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Firstly... I'd like to welcome our readers and subscribers throughout Russia. Phenomena Magazine has been well received along with particular interest from a gentleman in the Kremlin. Also... you may have noticed its our 4 year anniversary, since our first issue back in May of 2009. Its been an interesting month with the subject of UFOs dominating the internet in regards the Citizens Hearing and Steven Greer's new documentary entitled Sirius. This months edition has some fascinating articles in it. We hope you enjoy the magazine and look forward to receiving your input...

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**SUB-EDITORIAL**



The Tools of Paranormal Investigation... A couple of musing this month: sometimes something pops into your brain and you feel compelled to write about it; well here are two such 'poppings'. Have you ever noticed that most of the best paranormal investigations use a whole variety of hi-tec electronic equipment to locate and supposedly 'prove' the existence of ghosts? Flight cases full of EM detectors, cameras, field meter and so forth, surely this must produce reputable and reliable evidence...right?

Well, no, it does not, but it sure as Hell looks the part and makes the supposed investigators feel important, it might even reassure the client too. The truth is that, as I mentioned in the last sub-ed, the phenomenon has no consensus, none! So any readings or images are meaningless and open to a wide range of possible interpretations. Another unpalatable truth is that, except in a very general sense, the investigators have no idea what the readings mean. The best tools on any investigation are your own senses (common and otherwise), the fancy hardware means nothing: T.A.P.S. *et al!* take note!

Angels and Crystals... Before I say any more let me state that I have no problem with the majority of New Age ideas, but I find real issues in engaging with some of them, in fact many of the seem to be age-old traditions repackaged with a slick sales pitch for a new audience. One of the staples of New Age thought are angels, those ethereal, blond, winged entities that are supposed to be there for our help and protection...except that they are not; or at least not in the manner that New Agers perceive them.

The New Agers seem to have divorced angels from religion (it's how they justify their philosophy) and have adapted into something quite different from their original role. It's the same with quartz crystals and all the rest of the paraphernalia that are part of the New Age mind set. They forget that what they preach (and sometimes even practise) has been around for millennia in various forms, but it all started with the shamans. If anyone is looking to get some mysticism into your life, hook up with a shaman, you'll learn more about spirituality from one of these remarkable people than from one hundred New Agers...and it'll probably cost you a lot less as well!

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The idea that something as normal as entering a barber's shop for a haircut and shave could lead to murder and cannibalism is so seriously disquieting that we relegate it to the realm of urban legend and nightmare. Lionel and Patricia Fanthorpe look into the well known urban legend of Sweeney Todd and try to determine... Did this phantom barber really exist?



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**Page 9: Hugo Chavez: A Brief Bio.**

Hugo Chavez was born on 28th July 1954, the 28th July is known by astrological occultists since ancient times as "the day of the height of the sun" and this day has a very special meaning, the Old Testament in Deuteronomy 18-10 forbids "an observer of the times", this tells us that every single day in the year has its own meaning and the number of the date can give important information. T. Stokes explains...



**Page 13: House Blessinbgs & Baptisms.**

A lot of people have asked me how I got into house blessings and baptisms. Believe me when I tell you, I sort of accidentally stepped into these procedures of helping out our clients harassed by paranormal events'. I always had a curious nature and when I saw a book that my Catholic priest had on conducting house blessings back in 1984. Paul Dale Roberts describes his first diabolical investigation...



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The UFO story originated not long after June 24, 1947, when many newspapers in the USA published the first sighting of the flying saucer. With journalistic license, reporters converted upon the witness Kenneth Arnold's description of the individual motion of each of the objects, "like a saucer skipping across water", into "flying saucer," a name for the objects themselves. Joy Healey explains...



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From April 29, 2013 to May 3, 2013 researchers, activists, political leaders, and former members of military services and government agencies representing ten countries gave testimony in Washington, DC to six former members of the United States Congress. Steven Greer also had an opportunity to show his new documentary entitled 'Sirius'. Ed Komarek describes the event...



**Page 28: An Insight into Dowsing.**

It has been rumoured that the art of Dowsing has had its practical applications throughout the years. American soldiers are said to have used Dowsing Rods to locate secret hidden Japanese underground bunkers and dwellings during the Vietnam War. Also, it is known that the Australian natives used numerous methods of dowsing to locate underground water springs whilst traversing the Outback. Sophie Chamberlain explains...



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# SWEENEY TODD DID HE EXIST?

Urban myths and legends are frequently centred on mass murders with nightmare qualities. The more horrendous the crimes – the more likely they are to enter the domain of urban legend. Various psychological theories suggest that one human technique for dealing with the unbelievably horrible and terrifying is to place it into a sort of mental compartment containing horrors so weird that they seem to have no place in our contemporary reality. Dracula, Frankenstein's monster, the wolf-man, ghouls that dig up and devour the dead, zombies and demons are all relegated to that strange, nightmare area of the mind. We deal with our fear of them by shutting them away from the reality of breakfast TV, the daily tabloid, commuting to work and doing our best for customers, clients and work schedules.

Yet there is *some* evidence that suggests that both she and Sweeney Todd were all too real, were actual historic figures – albeit dangerously psychotic ones.

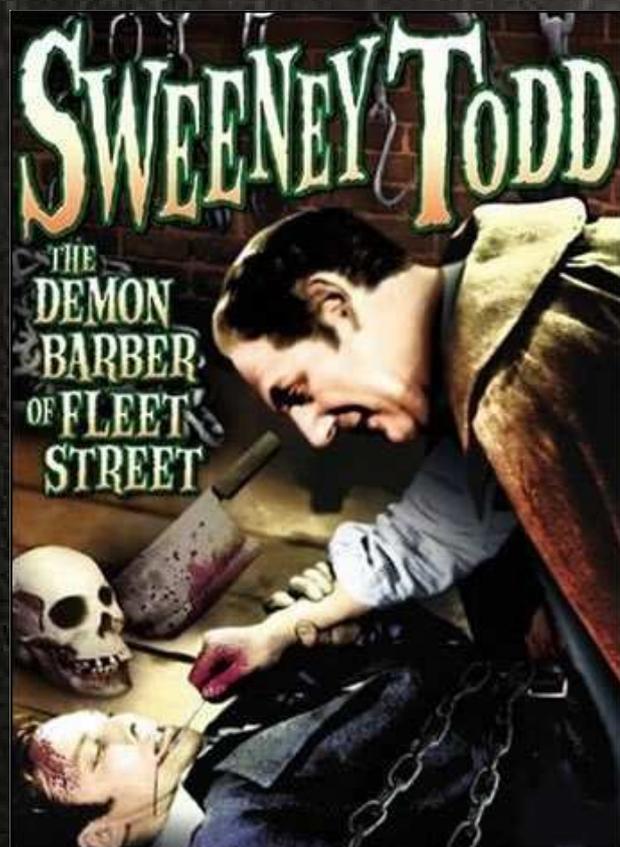
There seems to have been a real Sweeney Todd who was allegedly born in 1756 in the Brick Lane area, a dangerous slum at the time. His teenaged mother was an alcoholic – as was his father. When work was available – which wasn't often – they were silk processors. It is suggested that as a boy Sweeney frequently visited the tower of London to study the instruments of torture in the museum there. Some researchers wonder – if these visits were factual – whether his morbid fascination with torture as a boy was a prelude to his horrific crimes as an adult. When he was only twelve, his parents mysteriously vanished: another massive trauma for him.

The boy was supposedly apprenticed to a cutler, where he learnt how to make razors, and probably gained the basic engineering skills to create the fatal, revolving chair with the trap below it.

In 1770, it was thought that Sweeney was sentenced to five years in the singularly dangerous Newgate Prison, where he worked with a barber-surgeon named Plummer. Released from gaol in 1775, Todd became a street barber until he had earned enough to acquire a shop.

According to one version of his brutal history, he had a woman partner who also seems to have been a part-time prostitute. Despite her vice trade activities, Todd was extremely jealous of her. One of his earliest killings allegedly concerned a drunken customer who was describing his recent antics with an attractive young whore. From the customer's description of her, Todd realised that she was his partner. He promptly cut the man's throat and escaped from the scene. Such evidence as there is suggests that he later turned up in Fleet Street – another unsafe area in those days – and advertised his trade as: "Easy shaving for a penny."

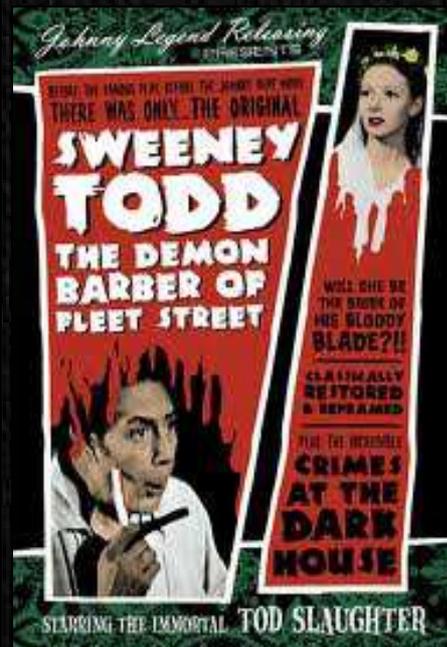
Another of Todd's early murders may have been one that was recorded in the *Daily Courant*, one of the world's first newspapers, which was founded in 1702 and later merged with the *Daily Gazetteer*. The paper reported that a young visitor to London got into an argument with a barber not far from



St Dunstan's Church. The barber cut the visitor's throat with a razor and then ran into Hen and Chicken Court. He was never apprehended.

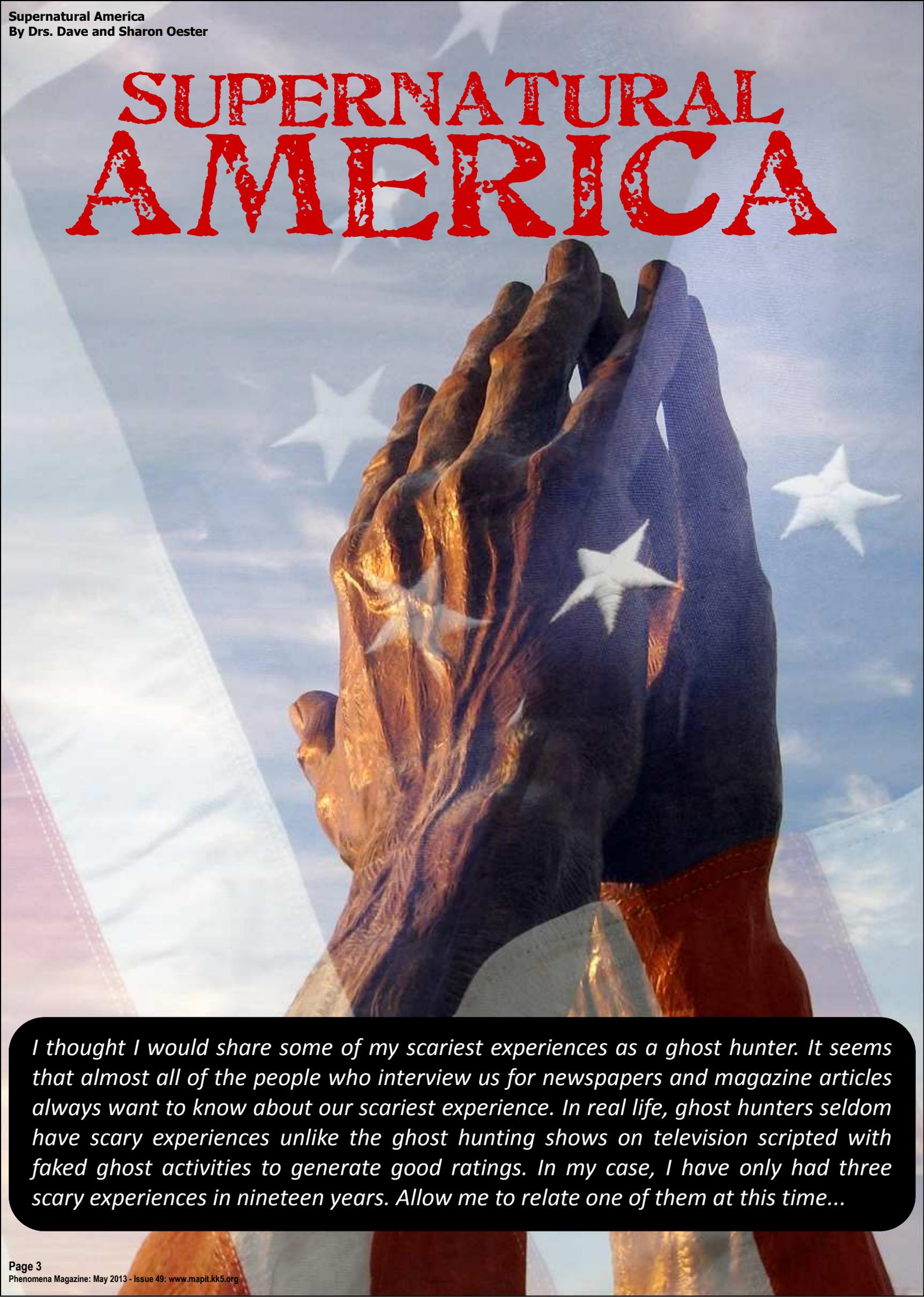
The late Peter Haining wrote an intriguing account of the "real" Sweeney Todd, but it has proved difficult if not impossible to retrace all the evidence he claimed to have found. Was it real, or did he create it? That's almost as big a mystery as the whole Sweeney Todd story...

