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*We have had many requests over the last few years from readers anxious to buy a copy of the seminal book THE HUMANOIDS, first published in 1969. It was edited by Charles Bowen, with contributions from Aimé Michel, Jacques Vallée (France), Gordon Creighton, Coral Lorenzen (USA) and Antonio Ribera (Spain) — which we could not satisfy because it was long out of print.*

## OR SO WE THOUGHT

*But when we recently moved our old stranded archives right across country so that your Editor could have access to them, behold! we found a small cache of these sought-after paperbacks. Now is your chance, if you have been disappointed in the past, or if you would like a copy of the first study ever made of the aliens, which includes the full story of the Brazilian farmer, Antônio Villas-Boas. The price is £7.00, or \$15.00 including postage and packing, obtainable from FSR Publications, Ltd. PO Box 162, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 5DZ*

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# NEW AGE: NEW WORLD ORDER.

**I**n August 1914 Britain's Foreign Secretary Lord Grey murmured: "*All over Europe the lights are going out. When will they come on again?*"

We are far beyond that point now and, all over our world, all standards, all decencies, are falling like the autumn leaves. A downhill rush, a veritable *dégringolade* as the French say.

And it is all astutely masterminded. AHRIMAN is riding high. There is a plan for the destruction of mankind. Unquestionably anybody who has studied the world's press and other media has got to admit that some of our chaps here rate near the top among the scum-skunks and cloaca-spreaders of the nations.

*("Go for the Royals, boys! It worked well in Russia in 1917, and it'll work again here now!")*

Nothing else would bring the entire fabric down so fast.

Every form of violence flourishes. Mayhem and murder, rape and mutilation of helpless women and children - all cunningly stimulated by the demonic mind-bending scourge of drugs.

*("Sicily and Colombia are in the bag already. Italy tomorrow!")*

And then who next, I wonder?

Our governing circles stand like petrified rabbits hypnotized by the stoat, and (except for a few courageous American states) unable to extirpate the evil. (Maybe they perceive that it won't be long until the criminals form the majority. Their votes will be useful then.)

I recall how, in China, I used to watch the soldiers of the Nationalist Government shooting or beheading the drug-pushers. One swipe of the *da dao*, 大刀, and the head was neatly off.

(And I never heard of a single one of them being caught at it again) ■

## THE BATTLE AGAINST SPIRITUAL POWERS OF HINDRANCE

© by DAN LLOYD

The name of Dan Lloyd will be very familiar to many of our older readers, because he aided Charles Bowen splendidly, in the capacity of Assistant Editor of FSR, for no less than nine years (1965-1974), being succeeded then by Eileen Buckle, whom our oldsters will also all remember with much affection. She carried on as our Assistant Editor of FSR from 1975 until 1978, but prior to that she had already been the Assistant Editor of our other series, FSR CASE HISTORIES, right from their inception in 1970.

Subsequently, Dan and Eileen married. They live in Surrey, and for a long time now their main activities have been centred upon the work of the British branch of the Anthroposophical Society, founded by the remarkable teacher and seer Dr. Rudolf Steiner. Eileen is still the editor of a journal, as she now produces the Society's excellent ANTHROPOSOPHY TODAY.

I myself have long been greatly interested in the ideas of Steiner, but some of what he has to say is pretty difficult to understand (especially in his decidedly individual style of German, some of which I reproduced in FSR a few years ago).

Peculiarly difficult to grasp, I felt, were Steiner's most unusual views about the *dual nature* of these Dark Forces that work against Mankind. So I asked Dan if he would be good enough to write this special article for the benefit of FSR readers. In view of the rapid development of catastrophic events here, I feel sure that the article will be of interest to everyone! EDITOR.

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**T**here has been much discussion in the pages of FSR about the existence of powers whose activities are believed to be inimical to the wellbeing of mankind. For some, speculation has turned on the possibility that UFOs are connected in some way with these hostile powers, while others see the same phenomena as bound up with beings who are beneficent, or at least neutral in their intentions. All in all, it is difficult to get a clear picture as to what precisely UFOs are or in what way they are connected, if at all, with humanity. *The following observations are intended to be a contribution to this debate from the point of view of a student of Rudolf Steiner's Spiritual Science, or Anthroposophy.*

That there are powers hostile to mankind's evolution was referred to repeatedly by Rudolf Steiner in the many lectures he gave at the beginning of this century. He emphasised, however, that these powers, while "spiritual" in nature, have quite different characteristics and objectives. In fact, the evil they represent is twofold. He called these adversaries *Lucifer* and *Ahriman*.

#### THE SECRET

This secret about the double nature of evil was known in the Mystery Schools of Antiquity and was expressed in a cloak of picturesque mythology for the people of that time — for example in the Greek image of Scylla and Charybdis, perils that lurk in wait for the unwary seafarer. German mythology expresses the two sides of evil in Loki and the Midgard serpent, in opposition to the Fenris wolf and Hel.

Alfred Schütze, a Christian Community priest, wrote a short but profoundly illuminating book called *The Enigma of Evil* (Floris Books, 1978) in which he points out that, while the New Testament does not explicitly expound the polar relationship between the two forces of evil and the good, it does make clear, in differentiating between *Diabolos* and *Satanas*, that evil has to be seen as a *duality*. The divergences that occur in the temptation scene, where Matthew and Luke use the word *Diabolos* whereas Mark speaks of *Satanas*, was explained by Rudolf Steiner as a double assault by Lucifer and Ahriman. The desire to accept all the kingdoms of this world is an assault by Lucifer (*Diabolos*) and the suggestion to turn stones into bread is an attack by Ahriman (*Satanas*). The challenge to leap from the pinnacle of the tower is a combined attack by both powers.

#### ADAM AND EVE

The Book of Genesis records how Adam and Eve were first approached by the Serpent (the Luciferic power), who conferred on them the free-

dom to distinguish between good and evil. We can see from this that Lucifer had a role within human evolution permitted by the Godhead. A profound mystery lies behind this story in the Bible, which should not be interpreted in a trivial way as though Adam and Eve were like two children tempted by a toffee apple. Underlying the pictorial language is an indication of how humanity, sinless until that time, was inoculated by the cosmic power of Lucifer, as a consequence of which it, humanity, first became attached to the physical world. Humanity's evolution on Earth really began from that time and Lucifer's role in bringing this about must be seen as a legitimate one, permitted by the guiding powers behind this evolution in order that mankind could gradually achieve its freedom. Implicit in this evolution is, of course, the freedom to reject the guidance of the higher spiritual powers themselves, for it would be no freedom at all if humanity was kept on leading strings and denied the possibility of falling into error.

#### THE AHRIMANIC AND LUCIFERIAN AGES

In the course of evolution the Ahrimanic power repeatedly alternated with the Luciferic one in bringing influences to bear on humanity. In characterising the age of ancient Greece as showing more the Luciferic influence in its art and philosophy, while ancient Rome strongly revealed the characteristics of Ahriman in its lust for power, Rudolf Steiner repeatedly emphasised that these twin powers of evil are working to this day in humanity. *Now, however, a decisive shift of balance has occurred, especially since the 19th century. Whereas formerly Lucifer had an ascendancy in his influence on mankind, now Ahriman is striving to gain for himself the utmost power over humanity.* What, then, is the crucial distinction between these two cosmic spiritual powers? And how do they work on humanity?

The Luciferic influence and the Ahrimanic work like a pendulum, for the duality of evil is closely bound up with man's own nature. Contrary to the Church decree which formally abolished the spirit in AD 869\*, thus paving the way for the present age of materialism, the human being is a *triune* entity, composed of *body, soul and spirit*. On the one hand the soul shares the life of the body, receiving through the sense organs impressions of the earthly plane. On the other hand the soul opens itself to a higher spiritual world and thus partakes in a religious life. The soul constantly swings between these two poles of its being, striving to find the right harmony between them. It is precisely here, in this striving for a healthy balance between these two tendencies, that the twin forces of evil find their point of attack. To quote Alfred Schütze:

"The one tempter's goal is to fasten a man's atten-



tion entirely upon his necessary preoccupation with earthly matters and to keep him from illuminating the earth with the light of the spirit. He is to become totally bound to material existence and in this bondage to forget his spiritual origin. The other tempter seeks the opposite, wishing to fill the soul with the urge towards a self-sufficient, exclusively spiritual life. This force gives the soul a desire to be detached from earthly duties and responsibilities, to live in an egotistical yearning for bliss, hearing nothing of earthly troubles and tasks. A man's severance from the spiritual and bondage to the material is the goal of the one tempter: his separation from earthly existence and lapse into a nebulous, unrealistic spirituality antagonistic to earth, is the aim of the other seducer. The first would drag him down to the level of a animal-man, content with the dull satisfaction of physical needs: the latter would make him the caricature of an angel, unfaithful to earth in egotistical arrogance, conceit and self-deification."

### THE "TUG-OF-WAR"

From this description it can be seen that the one power, Lucifer, strives to wrest man away from the earth while the other power, Ahriman, strives to bind him to it. In the Middle Ages the former temptation was more to the fore, when men had to grapple with superstition, witchcraft and the life of religious fanaticism. Today, it is the other adversary who is dominant, infecting people with the creed of materialism. *The real battle is thus not between good and evil but between the twin evils of Lucifer and Ahriman, with the good holding the balance between them.* It is precisely in this central region, where the good lies, that the power of Christ helps humanity to establish this equilibrium, enabling man to master the two extremes of evil and thus rise above them.

### THE THREEFOLD INFLUENCE

Here we come to a central teaching of Rudolf Steiner: historical evolution has always been subject to this threefold influence of Lucifer-Christ-Ahriman. In a lecture given on 21 November 1919, he said to members of the Anthroposophical Society:

"Let us observe the Luciferic beings and see what interest they have in cosmic existence. We shall find that their chief interest is to make the world, and above all the human world, desert the spiritual beings whom man must regard as his true creators. The Luciferic beings wish nothing more than to make the world desert the divine beings. Do not misunderstand me: it is not the prime intention of the Luciferic beings to appropriate the world to themselves... their chief aim is to make the human being forsake his own divine creator-beings, to

liberate the world from these beings.

"The Ahrimanic beings have a different aim. They have the decided intention to make the kingdom of man, and the rest of the earth, subject to their sphere of power, to make mankind dependent upon them, to get control over human beings. While it always has been — and is now — the endeavour of the Luciferic beings to make human beings desert what they can feel as the divine in themselves, the Ahrimanic beings have the tendency gradually to include mankind and everything connected with it in their sphere of power. "Thus, within our cosmos, into which we human beings are interwoven, there exists a battle between the Luciferic beings, constantly striving for freedom, universal freedom, and the Ahrimanic beings, constantly striving for everlasting power and might. This battle permeates everything in which we live..."

"If you consider this whole matter you will have to say to yourselves: I am only able to understand the world if I conceive of it in connection with the number three, *the triad*. For we have on the one hand the Luciferic, and on the other the Ahrimanic element, and in the middle the human being who, as the third element, in the state of equilibrium between the two, must feel his divine essence. We shall only arrive at an understanding of the world if we base it on this triad and become clear about the fact that human life is the scale-beam. Here is the fulcrum; on the one side the scale pan with the Luciferic element, pulling upward; on the other side the scale pan with the Ahrimanic element, pulling downward. To keep the scales in perfect balance signifies the essential being of man. Those who were initiated into such secrets of the spiritual evolution of mankind have always emphasised the fact that it is only possible to understand cosmic existence into which man is placed if it is conceived of in the sense of the triad; that it cannot be understood if it is considered on the basis of any other number. Thus we may say, employing our own terminology: we have to deal with three main factors in cosmic existence, namely: the Luciferic element, representing the one scale of the balance, the Ahrimanic element, representing the other scale of the balance, and the state of equilibrium which represents the Christ Impulse."

### AHRIMAN EVENTUALLY TO INCARNATE HERE

Earlier that same year, on 27 October, 1919, Rudolf Steiner gave a lecture entitled *The Ahrimanic Deception*, in which he spoke of an actual incarnation of Lucifer that had taken place at the beginning of the third pre-Christian millennium. This was the origin of the widespread ancient pagan wisdom that continued into the early Christian centuries as Gnostic thought until it was extirpated

by Church ordinance. Considerably more than two thousand years after the Luciferic incarnation came the incarnation of Christ who enacted the Mystery of Golgotha. This brought to civilised humanity an entirely different impulse, although its true nature could only be grasped by the remnants of the still-existing Gnostic wisdom and, when this faded, the possibility of grasping the supersensible element of the Mystery of Golgotha also faded more and more from human comprehension. Certain trends in modern theology indicate how materialistic it has become when it no longer sees the Christ in the man Jesus of Nazareth but only the 'simple man of Nazareth', stripped of his cosmic significance. The modern era of materialism is the signature of the third member of the triad, Ahriman, whose influence has been at work since the middle of the 15th century. There has gradually emerged the figure of Faust who enters into a pact with Mephistopheles. This latter is the same being as Ahriman, who became in Europe the *Devil*, in his various forms. The tendency to identify this figure with Lucifer arose not only because there was no clear idea of the distinction between Lucifer and Ahriman, but because the name Mephistopheles suggested the Devil, for the word *topel* is the same as the German term '*Teufel*' - devil. However, according to Rudolf Steiner, the word *mephiz* in the Hebrew language is used for one who *obstructs and corrupts*, and *topel* for one who *lies*. The name therefore properly belongs to a being who brings corruption and hindrances to man and is a spirit of untruth, deception and illusion — in other words, Ahriman. The influence of this being will increase in strength until an actual incarnation of Ahriman takes place among Western humanity '*before only a part of the third millennium of the post-Christian era has elapsed*'. Thus, as once there was an incarnation of Lucifer in human form in China and an incarnation of Christ in human form in Asia Minor, there will be an incarnation of Ahriman in human form in the West. And, like a mighty cosmic symbol, Christ's incarnation falls between the incarnations of the two great tempters of humanity, providing a divine fulcrum on which human evolution hinges.

