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BY ALIENS
THE QUESTION IS - DO YOU BELIEVE HIM?

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In the light of Ken Barlow being successful in litigation because someone called him boring all issues of UFO BRIGANTIA are now totally, absolutely and utterly:
Published without prejudice



Hi. We're still recovering from the massive success of the Sheffield Congress. Were you there? If you weren't you missed out on a three day fun-fest of ufology. See the famous ufologists, touch their clothes, buy their sacred texts, listen to their holy scripture, try to overhear what they are talking about in the bar, hope you are one of the favoured ones who gets invited back to the Budd Hopkins 'after hours' session. Cor blimey missus but it was exciting.

Hopkins was the talk of the lecture. During his presentation you

could have heard a pin drop. Like him or loathe him Budd and his ideas are here to stay- and making converts by the bucketful if the audience at Sheffield was anything to go by. He's not daft either. A well educated deep thinker on the subject, a man who has done his field work and his home work - and what's more a man who has understood and to a certain extent undermined the British sceptical arguments.

Hopkins does research. His articles and lectures address the sceptics on their own terms, using their language and, it seems, bettering them at their own game. His whole approach is literate, well-informed and can be quite plausible and I'm afraid that scepticism as it's practised in this country can't really cope with it. Let's face it, how do we deal with abductions? Usually by saying they can't happen because.....(fill in the dodgy psycho-social theory of your choice) or they aren't physical because.....(fill in episode from folklore of your choice). None of this really explains the abduction reports, their homogeneity or their apparent effects on the percipients. In fact it occasionally seems to demean the witness, to take them out of the human sphere and into the realms of being part of an A level literary criticism.

Besides his 'with the witness' work Hopkins is also engaged in long term research work in side areas dealing with abductions - when was the last time you heard of a ufologist doing long term research - for most that means subscribing two years running to a UFO magazine! One such area is his work with children (don't panic I'm not in league with the debbil yet, I'm only telling you).

In this particular 'experiment' Hopkins has a number of cards on which faces are drawn - a witch, a skull, a mutant turtle, an 'alien', santa claus etc.

All are drawn in a similar style and the skull and the 'alien' are quite similar. The reasoning being (suspend your disbelief pilgrims) that when these cards are shown to children those who have been 'abducted' (ie the children of abductees who Budd claims have also been likely abducted) they will recognise the alien with the appropriate display of terror/shock, whatever. Conversely when they are shown to children who have not had an abduction they will not recognise the alien. Thus supposedly dismissing the sceptics contention that the alien face has permeated our culture so much so that a good smattering of claimed abductee and non-abductee children should equally recognise the pointy little phizog.

"Prove it" I said when he showed me this at Sheffield and without further ado myself, Budd and French sceptical type person Bertrand Meheust dashed onto the streets of Sheffield looking for children to corrupt. In an incident likely to have gone down in the poor mother's memory and re-telling as an attempted child abduction or phantom social worker scare, we ran the test on a six year old and he totally blanked

the alien face - but instantly recognised the others. Proves nowt I know, but I see what he is getting at and where are the sceptics who are running the same test to check his results? Or any tests for that matter. We are lagging behind the Americans and are still stuck in mid-1970s semi-debunking.

If we really wish to be involved with abductions, sceptically as we must in lieu of hard evidence, then we are going to have to be able to say much more than "well they can't exist because... and of course it's just like....." which has largely been the British way of looking at the subject. No, I'm afraid that besides just studying the literature and poking fun we will have to design experiments to test Hopkins' claims, design experiments to test our own claims, become knowledgeable about psychology and the workings of the human mind and acquire proper skills for interviewing alleged abductees such as psychotherapy, counselling and such like. None of which is what people usually come into ufology for. But if the perceived 'enemy' are doing any of this - and doing it tolerably well - then we have no choice. There's work to be done and with his visit to Britain this time Hopkins has clearly laid down the challenge that as sceptics we MUST rise to or whatever we think and believe to be true will be washed away.

During all this synapse activity I suddenly realised that Hopkins has never yet had an article published in the UK UFO press - a bit odd that since everyone refers to him and his style of ufology and yet, short of his two books, only one of which was published here, and the biased rantings of various journal editors, he hasn't had much exposure. So in this issue you will find two articles by him and in a subsequent issue we'll be running an interview I did with him at the Sheffield Congress.

Don't get the wrong idea about all of this - I sure as shit don't believe Hopkins in any way shape or form - in fact I think he misses the point in a staggering and dangerous way (but I can't prove it!). But he's a nice avuncular guy and he's getting out there and doing his thing and if we want to knock him it's not as simple as having a go at FSR or YUFOS or any of the other easy targets. What do you think?

Also present at the congress were several groups of individuals who were all dealing with the transmission of knowledge and stuff from sources which appeared to be 'the spirit world' or some such psychic tourist information centre. Whatever it's origin this material is odd at best and proves that contacteeism is not dead, it's just dormant.

Some of this stuff 'coming through' seems connected to the subject of 'psychic questing', a subject which I'm rather intrigued by at the moment for several reasons, and a book review and probably an article lurk elsewhere dealing with this subject.

Eagle-eyed readers will have noted that this is the 50th issue of UFO BRIGANTIA. Happy Birthday to us. We've come a long way since those early twelve sheet photocopies, through Paul Bennett's editorship, past the days when we were A5 and nice to people, to where we are now. Sadly for those who don't like us we are aiming for issue 100 - and we're gonna get there. Then I think I'll stop and take up something more relaxing. Exorcism probably. Still, thanks to all those who have been subscribers since the early days, your support has been invaluable, and may Dog grant the powers of comprehension to those who don't know what we are trying to do. It's been loads of fun so far and it doesn't look like stopping yet.

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No child abuse in Iran

(Editors note: This is the paper Budd gave at the Sheffield International Congress in August 1991 - not the one printed in the official proceedings.)

I

When the first UFO abduction report came to public attention in 1966 it was regarded nearly universally as either a hoax or a psychological aberration of some sort. Those few investigators who took the report seriously - and at the time I was not one of them - felt that if it were true it was an event of extraordinary significance and great rarity. In the quarter of a century since that time, UFO abductions have been reported with increasing frequency, and though we still view these accounts as extraordinarily significant, we know, now, that they are anything but rare. In fact, reports of UFO abductions are worldwide in scope and have been made by thousands of apparently credible people.

The reason this mass of accounts eventually came to the attention of investigators is simple: Public awareness of the abduction phenomenon has grown immeasurably, largely because of a number of objective, informative books and articles on the subject. And when these appeared, particularly in the English-speaking world, they were for the most part treated responsibly by the media. Through these publications, abductees have discovered sympathetic organisations and researchers to whom they can report their experiences and seek help without fear of ridicule. But above all, they know that they are not alone in their bizarre predicament, a realisation they have found to be both reassuring and empowering.

A comparison with another important issue can be very instructive. The mechanisms behind the new public awareness of UFO abductions are very similar to those involved in the growing public awareness of child abuse, both sexual and otherwise. Like UFO abductions, incidents of child abuse were far from rare in decades past, but 'common sense' and a natural desire to look the other way effectively concealed the scope of the problem. No agencies seemed to be willing to listen to such reports and little appeared on the subject in the popular press. Few medical people or police regularly inquired into the matter, and as a result, child abuse victims, like UFO abductees, tended to keep their nightmares to themselves. If no probing questions are asked, no answers are forthcoming; a widespread problem can seem not to exist.

A French UFO sceptic once pointed out to me that many, many more abduction cases are currently being reported in the United States than in France, where such accounts are almost as rare as they are in mainland China. And since these reports are so much more common in one country than in the rest of the world, the phenomenon, he felt, must surely be a bogus one. My friend went on to claim that "American hysteria", a by-product of books and articles, "created these UFO reports in the first place." I replied that his logic, though faulty, was most interesting. In an extended analogy I explained that because of effective public education, child abuse is now regarded as a significant problem in the United States, where institutions have been set up to deal with it. However, child abuse is virtually never mentioned in the press of many non-Western countries. Chinese or Libyan medical and police authorities have never, to my knowledge, described the existence of a child abuse issue, and there are apparently no local agencies

prepared to seek out and protect such victims. My friend's argument leads therefore to an inescapable - and wildly implausible - conclusion: since reports of UFO abductions and widespread child abuse are infrequent outside the United States, we can infer that UFO abductions do not exist and that there is no child abuse in Iran.

Thoroughgoing investigation and social 'legitimation' of such issues is obviously painful and time consuming, but one central truth is undeniable: the UFO abduction phenomenon, as described by those who have experienced it - is profoundly - profoundly - disturbing. It calls into question our most basic sense of personal autonomy, our historically nurtured views of psychology and physical science, and even, perhaps, the orthodoxies of nearly every traditional religion. Who would not wish to avoid such an all-encompassing subversion of human values and accepted knowledge? It is infinitely more comfortable to believe that "there is no child abuse in Iran" - that UFOs do not exist - than to admit we may be wrong. For if we are wrong we will be forced to contemplate a new and profoundly uncertain future for the human race.

