had a block of ice attached to my back. I spent hours on end with an electrically heated pad placed on every chair I sat in, and also in bed, but not even that could shift the feeling of bone-deep cold. It gradually faded on its own, but left me with a sense of having encountered something terribly alien (not for the first time in my life, I might add).

Undaunted, Elizabeth attempted to contact Malcolm several times after this, leaving messages to the effect that there were "new" things happening in the house – ghosts in the bedroom, white mists and disembodied singing voices. Malcolm did not respond. Meanwhile I was waiting for her to contact me to tell me she'd been to see her doctor. Unfortunately there is no real, happy resolution to this story. Elizabeth did indeed call me again, quite some time later, to tell me that a ghost-hunting lady had been in touch with her via the offices of Malcolm Robinson. This woman was also a well-known author who wished to include her (Elizabeth's) story in her latest book on hauntings, based on Malcolm's appraisal and a cursory conversation with the witness, and minus the therapists" (David and myself) intervention which Malcolm didn't think appropriate to tell her. Indeed, this author later lectured at an SPI meeting hosted by Malcolm and

discussed the case as purely paranormal. I was in the audience, but no mention of my being involved in the case was made. If Malcolm had honestly believed that Elizabeth was ill and in need of medical care and counseling, why was her situation fodder for a ghost book and lecture? I walked out of the lecture, angry of course at the blatant disregard for professional honesty and ethics, but also very sorry for Elizabeth, in that her complex and very personal story was being publicised, inaccurately, for other people's gain. (Indeed, whilst the investigation was on going, Malcolm had cajoled Elizabeth in to making a personal appearance at his group meeting to talk about her experiences to a public audience. I was aghast at this suggestion, and she only reluctantly agreed, but thankfully she wisely decided not to turn up on the day).

As an adjunct to this contact with the paranormal author, she had been contacted by a popular women's magazine, raring to tell her sensationalist story to their readers – what could sell better than sex with a demon? Elizabeth had agreed, and it was duly published. Had she been to see her doctor to seek counseling? No, not yet.

At that point, I walked away, mentally and emotionally. If it weren't for "the other face", the real physical effects I experienced and the inexplicable "knowing" of the Ghanaian exorcist, I'd have to conclude that Elizabeth was purely and simply an attention-seeking, deluded and mentally ill woman, and that's quite probably what any psychologist who might happen to read this case report will think also. It's what I thought, in my heart of hearts, right from the beginning but I don't know for sure and I undoubtedly never will. Perhaps it was a bit of both, as Nancy told me God had advised her.

I saw Elizabeth in a local pub about three years after these events. I watched her for some time before she saw me. She was leaning on the bar, focused on the man she was with, or talking to. The breasts had not been changed and her demeanour, as I perceived it at least, was that of a sexual predator (women know these things about other women, although they're not so good at recognising this behaviour in men). She eventually turned her gaze slowly toward me, in a manner that suggested she'd been aware of me all the time, and gave me such a sly, knowing smile that it made me very uncomfortable and unnerved. I told my companion that I wanted to leave, immediately. I had a total and utter sense of failure.

I guess it's true to state... Sometimes, you just can't win...

#### Sciences Vs. Belief.

*In more recent years, various researches have looked into poltergeist activity that included such phenomena as strange sounds and moving objects. Almost always they were connected to the presence of children, especially ones with some emotional upset. As the children got older, the activity most often ceased. Might human beings have latent powers to move objects?*

*Some claim to have limited abilities in peering into the minds of others. Certainly, these possibilities, no matter how unlikely, have made the issue of demonic possession much more complicated. Epileptics, who were once thought possessed, even in the bible, are today understood as suffering from a physiological ailment.*

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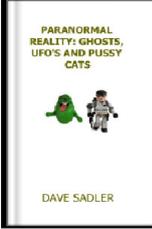
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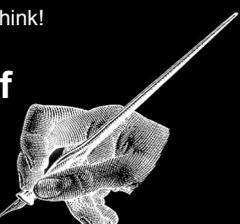
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# THE SHAWE ABDUCTION

IN REGARDS THE ALIEN ABDUCTION SUBJECT, I WAS RATHER SCEPTICAL, HOWEVER, DURING AN INVESTIGATION IN 1996 MY SCEPTICISM WAS SERIOUSLY CHALLENGED...



It was on Christmas Day, 1994, that Robert Shawe claimed to have seen a UFO outside his Urmston home. He had decided to head out to Manchester City Centre to sample the nightlife so he ordered a taxi for 10.00pm. At approximately 9.40pm, Shawe glanced out of his window and noticed an aircraft at what he considered to be at high altitude. He continued to watch in horror as the aircraft started to plummet towards the ground. Robert breathlessly waited for the impact, which never happened.

Puzzled, Shawe looked out of the window towards a clearing no more than 60 feet away. Hovering silently, about 100 feet above the trees, was the aircraft that Shawe thought had crashed. It was now that he realised the craft was nothing like anything he had seen before. The large column-shaped craft had five red lights in a sideways formation which, although they were shining brightly, surprisingly did not illuminate the surrounding area. The craft slowly descended into the clearing and Shawe noticed that there did not appear to be any sound emanating from the object. Eager for a closer look, Shawe headed outside towards the clearing. He had not travelled far, when he claims that he was overtaken by an innate kind of fear - the hairs on the back of his neck stood on end and his mind was awash with negative thoughts.

Understandably shaken, Shawe turned tail and fled back to his home, to wait for the taxi he had ordered earlier. Shawe claims that he cannot remember anything after returning to his flat until he woke up in his bed the following morning. Despite repeated attempts, Shawe could not clearly recall anything about the previous night, except the mysterious craft. A daylight investigation of the clearing yielded some interesting findings. We came across some flattened reeds, which were broken at the base, covered in a black substance and all facing in the same direction. Following his unusual incident, Shawe was plagued with a succession of bizarre dreams, involving himself being manipulated by humanoid-like creatures. Shawe was completely convinced that these dreams were memories of actual events, rather than a product of his imagination.

It wasn't until nine months after his encounter that Shawe eventually contacted MAPIT with his story. It appeared, initially at least, that the investigation would rely solely upon witness testimony, since it seemed unlikely that there would be any physical evidence left at the site of the

incident. But surprisingly, we managed to obtain soil and plant samples from inside and outside the affected area.



The above photograph was taken at the location where the alleged UFO landed. A circular shape within the clearing measuring just over 18 feet in all directions. The circle appeared to be due to a lack of normal plant growth - the flattened reeds, incidentally, have never grown back. Three trees to the East of the site seemed to show extensive heat damage from the base to about 40 feet up the trunk.

With some assistance from investigator Tony Eccles we were able to have a professional analysis carried out on the samples by the Environmental Science Department of Manchester University. Shawe was interviewed and was clearly still attempting to account for the missing time from that night. Shawe was found to be an intelligent and rational person, who simply could not make any sense out of his experience. Following several interviews, Shawe gave mention to having hypnosis. He was informed of the procedure and of course the problems that could occur. He was adamant, therefore, hypnosis was conducted in an attempt to regain his lost memories. Shawe's hypnosis was undertaken by a professional psychoanalyst, with over 20 years of experience in his field.

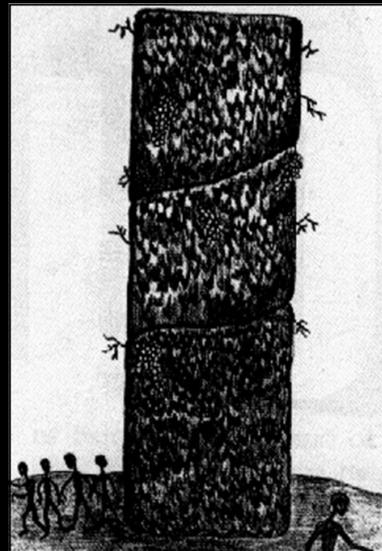
At this point I would like to mention that MAPIT now operate a No Hypnosis Policy as we believe hypnosis is rather useless at eliciting the truth, however, some interesting details were obtained...

During the regression, Shawe retraced his steps and it became clear that he had in actual fact ventured farther into the clearing than he had previously thought. It was at this point that Shawe began to feel uncomfortable and decided to head back to his flat. When he arrived back, he checked the time on his watch, which read 10.32pm. However, the journey should have only taken a few minutes when, in fact, over 40 minutes had elapsed. Shawe also remembered that his shoes were covered in mud, yet his conscious mind was convinced that he had only walked on the concrete path. As a result of the hypnosis, Shawe was now able to draw

what he had seen; he paid particular attention to the craft, portraying the entities around it as secondary items. Shawe believed that the column shaped craft was organic in nature and he also claims to have spoken with one of the figures, although the nature of that conversation has yet to be revealed by Shawe.

Shawe also gave mention to other peculiar experiences he had as a child along with his family. Shawe's brothers, sisters and mother confirmed the odd experiences that included UFO sightings, missing time, strange lights and unusual humanoid-like beings.

On the previous page you can see a painting of the entity Shawe claims to have communicated with. MAPIT tracked down the taxi firm who Shawe claimed to have contacted on the night of the incident. Unfortunately they were unable to help unless the information was required for an official police investigation. However, they did confirm - off the record - that there was a 'No Show' on that night. Indicating that Shawe was either not at his home when the taxi came or he was not aware it was there.



Above is a picture that Shawe drew in his attempt to explain what the UFO looked like.

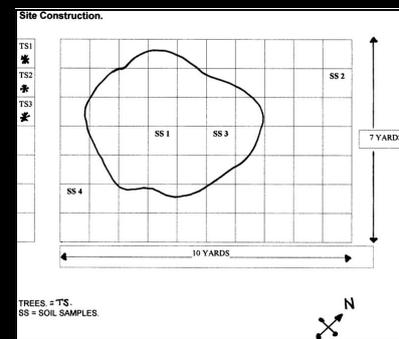
Air Traffic Control confirmed no scheduled flights over the Urmston area during the times given on the night. The results of the analysis confirmed that the bark from the trees had been burnt by intense heat. The soil also showed distinctly different mineral oil content between the controlled and affected samples. Outside the area, the mineral oil in milligrams, per kilogram, was 95% higher than inside the area. There did not appear to be any reasonable explanation. The pH balance of the soil was also different, but it was suggested

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that this is quite normal for soil from the river valley. For now the case remains unsolved....

Below you can see a grid plan of the location and to the right is the results of the soil analysis.



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## Case Examples of ESP Dreams

1. "Mrs. J. W. of New Jersey had a dream experience which comes under this heading. In 1941 a very close friend of hers was serving aboard an oil tanker which was then based at Fort Pierce, Florida. The tanker was torpedoed by a German submarine while at sea and all but one of the crew perished. At that time, Mrs. W. had a vivid dream in which she saw her friend trapped in his room. He was pounding the door with his fist and she was able to notice a porcelain doorknob which he kept bearing down on. All the time he kept crying out for her, calling her by his pet name for her, over and over; at this point the dream ended. Several hours later she was notified that he had died in the attack on the tanker" (Holzer 102-103).

2. "Mrs. Catherine H. is a housewife in her early forties who lives in Pennsylvania. Her entire family, consisting of husband and three daughters, are extremely telepathic, so she has no problems being recognized in this area. She has had precognitive dreams for many years, in fact, she says, too numerous to list. 'I have precognitive dreams which are sifted from the rest by the presence of the colour green somewhere in the dream,' she explains. One particularly impressive dream she reported to me under the postmark of February 8, 1971. In the dream she saw green mountains, and several trucks sinking into black slime which was covering the entire mountain. She saw the trucks and suddenly found herself trapped very deeply under the trucks and some wood. She heard herself scream until she almost lost her voice. At that moment someone called out to her, warning her that she would lose her voice. That was the end of the dream.