#### PREPARED LONG AGO

*The impending incarnation of Ahriman has been prepared long in advance, in such a way that mankind can fall a prey to him when he appears in human form.* It is of the utmost interest to Ahriman, said Steiner, that people should steep themselves in our illusory modern science without realising that it is illusion, that it represents only one point of view, and is not an absolute truth. However, Steiner cautioned against drawing a false conclusion from what he had said. To avoid the science of the day would be 'the very falsest conclusion which could be drawn'.

He went on to say:

"We do not safeguard ourselves against Ahriman by avoiding modern science, *but by learning to know its character*. For modern science gives us an external illusion of the Universe, and we need this illusion. Do not imagine that we do not need it. Only we must fill it from quite another side with actual reality gained through spiritual research, we must rise from the illusory character to the true reality... You cannot wish to get rid of the rainbow because you know it to be an illusion of light and colour! You will not understand it if you do not realise its illusory character. But it is just the same with all that modern science gives you for your imagination of the Universe; it gives only illusions and that must be recognised. It is by educating oneself through these illusions that one arrives at the reality."

#### STRIFE AND CONFUSION BEING SOWN HERE

Not only is Ahriman working to foster this 'scientific superstition' which will chain men to the earthly, *but he is busily at work in stirring up all the emotions that split men up into small groups that mutually attack one another. All that comes from old differences of family, race, tribe, peoples, is used by Ahriman to create confusion.* Furthermore, said Steiner, a true comprehension of the Christian Gospel is no longer possible today unless it is deepened by spiritual science. The Gospel was given to those who lived in the first centuries of Christianity, and to believe that today it can give the *whole* of Christianity is a half-truth 'which befogs people and thus furnishes Ahriman with the best means of attaining the goal and the triumph of his incarnation'.

#### THE BATTLE

*The battle now being waged is for the spiritualisation of intelligence, and this spiritual battle is taking place within human consciousness. If human beings fill their consciousness only with the contents of the world perceptible to the senses, which Ahriman tempts them to believe is the sole reality, then they become the tools of demonic forces. Since evil now makes less use of passion than of circumstances uninfluenced by emotion, feverish evil (Lucifer) has been replaced by cold evil (Ahriman) and appears in an institutional form spread over external civilisation. The coldly objective desk murderers of Nazi Germany and criminals whose motives lie less in strong passion than in sober calculation show that drives and emotions have been replaced by thoughts and deliberations.*

This points to the fact that evil in its Ahrimanic form now penetrates the spiritual (thinking) realm of the human being and it has become necessary to fight against it as a fully conscious human being, whereas formerly it was sufficient to distinguish between good and Luciferic evil by feeling.

The step-by-step saturation of humanity with the Ahrimanic influence can be seen within political, administrative and bureaucratic institutions where evil can establish itself impersonally and objectively, as well as appearing through human actions. The impersonal anonymity of automation, the de-personalisation and de-humanisation of conditions of life and the levelling of existence are steps in the embodiment of the Ahrimanic spirit. Ahriman's activity can be encountered not only within every human being but in the impersonal arrangements of society. A further danger has appeared: there is an increase of cases where people say they felt prompted to do something that was actually against their own will, but felt impelled to do these particular actions as if sleep-walking and did not become fully aware of them till later. (One is reminded of Hitler's famous statement: "Ich handle mit der Sicherheit eines im Traum wandernden Mannes" ('I go the way of my destiny with all the assurance of a sleep-walker.').) That demons were present in power in Nazi Germany and were temporarily able to take possession of human souls can hardly be denied. In the state of possession it is not the person's inmost self that thinks, speaks and acts, but a demonic intelligence which seizes him and makes use of his soul and physical part.

#### DEMONISATION

For such exceptional conditions to operate, the alert ego-consciousness has to be put to sleep and be replaced by another. It involves a weakness of the ego in which consciousness is dimmed — not the lower ego, which may indeed be strongly developed, but the true 'higher' ego. A materialistic mode of thought and intellectualism lames and obscures the true nature of the higher ego. As an example, the bombardment of us by radio and TV unattended by *wakeful* attention leads to an undermining of ego-consciousness and thus creates a spiritual vacuum into which Ahrimanic forces can enter. *If the spiritual emptiness created by modern technological civilisation is not filled by a person's own ego-strengthening, it is used by demons as a gateway for their assault. Much of the decadent phenomena of modern times, in which young people are the primary targets for Ahriman's attacks, testify to the on-going process of demonisation which has begun in this century.*

#### PRELUDE

All this can only be considered as a prelude to the actual incarnation of Ahriman. Rudolf Steiner posed the question: what would be the result if people were to follow the strong inclination they have today to let things drift on as they are, without understanding and guiding into the right channels those streams which lead to an Ahrimanic

culture? He said:

"As soon as Ahriman incarnates at the destined time in the West, the whole of culture would be impregnated with his forces. What else would come in his train? Through certain stupendous arts he would bring to man all the clairvoyant knowledge which until then can be acquired only by dint of intense labour and effort... When Ahriman incarnates in the West at the appointed time he would establish a great occult school for the practice of magic arts of the greatest grandeur, and what otherwise can be acquired only by strenuous effort would be poured over mankind.

"Our concern is that the wisdom of the future — a clairvoyant wisdom — shall be rescued from the clutches of Ahriman... The issue is whether this wisdom is in the hands of Ahriman or of Christ."

#### EFFECTS ON MAN

The effect which the incarnation of Ahriman will have upon human beings, whether this incarnation will lead them to prevent the Earth from being spiritualised or bring home to them the very limited significance of intellectual, unspiritual life, depends upon their ability and willingness to penetrate to the roots of the spiritual and unspiritual currents of the present time. "If men rightly take in hand the currents leading towards Ahriman, then," said Rudolf Steiner, "simply through his incarnation in earthly life they will recognise the Ahrimanic influence on the one side, and on the other its polar opposite — the Luciferic influence. And then the very contrast between the Ahrimanic and the Luciferic will enable them to perceive the *third* reality. Men must consciously wrestle through to an understanding of this trinity of the Christian impulse, the Ahrimanic and the Luciferic influences; for without this consciousness they will not be able to go forward into the future with the prospect of achieving the goals of Earth existence."

#### THE UFO PROBLEM

Enough has been said to show the spiritual situation of humanity today. The degree to which the deceptive machinations of the Ahrimanic spirits are active within the UFO phenomena must be a matter for judgment. However, if we ask ourselves what effect the phenomena have had on our thinking we may begin to perceive something of the background to these mysterious appearances. A widespread belief in visitations from Outer Space has been spawned by filmed and televised science-fiction tales. The belief structure that has grown up about the UFO phenomena promises guidance by Space entities, into whose hands mankind should place its destiny. For a humanity led astray by the powerful, corrupting forces of materialism, such a



belief has a seductive attraction. Man's connection with a spiritual universe is replaced by its Ahrimanic counterpart — a purely physical space realm in which dwell technological wizards. Surely a conditioning process has been going on for decades that presents a challenge to mankind's vision of itself.

#### EMERGING PSYCHIC FACULTIES

Many of the descriptions to be found in UFO literature are clearly connected with emerging psychic faculties. Such faculties are tender shoots of the spiritual life that can easily be led astray. It would seem that powerful spiritual forces of darkness are intent on seeing that such faculties should be chained to the earth. The corruption of man's spiritual nature is a primary aim of the Ahrimanic powers, who are intent on distorting man's true connection with the planetary spheres into a materialistic caricature. *Their aim is to keep from man the fact that he is in truth a microcosm of the Universe and is intimately united with the forces and beings of the spiritual extraterrestrial world. One of the challenges of the present time is whether they will succeed in their aim.*

NOTE BY EDITOR; \*The significance of this date (AD 869) is that it refers to the Eighth Christian Oecumenical Council (sometimes called the Fourth Council of Constantinople), at which it was decided that a human being was not *triune*, composed of *body, soul, and eternal indwelling spirit* (*sôma, psuchê and pneuma*, σωμα, ψυχη, πνευμα) but consisted merely of the two lower factors, the physical body and the next, intermediate, sheath which would presumably correspond to what modern writers call the *astral body*. As students of the Arcane Teachings will know, all the main mystical systems right back to Ancient Egypt and to Hindu Vedanta seem to have visualised man as consisting of a conglomerate, of a graduated series of ever finer or subtler 'sheaths' or, as it were, 'onion layers', from

the gross physical vehicle via the 'astral' or 'emotional' body, and the mental or manasic body, right up to the divine and eternal spirit seed or core — the *Âtman* (आत्मन् as it is called in Sanskrit.)

If our analysis is correct then it looks as though the silly Church Fathers at Constantinople had thrown out the coconut and kept only the outer layers of the husk!

(After the triumph of Lenin's revolution in 1917, the Communist Party proceeded of course to the next logical stage, and threw out the *soul*, so that henceforth the citizen would simply be a hunk of robotic meat to be disposed of as Tyrant Masters might see fit.)

No wonder then that, in the purges and trials between 1936 and 1941, Lenin's successor, Josef Stalin, achieved the extraordinary feat of slaughtering *one half* of the entire Soviet Communist Party élite.

(The C.P. of the U.S.S.R. numbered about 5 millions at the time). He also managed (according to various estimates) to exterminate between fifteen and eighteen millions of the ordinary Soviet population! It is a truly astounding fact that Stalin did a far, far, better job of liquidating Communists than Adolf Hitler, the professed arch-foe of Communism, ever did!

All of these things should be borne in mind by everyone, for it is evident that, once you have done away with the concept that within every human there is a Divine Spark that comes to us from beyond Time and beyond Space, the way will lead inexorably, however gently, first to 'humanism' and then on through the various theories of 'socialism' to the type of materialistic-atheistic society like the now-defunct U.S.S.R., in which none of us is of any value beyond the value of the work and service that he or she can render to the all-powerful and all-conquering State. There are still vast numbers in our world today who have set their eyes on this vision. This will be their 'Paradise on Earth' ■

(Translation from Russian. G.C.)

## AN "ENGLISH RING" FOUND IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA

By YURI STROGANOV

(Leader of the Yeisk\* Group for the Study of Anomalous Phenomena)

On page 10 of FSR 36/4, in his article on the *Doug 'n Dave Scam*, Mr. George Wingfield mentioned that these prestigious cerealogical prestidigitators were reported to be visiting various countries and lecturing there on their exploits.

However it looks as though at least one other country had already been visited by them, as early

as June of 1990, and it was in fact Russia. And they had done a thorough job of it, not confining themselves to the northern regions closer to the beaten tracks of the tourist, but penetrating into an extremely remote and obscure region in the southern tip of the country, below Rostov-on-Don and not far from the Caucasus, as is proved by the

following report, which I have taken from No. 9/1991 of **CHETVERTOE IZMERENIE (FOURTH DIMENSION)**, the journal of our friends of the Yaroslavl' UFO Study Group (Leader Yuri Smirnov, Editor V.D. Musinskiy). EDITOR.

**O**n June 27, 1990, the Yeisk Club For The Study of Anomalous Phenomena visited the site of a mysterious circle in a wheatfield on a nearby collective farm.

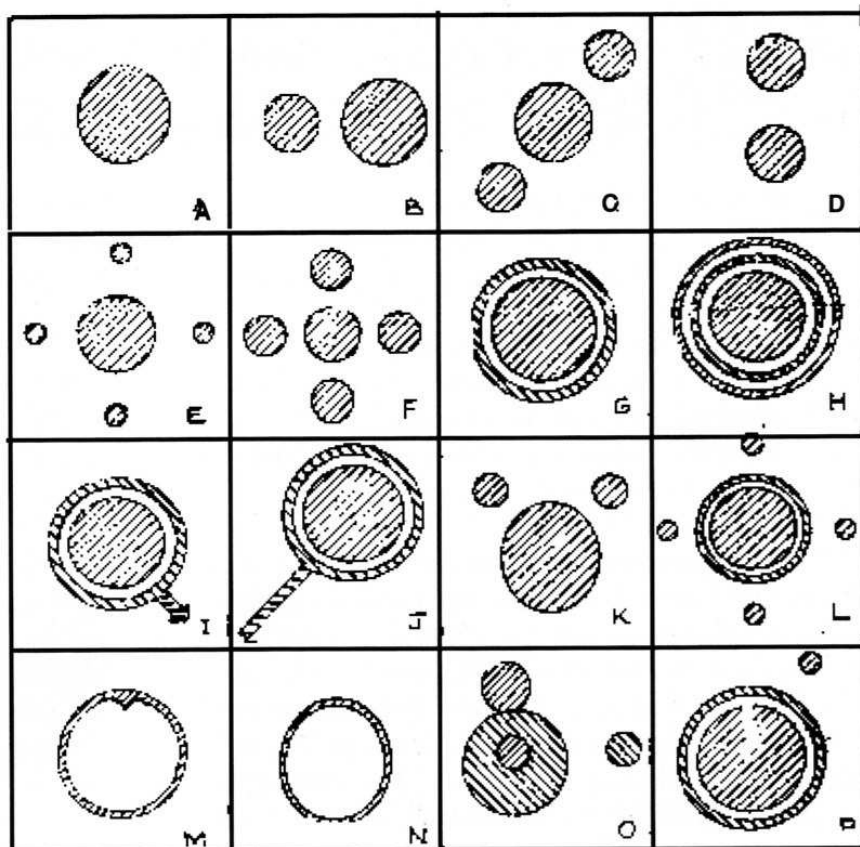
According to an eyewitness, between the hours of 2.00 and 4.00 a.m. in the early morning of June 20, 1990, a white light, resembling the glow from electrowelding, was observed in the district in question. And, on that very same morning, the strange circle of felled wheat was discovered. Those who saw it were afraid to go into it.