II

Of all the UFO reports I've received during the past sixteen years the most personally depressing for me are those dealing with the abduction of very young children. Beginning in the early nineteen eighties I became aware that most if not all abductees are 'repeaters', taken initially in their earliest years; thus the existence of children's reports is to be expected. No matter how familiar researchers have become with the details of the basic UFO abduction scenarios, the knowledge of these patterns cannot alleviate the horror and confusion of such events - particularly in the lives of the youngest and most vulnerable among us. Yet the descriptions provided by three or four-year-old children furnish the investigator with valuable evidence concerning the event-level reality of this phenomenon. Since such small children cannot read, there is no chance of contamination from written sources. Few TV programs during early viewing hours have ever offered specific details about the abduction experience. (Children are not known to be avid fans of interview shows; 'talking heads' are apparently as boring to them as they are to many adults). The one film touching upon the UFO subject that many small children may have seen is E.T., which says nothing about abductions, and provides - thankfully - a totally erroneous idea of the standard 'alien' type. Consequently, the details of the UFO experiences that children relate can be regarded as purer than those from adult accounts.

A good example of the weight of such evidence concerns the many reports we've received in which abductees recall long needles being pressed up into their nasal cavities. These needles are often described as having tiny ball-like objects on their tips, yet after a needle is removed, the tiny object is no longer visible. Apparently the purpose of this operation is to place an implant of some sort near the brain of the abductee. With regard to the accounts of very young abductees, it should be kept in mind that they would have virtually no access to details of nasal implant needles. (These details are also unknown to most adults who have not read the brief discussions of implants in a few books dealing with the subject of UFO abductions).

One of the many abductees I've worked with is a young woman I shall call 'Joanne' who lives with her husband and two small children in a suburb of New York City. Not only does she recall harrowing personal UFO experiences but also encounters in which her children were apparently taken. recently she told me about an incident involving her youngest daughter. The child, who at the time was not yet three years old, was playing in her room one afternoon while her mother worked in another part of the house. Suddenly, Joanne said, the little girl began to

scream as if in absolute terror. I near panic herself, Joanne ran into her child's room and tried to comfort her, though many long minutes passed before the terror and the screams subsided. When the little girl finally was able to talk she told her mother that "men with big eyes" had come into her room and had "stuck a long thing up my nose". Joanne added that her daughter remained terrified for days after, never wanting to let her mother out of her sight.

'Sally', a North Carolina woman I've spoken to a number of times, related a similar story involving her three-and-a-half-year-old daughter, 'Anna'. On numerous occasions this little girl has told her mother about the small men - she calls them "night people" - who come into her room and take her out of bed and "up into the sky in the blue light". They bring her into "a round place" where she is put on a table and sometimes hurt by a "sharp thing" on her stomach. But recently Anna told her mother about a different event. She had been taken out of her bedroom by the night people, and in front of her house another group of night people were holding a little boy she knew who lived in the neighbourhood. He was very scared, she said, because "they were putting a long splinter up his nose". She described this incident to her mother in a whisper because, she explained, "the night people told me not to tell anybody." She subsequently made a series of drawings of the little boy's head with the long "splinter" going up into his nose, making it all too clear to her parents that the experience had been not only memorable but also especially frightening.

Dr. John Mack, an associate of mine in the investigation of UFO abduction reports, is a prominent psychiatrist on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School. In one of the family cases he has looked into and subsequently discussed with me, the abductee parents related a very disturbing incident involving their three-year-old son. The child shares a room with his five-year-old sister, and in the early hours of the night the girl went into her parents room, woke them, and said there was "blood all over" her brother's bed. The parents rushed into the room and found the little boy sleeping peacefully, his face and clothes covered with blood which streamed from his nose. They woke him up, and after they stopped the nosebleed he told them what had happened: a "monster" (whom he described on earlier occasions) had come into the room and had "bitten" him up inside his nose, after which he had just gone back to sleep. There are other, similar cases in my files in which very young children have described such a nasal procedure, and the point they make collectively is all too clear.

III

In some cases the child describing nocturnal UFO abduction experiences has been physically moved in an inexplicable manner. For example, in the spring and summer of 1989, a married couple in northern California became troubled by their four-year-old daughter's frequent nightmares, in which she described "monsters", small, black-eyed figures who come into her room at night "through the wall" and carry her off with them. The child's mother, uninformed about the UFO abduction phenomenon, tried to assure her daughter that she was only dreaming, despite the child's claim that the monsters were real. The most frightening moment for the parents came when they were awakened one night by their daughter's screams from the front yard. The father unbolted the front door and rushed outside. The little girl was standing there terrified; she told her parents through her tears that the monsters with the huge black eyes took her outside and into a "round thing" in the yard; they put her on a table and pressed a needle into her. To her father the most unnerving aspect of this event was the fact that when he searched the house he found no unlocked windows, and each of the doors, like the front, was securely bolted from the inside. In

talking about this traumatic and impossible event with friends, the girl's mother first learned about similar reports which are allegedly connected with the UFO phenomenon. This disturbing information led her finally to relate her child's story to me when I visited the city in which the family resides. When seen against each other, similar cases I know from my investigations into abduction reports, it is no way remarkable.

IV

If we were to paint the situation as optimistically as possible we would remember that small children, unlike adults, are not yet able to differentiate easily between what is and what is not possible, and therefore may be less undermined by the abduction experience in all of its bizarre ramifications. Yet the terror is often there, and the sense of helplessness. Worst of all, many children feel after these half-remembered encounters that their parents no longer care about them because they haven't been able to prevent these frightening intrusions from taking place. As has often been reported, UFO occupants have the ability during an abduction to immobilise and effectively switch off any potential witnesses or untargeted bystanders. When a child is the target of the abduction and the parents are completely immobilised with their conscious memories virtually wiped out, it often happens that the child's recollection is less perfectly blocked. This unfortunate disparity can easily increase the free-floating sense of despair among all the family members: The child suffers from a new and unsettling sense of abandonment while the parents, without understanding why, experience feelings of guilt and impotence.

Everything I have learned about the UFO abduction phenomenon after sixteen years of investigation reinforces the event-level reality of this bizarre kind of encounter. But so far our knowledge outpaces our skill in helping people deal with these previously unimaginable experiences. New coping techniques must be introduced, new therapeutic skills must be developed. Much work is to be done if very young lives are not to suffer permanent psychological scarring.

UFO CASE-FILE REPORTS

In response to great interest and to both publish otherwise unseen files whilst at the same time raise funds for future IUN ventures, ENIGMA DESIGN (alias Smith & Howarth) are producing copies of various case-files reports from the UFOIN and IUN files. Prices depend on length and begin at £2.50 inc. p&p. These files are detailed case-reports from many famous cases of the '70s & '80s.

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Death riddle

POLICE were today trying to solve the mystery death of a young man found naked and badly burnt on a Scottish hillside. The body of the man, in his 20s and naked except for a pair of trainers, was found by a hill-walker near Bridge of Orchy, Strathclyde, yesterday.



By 1978 *The New York Times* breathlessly reported what must have been obvious for some time; cocaine had become Hollywood's chosen drug. The full extent of the movie capital's love for Peruvian snow wasn't then known (lorries were seemingly on hand to deliver to the set of the Julia Phillips-produced *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind*, Frinstance).

Coke Encounters of the Third Line? No wonder he built that clay mountain so bloody fast!

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How long before this mystery shows up in some mad ufologists magazine? Halifax Evening Courier 21/10/91

Letters

Dear Andy

Terry Jones asks for someone to give a psycho-social answer to the Betty Andreasson abduction (in Dance of the Uncle Sam Humanoids by Terry Jones UFO BRIGANTIA no.49). I refer him to the analysis by John Rimmer in The Evidence for Alien Abductions (p. 69-72); also the two reviews in the Skeptical Enquirer by Ernest Taves (vol.4 no.2 & vol.7 no.2), of the books on the case by Raymond E. Fowler.

Why does Terry Jones suppose Betty had no interest in UFOs before here abduction? Why should being a devout Christian have caused her to "not have time for the subject"?

Perhaps it should be added that Betty only submitted her story eight years after the event to a national tabloid which was offering \$100,000 for the most convincing evidence of ET visitors. When they showed no interest she approached a UFO organisation, leading eventually to the hypnotic regression sessions in 1977. She had plenty of time to read about UFOs and abductions during this period.

Contrary to what Terry Jones says, none of the children saw any aliens coming into the house, neither did her father, and her mother refused to have any involvement with the inquiry.

If Terry Jones wants to believe Betty was really abducted by aliens from another world (or another dimension) he is perfectly entitled to; but he should not pretend that a psycho-social explanation is untenable. He should also ask himself how much value should we place on hypnosis.

Yours sincerely

Chris Allan, Alasager.

(Eds note) I believe everything Terry Jones says Chris, so don't come the clever scientist with me. Personally I think Betty should have been given the \$100,000 then we might have heard the last of it.

Dear Andy,

On behalf of this years Congress organisers I would like to thank the following people for their first class contributions to the Congress which enabled it to be the success it was.

First of all I would like to thank all of the speakers and the rock band CELV for their many different presentations. especially those who were invited to speak at rather short notice. Without them there would not have been any Congress at all.

