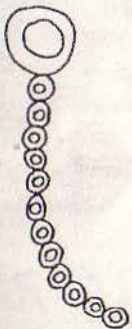


pocket watch, but in this case the large object (the watch) was at the top, and the smaller objects (the chain) were underneath. It was not moving and was a deep golden colour, the rings being a softer yellow colour with hollow centres. Mr Burgess was so excited that he stopped the bus and pointed the object out to all the passengers (some 12-20 people). All saw it and everyone was filled with feelings which varied from simple amazement to spiritual inspiration. Mr Burgess were convinced that they were seeing a solid object at about ten thousand feet in altitude which looked totally unlike anything in his experience, even though he had been a pilot for some years. Mr Burgess was left with a changed outlook on life after his experience and has since developed an interest in all forms of strange phenomena.



Investigation of this intriguing case was made difficult by the fact that over twenty years had elapsed since the original event and this combined with lack of other witnesses and the vagueness about the exact date unfortunately make this case insufficient data, even though the events with their structured solid object and psychological effects on the witness(es) seem to suggest a possible CE 1. There is the possibility that what was witnessed was a (very) unusual cloud formation but Mr Burgess' account of the weather that morning (clear sky with just a few

small cirrus clouds) would seem to discount this. Whatever Mr Burgess saw that summer morning in 1960 it impressed him enough to have stopped his bus to look and to have retained the memory vividly for over two decades. UFO UAP or conventional explanation?

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NEXT MONTH

April's issue of UFO Brigantia will be as full of <sup>good</sup> stuff as usual: contents include:

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- The final part of Alien Friends by Nigel Watson.

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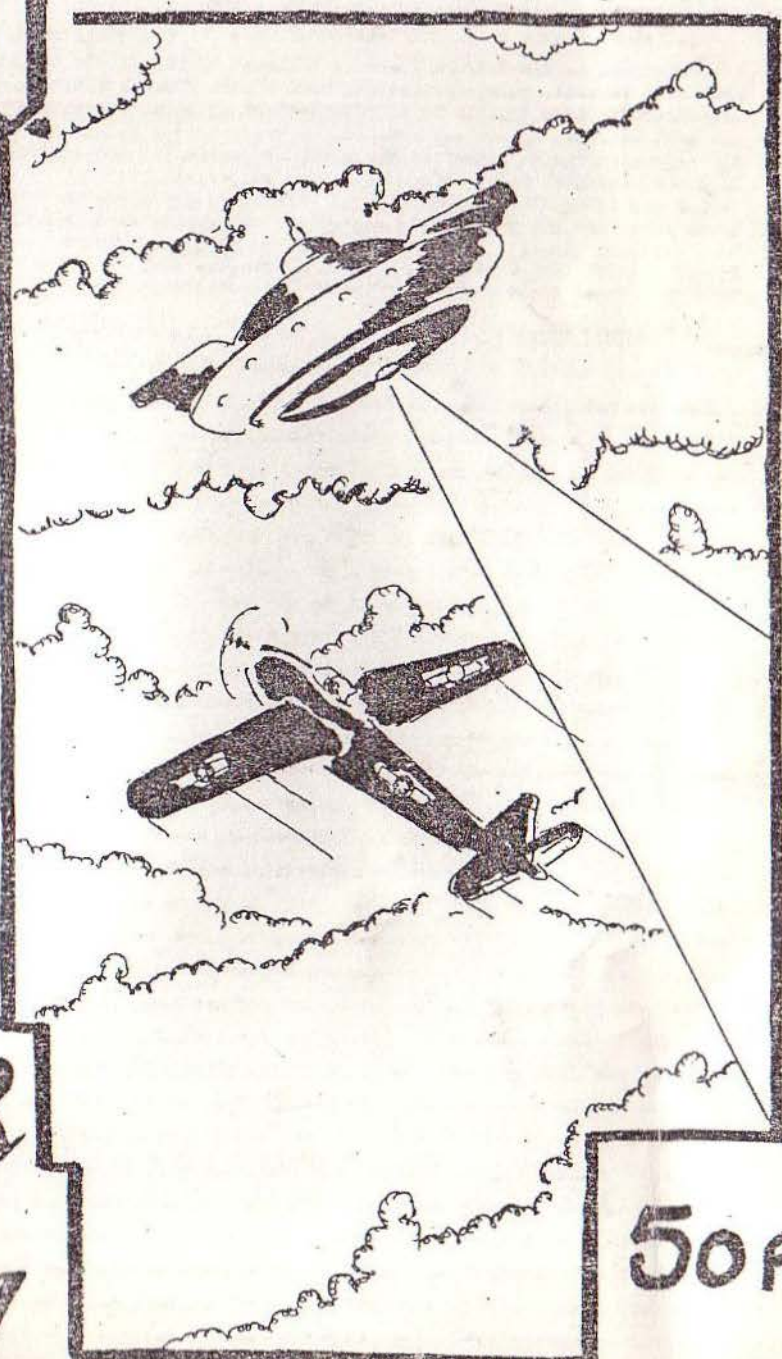
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STOP PRESS: WYUFORG have been offered large amounts of cuttings, magazines, reports etc pertaining to ufology and specifically that of West Yorkshire, by Trevor Whitaker, ex BUFORA investigator for this area. Some of the stuff apparently goes back to the '40's. It just shows what people have tucked away that they aren't using. What have you got?

