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- .If these are Extraterrestrial visitations, how can there be so many of them?
- .Most crashed disc reports are 20 or more years old. Are there no recent ones? If not, why not?
- .What possible motive(s) could ETs have in the mutilation of cattle and other animals?
- .Abduction cases seem to be on the increase. Does this indicate an increase in the phenomenon or merely in the willingness to report, and why is the same thing done over and over again?

Further details will be published in this space as our plans are finalized.

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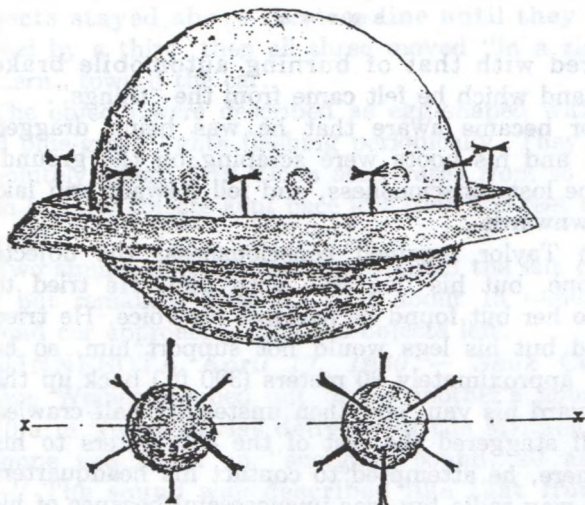
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THE SCOTTISH LANDING CASE



(See Story at Right)

Figure 1: The appearance of the UFO and 'mines', as described by the witness, but drawn by others. X-X indicates the axis of rotation of the 'mines'.

UFOS INSPIRE WELL DRILLING?

Almost every night for the last 7 years, Pat McGuire believes his farm, located 30 miles north of Laramie, has been visited by humanoid beings traveling in multi-colored UFOs. His sightings are confirmed by his wife and eight children, as well as Dan and Ruth Grover who also live on the farm. McGuire describes the UFOs as about 300 feet wide and 60 feet tall and capable of amazing speed.

McGuire's relationship with the UFO beings began in 1971, he believes, with a compulsion to dig a well in the prairie basin that is now his home. He was told by geologists that there wasn't enough water in the basin for an irrigation well, and several drilling companies refused to drill the well for him, saying that it was a waste of time. He started making plans to drill the well on his own and everyone was surprised when he tapped into an underground river at 350 feet. McGuire's well can now pump 8,000 gallons of water per minute and has turned his sagebrush desert into 5,100 acres of irrigated grassland. Drillers who have since tried to tap the underground river in other locations have all failed.

It wasn't until 1978 that McGuire began to under-

(See Drilling, Page 4)

The February 1980 (Vol. 28, #8) issue of the *Bulletin* contained a preliminary report on the alleged encounter of a West Lothian, Scotland forester with a strange object and equally strange smaller objects or "entities". The "happening" took place on November 9, 1979, and the following is the information gleaned from additional clippings and mainly from the *Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena*, Vol.1, No.2, March, 1980. Strangely enough, the article was written by Stuart Campbell, the architect who initially identified the object(s) as manifestation(s) of ball lightning. However, it does seem that Mr. Campbell is being fairly objective, and the following are the "gleanings". We refer the readers to the February, 1980 (Vol. 28, #8) issue of the *Bulletin* to save space and repetition.

Robert Taylor, forester, (sixteen years tenure with the Livingston Development Corporation) and now a foreman, left his home in Lothian at 1000 GMT in a Forestry Department van, to inspect young trees to the North of the town near highway M8. As he could not drive the van all the way due to the density of trees, he left it on the side of the roadway and proceeded on foot.

Mr. Taylor, accompanied by his dog—walked the rest of the way, and at about 10:15 he rounded a corner in the forest path (100 meters from the road but out of sight of it) and came upon a strange sight.

Before him was a rounded object with a rim-like appendage (according to *Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena*) not unlike a circular platform (see drawing, reproduced from JTAP, artist not identified).

At first the smaller objects were not in evidence, according to Taylor. The larger object was hovering above the ground, neither moving nor making any sound. The "thing" was dark grey with a texture similar to that of sand-paper. It appeared to become transparent in one area or another, seemingly, to Taylor, to "camouflage" itself. The "craft" was estimated to be twenty feet (six meters) in diameter.

Taylor said he stood, amazed, and stared at the object, then two small objects (apparently coming from under the large object) "rushed" toward him. They had a color and texture similar to that of the "parent" object, but were outfitted with appendages (see figure 1). They rolled on a horizontal axis and made a "plopping" noise as the "legs" made contact with the ground.