Secondly I would like to show my appreciation to numerous individuals who made the Congress work over the three days, this includes yourself plus: Mike Wootten, Dave Clarke, Rod Howarth, Dave Kelly, Mike Alexander, Andy Walmsley, Stu Smith, Terry Jones, Clive Potter, Gordon Perkins, Onay Faiz, Dob Bigby, Robin Lindsey, Roy Rowlands, Simon Rose, John Spencer and anyone else involved who I have not mentioned here.

Last but not least I would like to thank the staff of The Rutland Hotel, The Sharrow View Hotel and the Central Library Theatre for looking after us so well, plus everyone who attended the Congress. On behalf of the Congress organisers I would like to thank everyone for making this years Congress a very memorable event and we look forward to the next one.

Yours sincerely

Phillip Mantle, 6th International Congress.

(Eds note) Bugger off you old crawler.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Having attended the UFO Conference yet again this year in Sheffield I would like to express my thanks to you all for putting on such a 'good show'. I usually attend all the UFO and Crop Circle events held in the UK and I must say yours is the biggest and best. In fact the only part of this years conference which spoilt it a little was the compere. I don't know who he was exactly but he had a face and demeanour not a million miles away from that of a bulldog chewing a wasp! His glum stage presence dulled the proceedings rather and I hope he won't be there next year. Who was he anyway?

Yours faithfully
Geoff Fulstone, Swansea

(Eds note) The gentleman in question was in fact BUFORA grand fromage 'Bob Digby' Geoff and no he won't be doing it again. Back to the professional Yorkshireman Phillip Mantle for next year's compering. The wasp got away thank God!

Dear Sir,
Following a lengthy and lively debate about government secrecy and cover-up, I obtained certain information from a local and highly respected lecturer in engineering, which I would like to pass on to UFO BRIGANTIA.

Apparently for some considerable time certain railway tunnels within Britain have been used secretly for the storing and continual maintenance of steam locomotives. The purpose of this for use in the aftermath of a nuclear attack, when the resulting ionisation would render electronic and diesel rolling stock useless.

These steam locomotives are kept in an instant state of readiness, and can be easily transferred onto the existing rail network by connecting lines. (Remember how trains rattle at certain places within tunnels, where there is no need for points to exist?)

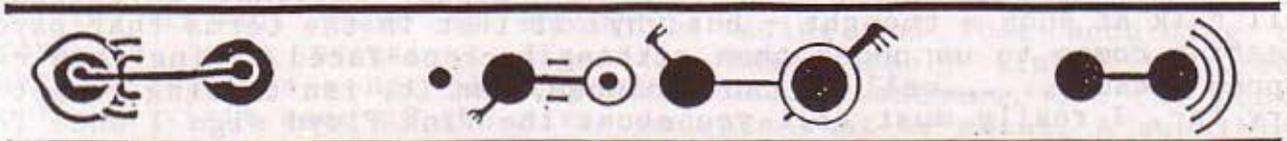
It is also relevant that certain steam locomotives cannot be accounted for during the massive scrapping programme of the 1960s. Did the government withdraw these locomotives for these purposes? and how many can still be found lying hidden in the darkness and secret locations of our longest tunnels?

I appeal for readers to investigate these points further, since many sightings of strange lights occur in remote and hilly terrain, where railway tunnels can be found nearby. Perhaps certain unaccounted phenomena could be explained by these government and M.O.D. activities.

If anyone knows of more substantial information on this matter, or indeed if they have participated in work relating to this subject, please don't hesitate to write to me via UFO BRIGANTIA.

Best Wishes, Nick Brown, York.

(Eds Note) I think this particular urban legend is called the 'myth of the strategic reserve) and it crops up time and time again in train circles. I think Paul Screeton, editor of Folklore Frontiers once wrote about it and there is, as is the case with these things, no evidence whatsoever. I would suggest that any readers with info write in and we'll publish what we get. Also you could try asking the guy who gave you the info where he got it and see how far it can be traced.



Reviews

THE SEVENTH SWORD by Andy Collins. Published by Century 1991. 484 pages, 42 photos. £14.99

When the history of paranormal phenomena in the '70s, '80s and '90s is written about sometime next century psychic questing is going to be a main topic I think. We may even know the truth by then but as yet The Seventh Sword is the most comprehensive, albeit insiders, look at the subject as yet.

OK it's maximum weirdness from start to finish - you've got to accept some very odd, and silly, things if you believe it from the word go, but you get drawn into the story and it's a swash-buckling psychic adventure on the high seas of.....something or other.

It would be easy, very easy to be cruel to this book and many reviewers no doubt will be. The style of writing is a bit breathless and lost of paragraphs open with "As the green Cortina pulled into" sort of thing, and the story is difficult to follow in places. But as far as I can see the actual story is unimportant. Ignore the complicated historical reasonings, the tours of stately homes looking for clues, the psychic dreams, the Egyptian dynasties and what sort of cheese Andy Collins likes etc. None of this matters one jot. From a critical point of view the whole book can be reduced to "Is it true"? Are people really violating our known laws of reality to find, by 'psychic' means, artefacts - some placed there by an international conspiracy of black magicians and some secreted by the 'goodies', which when found appear to have a magical use. Far out, as we once used to say about stories like this.

So what do we do? Either Collins and co. have been tricked and deluded by one of a number of characters in the book, and obviously the names of Graham Philips and the elusive 'Bernard' would fit the bill here -even from what is given in the book. And let's face it this is what many people will think. But if that is the case then you must accept that one or two people have spent literally years of their lives and thousands of pounds of their money and not a little intellectual effort in fooling a small group of people for no particular end. Or what? Or the whole thing is a series of belief driven coincidences such as contactees and abductees seem prone to. Fair enough- but where do all the physical artefacts come from? Or it just might all be true (cue hysterical laughter stage left). I don't know - and I'm certainly not going to mock it until I do.

Gaynor Sunderland, star of Jenny Randles' book Alien Contact, (it's ok I can say 'Gaynor Sunderland' in print) features in the book in the Green Stone section and she's receiving psychic messages and stuff like there's no tomorrow! I've said this before but you've only got to meet Gaynor to realise that a less likely person to receive psychic messages has yet to be born.

If the whole thing is a gigantic hoax then it is on a far more sophisticated level than 99.999% of ufological hoaxes. The problems are that the subject seems to be hard to access from an investigators point of view unless you are prepared to be caught up in a particular quest.

Perhaps that's the point. Perhaps this sort of phenomena can't be studied unless you are a part of it (and really we are an inclusive part of any event, anomalous or otherwise). Highly rational investigators will balk at such a thought - but why? If that is the terms that psychic questing comes to us under then sitting back po-faced saying this can't happen because,.....well it can't happen, can it, isn't going to get you very far. I really must tell you about the Pink Floyd sign I once found by psychic questing! Good book, well-worth reading, hours of

entertainment. Psychic Questing - According to Andy Collins it is happening. What are you going to do about it?

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WITCHCRAFT- A Strange Conflict by Peter Hough, Lutterworth Press 1991. Paperback 199 pages.

Since the Devil children scare of 1990-91 it was obvious that books dealing with the occult were going to become thick on the ground and here's Peter Hough weighing in with his pedicles worth.

The book examines the subject by looking at it's most media-hungry stars such as MP Geoffrey Dickens, who is clearly one pew short of a church and Kevin Logan, a latter day Matthew Hopkins if ever there was one on one side and Chris Bray owner of the Sorcerers Apprentice bookshop, various hello trees hallo flowers nature mystics and a sad satanist or two on the other. None of them give the impression they could get enough 'power' together to start a small conversation let alone anything occult or spiritual. It's interesting though I suppose if you haven't read anything on the subject or touched a newspaper for the past twenty years - basically the book doesn't really tell you anything you couldn't have got from reading the source material (and thus learning more) and by half-way through it has become a pedestrian plod through the media-received ideas of the occult.

Worse still we have unquestioned and unqualified sentences such as "A ley-line also passes through the Ram (a pub)....". Ley-lines have been known as simply 'ley's' for years now and what is one and where's the proof Peter?

I have been involved on the edges of the occult scene since 1973 and know several witches, magicians, occultists etc - even dabbled myself a bit and none of what Peter says here bears any relation to what really goes on other than superficially. Some of the information is misleading such as that about Maury Terry's book Ultimate Evil - the premise of which was dodgy to start with and has long since been disproved, by amongst others, Yorkshire occultist Stephen Sennitt. I doubt whether Peter is familiar with the plethora of ground level occult magazines which really show what is going on in the occult in this country and I'm afraid a visit to Bray, a couple of nature mystic type pagans and a satanist (whooo, we were scared!) just doesn't cut the mustard here at spook central. Add to all that the fact that Peter can't even make his mind up what he thinks at the end of the book and you needn't have bothered.

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EARTH MEMORY By Paul Devereux. Published by Quantum Books. Pb. 320 pages. Photos, maps and line drawings. £9.95

Now here's a man who knows what he's talking about. Having virtually started the subject of Earth Mysteries in this country and having resisted the temptation to go New Age (to make money) as have so many others who have stolen and bastardised his ideas, Paul Devereux is still and with integrity putting out informed speculation on the subject.

Here we are treated to "a way of looking" at ancient sites. Paul examines why they were sited where they are, what possible uses they might have been put to, what energies have been detected at sites (and we're talking scientific here). It all adds up to a richer view of the world and people's knowledge, perception and uses of it.