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SHOCK....HORROR....PROBE....ITS TRUE.....Patrick Moore, that arch-debunker of UFO's and bastion of all that is scientific and objective is a Spiritualist,yep a Spiritualist (source Psychic News 22/2/86).Spiritualism is defined by the dictionary as meaning (amongst other things) that 'certain abnormal phenomena are directly due to the influence of departed spirits'.Science, defined as 'the knowledge of observation' refutes this as by inference does Astronomy, being 'the science of the stars'.So next time someone tells you that "Patrick Moore says there is no such thing as a UFO and he should know", just point out the above.Belief in the dead being able to contact the living or in any form of afterlife is far more outlandish and unprovable than belief in UFO's.People are strange!!

If people are strange then science, which is ultimatly a product of people, is far stranger still, as a recent Horizon BEC2 program showed.Horizon pointed out that our (man's) conception of science and the world is largely determined by man himself-what is known and accepted by the general populace as a 'scientific fact' is not an absolute truth, only something agreed on and accepted by certain people within the scientific establishment.Dissenters are either hounded (Reich) or ignored (Tesla).Various ideas or paths which science could have followed have been discarded, no matter what their validity, in favour of what suits the scientific establishment view of the time.Even though a particular scientific theory may be acceptable it will not always be reproducable by others and it is ofteh found that scientists in the past (and no doubt the future) have only selected the data which fits their particular theory, discarding the rest.Out of all this scientific wheeling and dealing comes the current view of science which is reinforced to the populace as 'fact' and usually irrefutable fact at that.We like to flaunt our science and the current direction of the space program and its preoccupation with weaponry rather than exploration and discovery well illustrates this.When the recent space shuttle blew up why do you think so much fuss was made?The loss of life?Hardly, people die by their thousands every minute and no one cares.It was made because we saw on our TV screens Science Personified (current view) going through a sticky patch.Of course we were all reassured by attributing it to human error,bad timing evn possible Russian sabotage (who else?) because they didn't want anyone to think that the frontiers of science were not as secure as they are made out to be.

Things change and things arn't always what they seem.We must be ready to change our ideas and attitudes about UFO's as and when necessary.There is no point going all out to get science to accept or take interest in Ufology because at the moment it simply isn't interested (bet they would be if you could kill people with it though!).All we can do is make sure consistently objective data is available for scientists if they want it and to make use of the instrumentation which science can offer.As Charles Fort said "Belief in God- in Nothing- in Einstein- a matter of fashion....Come unto me and maybe I'll make you stylish...I concieve of nothing in religion,science, or philosophy, that is more than the proper thing to wear, for a while."

BRIEF REPORTS

Sun.23rd Feb.8.30pm:Two witnesses in Bradford saw a reddy-orange and green trail of lights move across their field of view for three seconds before fading out. The trail travelled in an arc of 45 degrees from sky to ground.This appears to have been a meteor shower which was seen throughout W.Yks. and reported to local radio stations.

Sun.23rdFeb.6.45pm:Witness saw a white star like light in the east.Looking through the telescope the object appeared to be not white but orange with a green 'cap'.It was stationary for ten minutes.This would seem to be a misidentification of a bright star.The moon was visible in the east at about 28 degrees and was full. The colour observed can be attributed to the refraction of the lens when looking at a point source of light.

8th Feb.10pm:Three witnesses in Wortly, Leeds saw a pink bright light at an elevation of 15-30 degrees which trailed a smoke trail (grey).The sighting lasted for one min ute.The object was seen to the right of the witnesses who were in a car, as they caught up with it it turned and faded away.This case is under investigation as it does not offer an immediate explanation.

EVENTS IN THE ANNALS OF ARRAN

When your ex-editor eventually moves to the Isle Of Arran, this type of article you are about to read will hopefully become a regular thing.Recently a group of nine spent a week on the Island, camping near the spectacular megalithic complex on Marchrie Moor.This area, consisting of six stone circles, several standing stones and a cairn, is regarded by the Druids and Witches who live on the Isle as a very powerful energy source.