Although a week had elapsed when we got there, the site itself seemed quite unchanged, despite the tracks left around it by numerous visitors. The ring was *oval* in shape, and some 40 metres wide at its greatest extent and 35 metres at its least, and it had sharply defined edges. Within it, the wheat-stalks had been thrown down in an anti-clockwise pattern. In its centre, it had a little "island" of wheat-stalks still standing, also oval in form, and measuring 2 m. x 1.5 m. There were also two circular "tracks" (?) (*dorozhki*) each about 40 cms. wide and also set about 40 cms. apart.

The central point between these two circular "tracks" was also the centre of the main oval. The two "tracks" stood out against the main site by virtue of their lighter colouring. In the two "tracks" themselves the soil was more powerfully compacted than elsewhere in the oval.

The wheat outside in the rest of the field, and also the wheat inside the oval, was green—the exception being that little bit of wheat still standing at the centre or that was lying in the two circular "tracks". An agronomist established the fact that the standing wheat and the wheat lying in the two circular "tracks" was *ready to be threshed, and that, in the "tracks", it was already shedding its grain.*

The level of radiation at the site was measured with a Russian Army DP-5 geiger-counter. Nowhere inside the oval was the radiation found to be higher than the background-level, and on the light-coloured "tracks" it was even found to be totally wanting. One got the impression that in some fashion or other the "tracks" had been screened from an ionizing irradiation? All of these mysterious features induce one to think that maybe this



Based on Pat Delgado's article *1986 Mystery Circles*, in FSR 32/6 (1987)

had been the site of a UFO landing.

Our Club arranged for metal-tests (for iron, cobalt, wolfram, copper, nickel, manganese, chrome, titanium, zinc, and calcium) to be carried out on grain and on soil taken from the centre of the site, with similar tests being made on control-specimens taken from a spot in the field 200 metres distant from the site.

The tests were done with an (?) analyzer with an x-ray non-diffractor (in Russian: *na analizatore rentgenovskom bezdifrahtsionnom*). (Sensitivity of the instrument: - 0.03 g./t.)

The clearest proof of anomaly was detected in the soil-samples. In the samples tested, the content of calcium, iron, and cobalt was much lower than in the control-samples, while titanium and wolfram were totally absent.

The results of these tests on the samples indicated an uneven loss of elements from various spots on the site. (In all probability, elements had been selected and removed via the surface of the "tracks", and there had also occurred a displacement of elements from the periphery of the site towards the "tracks").

The centre part of the site had "suffered" considerably less than the periphery, because there the "shifting" force had operated in mutually contradictory directions. The surface of the "tracks" via which, we must suppose, the removal of the elements had been carried out, was the most "saturated" area of all. This deduction is supported by the external appearance of both the soil and the wheat on the site.

1. *Tests At Two Metres From Edge of the Site*  
SOIL: Loose, black, soft, fine-grained.  
WHEAT: Green, laid in anti-clockwise fashion.
2. *Tests At Centre of Site*  
SOIL: Black, coarse-grained, soft.  
WHEAT: Ripening in the ear. Standing.
3. *Tests On the "Tracks" ("Dorozhki")*  
SOIL: Grey, strongly packed, with no visible evidence of mechanical action.  
WHEAT: Ripening, Grain already shedding. Lying counter-clockwise.

The peculiarly anomalous nature of the "tracks" is confirmed externally not only by the metal content of the soil and the grain, but also by the absence of radiation background. The absence of the radiation background can be explained in the light of the theory developed by the Byelorussian physicist A.I. Veynik. According to his theory, tubular, honeycombed, cellular, and needle-shaped structures are capable of absorbing

radiation. When the elements were being taken out it is possible that some such structure as one of the above-mentioned may have formed, and may have brought about this phenomenon.

**\*NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.** It is amusing to see that the Russians have dubbed the crop-circles "*English Rings or English Ovals*", and have reprinted some of our sketches from an early issue of FSR.

Yeisk, where this crop-circle was found, lies at 46° 40 N. Lat., 38° 12 E. Long., away down to the south-east, not far from Georgia, and on the eastern shore of the small Sea of Azov, not far below Rostov-on-Don. (The Sea of Azov is an eastern projection of the Black Sea). Note particularly how amazing it is that, away in a remote dump like Yeisk, the Russians have a club studying UFOs and related matters. How inconceivable that would seem here in Britain! But the Russians in general have a far, far greater curiosity about the Universe, and a "need to know", than could ever be expected from us, and I am sure that such zeal has been well rewarded by the visit of Doug 'n Dave. ■

# UPDATE ON THE WORK OF BUDD HOPKINS, AND AN ELECTRIFYING NEW ABDUCTION REPORT

*By Gordon Creighton*

To most of our readers the name of the American Budd Hopkins is no doubt thoroughly familiar. An artist already with a very high reputation in the field of modern painting, he has created a second sphere of celebrity for himself, over the past seventeen years, by his pioneering investigations into "our subject", and, most particularly, in connection with the hypnotic regression of individuals who have suffered the trauma of a UFO abduction.

He has written two extremely important books: *MISSING TIME: A DOCUMENTARY STUDY OF UFO ABDUCTIONS* (pub. by Richard Marek, New York, 1981), and *INTRUDERS: THE INCREDIBLE VISITATIONS AT COPLEY WOODS* (pub. by Random House, New York, 1987, with British paperback edition by Sphere Books, London, 1988). In addition to these seminal books we should also mention Budd Hopkins' article *WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO US*, which we reprinted with his permission in FSR 33/2 (June 1988) and which has been rated by many as in all likelihood the most important piece of documentation ever published in FSR during our 36 years of existence.

Unquestionably it is Budd Hopkins who was the first who effectively drew attention to the vital factor of "*missing time*" which, in turn, has opened the way towards the practice of hypnotic regression, among the pioneers of which one can name Dr. Simon who dealt with Barney and Betty Hill in the early 1960s, and Dr. Aphrodite Clamar, PhD., who was one of the earliest collaborators with Budd Hopkins and who wrote an Afterword for his first book, *MISSING TIME*.

(At this point we should not fail to mention also that it was in the 1970s that the British medical team working as Consultants to FSR, Dr. Bernard Finch and Dr. Leonard Wilder, commenced their own series of sessions of regressive hypnosis with British sufferers from traumatic UFO experiences.)

*A Startling New Report From Budd Hopkins*

On July 10-12 of this year MUFON (MUTUAL UFO NETWORK, USA) held their annual Symposium at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and MUFON Journal No. 290 (June 1992) contains an

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# CORNFIELD CIRCLES IN GERMANY, AND MYSTERIOUS INSCRIBED METALLIC DISCS ALLEGEDLY FOUND BENEATH THEM

by GORDON CREIGHTON

I give below my translations of certain interesting crop-circle items from the German newspapers of July and August 1991.

The reports indicate clearly that Doug 'n Dave have not only been active in Russia of late, but have visited Germany too.

These particular German crop-circles — as well as the circle at Yeisk in Russia — are mentioned briefly on pages 87-89 of George Wingfield's article **THE CIRCLES SPREAD WORLDWIDE**, in the splendid book **CROP CIRCLES — HARBINGERS OF WORLD CHANGE**, edited by Alick Bartholomew and published in 1991 by Gateway Books, The Hollies, Wellow, Bath, BA2 8QJ, price £14.95 (ISBN 0-946551-77-4.) This important work, comprising twelve essays by a group of thoughtful people, will be of great interest to FSR readers, and its colour photographs are marvellous.

This is moreover an opportune moment to mention also Pat Delgado's *third* fine book on the Crop Circles, published in May 1992. The title is **CROP CIRCLES: CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE?**, price £14.99, hardback, (ISBN 0-7475-1282-5), and it is issued by Bloomsbury Publishing Ltd, London. As with the other book referred to above, its colour photographs are superb.

EXTRACT NO.1 (From German newspaper *DAS BILD* of July 24, 1991).

## CORNFIELD CIRCLES IN GERMAN WHEATFIELD

*Farmer Harenberg: "That wasn't done by humans."*

Mysterious symbols have also turned up now in a field of wheat near Grasdorf (Hildesheim District). Several exact circles (diameter 10 m.) and geometrical signs are to be seen, covering an area of 50 m. x 100 m. Farmer Werner Harenberg, aged 47, says: "Yesterday, everything was perfectly all right in my wheatfield".

The corn-stalks, 60 cms. in length, are all lying, as though arranged, on the ground, and in one direction, and are undamaged.

Says Harenberg: "Humans can't have done that".

Two other press items, presumably also from *Das Bild* of July 24, 1991, (although this is not quite certain) read as follows:-

EXTRACT NO.2

## NEW UFO CIRCLES DISCOVERED

Report from Hildesheim: The mysterious circles in fields reported a short while ago from Schleswig-Holstein have now been discovered in Lower Saxony also. Jens Harenberg, the son of the farmer, announced that two joggers had come across the same phenomenon there. There is no explanation. "I don't believe it is a hoax", he said.

The field, which is near Hildesheim, is due to be harvested in about three weeks' time.

EXTRACT NO.3

## ART IN THE CORNFIELD. DONE BY STUDENTS

Unquestionably the Extraterrestrials possess artistic talent...And they arrive on stilts, as they did here in a cornfield near Hildesheim. A pair of lovers unmasked the "Extraterrestrials". It was simply some smart students. Using a rope and swinging it around in a circle, the stilt-walkers — according to their own statements — took precisely two minutes to make each figure in the cornfield.

EXTRACT NO.4

## FROM A PHOTOSTAT. (SOURCE NOT INDICATED)

## FROM A VIDEO INTERVIEW MADE BY A HAMBURG

**AMATEUR.** (Made on July 24, 1991, on the spot. With a witness, who declares that he lives in an isolated house close to the Grasdorf pictogram.)

"It was during the night, from Monday to Tuesday, at about 2.00 a.m. I couldn't sleep. I went into the living room and lay down.

"Then I heard this noise. I thought it might be a helicopter approaching. But I *know* what a helicopter sounds like. The noise was terribly loud. It flew straight over our house. There were two of them. I looked out and looked up. But I saw nothing. Normally they are to be identified by their stationary or flashing lights."

Q: "How did you know that there were two of them?"

A: "Because the sound came twice - from the same direction."

**NOTE BY TRANSLATOR:** This report about the video interview, accompanied by five photographs of the pictogram and details of it, comes from an unidentified publication, and is simply headed "ECHT ODER FALSCH?" (GENUINE OR FALSE?). The report comes on two pages, num-



1. Scene at the site

bered below as 32 and 38, so it seems clear that it is extracted from a book or brochure, and not from a newspaper. G.C.

## INSCRIBED DISCS ALLEGEDLY FOUND IN GERMANY

TRANSLATED ITEMS FROM LOWER SAXONY (NIEDERSACHSEN) NEWSPAPER NEUE PRESSE.

**EXTRACT NO.5.** From *NEUE PRESSE* of Sunday, August 18, 1991.

**MYSTERY VISITOR AT CORNFIELD CIRCLES VANISHES.....YOUNG MAN WITH METAL DETECTOR UNEARTHES METALLIC DISCS.**

*From our Reporter CLAUDIA BREBACH.*

GRASDORF. At 10.00 o'clock yesterday morning, along with other visitors, a man in painter's overalls turned up at the gigantic circles in a cornfield at Grasdorf, in Hildesheim District, and began to search the spot with a metal-detector. He dropped a paper handkerchief in the centres of the three circles. Then, using a spade, he dug down to a depth of 40 cms. in the three circles and drew out from the holes some metallic discs about 30 cms. wide. Then he vanished.

Said Farmer Werner Harenberg, owner of the cornfield (PN report): "My plough doesn't go down so deep as 40 cms. I would never have found the metal discs."

Ever since the appearance of the mysterious cornfield circles ten days ago, there has been a constant stream of visitors with pendulums, dowsing rods, and detectors, all investigating the cornfield markings, so farmer Harenberg had given no further thought to the young man with the walrus moustache. (Disguise of Doug or Dave?)

At any rate Cemal K..., one of Harenberg's

workers, did have the presence of mind to take a photo of the visitor. Yesterday Cemal was complaining: "The maddening thing is that in other cases I have always asked people their names and asked them what their view is about our cornfield circles. But the young chap was one of the very few people to whom I didn't speak much."

Cemal had held the discs in his hand. About 25 or 30 cms. or maybe a little more in diameter, he said: "They were as heavy as iron".

The mystery visitor had told Cemal that he intended to go at once to see the farmer. But he didn't stay there long enough to do that, and vanished, leaving his spade and the three handkerchiefs behind in the cornfield.

Farmer Werner Harenberg now wants his employee Cemal K... himself to go on digging about in the field, to see whether he might perchance find any more discs.

On the days when there are few visitors, the farm staff now collect no entrance fee. Cemal, who won't give his own surname as he is afraid of having a flood of visitors pouring into his home, says: "Anyone who feels like it just puts something in the box." (The whole Harenberg-Clan are tight-lipped on the question of how much the takings have totalled).

There were a few curiosity seekers there again yesterday afternoon. One woman had a dog with her. She pulled the dog away sharply from one of the holes where a disc had been unearthed, and explained, hesitantly, "If he gets in there, he'll be gone!".