Even though I'm involved in the subject I'm never quite sure what Earth Mysteries actually is - this book goes a long way to clarifying where E.M. is and where it should be going and that according to Devereux is in a practical direction inextricably linked to Green thought and actions - not playing at Neolithic shamans. Get the book. Get out and visit some of the sites and see what he means. A sensible, sane approach to a difficult area.

Abductions as Physical Events

By Budd Hopkins

I

The reports we are considering may well disclose evidence of the most important event on our planet since the beginnings of sentient life. Either we are being visited by some kind of alien intelligence, equipped with a technology and purpose beyond our present day understanding - or the power of human invention, delusion and self-deception is, in the language of another earthly issue, reaching critical mass. Do these thousands of reports of UFO abductions and subsequent medical experiments describe actual events, or are they some new, pervasive, world-wide form of fantasy?

Those who recall their own UFO abduction encounters are convinced that what happened to them is real, while those who have not experienced such traumatic events usually reject the idea that such things are even possible. Experience, our surest and most persuasive teacher, provides each group a convincing but contradictory lesson. Waiting patiently in the wings, however, is a more formal and obviously more learned tutor - recorded history - always ready for an instructive dialogue with the present. And history does, in fact, provide a specific parallel with the issue I have posed: the problem of separating fantasy from reality in the case of UFO abduction reports. Naturally the current circumstances are different from those of an earlier time - they always are - but the historical analogy nevertheless has something important to tell us.

In the last decade of the nineteenth century, in Vienna, Sigmund Freud was treating his neurotic patients by a slowly evolving personal therapy which included hypnosis as part of the technique. As the months and years passed Freud found that most of his patients recalled, both consciously and through hypnosis, disturbing incidents of childhood sexual molestation, seduction and abuse. He therefore posited the eminently reasonable theory that these incestuous childhood sexual incidents had led to the later neurotic, hysterical problems from which his patients suffered. It was a sensible theory that, for a number of reasons, he was soon to abandon.

Obviously it had been difficult for Freud to accept the idea that incestuous behaviour was widespread among the good bourgeois Catholic and Jewish Viennese who were his patients, neighbours and peers. And in the meantime he had also begun to realise that children and even infants possessed their own form of developing sexuality, surely Freud's most significant discovery. For these and other, apparently more personal reasons too complex to discuss in this paper, Freud made a drastic change of mind. He decided that these commonly reported memories of childhood sexual abuse, recollections which often came to light through the process of hypnotic regression, were nothing more than elaborate fantasies invented by his neurotic male and female patients. These sexual seductions and molestations had never happened; they were merely the wishful dreams and imaginings of hysterical people, originating inside their heads rather than in the actual, physical world. Though this explanation required the acceptance of the idea that a child's mind was a steamier and more complex place than previously imagined, on another level we could all breathe easier; incest and sexual abuse of children was largely imaginary.

In An Autobiographical Study of 1925, Freud described his view of his admittedly disturbed patients this way;

"...I must mention an error into which I fell for a while and which might well have had fatal consequences for the whole of my work.

Under the influence of the technical procedure which I used at that time

(hypnosis), the majority of my patients reproduced from their childhood scenes in which they were sexually seduced by some grown-up person...I believed these stories, and consequently supposed that I had discovered the roots of the subsequent neurosis...My confidence was strengthened by a few cases in which relations of this kind with a father, uncle or elder brother and continued up to an age at which memory was to be trusted. If the reader feels inclined to shake his head at my credulity, I cannot altogether blame him..."

Freud was obviously deeply embarrassed at having temporarily believed that childhood sexual abuse might be relatively common in repressed nineteenth century Viennese families. We know, now, that Freud was right to feel that way, but not for the reasons he stated. We know that incest, childhood seduction and sexual abuse are common at the present time and undoubtedly were common then, when Freud decided that these traumatic accounts were mere fantasies. The psychological problems many of his patients faced were more likely the result of real events rather than artifacts of wishful, self-generated fantasies. Freud, it must always be remembered, was a therapist and a theoretical, analytical thinker, not an investigator. Since his theories led him to discount automatically a patient's sexual molestation memories, he apparently made no effort to examine the possible reality of these claims. Naturally he never visited the patient's house to conduct interviews with other members of the family, nor would he attempt in any way to ascertain if his patient might have actually been the victim of adult deprivations. He was a physician, a healer, not a detective, and for him the problems began and ended inside the patient's damaged psyche.

It has only been in the last few decades that trained psychiatric social workers, sociologists and other mental health professionals have, unlike Freud, actually begun to investigate the event-level reality of these reports. They have come to the conclusion that childhood sexual molestation, seduction and abuse are rampant in the real world, and probably always have been. Furthermore, contemporary psychoanalysts and writers such as Jeffrey Masson, Milton Klein, David Tribich and others have attacked Freud's position that the neurotic problems he was treating and their sole origin inside the heads of his patients, that they were due to "developmental mechanisms" and were not the result of real events.

Masson in particular claims that Freud's theory that his patients were merely fantasising such childhood traumas in effect blames the victim and often deepens a sufferer's problems. (In a parallel way, if UFO abductions are actually taking place as event-level occurrences, labelling them as fantasies is immensely destructive to those who suffer their after-effects). The more investigators have raised valid questions about Freud's monolithic theories, the more orientated to real, event-level problem solving, are clearly in ascendance.

What are the lessons that history, our silent tutor, would have us learn from these revisions of basic Freudian doctrine? First, that any theory of human psychology unconnected to solid, objective information about the subject's actual experience and family background is a flimsy reed indeed. The isolated examination of a person's feelings, memories and beliefs apart from the hard data of his/her life can be dangerously misleading, and investigation into fact and circumstance is essential if objective truth is to be arrived at.

Freud's sudden change in attitude about childhood sexual abuse also teaches us how easily disturbing information can be shunted aside, even by highly intelligent people. Above all, we should learn to be wary of labelling as fantasy any consistent, widespread body of felt experience. Serious, objective inquiry must precede any such glib pronouncements, whatever our private, subjective doubts. It is all too easy to be wrong.

II

It is indisputable that in the last few decades literally thousands of very similar UFO abduction reports have been collected and investigated world-wide¹. The sheer number of such reports obviously eliminates hoaxes as a single, umbrella explanation for the phenomenon, though undoubtedly, some deceptions have occurred. We are left with two other explanations: either some - perhaps even most - of these reports describe real, event-level occurrences, or virtually all of them, instead, represent a contemporary "mental" or psycho-social phenomenon of some kind. Since systematic psychological testing of those claiming UFO abduction experiences has revealed no psychological explanation for their accounts, the only remaining explanation is the most philosophically unacceptable one: the witnesses are describing actual events². To discover the truth about this undeniably extraordinary phenomenon we must begin with a few basic questions:

1. What is the literal content of the initial report?
2. Why did the percipient feel he/she should make the report in the first place? (Thousands of individuals have reported their bizarre experiences to official agencies such as the police, the FBI, the Air Force and NASA, and to civilian UFO investigators and organisations, with no hope of personal gain and with a legitimate fear of ridicule.³)
3. Where and when did the reported incident take place?
4. Was the incident discussed with family and/or friends at the time it occurred?

During the fifteen years in which I've been publicly identified with UFO abduction research, thousands of people have called or written to me to report their experiences in detail, and consequently my personal data pool is extensive⁴. Because the preliminary questions I've just outlined are so very important, I will dip into this pool for a few examples. The following are typical, unprocessed, uninvestigated reports as I first received them. I've spent a great deal of time investigating each of these reports, and in my opinion each eventually turned out to be what I consider to be truthful accounts of UFO abduction experiences. The information each contains - apparent content, date, location and number of witnesses - illustrates the complex circumstances which any theory of UFO abduction reports must satisfactorily address at the outset. I ask you, the reader, to consider the details of each of these reports in the light of a single issue: do they seem to be real-world events, or the product of simple, wishful fantasy?

1. A young married couple is driving home from a weekend at the Jersey shore in the summer of 1974. It is late Sunday afternoon on a clear sunny day. In what is perceived by both as the very next instant, it is pitch dark - night - and they are sitting in their silent car. The engine is not running, no lights are on, and their automobile is in the middle of a field rather than on a road. They are terrified, lost and unbelieving.



Many unremembered hours have obviously passed. The husband starts the car and they bounce over the field for several minutes before he locates a dirt road and begins to find his way home. In the next few months there ensues a series of panic attacks which affect the husband particularly deeply. Neither he nor his wife thinks for a moment about UFO

abductions; neither had read about such phenomena, and, since no UFO sighting is involved, would not consider their experience to be related in any case. It will not be until early 1988 - fourteen years after the

event in the field - that the woman in this example encountered a questionnaire I had written for Omni magazine and began to suspect that there might be a connection between the missing time incident in the field and other odd events in her life. As a result of these suspicions she finally contacted me and the investigation began.