Two weeks later, the great tragedy at Aberfan, Great Britain, shook the world: a coal slag slide burying a schoolhouse and killing many children. The newspaper story, which reached Mrs. H. two weeks after her dream, stated among other harrowing experiences, that a worker heard a child screaming, because she was trapped under the rubber. The worker called out to the child to stop screaming and asked her name, to which she replied, Catherine" (Holzer 104-105).

3. "An interesting incident of a retrocognitive dreaming occurred to Claudia Cunningham

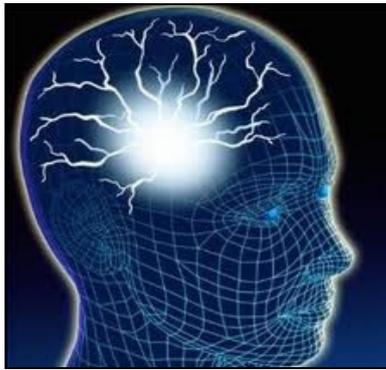
of Pennsylvania, US, who is an artist by profession.

A friend, Mrs. Emma Black, owned a farmhouse in eastern Pennsylvania which she had made available as a guesthouse to visiting artists. Not long ago, Miss Cunningham stayed there for a few days. That particular week there were six women staying at the guesthouse, two to a room. Miss Cunningham's roommate had gone into the big bedroom across the hall to play cards with the others who were not yet ready to go to sleep. They were talking and laughing as Miss Cunningham undressed and opened the window by her bed. She set the alarm clock and lay down. As she started to relax, ready to drift into sleep, she still heard the voices across the hall. At the threshold of sleep she saw superimposed on the room in which she lay an older, shabbier room with stained wallpaper, poorly furnished and drab. A woman was sitting on a straight chair and leaning her arms against the windowsill. She had long, dark hair hanging over her shoulders and she was weeping in a heartbroken way. Miss Cunningham could hear her sobs over the fainter sounds of the chatter from the other room.

Then there was the sound of feet running down the stairs and the back door slamming. Gradually the woman in the room faded away and only Miss Cunningham's room remained. The sound of the other guests' voices across the hall increased to the usual level. At this point Miss Cunningham drifted into deep sleep, still wondering about her experience. The following morning, at breakfast, she discussed her experience with her hostess and the others. Mrs. Black confirmed the fact that the room in which Miss Cunningham had slept had indeed belonged to a dark-haired woman she had described, and that the woman had a great deal of grief because of a retarded child. However, the woman in question was still very much alive and living nearby" (Holzer 110-111).

In the first dream, Mrs. J. W felt the final calls before her friend's death while dreaming. When she woke up, she found out that her friend had died in the attack on the tanker. Is it possible, that perhaps through ESP dreams, we can hear voices of other people who are in the highest moments of pain such as being trapped before dying? Is possible that before death, one can call out from miles away, to a loved one that is in his or her sleep? These are some possibilities that should be taken in consideration when dealing with extra sensory perception. Consequently, in the second dream, Catherine had dreamt herself trapped under trucks and wood, screaming, while somebody else warned her that she would lose her voice.

Later she discovered that a child was trapped under rubble, and a worker called out to her to stop screaming. The child's name was Catherine. In this dream, the dreamer, Catherine, was able to feel the pain of a person under danger before the same event actually taken place. Not only did she feel the pain, but she became the person going through the tragic experience. Another thing to note was the color of the mountains – green, symbolizing that this dream to her would happen in the future. This raises another question – can ESP dreams allow our souls to enter the souls of other people and feel their inner bodily experiences, and what kind of symbols are destined to make dreams come true?



Finally, in the third dream, Mrs. Emma Black was able to dream about the woman with long, dark hair hanging over her shoulder, weeping. What she was able to do in her dream was reliving a scene from the past in the same room of the house. Perhaps there are certain places in the world that allow us to dreams of those places, where something tragic have happened there. Would you want to have a dream reliving a scene from somebody else's past? I know I wouldn't... the thought just creeps me out.

What is interesting about these ESP dreams however, is how time works. In dream 1, the dreamer was able to feel the call of another person at the same time that is was happening. In dream 2, the dreamer was able to feel the scream of a girl, 2 weeks before it happened. In dream 3, the dreamer was able to see the woman in the chair after it had already happened. Unlike prophecy dreams, there is no limit to when an event might take place once it is happening in the moment of the dream. Nevertheless, ESP dreams are fascinating subject as it gives us insight to possible abilities that go beyond are ordinary everyday experiences. Whether or not one believes it them or not, the mere thought that these types of dreams can allow us to receive messages from other people, relive in event in the past, or live somebody else's experience in the moment, finding out more about this psychic side of dreams. In the next post, we'll talk more about being able to drift one place to another, called Out-of-the-Body Dreams...

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# **GAWSWORTH HALL, ST. JAMES CHURCH AND THE GRAVE OF MAGGOTY JOHNSON.**

**DAVE SADLER AND THE UPIA TEAM HAVE BEEN LOOKING  
INTO SOME LOCAL HISTORY...**

# GHOST'S OF GAWSWORTH

## Gaworth Hall:

Gawsworth Hall, an ancient long, low, black and white half-timbered manor house, has a long history, wrapped in romance, intrigue and great charm.

The Old Hall was first referred to in written records in December 1365 when John Caton was given the right to have a chapel in the house. The house dates largely from the 15<sup>th</sup> Century and was once the home to the Fitton family whose wayward daughter Mary was Maid of Honour to Elizabeth 1 and possible contender for Shakespeare's "Dark Lady" of his sonnets.

The Hall was the subject of the most famous duel in English history - in 1712 Lord Mohun and the Duke of Hamilton fought over the estates and both duellists were killed.

***'Workmen were horrified to discover a skeleton hidden behind the cupboard'.***

Various paranormal phenomena have been witnessed through the years at Gawsworth Hall, usually without much comment from the owners because it is so in keeping with the house.

A female form in "ancient costume" is reported to drift around the courtyard of this hall, and has also been reported patrolling nearby lanes and in the churchyard. Some have named her as Mary Fitton. A woman you may become increasingly familiar with throughout this article.

In 1921 an old cupboard was removed from the oratory where an escape hatch led to the cellars, this was a small secret room used by 16<sup>th</sup> century priests to hide in the days of Catholic persecution. Workmen were horrified to discover a skeleton hidden behind the cupboard. The bones were buried in the churchyard but this did not seem to placate the phantoms in the area for the smell of incense continues to pervade from the vicinity of the Priests hide.

The Old Rectory on the premises is also believed to possess a haunted side of its own. Sometimes, the sound of breaking glass is heard and once - the image of a man with a pointed beard was spotted in a dark alcove.

## St. James Church:

St James Church was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century on site of a 13<sup>th</sup> century Norman chapel.

It is a medieval church, the oldest part being the nave dating from 1430 and is a Grade One listed building. It has been described as a "very strange" church in that it has no aisles, a very wide nave and no structural separation of the chancel and nave. The plan of the church consists of a tower at the west end, a wide three-bay nave without aisles, a south porch and a chancel divided from the nave by a screen.



Externally, a pair of 18<sup>th</sup> century gate piers lie at the entrance of the churchyard are listed Grade II. On their fronts are carvings of skull and as a Memento Mori. In the churchyard is a 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> century cross base in sandstone. A 20<sup>th</sup> century wooden circular cross has been set on the shaft and has carvings of animals representing the expulsion of evil spirits.

It has a 103-foot high tower and window corbels with dripstones, shields of arms, and gargoyles. The tower has angular buttresses with niches which used to contain statues, gargoyles, coats of arms of Cheshire families and Tudor badges. Internally, the four generations of Fitton family monuments are in the sanctuary on each side of the altar.

## Mary Fitton:

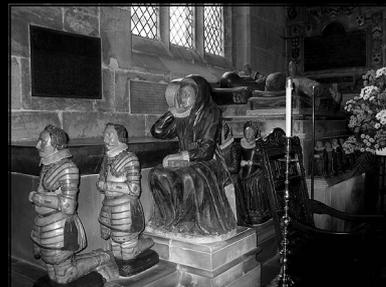
Mary Fitton was a maid of honour to Queen Elizabeth I, who earned her wrath when in 1602 following a rather wild affair with the Earl of Pembroke she became pregnant, a matter that so

outraged the Virgin Queen that both she and the Earl were sent to the Tower for an undisclosed period.

Mary was known for her promiscuous lifestyle, though she finally settled down and married locally. She is alleged to have fallen in love with the young William Shakespeare and followed him to Stratford-upon-Avon. They had a passionate affair then she left him. He expressed his feelings in the heartfelt and embittered sonnet: To the Dark Lady.

The ghost of Mary Fitton is also said to frequent the Church, being seen in numerous areas throughout both the interior and the graveyard. There is also evidence of historical reports claiming her ghost has been witnessed on Church Lane, the main road through Gawsworth running, interestingly, between all alleged paranormally active locations at Gawsworth.

Her ghost has been seen on many occasions, usually in and around the Hall, the Church and Churchyard, the Old Rectory, and the lane that leads to the Harrington Arms. On one occasion, a local farmer had often heard the tales connected with Mary, but had never really believed them, until one night in August, he experienced the phenomena for himself. Whilst on the way to meet friends at the pub, he decided to take a short cut and passed by the Old Rectory, where he suddenly felt that something, or someone, was walking besides him.



Apparently, this was where the chill was coming from, but he couldn't turn to see what it was; only glancing briefly out of the corner of his eye. What he saw almost scared him to

## UPIA's involvement at Gawsworth:

*In an area filled with folklore, mythology and ghost stories I am lucky to live a few miles from Gawsworth and have paid visits to each of the locations discussed. We have monitored the environment in each but the hall and have received no information which could be interpreted as paranormal in origin.*

*On one occasion, two UPIA investigators spent several hours inside the church. Jokingly one of the investigators asked if anybody was there. Oddly some sharp raps were heard. Whether in response or in relation to the buildings age and natural noises, the event was none the less intriguing. On the same visit the event was replicated, as it was on other occasions, at no other time did this take place.*

*One interesting fact we have found is at the tomb of Maggoty Johnson. The general belief is that the grave is that of Maggoty, but from the bricks used in the build, we can tell that it is far later in origin, probably from the 20<sup>th</sup> century than the 18<sup>th</sup>. This begs the question, is the tomb and tale actually a folly, or was the tomb rebuilt at a later time. Aside from this, the location is quite odd. Several new build houses exist, metres from the tomb, as well as the main Congleton to Macclesfield road and Maggoty Lane itself. This may point to noises heard at the site in reports available.*

death. Besides him was the ghostly apparition of a woman, dressed in an old fashioned green dress. Unable to run, the farmer quickened his pace a little, but the ghost kept pace with him, and did so all the way to the crossroads at the Harrington Arms, where she simply disappeared.

After relating his story, the farmer was shown portraits of Mary Fitton, and he admitted that the figure that he saw that night definitely bore some resemblance to the woman in the picture. Mary's ghost has also been witnessed in the Church, where she was once seen by Abraham Holland, a former sexton, and he states that as he was oiling the lamps, getting ready for the Sunday Service, the whole place suddenly dropped in temperature, followed by a rustling of silk. He heard a low sigh, and saw Mary walk from behind the Altar, looking left and right, as she glanced at her ancestor's tombs, and then glided down the chancel before disappearing into the vestry.