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The idea that something as normal as entering a barber's shop for a haircut and shave could lead to murder and cannibalism is so seriously disquieting that we relegate it to the realm of urban legend and nightmare. We don't really think that the polite, smiling, ready conversationalist in the white overalls is capable of slicing the customer's throat open with his razor and dropping the dying man through a trapdoor beside the chair. We don't really think that his accomplice, the plump, motherly proprietor of the adjacent pie-shop, is capable of selecting the choicest cuts of meat from the victim, mincing them and using them to fill her pies. She too has to occupy her own compartment in the realm of nightmare, urban myth and legend.

# SUPERNATURAL AMERICA



*I thought I would share some of my scariest experiences as a ghost hunter. It seems that almost all of the people who interview us for newspapers and magazine articles always want to know about our scariest experience. In real life, ghost hunters seldom have scary experiences unlike the ghost hunting shows on television scripted with faked ghost activities to generate good ratings. In my case, I have only had three scary experiences in nineteen years. Allow me to relate one of them at this time...*

Sharon and I had just finished a long day in King's Valley, Oregon filming with a film crew from the Arts & Entertainment channel at an 1850's farm haunted by its original owner. This man homesteaded the land and was murdered by a farm hand who was having an affair with his wife. This man survived Indian raids, only to be murdered and his murder covered up to appear as a suicide.

One of the most interesting aspects of the haunting is the protective nature of the spirit when it came to current owners and their two young daughters. It seems that beyond the typical haunting involving turning on the water tap, the sounds of footsteps in the hall, and the changing of TV channels, the spirit once warned the owners in a dream that their heater was overheating and was in danger of bursting into flames. This proved to be true.

The ghost would also open the privacy gate whenever the wife drove into the driveway and then would close the privacy gate after she would drive through the gate and into the yard area. Experts on the A & E Channel who debunked the segment said it was the force of the wind generated by the slow moving vehicle that allowed the open wire privacy gate to be sucked shut, but he had no explanation for why it would open before the car passed through it.

The young girls also heard voices in the house, which this debunking expert said was due to the plumbing pipes that connected the house to the next house. Only problem was that the farmhouse was on a well and septic system and the closest house was a mile away also on septic and well. This debunker had no clue about living outside the city, as rural plumbing is very different. He never asked questions and never came near the farmhouse, but stayed in his office to offer his lame and pathetic explanations that may sound good on paper, but lack substance and practicality in real life situations.

The day Sharon and I were there for the filming, the husband related his experience of finding himself locked out of the house. He knocked on the door and yelled for someone to open the back door. Suddenly the deadbolt clicked back and he opened the door. Inside he found muddy tracks leading from the door to the kitchen area. He went into the kitchen expecting to find his wife, but she and the children were not home. Someone had let him in

when he knocked and it was not anyone living. The ghostly visitor had muddy boots on and left footprints on the floor.

They had a huge white dog that they kept in a penned in area next to the house. This huge dog was friendly, but very intimidating to strangers. He passed on a short time later. The younger of the two girls captured white ectoplasm out by the pen and both girls had seen their white dog walking around the yard at times. It seems their ghostly white dog stays nearby to the family.

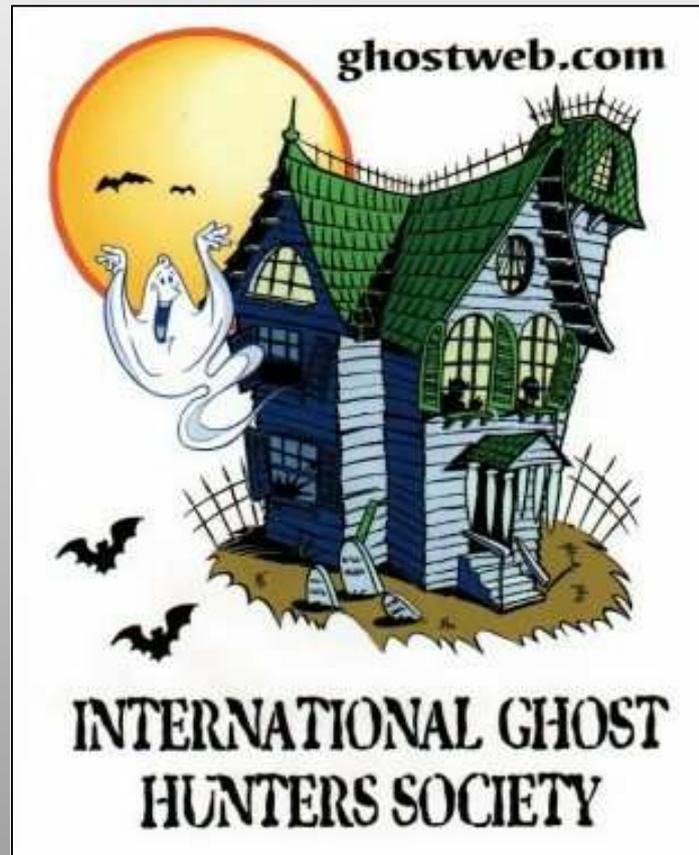
This is the same farm where the husband was working late one night ploughing a field, getting it ready for planting. It was dark and his tractor headlights shown an animal dashing in front of his headlights. He chalked it up to a mountain lion and thought no more of it. The path he was ploughing with his tractor took him to the edge of the woods where he would turn around and begin the next leg of this ploughing.

As he approached the woods, he started to turn around and suddenly something grabbed him by the leg and pulled him off the tractor. He immediately thought it was the mountain lion, but when he hit the ground, there was no mountain lion, no creature of any kind. Suddenly, the limb above the tractor snapped and fell on the cab of the tractor smashing down on the seat and some of the gauges. If he had been sitting in his seat, the falling limb would have killed him.

He went back to the house and told his family about what had happened. They examined his pants leg and found teeth marks that cut through the material. The teeth marks were exactly the same match as to their deceased pet, the white dog that the girls had seen earlier in their back yard. Their beloved pet had returned from the grave to save the life of its master.

After the filming was over, it was about 9 PM and we drove to the King Valley Cemetery and decided to stop and do a little investigation. This cemetery had two sections in it, one for the white settlers killed by marauding Indians, and a section for the Indians killed by the white settlers during the raids.

Knee high weeds filled the Indian section and was not cared for compared to the other section, which was groomed. The Indian section had been abandoned for many decades. It was to



this section that we felt drawn to investigate. We drove to the back loop that bordered the entire cemetery. We parked and we got out. The moon had come up, the fog was slowly rolling in the valley, and coyotes were howling in the distance creating the perfect setting for a ghost hunt.

Sharon had her 35 mm camera and I had a digital camera. We had to walk carefully as there were many sunken graves and animal holes and we needed to be careful in the darkness. We walked down the sloping graveyard and stopped by one upright tombstone. We started taking pictures and Sharon said she had a bad feeling and we should leave. I still had a number of images to take before running out of memory, so I stayed behind as she returned to the car.

As she departed, I continued to take more photos. Suddenly, I was engulfed by an intense psychological impression of doom and death. These emotions seemed to come from all around me as I felt a chill go up my spine. I stopped taking pictures and turned around to walk back to the car. I wanted to run, but did not want to give the impression I was scared, which I was.

I had this terrible feeling that as soon as I got back into the car that it would not start. I visualized all of those horror flicks where the car would not start and the monster would smash the

#### IGHS.

*Dave and Sharon started ghost hunting in 1990. They started the International Ghost Hunters Society in 1996 to provide information to those interested in the paranormal because at that time there were very few web sites on ghosts and none that would share information about ghosts hunting. They decided to share all of their knowledge. They help start over 100 Internet ghost clubs that expanded into the explosion of ghost clubs found today. They grandfathered the ghost hunting movement on the Internet.*

*Dave designed and maintains their web site; Ghostweb.com averaging over 100,000 hits a month. Dave and Sharon are the co-authors of 25 books. They authored the most comprehensive Home Study Courses on ghost hunting and paranormal investigations that is available. They have shipped their Home Study Courses all around the world. The International Ghost Hunters Society is the largest ghost research organization on the Internet with members in 90 countries.*

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window and pull its victim through the broken glass. I know it sounds stupid, but believe me, at night, alone and in a cemetery with coyotes howling, with ground fog rolling in and a bright full moon my thoughts replayed all of those horror flicks. I cannot express the fear I felt, not from the ghosts, but from the playing of monster flicks in mind.

After all my fears and determination to keep taking pictures, I captured nothing on the digital camera. Sharon got a wonderful 35mm photo of solid ball of ectoplasmic mist floating to the side of the tombstone we were standing when she got her impression to leave. I have learned to listen to her feelings, as seldom is she wrong.

At that time, I was still new in ghost hunting and did not understand that ghosts can influence our thoughts and can place ideas and images in our minds. I was not in danger that night, but I allowed my own fear of the unknown to dominate my thoughts.

Since that time, I have been in hundreds of cemeteries during moonless and full moon nights and never felt the fear of that one time back in King's Valley, when the feelings of hostility of long dead Indians surfaced on that night to drive us from their burial grounds. Talk about unresolved issues, even in death, anger and hate still prevailed among at least one of those buried in the Indian section.

This is one reason we teach that we need to forgive, heal, and forget so we can move onward and not remain anchored to this earth plane after death. We do take our emotional baggage with us when we cross over. It is not automatically released, we have to do the discarding ourselves and it is far easier to do it here than on the other side of the grave.... Happy Trails.

**Dr. Sharon's Notes:**

I wanted to talk about one of our sections on the Website called, The Reading Room. We have included several authors who write a variety of books that people might enjoy. Since we rarely watch television, we read a lot and wanted to share some of the books we have enjoyed over the last few years.

I have discovered some fabulous novels that range from humorous to on-the-edge-of-your-seat mysteries. Two of those authors, Jill Churchill and Tamar Myers, have developed a series



of books with terrific characters who are amateur sleuths out to solve recent murders. They are full of fun and some of the funniest circumstances I have ever found. With all of the negative news broadcast all the time and politics being the focal point of everything we hear now, I find these books a great way to escape everyday problems and cares of the day, entering the world of mystery and humour. You will find a list of their books in the Reading Room.

If you are like me, I thoroughly enjoy a good ghost story. I found an author who writes a paranormal series that includes ghosts in every story. She does a wonderful job keeping the reader in suspense, wondering how everything will come together in the end. Heather Graham has quite a few books in bookstores and we have listed the books in her paranormal series in the Reading Room. I find myself captivated by her wonderful stories and the way she develops her characters.