2. About 7:00 pm one evening in the winter of 1968, Mrs. R is watching the TV news. Her two young daughters and one of her teenage sons are clearing the dinner dishes. Mrs. R's baby is in his crib, and her oldest son has just driven off with his grandfather to go Christmas shopping. Suddenly the voice and the image on the TV screen change; an odd face appears, and Mrs. R becomes frightened. One of her daughter's senses her mother's fear and becomes even more afraid because her mother seems transfixed, unable to move. In what seems to be the next instant Mrs. R is heard screaming - but from her bedroom at the back of the house. The teenage son has disappeared from the living room and is later found hiding in a closet in his bedroom, though he does not remember what he is hiding from. Simultaneously, the family car pulls into the driveway; to those inside the house it seems the oldest boy and his grandfather have returned apparently only minutes after their 7:00 o'clock departure, and yet the clock shows that it is now after 9:00 pm. An enormous noise begins suddenly and the house vibrates as if a jet is about to crash into it, sending everyone into deeper panic. One of the terrified daughters looks out the window and sees her brother standing beside the car, pointing up at something above the house. He is unmoving, rigid, as is his grandfather standing next to him. The noise abates and moments later the brother bursts into the room with a description of a huge UFO which had been hovering directly over the house, and of his strange feeling of paralysis while observing it. He calls the state police to report the sighting, and is astounded to discover that though he drove up and spotted the UFO at a little after 9:00, it is now past 11:00 pm: he has evidently been outside, unmoving, for nearly two hours.

The confusion of time and location and behaviour is alarming to all six involved family members, but it is ascribed to "excitement" over the noise and the UFO and the strange image on the TV screen. Nevertheless the incident is remembered and frequently discussed by the entire family. Evidence of trauma remains for months and even years: one of the younger boys insists on sleeping with a baseball bat next to his bed and a daughter will only go to sleep with all the lights on in her room. Twenty years later this same daughter finds my book Intruders in a bookstore, relates the information it contains to her family's trauma, and contacts me.

3. In November of 1978 a young man is driving home from work near East Islip, Long Island. He experiences a flash of light and in the next instant he finds himself sitting alongside a different road with his car nowhere in sight. He stands up, dazed and confused. He feels nauseated and discovers some unpleasant physical circumstances: his shirt is buttoned incorrectly, his shoes are untied, his socks are folded neatly in his pants pocket, and worst of all, he has, apparently involuntarily defecated. Then he remembers being in his car while it was stopped, and trying to hide under the dashboard from a group of small, huge-eyed figures who finally pull him out of the vehicle. As these and other related traumatic memories flash into his mind, he eventually finds his car with its lights ablaze, off the road and mired in the underbrush, with no tracks leading to it through the foliage. During the first few hours of confusion he does not identify these frightening recollections and physical sequelae with the UFO phenomenon per se, but he eventually makes that connection and I learn about the case.

4. On a very cold and snowy winter day in 1979, a fourteen-year-old girl goes for a ride on her snowmobile. She recalls heading into a level field, but then her memory fades. About an hour later a neighbour

passing by sees her standing about thirty feet away from her snowmobile which is now lying on its side. He approaches her, asking if she needs help. She is clearly dazed and frightened, and the neighbour notices that she is not wearing a coat. Moments later he finds her gloves, coat and scarf neatly folded next to the overturned vehicle. She does not remember what happened. The neighbour drives her home and her step-father, a surgeon, examines her carefully for any injuries, particularly to the head. He finds nothing - no mark or sign of an accident, or even any trace of hypothermia. CAT-scans follow, as well as several other neurological tests, all negative. Equally perplexing, nothing turns up in the flat, level field which could have caused the normally stable snowmobile to fall onto its side - no skid marks, no hidden wires, holes, rocks etc. The girl recovers quickly but begins to suffer from a recurring nightmare in which she finds herself standing immobile beside the overturned vehicle as a group of small, shadowy figures approach.



In 1988 this same young woman is returning from a party near Washington D.C., with a fellow student. They approach a deserted warehouse/factory area and come upon what they both recognise as a six-car pile-up of wrecked vehicles. The lights of all vehicles are blazing, but the scene is totally deserted. There are no police, no spectators, no drivers, no passengers, no sounds, no emergency lights, no flares. They drive past this strange tableau without stopping and without even thinking they should report the accident. (They assume it must have just occurred.) The young woman arrives home inexplicably late, musing on the oddness of the scene they had passed and their uncharacteristic indifference to the plight of any possibly injured people. Eventually the young woman reads Intruders and writes to me about her snowmobile accident and subsequent dreams; it will be many months before she mentions the odd six-car pile-up witnessed by her friend as well as herself. Neither young woman, nor anyone in either family, initially think of either of these events as connected in any way with the UFO phenomenon.

5. In April of 1961, a young second lieutenant is driving from New Jersey to Fort Jackson, S.C.. Somewhere in North Carolina he realises that he has only about a quarter tank of gas, and resolves to stop for fuel in the next town. He slows to a stop as someone assumes he is a policeman flags him down: he is instructed to turn left and detour down a dirt road. He obeys, and as he drives down the narrow, dark lane, his car lights go out and the motor dies - yet his car continues on its own to move forward and to rise in the air. The terrified officer begins to pray, and in what he perceives as an instant later he awakens in a hotel room, lying fully clothed on top of the bed. He rushes down to the front desk and finds that the motel is just outside the gates to Fort Jackson. Completely bewildered, he goes to the parking lot and locates his car, which, he discovers, still shows one quarter of a tank on the gas gauge, and about the same mileage reading as he saw the night before on the odometer. The officer decides he must have been drugged by the military in some kind of esoteric training experiment, and that his car was shipped down to its present location on a flat bed truck. For this reason he tells no-one except his wife about this "impossible" military exercise - a theory he abandons reluctantly after weeks of consideration. It will be another twenty years before he associates this experience with the UFO phenomenon; he hears a radio program on which periods of missing time are being discussed and contacts me.

6. In the spring and summer of 1989, a married couple in northern California becomes troubled by their four-year-old daughter's frequent nightmares, in which she describes "monsters", small, black-eyed figures who come into her room at night "through the wall" and carry her off

with them. The child's mother, uniformed about the UFO abduction phenomenon, tries to assure her daughter that she was only dreaming, despite the child's claim that the monsters are real. The most frightening moment for the parents comes when they are awakened one night by their daughter's screams from the front yard. The father unbolts the door and rushes outside. The little girl stands there terrified, telling the parents through her tears that the monsters with the huge black eyes took her outside and into a "round thing" in the yard; they put her on a table and pressed a needle into her. To her father the most unnerving aspect of this event is the fact that when he searches the house he finds no unlocked windows, and each of the doors, like the front, is securely bolted from the inside. There is simply no way the child can have gone outside. In talking about this traumatic and impossible event with friends, the girl's mother first learns about similar reports which are allegedly connected with the UFO phenomenon. This disturbing information leads her finally to relate her child's story to me when I visit the city in which the family resides.

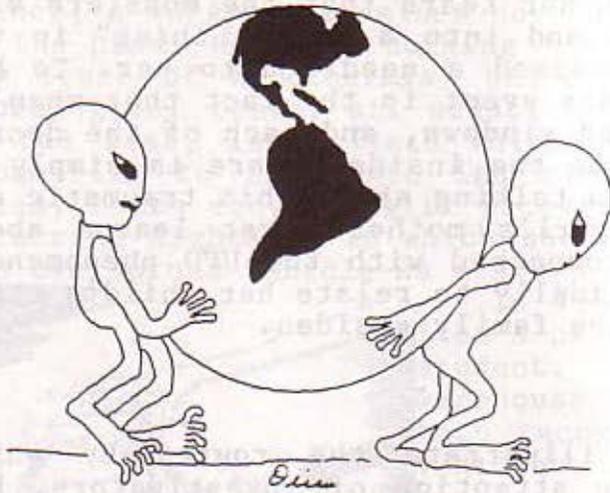
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These six examples from my files illustrate the routes by which suspected abduction cases come to the attention of investigators, but more importantly they illustrate exactly the circumstances and details which comprise an individual's initial report. Obviously, these details are either the result of fantasy and self-delusion or are accurate accounts of what the percipients feel has happened to them. The first five of my examples have been thoroughly investigated. (The sixth, involving a very young child, by necessity rests upon a parent's testimony, and so it will not be included in this analysis). These five cases involve a total of twelve witnesses. All the details I've related were remembered normally; hypnosis is not an issue. All five reports include periods of missing time and "impossible" or illogical physical dislocations. All involve inarguable signs of trauma. In only one case is an actual UFO sighting involved, and only one (different) report includes a clearly recollected group of "aliens". Just one of the five reports was initially characterized as a "UFO case" by the witnesses, none of whom were well-informed about the abduction phenomenon at the time of their encounters.

Since the history of public awareness of UFO abductions is crucial to the viability of all psycho-social theories of the phenomenon, an exact chronology is essential. The first American abduction report became publicly known in 1966, but seven years would pass before a second such case would be featured by the media⁵. In 1975 a third abduction report became known and a made-for-TV movie on the subject appeared, but it was not until the late eighties that such events were seen by the public in somewhat familiar detail⁶. In this context it is highly significant that one of my five examples predates even the first publicly known abduction case and another predates the second, 1973 incident. A third example, from 1974, still predates the TV movie and any detailed general public awareness of UFO abductions, and the other two cases I recount predate both of my books on the subject. Thus, any theory of the UFO abduction phenomenon must deal with the fact that these reports (among thousands of others) arose prior to any general public knowledge of the abduction scenario and its sequence of detail. To make this point absolutely clear, all five of these bizarre events were described to other people - family members, friends, etc. - at the time they first occurred, i.e. in 1961, '68, '74, and so on - and in none was an abduction experience suspected. In each case that suspicion surfaced later - days, months, years, even decades later.