**UPIA's Involvement at Gawsworth:**

*Our latest visit took place in January 2011, good weather conditions gave way to mist, and with the huge fish ponds in front of the church, and bare surrounding fields, an ominous cloak enveloped St James Church yard. This gave us opportunity to take some fascinating images, most showing light balls, smoke, haze and mist all connected to the conditions.*

*In conclusion, other than the knocking heard in the Church, and having spent significant time monitoring the area. No activity deemed paranormal has been witnessed at any of the sites by any UPIA investigator.*

*Given, the locations have not been looked at in a manner we would like, being either external, privately owned or of course religious. But from the observations we have carried out, no anomalies appear in the data we have compiled.*

*But of course, UPIA investigators are not the individuals who have witnessed the events. We are unable to recreate the environment, stress, psychology or any other conditions which may lead to an event taking place.*

*We plan to continue monitoring the site and appealing for witness testimony.*

The apparition of Mary Fitton is not just confined to wander along dark country lanes though, for she has often been seen in the Old Rectory, which has also seen alleged poltergeist activity, along with the ghost of a man, reported to be the Rector who built the Rectory, George Baguley.

**The Grave of Maggoty Johnson:**

Situated close to the Hall, a location called Maggoty's Wood is thought haunted as well – by the ghost of Samuel Johnson, who is known as the last professional jester of England. Some claim to have seen his ghost dancing about the woods and the road alongside – Maggoty Lane, by the site where his body is buried.



Samuel 'Maggoty' Johnson is said to have been the last court jester in England. He worked for most of his life in London, then lived at Gawsworth Hall near Macclesfield and is buried in 'Maggoty's Wood' in Gawsworth. He died in 1763, and it is said that if you walk three times round his grave his ghost will appear.

Born Samuel Johnson, in life he became known as Lord Flame, and in death as Maggoty Johnson. He was a wit, musician, actor, and playwright; employed as jester and dancing master at Gawsworth Hall. He was buried in this unconsecrated ground at his own request, unusual in a country where most were buried in a churchyard.

Buried in a brick tomb standing in a beech wood. There are two memorial stones with alternative inscriptions. The first inscription is joyful and was probably dictated by Johnson himself.

*Under this Stone...*

*Rest the Remains of Mr SAMUEL JOHNSON. Afterwards ennobled with the grander Title of LORD FLAME Who after having been in his Life distinct from other Men By the Eccentricities of his Genius Chose to retain the same Character after his Death And was, at his own Desire, buried here May 5th A.D. MDCCLXXIII aged 82. "Stay, thou whom Chance directs or ease persuades, To seek the Quiet of these Sylvan shades, Here, undisturbed and hid from Vulgar Eyes, A Wit, Musician, Poet, Player, lies A Dancing master too in Grace he shone, And all the arts of Opera were his own, In Comedy well skilled he drew Lord Flame, Acted the Part and gained himself the Name, Averse to Strife how oft he'd gravely say, These peaceful Groves should shade his breathless Clay, That, when he rose again, laid here alone, No friend and he should quarrel for a Bone, Thinking that were some old lame Gossip nigh, She possibly might take his Leg or Thigh.*

The second, placed there three generations later in more righteous less joyful times, scorns the first's mocking of Judgement Day.

*If chance hath brought thee here, or curious eyes, To see the spot where this poor jester lies, A thoughtless jester even in his death, Uttering his jibes beyond his latest breath, O stranger pause a moment, pause and say: "Tomorrow should'st thou quit thy house of clay, Where wilt thou be my soul? in paradise? Or where the rich man Lifted up his eyes". Immortal spirit would'st thou then be blest, Waiting thy perfect bliss on Abraham's breast, Boast not of silly art or wit or fame, Be thou ambitious of a Christian's name, Seek not thy body's rest in peaceful grove, Pray that thy soul may rest in Jesus love,*

*O speak not lightly of that dreadful day, When all must rise in joy or dismay. When spirits pure in body glorified, With Christ in heavenly mansions shall abide, While wicked souls shall hear the Judges boom, "Go ye accursed into endless gloom", Look on that stone and this, and ponder well, Then choose twixt Life and Death, Heaven and Hell.*



**Visiting Gawsworth Hall:**

Owned, run and much loved by the Richards family, a visit to this charming Tudor manor house makes a delightful day out for all the family. In July and August, there are a wide range of events in the Open Air Theatre. It has been said that to see Cheshire you must see Gawsworth Hall, and on a tour of the house's historic rooms you will see fine paintings, furniture, sculpture and stained glass.



**Opening Times:**

2nd May to 23rd June  
Sunday to Wednesday, 2 to 5pm & special events.  
27th June to 1st September  
Open daily 2 to 5pm  
5th September to 19th September  
Sunday to Wednesday 2 to 5pm

Price: Adults £6.00  
Children under 3 £3.00  
Well worth a visit.....



# ORIGINS OF THE TOOTH FAIRY

The foremost common tale that parents narrate to their youngsters is that of the tooth fairy. Well, the origins of the tooth fairy will be traced in an exceedingly long history from Europe. When a kid used to lose his 1st set of teeth, every one was buried within the ground. There are several completely different stories for this behavior. According to some, the new teeth will start to grow solely when the previous ones have been buried within the ground. Another story that caught wind, explains this ritual to be a live to stop the child from an unfortunate curse. Relating to this story, a superstition was quite widespread that if a witch caught hold of a child's tooth, she might place a curse on him/her. The kids were told that by burying the missing tooth, they will avoid this situation. Hopeful, the innocent youngsters used to believe each word and do as they were told. When people from this place migrated, their beliefs traveled with them. Eventually, there was a shift in lifestyles and folks started living in cities and towns. In urbanized living, there wasn't much blank land available. Thus here came the amendment in ideas when the youngsters were told to position their teeth in flowerpots or planter boxes.

With time, this also modified and kids started placing their missing tooth underneath the pillow. They used to believe that a tooth fairy can exchange it with a bequest during their sleep. To feature credibility to their story, folks used to modify the tooth with a coin in the middle of the night. The children used to believe this and each time their tooth fell, they used to place it underneath the pillow, anticipating a coin in the morning. Curious as children perpetually are, they wish to grasp how the tooth changed into a coin. The foyegs justify that there's a tooth fairy that took away the tooth and replaced it with a coin. Youngsters believe this story and begin to wait for the fairy so that they will meet her. However, this can be not possible as there is no tooth fairy in reality.... Or is there?

## UFOs & Alien Disclosure;

Hidden Messages  
By Kevin Baum

## Hidden Messages In Super Bowl Commercials

In early February, my wife and I were in Vail Colorado for our annual ski trip. As luck would have it, we timed our trip to coincide perfectly with the epic cold blast which knocked half of the United States to its knees, causing record snowfalls and electric brownouts and blackouts in a multi-state area. Double-digit negative temperatures actually closed schools and businesses in Colorado, not due to snow, but to the severe wind chill attendant to negative 30 degrees (actual temperature). Even if they wanted to, school buses in the Denver area couldn't have shuttled youngsters to class because the extreme cold changed the viscosity of the fuel in the tanks, causing the vehicles to perform erratically. People were informed to stay at home and stay warm, (let's hope they had their survival kits in place!). Most skiers simply stared at their unused equipment. I counted six skiers on the entire mountain that day. I wasn't one of them. In an effort to salvage the day, we decided to take a drive up the pass and visit family for lunch. After an enjoyable afternoon, as we were making our lazy way back to the mountain, I happened to notice a vividly brilliant star looming just above a ridge line to the south of I-70.



It was around five in the afternoon and the sun was just dropping below the mountains. I pointed to the star and mentioned to my wife that the stars were out early this evening. She looked up, stared for a while, and then replied, "I think that's a plane reflecting the sunlight." We both looked for a while and then suddenly a second bright object appeared above and somewhat behind the first; a few seconds later a third appeared to the lower right of the first, creating what looked like an Obtuse triangle. "Well," I said, "it appears as if we now have three airplanes, and they came out of nowhere. What say you now?" I challenged my wife. "You drive, I'll watch," was her terse reply. In violation of my orders, I watched along with her, and was stunned to observe the triangle of orbs suddenly rotate in a clockwise motion, reorienting the initial orb (my star) to the top, and then slowly descend below the ridge line, in what appeared to be perfect formation. A truly bizarre sight. "Um...did you see that?" Was my wife's hushed inquiry. "See what?" I demurred... "Stop it! Did you see that?!" Of course I did, and I had no logical explanation for it. We sat there in awed silence both wanting to say what we were too embarrassed to admit -- did we just see a UFO? UFOs have had a bad rap over the past 50 years or so. Initially, when UFOs first hit the mainstream shortly after the Second World War, culminating in the infamous Roswell incident, they were not considered taboo at all -- more mystery than madness. But over the years, either by design or default, claims of UFO sightings have been met with increasing levels of disdain and distrust.

Perhaps this is because so many claims of UFO sightings are either easily explained or quickly recognized as fraud. It could also be because a lot of the claimants are, well, less than credible. But what is sad, and begs thoughtful consideration, is that there remains a compelling minority of UFO observations that defy all explanation...and these claims are on the rise. Indeed, 2011 rang in with a host of bizarre and unexplainable UFO sightings which occurred all over the world, culminating in the most recent video (from multiple angles) of a supposed UFO hovering over Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Late 2010 closed with hundreds of observations of UFOs over Manhattan, and South America & China appear to be hot spots for unexplained aerial phenomena. What's particularly interesting, and why I decided to write a short article about UFOs (my recent Colorado experience notwithstanding), is that during the February 6 Super bowl between the Packers and Steelers, there were no less than 5 (yes, FIVE) movie trailers for upcoming Human vs. Alien blockbusters. All in 2011. You have to scratch your head over that one... ET appears to be making a strong comeback, both in reality and in entertainment, and the question begs - why? (I love ET movies as much as the next guy, but five in one year...advertised during the Super bowl? What happened to the three little frogs!?) Leslie Kean, investigative journalist-cum UFO apologist, recently published a compelling and comprehensive examination into the true mystery of the UFO phenomenon, *UFOs: Generals, Pilots, And Government Officials Go On The Record*. Her book will rock even the most cynical, and demands an honest appreciation for what has become vilified as the mindless musings of the mad proletariat. By bringing forward credible witnesses to the UFO question, she forces the conversation on what is really happening up there, who knows about it, and why isn't the public informed on it. Kean successfully demystifies a subject that has been systematically ridiculed and discredited over the years, and brings to light the true mystery (and exciting possibilities) behind Unidentified Flying Objects.

Supported by the likes of Kean, Jim Marrs, a phalanx of scientists from the Exopolitics Institute, objective websites such as latest-UFO-sightings.net, and the fascinating immediacy and interconnectedness of the Internet, it appears as if the UFO phenomenon is rapidly approaching a tipping point. Indeed, the world renown Global Competitiveness Forum, a convention of the world's top business, academic and political leaders, recently met in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and discussed, among other topics, the 'business implications of extraterrestrial life and technologies.' And before you write all this off as fanciful musings, you should research what some of the world's top minds have had to say about the UFO dilemma, including former President Reagan, who during a United Nations address was quoted as saying, "I think about how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world. And I ask you, does not this threat already exist?" Now there is something to think about, and apparently Hollywood wants you to do just that...



Bosses at a Surrey theme park have relocated one of its new rides after workers reported ghostly goings-on at the site. Staff building the water ride at Thorpe Park said they had encountered several strange phenomena, including what appeared to be a headless monk. There were reports of objects being moved, workers feeling like someone was watching over their shoulders and sudden cold feelings being experienced. A paranormal detection agency was called in by park bosses to carry out tests and found that an ancient burial ground or settlement could have been disturbed. Managers at the theme park decided to relocate the ride to another area and also called in a forensic team to carry out further investigations. Storm Surge, a 20m- (64ft-) tall water ride at Thorpe Park, was originally meant to have been built in an area on the site known as Monk's Walk. The old footpath has linked the ruins of nearby Chertsey Abbey to Thorpe Church since the year 666 AD. The ride's foundations would have been over 15m (49ft) deep in an area of the theme park where stone coffins have previously been excavated.