**EXTRACT NO.6** From *NEUE PRESSE*. (Undated. Probably the following week, Sunday, August 25th).

**MYSTERY PHONE CALL TO PAPER ABOUT GOLD OBJECTS DUG FROM A CORNFIELD.**

**"I AM KEEPING TREASURE, AND AM WORRIED ABOUT POLICE".**

GRASDORF. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning, farmer Werner Harenberg, in whose wheatfield in Grasdorf some huge mysterious circles had turned up exactly two weeks before (NP report), received an anonymous 'phone call.

The excited caller stated that it was he who had, last Friday, dug up three metallic plates from beneath the marks in the field and had then vanished.

The unknown caller said he had found a sensational treasure. After cleaning, the objects he had discovered turned out to be three golden discs with the same inscriptions as had appeared in the wheatfield.

Shortly after that, farmer Harenberg opened his post to find that it contained photos of the metallic discs just as the caller had stated. The farmer, angry, said: "I tried, on the 'phone, to make it clear to him that the finds belong to me, but he wouldn't let me talk, and absolutely refused to give either his name or his telephone number."

His reason - the man said - was that he was afraid lest the Police might intervene.

So, since yesterday there had been uproar in the Harenberg household over the "vanishing gold-digger".

Harenberg's assistant, Cemal, who actually photographed the unknown man, but did not get the finds off him, is depressed, and says: "Now Harenberg is fed up with me".

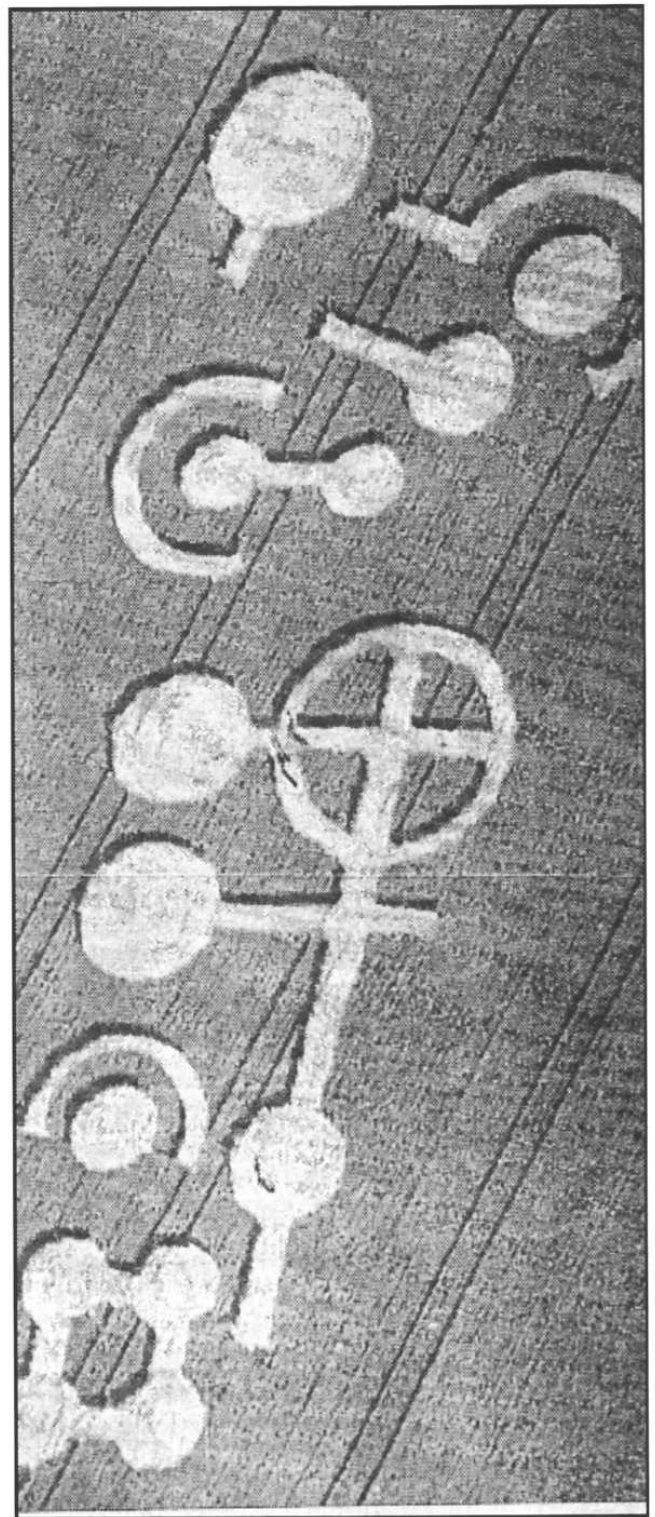
Arne Eggebrecht, Director of the Roemer-Pelizaeus Museum in Hildesheim says: "I doubt whether this could be ancient treasure. There would have to be an investigation, to establish the truth of the matter".

The unknown caller had said on the telephone that he was going to carry out an analysis himself, and would report again on it.

Yesterday Cemal was consoling himself with a mysterious new discovery that he had made. He says: "On Sunday I saw a blue light moving through the sky". Then after a short pause, he went on: "But surely it was only a satellite anyway".

#### POSTSCRIPT BY EDITOR, FSR.

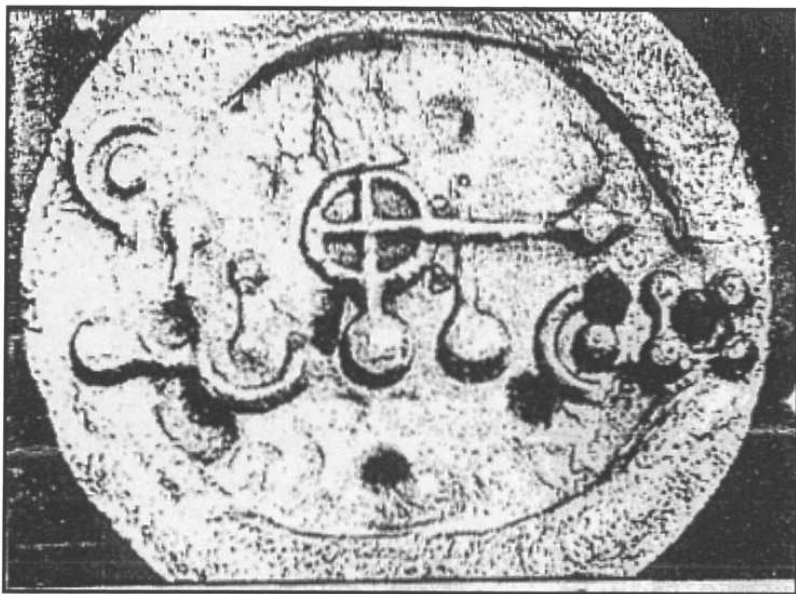
In his CIRCLES NEWSLETTER NO.8 of July 1992, Mr. Pat Delgado reports that, on Sunday, May 25, 1992, when he and his daughter were visiting a newly discovered ringed cornfield circle in a field beside Martins Lane at Chilbolton, Hampshire, he was astonished to find near there a man, leaning on a gate, with a camera in his hand. As he writes: "I pulled in behind his car, and walked over to where he was standing with his back to me. I said 'Hello Doug!', and he returned the greeting with a tone of considerable surprise. I asked him if he knew of the circle up the road, and if he had made it? He said



2. The pictogram group at Grasdorf, near Hildesheim

he had seen it as he drove along the road, but said he had stopped making crop circles. He also said that he was fed up with crop circles and the whole business of his hoax claim, because he and his wife had received so many abusive letters and phone calls. I told him that he still had not produced any evidence to substantiate his hoax claims. Jan (daughter of Pat Delgado. G.C.) confronted him by saying that anyone could have said where circles had been created and describe them by quoting from our books, and that anyone could have copied the shapes in the fields to produce the drawings as they (Doug 'n Dave) had. He seemed agitated by this. I then asked him if he knew about the American magazine *Mind, Body And Spirit*, in which there was an article stating that Doug and Dave had





3. One of the alleged photos of the metal discs (sent to farmer Harenberg by the anonymous thief).

recently said that their hoax claim was itself a hoax. He did not deny any of this, but simply repeated that he was sick of the whole thing and wanted to be left alone. There was no point

in prolonging the confrontation, so we left".

My own opinion is that it actually *is true* that Doug 'n Dave have now retired from the cornfield circle scene, and are probably living in comfortable affluence.

While I am certain that, all over the world, there are large numbers of organizations and individuals who would willingly pay huge sums to reward concocters of corn circles, and that indeed large sums have in fact been paid to many hoaxers, I feel equally certain that Doug 'n Dave are men of the highest integrity, and that they would never accept such 'dirty money'. Nor would they ever need it!

**FOR, DEAR FSR READERS, IF YOU HAD FOUND THE GOLDEN TREASURE OF THE NIBELUNGS IN A FARMER'S FIELD IN GERMANY, DO YOU IMAGINE THAT YOU WOULD REQUIRE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM ANYONE?**

**WOULDN'T YOU TOO HAVE NO OTHER DESIRE BUT TO RETIRE AND TO BE LEFT ALONE?. ■**

## F-16 ENCOUNTER WITH UFO OVER BELGIUM WAS NOT THE FIRST OF THIS SORT.

*By Luis Schoenherr, FSR Consultant (Austria)*

**I**n the article "A UFO on the F16's Radar" by Marie-Thérèse de Brosses (FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Vol. 35, No. 4, page 8, December Quarter 1990), the report furnished by the Headquarters of the Belgian Air Force to SOPEBS is quoted as saying that "in three cases the pilots managed to lock their radars on to the target for a few seconds, and each time this brought about a drastic change in the behaviour of the UFO"

An early case of this sort became known in October 1957, i.e. 33 years ago, when United Press carried an Air Intelligence report which NICAP had procured from the Far East (see for example Donald E. Keyhoe, *Flying Saucers: Top Secret*, New York 1960, p. 104-105). In December 1956 two USAF jets were practising intercepts on each other, when the intercepting pilot picked up a strange radar blip from an unknown object at least as large as a B-29 bomber. Later calculations suggested a

diameter of 200 to 350 feet. The jet's radar had locked onto the target and at a distance of 8 miles a round object became visible where the radar showed it. Then the radar was jammed by a strong interference. When the pilot changed the frequency, the interference disappeared for 10 seconds, but then it began on the new frequency again. It was now, however, no longer strong enough to interrupt the radar lock-on, and so the jet pursued its course toward the target. The plane approached to within 5 nautical miles of it, whereupon it accelerated so abruptly, that the radar could no longer get an accurate reading. According to the pilot's estimate the target moved up and away at a speed of 1,500 to 1,800 knots, i.e. at 1,800 to 2,160 m.p.h.

It would be interesting to learn whether any of the many FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests have unearthed documents pertaining to conclusions drawn from this case (and possibly other similar cases that have occurred since that!) by competent military and scientific experts. Or is it conceivable that such challenging data have fallen victim to a file-and-forget-mentality? ■

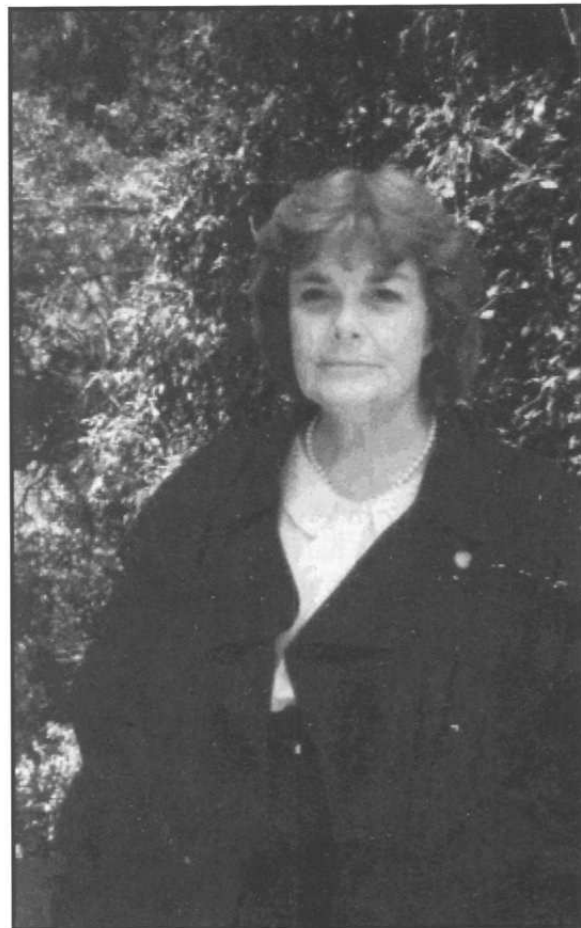
# RESISTING ALIEN ABDUCTIONS: AN UPDATE

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**T**he concept that various mental and physical resistance techniques can ward off unwanted "UFO" entities, particularly of the type known as "bedroom visitors" or "grays", first appeared in one of my articles published in the *MUFON UFO JOURNAL* and in *FSR*.<sup>(1)</sup> Since then, much new data has come to light. The response to the initial article has been gratifying; about three dozen additional cases have surfaced to date, and gradually a 200-case catalogue will be assembled. The pros and cons of this controversial subject are being debated, and researchers and witnesses alike are giving valuable input. Some say it is impossible to fend off contact; they reason that UFO entities are technologically superior to us. Others contend that some witnesses are merely permitted by the entities to *believe* that they have broken contact. Other witnesses tentatively accept the possibility of successful resistance and ask for advice on how to accomplish this. Others, who share a feeling that "UFO entities" are helping the human race evolve spiritually, have no interest in fending off contact.