If you like mystery and suspense, check out the books we've listed by Dorothy Gilman. Her character, Mrs. Pollifax is a woman of retirement age who gets bored with sitting around home after

her husband passes away and decides she would like to work for the CIA! As it turns out, she is hired and turns out to be not only one of the best agents in the CIA but also one of the most nerve-racking. The series of books is funny and suspenseful as she attempts to escape the clutches of the bad guys in foreign countries.

We have other sections in the Reading Room that might interest folks if they wish to learn more and grow in more spiritual areas of their lives also. We have read the books listed and of course appreciate suggestions and input from our readers. Drop by our Recommended Reading page at [www.ghostweb.com/reading.html](http://www.ghostweb.com/reading.html)

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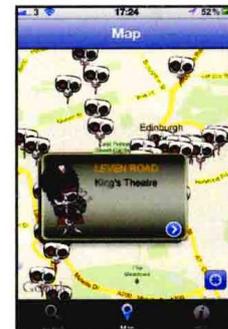
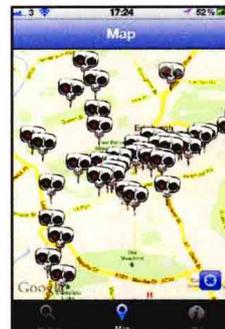


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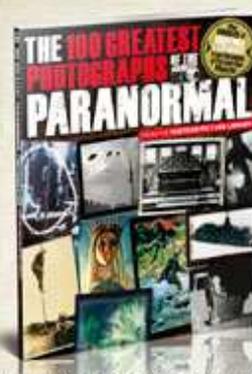
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Although Chavez was seen as an enemy of the USA he a hero to his own people, because he refused the American oil companies permission to exploit Venezuela's oil, he also befriended Lybian strongman Muammar Gaddafi. Chavez demanded clean drinking water for his people, but refused to allow the three huge water companies, who now own the world's water into Venezuela, because he knew that these firms are all owned by the World Bank.

Instead, he worked on cleaning up the many pollutants found in drinking water and also spent the money on social programmes, state run food markets, cash incentives for poor families, free health clinics and education. He refused the lure of spectacular construction projects that adorn the oil rich states of the Middle East and the offers of a palace and secret foreign bank accounts; instead he gave the wealth to the people. Heads of State who refuse foreign multinational and banking control are regularly demonised; as Hillary Clinton said "*Chavez will play by our rules or will not play at all*".

Consequently, this was his main fear that America would attack, rob and plunder Venezuela as they did in Iraq, so Chavez took the number of military trained men from 50,000 to 200,000. As Oscar Ameringer said; "*Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.*" Chavez was said to speak both to and for to all Venezuelans, using what was said by experts to be a mixture of socialism and Marxism, but with an unusual face of democracy and freedom.

#### The Reading.

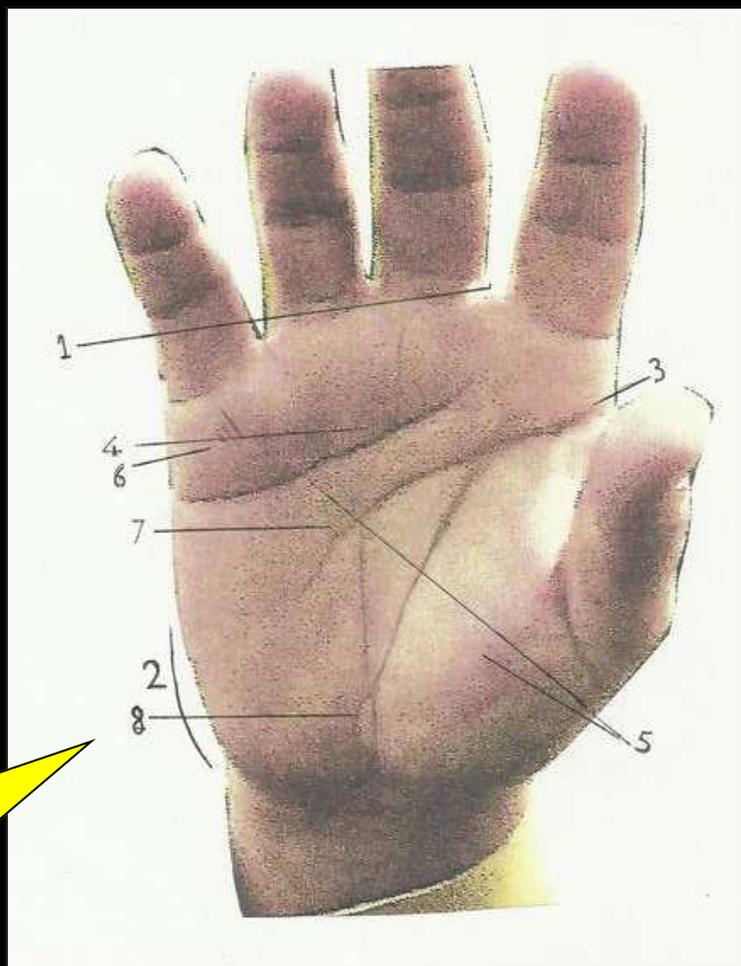
This is not the hand of a politician, politics does not make good men and good men do not make politicians. Remember only one hand is shown here and we really need both, as the brain crosses over and covers the other side of the body and this being his right or dominant hand, tells of his outward face, and aspects of his future. This is a Mesomorph hand and in the Cheiro/Benham system of seven it is an elementary or earth hand, these are people who work with their hands, farmers, soldiers, and sailors, people who make things, outdoor people who love nature, and Chavez had been all of this.

He has a heavy hand with short fingers corresponding to the fire category, these are people who work often unknowingly from deep rooted quick intuitive thought, and we see the roots of the fingers all in line with a strong Mercury or



communications finger, (1) this is often seen with legal people solicitors lawyers, people who can persuade and speak their mind, such as salesmen orators and spokesmen.

The heavy curve at the heel of the hand we call Luna (2) tells of physical energy and in fact the whole side of the hand is curved and bulging with power giving strength and endurance of the three worlds of palmistry, i.e. Mind Body and Spirit. The palmar part ruled by the planet Mars is very



strong indeed, this gives robust health and a strong immune system, lower or Mars positive starts under the beginning to the lifeline (3) and we see here the pugnacious nature of the boxer warrior, activist and soldier with plenty of strength stamina and drive. However the heartline shape (4) is unusual in a hand of this type, one would expect this amount of drive and stamina to produce a man who would burn with physical passion and ardour, but there is much self control, and he likes intelligent companionable women, this type usually likes flashy, sexy, physical women.

His two strongest mounts or finger pads are his Venus mount and his Mercury mount,(5) both are high and slightly red in colour showing activity, the strength of his Venus or thumb pad aligned to his strong Mercury, which contains the sign of the healing stigmata, (6) shows he would care for and try to use his strength to heal his people.

His fate or destiny line almost stops at his headline at around 35 years of age, (7) showing an intellectual or head based decision to make a change in the direction of his destiny, and soon after his fate line disappears altogether. This coincides with him accepting the leadership position of the Fifth Republic Movement from its foundation in 1997. This is a very unusual marking for the leader of a country and along with this we see his strong

lifeline cutting deep into his hand, this man is indestructible, But alas, his lifeline ends in a large egg shape just visible in the photo,(8) and on March 5 2013 his death was announced.

As he himself admitted when he helped the Palestinian food aid convoys to break the Israeli blockades, *"the Israelis threatened to kill him for his involvement"* In 1949 a long forgotten research palmist did many hospital studies and concluded that when the lifeline ends with a large egg shape, this often means cancer. \* Do not confuse the egg shape with an oval square or other shape as these all have their own meanings.

Alexander Litvinenko and Yasser Arafat were both deliberately given cancer, and these South American leaders all died of cancer. President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil and Lula also from Brazil, Fernando Logo Paraguay, Fidel Castro and the Argentinean President, Christina Fernandez De Kirchner, is presently afflicted by symptoms of Cancer symptoms.

The Soviets had cancer making chemicals listed at 4, Dzerzhinski Square Moscow (i.e. the Lubianka Prison) in the Cold War chemical warfare initiative of the early 70s, and in the US shortly after this.

Incidentally the name Hugo Chavez adds to a number eight and the master palmist Cheiro says this of number eight people:...



*"They usually have deep and intense natures and often play some great role on life's stage, but one which is fatalistic for themselves and for others, and generally have some great government office or government responsibility often involving the greatest sacrifice on their part" The sacrifice of Hugo Chavez for his people was indeed in Government office and one both responsible and fatal". "Happy Palmistry"*  
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**May 5.** The second quarter moon will block out some of the less bright meteors this year but you should still be able to see quite a few good ones if you are patient. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Aquarius, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

**May 10 - New Moon.** The Moon will be directly between the Earth and the Sun and will not be visible from Earth. This phase occurs at 00:28 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

**May 10 - Annular Solar Eclipse.** An annular solar eclipse occurs when the Moon is too far away from the Earth to completely cover the Sun. This results in a ring of light around the darkened Moon. The Sun's corona is not visible during an annular eclipse. The path of the eclipse will begin in western Australia and move east across the central Pacific Ocean.)

**May 25 - Full Moon.** The Moon will be directly opposite the Earth from the Sun and will be fully illuminated as seen from Earth. This phase occurs at 04:25 UTC. This phase occurs at 11:09 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Flower Moon because this was the time of year when spring flowers appeared in abundance. This moon has also been known as the Full Corn Planting Moon and the Milk Moon.

**May 25 - Penumbral Lunar Eclipse.** A penumbral lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes through the Earth's partial shadow, or penumbra. During this type of eclipse the Moon will darken slightly but not completely. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of North America, South America, western Europe, and western Africa.

**May 28 - Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter.** Conjunctions are rare events where two or more objects will appear extremely close together in the night sky. The two bright planets will be within 1 degree of each other in the evening sky. The planet Mercury will also be visible nearby. Look to the west near sunset.



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# HOUSE BLESSINGS & BAPTISMS

## THE BIRTH OF THE DEMON WARRIOR

*A lot of people have asked me how I got into house blessings and baptisms. Believe me when I tell you, I sort of accidentally stepped into these procedures of helping out our clients harassed by paranormal events'. I always had a curious nature and when I saw a book that my Catholic priest had on conducting house blessings back in 1984, I wanted to read this book. The priest looked at me with an odd look and wondered why I wanted to read this book. My only answer is that I was 'curious'. Never did I know that one day I would become a paranormal investigator and that I would conduct my own modified house blessings. It's almost like angels were playing on a Cosmic Chessboard and setting things in motion for me to become a successful paranormal investigator that is able to cleanse a home of unwanted spirit activity, or demonic activity for that matter. When I conducted my first house blessing, it was the birth of the Demon Warrior. I set out a goal to vanquish demonic activity out of my client's lives...*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANSERS

Many ghost hunting groups do not have 'cleansers'. It's a necessity to have cleansers to accommodate the life styles of ALL of our clients. Our team not only has investigators, technicians, audio specialists, videographers, but we also have a variety of cleansers. We have Choctaw Native Indian cleansers, a Voodoo cleanser, Wiccan cleansers, metaphysical cleansers and of course me, a Catholic bleaser. When a client hires out a ghost hunting group to either validate, find natural explanations of a haunting or debunk a haunting claim, this is great, but what if it's a true haunting and the client(s) are in danger, is that ghost hunting group prepared to rid the home or the person of the entity? Some groups are not prepared and have no cleansers. This is a big 'No No' in my book, you MUST have cleansers, and you must be prepared to do a thorough job.

## SUCCESS WITH HOUSE BLESSINGS

For the longest time now, I have conducted house blessings or what I call a Catholic blessing, because I was born and raised a Catholic. When I first conducted a house blessing, I was unsure of myself, but when the calls started coming in that I was successful and that the home is completely clean of any entities, I became confident on what I was doing. If I were unsuccessful I would have stopped giving house blessings a long time ago. After a house blessing, a client told me that she saw a bright orb fly in between us and into the night sky when we were outside of her home; she was ecstatic with excitement and told me I got rid of the ghost. Another time, I had twelve investigators standing outside of the home and as I was conducting the house blessing, they heard doors slamming, cabinets slamming and the garage door shook twice. While the client and I were inside the house we heard no doors or cabinets slamming, nor did we hear the garage door shaking. I must be doing something right; it seems during the time I was doing this house blessing I shook something up.