Beyond argument these reports cannot be considered artifacts of "belief in UFOs" or the products of folkloristic contamination by

material absorbed from various 1980s UFO books and TV programs. As we have seen, the perplexing incidents which make up these reports are physical; they deal with the hard-edged kingdom of objects and sites, not the misty land of inward musing and fantasy. All five cases describe genuine trauma, confusion, clear cut periods of missing time, and "impossible" dislocations experienced by the witnesses.



(Similar accounts of vehicular dislocation, it should be mentioned, do not occur in movies and books until decades after these witnesses first reported them). Anyone wishing to theorise about the UFO abduction phenomenon as fact or fantasy must begin with an explanation of the details contained in these initial reports. Obviously, any theory of UFO abductions must satisfactorily account for the material I have just elucidated - or be discarded. For the record it should be mentioned that hypnosis was

eventually used in my five sample cases to help the witnesses recall the unremembered portions of their encounters, and to explore other UFO incidents not included - or recalled - in their initial reports. From the outset and throughout their investigation, these five cases have conformed to the patterns present in hundreds of others I've explored; they are in no way remarkable.

Having established the initial requirements for theorising about the nature of UFO abduction phenomenon, let us now consider the types of evidence which support the least tortuous, least convoluted explanation of these reports. That is, of course, the idea that these thousands of credible people are simply relating what actually happened to them. Sometimes the shortest distance between two points is actually a straight line.

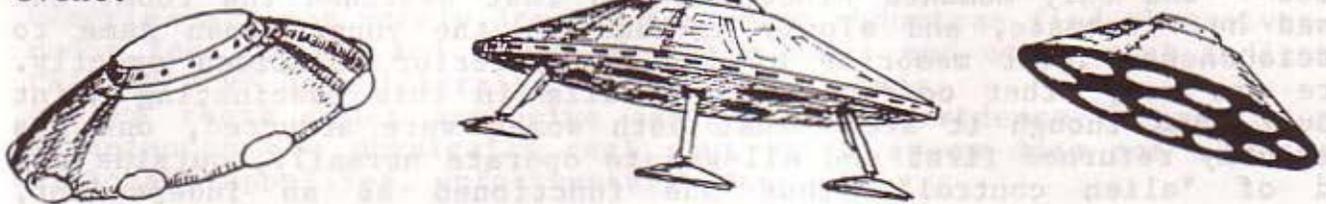
1. EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY OF AN OBSERVED ABDUCTION

On Jan. 3 1979, in a rural area of southern Florida, Filiberto Cardena, a male friend and the man's wife and teenage daughter were driving home from a trip to some local farms. When their car inexplicably stopped, Cardenas and the driver stepped out to lift the hood to check the battery cables. All four saw a blinding light shoot down in front of them, accompanied by a buzzing sound. Cardenas was lifted up and out of sight as the two female passengers in the back seat of the car screamed in terror. The three stunned survivors reported the abduction to the police, Roughly an hour and a half later, Cardenas was found dazed and confused some sixteen miles away from the place where he had been lifted up into the sky. He was hospitalised with physical symptoms similar to those reported since in other abduction cases (pain in the legs, vision problems, an abrasion and so forth). Hypnosis subsequently revealed details both typical and atypical of such abduction accounts, but centrally important is the eyewitness testimony of an abduction seen independently by non-abductees with clear, normal recall.

2. CIRCUMSTANTIAL EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY

This type of corroborating testimony involves the witness's observing pre- or post-abduction details which are highly suggestive, though not absolutely conclusive. To make this more subtle point as clear as possible I will cite three different examples:

In the summer of 1983 in Indianapolis, Kathie Davis underwent a UFO abduction when a small craft landed on her property. At approximately the same time as the abduction a neighbour saw a brilliant flash of light through the trees, emanating from the place the UFO had apparently rested, according to the ground traces which were subsequently observed. Immediately after the flash the neighbour heard a loud roar approaching her house; the lights flickered, there was a power outage, and then all was still as the lights came back on spontaneously; no fuses were blown and no circuit breakers had been tripped. The neighbour immediately informed her husband, when he arrived home that evening, of the frightening sequence of events; weeks later the two neighbours talked about their experiences and discovered the exact coincidence of time and event.



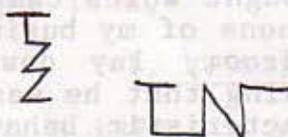
In October 1990, an intelligent, well-trained medical doctor was involved in a serious, personal conversation with his friend and house-guest, another physician. Though the hour was early, the guest abruptly interrupted the conversation, announced he was sleepy and immediately left the room to retire. The host watched his friend leave, feeling uneasy about the uncharacteristic behaviour he had just observed. After a while he heard, just outside the house, a whirring turbine-like sound which, in his phrase "chilled him to the bone." - yet he was absolutely unable to bring himself to look outside for the source of the noise. Then after a small indeterminate sound in the house caught his attention, he turned and saw, in a virtually subliminal glimpse, a diminutive, large-eyed creature moving through the room. The doctor who happens to be trained in psychiatry, found himself unable to do any of the things he wanted to do: investigate, go to help his friend, sound the alarm, or whatever. He had only one strong thought which came into his mind as if emanating from elsewhere: "This is none of my business." He finally stood up, went directly to his bedroom, lay down and instantly went to sleep. It was not until the morning that he was able to think clearly about his own completely uncharacteristic behaviour. His house-guest, as later investigation suggested, had been the sole target of the abductors, and was, indeed, taken that night. The most important thing to be remembered about this example is that a trained medical professional witnessed what turned out to be preliminary incidents in the abduction of another physician by UFO occupants. Over and over again, non-abductee witnesses in other UFO abduction cases have described what seems to be the temporary, external control of their behaviour; it seems the UFO occupants can do whatever is necessary to make sure potential witnesses to an abduction do not interfere with their operations. So, despite the importance of the witness's observation of an "alien" figure in this case, it is almost as significant that a mature physician, thoroughly trained in psychiatry, personally experienced the efficacy of apparently external, anomalous control over his own reactions and behaviour.

A third example of this kind of second party circumstantial testimony involves two young women, first cousins and recent college graduates, in Houston, Texas. They shared a two-bedroomed apartment, and late at night one of the young women awoke with the sensation of having been dropped from a few inches above her bed. Within moments she remembered - clearly - having just been inside a spacecraft; the memory was dreamlike but extraordinarily vivid. She recalled seeing small, black-eyed figures, a group of whom were carrying out some kind of physical procedure on her

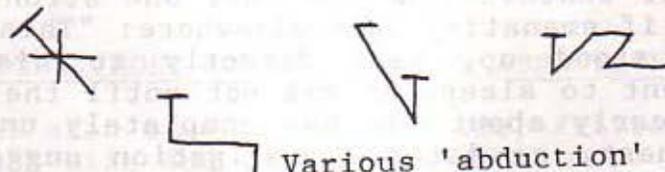
naked room mate who lay stretched out on a metallic table. Alarmed by the realism of her "dream", she went into her friend's bedroom to check on her condition. She was shocked to find the room empty, though both young women had retired hours ago. The window was closed and locked, the bathroom unoccupied. Now, thoroughly disturbed, she unbolted the front door and went outside to look for her roommate's car; it was exactly where it should have been, in the parking lot behind the building. She returned to their apartment and again searched for her friend. The bedroom was still empty so she decided she must inform the police. As she picked up the receiver and began to dial she heard a moan from her roommate's quarters. Rushing in, she found the missing woman face down on the bed, naked, her head at the foot of the bed and her feet on the pillow - and only moments since she had last searched the room. She roused her roommate, and slowly, gradually, the young woman came to consciousness. Their memories of the UFO interior coincided exactly. There are many other corroborative details in this fascinating joint account, and though it seems that both women were abducted, one was apparently returned first and allowed to operate normally, outside and kind of "alien control". Thus she functioned as an independent, circumstantial witness during that time period.

3. CONGRUENCY OF DETAIL IN UFO ABDUCTION ACCOUNTS

It should be no surprise to anyone that when an abduction involves more than a single individual - and there are apparently thousands of multiple abductions - the witnesses' descriptions corroborate one another. This is true even when the incidents are investigated separately, in different localities, years after they occurred, with the use of regressive hypnosis and with different investigators involved in the research. But the most important corroborative details are those small, unpublished descriptions which investigators carefully save and store. For instance, I maintain a secret file of what might be called notational symbols - numbers, letters, whatever - that dozens of witnesses have reported seeing in and on UFOs during their abductions. I



Alien Symbols -



Various 'abduction' sources

have shown examples of the two basic, closely related systems to a few very trusted colleagues; all have been astounded at the similarity - even identity - of these recollected symbols. But since these symbols operate as a means of testing the validity of new cases, I still cannot make this area of evidence public. This is indeed unfortunate because these notational systems provide evidence that undeniably places corroborating abductee testimony beyond the realm chance.