Upon reaching him, these objects each attached itself to one (each) of his trouser legs, just below the pockets on the sides. Taylor felt them tug him toward the large object and at the same time, he said, he was nearly suffocated by a strong acrid smell which he

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compared with that of burning automobile brake linings and which he felt came from the "things".

Taylor became aware that he was being dragged forward and his boots were scraping on the ground, before he lost consciousness, and fell forward and laid face downwards.

When Taylor regained consciousness, the objects were gone, but his dog was with him. He tried to speak to her but found he had lost his voice. He tried to stand but his legs would not support him, so he crawled approximately 90 meters (300 ft.) back up the trail toward his van, and then unsteadily half crawled and half staggered the rest of the 430 meters to his van. There, he attempted to contact his headquarters via two-way radio but was unsuccessful because of his voice.

Taylor then attempted to back the van up the track but unfortunately he ran off the track onto soft ground and could not get it out. Using short cuts through woods and fields, he walked the remaining 1600 meters back to his home, arriving at 11:30 a.m. During his walk between his van and his home his voice returned.

Upon seeing her husband's state when he arrived home, Mrs. Taylor assumed he had been attacked and started to call the police, but Taylor stopped her and had her call Mr. Malcolm Drummond, the head of the Forestry Department and his superior. Drummond immediately went to the Taylor residence and he and Taylor went back to the scene of the encounter where they found strange holes in the ground which Taylor said had not been there before that morning. Mrs. Taylor had noticed some unaccountable tears in his trousers in the areas where Taylor claimed the small objects had attached themselves.

Mr. Taylor was later examined by his Doctor who found only a "grase" (scrape?) on his chin and on his thigh. The Doctor sent him to the Bangour hospital for a skull X-ray but Taylor checked himself out before this was accomplished. (Editor's note: This may strike some readers as odd, but if Scottish hospitals are anything like American ones, any tests except for those required in *dire* emergencies, are only undertaken on weekdays and it is *possible* Taylor didn't relish a hospital stay over the weekend for an X-ray, especially if he had no pain in his head, and so far the reports do not indicate that he did).

The following excerpts were taken from the "Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena" with their permission: "The ground marks (see Figure 3) were of two types. First, there were two isolated ladder type

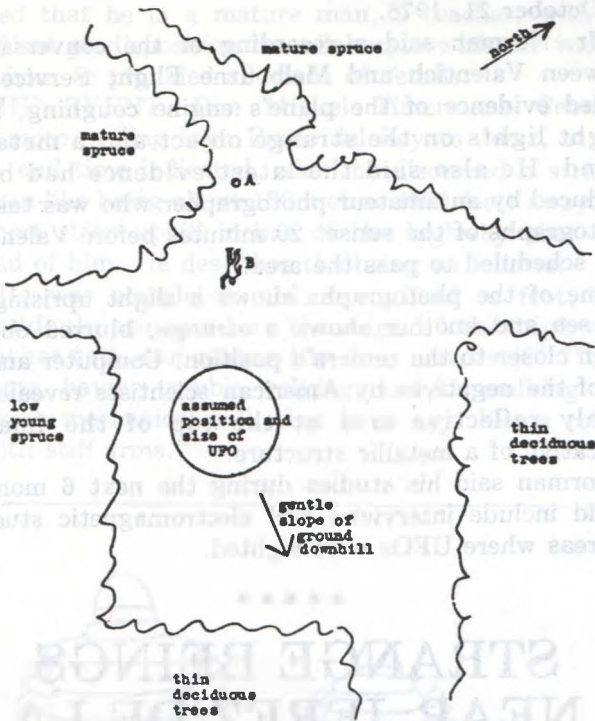


Figure 2: Plan of site and surrounding area

“Secondly there were 40 holes surrounding the “tracks”, as shown in Figure 3. These holes all exposed fresh earth and were tapered from a maximum width of about 10cm, but at an angle as shown. The angle was fairly shallow; about 30° to the horizontal. A remarkable feature was the fact that the direction of the angle of the holes was consistent and always in line with the next hole in line. Two distinct and related sets of holes can be detected, and it is clear that one set of holes proceeds clock-wise, while the other proceeds anticlock-wise, and that they are in tandem between the “tracks”. In some cases, blades of grass surrounding the edge of a hole were sheared off.”

“No grass was scorched. The marks were measured and recorded by the local police the same day, and the area fenced off by the Forestry Department. The marks were photographed by Alastair Sutherland (a friend of a member of the Forestry Department) and by me, the following day.”

“tracks” about 2.5 m long and the same distance apart. Each “rung” of the ladder (see Photograph 1), was 2 or 3 cm wide and deep, and about 30 cm long, and the area of grass between each “rung” was evenly flattened, but not as deeply as the “rungs”. Although the “tracks” appear to be impressions made by a heavy object, the indentations were only in the grass; they did not alter the ground profile under the grass as they would have done if subjected to a heavy weight. The grass blades were each folded and formed to follow the outline of a rectangular indentations.”