## BASIC FORM OF EXORCISM

Now to the baptisms. I recently started doing baptisms, in fact on October 20, 2012, I went to Lori Schulz – Radio Personality for the Dirt – home and gave her a baptism in her bathtub/spa in Lincoln, CA. Afterwards I conducted a Catholic blessing of her home. Catholics as you know baptize by sprinkling holy water on you. I do not believe in this method and believe in the method

of being fully submerged in water, the way that Jesus was baptized.

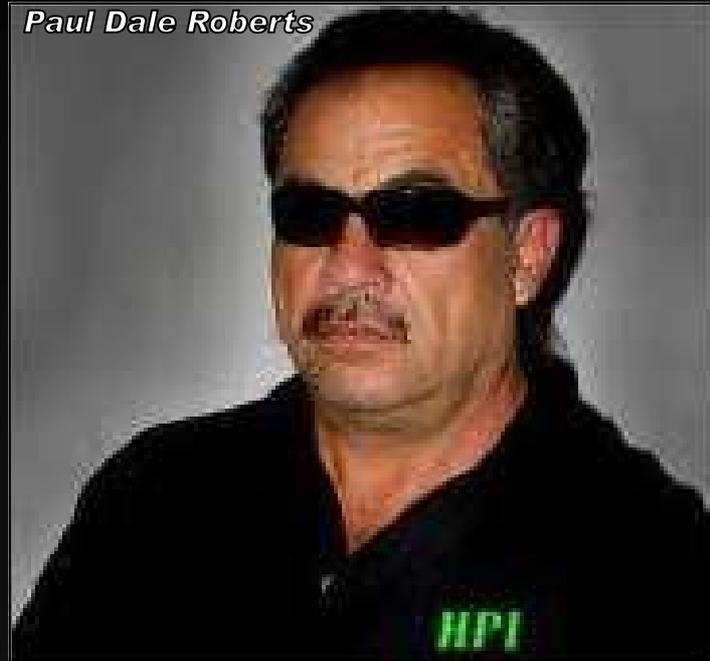
## MY ATTACHMENT

Back in the 70s, I wrote an article on 'Cults in America' and actually did an investigation of several including the Hare Krishna, Jim Jones' Peoples' Temple, Church of Scientology, The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity - Moonies and the Church of Satan. When I went to 6114 California Street, San Francisco, CA – Church of Satan's Headquarters – Black House, one of the staff members that I interviewed gave me a pentagram to wear around my neck, I thought it was so cool looking and wore it constantly. Before I knew it, I had one bad incident after another. I felt like I was cursed. I knew I had to do something quickly, before I would wind up dead or incarcerated. I threw the cursed pentagram into the Mississippi River and went to my priest and practically begged him to baptize me. He told me to read seven books on the history of the Catholic religion and afterwards he would baptize me. I read the books and when I went back to him, he gave me three more books. I looked at him with anger. I told him: "why are you making me read all of these books? I need to be baptized now, my soul is in jeopardy and I could be dead by tomorrow!" I was peeved and walked out on him. I drove around Louisiana until I found a Baptist Church. I walked in this church that had a full congregation of African American followers of the Lord. The preacher looked at me and yelled "Boy, I know what you need, come on up to this stage!" Before I knew it the preacher was baptizing me, fully submerging me into water. When he brought me up, the attachment was completely GONE! A lot of people do not realize that being fully submerged in water for a baptism is a basic form of exorcism. I was exorcised of this demon! To this day, I owe my life to this preacher. The Knights Templar - God's Warriors!

## CONDUCTING BAPTISMS

Chantal Apodaca, [who is] HPI's General Manager, loves to tease me and call me 'Paul the Baptist'. I really don't care for her nickname, but I am set to help clients that do have attachments, clients that are actually haunted! When I would learn that a client has an attachment, I would always suggest that they talk to the preacher, pastor about getting a baptism to get rid of their attachment. Clients started calling me and telling me that their pastor was reluctant to give them a baptism or that their pastor was telling them to

Paul Dale Roberts



start attending church all the time, then they would be considered for a baptism. The first thing I thought, "what the?" Why are these preachers hesitating in baptizing someone that needs help? My dad always told me, "if someone can't do it or do it right, then dammit, do it yourself!"

That is when I started conducting my own baptisms, I learned that any one can conduct a baptism, they DO NOT have to be ordained, but believe it or not, The Universal Life Church ordained me back in the 70s, but they ordain everyone. But, back to what I was saying, any one can baptize, they just have to have faith. When I started baptizing and if my clients told me I was unsuccessful, then I would have stopped a long time ago. Most of my clients have said I was successful and only about two have said it was only a temporary fix and the problems continue. I remember on my second baptism, when I was praying over the water, I felt an electrical surge go from my shoulders into my hands and into the water. I knew something was going on. I feel I am part of the Cosmic Chessboard of things; I have a higher purpose, because back in 1998, I was being swept under the waves of the Sacramento River and when I went completely under, I felt two strong hands pull me out of the water and bring me back onto the shore. Yes, I believe it was an angel that saved me. I do believe there are angelic beings here to save us, to protect us. When I call upon these angelic warriors, they give the Demon Warrior (me) the strength to battle demonic forces. The Cosmic Chessboard has destined me to fight on the side of light and go up against the Army of Darkness...

## The prayer for the house:

*God, bless this house and all who live here. Fill this dwelling with an ambiance of peace, prosperity, health, happiness, harmony and love. Let this space shine with divine light and beauty and provide a warm, comfortable haven from the world. May only beings that are kind-hearted and well-intentioned enter here. May nature's spirits feel welcome and live with us as friends. May all who enter here receive what they need, and feel richly blessed with their heart's desires...*

*(The above is a noted prayer often used during house blessing procedures.)*

# UFO and Flying Saucer UFO Encounters



*The UFO story originated not long after June 24, 1947, when many newspapers in the USA published the first sighting of the flying saucer.*

*The story told how nine very bright, disk-shaped objects were seen by Kenneth Arnold, a Boise, Idaho, businessman, while he was flying his private plane near Mount Rainier, in the state of Washington.*

*With journalistic license, reporters converted Arnold's description of the individual motion of each of the objects, "like a saucer skipping across water", into "flying saucer," a name for the objects themselves...*

Many years have passed since Arnold's memorable sighting, and the phrase has become so common that an entry was made in Webster's Dictionary, and it is recognized today in most languages throughout the world.

For a while after the Arnold sighting, the term "flying saucer" was used to describe all disk-shaped objects that were seen flashing through the sky at fantastic speeds. Before long, reports were made of objects other than disks, and these were also called flying saucers. Today the words are popularly applied to anything seen in the sky that cannot be identified as a common, everyday object.

In other words, a flying saucer can be a formation of bright lights, a single light, a sphere, or some other shape; and it can be any colour. Performance wise, flying saucers can hover, go fast or slow, go high or low, turn 90-degree corners, or disappear almost instantaneously.

Clearly the term "flying saucer" is open to interpretation when objects of every imaginable shape and performance are labelled as such. For this reason the military prefers the more general, if less colourful, name: unidentified flying objects. UFO (pronounced Yoo-foe) for short.

Officially the military uses the term "flying saucer" on only two occasions. First in an explanatory sense, as when briefing people who are unacquainted with the term "UFO": "UFO, you know, flying saucers." And second in a derogatory sense, for purposes of ridicule, as when it is observed, "He says he saw a flying saucer."

This second form of usage is the exclusive property of those persons who positively know that all UFOs are nonsense. Fortunately, for the sake of good manners if for no other reason, the ranks of this knowing category are constantly dwindling. One by one these people drop out, starting with the instant they see their first UFO.

Some weeks after the first UFO was seen on June 24, 1947, the Air Force established a project to investigate and analyze all UFO reports. When the project first began, opinions ranged from near panic, to total derision for anyone who dared to even mention the words "flying saucer."

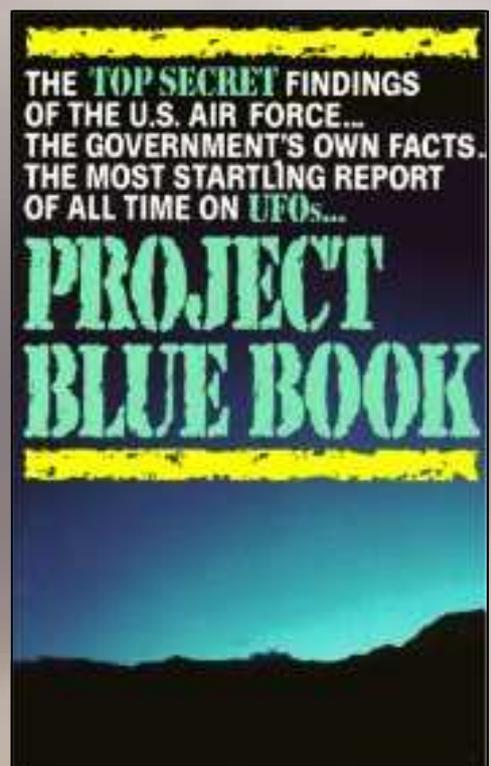
This contemptuous attitude toward "flying saucer nuts" prevailed from mid-1949 to mid-1950. During that interval many of the people who were, or had been, associated with the project believed that the public was suffering from "war nerves."

Early in 1950 the project, for all practical purposes, was closed out; at least it rated only minimum effort. Those in power now reasoned that if you didn't mention the words "flying saucers" the people would forget them and the saucers would go away. But this reasoning was false, for instead of vanishing; the UFO reports got better and better.

Airline pilots, military pilots, generals, scientists, and dozens of other people were reporting UFO's, and in greater detail than in reports of the past. Radars, which were being built for air defence, began to pick up some very unusual targets, thus lending technical corroboration to the unsubstantiated claims of human observers.

As a result of the continuing accumulation of more impressive UFO reports, official interest stirred. Early in 1951 verbal orders came down from Major General Charles P. Cabell, then Director of Intelligence for Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, to make a study reviewing the UFO situation for Air Force Headquarters.

The study was given the code name Project Blue Book. It was under the supervision of "EJR" of impeccable credentials until late in 1953. EJR served as a B-29 bombardier and radar operator, during the Second World War. He restarted college after the war, and before long, gained his aeronautical engineering degree. To keep his reserve status while in school, he flew as a navigator in an Air Force Reserve Troop Carrier Wing.



Above: Brad Steiger's book—Project Blue Book.

During the compilation of Project Blue Book, EJR and his team travelled almost half a million miles. They investigated dozens of UFO reports, and read and analyzed several thousand more. These included every report the Air Force had ever received.

In addition to ten regular staff on Project Blue Book, there were numerous paid consultants, from every area of science. Everyone involved had Top Secret security clearances so security was not an issue in the investigations. Behind this organization was a reporting network made up of every Air Force base intelligence officer

and every Air Force radar station in the world, and the Air Defence Command's Ground Observer Corps. This reporting net sent Project Blue Book reports on every conceivable type of UFO, by every conceivable type of person. What did these people actually see when they reported a UFO? Putting aside truly unidentifiable flying objects for the present, this question has several answers.

Often it has been positively proved that people have reported balloons, airplanes, stars, and many other common objects as UFOs. The people who make such reports don't recognize these common objects because something in their surroundings temporarily assumes an unfamiliar appearance.

Unusual lighting conditions are a common cause of such illusions. A balloon will glow like a "ball of fire" just at sunset. Or an airplane that is not visible to the naked eye suddenly starts to reflect the sun's rays and appears to be a "silver ball". Pilots in F-94 jet interceptors chase Venus in the daytime and fight with balloons at night, and people in Los Angeles see weird lights.

So did Project Blue Book prove that UFOs exist? The hassle over the word "proof" boils down to one question: What constitutes proof? Is a UFO required to land at the River Entrance to the Pentagon, in front of the offices of the Joint Chiefs of Staff? Or is it proof when a ground radar station detects a UFO, sends a jet to intercept it, the jet pilot sees it, and locks on with his radar, only to have the UFO streak away at a phenomenal speed? Is it proof when a jet pilot fires at a UFO and sticks to his story even under the threat of court-martial? Does this constitute proof? Project Blue Book recorded the facts; but you must decide for yourself.