Another specific example arises from the thousands of reports of physical examinations conducted during UFO abductions. It is highly significant that in no abduction report I've seen has a witness ever mentioned that the UFO occupants were curious about the one organ most central to our own thoughts about human anatomy - the human heart. Alien interest in the lower abdomen and the genitals is almost universally described, as well as procedures involving the head and nasal cavity. But never - never - the heart. Surely, if fantasy were at all involved in these reports we would be hearing frequently about alien "ECGs" and the like, since we, ourselves, are so naturally preoccupied with this one vital organ. The fact this has never yet occurred in thousands of abduction reports proves once again that fantasy cannot be the creative factor in these accounts. Folklore, fantasy, dreams: these cover a

limitless spectrum. The specific events actually reported do not; they consistently remain within the narrow range of actual, felt experience.

Short questions, short answers:

1. Do physical traces accompany UFO experiences? Yes. Ground traces of affected soil where the craft have landed abound, as well as physical scars of two highly specific patterns on the bodies of abductees.
2. When people report abduction experiences, are they physically missing from their homes/cars/bedrooms, etc.? Yes. I have dozens of cases in which people who were literally missing were searched for during these "missing time" UFO experiences.
3. When people awaken in bed and remember having been abducted and taken outside, is there ever any evidence that this is so, and that the memories are not merely dreams? Yes. Many abductees find themselves with muddy feet, grass and leaves in their beds, and other such indications that they've been literally outside their homes.
4. Are there other extensive categories of evidence suggesting these experiences are physically real, but which space does not allow us to elaborate upon? Yes, unfortunately. Many.

Notes & References

1. The UFO abduction literature includes many carefully investigated cases from such widely separated places as Italy, the Soviet Union, Brazil and Great Britain. In three particular abduction cases the surprising similarity of these reports can be seen, for example, in the precisely matching descriptions of landed UFOs' heights and diameters, the arrangement and type of their landing gear, the position of their doors and ramps, and the location of their external lights. One of these abductions took place on the island of Martha's Vineyard, one in Mindalore, South Africa, and the third in Indianapolis, Indiana.
2. "The Final Report on the Psychological Testing of UFO Abductees," by Bloecher, Clamar, Hopkins, available from FUFOR, P.O. Box 277, Mt. Rainier, Md. 20712.
3. E.G. The first known UFO abduction reported to the FBI is dealt with in an internal FBI memo dated Jan. 17, 1967. Six years later, in 1973, Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker reported their abductions to both the Air Force and a local Sheriff's office instead of the FBI - not an accessible or highly visible presence in the town of Pascagoula, Mississippi. I can personally attest to the fact that at least a dozen abduction cases were officially reported to the FBI in 1987, to no avail. For public consumption the FBI states - as do the Air Force and other official agencies - that it has no curiosity about such reports. This well-publicized position has meant, to no-one's surprise, a decline in the number of abduction cases reported recently to Federal agencies.
4. I have received thousands of responses to my books in which I specifically asked people to write if they had had such experiences.
5. The Betty and Barney Hill case was the first widely publicised abduction case, described in a Look magazine article in the fall of 1966 and in a slightly later book by John Fuller, The Interrupted Journey, Dial Press, 1966. The second such case, involving Hickson and Parker, was widely reported by the news media in 1973.
6. The made for TV version of was entitled The UFO Incident, and the 1975 abduction cases that made the headlines involved the five-day witnesses disappearance of Travis Walton in Snowflake, Arizona.
7. For an interesting account of this well known case, see Second Look magazine, July/August, 1980.
8. Hopkins, Intruders, pp.38-68. Davis and her neighbour recalled their experiences spontaneously, though Kathie's were later refreshed through the process of regressive hypnosis.
9. Author's personal files./ 10. Author's personal files. So far, no hypnosis has been attempted in this case.

Twinkles

The usual crop circle claptrap has been published this year with most of the circle lovers muttering on about earth energies, mandelbrot sets and other strange maths - a case of when in doubt invoke more things you don't understand (funny really that most of the people involved in worshipping crop-circles probably need an abacus to do their shopping but will talk about New Physics and advanced maths as though they actually understood it). I suggest that people interested in a realistic overview of the summer's circles and pretty shapes gets a copy of Paul Fuller's The Crop Watcher (3, Selborne Court, Tavistock Close, Romsey, Hants. SO51 7TY - the best circles mag) as all I can do really is take the piss out of the confused and bewildered people who think they are anything other than natural phenomena and hoaxes.

The hoax factor was brought to a head when two characters, Doug & Dave to be exact, revealed that they had hoaxed a great many circles. Pat Delgado initially went along with their claims although got his wagons in a circle later and tried to wiggle out of it.



"Any sign of the blighter who's making circles in my cornfield?"

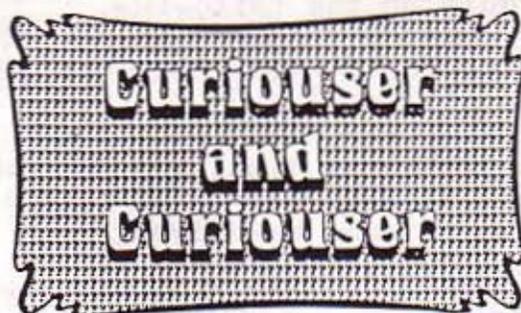
The fact is simply that both the Meaden and Delgandrews camp have been tricked by these two delightful chappies and no matter how Meaden alters his theories or Andgado thinks up new ideas the crop circle goose is cooked. This nail was driven home in the TV prog Equinox (27 Oct.) which droned on and on about opposing world views of phenomena etc but finally got to the nub when some guys from the Wessex sceptics hoaxed a circle and invited Busty Taylor and Meaden to examine it. Both said it was the real thing! We rest our case. But they missed a gem of a chance to really blow the whole thing out of the water. Busty Taylor was shown 'dowsing' a crop circle. Totally far out and groovy. The energies were strong and his rods were twirling like good 'uns. His rods twirled equally when he 'dowsed' the fake circle AND THE BLOODY STUPID TV PEOPLE DIDN'T PICK UP ON IT. They should have grilled him alive. Incidentally next time your're in a crop field with a dowser, spin him round a few times and ask the poor sap to do it with his/her eyes closed! Then you'll see the reality of dowsing. ie none. Make the suckers prove it.

I'm afraid this program showed too many people with open minds from which their brains had long since dribbled away. Even the most belief ridden of you must be able to see that given the progression through the '80s from simple to complicated pattern and given the historical record, that some circles are meteorological produced (the simple ones) and the rest are hoaxed.

The past ten years parallels the last 40 odd years of ufology perfectly. Initial misperception into myth-creation into refusal to believe alternate explanations into hints of government interference etc until the whole thing is so embedded in itself, so closed and self-perpetuating that even when hoaxers freely admit and demonstrate their craft, it can't be them because, well it just can't.

Remember pilgrims that in a scene such has arisen round circles people have friendships built on it, social networks have formed, people have put themselves right out on the line and it's just GOT TO BE REAL

for them, because if it isn't, well many of them just aren't going to be able to cope. Therapy time. Check up from the neck up.



Interpretations continue to abound as to what the 'messages' mean and rose to new and dizzy heights this summer when a character called Jon Eric Beckjord appeared in various US journal with 'the answer' to crop circles. What is it you coo? Well they're all some kind of language - obvious really. Naturally this was revealed to Jon Eric as he "sat in the 35 degree cold on a remote California hill top watching for UFOs to emerge from a secret aerospace company plant..."..... Like you do.

The language is known as 'Tifinag' and was first worked out by Barry Fell a scholar and author of Bronze Age America, who used it in his investigations of runic carvings and petroglyphs in North America. Fine, but what's it got to do with crop circles? Well, Eric has interpreted some of this years circles using Tifinag and we get messages such as "This is the place of the serpent" (Hazeley Farm, Hants); "This is a dangerous place to camp" (Barn Field, Hants); "Thor-God of thunder" (nr. Avebury, Wilts) and "Spurting out upon" (same location). I'm a bit worried about the "spurting out upon" message but otherwise it's all just the sort of thing you'd expect aliens to waste their time doing.

The aliens who are doing this, according to Beckjord, aren't the same as us; "The things we care about they don't care about. We want money, power, love, sex....The aliens appear... to often want 'higher' things..being kind to one another." etc etc ad bloody nauseum. Hello trees hello sky. So aliens don't shag? Pull the other one matey. And of course in Erik's universe the aliens are prophetic (oh yeah they're prophetic alright but they can't even write small, and it's only in recent years they've got round to the joined up stuff. Teacher will be letting them use a biro next!). Don't carp, he means it maaan. Of the last message he says "Taking these last three, we may have an alien-logic warning of the war that was to begin in a week in Kuwait-the invasion of Saddam Hussein". Yes, well, that's quite enough from you I think Erik. But before we leave him and just to show how fair we are here's a sample of what he's on about. No, on seconds thoughts it's such a stupid theory we aren't going to waste the space.

Perceptive and learned readers in the subject will have realised by now that Erik appears to be receiving channelled messages in the alien language known as 'BoloX' and is relaying them verbatim. (Info in this section from UFO magazine 1536 S. Robertson Blvd, L.A. CA 90035 -good mag).