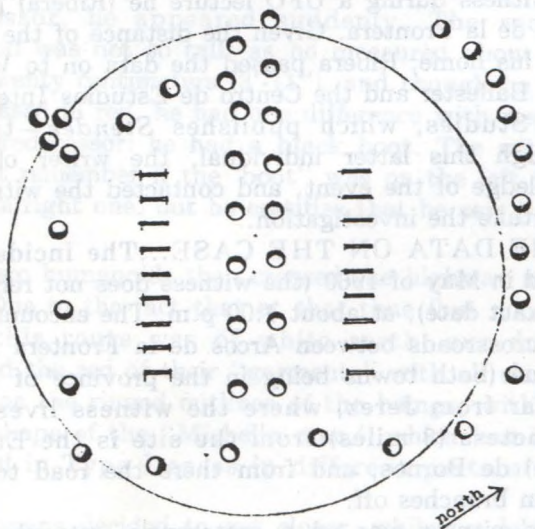


Figure 3: Plan of site markings from Police Measurements.
 ○ shading indicates top side of angled holes.
 6 m diameter circle is assumed position of UPO as shown on Figure 2.

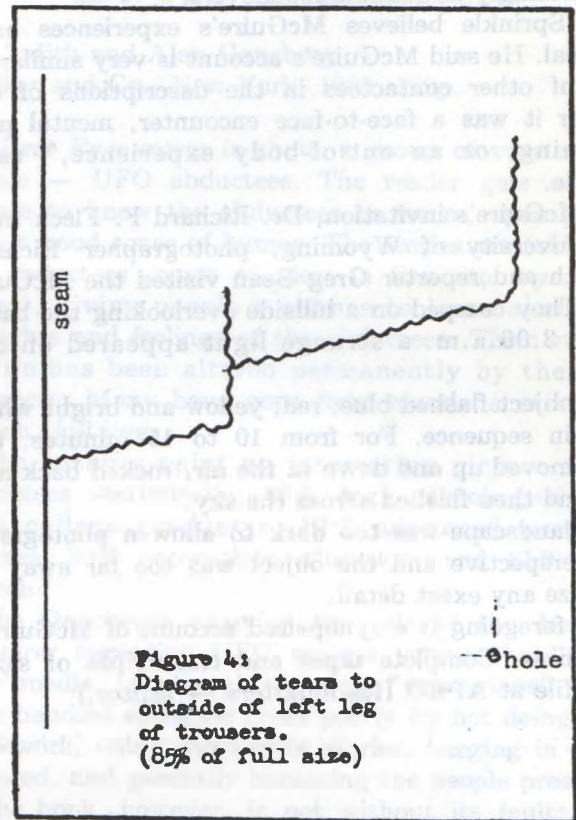


Figure 4:
 Diagram of tears to outside of leg of trousers.
 (85% of full size)

“Robert Taylor’s clothes (including the trousers) were taken by the police for forensic examination. Only the trousers and his long underpants showed anything unusual. Figure 4 and 5 show the tears on each leg of the trousers, which are made of navy blue serge. The right leg tear is about 65cm up from the bottom of the leg, while the left tear is about 76cm up.”

Drilling

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stand what was happening. In that year he made contact with Dr. Leo Sprinkle, a noted para-psychologist and UFO authority at the University of Wyoming. Sprinkle agreed to work with McGuire and the tests were begun.

Under hypnosis, McGuire reported that he had been taken aboard one of the spacecraft into an oval room where the aliens telepathically instructed him to begin plans for the well. The aliens were described as human in appearance, 6 feet tall, about 200 pounds, large eyes, thin lips, bald and having no bridge on the nose. They were dressed in black with silver belt buckles with raised stars. McGuire thought that the beings were possibly from another dimension. He was told that the vehicles were propelled by a sophisticated magnetic system which allowed great speeds, hovering and seemingly impossible maneuvers.

Dr. Sprinkle believes McGuire's experiences have been real. He said McGuire's account is very similar to those of other contactees in the descriptions of the whether it was a face-to-face encounter, mental programming, or an out-of-body experience," says Sprinkle.

At McGuire's invitation, Dr. Richard F. Fleck from the University of Wyoming, photographer Richard Foertsch and reporter Greg Bean visited the McGuire farm. They camped on a hillside overlooking the basin and at 3:00 a.m. a strange light appeared on the horizon.

The object flashed blue, red, yellow and bright white lights in sequence. For from 10 to 15 minutes, the object moved up and down in the air, rocked back and forth and then flashed across the sky.

The landscape was too dark to allow a photograph with perspective and the object was too far away to recognize any exact detail.