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OK, so we are told UFOs exist, but what are they? Is the evidence credible? "Project Blue Book" a fascinating and authoritative e-book chronicles many unidentified flying object sightings.

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From April 29, 2013 to May 3, 2013 researchers, activists, political leaders, and former members of military services and government agencies representing ten countries gave testimony in Washington, DC to six former members of the United States Congress. After hearing this testimony these members issue the following statement:

Whereas: given the unfolding scientific understanding of the number of potentially life supporting planets within Earth's home galaxy, it would be the height of arrogance to assert that humans are the only sentient beings within that galaxy;

Whereas: given that credible witnesses have brought forth overwhelming scientific evidence documenting the current presence of unidentified and unexplained aerial craft that many believe to reflect an extraterrestrial intelligence;

And Whereas: given the enormous global implications if these craft are, indeed, of extraterrestrial origin, such an issue is a matter for the General Assembly of the United Nations;

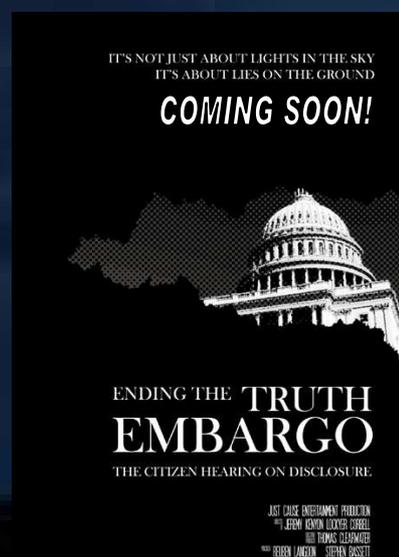
Therefore, we the undersigned request the Citizen Hearing Foundation use its offices to organize interested parties and raise the funds necessary to pursue a global campaign to convince one or more nations to propose a resolution within the General Assembly calling for United Nations sponsorship of a world conference addressing the possible evidence for an extraterrestrial presence engaging this planet.

We the undersigned pledge our support for this effort.

**Congresswoman Carolyn Kilpatrick**  
**Senator Mike Gravel**  
**Congresswoman Darlene Hooley**  
**Congressman Merrill Cook**

**Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey**  
[Unable to sign due to post-employment restrictions on Congressional Members and officers.]

**Congressman Roscoe Bartlett**  
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## CITIZEN HEARING ON DISCLOSURE

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I think it has been widely recognised that the Citizen Hearing was an overall success. <http://www.citizenhearing.org/> Steve Bassett's Citizen Hearing got widespread media attention and reached millions of people, while Steven Greer's Sirius Movie, though successful, got only limited media attention and remained mostly contained within the UFO community.

Both of these endeavours involved hundreds of thousands if not millions of dollars, and involved cooperation with investors and media directors. In spite of the usual differences involving content and credibility, the UFO community and leaders did generally support the Citizens Hearing. More controversy in the UFO community swirled around the Sirius Movie being dominated by the prominence of a small human or humanoid in the Movie used as a marketing tool.

making trillions of dollars off the Alien Resource Trade.

I think to realistically end the cover-up in 5 years rather decades, it will take at least a billion dollars to fund political action and public education projects. We will need the equivalent of a Citizen Hearing every month, not just in the United States, but around the world. We are dealing with a global cover-up run by old money international mafia. This mafia loosely associated with the Bilderberg Group core, is determined to create a New World Orwellian Order under their control. These folks are not going to give up their meal ticket without a big fight, and they are worth tens of trillions, if not hundreds of trillions of dollars.

The only reason a measly billion dollars might break the UFO/ET cover-up is that this mafia is now being exposed for the criminals that they are, and are under pressure from many sides. If the most credible leaders of the International UFO community can cooperate and liaison with other elements of society for public education and political activity, then such an effort could have a chance of success.

We need to learn from the adversary and mirror their organisational efforts like Bilderberg, and create an international steering committee to organise a billion dollars of political action and public education. No one man band, regardless of individual hubris, is going to be able to do this. It's going to take a symphony of our most committed and credible leaders backed by the rank and file in the UFO community and the social networks, along with political, military, financial and media leaders from other communities.

If there were a steering committee of twelve individuals, maybe only two or three leaders should be from the UFO community, the rest would be leaders from these other communities willing to make this effort happen. Like Bilderberg each steering committee member would then chair other committees in the UFO, political, military, financial, and media fields. Each of these sub-committees would oversee and organize manageable parts of the overall billion

dollar disclosure effort.



Ed Komarek is a long-time UFO/ET investigator and activist having been involved in the field for forty years. He was involved in exopolitics long before the word exopolitics was coined by Alfred Webre a few years ago.

For the past several years Ed has written over two hundred exopolitical essays on exopolitics published to this blog and in the Internet press. The essays are regularly published in 'Message To Eagle', UFO Digest, The American Chronicle, The Oped News, The Canadian National Newspaper. Because these articles can be republished by anybody they float about the Internet creating an extensive global exopolitical network feeding back into the blog.

Recently Ed published UFOs Exopolitics and the New World Disorder available on Amazon. Ed believes this to be the most extensive and detailed exopolitics book available to the public to date. With the publication of this book Ed brings his writings to a much more advanced level and into a much tighter, concise, and well edited format. The idea is to present a book to the public that is a foundation book for the newly emerging field of exopolitics.



Ed Komarek can be reached on Facebook and accepts all friendships. He posts daily UFO/ET related news to his Facebook Wall. Ed's blog is

<http://exopolitics.blogspot.com>

and he is currently involved in marketing his disclosure book.

UFOs Exopolitics and the New World Disorder, is available to purchase from Amazon in both print and Kindle...



Steve Bassett

Steve Bassett optimistically said before the Hearing that his effort could end the cover-up, but I am pretty sure that will not be the case. I don't think any one individual can organize the kind of effort needed to rapidly end the UFO/ET cover-up, even with a few million dollars. We are up against global financially and politically powerful families, that control the corporations

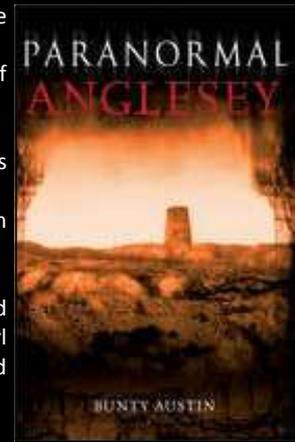
# BOOK REVIEW

Title: Paranormal Anglesey  
Author: Bunty Austin  
Publisher: Amberley Publishing  
ISBN: 978-1-84868-315-0  
Price: £12.99

Yet another area of the UK is mined for its store of paranormal tales. Based on the information so far obtained there must be nowhere in the UK and by extension the entire world that does not have its share of ghostly tales, and as one might expect Anglesey is no exception. This latest work of 27 chapters from researcher Bunty Austin succeeds in maintaining her knack of making these accounts of the supernatural immensely readable, yet still able to raise a frisson of unease in the reader.

Reading this book is like enjoying a friendly chat with the author rather than a presentation of cold facts (a fault of many books of this kind) and this makes the information in the many tales (some historic, some modern) really stand out. It's rather like taking a bite from chilli, at first all is apparently agreeable then the fire hits you and so it is with this book; at first the tales seem relatively innocuous then the implications of what has been said strike home.

While all of the chapters are entertaining a few really stand out, 'The Ghost in the Coal Hole' and 'This is My House' are two and 'Amlwch Lockup' is another, but perhaps the most poignant and touching is the tale of Megan. This was a truly unfortunate girl taken as plaything by Cromwell's Roundheads during the Civil War; she was never seen alive again. This book is a first class read for anyone interested in the uncanny side of Anglesey and well worth its cover price...



# BOOK REVIEW

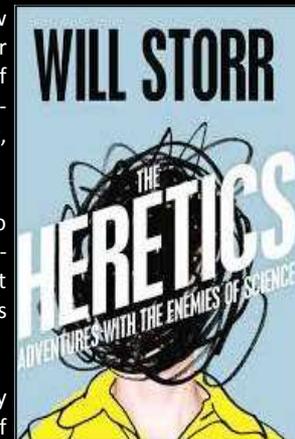
Title: The Heretics: Adventures With the Enemies of Science  
Author: Will Storr  
Publisher: Picador  
ISBN: 978-1-4472-3168-4  
Price: £16.99 (Hardback)

This book is, in its way, one of the most encouraging and open minded works I have ever read; it's certainly one of the very few in recent months that I, literally, could not put down. This was not the sly (and possibly ill judged) debunking of Jon Ronson or the false naivety of Louis Theroux, it was encouraging and entertaining to see someone take an unbiased look at the legions of eccentric (although some might say determinedly eccentric) beliefs in various causes such as alien abduction, creationism, religious fundamentalism, holocaust deniers and past life regressionists etc and come away with possible explanations that might, in some cases, give a genuine indication that some of these beliefs might actually be more than just 'beliefs'.

The first possibility lies in the workings of the human mind itself: chief among these is that your mind is a gifted liar and will go to incredible lengths to interpret, project, create and defend its own version of reality. Next are the literally staggering consequences and implications of the placebo effect, a chapter that is worth the purchase price on its own. While this effect is not new, it seems as if the human body has the capacity to heal itself by suggestion alone; something that may well explain various miracles attributed to saints or the events at Lourdes etc.

What is even more jaw-dropping is research suggesting that the *unspoken thoughts* of a doctor who prescribes medicine may have an effect on how it performs. In other words our minds can and do affect the nature of reality, this truly is the stuff of magick.

Chapter ten concerns the false memory syndrome as it manifests in, e.g. Satanic ritual abuse; this chapter is by turns infuriating, gut churning and heartbreaking, and yet, at its core, lies the possibility that something really did happen. Another satisfying chapter involves a conversation with the arch debunker James Randi and shows him to be an aggressive bully more concerned by promoting his own rationalism than admit the truth. Although the avowed sceptics will fail to see the obvious truths in the book, overall it is well researched, extremely satisfying and well worth a read...



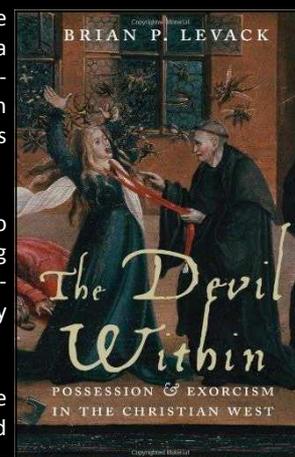
# BOOK REVIEW

Title: The Devil Within: Possession and Exorcism in the Christian West  
Author: Brian P Levak  
Publisher: Yale University Press  
ISBN: 978-0-300-11472-0  
Price: £25 or £16 on Amazon

The author of this book, Brian P Levak, is a professor of history at The University of Texas in Austin and this shows in how the work is carefully and methodically set out. Wisely he takes no sides in whether or not demonic possession is real, imagined, a form of mental illness or the result of religious hysteria, rather, he presents a whole range of excellent cases and examples spanning the centuries and allows the reader to make their own judgement. To be sure, if some of the accounts are genuine, then those apparently possessed were able to regurgitate and vomit out all sorts of bizarre and unlikely objects ranging from pins and glass to gallons of liquid.

Also mentioned are the classic signs of possession such as levitation, speaking in languages of which the person should have no knowledge, immense strength and the vehement rejection of traditional holy emblems. Although the book is set mainly during the tribulations of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, (the classic case on the nuns at Loudon and the Salem Witch trials are good examples) it also draws on occurrences before this and, in the opposite direction, relatively modern examples such as the back story to 'The Exorcist'.

What makes this book different is that Prof Levak tries to show that the possession seem to follow the mores and beliefs of the religion they belonged to and can only be understood in the context. Perhaps it is as well that the book is written in a calm and scholarly manner because much of what is discussed is truly horrifying. This book is an important addition to the canon of literature concerning demonic possession and is an absolutely fascinating read...