During the early hours of Tuesday the 3rd of February four members of the group, who were spending the night in a derelict house built on the site of several standing stones, were alerted by something very unusual.Just after midnight the front room was flooded with a brilliant light which appeared to come from the loft.A few minutes later the phenomenon repeated itself, this time the light appeared to be coming from outside the building.Almost simultaneously tubes of light emerged from the ceiling and walls.These tubes of light, after reaching about eighteen inches,

contracted and then began to grow again. Whilst this was going on, brilliant beams of light shone through the windows and a deep humming noise was heard by all four witnesses. This lasted for some thirty minutes.

Fifteen hours later two of us were sat in the van near to the Machrie circles when a bright orange glow was seen on the summit of the mountain, three miles away. A second or two later a ball of light rose up from the snow-clad hills and in to the clouds, a hundred feet above. The ball of light was orange in colour and about thirty feet across. A few minutes later we saw the same ball of light again, on both occasions the light was visible for two seconds at the most. I presumed the two sightings to be Earthlight manifestations.

On the final night on the Island we met a local by the name of Joe who told a strange tale. Joe was spending the night at one of the hotels in Corriegill in what was reputed to be a haunted room. At two in the morning Joe was wakened by a deep humming noise which he told us "made the whole room vibrate". As he sat up he saw a small glow at the foot of his bed which gradually increased in size and magnitude. Eventually it was about six feet high and oval in shape, and from the centre a female entity stepped out and looked at Joe. The entity stared at Joe, who surprisingly was not afraid, for several minutes before vanishing back into the light. As it did so the light began to rise into the air, shrinking as it did so and eventually vanishing. Seven nights later Joe confronted the phenomenon again, but this time he told it to go away, which it did. A similar humming noise accompanied the second visit also.

Article by Paul Bennett.

Editors note: The above, whilst not being from our area is very interesting and readers will note the similarity between it and various types of 'contact' experiences, bedroom visitors and folklore.

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THE SALT FLEET INCIDENT - "A VISITOR FROM THE SEA"

Article by M. Dagless

Original Investigation By N. Mortimer & WYUFORG

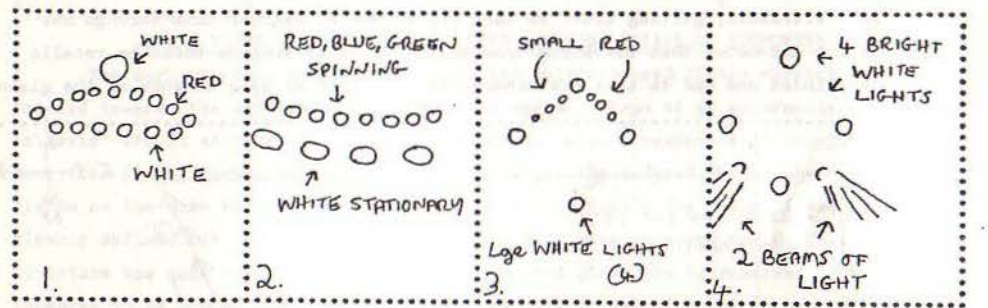
The Saltfleet incident is perhaps one of the most fascinating cases WYUFORG has on its files. It occurred on April 22nd 1984 and sparked off an investigation which still continues to this day. Part one of this report is taken from an investigation which was undertaken by Nigel Mortimer for WYUFORG in 1984. Part two will be a continuation of the events in part one, and part three will be an update on the incident and will present WYUFORG's tentative conclusions.

Saltfleet is a remote part of Lincolnshire, on the coast and about 40 miles north east of Lincoln. It boasts a large caravan site close to where the witnesses were staying in their caravans on private land. Mrs M. had just arrived back after putting her two sons to bed in the adjacent caravan. The time was 9.55 pm and she settled down with her mother to watch a film on tv which started at 10.00 pm. The film had just begun when Mrs M. heard noises coming from the boys' caravan. Obviously they were not asleep so she decided to go over again and settle them down once more. As she walked the short distance

she glanced at the night sky and noticed the thousands of stars visible on that very clear evening.

It only took a few minutes to settle her sons again and all was peaceful once more. As Mrs M. turned to close the caravan door behind her something caught her attention. High up in the sky was a startling sight: A ring of very bright white lights with a formation of smaller red lights above it. A single white light hung several feet higher than the ring of lights. Mrs M. stood looking at the sight for about one minute and then summoned her mother to come and have a look.