(The foregoing is a synopsis account of McGuire's experiences. Complete tapes and transcripts of same are on file at APRO Headquarters — Editor.)

LOST AIRMAN PROBE CONTINUES

AUSTRALIA — JULY 1, 1980 — WARRNAMBOOL, VICTORIA: Victorian UFO Research Society vice-president, Paul Norman, will spend six months in the Warrnambool district investigating the mystery disappearance of a Melbourne pilot. No traces of the pilot, Frederick Valentich, or his blue and white Cessna have been found since he told Melbourne Flight Service there was a strange object hovering above him

on October 21, 1978.

Mr. Norman said a recording of the conversation between Valentich and Melbourne Flight Service revealed evidence of the plane's engine coughing, four bright lights on the strange object and a metallic sound. He also said the latest evidence had been produced by an amateur photographer who was taking photographs of the sunset 20 minutes before Valentich was scheduled to pass the area.

One of the photographs shows a slight uprising in the sea and another shows a strange, blurred object much closer to the camera's position. Computer analysis of the negatives by American scientists revealed a highly reflective area at the top of the image, indicative of a metallic structure.

Norman said his studies during the next 6 months would include interviews and electromagnetic studies in areas where UFOs were sighted.

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STRANGE BEINGS NEAR JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA (PROVINCE OF CADIZ) SPAIN, IN 1960

by Miguel Peyro Garcia

Translated by Richard W. Heiden

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KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVENT...The information comes from Antonio Ribera, who was questioned by the witness during a UFO lecture he (Ribera) gave in Jerez de la Frontera. Given the distance of the events from his home, Ribera passed the data on to Vicente-Juan Ballester and the Centro de Estudios Interplanetary Studies, which publishes *Stendek*—trans.). Through this latter individual, the writer obtained knowledge of the event, and contacted the witness to undertake the investigation.

THE DATA ON THE CASE...The incident occurred in May of 1960 (the witness does not remember the exact date), at about 1:00 p.m. The encounter was at a crossroads between Arcos de la Frontera and El Bosque (both towns being in the province of Cadiz), not far from Jerez, where the witness lives. Five kilometers (3 miles) from the site is the Embalse (Dam) de Bornos, and from there the road to Villamartin branches off.

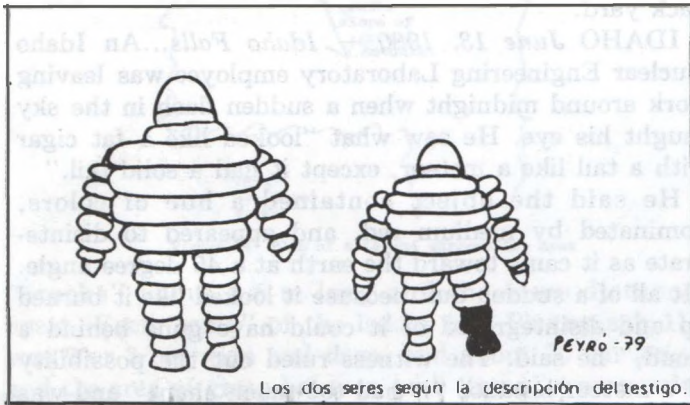
The witness was on a motorcycle, returning from Prado del Rey (also in the province of Cadiz), a town not far from the site of the incident.

THE WITNESS...There was not enough opportunity to get to know the witness well, but it should be

stated that he is a mature man, a teacher, with an excellent predisposition to collaborate with the writer, to whom he provided all kinds of details.

THE EVENT... Don Miguel Timermans Ceballos was motorcycling from Prado del Rey to Jerez, at the date and time indicated, when he discerned a strange human-like being about 150 meters (500 feet) away, on a short steep uphill incline of the highway that was ahead of him. He describes the being as follows:

"He was completely red, from head to foot, and suddenly appeared at the edge of the highway, rather tall, something like two meters (6'-7") or more, having trouble walking, and his walking was like a mechanical doll, that is to say, like a robot, with stiff arms."



Los dos seres según la descripción del testigo.

The two beings according to the witness's description.

Timermans stopped his motorcycle, tremendously surprised, and got ready to observe better. The humanoid was walking on the edge of the road, and before going six steps, another individual of similar characteristics appeared, and followed him. Like his predecessor, he appeared suddenly. The second humanoid was not so tall, as he measured about one meter twenty centimeters (3'-11"), and though he was also dressed in red, he had one difference with respect to his predecessor: he had a black boot. The witness does not remember if the 'boot' was on the left foot or on the right one, but he certifies that he saw it like that.

The two humanoids then crossed the highway at an angle. Due to the fact that at that time (but not any more) this route was of white earth, our driver perceived the red of their "garments" with all clarity, as well as the ringed outlines of the beings, with the classic shape of the "Michelin man," which had been reported in Type-I cases in different parts of the world.