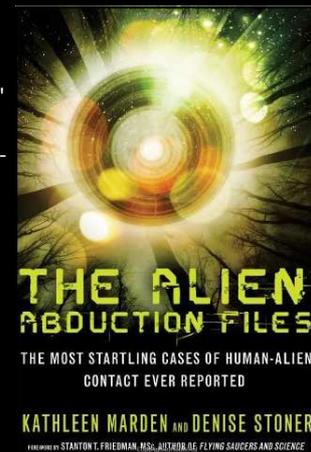


# BOOK REVIEW

**Title:** The Alien Abduction Files  
**Author:** Kathleen Marden and Denise Stoner  
**Publisher:** New Page Books  
**ISBN-13:** 978-1601632715  
**Price:** £14.69

"The topic of alien abduction is complex and controversial. This book comes closer than others, bringing clarity to the haze of controversy." --Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist, author of *Flying Saucers* and *Science*. "Highly respected UFO abduction scholars Marden and Stoner have accomplished something rare and remarkable with *The Alien Abduction Files*, namely, an opportunity for readers to enter into the heart of what may well be the greatest mystery and challenge facing humanity today." Peter Robbins, co-author of the British best-seller *Left at East Gate* and long-time assistant to pioneer UFO abduction researcher Budd Hopkins. Why would two women separated by thousands of miles share a common thread involving alien abduction? Both cases are supported by multiple witnesses and have substantial evidence. Both women experienced missing time while driving with a companion, and were later taken from their homes. Both have been unwilling participants in ongoing experimental procedures that appear to follow family genetic lines. Both witnesses have given detailed descriptions of the crafts' interiors and technology, medical procedures, messages from the visitors, and the types of ETs they have encountered, including their society's hierarchical structure. Even more startling, both have independently described finding themselves on identical huge craft, within the same timeframe.

Kathleen Marden and Denise Stoner have had a good stab at bringing the Alien Abduction phenomenon to light. Their recent book was also forwarded by the prolific UFO lecturer and researcher Stanton T. Friedman. The book covers numerous startling cases of Alien Abduction. A very well wrote book that certainly kept my interest. Fascinating cases of alien contact and UFO sightings. Well worth belonging in your collection...

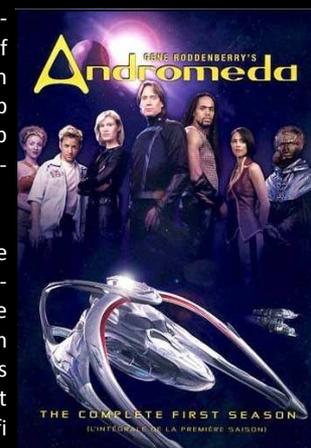


# DVD REVIEW

**Title:** 'Andromeda'  
**Genre:** Sci/Fi, Adventure  
**Main cast:** Kevin Sorbo, Lexa Doig, Lisa Ryder, Keith Hamilton Cobb  
**Details:** Complete Season 1  
**Format:** DVD and Blu-Ray

This Canadian made Sci/Fi adventure series (this is series one, five were eventually made) is the brainchild of Gene Roddenberry who also created the iconic and long running *Star Trek*, something that should count it is favour. It's set thousands of years in the future when, following a battle onboard his starship, the captain (Dylan Hunt played by Kevin Sorbo) has to jettison his crew and both he and the sentient ship 'Andromeda Ascendant' are caught in the event horizon of a black hole and the ship is suspended in time for three hundred years. The ship (and really nifty machine it is too) is retrieved by a passing salvage ship and, on awakening, captain Hunt realises that the relative peace that formerly existed has now changed to a state of near continual war.

He manages to persuade the crew of the salvage ship that a peaceful civilisation is worth restoring so they set off to right the various wrongs that have occurred. We encounter various disparate groups such as 'The Templars', 'The Genites' and 'The Collectors' who, although having their own agendas are mainly on the side of the good guys, but ranged against them are (amongst others) 'The Ogami' and 'The Bokor' who are pretty violent, anti-social and the natural foes of our heroic freedom fighters. The series is interesting for various reasons, not least the method by which the ship traverses the universe, it uses 'slipstreams' that allow it to travel faster than the speed of light and no, I have no idea how they work. The CGI is a bit basic, but for the most part works well. Anyway, the series deservedly achieved various genre awards during its five year run and if sci/fi alien blasting is your thing then this ideal for you...



# DVD REVIEW

**Title:** *Fringe* Series 5  
**Genre:** Sci/Fi, adventure  
**Distributor:** Warner Home Video  
**Main Cast:** Anna Torv, Joshua Jackson, Jasika Nicole and John Noble  
**Format:** DVD and Blue-Ray  
**Price:** £28.00 on Amazon

This is this final part of an excellent five part series created by J. J. Abrams of 'Lost' and the rebooted 'Star Trek' fame, telling of the Earth in 2036 subdued by a race of 'Observers' originating from a possible future Earth in the 27<sup>th</sup> century laid waste by pollution. Although much of the back story has been explained in the previous four series, it is still possible to enjoy each of the 13 episodes in their own right as most of the background becomes apparent (or at least guessable) after watching a couple of episodes. Although ideal, to explain all the why's and wherefores would take too long, but it involves parallel universes, time travel, some hard core bad guys and some really nifty gadgets. There is also something called the 'ambering process', which is something akin to what happened to Harrison Ford at the end of the second *Star Wars* film (if that helps) and is absolutely necessary to preserve and protect items and artefacts from the bad guys. The series, which has some decent production values, also contains resonances with *The Matrix* (the 'Observers' are very similar to the minions despatched by the Matrix to subdue any rebellion) and there is even a nod to 'The Time Machine' where a library of humanities history is kept by a group dedicated to that purpose: but in this case the discs are substituted for transparent cubes. Basically the plot concerns a group of resistance fighters lead by a scientist trying to obtain a series of messages telling how to destroy/remove the 'Observers' (who are telepathic and can teleport). The Observers are trying to convert the atmosphere using carbon monoxide generators to replicate the atmosphere of their own universe and are assisted by a dastardly, Quisling organisation called 'The Loyalists'. Each episode takes the viewer through the many hazards faced by the resistance fighters trying to locate these messages and each segment is recorded on tapes located in various parts of the country.



The ending is very satisfactory and for anyone who has followed the series on TV this is an excellent way to round things off, and for anyone who did not see it on TV the material is engrossing enough to make the viewer seek out the episodes in previous series to enjoy; well worth a look...

**Hundreds of UFO pics captured over Perth by Darlington man.**

By Trevor Paddenburg.



Rob Hartland says he's snapped hundreds of photos of UFOs above his Darlington home. Source: The Sunday Times

**UNIDENTIFIED alien spacecraft, a quirk of digital photography or a case of extra-terrestrial fraud?**

These are some of the hundreds of "UFOs" that a biochemist-turned-school teacher says he captured on his \$600 digital camera from the veranda of his Darlington home in the Perth Hills. Rob Hartland has taken more than 20,000 photos of the day-time sky in the past six months and analysed them on his computer.

It began when he was taking photos of clouds to test out a new camera when he noticed a "smudge" that, when enlarged and enhanced, "had some structure to it, suggesting it could be some sort of craft in the sky". He says since then he has identified a dozen different UFOs including round, square and saucer-shaped craft, posting the photos to his website wispyclouds.net for extra-terrestrial buffs and sceptics to ponder.



This UFO was photographed at 12:32pm on November 17, 2012, over Darlington, WA. Picture: Rob Hartland

It comes after *The Sunday Times* last week revealed more than 400 West Australians had sought advice or counselling through the Australian Close Encounter Resource Network after claiming to see UFOs or meeting extra-terrestrials.

"I take about 30 shots at a time. In 10-15 minutes I'll take 300 to 400 images. Then I connect the camera to the computer. I zoom in and enhance any little thing I note on the images and you get these craft in anywhere from 2 per cent to 20 per cent of shots," Mr Hartland said.

"Some of them appear to have transparent canopies and in some shots it looks like there could be occupants inside. "I always say 'could' rather than 'is'. There is always doubt. But UFO stands for unidentified flying object and as far as I'm concerned these aren't identified. It's possible some are man-made, but I don't think they all are.

"There's no way it is a bird or insect or plane they look totally different and these craft move much faster." Mr Hartland, who has completed a PhD in biochemistry, said he had no history of mental illness or drug taking and that he never altered his photos, though he acknowledged many people would find his claims hard to believe.

*The Sunday Times* picture editor Jackson Flindell said Mr Hartland's images did not appear to have been tampered with, but dust on a digital camera's image sensor could cause anomalies in digital photographs, while powerful magnification could also distort images in some cases.

**My dead grandfather scared away evil ghosts!** **SWNS.com**

A petrified mum who begged to be moved from her home because it was HAUNTED is sleeping easy again – after the spirit of her late grandfather SCARED away 50 ghosts. Stacey McGill, 29, applied to her housing association to give her a new house after a series of spooky goings-on. Lights would flick on and off, the microwave had a mind of its own, and Stacey could hear the ghost shouting and screaming in the night. Stacey McGill, 29, with the picture of her late grandfather who helped to scare away evil spirits from her home...



After calling in a medium, she found out she'd been living with a ghoul called Nigel, an alcoholic ghost with learning disabilities. But when she called in paranormal expert Don Philips to help rid her home of Nigel he discovered she was actually living with 50 other ghosts – including eight who died of the plague.

Don held a four-hour exorcism at her home with Stacey and incredibly received a message from her late grandfather Barry Laywood who died of lung cancer in 2009 aged 79.

During the session, Barry, who ran a cleaning company, promised to evict the pesky ghouls. Two days later her home in Loughborough, Leics., was no longer haunted. Stacey said: "I always had a feeling my granddad was here, so I'm overjoyed. "We spoke to him and he said, 'You don't need to worry about those evil forces anymore, they're never coming back.'



Stacey in her basement at her home in Loughborough. There were 50 ghouls in the property. The living room where lights flicked on and off and objects were moved. "He threatened them with violence but never had to resort to it because they were scared and left.

"Granddad told me there was no way he would ever let them hurt me or Chelsey. "He said 'I love you and I will always stay with you.' "I grew up living with my nan and granddad, and I was always his favourite.



"Even though he's dead he is still looking after me, he has to be the best granddad anyone could ask for. "I really wanted to be out of here when Nigel started playing up, which was a shame because we haven't been here long. "But thanks to granddad we can stay put, which is great because my daughter is really happy."

Stacey moved into the house before Christmas and first started hearing things go bump in the night in January before eventually becoming too scared to be in the house on her own.

Since her grandfather came to the rescue, his widow Sally, 80, now regularly drops by to have a cuppa with her late husband. Stacey added: "It's become a real comfort to nan because they were married for 45 years. "She often comes by just to feel granddad's presence. It's like he's looking after us both now."

Professional Ghost buster Don added: "I was expecting to have only one ghost on my hands, but it turned out there were loads of them. "The plague victims suffered so badly that two of them died by hanging themselves.

"It's no wonder there were so many weird things going on in the house, there were so many ghosts in there you could have started five football teams.

"The ghost of Barry has really come to the rescue. He is still looking out for his granddaughter."

# Believe in UFOs? Highlights of the Citizen Hearing on Disclosure.

By Alexandra Petri,



One panelist theorized that the ones who don't look humanoid visit Jupiter instead. (Eric Draper/AP). "Eye-opening, huh?" As conversation-starters go, this is the Citizens Hearing on Disclosure equivalent of "So, what do you do?" I nod. "I have a lot to Google," I say. This is true. Majestic 12. Project Mogul. Chem Trails. One thing leads to another. It's like the conspiracy equivalent of Netflix Recommends.

"If you liked UFO Disclosure, then you will also enjoy Agenda 21!" UFOs are just the gateway drug. The rabbit hole goes as deep as you want it to go. The first three days of UFO hearings have been...interesting.