Paranormal expert Jim Arnold, who carried out tests at the site, said: "Results were picked up immediately, with orbs, ghostly images in photography and ouija reaction results being strongest around the site where they were proposing to build Storm Surge. "The results were so strong we felt the only explanation could be that an ancient burial ground or settlement was being disturbed, prompting the extra paranormal activity." Forensic geophysicist Peter Masters has now been called in to analyse the site, using deep ground radar. He said: "From the preliminary investigations, we have picked up signatures similar to that of a burial ground - possibly ancient. "Although this could simply be an old building, with Thorpe Park's history the investigation is definitely worth continuing."



In a secure Skype chat with Weekly World News, Julian Assange of WikiLeaks - who is in an undisclosed bunker - confirmed that a large number of documents in his latest release reveal a massive international cover-up about the existence of UFOs and extraterrestrial life. Assange indicated that WikiLeaks has unreleased documents about UFO, sparking concerns about the existence of the second form of life. In a conversation with Frank Lake of WWN, Assange said, "Many weirdos email us about UFOs or how they discovered that they were the anti-Christ whilst talking with their ex-wife at a garden party over a pot-plant."

However, as yet they have not satisfied two of our publishing rules. However, it is worth noting that in yet-to-be-published parts of the Cable Gate archive there are numerous references to UFOs.' Assange told WWN that after the recent earthquake in Haiti there were thousands of individuals that saw UFOs over the country. Hillary Clinton ordered all photos of the UFOs destroyed. She also ordered all documents relating to UFO sightings in Haiti to be deleted from all computers. But Assange has the documents and the photos. Here's one photo of the UFOs seen over Haiti on January 14, 2010 - two days after the 7.0 earthquake. Assange went on to say that the international community is aware of an alien invasion that began in March of this year and that they predict will continue for the next five years. "The global community is trying to protect the citizens of earth from the truth, which is that by 2015, Earth will be controlled by aliens." The Obama Administration vehemently denied any allegation that they are covering up the existence of UFOs. White House Press Secretary, Robert Gibbs mentioned the Weekly World News on Meet The Press this morning. "The U.S. government is not the Weekly World News," Gibbs told David Gregory. "There are no such things as UFOs an there is no alien invasion underway. It's all a lie." Really? You think so, Mr. Gibbs? Julian Assange plans on releasing the UFO documents to the public shortly.

The Sun Newspaper : By Kate Jackson.

Trembling with fear, ten-year-old Fae Jackson darted out of her bedroom and down the stairs to her mum. She had just seen the wispy image of a person - who had hissed into her ear: "Can you hear me?" It was the first of hundreds of ghost sightings that would plague the young girl and lead her to believe she may have psychic powers. Incredibly, Fae's younger brother, Ashley, has now started reporting similar eerie sightings - despite not knowing of Fae's. Mum Lynn has come to accept her kids have supernatural powers and that, just like the movie *The Sixth Sense*, her children can "see dead people".



To Lynn, this is anything but a special gift - she sees it as a curse she would love to break. The 39-year-old, from Waltham Cross, Herts, says: "It feels like someone is bullying my children and I can't do anything about it. *"It would have been easier to deal with if they had an illness. At least I would know where to go for treatment."* Fae has got used to it and now she enjoys having this ability - but Ashley hates it." Last month it was revealed that one in five Brits have seen or felt the presence of a ghost - and that 53 per cent believe in psychic ability. The research coincides with Matt Damon's new film, *Hereafter*, about a reluctant medium. Fae, now 13, and Ashley, eight, can relate to that. Stay-at-home mum Lynn says: "The first sign was when Fae started primary school.



"She used to tell me one of her friends was purple or the teacher was red. So one day I told her, 'No darling that boy isn't purple'. She said, 'Mummy I mean the colour around him'." Now they both believe Fae was recognising auras, the glow said to radiate around a person. Ghostly sightings started when Fae turned ten, and appeared nearly every day. Once Fae reported her bed being shaken by a frustrated female ghost. Another time she said she could feel the energy of an old woman against her back while showering.

She even says that at times she can feel ghosts playing with her hair. A figure who regularly appears is "the druggy man", who has droopy eyes and slumps next to Fae in her room. Lynn says: "How do you deal with something like that? She was terrified. I did start off thinking it might be attention-seeking, but you know your own children. She was shy and not a story teller."

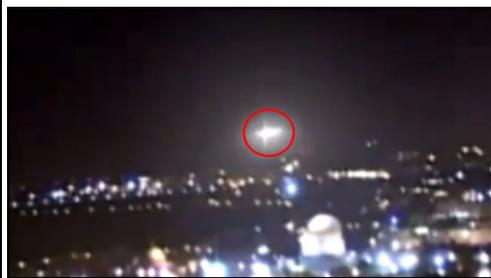
In her skinny jeans and patent Dr Martens, petite Fae today seems at ease with her powers but her huge blue eyes still betray her fear during one of the most terrifying incidents. She says: "I had walked out of my bedroom and there was a mirror at the other end of the hall. In my reflection I saw a person's head on my shoulder. It was red. I was so scared. But now I understand that it is my grandad and that he is my spirit guide, who is protecting me." Fae matter-of-factly goes on to relate how she encounters these unexpected visitors. She says: "It's not like seeing something solid like a chair, it's like a glimpse of the person.

"Mostly I can sense something or feel the energy there and the picture and details come into my head. Like their name can pop into my head or how they died. "If I close my eyes I see their picture building up. It happens so quickly. I have all this information in a couple of seconds." "I used to be really scared, I wouldn't like the dark and I wouldn't like looking in the mirror in case I saw something." The double blow came when Ashley began to see ghosts too. He refuses to discuss the idea that he may be psychic. Lynn says: "We had been careful to keep everything that was going on with Fae from Ashley. I didn't want him to be frightened. Then, about a year ago, he refused to go into our conservatory and wouldn't go to the toilet alone. "I asked him what the matter was and he told me, 'There's a head following me around'.

"My blood went cold. How do you tell a seven-year-old that some people can see dead people?" Lynn's husband, David, 45, is clearly concerned and supportive yet, like Ashley, prefers not to discuss the issue. But supernatural powers may run in the family. Both David's dad and Lynn's gran believed they saw spirits. Lynn says: "Fae has tried to tell Ashley it's OK and happens to her but he doesn't believe her. "She's intrigued by it now but he hates it and is terrified." Through talking to other mediums, Fae has learned to cope with the sightings but Ashley is very much in denial. Instead, a friend who does distant healing - called Theta Healing - has focused on Ashley, asking that he doesn't see anything frightening. Lynn believes this has reduced the sightings but says he still has what he calls "bad thoughts".

Fae, who has learned to channel her ability into learning Reiki healing, says: "I can close down my chakras - points in the body from the head to the feet. "You do it by thinking of those points as lightbulbs and you shut them off so you are closed to the spirits. I can also ask them to go away and I can imagine a white light around me to protect myself.

"When it first started I was seeing spirits every day but now it isn't as often." Fae adds: "I have only told one friend at school, she was fine about it and accepts it. "But I wouldn't tell anyone else because I think they would tease me. I would be the witch girl." Lynn and Fae plan to write a book together on their experiences. They have also launched Facebook group Children With Spirit. Lynn says: "One of my issues is that there's no real help out there for people like us. "Talking to other psychic children has really helped Fae, so hopefully it can help others too."



A Glowing orb filmed hovering over the skyline of Jerusalem has left UFO experts dumbfounded. The circular object was seen descending slowly over the holy city's iconic Dome of the Rock before flickering and shooting skyward like a rocket. Similar clips have been seen before and debunked as hoaxes. But this latest sighting has proved more difficult to dismiss — as it was recorded from FOUR different perspectives. UFO mystery over Jerusalem.

Some UFO enthusiasts believe the videos - which have taken the internet by storm - are final proof that aliens exist, while others say the unidentified object was the Hebrew god Elohim. Adding to the mystery is the fact that flying over the Dome of the Rock landmark — an ancient Islamic shrine — is forbidden. Two witnesses at the Armon Hanatziv panoramic lookout near Mount Zion filmed the object at 1am on Saturday. A little after one minute into the clip, the object descends slowly, almost to ground level. The craft hovers there for a short while and then flickers before shooting upwards at an incredible speed. Former Ministry of Defence UFO investigator Nick Pope said: "If these are real, they are some of the most incredible videos ever shot. "If they are not, then this is a very well-planned and co-ordinated hoax designed to eliminate elements of doubt.

"The way it shoots up into the sky suggests it is unmanned, because no living thing could survive those kinds of G-forces. "We know the Israeli army has some very high-tech drones at its disposal. If this is one, it is one of the most advanced pieces of technology created by man." Another set of observers also uploaded their mobile phone footage to YouTube on Saturday. They wrote: "Have fun debunking this one." In their video, the American tourists can be heard saying: "We've seen them in Mississippi like this." Two other clips filmed from different viewpoints were posted online. Sceptics have noted the views come from perspectives that could make nearby objects seem farther away and faster-moving. Others say the whole thing was faked and have prepared several alternative versions of the videos which they say prove they are not real. These include stabilised versions in which the brightness and contrast have been increased, which they claim highlights a major flaw of perspective. Another is motion-tracked, and apparently shows the UFO "bouncing around like crazy" — which, say the sceptics, shows the makers had trouble inserting it into the scene.

**Photo Analysis.**

MAPIT & UPIA have been looking into the authenticity of the UFO footage with help from Dave Richardson of Rich TV. We had discussed the footage with a number of professionals which included Paul Kimball from Red Star Films, Bruce Maccabee Ex NASA Analyst, Chris Parr and Rich Reynolds of <http://ufocon.blogspot.com>

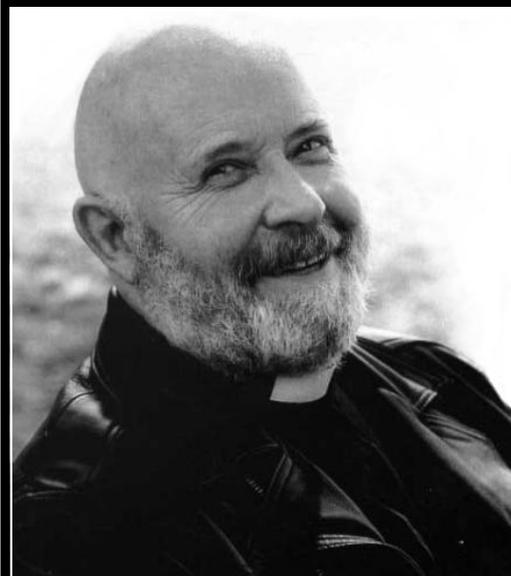
All were in agreement that the footage was suspicious. Investigators and researchers on the Above Top Secret website also confirmed that they believed the footage was a hoax. Steve Mera met with Dave Richardson from Rich TV and armed with several pieces of the footage Richard was able to conduct some visual and audible analysis using some the best high tech editing software. It was not long before Richard was convinced the footage had been doctored. The most significant thing to point towards a hoax was the static background showing the dome and city at night. There were clearly no lights moving and not even any lights twinkling as they should do when filming city lights at night.



On closer inspection, when zooming in you could clearly see scan lines as if the background was a video of a picture or photo. There were also problems with other video's. On one particular video you could see that the UFO did not flash, even though it was seen to in three other different videos. Dave Richardson of Rich TV was able to replicate the UFO with precision in regards lighting and movement. Finally, the audio was also suspect indicating a possibility of an over-layed sound track. MAPIT had conducted some previous analysis in regards visual direction, reflective conditions and media research and came to the same conclusion. It is true to state that a lot of time and effort has been put into these hoaxes, as to the reason why... (is the true mystery!)



Special Thanks to Dave Richardson - [www.richtv.co.uk](http://www.richtv.co.uk)



The Reverend Fanthorpe, 75, from Cardiff, has no doubt the afterlife exists. He said: "A close friend, Billy Farrar, sadly died. "He had asked that I help organise his funeral. I travelled to his home village, 300 miles away and was talking to his local vicar. "Billy appeared behind us as we were sat on the sofa. He looked as he had when I first met him 30 years before, healthy and happy. "I realised the vicar, called Ian, could not see him. Billy said, 'Tell Ian Lady Juliana of Norwich was absolutely right', then vanished.