Timermans decided to get closer, while he debated with himself over the danger entailed in his decision, so he again started up his vehicle. On reaching the curve in the highway to head toward the slope where the humanoids were located, they had disappeared in

the same mysterious manner that they had appeared. The witness had taken a few short moments to arrive there, but the apparitions were no longer in sight.

The time of the observation from the first look — which we described — is some thirty seconds.

The witness told us that if there had been someone else with him, he would have proposed to get off his cycle to go looking for the two beings in the vicinity, but as he was alone, he did not do it.

This is the account of what happened, an incident that closely resembles others, in different places of the world (France, United States, Reunion Island...), and in our own country of Spain (apparently near Valencia). It is an event that due to its characteristics merits a high degree of trust.

BOOK REVIEW - *Direct Encounters*

By Judith and Alan Gansberg
Walker and Co., New York, 1980. 179p.

Direct Encounters is about a group of very special people — UFO abductees. The reader gets a good chance to know the abductees as warm, open people with a good sense of humor. The stories are told from the abductees' point of view (a first, to my knowledge), giving people a chance to learn about the thoughts and feelings of the abductees. Their outlook on life has been altered permanently by their experiences. Many have gone from mundane existences to rich, full lives.

The authors paint an interesting picture of the abductees statistically: 60% high school graduates, 13% college graduates, 12% advanced graduate degrees, 16% incomplete education, and 61% rural women.

The Gansbergs examine the role of the *National Enquirer* regarding UFO reports versus the "orthodox" media. In general, the more "prestigious" media have handled abductee cases poorly by not doing their homework, using incomplete stories, barging in unannounced, and generally harassing the people present.

The book, however, is not without its faults. The Gansbergs, being new to ufology, mistakenly refer to it as UFOology; and repeatedly misspell Peter Sturrock's name. They also commit errors of fact. Regarding the Zeta Reticuli map, they call the discoverer "a team of astronomers", when in fact, the work was done by Marjorie Fish. They also give the impression that Father Gill was only a visitor to Boianai and that he was abducted (p. 49).

The biggest problem, as I see it, is their confusion between abductees and contactees. They are definitely not interchangeable terms!

The Gansbergs state that they don't know "if there

are alien races, but they also say they have no right to tell abductees what they saw since the authors were not present at the time of the abduction. The authors conclude that the concept of extraterrestrials is doing no harm, and could be useful to humanity.

All in all, *Direct Encounters* is a fresh, interesting, but sometimes flawed book on the abduction aspect of ufology.

Allen Benz, Staff Librarian, APRO

THE GURDON LIGHT PHENOMENON

Since the mid-1950's, Arkansas college students have trekked through the night, over rotting railroad ties and trestles, to reach a point where a triangle of sky points to the apex of the narrowing railroad tracks. Here they pause to view what has become known as the Gurdon Light.

In 1931, a railroad foreman was bludgeoned to death with a spike maul right along the Missouri-Pacific tracks where the light appears. The workman was electrocuted for the crime in 1932. The Gurdon Light, according to legend, is the victim's lantern swinging eternally down the Mo-Pac rails.

Recently, Dr. Charles Leming, a professor of Physics at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, led a party of 12 professors, students and curious visitors to study the phenomenon. When the group reached a point where the tracks dwindle to nothing on the horizon a light suddenly blinked, glowed orange, swung to the right and disappeared.

A short while later the orange glow crossed again, much larger, swept a downward arc across the track, then swung back and faded away. It shook a little as it crossed. Then the light passed again, this time redder and closer. The group stopped and several set up tripods and cameras.

Bob McClanahan, one of the students, believed that the light may have been caused by reflected car lights from the interstate. Mike Clingan, the student who headed the investigation and who had seen the lights many times before, explained that the interstate was about 4 miles away. There is also a large hill in between, which means the light from car headlights would have to be refracted up and over the hill to be visible on the other side. Dr. Leming added that he had talked to people who said the light was visible long before the interstate was built.

The researchers have yet to make a concentrated, once-and-for-all effort to solve the mystery using proven scientific methods. Until that time, and maybe even afterwards, the Gurdon Light will remain as another fascinating mystery.

PRESS REPORTS

By Doris & Joe Graziano

CALIFORNIA April 29, 1980 — *Crescent Grade...* Sheriff's Deputy Richard Griffith reported an "OVAL-SHAPED" WHITE OBJECT EMITTING A WAVY WHITE LIGHT OVER Crescent Grade at 5:05 a.m. He said he could not determine in which direction the object was headed, but it cast a bright light on the ground.

Two minutes later, Ruth Spear called the sheriff's office with a similar report of a white, oval-shaped object which cast a white wavy light on her entire back yard.