The Citizen Hearing on Disclosure is not a real congressional hearing. For a stipend of \$20,000, six former members of Congress are sitting at the National Press Club and listening to 30 hours of testimony about UFOs. All of this is being filmed for a documentary. If you don't already believe in UFOs, this might not be the place to start. The event reminded me of trying to climb into an M. C. Escher painting. Once you're climbing up the never-ending dream stairs, you can keep going in a circular movement forever. We know about Roswell because we know about the Majestic 12 because we know about the alien harvest of animal organs from our national parks. We don't know what was in the crashed spaceships because what was in the crashed spaceships would change the whole world order, which is how we know what was in the spaceships, because they would tell us what was in the spaceships if what was in the spaceships didn't change the whole world order, so we don't know what was in the spaceships, and so on. The stairs go around and around and around.

But to get on the stairs in the first place, you have to make a leap. Maybe you saw something. Maybe you read a book. The panelists were not interested in that leap. Pretty much everyone in the audience had already made it. They had come in from out of state. They applauded. They booed. They were vocal. They knew that aliens were out there. They knew that the Government was Keeping Things From Us. They were irate that the two people in tinfoil hats had been used to represent the whole gathering. The trouble with spending several days talking to conspiracy theorists is that at a certain point you start to sound like a conspiracy theorist. The media has been covering all this up for decades, apparently, in a coordinated effort with the CIA people on the staff of every media organization to suppress information. (Ours is named Jim. Just kidding, we don't have one. Please don't cite this for decades as evidence that the Post admits, then denies, the presence of a CIA staffer!) The activist Stephen Bassett observed that this subject is a third rail for media and public officials. "You can be gay and have five wives and you can do anything and get out of the closet on it and it'll be no problem but this... watch out, your career's on the line. The social opprobrium attached to this issue was launched in 1953... little green men ha ha ha ha ha."

"It's not just the government doing the embargo," he adds. "We are doing it because we have been brainwashed to laugh at it." At a certain point it became impossible to argue. Daniel Sheehan, a panelist, suggested that the Pope and the Queen of England be the first to tell us ("they're the same age") although "If they were to make an announcement that indeed UFOs are visiting...the younger generation would push for an earthling orientation." "Unless we change directions we're likely to end up where we're going," enigmatically quipped Steven Greer, of the Disclosure Project. If you listen to Greer's testimony, you get the sense that he has done practically nothing for the past decades but run into senior government officials in hallways where there are no cameras. ("And wrapping up my almost 3 hour meeting with the CIA director, he looked at me squarely in the eyes. He said, 'DR GREER how do we disclose that of which we don't have control over?' And I said 'YOU GET CONTROL OVER IT.'") He explains that this all comes down to the sinister control of the Masters of the Universe with their petro-dollars. Obviously, they would wish to suppress the wonderful alien technology that allowed us to end our dependency on oil and gas and save the planet. "DO WE REALLY HAVE A FREE MARKET IF WE'RE SUPPRESSING THIS SORT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY?" thunders Greer. "NO WE DO NOT. WE HAVE A MANAGED MARKET BENEFITING THE MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE... AT GOLDMAN SACHS." There was wild applause.

An Air Force colonel now in his 80s, Richard French, claimed to have been responsible for covering UFOs up. "I'd say it was swamp gas. Anything we could come up with to convince the general public. At that time there was an average of about three a week ufos... I went down there observed 'em just regularly." "Why is it now that you're at the table?" asked former congresswoman Carolyn Kilpatrick. "PROBABLY IT'S BECAUSE I'M IN MY 80s," French said. And that was just the first day. Subsequent days included picking over the Roswell evidence, questioning the government's explanation, and trying to account for why such superior beings would have crashed (on purpose, to introduce themselves in a non-threatening way? Radar interference?). Former Senator Mike Gravel, known for tossing a rock into a pond during his ill-starred run for president, was in his element. He noted that "extraterrestrials are not anti-biblical... if you read the book of Job" and that "It is the height of human arrogance to think that we are... the only sentient human beings that can think." How exactly we deal with the Alien Presence is less clear. A real congressional hearing? UN commission? Special emissary on behalf of the Children of Earth? All of the above? None of the above? There seemed to be a general consensus that we will have to yield some sovereignty to the United Nations. Then again, maybe it's a theological question.

"It'll come probably through religious communities, that altering of consciousness with regard to an angelic realm," explained Daniel Sheehan. He added, "Coming to grips with the full import of the theological reality...is what undergirds all of this...for each of us to realize that we are incarnated in a material form but that there are other vibrational frequencies at which there are other dimensions of reality going on at the same time." Okay. "I can't think of an intelligent question I can ask to the intelligent testimony we just had," said former Congresswoman Carolyn Kilpatrick on Monday. "I think today's whole experience has been one of intelligence... higher than normal in today's society."

# Disclosure Hearing on Aliens Gets Grizzly (+Video)

By Shar Adams.



WASHINGTON—Testimonies about extraterrestrial sightings took a grizzly turn during the weeklong Citizens Hearing on Disclosure at the National Press Club on Wednesday. Journalist, author, and documentary filmmaker Linda Moulton Howe told the panel of former members of Congress about the numerous horribly mutilated animals she has documented as part of her continuing research on extraterrestrials.

She began with a story about one horse which was discovered on a ranch in Alamosa Colorado in 1967.

"The horse had been stripped of flesh" she said. All its organs had been removed and yet there was no blood in or around the animal. There were no tracks either, except at about 100 feet away there were a lot of tracks as if the horse had been caught in a circle, she said.

Howe said there were many more similar cases of animal mutilations around the world, including across South America, North America, parts of Europe, and Australia. The earliest incident she noted was in the early 1900s in Australia where it was reported that over 100 sheep were found mutilated.

Over the years, Howe has received and investigated reports including sightings of extraterrestrial craft which had drawn animals up and then dropped them to the ground. All manner of animals, not only livestock but wild animals too, have been found stripped of their ears, eyes, jaw flesh, tongue, rectum, and sexual organs. None of them showed any trace of struggle, tracks, or blood. She showed slides of a cow which had been mutilated in that way, eye sockets empty and ears missing.

*The above video from 1983 shows a cow in the distance slowly rising up in the air and then disappearing into a circular cloud. Supporters of the video say that a farmer from Argentina would not know much about video editing, and also how the cow shifts its weight in air is very genuine. Critics of the video say that the farmer was bankrupt and was after money.*

Howe also showed photos of the edge of the flesh where incisions had been made with such precision they appeared to have been cut by a laser. Analysis of the flesh in laboratories revealed signs of extreme heat similar to a laser, except the edges of the flesh were slight cerated and there was no burning effect of black carbon remains.

The former members of Congress are holding the hearing to pressure the U.S. government to release classified material and evidence in what is widely recognised as a government cover-up of well-documented encounters with unidentified flying objects and extraterrestrial beings.

Howe said she has had private discussions with a number of U.S. government officials and members of the military, but none would speak publicly about their experiences.

When asked by former Congress member Lynn Woolsey (D-Ca) why she thought the extraterrestrials would intake the animals, Howe was quick to respond.

"It is a genetic harvest," she said.

Other witnesses at the hearings have included a number of former military officers who have had direct experience of extraterrestrials at U.S. Military bases, including two officers who had never spoken publicly before.

The hearings continue through to May 3. Watch out for any videos on Youtube...

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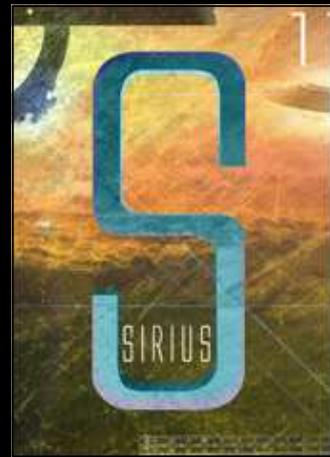
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# Bad UFOs: Skepticism, UFOs, and The Universe

Reflections on UFOs, skepticism, and practically anything else by Robert Sheaffer, author of "UFO Sightings," and "Psychic Vibrations" (book, plus column in The Skeptical Inquirer).



Greer's "Sirius" Documentary - no "Bombshell," just Nonstop UFO Claims.

I had previously written about the forthcoming 'blockbuster' UFO documentary movie *Sirius*, produced by CSETI's Dr. Steven Greer, which promised Free Energy, and a Dead Alien. OK, so I wasted \$10 to watch Greer's UFO documentary film *Sirius* on-line on the night of its World Premiere in Hollywood. I watched it so you won't have to. First there was the "Red Carpet Coverage" of the Premiere in real-time before the movie, which apparently is no longer available. It was mostly hoopla, with a strong anti-capitalist tone. The first ten minutes or so of the movie were included. As the film opens, we see Greer going into a college auditorium in Santa Monica, the audience being checked with metal detectors for weapons. "Most people don't know what a Dead Man Trigger is." Very few people need one. But Greer has one - if the Conspiracy rubs him out, lots of sensitive documents get sent out to influential people. Excuse me while I barf - If Greer actually had any documents as hot as all that, he would have given them to the press long ago. Most of what we see after that comes in no particular order. We are given UFO cases and UFO witnesses in a popcorn sort of manner, no sooner does one bounce up than it falls back and another takes its place. There is no time (or need) for exposition, or analysis. Every case, and every claim, is apparently completely solid and needs no further explanation or proof. The "organization" of the film was such that one could have taken almost any segment of it, and switched it with any other, and the change would scarcely be noticed. Some things that we are shown, for the most part quite briefly, include, in no particular order:

**President Eisenhower's warning about the Military-Industrial Complex / Dr. Oppenheimer saying, "we have done this (nukes) before." / ancient aliens / Federal reserve conspiracies / Oil company conspiracies / Laurance Rockefeller saying 'disclosure' will change everything / MJ-12 Government UFO coverup conspiracy / STS-48 UFO video / Dr. Lynne Kitei and the Phoenix Lights, which were not military flares / "free energy" claimants, including T. Townsend Brown, Tom Valone, Tom Bearden, Stanley Meyer, John Searl, Eugene Mallove, John Havrilla. Anti-gravity and electro-gravitics claims are made. / automobiles that can run on water / Conspiracies involving the Masons, and the Bohemian Grove .**

These supposed "inventors," plus the ET technology, offers us unlimited Free Energy, but a conspiracy by those Greer calls the "Petro-fascists" keeps us using coal, oil, and nuclear power. Part of the Conspiracy is to keep us distracted by other things. Even Honey Boo-Boo is depicted as part of the Conspiracy to keep us distracted from ET truths. The film mentions Greer's May, 2001 Disclosure Project press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Despite its supposedly impressive list of yarn-spinners (many of whom are returning for the forthcoming Citizens Hearing on UFO Disclosure next week), after a few titillating news stories it mostly fell flat with the news media. But an excuse for this was given: just four months later, the attacks of September 11 resulted in wall-to-wall news coverage, leaving reporters with a mere four months to investigate Greer's ET bombshells. The film does give us some valuable insight into Greer's personality. He mentions having a Near Death experience during an illness when he was seventeen, and describes how he felt a "oneness" not only with the earth, but with the entire universe.