In more than twenty years of abduction research, I have always worked on the principle that each witness knows better than anyone what he or she has seen and experienced, and that *witnesses* are the best judges concerning the motives of entities who contact them. I am open to the possibility that the UFO Phenomenon might be composed of several groups of unknown intelligences, whose motives can range all the way from positive to negative and whose effects on witnesses range all the way from terror to euphoria. Resistance techniques are recommended only for those witnesses who experience trauma as a result of UFO encounters, and who feel a sense of violation from ongoing contact.

Not all UFO contact causes trauma. Numerous cases in which landed UFOs are unexpectedly encountered out-of-doors by witnesses seem to be of a more benign nature. In such cases, the occupants seem eager to depart the scene when discovered<sup>(2)</sup>. Other cases, occurring both out-doors and indoors, suggest close contact by benign beings<sup>(3)</sup>. As a rule, however, benign entities are



described as appearing quite different from the typical short, large-headed "grays".

It seems undeniable, however, that various forms of trauma are sustained by close encounter witnesses during typical "abduction scenarios." The human race has a basic right to preserve itself from unwanted interference, especially from unidentifiable beings. As regards the common notion in the field that UFO entities are helping the human race evolve, nothing is stated in the great works of philosophy or religion about other orders of creation being responsible for us. The sole exception to this is, possibly, a class of beings referred to as "angels," which according to great works such as the Koran and the Old and New Testaments, are messengers from God, who specifically deliver warnings of personal or group danger. The popular concept that human beings have "guardian" angels who help guide and direct us throughout our life is also commonly held. Although books on angels are currently popular, very little is known definitely about the essential nature of these spiritual beings<sup>(4)</sup>.

**T**he evolutionary process of humankind — that is, our transformation into more spiritual beings<sup>(5)</sup> — is not proven to be in the hands of any known order of creation, except ourselves. Some literature in the field takes the position that "extraterrestrials" have been influencing our evolution for thousands of years, but as yet there is no firm proof of this. A controversial idea in the UFO field postulates that UFO abductions are for the purpose of genetic experiments, inter-

breeding, and are thus part of an evolutionary process. If this were so, I think that two things would be evident: 1) The process would be mentioned in the literature of our major philosophies and religions; and 2) The process would take place without trauma. Although many witnesses are able to withstand abduction and emerge as stronger human beings, many more are damaged for life.

Those in the field who favour the extraterrestrial hypothesis assume that Outer Space beings who travel in spacecraft must necessarily be technologically and intellectually superior to us, and that ETs use superior technology to render witnesses compliant during their experiments. Although the fact of compliance — generally through paralysis — is undeniably a part of the “abduction” process, there is no convincing evidence that superior technology causes it.

**T**he entities may just as well have ways of *mentally* affecting witnesses. There is mounting evidence that indoor UFO abductions, at least, take place when the witness is already in an altered state, such as some phase of sleep, drowsily watching television, etc. The creatures may know how to *deepen* altered states, which often involve temporary paralysis of large muscle groups<sup>(6)</sup>. This does not constitute proof of mental superiority, merely that they are aware of certain facts of human physiology.

Even though the human race is still somewhat savage, there are large portions of the earth where great civilisations recognise that each human individual has inalienable rights. Yet, most abducting entities treat human beings as having no rights. The contention that these entities necessarily regard us as “lab animals” because they are so far above us on the evolutionary scale, does not hold water. If the entities are as advanced as some believe, they should recognise our race as a struggling, but essentially spiritual, form of life.

My working hypothesis at the present time is that “abducting entities” are not extraterrestrial. If they were, they would be undoubtedly superior to us — at least technologically — and resistance techniques simply would not work against them. Yet more and more evidence is surfacing that these bedroom intruders *can* be driven off. It is more logical to hypothesise that these unidentified intelligences are from an intradimensional source or sources, and are very possibly perceived by witnesses in altered states of consciousness. “Intradimensional” creatures such as the Celtic “faery folk”<sup>(7)</sup>, the Muslim jinns<sup>(8)</sup>, the incubi of medieval times<sup>(9)</sup>, the “Old Hag”<sup>(10)</sup> of Newfoundland, and other unworldly creatures, have reportedly been harassing, kidnapping, and imposing sexual encounters upon members of the human race for thousands of years. Isn’t it logical to hypothesise that our modern “UFO abducting entity” is simply an old human problem, dressed in

space suits to fit our present cultural expectations?

The intradimensional hypothesis does not take away from the fact that such encounters are “real” to the percipient. There is ample data to indicate that these entities are *temporarily* physical during at least some phase of the encounters and able to produce real physical effects.

It is important to the hypothesis of “resistance techniques” to present evidence that abducting entities, at least, are not extraterrestrial. “UFO entities” associated with abduction scenarios seem to be intradimensional in nature because they are reported to materialise and dematerialise and to move through solid, physical matter<sup>(11)</sup>. They also, in some cases, seem to be able to shape-shift according to the demands of the moment. The transitory nature of entities seems to indicate that they are only temporarily visible in our space-time. If this is so, we can postulate that when their purpose is completed, the energy from which their temporarily physical bodies are formed returns to the source from which it originated, leaving us no real clue as to their true nature or appearance.

If the entities are only temporarily physical, then the craft to which they transfer the abducted witnesses are logically also temporarily physical. This could be the reason why no abducting craft or entities are described in exactly the same way. Of course, abductees who have ongoing encounters often see the same craft and entities repeatedly, but this is quite another matter.

Applying the above to our main purpose here, we reiterate that if these entities are not technologically superior to us and are not a permanent part of our space-time, human beings should be able to break off contact with them if they choose.

The human mind is a powerful instrument — a bridge between a superbly evolved physical body and the human spirit of life essence, sometimes called the *élan vital* or, more simply, the soul. The mind is capable of curing physical and mental disease, it is even capable of affecting matter, as demonstrated by psychokinetic experiments in parapsychological labs world-wide. Why should we not believe that it can fend off invasion by other-dimensional creatures?

**R**esearch over the past two years has demonstrated that the techniques which witnesses use successfully are, for the most part, ordinary abilities of the human mind. In my prior article referred to, Jan Whitley’s technique of righteous anger was described<sup>(12)</sup>. Jan was a person of great will power. She had survived an unhappy childhood, moved away from home, found loving foster parents, and worked part-time until she finished school. When the repeated attacks began, at the age of 23, she was living alone. She instinctively used mental struggle against them, successfully each time as far as she was aware. The attacks



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continued, however, and Jan got fed up with the invasion of her privacy. She began mentally to scream at them, “Go away and leave me alone.” This technique of righteous anger worked faster for Jan than mental struggle.

The technique of mental struggle was also used by Emily Cronin<sup>(13)</sup>. For several months in 1956 and 1957, she was visited repeatedly in the middle of the night by white-skinned entities with large eyes and oversize heads. She found that, by combined physical and mental struggle, she could manage to move one finger or toe, upon which the paralysis and the presences would vanish. Emily Cronin, like Jan Whitley, is strongly aware of her rights as a Person, with an inner conviction that her individual dignity is inviolable.

Another witness, Robert Nolan<sup>(14)</sup> served in the military in Vietnam. He learned to sense the presence of the Viet-Cong before any of his five normal senses could logically indicate that they were in the vicinity; this intuition saved his life several times. Upon returning to the U.S., Robert began to have encounters at night with typical UFO-type entities, reportedly experiencing abductions, examinations, etc. Robert learned to sense when an encounter was about to happen. He finds it rather difficult to verbalise adequately just what he senses, but likens it to the same type of intuition which had served him on the battlefield. The creatures still occasionally try to contact him, but he has found that resistance — in his case, mental struggle — in the very early stages of approach works much faster than if he waits until the entities materialise.

Robert’s experiences seem to add strength to the intradimensional hypothesis. It is logical to assume that, if the visitors are physical in the sense that we ourselves are physical, the environment in which an encounter occurs would not be disturbed overly by their presence. However, if we theorize that the entities are entering our space-time from another dimension, it seems more logical that our space-time environment would be disturbed — disturbances that might be detectable intuitively.

**T**he technique of appealing to spiritual personages, which was also described in my initial article, seems to be commonly used; it has been reported to me by several witnesses as being effective; the spiritual personage differs with each witness’ personal beliefs. Whether or not a person believes in spiritual personages, a basic fact remains: If witnesses involved in UFO encounters

feel *within* themselves that they have inviolable rights, they are protected by that knowledge, and likewise, if witnesses feel that they can be protected by a spiritual source *outside themselves*, they are protected by that knowledge.

**A**nother case, where the witnesses used a variety of techniques, is that of Morgana Van Klausen, whose possible backyard UFO landing trace and entity encounters have been described in *IUR*<sup>(15)</sup> and this *Journal*<sup>(16)</sup>. This author and MUFON investigator Georgeanne Cifarelli have researched this case together. Beginning in December of 1987 through May 1991, Morgana experienced monthly, disturbing occurrences. During some of these experiences, large-eyed creatures materialised in her home, generally at night; other experiences involved unexplained time lapses, one of which was associated with the sighting of a large light moving about her yard. Her five-year-old son also reported seeing creatures in his room, and he sketched the exterior and interior of “space craft” which he reportedly had seen.

Frightened, Morgana left lights on at night in the hall and bath, and this seemed to prevent the experiences from recurring. Her husband, a well-known professional man, thought her experiences were imaginary and argued with her about leaving the lights on. Then, her husband viewed the entities one night while in a paralysed state; he immediately became more supportive and no longer argued about keeping lights on at night!

Morgana was strengthened by his support. When alone in the house, she began to verbalise a strong rejection toward the entities, telling them to “Go away and don’t come back!” Through a combination of techniques — her verbal rejections, leaving lights on at night, and hanging a rosary on her lamp stand — she eventually felt protected and was able to resume a normal life free from terror for several months.

In March 1990, Morgana experienced a traumatic miscarriage which she associated, at first, with a possible “missing foetus” situation<sup>(17)</sup>. In June of the same year, she began to have pain throughout her entire body. Her personal physician suspected it was lupus, but tests could not confirm this. The pain intensified into burning sensations; numerous tests, including CAT scans, could not identify the cause. A neurologist finally diagnosed it as fibromyocitis and told Morgana that this condition results from severe trauma to the body, such as car

accidents and rape. Neither of these had happened to Morgana, and she was forced to "wait it out" for seven months, drinking large quantities of water at her doctor's orders, in order to wash the toxins out of her muscles and nerve endings. The doctor told Morgana that the severity and length of her disorder were exceptional.

Her last, apparently isolated, entity encounter occurred in May 1991 when one of the white-skinned creatures materialised by her bedside. Morgana was able to break through paralysis and lunge at it in an effort to protect herself. When she pushed the creature, it disappeared.

A similar technique of a supportive family link, sharing in the entity encounters and providing help and advice which had been of invaluable help to Morgana Van Klausen was also used by a correspondent of mine from Florida, whom I shall call Jean. She had numerous experiences with a frightening figure which harassed her as a child. The entity, in her words, was "almost like an electronic force, trying to pull me out of my body." She confided in her grandmother, and learned that the older woman had had the same problem and had defended herself with prayer. The grandmother even had a name for the creature — "medvet," or "creature that comes in the night"<sup>(18)</sup>. At her grandmother's suggestion, Jean armed herself with pictures of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic concept of Christ.

During subsequent encounters, the witness informed the creature that the Sacred Heart was protecting her against it. She controlled her terror and asked the entity questions, such as "Who are you?" and "What do you want?" She never received an answer; instead, the creature would come closer, right up to her face, and at this point the witness would leap out of bed and run out of the room. The protection Jean felt she had from spiritual forces did not stop the thing from coming, but she had confidence that her alignment with a protecting power kept her from harm.

Besides common mental and physical techniques such as mental and physical struggle, righteous anger, empathetic support from family adults, and appeals to spiritual personages, there are various metaphysical techniques which are also reportedly effective and are capable of being learned. A common one seems to be the process of "wrapping oneself with white light."

There are various ways of performing this mental act, all of which seem equally effective. Some persons envision the light as coming in through the top of the head (also called the crown chakra), spreading throughout the body, and extending out a few inches. It is commonly used during meditation and during hypnosis by metaphysically-inclined clinicians. It basically is a means of protecting the human being from intrusion by

unwholesome forces, which are believed by many to gain easy entry into a person's psyche while in altered states. If one considers intrusive and abducting "UFO entities" as unwholesome forces, and believes in the efficacy of the "white light" technique, it can be an effective means of resisting contact, as demonstrated by several cases I have collected. Other metaphysical techniques, such as the "internal sound" used by Lori Briggs<sup>(19)</sup>, are available, and will be discussed in future articles.

Many witnesses' descriptions in the literature emphasise that the eyes of abducting entities are "almost hypnotic" and have the ability to bring on paralysis and compliance. The case of Licia Davidson is a case in point. Together with her roommate<sup>(20)</sup>, she has reportedly experienced multiple abductions during the past five and one-half years; their case has been closely followed by John Miller, M.D. of San Pedro. Licia has conscious recall of many of the experiences; she has also been regressed by a hypnotherapist in the Southern California area.

During one hypnotic session with her therapist, Licia went into a very deep trance, and recognised with some surprise that it seemed to be the same type of altered state she remembered from her abduction experiences. Her therapist gave her post-hypnotic suggestions that she would be able to "expand her subconscious" whenever she felt she was having an encounter, permitting her to remember and control events in the encounter itself. Since her anger level was rising because of the frequent intrusions, Licia was also encouraged by Dr. Miller to try warding off any contact she felt was intrusive. She agreed to try and practised her technique of "expanding the subconscious" daily in 15-minute meditative periods, using a brain synchronisation machine, which supposedly use light and sound to synchronise the hemispheres of the brain. The theory behind this is that brain chemical activity is stimulated by these two channels.<sup>(21)</sup>

At a subsequent abduction experience, smaller gray beings whom she refers to as "workers" fitted her with a hearing device and told her she would hear "the voice of God." The voice she heard through the device was flat, unfeeling and mechanical. Licia concluded that the small gray beings were lying to her, and refused to listen further through the device. She turned her back to them and avoided eye contact. She felt "an explosion of temper" from the beings and sensed confusion and chaos among them.