"I turned to Ian and relayed the message. He turned pale and said, 'You couldn't possibly have known that!' "He told me he had been with Billy at the hospital in his dying moments. Shortly before Billy died the vicar had told him a story about a local saint, Juliana, who had had a vision of heaven. "She had told people it was wonderful, saying, 'All manner of things shall be well.'"

**LIFE AFTER DEATH**



Two thirds of Brits believe in life after death and one in five have seen or felt the presence of a ghost. The findings come from a poll about the supernatural led by Dr Penny Sartori, the UK's leading expert in near-death experiences. The Hereafter Report quizzed 3,000 adults and revealed 66 per cent believe in some form of afterlife. Thirty-five per cent say heaven exists and 22 per cent think they will be reincarnated.

Of those who have felt a ghostly presence, 13 per cent are convinced it was a deceased relative or friend. Fifty-eight per cent of folk believe their late loved ones are "with them in spirit" and 40 per cent accept there are guardian angels. The figures suggest belief in life after death is at an all-time high, with recent eerie TV shows such as Most Haunted and Ghosthunting With... still gripping viewers.

Dr Sartori, 39, an intensive care nurse from Swansea, says: "We are starting to see a notable rise in numbers of people having near-death experiences and encounters with deceased relatives. "So it isn't surprising that the nation is becoming more open-minded in accepting that consciousness may exist independently of the body."

The survey marks today's opening of spooky film Hereafter - starring Matt Damon as a man with a connection to the afterlife. The poll found 53 per cent believe in psychic ability - and 19 per cent reckon someone in their family has the mystical power. One in five of us has visited a medium or psychic. And while 32 per cent list themselves as "spiritual", 25 per cent say they are "religious". The poll also showed 65 per cent of people believe in karma and that our actions in life could affect our soul in the afterlife.

# WHEN THE DEAD WALK

**"WHEN THERE'S NO MORE ROOM IN HELL THE DEAD WILL WALK THE EARTH.."  
PETER - DAWN OF THE DEAD - GEORGE A ROMERO.**

It's fair to say I'm a huge zombie fanatic. If it's dead, walks and bites I'll be there watching, a bag of toffee popcorn in one hand and a Colt 45 in the other-just in case! You could say I think zombies are, "Dead good!"

The first zombie movie of any note, and also the most authentic, is, *I Walked With A Zombie*, made in 1943, which portrayed the walking dead as little more than slow, sleep walking, slaves brought back from the dead to do their masters bidding. It was the genius which is George A Romero who first introduced to a terrified audience the concept of flesh eating zombies, in his ground breaking, *Night Of The Living Dead*, described by one movie critic as a quasi-expressionist nightmare and the *Citizen Kane* of horror B's.



This ground breaking horror gave way to a whole series of "Dead" movies including possibly the most disturbing horror movie ever made, *Dawn Of The Dead*, which showed the fragility of our society and civilisation, and how it can all disintegrate when a dangerous threat is not dealt with promptly. Other movies such as the excellent *Zombieland*, *Shaun Of The Dead* and the *Resident Evil* franchise all followed showing an apocalyptic world decimated by a zombie plague. Love them or loathe them, zombie mania is alive and well. They danced and gyrated with Michael Jackson in *Thriller*, they are enthraling a new television audience in *The Walking Dead*, and are wowing generations of

readers in Max Brooks terrifying vision of the future, *World War Z*. Even *Tango* are using the undead to advertise their cans of orange drink! But is there any truth to the zombie myth? The astonishing answer is yes!

In 1962, Clairvius Narcisse, who lived in the village of L'Estere in the heart of what could be described as zombie land, Haiti, refused to bow to pressure and sell off his share of his families land. Shortly after Narcisse sadly passed away... As his family mourned Narcisse' body was dug up from its grave and sold on to a plantation owner where he was used as a slave. However the owner died shortly after and the plantation fell into ruin leaving poor Narcisse to wander around Haiti, literally the walking dead, for sixteen years until one fateful day he just happened to come across his sister who recognised her brother, took him in and looked after him.

In 1980, Harvard entobiologist, Dr Wade Davis, investigated the sad plight of Clairvius Narcisse the results of which were used as the premise for the movie, *The Serpent In The Rainbow*. Dr Wade discovered that the voodoo sorcerer known as a "bokor" claimed to trap the souls of the dead in a sealed bottle but in reality he was using a special poisonous concoction to create zombies, consisting of tetrodotxin, obtained from a puffer fish, biogenic amines also known locally as the *coupe poudre*, bufogenin and bufotoxins, which, when administered to the unfortunate victim would bring on a catatonic state that lowers the metabolic rate and mimics death. Once the victim had been pronounced dead and buried, they would be dug up and fed a paste of *datura stramonium*, also known as *Jimsonweed* and known locally as the *zombie cucumber*, which would revive the victim. Unfortunately a side effect of these toxins circulating in the human body is loss of memory and sometimes irreversible brain damage. The person in essence becomes a shuffling empty shell.

Haitians are so scared of their deceased friends and relatives being resurrected as a zombie that they will stand guard

over their graves for months or, in some extreme cases, dismember their loved ones prior to burial. However, sometimes no matter what lengths and precautions families use to save their loved ones they still fall into the hands of the bokor and are doomed to walk the earth, or Haiti at least, as a zombie.

***'It is said that if anyone interferes or tries to help the reanimated corpse the spell will be broken and the body will slump to the floor'***

In his book, *The magic Island* (1929), William B Seabrooks recounts how he first came across a zombie while exploring Haiti.

*"The eyes were the worst. It was not my imagination. They were in truth like the eyes of a dead man, not blind, but staring, unfocused, unseeing. The whole face, for that matter, was bad enough. It was vacant, as if there was nothing behind it. It seemed not only expressionless, but incapable of expression..."*

In 1912 a man named Stephen Bonsal also described his encounters with a zombie in Haiti, while he helped at a foreign mission church. A young man suffering from a fever at the church eventually succumbed to his illness and was pronounced dead by the resident physician. A small service was held and the young man was buried nearby. A couple of days later the very same man was found tied to a tree, still garbed in his dirty burial clothes, moaning pitifully by the doctor who had pronounced him dead, the clergyman who conducted his service and several of the gravediggers! A similar story surrounds the unfortunate tale of Felicia Felix-Mentor who was discovered wandering around naked in a daze and unable to speak a full 29 years after she



**Bokors.**  
Bokors are featured in many Haitian tales and are often associated with the creation of 'zombis' by the use of a deadening brew or potion usually containing poison extracted from puffer fish. This potion makes the drinker appear to be dead and thus he is often buried; later, the bokor will return for the "corpse" and force it to do his bidding, such as manual labour. The "corpse" is often given deliriant drugs, mainly *datura*, which puts them in a detached, somewhat dreamlike state. Its state is likened to being mind controlled. The person is alive but in a state where they cannot control what they say or do; at this point, when the person has been "reanimated" from the grave, or at least is moving about working for the bokor, they can be termed "zombies." However, some legends dispense with this more rational explanation, and have the bokor raise zombies from dead bodies whose souls have departed...

had seemingly died. Then there is the sad story of an elderly couple who buried their son after he had been murdered in a robbery, who turned up on his parents front porch six months after his funeral! What makes this case more interesting is how the young man made enough of a recovery before he grew lethargic and died to explain how his body had been stolen from the back of an ambulance.

***'Shocked bystanders suddenly recoiled in amazement as movement was seen in the body bags'!***

One has to ask who lies in his grave? On rare occasions the victims of the bokor manage to make a full recovery and go on to have a full life. A Haitian named Caesar returned from the dead to go on and get married and have three children before he eventually died of natural causes thirty years after he had last occupied a grave!

It is to Indonesia where we must next look for tales of the walking dead. In Mamasa, Toraja, there exists a black magic rite where experts use incantations to raise the recently dead so that they can amazingly walk, followed by their grieving relatives and friends, to their own graves... It is said that if anyone interferes or tries to help the reanimated corpse the spell will be broken and the body will slump to the floor. Eye witnesses to the walking corpse ceremony have described how the dead person would walk stiffly, without any expression on their face, in the manner of a robot.

**Research:**



*An American scientist revealed in 1982 that the bokor used a slow acting poison to paralyse his victims. The zombie-like state is created by a substance that contains tetrodotoxin, a chemical which lowers a person's metabolic rate to the point where he appears to be dead. Once buried, the victim often dies from the poison or from suffocation. If he is still alive when the bokor reaches him, he will be forced to eat a mysterious paste containing a powerful psychoactive substance such as datura stramonium – known as the zombie cucumber.*



Occasionally, to prove how strong their powers are they will resurrect the decapitated bodies of buffalo's who apparently walk around as if nothing has happened! Both the walking corpses of Toraja and the infamous zombies of Haiti are supposedly brought back from the dead by nefarious means, occasionally, if the witnesses are to be believed, the dead simply come back to life in what can only be described as a miracle.

On Sunday, 16/1/11, the Brazilian newspaper, Calene Teresopolis, reported on a most remarkable event which was watched by scores of witnesses in the days following the terrible floods that decimated south eastern Brazil. After torrential rain, up to 144mm in a single day fell in the area, rainwater cascading down the mountain sides and valleys caused floods and mudslides to sweep away small settlements and villages killing at



least 420 people. Some say the death toll could be as high as 500. The sea of mud killed 200 in Nova Friburgo, 175 in Teresopolis, and dozens more perished in Petropolis, as well as dozens more who are still missing presumed dead. Over 800 rescuers moved into the region to rescue survivors and start the painful process of recovering the dead which were stored in body bags in makeshift morgues. It was three days later that the curious incident reported in the newspaper took place.

Five unknown Americans appeared, as if from nowhere, and proceeded to carry five of the body bags out into the street where they lay them on the floor in front of witnesses and began to shout, "Rise and live in the name of Jesus." Those shocked bystanders suddenly recoiled in amazement as movement was seen in the body bags!

Those bodies who had been pronounced dead on Wednesday 12/1/11, when they were recovered from beneath tons of mud, were now apparently waking up! This process was achieved again when a further ten bodies were revived in the morgue.

Those brought back from the dead were interviewed but couldn't say what had happened to them other than they had spent time in a very, very, dark place.

Most of us who have lost loved ones dear to our hearts have, at some point, wished we could reverse the process of physical death and once more walk and talk to those we held close, but would this necessarily be a good thing? The old adage of letting the dead lie may be a universal law only broken by those arrogant few who fly in the face of god. As long as we fondly remember our lost loved ones and keep them forever close to our heart they will all live on forever...

**Some Facts:**

*Bokors in the religion of Vodou are sorcerers or houngan (priests) or mambo (priestesses) for hire who are said to 'serve the 'loa' with both hands', meaning that they practice both dark magic and light magic. Their black magic includes the creation of zombies and the creation of 'ouangas', talismans that house spirits.*

*The name Bokor can also refer to the leader of the Makaya division of Vodou (which originated in the Congo region) and Bokor also refers to the highest initiation rank in Dominican Vodou.*

# Scientist's & UFO's they 'ARE' interested

There is a common misperception that scientists are not interested in UFOs. It is often debated, that if there really was something to this, then scientists would be looking into it. The reality is that not only are scientists interested, they have been the main proponents of this subject since the beginning of modern UFO research.