IDAHO June 13, 1980 — *Idaho Falls...* An Idaho Nuclear Engineering Laboratory employee was leaving work around midnight when a sudden flash in the sky caught his eye. He saw what "looked like a fat cigar with a tail like a meteor, except it had a solid tail."

He said the object contained a hue of colors, dominated by medium red, and appeared to disintegrate as it came toward the earth at a 45 degree angle. "It all of a sudden quit because it looked like it burned up and disintegrated or it could have gone behind a cloud," he said. The witness ruled out the possibility of a meteor because "it had too much shape" and was traveling too low and much too slow.

LOUISIANA June 17, 1977 — *Cotile Lake...* Dale Schexnaider spent the day fishing and swimming near a private camp with a couple and their two daughters. That night he and the children were carrying recreation gear from the camp to his pick-up truck when he became aware of an "ultra-low frequency." "I heard it and felt it vibrate my sternum simultaneously," said Schexnaider.

He looked above the trees and saw "all these incredibly beautiful pin-points of light." Hovering motionlessly above the treeline was a disc-shaped craft with a bubble-like top. The craft was described as about 75 feet across and 50 feet high and appeared to have "parking lights" on with other lights revolving and blinking.

The craft began to glow and to shine a bright "studio-type" floodlight on the threesome. It then directed several deep-blue rays of light at them. They were described as 3 to 5 intense, electric, silver-blue thin beams which centered on their bodies. Schexnaider recalled hearing crackling sounds in the air around them and felt that they were trapped in a "force field." In a few moments their entire bodies shone in an "eerie blue aura." Movement became difficult "as in a dream...slow, heavy."

After what seemed to be 10 seconds, all the light vanished instantly along with the "force field." Then the craft glided away with only its parking lights on and the humming sound faded with the sight of it.

Schexnaider said he was outwardly calm during the experience and was not frightened until after it was over.

MICHIGAN *June 17, 1980 — Petoskey.* While driving in her car with her four children and a babysitter, Melanie Doan spotted two flying objects about 70 miles south of Petoskey around 11 p.m. The objects stayed above the tree line until they were joined by a third, then all three moved "in a zig-zag pattern" toward the car.

The objects were described as egg-shaped with red and blue-green lights flashing periodically. They were absolutely silent. Mrs. Doan accelerated from 45 to 85 mph but the objects kept pace less than 100 feet above the car.

Two similar objects then appeared to the left of the car but remained distant. After about 15 minutes a second car approached and the objects left.

MINNESOTA *April 17, 1980 — Sauk Center* Duane Weiner stepped out of his mother's house at 2:30 a.m. to supervise delivery of the Minneapolis Tribune and heard an "energetic sound...all around me." The sound was described like that from an electrical wire lying on the ground or an arc welder at a distance.

Weiner looked up and saw a glowing orange sphere about 100 feet off the ground. The sphere moved back and forth, southwest to northeast, rotating as it moved, and spewing tiny bits of matter as it spun.

A few minutes later, the object shifted west, continued its diagonal motion, and moved erratically off into space until it was only a dim point of light. By the time the object left, Weiner was 15 minutes late for his distribution duties.

ARGENTINA *June 14, 1980 — Buenos Aires...*A married couple, their daughter and a school friend were driving on Rte. 7 from Cordoba to Junin around 7 p.m. when the children, in the back seat, began shouting and pointing toward the rear window. The mother looked out the rear window and saw a circular flying mass coming toward the car and shouted to her husband to stop.

He pulled over to the shoulder of the road and they all got out and saw what was described as a "giant circle." It descended with vertical and circular movements leaving a bright trail of whitish smoke. At an altitude of 1½ meters it suddenly disappeared.

A few minutes later they saw another object very high up which emitted luminous white flashes. When they arrived at the nearest service station, they met two truck drivers who also reported seeing the phenomenon.

RENEW NOW!

UFO PROPHECIES: MIRAGE OR MIRROR?

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INTRODUCTION

The history of the UFO controversy, as described by Jacobs (1976), is filled with strange claims and eerie events. For some writers, e.g., Klass (1974) and Menzel and Taves (1977), these claims are nonsense, brought forth by misguided UFO witnesses and by misled UFO investigators.

However, other writers, e.g., Hynek (1972), Lorenzen and Lorenzen (1977), Salisbury (1974), and Vallee (1975), have described the UFO experience in terms of "display," including close encounters, abductions, and contactee cases. The emerging pattern of UFO activity leads to the tentative hypothesis of "conditioning". The question can be asked: does the UFO phenomenon represent a program (Sprinkle, 1976) of "Cosmic Consciousness Conditioning?"