Presently a five-foot gray being came in and established order among them, and led Licia into another room. Glancing at the smaller beings, she saw them standing motionless in rows, "parked like statues." She felt that she might be killed because of her resistance, and so decided to be compliant. However, in spite of her resistance, that particular encounter ended on a benign note.

Licia could not tell whether this feeling that she "was going to be killed" came from her own subconscious or from some mental suggestion by the entities. Her case is very complex, but what is important here is that a deliberate resistance technique by a witness apparently interfered with a manoeuvre on the part of the entities which the witness considered deceptive.

The contacts are ongoing, causing the witness much frustration and concern, but Davidson states she does not want to break off contact altogether. She is profoundly curious about the entities and wants to see if she can communicate meaningfully and honestly with them, in order to find out what they really are and why they are contacting her. She feels that judicious use of resistance techniques might help bring this about.

**T**his leads us to the subject of another technique which although related to righteous anger as used by Jan Whitley, nevertheless has essential differences. Protective rage has been used successfully by several witnesses and brings about rather rapid departure of intrusive entities<sup>(22)</sup>. It is the strong verbalisation of rejection, directed toward the entities, often stemming from the witnesses' desire to protect others besides themselves. Essentially, righteous anger is a somewhat milder emotion; it can be demonstrated without words, is often used during an encounter itself, and the motive is often protection of *oneself*. Protective rage, on the other hand, uses verbalisation in strong, rejecting language, intends protection for other members of the household, and can be used not only during encounters, but *after* them. When used in the latter fashion, it possibly establishes a protective shield, so to speak, around the witnesses, their family and home. Morgana Van Klausen used it effectively in association with other techniques, as described above.

For resistance techniques to work, witnesses (and the researchers who work with them) must concede the *possibility* that they *can* work. Witnesses and researchers who are convinced that the entities' motives are associated with our spiritual evolution, tend to downplay the possibility of resistance techniques and are not inclined to try them, even though trauma results from ongoing encounters.

Witnesses who feel that their rights are being violated seem to be more likely to try, and succeed with, resistance techniques. The controversy thus far has brought up a basic question; "Since these entities appear superior to us, aren't we obliged to do what they say?" In my opinion, if unknown types of entities want something from us, let them explain what they need, ask us for our co-operation, and somehow provide verification to our satisfaction that they are telling the truth<sup>(23)</sup>. This, in itself, could be a very long process.

In summary, even though "UFO entities" easily paralyse and render most of their victims

pliable and co-operative, this does not necessarily indicate technological and/or mental superiority. The entities probably know that the humans they approach without warning will be terrorised. Human beings fear the unknown; fear is part of our normal survival process. It is possible that the paralysis which is part of most abduction scenarios is at least partially self-produced; we are all familiar with the concept of "self-paralysing fear." Conversely, perhaps the state of altered consciousness in which the majority of these experiences occur brings about temporary paralysis in large muscle groups; similar types of paralysis occur in other altered states, such as some phases of hypnosis and dreaming. This is not to say that "UFO abductions" occur in ordinary dreaming. It is evident that these events have a reality of their own.

Much more study needs to be done. A 200-case catalogue which I am assembling will allow statistical and psychological studies to be made. Personality profiles of witnesses who successfully fend off unwanted contact can be compared with personality traits of witnesses who report being unable, or unwilling, to try. Researchers, investigators and witnesses who know of such cases are invited to share reports of this type. The controversial nature of this subject is fully recognised, and both positive and negative inputs are welcome.

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► (continued from Page 8) extraordinarily important letter from Budd Hopkins. We take the liberty of quoting some paragraphs from this letter:-

"The second reason for this letter has to do with my lecture at the upcoming Albuquerque MUFON symposium. I will be presenting what I believe to be the most important case for establishing the objective reality of UFO abductions that I have yet encountered. It concerns the abduction, in November of 1989, of a woman from her twelfth floor apartment in New York City. The event was apparently witnessed by at least 14 independent observers, four of whom subsequently contacted me. One of these witnesses is a major political figure, two others are security men who were travelling with him, and the fourth is a woman who happened to be driving across the Brooklyn Bridge while the abduction was occurring. All four saw the UFO hovering above the apartment building, a bluish-white beam of light shining down from its underside, and they watched the abductee, together with three aliens, floating in the light twelve storeys above the street..

During my talk I will play an audio cassette recording of the female abductee relating the event in a hypnotic trance stage, as well as separate taped

descriptions by two of the four witnesses. I will show photographic slides of the scene and sketches made by the female witness from her perspective on the Brooklyn Bridge, and I will also read excerpts from letters to me by the other witnesses. I am taking the unusual step of describing the subject of my presentation in advance simply because of what I believe to be its extreme importance."

In the rest of the letter from which I have just quoted, Mr. Hopkins mentions that he has recently undergone a very difficult period of distressing illness, but is now recovering, and we would like to subjoin here our own warmest sympathy and best wishes to him.

He writes:-

"This is, first of all, a letter of profound thanks. As many of you already know, I was recently operated upon for the removal of a kidney. The surgery was successful, and I am recovering gradually, with no need for further medical procedures other than periodic checkups. My prognosis is excellent. During those difficult weeks my spirits were buoyed up by the many flowers, cards, letters and thoughtful gifts I received, some even from people I have never met. I was deeply moved by these expressions of affection and support, and grateful for all that you have done for me. UFO research has sometimes been described as an arena filled with vicious, backbiting, hyper-competitive individuals, but so far as my experience goes, this description fits only a narrow minority. In the 17 years I have worked within this field I have found a large and solid core of generous, mutually supportive individuals at the center of our collective effort."

For some years past, Mr. Hopkins' close collaborator in this work has been the historian Dr. David Jacobs, PhD., of Temple University, Philadelphia.

In our last issue (*FSR* 37/2) we discussed and advertised Dr. Jacobs' own new book, *SECRET LIFE: FIRSTHAND ACCOUNTS OF UFO ABDUCTIONS* (pub. by Simon & Schuster, New York, March 1992), and I take this opportunity to emphasise also once more the tremendous importance of this new work which will constitute the third volume recording the unique achievements of the Hopkins-Jacobs investigative team.

We send our salutations and warmest best wishes to them both. ■

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# MORE UFO REPORTS FROM SPAIN (1990)

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## 1. OVER MURCIA PROVINCE (South-East Spain).

On February 2, at about 2340 hrs., residents of Zarzadilla de Totana observed two UFOs over the Valdeinfierno swamps and the Lorca-Caracava highway.

(Source: "Estigia" (CIFE) No. 80, March-April 1990.)

## 2. UFO LANDING AT ZUERA, near ZARAGOZA (North-East Spain)

At Monegrillo, near Zuera, a garage man was testing a car that was under repair, when suddenly the engine failed. Looking up, he spotted a large pear-shaped object standing on the ground nearby.

After a few moments, the object took off at high speed.

(Source: Bruno Cardenoso in radio programme "Parallel Worlds" on Radio Club 25 (Tarrasa), April 22, 1990).

## 3. UFO OVER ZARAGOZA (North-East Spain)

A resident of the San José suburb of Zaragoza looked out at 4.30 a.m. on Sunday, April 8, 1990, to find what the weather was like, and saw in the sky a huge luminous yellow sphere. Its apparent size was larger than that of the Moon, and it remained there, beneath the cloud-cover, for several minutes.

(Source: Bruno Cardenoso, in radio programme "Parallel Worlds", April 22, 1990).

## 4. UFO LANDINGS ON ISLAND OF MALLORCA (MAJORCA). (Western Mediterranean.)

At about 2130 hrs. on February 14, 1990, Sr. Miguel Mateu and his lady companion were driving in a water tanker towards the Son Olivé farm, a few kilometres from Sineu, when the lady noticed strange objects above some near-by pine trees. What had caught her attention was a sort of "window" consisting of four squares, the upper two brighter than the lower two, and forming as it were a sort of red platform stationary in the air. Turning into the farm entrance, the driver pulled up, the engine still running. The glowing "window" was now straight ahead of them, at a distance of some 400 metres or so. Miguel Mateu got out, to deliver some water, while the lady, Antonia Busquet, remained seated in the driving cabin. They had already seen something flying overhead, above them, in addition to the thing above the pine trees, and Miguel had reassured her saying it was merely

an aircraft.

Miguel Mateu, who is himself a native of the district, says that this second object, which he had called an "aircraft", was travelling very slowly, and going towards the "window". He explained: "Its light, which was coming from the back part, lit up the trunks of the trees. It was *triangular* in shape, and was smaller than the other thing (the "window")."

The smaller, triangular thing landed, beneath the hovering larger "window" shaped object, and behind the clump of pine trees.

Next, Antonia, still seated in the driver's cabin, saw a third flying object approaching on their left. This third object was rhomboidal in shape, with its periphery surrounded by small lights and, at its centre, one big constantly flashing light.

This third object also landed, and in the same place as the second one, that is to say behind the clump of pine trees and under the "window". Miguel Mateu had now finished his job, and walked back to the driver's cabin to find Antonia in a state of shock. "Quick! Quick!", she shouted, and they drove off at once.

When critics suggested that what they had seen were helicopters, Miguel and Antonia were full of scorn. "Helicopters," they said "are very, very noisy. But in this case, we heard absolutely no sound whatsoever!"

(Source: Carmen Domenech, Mallorca, on Catalunya Radio "Sintoní Alpha" (Signature Tune Alpha), April 29, 1990.

## 5. UFOs OVER YECLA (MURCIA PROVINCE), (South-East Spain).

At 5.00 a.m. one morning in August 1990 the members of a family residing in Yecla (38° 35N., 1° 05W.) were preparing to set out on a journey by car from their holiday chalet on top of the local mountain range, Sierra del Cuchillo, when they observed a strange sort of misty patch in the otherwise cloudless sky and, above it, three white objects as big as the full Moon, revolving and shooting beams of light down towards the ground. The family watched spellbound for twenty minutes. Then, too terrified to tarry longer, the family slipped into their car and fled in the darkness, without even daring to switch on their headlights.

(Sources: Antonio Forte, of the local Yecla UFO Investigation Group, and C.I.F.E. Bulletin.) ■

# POSSIBLE ABDUCTION OF A WOMAN MOTORIST IN CATALUNYA, (N.E. SPAIN).

By Josep Guijarro

(Translation from Spanish. G.C.)

**M**aría del Carmen Roure had made that particular journey hundreds of times, but for the rest of her life she will probably always remember the night of May 13, 1990, when she had a close encounter with a UFO.

At the end of May 1991 she telephoned to me and, as her voice showed, still very shaken, spoke of the terrifying experience she had had at midnight between May 12 and 13.

I therefore decided to go to Gerona to meet her and learn at first hand the story of this thirty-five year-old teacher at a school in Sant Gregori.

She had been returning to Gerona by car from Platja d'Aro. There had been a storm in the neighbouring areas that evening, and the sky was overcast.

As she arrived at a place called Llagostera she noticed, through her windscreen, a bluish light in the upper left part of her field of vision. The light was enveloped in a "cloud" of about the size and shape of a rugby ball.

Arriving in due course at La Creueta, that is to say at the first houses of the suburb of Villaroja, the light moved to ahead of her car, and from it there now came a very fine, narrow beam directed down towards the ground.

This strange beam of light seemed to be making a detailed study of the vicinity, just as we have learned from the descriptions in so many abduction cases, and lit up the roofs of some of the adjacent houses.

At that moment the eyewitness began to fear that this beam might be intended for her. Her mind began flooding with thoughts of turning back and fleeing, or seeking help, or finding somewhere to hide, but all she managed to do was to reduce speed.

She was not doing about 30 km.p.h. when, rounding a bend, she found the blue beam ahead of her and occupying the entire width of the highway (some 18m. wide). She glanced desperately in her rear mirror for help, but she was alone. There were no other vehicles on the road.

The bluish beam was "cylindrical", and emerged from the centre of the blue light. When her headlights struck the bluish beam, it seemed to act as if it were a mirror, reflecting the lights off in all directions, not as single headlight beams but as several smaller beams, "as if a frill (*reja*) were

involved."

Carmen started to pray. Terrified, she passed through the blue beam, but without noting any important psychophysical symptoms. There is however one significant fact: *the frequent headaches that she has been suffering ever since.*

At about 1.00 a.m. she arrived at the traffic lights shortly before her house, and then she saw the blue light divide into three parts and vanish over the horizon at high speed.

*Had Carmen been abducted?* There is no evidence of any time-loss in covering the distance of 35 kilometres between Platja d'Aro and Gerona. Nor has she been aware of any dreams or memories related to visits by extraterrestrial beings. This simply is just one more experience in the vast list of UFO reports in Cataluña. One more case so similar to so many others all over our planet which bring home to us the fact that maybe our Earth is not the only inhabited planet in the Universe.

(Credit and thanks to FSR reader Andrew Stride of Ottershaw, Surrey). ■

## THOSE CIRCLES!

by Jan Delgado (Newsletter, July 1992, No. 8)

**O**n 11/12 July a circle making competition, sponsored by the *Guardian* newspaper, the Koestler Foundation and *PM* magazine is being held. I strongly disagree with the promotion of this type of activity. In all kinds of manual and energetic competitions, practice is required and this has to be done somewhere. Are we seeing some of it now, are people checking to see if their technique is good enough?...