When the public started to take notice of high profile UFO sightings beginning in the 40's, the Air Force was on point to investigate the phenomena. They started several projects, all culminating into the Air Force's largest UFO investigation called Project Blue Book. To help them in their investigation they hired astronomer, Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

Hynek was not enthusiastic about the subject at the time. He was quoted as saying "the whole subject seems utterly ridiculous". He then went on to explain away the incredible sightings that continued to be reported by credible people. One of his most infamous debunkings was in March of 1966, when hundreds of witnesses in Michigan reported sightings over a two day period. Hynek suggested that some of these could have been due to swamp gas.

Eventually, after reviewing enough of these cases, Hynek began to believe that there actually was something more to the UFO mystery. He began disagreeing with the Air Force's conclusions on some cases, and once Project Blue Book was closed, was an open advocate of the need for further research into the issue. In an interview in the 80's Hynek had said that he became frustrated with the Air Force pressuring him to come up with quick prosaic answers to sightings instead of allowing him to conduct proper investigations.

To further scientific studies into UFOs Hynek started the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). He also went on to consult Steven Spielberg on his movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind. The title of the movie was based on a classification system that Hynek had developed for UFO sightings. Hynek's story is important because here we see that the first scientist tasked with the

job of researching UFOs, once provided the evidence, became so interested that he devoted much of his life's work to the effort. Although, Hynek started one of the first and most important UFO research organizations, his wasn't the first, nor was it the first to be started by scientists.

It's arguable as to which of the UFO research organizations was the most important, but another one of the top three was the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). It was founded in 1956 by physicist Thomas Townsend Brown. Brown researched electromagnetism, radiation, field physics, gravity, and other cutting edge technologies. Among the organizations he worked for was the National Defense Research Committee and the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

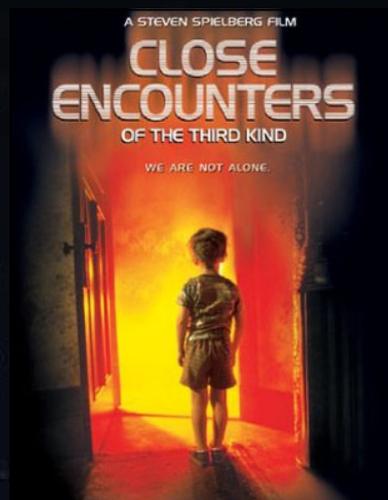
Brown believed that some of the research he was involved with may shed light on the type technology being applied by UFOs. His organization, NICAP, went on to include many notable members and advisors, including retired and active military personnel. After Brown, one of the most prominent Directors was retired USMC Major Donald Keyhoe. Keyhoe then recruited the help of one of his Naval Academy colleagues, Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter. Among other accolades, Hillenkoetter was the first director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Hillenkoetter was openly critical of the Air Force's handling of the UFO situation, as can be seen in his famous quote in the New York Times, "Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense."

The third large UFO organization from the early years was the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), started in 1952 by electrical technician, Jim Lorenzen along with his wife Coral. Over time they collected a long list of scientific consultants, including atmospheric physicist Dr. James McDonald, professor in

hydraulics engineering Dr. James Harder, and psychologists Dr. Leo Sprinkle.

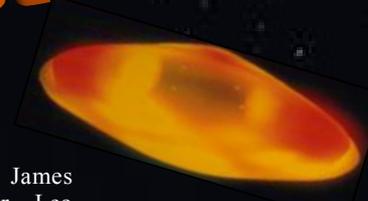
By the late 50's there were three organizations with respected scientific members investigating UFOs.



To add to this scientific endeavour, in 1969 the American Association for the Advancement of Science's (AAAS) annual meeting included a panel discussion of scientists on UFOs. This was all in the beginning of UFO research, and scientific interest continues to this day.

Over time these three organizations either lost steam, or shut down completely. So in 1969 many of APRO's members went on to found the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), which is currently largest UFO organization in the U.S. MUFON was founded by Walt Andrus, who had a long career as an educator and manager in technology, along with engineer John Schuessler, and Dr. Allen Utke.

John Schuessler is a retired aerospace engineer, who spent 36 years working for the Human Space Flight program. He was a Director and Project Manager for Space Shuttle Flight Operations, and received the NASA Public Service Medal for leadership on his role in the NASA Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory. Among the many scientists that make up the membership of MUFON are prominent researchers such as physicist Stanton Friedman, optical physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee, aeronautical engineer Dr. Bob Wood, and professor of



Investigator Harry Price made a reputation for himself by exposing false mediums. He had this to say about Doyle,

*"Setting aside for the moment his extraordinary and most loveable personal qualities, the chief qualification that he possessed for the role of investigator was his crusading zeal. Among all the notable persons attracted to Spiritualism, he was perhaps the most uncritical. His extreme credulity, indeed, was the despair of his colleagues, all of whom, however, held him in the highest respect for his complete honesty. Poor, dear, lovable, credulous Doyle! He was a giant in stature with the heart of a child."*

physics Dr. Jack Kasher. I'm sure I am neglecting to mention many others, as there are an abundance of dedicated scientists aiding in MUFON's efforts.

Physicist Stanton Friedman is probably the most well known scientist in UFO research. He has been featured on countless documentaries and news stories on this subject.

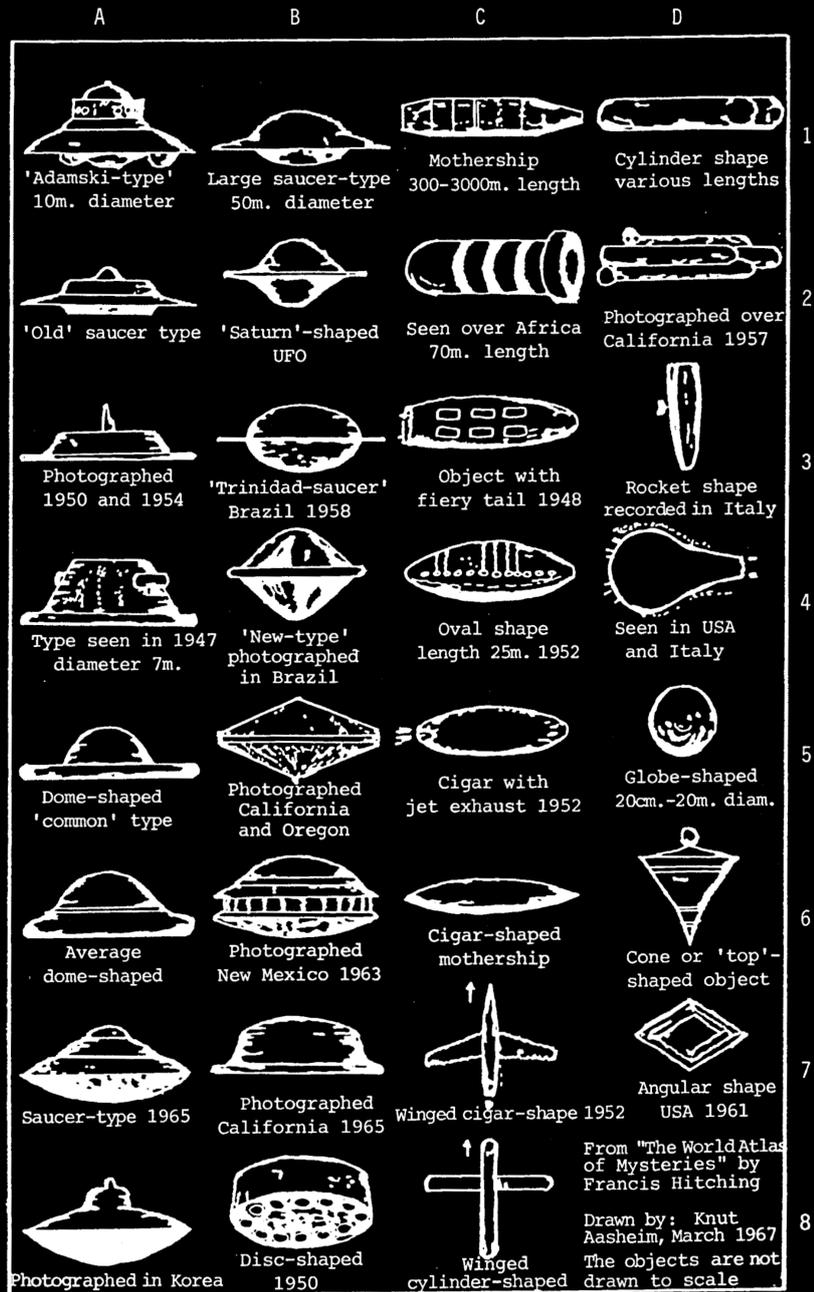
Stanford Professor of astrophysics, Peter Sturrock convened what is known as the Sturrock Panel in 1996. His colleague Dr. Jacques Valle had written books on UFOs, and after reviewing them he agreed that the subject was worthy of scientific study. He felt that there was a problem with scientists understanding the UFO phenomena. At the time Laurance Rockefeller was also taking an interest in UFO research. Rockefeller agreed to fund a gathering of a group of UFO researchers to present their evidence to a panel of unbiased scientists. They included in their conclusions that "It is desirable that there be institutional support for research in this area."

In 1995 real estate developer Robert Bigelow created the National Institute for Discover Sciences (NIDS). Bigelow grew up in Las Vegas while the atom bomb was being developed, and remembers his family reporting many UFO sightings. Since then he has had an interest in getting to the root of the issue. He started NIDS and hired scientists to investigate anomalous phenomena including UFOs.

NIDS was disbanded in 2004 when Bigelow refocused his energy on space technology and started a company called Bigelow Aerospace. He However, he did not abandon the search for UFO truth. Bigelow Aerospace works with MUFON and just recently it was announced that the FAA will make Bigelow Aerospace their official UFO reporting center for commercial pilots.

Some of the scientists involved with NIDS projects were Dr. Colm Kelleher, Dr. Jacques Vallee, Dr. Christopher Greene, Dr. Roger Leir, Dr. Hal Puthoff, Dr. John Alexander, and astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell. Molecular Biologist, Dr. Colm Kelleher still organizes investigations for Bigelow Aerospace's current UFO investigations.

In 2008, the Society for Scientific Exploration included UFOs in their 2008 annual meeting in Boulder, CO. Among the featured speakers to cover the subject were, Dr. Bob Wood, Dr. John Alexander, Dr. Simeon Hein, Dr. Shelley Tanenbaum, and Dr. Claude Swanson. The ex-minister of Defense



for Canada, the honorable Paul Hellyer also addressed the SSE at this meeting calling for an end to UFO secrecy. Another well know scientist that is often seen in the media and has been including this subject in his lectures is theoretical physicist, Dr. Michio Kaku. He can be seen on many recent documentaries regarding incredible cutting edge breakthroughs in technology. He is a major contributor to string theory. In his latest book, Physics of the Impossible, he covers the idea of advanced civilizations. He categorizes them based on the levels of technology they may have obtained. Currently humans only rate as a type 0. Beyond astrobology, Dr. Kaku has stressed in many interviews the need to take UFOs seriously. He notes that even in programs, such as the Air Force's Project Blue Book, there are a small percentage of sightings that could not be explained. When given the thousands of reports received, this

represents a large amount of unknowns. Theoretical physicists believe travel at vast distances over short times is possible, that along with the ongoing discovery of planets that could harbor life, it is not such a stretch to think that a more advanced civilization is checking us out. It is true that there are no large scientific institutions or universities taking on this subject. This is most likely the reason why people believe that scientists are not interested. Getting a scientific institution interested in this subject would probably lead to astonishing breakthroughs in this field, and with continued interest by respected high-profile scientists, we may see that happen in the near future...

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even alien abductions, to secret black budget technology, we leave no stone unturned. My goal is to have a paranormal radio show on UFOs that leaves the skeptic and the convinced to think about. Host, Alejandro Rojas, has been a UFO

investigator/researcher for many years. He served for several years as the Director of Public Education for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

This international organization has hundreds of certified investigators looking into the thousands of reports they receive on a yearly basis.