A far more plausible set of options for crop circle creation was given a while ago in the magazine Chaos International, so I nicked it, adapted it, here it is. (Chaos International can be obtained from BM Sorcery, London, WC1N 3XX at £3.00 and is highly recommended by me.)

WEIRD SCIENCE

CORN CIRCLES. Weird eh? But as Holmes observed to Watson, when one has eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth. I have managed to narrow it down to five possibilities. What Ladbrokes are offering is as yet unknown, but I

would venture a couple of quid on the following.

- a) This is unfortunately an Einsteinian universe. Aliens make epic thousand year voyages across the awesome interstellar voids, merely to leave graffiti in our food. 110 to 1.
- b) Telluric Energy. Gaia, the Earth Mother, is pissed off with the works of man; and who could blame her for that, the Channel Tunnel must have hurt like hell. Thus she leaves graffiti in our food, so that hordes of new-agers will come and trample the rest down, thus starving us all to death. 50 to 1.
- c) This is a Douglas Adams Hitchhiker's universe. Every Saturday night aliens all over the universe borrow their father's saucers and tear round the galaxy, stopping at primitive planets to play pranks, such as leaving graffiti in our food. 33 to 1.
- d) The chequerboard wheatfields of south-west England are regularly used for the annual Nxfbzma tournament by a race of 100 km high invisible giants, the Knzxp, who also inhabit this planet, unbeknown to all but a small circle of initiates, who meet to drink a few pints of LSD whilst listening to old Hawkwind LPs twice a week. The Nxfbzma pieces, although several kilometres high, normally pass unnoticed, being composed, like their makers, of spin-polarized anti-neutrinos, morphogenetically stabilized in phase-shifted ten dimensional Hilbert Space. But occasionally pieces leave marks on the board when slammed down during particularly acrimonious checkmates by excitable players. 10 to 1.
- e) Seven or eight crystal-crazed New Age fanatics with a van, a stick and piece of rope are conspiring the forty-third re-launch of the Age of Aquarius. 5 to 4 on favourite.

ORCHIDS IN UFOLOGY - THE TRUTH

A bit more gossip. Remember Henry Azadahel - the character who was in YUFOS/QUEST's gang of happy pilgrims until they all fell out and Henry did a guest appearance at the Old Bailey for international orchid smuggling? You do? Well strange chap that he was old Henry evidently had all his chairs at home and like any Good ufologist when he falls out with someone he likes to dish-the dirt. In a long article he has been sending to various journal editors he rips apart Tim Good's book Alien Liaison, and in particular the chapter that rambles on about Bob Oechsler. Not to mention throwing in some YUFOS secrets and one or two other enlightening items. It's too long to print here, and too boring in parts anyway, but nice letters in a slightly begging tone to the editor, with a sae and a £1 coin, might just get you a copy. But then again it might not. Old Henry, in an effort to disguise his identity, has written the article from a Box no. and under the pseudonym 'Armen Victorian' - but we know who he is and where he lives.



Speaking of YUFOS, I attended the recent YUFOS Cash Crop Circle Conference in September for a bit of a laugh and, heavily disguised as a man with his leg in a pot and tongue in his cheek, this is what I saw. Lots of gullible fools parting with their money,..... no, no, no. This was real, grass roots ufology conducted with all the swish and verve of a time-share sales office. So let's enter the wibbly wobbly worldview that YUFOS have on ufology and have a look. 100s of others did and tho' it wasn't as well attended as the IUN/BUFORA Sheffield extravaganza plenty people were there and they wanted to know just what was going on.

Tim Good must have had a particularly dodgy bacon sandwich that morning as he seemed curiously obsessed with cattle mutilations. His new book Alien Liaison was understandably a topic of interest to him and his talk will have boosted sales somewhat. Sad really that much of it is currently being disproved by, believe it or not, American ufologists.

Tony Dodd managed to talk utter nonsense for far too long about the alleged South Africa UFO crash. A man with a long shepherds crook was definitely needed here. We spilled the beans on that a few issues back and have an in-depth article by woman on the spot, Cynthia Hind, in a future issue. Sadly only YUFOS and a family of small priarie dogs living in the Yemeni desert now take this 'crash' seriously, and that's only because they've painted themselves so far into a corner with it that they will look pretty damned silly if they changed their minds (YUFOS, not the dogs).

Tony now believes that as a result of his ace investigation he will be assassinated if he goes to certain countries such as France and South Africa! Although quite why his putative assassins can't do it here he didn't explain. Perhaps they haven't got passports, or just don't like travel! Nice to be wanted though.

Questions like how you fit a bloody big saucer under a helicopter for transport and the problems inherent in fitting a Thor Laser Cannon into a fighter plane (they are only designed for bombers due to their size) didn't stop Tony's flights of fancy and in the end I thoroughly understood why his life would be at risk if he travelled abroad.

Tim Good was in full effect throughout, groovy chick on his arm and chatting away to the public whenever he could, spreading the gospel. He was overheard telling someone, in answer to the question "What do you think of the crop circles?", "Aliens, it's the aliens." Whether this referred to the crop circle makers or those who make money out of them wasn't quite revealed, but it all added to the mystery.

Circle fanciers (croppies?) Morecambe and Wise, sorry Delgado and Andrews, stood up later and double-acted their way through a 'believers guide to why they can't be natural' look at the circles. Strangely, for people who don't believe they are hoaxes, the dynamic duo seemed over-concerned with the activities of the two elderly hoaxers Doug n' Dave. The Delgandrews seemed to think they and other cereal lovers were being 'set up' in some way and the dark taint of mysterious government forces was never far from inference in their talk.

The audience was well impressed though and we had to fight past throngs of kneeling acolytes offering prayers to Gaia ("Please O Great Mummy Don't Let Them Be Hoaxes"). Wafers of weetabix made from corn taken from circles were handed out and communion with mystic forces was joined. The crowd were by now in a trance - bullshit detectors had long since overloaded and were jammed so it seemed the only thing they could to relieve the tension was - yes you guessed it - spend some more money!

Just when we thought we couldn't stand/spend any more and were ready to move on Whitehall en-masse to expose the chicanary that obviously exists at a high level, it ended. Graham Birdsall stood on the stage and in true political party style brought the conference to a rousing end with a short speecn about how the "debunkers, Adrian Berry's and Jenny Randles' of this world had to look out because....., 'We Mean Business'" the slogan was chanted out and also appeared behind him on a slide. Subliminal or what? But what sort of business? - Monkey business? Funny business? No, course not. From the sales of books and associated tat I know exactly what sort of business he means. We goose-stepped out into the warm evening air, feeling refreshed and considerably lighter in the pocket department, but confident in the knowledge that British ufology was safe in the hands of YUFOS. As we manoeuvred the saucer out of the NCP car-park the YUFOS executive went past arm in arm chanting "All in for paranoid fantasies about UFOs and the government". Or was it all a dream? Maybe.

So look after yourself Tony on those mean streets- it's a jungle out there and, as it rightly says in Skycrash "Bullets come cheap".

Contactee Corner

(Eds note: We get this sort of stuff sent from time to time. Of course we don't believe a word of it but on the grounds that often today's contactee rambling is tomorrow's UFO orthodoxy we're giving the Frog People space on the IUN lily-pad. Please remember that whoever sent this in believes it, and read with the appropriate respect. Ribit)

Trinity spoke to me about a race of people in the next solar system to ours, in a similar galaxy.

While he was talking there was another voice also talking to him. I asked who was that and He said, "People in the next solar system to you". Being human I knew there was life on other planets but not what, how or who.

Trinity said to talk to them while He listened to what I would say. I asked who they were and he said they could not hear me but can communicate through thought so I spoke with my mind and immediately I had a response. I found out that they are a race of people God created about the same time he created us.

They are far more advanced than us and travel throughout their solar system and sometimes mine.

They are banned from any contact with us because of what happened last time they came.

They often send expeditions to Eden (that's what they call this planet and they call us Edenites) to see how we are coming on.

They told me they had lost two ships recently by being over enthusiastic with our progress (they had been shot down by fighter 'planes).

They did not retaliate because it is forbidden to enter the atmosphere of Eden unless invited.

They are waiting for us to be changed so that we can take our rightful place in the universe and rule it.

For we are the Sons of God as spoke about in their Book of Promises.

I am given to understand that the universe is in such a state that we are needed, and the people of the universe are crying out for the promised Sons of God to heal and rule the warring planets with compassion and understanding.

At this point Trinity spoke and told me to name the people in this solar system. He showed me there appearance in a vision and I named the The Frog People because they are exact replica's of the frog but are taller and walk upright.

After this talk I invited them to talk face to face with me and formally invited them to take whatever measures they need to protect themselves from the forces of man on this planet.

But at this point Trinity said I can meet and talk with them but I must not leave this solar system with them, not until time comes to an end and He has given me my new body.

I have been given the knowledge to build a transmitter to contact the Frog People but I do not understand the technology involved.

Merry Christmas!!

This is the last issue before Christmas so may I wish you all from myself and the IUN team a Cool Yule and a fantastic 1992. We hope it's good for you. So mind how you go and watch out for those bloody Frog People!