If investigators are willing to consider the question of psychic, as well as physical, manifestation in the UFO display, then other questions raise their silly heads: Are UFO prophecies in the "physical" realm or in the "psychic" realm? Do UFO prophecies represent "future events" which will occur, or do they represent "impossible events" which cannot occur? Do UFO prophecies represent "possible events" if humans do not mind their manners? Do UFO prophecies represent a *mirage* of our fantasies and fears of the future, or do they represent a *mirror* which reflects our own postures and pronouncements of the present?

THE PROBLEM

The problem of UFO prophecies is difficult to explore: there is a mass of information; however, there is no easy method for analyzing the information. The general literature of prophecy has several features, including these: (1) prophecies often deal with claims of covenants or relationships between humans and gods, or spiritual forces; (2) prophecies often deal with claims of changes which will occur or must occur, if humans are to gain or regain their rightful position within the framework of the Cosmos; and (3) prophecies often deal with terminology and symbols which promote a variety of interpretations! Historians are quick to point out that prophecies, revelations, and doomsday predictions usually increase at the end of each century; thus, it is appropriate that we now

observe an increase of Bible-inspired predictions of the end of the world (Dart, 1976). As a bonus, we also have an increase in predictions about UFO phenomena.

However, for every UFO prediction which seems to be fulfilled, there is one which is not fulfilled. For example, Jacobs (1976, P. 153) has written about the incident described by Major Friend (love that name!) who was then the Director of Project Blue Book: six witnesses watched while one CIA officer went into a trance and apparently made contact with space people. The others wanted proof. The man in trance said that, if they look out of the window, they would see a flying saucer. Three men rushed to the window and saw an UFO. At the same time, the radar center at Washington National Airport reported a blockage of radar returns which occurred in the direction of the sighting. The CIA briefed Major Friend, who sat in on a later trance session. He asked to be kept informed of later developments, but apparently nothing happened — except for the transfer to other positions of the men involved.

On the other hand, the book by Festinger, Riecken, and Schachter, *When Prophecy Fails* (NY: Harper & Row, 1956) offers a conclusion by a group of social psychologists: when specific UFO prophecies fail, true believers do not change their beliefs; they merely redouble their efforts in the same wrong directions!

Shall we dismiss the UFO prophecies as a mirage, generated by spacy CIA officials or silly occult groups in little towns across the USA? Do UFO prophecies merely mirror the doubts and anxieties about the future? Or do UFO prophecies represent a portion of a much larger program to condition our belief systems and thereby change our actions and patterns of behavior?

A REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

There are many books which offer information, opinions, and speculations about the purposes and processes of prophecy, especially in regard to the questions about the evolution of humankind. For example, *The Urantia Book* (1955) and *OAHSPE* (1882) are histories of the Universe as well as a history of the Earth. The book by Chan Thomas, *The Adam and Eve Story* (1965), offers a theory of cataclysmic earth changes. Other books dealing with catastrophic events and earthquakes include those by Goodavage (1978); Goodman (1978); Valentine (1977); Verschuur (1978); Webre & Liss (1974); and the anonymous geologist (1965) who analyzed Edgar Cayce's predictions about Earth changes. In general, these books are well-written; in many instances, the writers compare available scientific knowledge with information obtained from persons who describe their clairvoyant visions or precognitive impressions.

Another group of books offer various theories about the process of prediction, prophecy, and synchronicity, including social and psychic factors, e.g., Loye (1979); Vacca (1973); and Vaughan (1973, 1979).

Yet another batch of books are based upon the writers' interpretations of Biblical or religious revelations. For example, the Fatima prophecy is described by Connor (1960), and by Culligan (1967), and interpreted by Stanford (1973). A variety of books, some of which seem more sensationalist than sensible, offer the writers' versions of the Apocalypse or the "end of the world," e.g., Booke (1967); Ebon (1977); La Haye (1972); Lindsey (1973); Weldon & Levitt (1975); Wilkerson (1974); and *Cosmic Awareness Speaks* (1977).

Some writers provide their interpretations of the significance of UFO phenomena in the forthcoming "New Age," e.g., Beckley (1969); Elkins (1977); Hurtak (1977); Moyer (1970); Peters (1977); Puharich (1974); Shuttlewood (1978); Spangler (1971); and Steiger (1973, 1976). One writer, with the marvelous name of Eden (1973), has written a book entitled, *Planet in trouble: the UFO assault on Earth*. Another writer (Preston, 1971) wrote a book whose title refers to economic predictions, but the title looks as if it could refer to UFO predictions: *How to Prepare for the Coming Crash*.

Holroyd (1977) has provided a fascinating account of meditational experiments, or rituals, which apparently were proposed by UFO personalities, and conducted by three persons who were attempting to minimize warfare between Arab and Israeli armies. Tansley (1977) argues that most UFO phenomena are reflective of esoteric or mystical teachings rather than physical manifestations, and he concludes that the purpose of these mystical displays is to shape the consciousness of the inhabitants of Earth.