Alejandro has worked with ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox News, MSNBC, the History Channel, Discovery Channel, CNN, and many more. He has also been interviewed around the world, including several appearances on Coast to Coast AM.

# Paranormal investigation Is there a career in it?

You would think that, as a Paranormal Investigator, the most popular questions asked are, 'Are Ghosts Real?', or 'Have you ever seen anything yourself'? But no... The most popular question asked is often 'How do I get a job in it?'

Over the last five years as a paranormal investigator I have attempted to answer many questions dealing with the paranormal. I certainly do not consider myself an expert by any means. Since some of these questions have dealt with areas in which I feel I have some competence - cognitive psychology, mental illness, brain disorders etc. I feel that I have been able to adequately address them. If I don't feel that I have the background necessary to answer a specific question, I will refer the individual to people who do. There is one question that has been repeatedly asked which I found surprising. I would say, the majority, but not all of the people that have asked me this question have been teenagers.

***'Some of the most respected people in the field have been doing this for many years, and most don't have their own television show or perhaps make a significant amount of money doing it'.***

The question is always some variation of...*"I've decided that I want to be a ghost hunter, you know for a job. I'm very certain about this, do you know how I do this?"* Even with my relatively limited knowledge, I was willing to tackle this question. I can only assume that the recent popularity of such shows as Ghost Hunters, Most Haunted, Paranormal State, and others has led to the belief at least in the people asking the question, that being a paranormal



investigator is a legitimate career path. So, I tell them with no uncertainty, that Ghost Hunting is probably NOT a viable career choice. I believe that the popularity of this field touches on the basis of human existence...consider the question being asked; *'Is there an afterlife?'* Of course everyone is interested. But, lets take a step back and consider the draw as a career. You get to travel, you get to go into cool places, it appears to be a relatively easy activity that is accessible to everyone, and you may get to be on television and become famous!

There are some basic human needs being met here, and being thought of as cool because of your job is something we all could live with. Who doesn't want recognition and to be looked up to by their peers?

So, we find ourselves easily understanding some of the motivations for seeking a career as a ghost hunter: Prestige, recognition, possibly fame, working toward finding the answer of

one of the most important questions of life and death.

But...Realise that some of the most respected people in the field have been doing this for many years, and most don't have their own television show or perhaps make a significant amount of money doing it. People labour for years to gain a level of expertise in a subject matter. I am not conversant on the educational and career backgrounds of these individuals, but I do believe that they are able to make somewhat of a living working in the paranormal field.

Many do not have a famous TV show, yet are accomplished authors, lecturers, and teachers willing to share their knowledge. There are many well known investigators and researchers that have decided not to go down the TV entertainment side of the subject. In my eyes, these folks are the giants, without which TV shows like Ghost Hunters, Most Haunted etc would not exist. Let alone numerous magazines and tour companies.

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*A good starting point for anyone interested in the subject is the British Investigators Training Course which comes in basic and advanced levels. Both incorporate Parapsychology units B1 & B2. To learn more visit the MAPIT website at: <http://www.MAPIT.kk5.org>*

Now we come to money... How does one earn money being a paranormal investigator? While some investigators charge for their services, I would say that most do not. Groups often accept donations, even going as far as to set up a Paypal account on their Web site (which I consider particularly tacky by the way). Nevertheless, donations are few and far between and never seem to cover expenses.

So, where does that leave us? People that are making money in this field are usually authors, tour groups, lecturer's, tutors or perhaps, earn money from web site advertising or selling of magazines or paranormal investigation equipment. Some also may offer paranormal marketing for businesses. The rarest are the very small percentage of people who have a television show and/or act as consultants to the entertainment industry.



Bobby Elgee

At least as far as I can tell. I should note that I have been contacted by three different television producers over the last 5 years (via e-mail ) looking for people to audition for new paranormal-based television shows. Pretty cool, but I'm not an accomplished or well-known investigator, so I would hazard that I was one of 1000's of people that they contacted. Sure, they may have liked my amateurish web site, and perhaps saw my picture, but I assume that these opportunities are very rare.

There are many ways to earn money, but you don't do it being an investigator, you generally have to do it by one of the ways I've mentioned in the previous paragraph. So, where does that leave you for a career as a paranormal investigator? I advise people that 'ghost hunting' is usually a hobby. If you can find a way to earn enough revenue to finance your hobby through donations, you are a successful paranormal investigator. If you can build a popular paranormal web site and earn money through advertising and selling products on line, you are a successful paranormal investigator. If you can earn revenue from teaching a workshop, you are a successful paranormal investigator.

A word of advice... you better pick something else for a stable long-term

career. If you are very, very serious about the pursuit of the paranormal, there is an actual career path for you as a psychologist. You would need to start by earning your pre-degree or maybe even a bachelors degree in psychology.

Make sure the organization you pick has what your looking for. Don't be talked into parting with large amounts of money. Most organizations are free to join. See if they offer some type of training themselves.



You could also go on to pursue a graduate degree (doctorate) in parapsychology and then, probably get a job teaching at a university.

Technically, its not a career as a ghost hunter or paranormal investigator though, but you'll more then likely make enough money to finance your research and investigations. Paranormal investigation won't be a specific job, it would still be a hobby - like it is for me and the other 99% of paranormal investigators around the world. One thing is for sure, you'll certainly be qualified to investigate such things in a professional and scientific manner. If I've put you off, and I'd like to state, that's not my intention, you may be happy to accept paranormal investigation just as a hobby. If so, you may want to join an organisation that investigate and research such things. That's fine!, However, another word of warning...

Be careful as to which organisation you join. Be picky, be very picky...

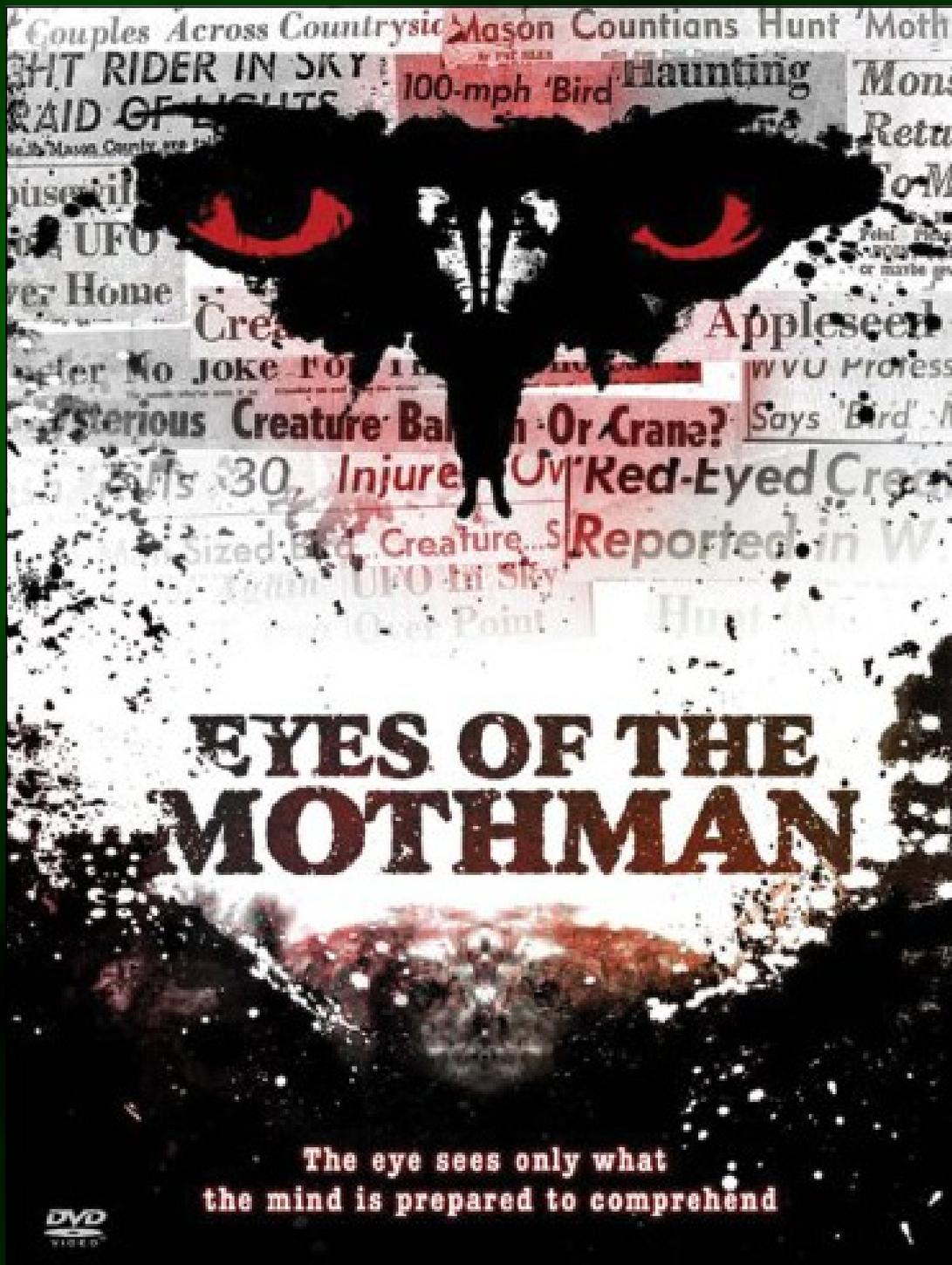
If you are to do some form of training, make sure that your efforts will be recognised within other organisations. Note who has contributed to the training program, such as authors, researchers, known investigators and academics.

Try to pick an organisation that is reputable and recognised for their dedication and efforts. The longer an organization has been around the more stable they usually are. Finally, continue to conduct your own method of learning, by reading scientific journals and documents, maybe even sit a home study course. The benefits of having knowledge is rewarding. If you think something is incorrect or could be carried out in a better or more professional, scientific manner, never be afraid to speak up. The most important thing is... Remember to enjoy what you do. If the day comes you don't enjoy it. It time to walk away and try something new... So, for all of you career track ghost hunters out there, I wish you luck! ...

*Bobby was born in the Midwest, and relocated to New England in 1995. Sometime in the middle part of this decade, he moved into an old funeral home, and shortly thereafter, heard the sound of a little girl humming and experienced the occasional unexplainable smell of roast and potatoes. After the gas stove had turned itself on several times, he became concerned and joined a local paranormal group. After several years, Bobby decided to strike out on his own in 2008, and founded Sights Unseen Paranormal a team of paranormal investigators based in New England. Bobby has a background in research, cognitive psychology, public speaking, and writing, and is currently employed in the publishing industry.*

*Article compiled by Bobby Elgee. Additions: Steve Mera.*

# EYES OF THE MOTHMAN



Virgil Films & Entertainment have released EYES OF THE MOTHMAN on DVD, which came out on February 22nd. Special features on the two-disc release includes bonus interviews, a behind-the-scenes featurette, psychic walk through, and an audio commentary. The cover art can be seen above.

The documentary is written and directed by Matthew J. Pellowski. The film travels to Point Pleasant, WV to visit the location of the infamous mothman legend. Interviewees include eyewitnesses, residents, paranormal investigators, newspaper editors, professors, historians, and authors.

November 15th 1966: four young adults travelling through the West Virginia backwoods of an abandoned TNT Plant, come across something, unnatural... The headlights from their 57' Chevy strike what appears to be a black, lurking, lumbering, seven foot tall man with red eyes and wings! Before the winged man of Point Pleasant would make his departure from its menacing raid on the God fearing souls of this minute church going community, 46 people would die tragically and hundreds more would be left traumatised and emotionally scarred for life...

Running Time 155 Minutes.