Later in the film he said that it is the memory of that NDE that keeps him moving forward in his investigations. I had previously been wondering if Greer is sincere in what he says, or just a huckster who has found a way to make a lot of money off UFO believers. After seeing *Sirius* I would say that Greer is quite sincere in what he says, and the money aspects comes from effectively taking leadership of an existing group of people who largely think as he does. I found interesting the part about CSETI's CE5 training session, "human-initiated contact," which involves, among other things, meditation and remote viewing. They go into the desert or some other remote place, and shine a flashlight or laser at any light they see in the sky. If it appears to flicker back, that counts as an instance of interstellar communication. Many of the ET craft are "trans-dimensional," and thus are not visible to the human eye. However, they can be seen using night-vision equipment, which apparently has the capability to make trans-dimensional things visible. I once spoke with a fellow at a UFO meeting who had been through Greer's "training," and he was very impressed by it. He explained that, at first, he could not see any of the ET craft that Greer was talking about. But as the training progressed, he learned how to perceive them. One of the longest expositions of a UFO claim is that of the Big Sur missile-zapping UFO in 1964, as told by Bob Jacobs. This case has been totally picked apart by Kingston George in the Skeptical Inquirer. "We have acquired an EBE!", boasts one of Greer's CSETI colleagues, and the analysis of this little guy - just six inches long - is the principal "news hook" for the film. We are told that this little body was dug up in the Atacama Desert in Chile, and ended up in Barcelona, Spain. 3D scans reveal its internal organs, apparently very human-like. Now here is the biggest "bombshell" that the film has: DNA from this creature has been analyzed by Dr. Garry P. Nolan of the Stanford University Medical School. You can read his conclusions here:

Morphologic features include that the specimen has only 10 ribs, mild mid face hypoplasia, and shows abnormalities of the skull. The observed abnormalities do not fall into any standard or rare classification of known human pediatric disorders. As represented by a specialist in pediatric human bone and growth disorders (see attached report), the 6 inch specimen is a human that was likely 6-8 years of age at the time of death (age based on epiphyseal plate X-Ray density standards). X-Ray imaging and CT scan results confirmed the specimen is biological and is not a non-human primate. The specimen was concluded by the medical specialist to be a human child with an apparently severe form of dwarfism and other anomalies... Reconstruction of the mitochondrial DNA sequence and analysis shows an allele frequency consistent with a B2 haplotype group found on the west coast of South America, supporting the claimed origination of the specimen from the Atacama Desert region of Chile. Sequence analysis definitively rules out the specimen as an example of a New World primate. So, supposedly the little critter is a human child, at least 6 years old, and only six inches long. This sounds almost as implausible as an ET. I am wondering what precautions have been taken against deliberate DNA contamination? In the case of the Metepec, Mexico humanoid that was promoted by Jaime Maussan, the hoaxer Urso Moreno Ruiz confessed, "It's just the corpse of a skinned squirrel-monkey. I took its ears out and involved it with all the hair and fluids of all animals I could find, then I dried it. All samples they take of it will come out as being of different animals." Is it possible that something similar has happened with the Atacama humanoid? In the end, no halfway intelligent person will be swayed by this film. The only people who will be impressed will be those who breathlessly await each new episode of *Ancient Aliens* on the History Channel...



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## Council gives away "haunted" manor.

By Jess Bown.

Portsmouth City Council has been forced to give away a £375,000 manor house after failing to attract a buyer due to rumours of ghosts and other monstrous sightings. The Grade II listed manor, which is thought to be the oldest house in Portsmouth and was mentioned in the 1086 Doomsday Book, is said to house a choir of nuns.

The spirits of whispering children and Sir Roderick of Porchester, who was murdered outside the manor in the middle ages, are said to be among the ghosts haunting the property. And if their aim was to prevent new people moving in, it would seem that they have succeeded - for the time being at least. After failing to sell at auction with a reserve price of £375,000, Wymering Manor in Portsmouth, Hants, has now been donated to the Wymering Manor Trust, along with a £30,000 grant for repair work.

The group will attempt to restore the house to its former glory before opening it as a tourist attraction - a project that is expected to cost some £500,000. Portsmouth City Council bought the property in the 1960's and leased it to the Youth Hostel Association until 2006. According to the Daily Mail newspaper, it was then sold to a private organisation after the cost of the upkeep became too much for the council. The purchasers intended to restore the manor and turn it into a hotel and function rooms, trading on the historic and paranormal links after a visit by the Most Haunted Live television programme in May 2006.

However, the development never took place and it was returned to the council, which has now been forced to give it away due to a lack of interest from serious buyers. Jeremy Lamb, a chartered surveyor who tried to sell the property in 2010, told the Daily Telegraph: "It's certainly a unique house." Although they patrol it on a 24-hour basis because it attracts lots of people who are intrigued by its levels of paranormal activity, they refuse to work alone there at night." Other properties that have failed to sell due to rumours of haunting include a former town house in Derby, which is said to house a total of 14 ghosts.

## Tokyo denies ghost fears keeping PM out of official residence.

The Japanese cabinet has formally denied months-long rumours that prime minister Shinzo Abe has not moved into his official residence over fears the mansion is haunted. The conservative leader took office in December but has yet to move into the 11-room brick home in central Tokyo. According to local media, it is the longest holdout among any of his predecessors. Several former prime ministers have reported experiencing unusual phenomena at the mansion, which was centre-stage for two failed but bloody coups in the 1930s.

Former prime minister Junichiro Koizumi once told reporters he had never encountered any ghosts, despite wanting to see them. Some first ladies have refused to live in the mansion over fears its was inhabited by spirits. An opposition politician asked about the presence of ghosts in the prime minister's residence in a letter to Mr Abe's cabinet. "There are rumours that the official residence is haunted by ghosts. Is it true?" the politician wrote.

"Does prime minister Abe refuse to move to the official residence because of the rumours?" He said the decision could delay the prime minister's response time in emergencies because the residence is next door to his executive office.

Mr Abe's cabinet issued a terse written statement in response, saying: "We do not assent to what was asked."

In May 1932, a revolt by naval officers ended in the murder of then-prime minister Tsuyoshi Inukai and the plotters' surrender to military police. Several years later in 1936, about 1,400 rebel troops killed several political leaders and seized the heart of Tokyo's government district including the official residence for four days.

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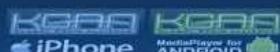
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Dowsing, sometimes associated with the word, radioesthesia, is the use of a special instrument to identify or find an object or condition in physical matter. Dowsing is generally associated with finding oil, water or precious metals, but sometimes an object that is missing. To this end, various Dowsing instruments are used- on either a map, a picture or an actual physical location. Dowsing is probably a very ancient practice. There is evidence that Dowsing goes back as far as ancient Egypt and ancient China. Dowsing was reportedly used to find coal during the Middle Ages. The most popular tools for Dowsing are the "wishing rods," which are often made out of metal these days but sometimes out of wood, as was common in the past- and the pendulum. Dowsing, in the past, generally used, wood. Popular woods that were used for Dowsing were hazel branches, generally forked, along with beech, alder and apple. Nowadays, as before, the Dowsing rods, when used, are held in an L-shape with discovery being made when the rods cross each other. Pendulums used for Dowsing are simply generally string weighted with some type of crystal or other type of weight.

Sir William Barrett, a physics professor at the Royal College of Science in Dublin at the end of the century, was extremely skeptical of Dowsing until he became familiar with a dowser named John Mullins, who was hired by the Waterford Bacon Factory to locate underground streams of water.

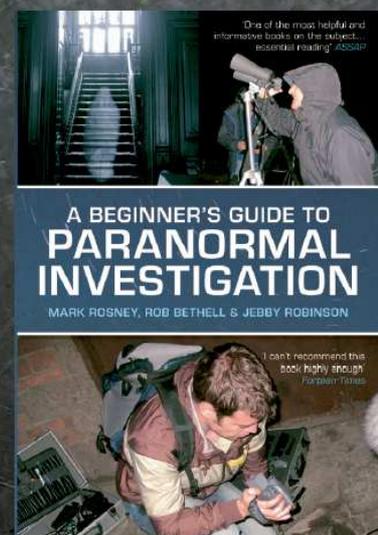
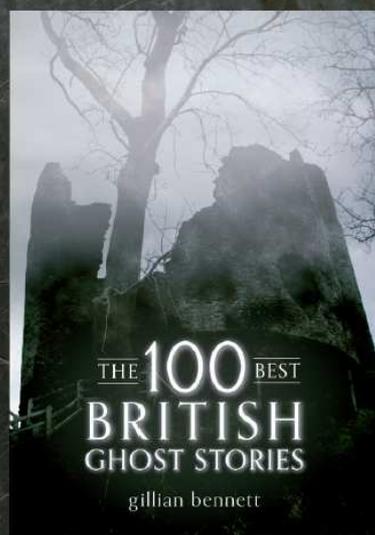
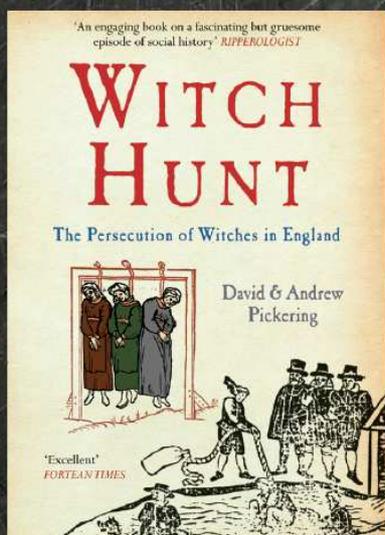
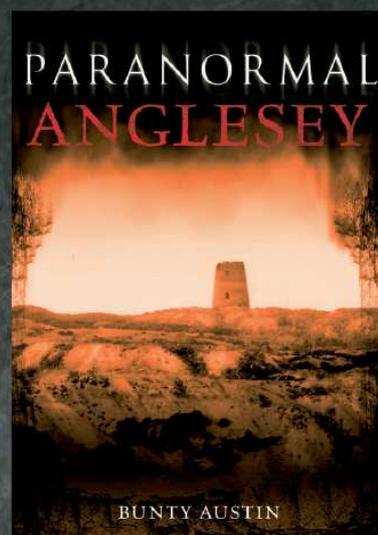
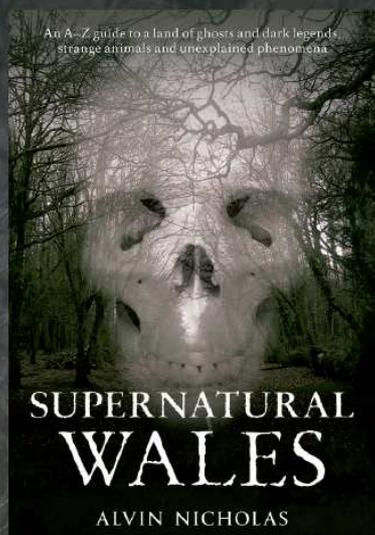
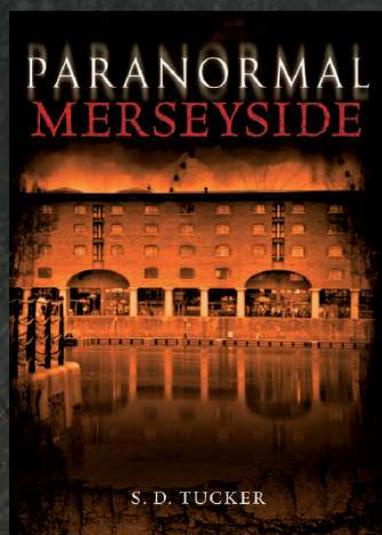
The small forked stick he used for Dowsing almost immediately bore more fruit than the work of various professional geologists who had failed to identify the water source. Later on, Barrett would be one of the main founders of the British Society for Psychical Research and publish the results of his research on Dowsing in the Society's Proceedings.

Classic research on Dowsing was conducted and reported by Dr. Solco W. Tromp, a Dutch professor of geology, who was the director of the Bioclimatological Center in London.

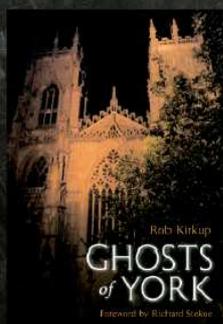
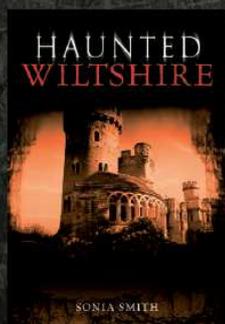
His chief book related to parapsychological research was *Psychical Physics*, a work speaking of the influence of various types of electrical and magnetic field on living organisms. It included the effects of these types of fields on dowsers, which he himself tested in the laboratory. To this end, used a galvanometer with a wooden ring and a coil of wire to create a magnetic field. He found that, although dowsers could not really determine the intensity of the field, they could detect changes in it. He also found that Dowsing in the field, using a pendulum for quicker results, could successfully enable to dowser to detect different types of magnetic anomalies

Theories of Dowsing vary, but it is often supposed that the Dowsing instrument conveys to the psyche of the dowser a subtle energy detected around the object in question. So a field of energy, perhaps still unknown to modern science, is postulated to be the cause of the phenomenon. For those interested, there is still an American and a British Society of Dowsers. Their addresses are: The British Society of Dowsers, Sycamore College, Tamley Lane, Hastingleigh, Ashford, Kent, TN25 5HW, England and The American Society of Dowsers, Inc., Danville, Vermont, 05828...

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