Spangler (1971b) described two types of archetypal symbols for new creative energies: services which are symbolized by the Prophet and by the Priest.

The Prophet refers to consciousness, divinely inspired, which points out the need for change, points out approaching danger, and acts for a catalyst in order to inspire transformation. For the Prophet, reality is that which must be changed. *The Priest* refers to change which already has been accomplished; reality is the presence of the new, the redeemed, the regenerated form or world. For the Prophet, the New Age is yet to come. For the Priest, the New Age is already here.

Spangler (1971b, p. 35) argues that our links with "space brothers" are based upon consciousness: "Ultimately, it is only consciousness which separated anything in the universe — not space, not time, but consciousness. Understand this and the key to all space contact in the New Age is placed before you." Spangler (1971b, p. 28) claims that meditational practice will lead to: ". . . building an ark . . . All who attune to live this consciousness are absolutely protected, no matter what happens to the outer world. . .

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"SOUND" IDEAS

By Robert Barrow

Just as sound recordings have become integral to the field of education, their significance to UFO research—an education in itself—is being realized. APRO members, schools, libraries, and discussion groups may be interested to know that the following UFO-related recordings are currently available (note: do NOT order these from APRO).

A series of Dolby-enhanced cassettes featuring speakers who attended the "UFO '79" convention at San Diego in November, 1979, can be purchased from project coordinator Hal Starr, 312 W. Frier Drive, Phoenix, Az. 85021. Send a stamped, addressed envelope for a list of prices, related tapes, and speakers, who include Dr. James Harder, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, L.J. Lorenzen, Stanton Friedman, Walter Andrus, Alan Holt, and Cleve Backster. This scientific event deals with such topics as UFO propulsion, cattle mutilations, use of the polygraph in UFO investigations, and a description of UFO entities. Tapes may be obtained separately.

Visual Education Associates, 14 Washington Rd., Box 2321, Princeton, N.J. 08540, offers a series of three cassettes entitled "Project Blue Book: Eyewitness Accounts of UFOs," packaged handsomely in a vinyl folder and accompanied by a listener's guide. The price seems rather steep at \$34.00; however, since most of the material is drawn from the National Archives—where it is already outrageously expensive to the individual consumer—this set might be considered a bargain. Recordings of official UFO case samples from 1957 to 1973 are featured, and acoustical quality ranges from good to excellent as the listener hears official taped interviews regarding such incidents as, the '73 Pascagoula sighting/encounter, the Fort Smith, Ark., sightings of 1967, pilot interviews, etc. Official radio tapes of an attempted UFO intercept by USAF pilots over Edwards AFB in 1965 are especially interesting. My major complaint, in consideration of the high price, is that the third cassette of this series is consumed by pro and con UFO statements by NICAP's John L. Acuff and Robert Shaeffer, respectively; it would have been far more intriguing if additional Archives recordings had been substituted.

A quality, double-LP album entitled "Factual Eyewitness Testimony of UFO Encounters" may be purchased from Investigative Research Associates, Inc., Suite W, 430 W. Diversey Pkwy., Chicago, Ill. 60614, for \$9.95 ppd. (or in cassette form for \$11.95). This professional production features interviews with

many well known and several NOT so often-heard UFO witnesses, researchers, police officers, and other involved personnel. Among the participants who aren't commonly heard from in past UFO recordings are Col. Robert Friend (USAF, ret.), Ted Phillips, Kenneth Arnold, Travis Walton, Father William Gill, Louise Smith, Marjorie Fish, and Dr. Jacques Vallee.

For the first time, the Mutual UFO Network has arranged to offer cassettes of its annual symposium for sale. The result is a series of 17 tapes, which may be purchased separately, culled from MUFON's June, 1980, sessions held in Clear Lake City, Tx. The symposium theme was "UFO Technology," and, consequently, a few of the tapes deal with subjects and language that occasionally seem difficult for laymen to understand; but most cassettes are informative and comprehensive. Sound quality on some of the early tapes suffers, for whatever engineering reason, but this seldom interferes with clarity. Topics covered include close encounter medical injuries, propulsion theories, computerized UFO reports, abduction cases, etc. Participants such as R. Leo Sprinkle (whose wit and enthusiasm equal that of Stanton Friedman, another symposium speaker), Ray Stanford, James Oberg, and Richard Niemtow contribute interesting programs. A list of individual tape categories and prices (the complete set sells for \$75 plus postage) may be requested from Liberty Audio and Film Service, 2820 Hull St., Richmond, Va. 23224.

Clearly, UFO research's age of audio is a prominent development that, hopefully, will continue and thrive in a positive manner.

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