I suppose it is inevitable that this would happen....

However, underpinning the whole phenomenon is the fact that many retired farmers have told me they saw precise flattened swirled circles in their fields many years before I saw my first one. Only about a month ago I met a gentleman in the Devizes Bookshop who told me he was born and brought up at Alton Barnes and during some summers in those fields he saw precise circles in the crops just the same as we see today. That was nearly fifty years ago. Among other retired farmers there are those who remember their fathers telling them about flattened swirled circles in the crops when they were young — so that takes the subject back to around one hundred years ago.

Is the subject thousands of years old and is it only recently it has become significant? Perhaps we have already looked at crop circles for too long. Perhaps they have already achieved their mission and we should be looking beyond them.....



# MORE UFO REPORTS FROM NEW ZEALAND

*By Gordon Tuckey, FSR Consultant*

(Paihia, Bay of Islands, North Island, New Zealand)

## 1. A "UFO NEST" NEAR KAREKARE

A report published in the local newspaper, *Western Leader*, of November 23, 1989, states that here in the far north-eastern tip of North Auckland, a "UFO nest" found in February 1989 in the reeds of a patch of *raupo* swamp near Karekare (35° 12S., 173° 59E.) caused a lot of renewed talk about UFOs and about numerous recent sightings over the Waitakere Ranges. The circle, some 3 m. in diameter, is very reminiscent of the one discovered in a reed-bed at Tully in Queensland, Australia, in 1966. The *raupo* reeds, flattened, while all around the other reeds stand upright, "appear to be woven into an anti-clockwise spiral". But little attention had been paid to the Karekare case by the local people until the British "*crop circles*" began to be widely discussed in the world press during the summer of 1989.

Nine months later, the reeds in the circle were still flattened, and still looked "woven". But the plants inside the circle were still growing, and now looked greener than those outside it. One witness said: "*From the intertwining of the reeds, it looks as though something rotary came down at immense speed and wove the reeds together*". The circle lies near a beach, within two metres of cliffs, and beneath overhanging shrubs and trees. An Air Force officer, Squadron-Ldr. Gordon Habgood, when asked whether a helicopter could possibly have done it, said: "The closest that a helicopter could fly would be at about 6 m. from the cliffs".

Bruce Cathie, the well-known New Zealand investigator, has examined the Karekare Circle, and says it is unquestionably linked with nearby UFO sightings over the Waitakere Ranges. In his view, the circle "was made by a mechanical object, possibly an anti-gravity craft hovering". (Surprisingly, however, he thinks that in this case "aliens" are less likely to be involved, but more likely secret new craft being researched by the New Zealand Military!)

## 2. UFO OVER THE BAY OF ISLANDS

The Cornelius family's farm being at a considerable altitude above sea-level, they are able, from their landscape windows and sun-deck, to look out over the Bay of Islands (35° 15S., 174° 06E.) and also to catch a glimpse of the Ocean (South Pacific) away to the north.

And it was there, over the open sea, that the object was first seen, at about 7.00 a.m. on June 22, 1990. Their attention was first drawn to the very

bright, "comet-like" tail. Following this along to the right, using their binoculars, they were then able to see the comparatively dull-coloured body, of a rounded, oval shape.

After they had watched its slow and erratic progress towards the east for some minutes, it suddenly vanished, and only after searching for some time did they discover the oval body again, though now no "tail" appeared to be visible. It was now hanging motionless above the entrance to the Bay of Islands.

They kept it steadily in view for a while. Then it suddenly vanished once more, and was not seen again.

I enclose the account of the sighting, which was published in our local newspaper, *The Northern News*, of Tuesday, July 10, 1990. The report seems to be reasonably accurate.

Incidentally, I have been gathering UFO reports here since about 1956. For example, things were already being seen here in New Zealand when Adamski came and lectured here, and I can supply some of the reports of the sightings here of those days.

## 3. ANOTHER BAY OF ISLANDS REPORT

The *Northern News* of Thursday, June 28, 1990, reported that, at 7.15 a.m. on Friday the 22nd., at the radio station ("New Sound Waves") at Paihia, the station's manager Mr. Robyn Lilley and the sports reporter Mr. Brian Going saw a shining disc, of about the apparent size and shape of a rugby football, hovering in the sky beyond the town of Russell (lying on the southern shore of the Bay of Islands).

They said the object "was so bright that it shimmered". After hovering for about half a minute or so, it moved away slowly eastwards and then picked up speed. Then it paused several times, before suddenly beginning to look larger, as though now approaching Paihia.

Mr. Lilley said that they watched the object for about seven minutes before it disappeared. They realized that it was definitely no aircraft, owing to its size and its speed.

The morning was clear and crisp, with no cloud.

The first was about 20 years ago. It was of similar shape, but larger, and "making a terrific lot of noise, being closer". That had been at Hamilton. Paihia businessman Darryl Hammond raced down

to the wharf after hearing Lilley and Going on the radio, describing the UFO.

Mr. Hammond's description of what he had seen was "long and shiny like silver", and "comet-shaped, with a fat head tapering off towards the tail".

Mr. Brian Going, the radio station's sportswriter, added that it "didn't appear to be an aircraft, because there was no vapour-trail". He described the form as "like a blimp-shaped very bright light". He said that, had nobody else seen it, he would "have had definite doubts about his own sanity".

**Squadron-Leader Hank Moffat, the public relations officer of the N.Z. Ministry of Defence, said that there was no central reporting point in New Zealand for UFO sightings. He said sightings were generally reported by the Police to the Civil Aviation Authorities, for the latter to follow up with enquiries, but these enquiries needed to be made at the time of the sighting.**

#### 4. A UFO "MAY HAVE LANDED" IN THE BAY OF ISLANDS REGION

According to a report in the *Northern News* of Tuesday, July 3, 1990, a UFO may have landed near the isolated settlement of Orauta during the previous week.

Late on the evening of Tuesday, June 26, Mrs. Maude Thompson, an elderly resident, and her granddaughter Josephine Reid, aged 10, were watching television in their house near the Orauta School when Mrs. Thompson spotted a brightly shining light behind a nearby bush-covered ridge. She called her granddaughter Josephine to the window, but when she saw it, the little girl was very frightened by the "really bright flashing light - brighter than the Sun!"

Both the girl and her grandmother heard a distinct humming noise with a varied pitch.

Meanwhile, the dogs outside and around about were all barking wildly. The flashing of the light lasted for about half an hour, and during all this period their puppy dog refused to go out of the house.

Meanwhile, also, the Principal of the Orauta School, Mrs. Kene Martin, was at work in her bedroom, which faces the hillside. She heard strange "cracking" noises, similar to rapid gunfire. As she said to her daughter Tanya, "I could hear a funny noise, and I didn't like it".

She continued: "I looked outside to see where it was coming from, and my dog was pacing along the footpath and staring towards the ridge where the light was. It couldn't have been anyone shooting, because the noise was too fast for that" ■

## ARE UFOS COMPATIBLE WITH "OUR" PHYSICS?

© By R.D. Pearson, BSc.(Eng.), FSR Consultant



We have pleasure in introducing to our readers, as a new FSR Consultant, Mr. Ron Pearson, who started the first half of his professional career as a research officer working on jet engines. He spent the latter half, after 1962, as a university lecturer specializing in Thermo-Dynamics and Fluid Mechanics. This background, based on Newton's theories, enabled him to look at some major problems of Physics from a new angle. These problems had been baffling cosmologists for decades. Physicists had largely abandoned Newtonian concepts in their attempts to fit Quantum Theory - which describes atomic behaviour - to Einstein's Theory of Gravitation. They have not succeeded. Details of his book, *Intelligence Behind The Universe!*, and of his other writings, have already been advertised in FSR 36/3. EDITOR

**T**he very existence of UFOs is dismissed by most scientists because they seem to defy the known laws of established physics. They appear as part of the paranormal which for many

decades has been debunked by them. Adrian Berry, science correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, gives the reason in a nutshell. He said in the edition dated 5/11/90:

*"Few subjects more infuriate scientists, physical scientists in particular, than claims of "paranormal" events, such as spoon-bending, levitation and communication with the dead. They are resented because, if confirmed, the whole fabric of science would be threatened."*

But could it be that our own science is not sufficiently advanced, or indeed possibly on the wrong track in some respects? It is therefore important to take a critical look at physics to see if the fears which Adrian Berry highlights are real or imaginary.

If UFOs exist and come from other planetary systems, then they would face insoluble energy problems if bound by our known laws. If on the other hand they have always co-existed with us but are built from a matter-system which is normally invisible, then this is tantamount to an admission that the paranormal exists.

### THE THEORIES OF EINSTEIN

From my six-year study of this it transpired that the major difficulties of acceptance arise from Einstein's theories of relativity. These cannot admit messages to travel faster than light (See Box, Page 25) and do not permit an all-pervading "ether" to exist. But to resolve a basic difficulty in the theory of the atom, the so called "quantum theory", messages need to travel many times faster than light through an invisible medium. This is fully explained in my book\*.

Einstein's theories were based, however, on the early experiments of Michelson and Morley. The ether, an invisible medium through which light propagated, had been assumed to exist. They hoped to measure the absolute speed of the Earth through this ether. They measured differences in the speed of light pointing in different directions and concluded that such differences were negligible. Einstein's basic assumption was consistent with this result. He postulated that light propagates independently of any medium and appears to have the same speed for all observers. This was so even if they moved relative to one another at speeds up to that of light. The idea of an ether existing was abandoned as a result.

### EINSTEIN AND QUANTUM THEORY

For more than 50 years physicists have been trying to match up Einstein's theory with the theory of the atom called "quantum theory". They have not succeeded, because of an abundance of internal contradictions which have defied all attempts at resolution. In a new approach however, a contradiction-free interpretation is presented which fits the facts. In it the bits from which atoms are made have fleeting lives but are continually regenerated. They form sub-atomic particle sequences joined end to end in time but not in position. The point of reappearance is governed by an invisible computing grid structure which pervades all space. It uses numbers which have a wave-like property. They add and subtract like ripples on a pond arising from different places to form interference patterns. In this way the "matter-waves" which physics uses in quantum theory are explained. What appear to us as permanent atoms are organised by the grid from component parts which occupy only a tiny fraction of the available space. They appear to jump about at incredible speed to fill the required space and define the "orbital" of the atom, so prescribing its

shape. The speed of information transfer along the grid needs to be at least 10,000 times the speed of light for this model of the atom to have validity. So Einstein's theories present a major stumbling block.

### NEW PROOF OF EXISTENCE OF ETHER

But a crack appeared in 1961 which I did not know about until my good astrophysicist friend Sam Nicholls sent me an article. This described how two physicists, Champeney and Moon, carried out an experiment on a rotating bar. A time-dilation effect predicted from relativity did not appear. Then in the 1980s an experiment by Alain Aspect showed that particles called "photons", which are carriers for the energy of light, affected each other instantly regardless of separating distance. And then the "coup de grace" may have appeared in 1986. Again, had it not been for Sam sending me the article a few weeks ago, I would never have known about this. Another physicist, Silvertooth, has carried out an experiment which showed the ether exists after all! He pointed out that the speed of light is equal to its wave frequency multiplied by wavelength. Michelson and Morley had assumed wavelength to be fixed and in effect only measured frequency changes. Silvertooth used very clever apparatus to measure differences in both frequency and wavelength. Then differences in the speed of light showed up in different directions. From this he determined the speed of the Earth through the ether. It came out at 378 km/s. It now appears that Michelson and Morley simply did not use sufficiently advanced instrumentation.

### THE "COMPUTING GRID"

The "computing grid" deduced to exist in my book\* corresponds with the ether but gives it some structure. It allows the entire spectrum of the paranormal to be explained as part of physics. Furthermore, a simple alternative to relativity is incorporated which, whilst free from contradiction, agrees with experimental checks just as well!

**The new approach permits the existence of both kinds of UFO, — namely the UFO from Outer Space, and the UFO from an interpenetrating system. The grid can support several interpenetrating systems of matter which are normally invisible to one another. Each operates at a different matter-wave-frequency to which it is tuned. Rare appearances can occur when conditions allow some overlap in the frequency bands to arise. The other kind is permitted by a solution to the energy problem. A different kind of travel at thousands of times the speed of light could arise which requires little energy input. The information pattern on the grid defining a living or non-living object could be copied if the secret of programming the grid could be discovered. Then this could be read out again at a place many light years away. Then the object,**



including living occupants, would suddenly materialise!

But such explanations will be unacceptable to established physics whilst Einstein's theories hold sway. Unfortunately the physicists in cosmology are not yet ready to dismiss Einstein, since most of the work they have been doing for 70 years will have to go on the scrap heap as soon as the demise of relativity is accepted. This is probably why the Open University still puts out programs about rela-

tivity as if it were incontestable. It could also explain why Silvertooth's work has not yet achieved prominence. But the truth is steadily leaking out, and this September there is to be an International Scientific Conference in Leningrad to discuss the issues raised.

\*Pearson, R.D. *Intelligence Behind the Universe*. Available from Michael Roll, 28 Westerleigh Road, Downend, Bristol, BS16 6AH, £9.95 inc. p&p within the UK (520 grams). ■

## CATALUNYA ENCOUNTER

By Omar Fowler, FSR  
Consultant

**T**his incident took place on the night of the 3rd of January 1991 on a lonely country road near Olivella, a small village in the province of Barcelona, Catalunya, North-Eastern Spain.

The unsuspecting witness was Andrew Burton, an English schoolteacher. He had just completed his evening night school tuition at the small school in Villafranca and was on his usual journey home to the village of Sant Pere de Ribes, a distance of some 15 km.