*As I watched this DVD I was surprised in regards how much content there was. This was a very well researched and informative documentary that featured more interviews regarding the Mothman than I'd ever seen before. Its presentation and format was spot on. A must have DVD for those who are interested in what went on at Point Pleasant. A truly profound case regarding strange flying creatures, UFO's and warnings of future events.*

*A very good buy as well. This 155 minute documentary has numerous features on a second bonus dvd disk.*

*Well worth getting your hands on.... Steve Mera: Editor - Phenomena Magazine.*

[www.eyesofthemothman.com](http://www.eyesofthemothman.com)

# 1800's UFO Crash - very old newspaper report From: UFO Research Cincinnati.

A Strange Story - A Messenger from the Celestial Region. A Stone Falls to the Ground with Characters Engraved Upon It...

Mr. James Lumley, an old Rocky Mountain trapper, who has been stopping at the Everett House for several days, makes a most remarkable statement to us, and one, which if authenticated, will produce the greatest excitement in the scientific world. Mr. Lumley states that about the middle of last September, he was engaged in trapping in the mountains, about seventy-five or one hundred miles above the great falls of the Upper Missouri, and in the neighborhood of what is known as Cadotte Pass. Just after sunset one evening he beheld a bright, luminous body in the heavens, which was moving with a great rapidity in an easterly direction. It was plainly visible for at least five seconds, when it suddenly separated into particles, resembling, as Mr. Lumley described it, the bursting of a skyrocket in the air. A few minutes later he heard a heavy explosion, which jarred the earth very perceptibly, and this was shortly after followed by a rumbling sound, like a tornado sweeping through the forest. A strong wind sprang up about the same time, but as suddenly subsided. The air was also filled with a peculiar odor of a sulphurous character.

These incidents would have made but slight impression on the mind of Mr. Lumley, but for the fact that on the ensuing day he discovered, at a distance of about two miles from his camping place, that, as far as he could see in either direction, a path had been cut through the forest, several rods wide - giant trees uprooted or broken off near the ground - the tops of hills shaved off, and the earth plowed up in many places. Great and wide-spread havoc was every-where visible. Following up this track of desolation, he soon ascertained the cause of it in the shape of an immense stone that had been driven into the side of a mountain. But now comes the most remarkable part of the story. An examination of this stone, or so much of it as was visible, showed that it had been divided into compartments, and that, in various places, it was carved with curious hieroglyphics. More than this, Mr. Lumley also discovered fragments of a substance resembling glass, and here and there dark stains, as though caused by a liquid. He is confident that the hieroglyphics were the work of human hands, and that the stone itself, although but a fragment of an immense body, must have been used for some purpose by animated beings. Strange as this story appears, Mr. Lumley relates it with so much sincerity that we are forced to accept it as true. It was evident that the stone which he discovered was a fragment of the meteor which was visible in this section in September last. It will be remembered that it was seen in Leavenworth, in Galena, and in this city by Colonel Bonneville. At Leavenworth, it was seen to separate in particles or explode.

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# The Telegraph

By Nick Collins: Feb 18th 2011.

The photograph below was taken at Lake Windermere, and shows an object with three humps breaching the surface of the lake, is said to be the best evidence yet of what some claim is a monster lurking beneath the depths. It was taken on a camera phone by Tom Pickles, 24, while kayaking on the lake as part of a team building exercise with his IT company, Cap-Gemini, last Friday. Mr. Pickles said he saw an animal the size of three cars speed past him on the lake and watched it for about 20 seconds.

He said: "It was petrifying and we paddled back to the shore straight away. At first I thought it was a dog and then saw it was much bigger and moving really quickly at about 10mph. "Each hump was moving in a rippling motion and it was swimming fast. "Its skin was like a seal's but it's shape was completely abnormal - it's not like any animal I've ever seen before." This is believed to be the eighth sighting of a long humpbacked creature - known by local residents as "Bownessie" - in the past last five years.



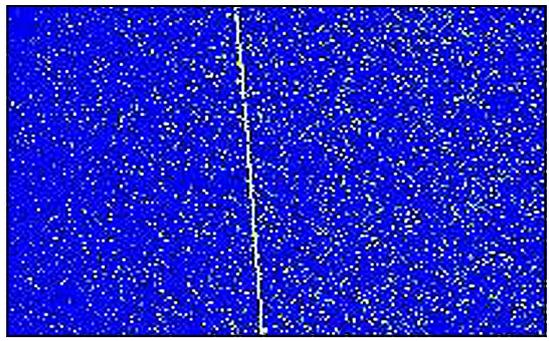
Mr. Pickles' companion Sarah Harrington, 23, said: "It was like an enormous snake. "I only saw it for a few seconds but all I could think about was that I had to get off the lake." The pair were on the last day of a team building residential training course at Fallbarrow Hall, Bowness, Cumbria. They said they had kayaked 300m out into the lake near Belle Isle when they spotted the beast to the south. Mr. Pickles's picture perfectly matches the description of an earlier sighting from the shores of Wray Castle in 2006 by journalism lecturer Steve Burnip.

He said: "I'm really pleased that someone has finally got a really good picture of it. "I know what I saw and it shocked me, it had three humps and it's uncanny the likeness between this and what I saw five years ago." Photo expert David Farnell of Farnell's photographic laboratory in Lancaster said: "It does look like a real photo but because it's been taken on a phone the file size is too small to really tell whether it has been altered on Photoshop or not." Sceptics remain unconvinced that something so large could exist in the 11 mile long lake. Dr. Ian Winfield, a lake ecologist at the University of Lancaster, said: "It's possible that it's a catfish from Eastern Europe and people are misjudging the size but there is no known fish as large as the descriptions we're hearing that could be living in Windermere. "We run echo sounding surveys every month and have never found anything."

This is believed to be the eighth sighting of a long humpbacked creature, known by local residents as 'Bownessie', in the past last five years. Photograph by : Tom Pickles.

## NASA Confirms Anomalous SETI Signal From Deep Space.

No one knows for sure what caused this signal. There is a slight possibility that it just might originate from an extraterrestrial intelligence. The bright colors on the blue background indicate that an anomalous signal was received here on Earth by a radio telescope involved in a Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). A search for these signals is ongoing by several groups including volunteer members of the SETI League. Time labels the vertical axis of the above plot, and frequency marks the horizontal axis.



Although this strong signal was never positively identified, astronomers have identified in it many attributes characteristic of a more mundane and ultimately terrestrial origin. In this case, a leading possibility is that the signal originates from an unusual modulation between a GPS satellite and an unidentified Earth-based source. Many unusual signals from space remain unidentified. No signal has yet been strong enough or run long enough to be unambiguously identified as originating from an extraterrestrial intelligence...

MAPIT: This is not the first time alleged signals from outer space have been received through the SETI program. A number of years back, a well known radio telescope detected an unusual signal every day around 5.00pm, and radio-astronomers announced their findings... However, they soon realised that the signal was nothing more than stray frequencies outputted from the kitchen micro-wave oven, that was used regularly around tea time...



# The Cryptoterrestrials by Mac Tonnie's: A Review by Paul Kimball

When you exclude the peripherals, from the table of contents and acknowledgements, to the foreword and afterward written by Nick Redfern and Greg Bishop respectively, *The Cryptoterrestrials*, the final work by the late Mac Tonnie's, comes in at a slim 98 pages. However, in a prime example of quality over quantity, Mac has left us with an impassioned and thought-provoking clarion call for a new way of thinking, not just about the UFO phenomenon or even the paranormal in general, but about ourselves. The UFO phenomenon is the focus of *The Cryptoterrestrials*, at least on the surface. Mac takes direct aim from the beginning at the purveyors of ufological orthodoxy, namely those people who mistakenly advance the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis as the Extraterrestrial Fact. He pulls no punches, skewering the majority of ufology both for their blind adherence to the ETH, and for their willing self-marginalisation. "The ufological 'community' suffers from creative anemia," he writes. "While its luminaries might noisily claim otherwise, ufology collectively wants to be marginal. With the lamentable exception of a few spokesman who feel the need to 'explain' the phenomenon's intricacies to a wary public (often in the guise of would-be political discourse), the ostensible UFO community remains afraid of stepping into the rude glow of widespread public attention. And it has a right to be afraid." (p. 25) It's not that Mac rejected the ETH - indeed, in the book he writes that it remains a viable hypothesis. What he rejected are those who say that the ETH is the only answer, or even the best answer. After all, how can one say any hypothesis is the "best" hypothesis when faced with something as weird as the UFO phenomenon?

With the ET-Factors, it isn't a matter of science anymore, or logic, or following the evidence to where it leads - it's become all about the perpetuation of their belief system within an ever-shrinking community of flying saucer evangelicals. Mac rejected the intellectual rigidity of the ET-Factors, as well as their lack of any true sense of wonder, or appreciation for the mystery of it all. If the ET-Factors have spent the last few decades hunkered down in the ufological equivalent of an intellectual Jericho, then Mac is the guy standing at the walls with the trumpet, and *The Cryptoterrestrials* is the blast that should bring the whole decrepit edifice of certainty crumbling down. In his foreword, Nick compares Mac to the Ramones and the Sex Pistols, the brash and liberating antidote to what had become a stale status quo. It's a perfect metaphor, for there will indeed be more than a few people who read *The Cryptoterrestrials* and think Mac is the ufological version of the Anti-Christ. But if anything could use some anarchy, it's ufology.

In the end, however, it doesn't matter whether people within ufology "get" what Mac is saying, because he was aiming his sights a lot higher. Rather than just reinforce existing views, or rehash old ground, Mac takes the foundations that have been built by writers and researchers as diverse as Jacques Vallee, John Keel, and Whitley Strieber, and expands upon them, even as he points out the flaws in their theories. His goal is not to find a definitive answer, or to create an alternative orthodoxy, but rather to ask as many questions as he could, and try to come up with some ideas about where we may find the answers. So, what are the cryptoterrestrials? In Mac's hypothesis, they are a race of indigenous humanoids who share this planet with us. Technologically superior in many ways (but not, perhaps, all ways), they are on the decline, even as we continue to ascend - they are, if not a dying race, then one whose time has passed. And we are the noisy, and in many ways dangerous "new" kids on the block. Unlike Vallee or Keel, Mac does not sidestep the physical reality of the UFO phenomenon - in his hypothesis, they exist in this world, literally.

Is the cryptoterrestrial hypothesis "the answer"? Of course not. But in the end, it doesn't really matter, because it wasn't Mac's intention to write a definitive conclusion to the discussion about the UFO phenomenon, or the paranormal; rather, it was his intention to get that discussion started again, and to get people thinking, for the first time in a long time, about what really might be going on - including the possibility that we are being visited by beings from another world:

"Unable to disprove a negative, I have no choice but to concede that some UFO encounters may originate in space. And it would be the height of arrogance to proclaim that the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis and the Cryptoterrestrial Hypothesis are mutually exclusive. And of course, cryptoterrestrials don't preclude 'inter-dimensional' travellers either." (p. 52) What was important to Mac, at least at this stage, was to ask the correct questions, because only then might we be able to get back on the road to finding some answers, if not about the phenomenon itself, then about ourselves, and our almost symbiotic relationship to it. "If we're dealing with a truly alien intelligence," Mac concluded, "there's no promise that its thinking will be linear. Indeed, its inherent weirdness might serve as an appeal to an aspect of the psyche we've allowed to atrophy. It might be trying to rouse us from our stupor, in which case it's tempting to wonder if the supposed ETs are literally us in some arcane sense."

In a world where hyperbole has become the lingua franca, *The Cryptoterrestrials* is the rare work that deserves to be called a "must read." It represents a true paradigm shift in our understanding of the mysteries of the paranormal, not because it pretends to have the answers, but because it admits that it does not. It is a book that deserves to be read far and wide, because it offers up an opportunity to revitalize the UFO subject, and make it relevant again - but only if we are courageous and intellectually honest enough to embrace it.

**Paul Kimball.**





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