The journey took him along the road that passes through the foothills of the Garraf Mountains. The narrow road meanders through heavily wooded pine forest and has numerous treacherous corners.

The time was 10.20 pm. and it was a clear moonlit night as the small *Seat* car trundled along the country road. It was then that Andrew saw what he thought were the lights of another vehicle in the distance, shining through the trees. It was probably a French car he thought, as the light appeared to be yellow in colour rather than the normal white of a Spanish car's lights.

The light was still distant and it appeared to be only a couple of bends ahead. As he approached, he began to slow down. It seemed that the other car might have gone off the road (not an unusual occurrence along this particular stretch) as the light was shining through the trees.

He had passed around the first bend and was about 25 metres from the second bend when his engine cut out, at the same time his lights flickered and went out. Fortunately he had been driving very slowly, as he had expected to find an accident, and

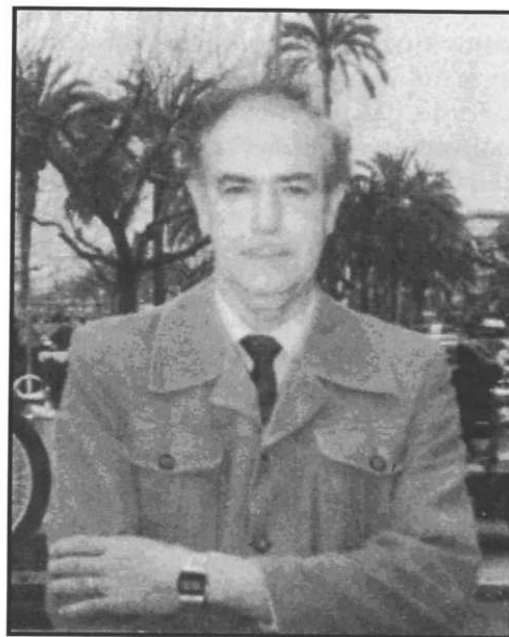
his vehicle stopped easily.

Andrew sat in the car peering at the yellow light shining through the trees. "needless to say, I did not get out" he commented later. He sat there for what seemed to be a minute, when suddenly the light went out, and at the same time his own ignition and lights came on again.

He started up again without any trouble and drove off. As he drove around the bend he slowed down and peered into the trees, but could see nothing unusual at all.

The following morning when he went out to his car, he found that the digital clock on the dashboard had stopped, and he was unable to start it again. This unit has its own battery and is independent of the car's electrical system. He replaced the battery in the clock and it worked perfect! Later that morning Andrew returned to the point on the road where the incident had taken place, and walked along both sides of the road, but he could find nothing unusual. He did notice that 50 metres further down the road a line of power cables crossed the road.

He suffered no headaches or other effects and as far as he recollects, the car journey took only the normal time. ■



### MESSAGES WHICH TRAVEL FASTER THAN LIGHT

If a message is assumed to travel faster than light and is sent off from a point moving at very high speed relative to an observer, then, as a result of Einstein's initial assumptions, it would appear to travel backwards in time. If it could be reflected back to the sender, then the message would arrive before it was sent out! Hence, *par absurdum*, no message can travel faster than light.

The new theory infers the existence of an invisible computing grid which permeates the entire Universe. This grid throws off so called "virtual particles". These are sub-atomic parts of very short lifespan and so need continual regeneration. They form an invisible seething mass of fluid able to flow through the open grid structure with apparent independence. From a tiny fraction of this fluid, matter is organised. Whether light propagates relative to the grid or to fluid space, messages travelling faster than light can no longer appear to travel backwards in time whatever the relative speed of any observer.

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## MAILBAG

### "Gigantic Birds" and "Bedroom Visitors"

Dear Mr. Creighton, — In FSR 36/4 considerable coverage was given to reports of "gigantic birds" seen on the Island of Puerto Rico.

This immediately jolted my memory back to 1987. It was about 7.00 a.m. and I was standing, alone, one Saturday, at the usual street-corner, awaiting the arrival of the company's coach to pick me up.

I distinctly recall that everything appeared peculiarly "quiet". (The so-called 'Oz Factor'? ). There seemed to be no traffic at all on the roads, and nobody in sight. I felt disoriented and apprehensive.

I glanced up to my left, and there, passing slowly some ten feet or so above the adjacent buildings was a horrendous wing-flapping 'contraption' travelling at maybe 10 m.p.h. or so. I was absolutely flummoxed.

In the U.S. Air Force I had served as an observer, so I knew that I was not seeing anything 'normal'! Far from it!

I estimated the wing-span of the thing (I term it an 'artificial contraption') to have been about 30 ft.

The thing had a head, which it kept turning this way and that. It had a beak, like the beak of an eagle, and I can only describe its eyes as having shown evil intent.

I stood there transfixed, and never took my eyes off the 'bird' until, after about two minutes, it had passed out of my field of vision.

The coach arrived five minutes later, and I recall the driver asking me: "Are you going to stand there for ever?"

I have never forgotten that incident, and recall getting very drunk that night. I only wish I had had a camera with me at the time.

I have followed the "UFO scene" for years, starting with the accounts of George Adamski in my own country

(U.S.A.).

I have observed UFOs in flight, and indeed sometimes I have the vague feeling that, away back in the United States, I may have been abducted, but I cannot recall anything definite. Yet that vague impression still persists.

A year ago, and lasting for about a week, I had nightly 'visitations' here. To describe it briefly, I would awaken suddenly and always there would be a blindingly globe there, next to me oaken walk-in wardrobe, and a little humanoid figure would be cavorting around the bottom of my bed. The light of the globe was as bright as the light of the Sun, so that it seemed as though it were mid-morning, and not 2-3 a.m. in the night.

I was completely paralyzed. I could not look directly at the globe, for fear of being blinded by it. But the overall impression of the experience seemed to be to be benign. Nothing of a nightmare nature.

The 'globe' and the creature left me by simply diminishing in light intensity, and the room darkened again, and I felt that I could move once more and read the numerals on my clock-radio.

What was the purpose of it all? I'd naturally like to know. (Perhaps my subconscious knows?).

Yours most sincerely,  
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January 7, 1992.

### NOTE BY EDITOR

Anyone who produces a publication about so 'controversial' a subject as UFOs inevitably receives a huge quantity of mail of a decidedly lunatic or 'way-out' type, and FSR's NUT CASE FILES make interesting reading. However, just as my many years of study of Chinese ceramics and Chinese paintings have given me a pretty good 'feeling' for what is genuine and what is

fake, my 45 years of familiarity with the weird world of Ufology have provided me with some sort of similar 'hunch'. And I must say frankly that, while I have never met the writer of this letter, I don't think he is pulling our legs. As our readers will know, there have been, for years past, countless tales of brief glimpses of gigantic birds, just as there have been "Yeti" or "Sasquatch" reports from every part of the world. And it is my guess that all these critters most probably exist in another dimensional set-up which is quite near to us, and that, for some peculiar reason, humans frequently get brief bursts of clairvoyance during which they are able to perceive them. Probably the same is true of the briefly glimpsed aliens.

### Australian Crop Circles

Dear Editor, — Re. FSR 36/4, page 10. O.K. — So could we too see a reproduction of this famous photo of 400 crop circles from 7,500 ft. over Victoria, Australia? In the next issue perhaps?

I used to subscribe to *Spaceflight News*, a small but professional newsstand magazine, but following the general policy of apathy towards Space exploration, and both the USA's and USSR's lack of funds for research, the magazine recently went bankrupt, with loss of subscribers' subscriptions. Even an attempt to team up with a similar German production failed, as it too folded.

*But FSR - which deals - not with "the Greatest Conquest of Mankind", but with a subject that does not even exist, continues happily into its 37th. year! WELL DONE!*

*There must be "a moral" here somewhere!*

All the best!  
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January 1992.

\* On Page 17 of FSR 36/1 we have already published poor reproductions of two photographs which show a large number of the Victorian crop-circles. EDITOR.

### An Interesting Sighting Over Cyprus

Dear Editor, — Between 11.00 p.m. on January 24 of this year and 1.30 a.m. next day, many residents of Larnaka, Palechori, and Limassol observed a brightly lit craft, estimated to be about 50 metres long, with a long "tail" of vari-coloured lights. Some said it was soundless, while others thought they detected a low hum from it.

Two eyewitnesses were questioned about it in a programme at the local TV station, whereupon at least four more people 'phoned in to confirm their story.

One of the two eyewitnesses interviewed on the TV gave one very interesting piece of information: he said that as the UFO had passed over him it *picked up his car and moved it to another place*. He also said that the underside of the UFO reflected the ground below as vividly as a mirror would. This statement was given subsequently, in a programme of the local radio station, CyBC (Radio Triton) on the morning of February 8.

Yours sincerely,  
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February 8, 1992.

### The F-16 Aircraft Allegedly "Zapped" Over Puerto Rico

Dear Editor, — In Magdalena del Amo-Freixedo's article *Current Happenings Over Puerto Rico* (in FSR 36/4) mention is made of "two F-16 aircraft most probably coming from an American aircraft-carrier at anchor not far away".

There is however a slight error in reporting here, since the F-16 was not designed for operating off aircraft-carriers.

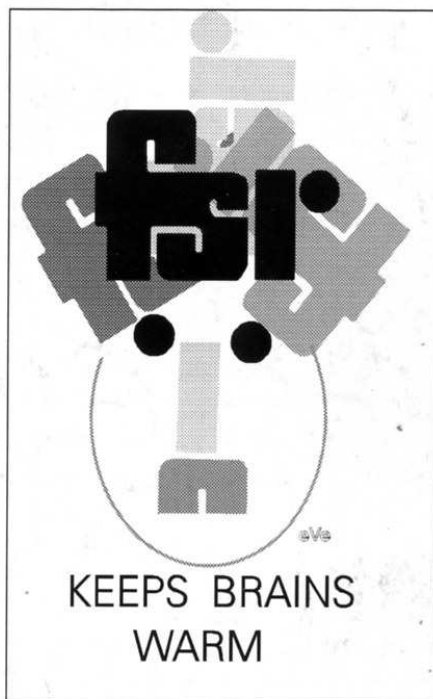
Yours sincerely,  
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February 9, 1992.

\* As Puerto Rico is U.S. territory, these aircraft might have come from any of the numerous U.S. military bases on that Island. EDITOR.

### Villagers "Wonderstruck" in Arabia

Dear Editor, — I enclose a report from an Arabian newspaper which I received yesterday, and think you may be interested in the 'wonderstruck' villagers of the Jizan area of Saudi Arabia. There seem to be no instructions in the *Qur'an* as to how to deal with this phenomenon, so no doubt the best procedure is to pretend that it doesn't exist.

Since P. Moore is one of the very few people in the Western World who knows what exists and what doesn't exist,



it could be that he would be the best person to explain (in his best Arabic) to the good villagers that what they are seeing doesn't exist.

In the words of Dr. Charles Richet, the foremost French pioneer in Parapsychology at the end of the 19th century, "I did not say that it was *possible*. I merely said that it *happened*".

As regards the situation on the "Home Front", here in Britain, we have now reached the unofficial start of the Spring Season, and it will soon be time for Doug and Dave, ubiquitous constructors of circles, rectangles, sundry shapes, and pictograms, to recommence their nocturnal antics. It is rumoured that they have been spending the winter months soaking their feet in daily mustard baths and, complete with crutches\* and pension-books, are now ready to tackle the cornfields of the Known World.

Who said we were "finished at 65"?  
Yours faithfully,

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March 3 1992.

\* But you forgot to mention their *stills*!  
EDITOR

From *The Arab News*, February 21, 1992.  
JEDDAH. (OKAZ).

### MYSTERIOUS "BALLS OF BLAZE" PUZZLE JIZAN VILLAGERS

The people of the village of Al-Ardah in Jizan are wonderstruck. They have been seeing mysterious fireballs landing in their village, but have no clue from where the balls come and their significance.

The phenomenon is usually seen in the evenings. The fireball shoots into the air to a height of about 50 metres and then falls down, vanishing without trace.

Although it has been happening frequently these days, nobody has been able to explain the phenomenon.

A team from the Arabic daily *Okaz* headed for the area in order to meet the village folk and find out details of this strange phenomenon. The team also spoke to experts.

Sheikh Muhammad Bahloul Oalaqui, a local dignitary, described the phenomenon as strange and puzzling. "The inflamed article suddenly goes up in the air and falls down immediately afterwards leaving no trace of any kind", he said.

He added that the phenomenon was also witnessed in neighbouring villages, like Al-Hanbah, Abou Al-Athraar, Amradah, Abou Ghubarah, and Berdan.

Asked about the size of the blaze, Sheikh Oalaqi said it is as small as a human skull.

Among those interviewed by *Okaz* was Sheikh Ael Abou Sammah, the Chieftain of the northern Ardah region. He said: "At first sight, I thought the ball of blaze was something like fireworks. However, I later realized that I was witnessing the mysterious phenomenon that the dwellers in the area were talking about."

He went on to narrate one instance. "One day I myself and my friends saw a fiery ball going up into the air, and as it fell we followed it but we could see no trace of it".

In the village of Berdan, the *Okaz* team met another local citizen who works as a clerk at the Sharia Court in Al-Ardah. He said "I have never believed what was rumoured by the local people until, from the courtyard of my house, I saw the fireball going up into the air to a height of 50 metres or so. And I saw it again some days later".

One of the villagers, Abdou Ahmad Bazegh, said: "The blaze usually shoots into the sky as one ball and then gets divided into several parts which disperse and fall on the ground without any sound".

The *Okaz* team who made the tour of the villages feel that the phenomenon is deserving of study by scientists, who might then explain the affair to the confused villagers.

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