Her mother Mrs B. rushed outside and she too could see the ring of lights. At this point Mrs B. estimated the lights to be 500 ft high and stationary. The object appeared to consist of nine white lights round the circular rim of the object with red blue and green ones in a circular pattern above these. No sound was heard. Mrs M. then shouted for her sons to come and look which they did instantly. The time was now 10.15. All four stood watching the lights above them, more lights appearing in between, coming on like light bulbs. As this happened the whole structure began to revolve very slowly gradually speeding up. The lights began to flash and as Mrs B. said "all the colours merged into one as the object moved away towards the south." As it moved away no sound was heard and the coloured lights disappeared from view, leaving only a diamond shape of four large white lights and two or three red lights in the middle of this.



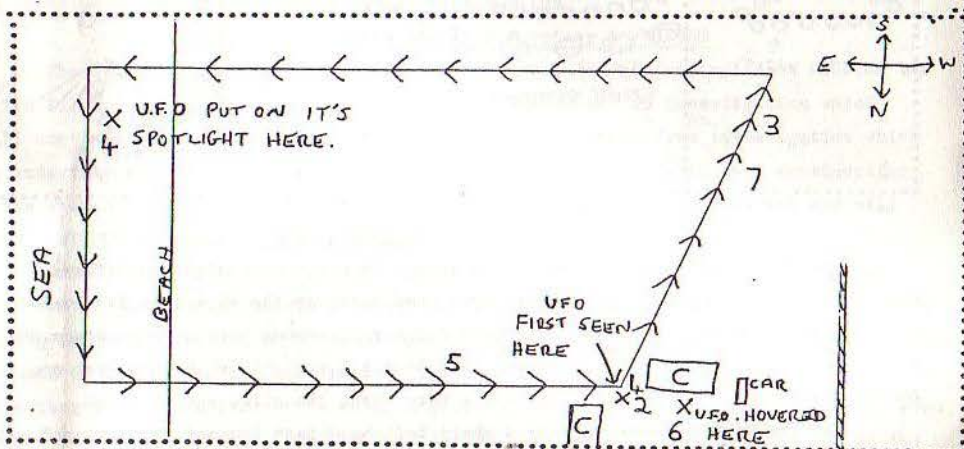
INITIAL VIEWS OF THE SALT FLEET 'UFO'

Mrs M. wanted a better view of the object so she ran to find her father's binoculars but could not find them. She continued to watch the object as it receded into the distance whilst her mother looked for her grandson's pair of binoculars. She found them after a few minutes but could not locate the lights with them, yet could see them without the binoculars. The lights were about two miles away by then.

The lights then suddenly made a sharp left hand turn toward the east and out to sea. Mrs B. found a second pair of binoculars - her husband's - and with these found

the lights easily. Meanwhile Mrs M. continued to watch the object through her sons' binoculars but could only see several white lights. The lights then turned and changed course again ( a left hand turn to the north) and continued up the coastline. The witnesses had no idea at this point how far out at sea the lights were. They continued in this direction for about two minutes. The lights, still red and white and in formation turned again, this time to the west and inland from the sea. They were headed up the beach and toward the witnesses. At about a quarter of a mile from the site the light formation turned sharply down the coast (south), completing a full circle.

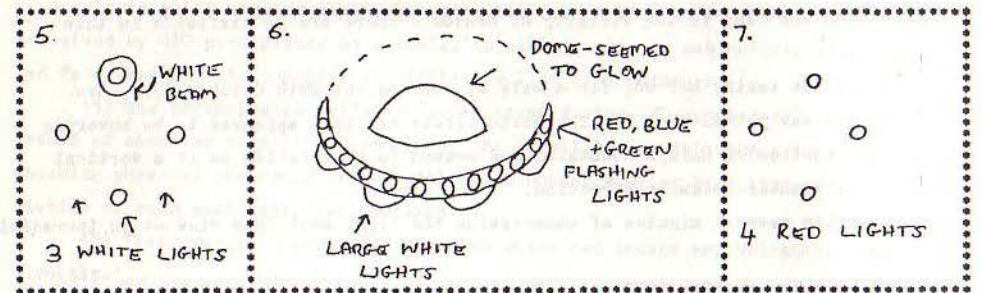
For all this time, some three or four minutes, no sound was heard. As the lights manoeuvred inland all four witnesses saw the object put out a very bright white beam of light, shining down to the sea and ground. This lasted for a few seconds and then was turned off as 'it' came in over the caravan site and the beach. Mrs M's. description of the beam is very similar to searchlights often seen in war films, the only difference being that these were from sky to ground. As the lights moved overhead for the second time they took the same course as before and the witnesses moved several yards away from the caravan, towards Mrs B's husband's car, for a better view. Mrs M. went into the caravan as it was getting cold, the time being approx. 11.00pm. As she entered the caravan she found her two dogs lying together on one seat, rigid and shaking all over as if from fright. Both dogs were staring towards the caravan window to where the lights were, even though the curtains were drawn on! She took the coats and, feeling warmer, all four walked down to the sea and beach to watch for a re-appearance of the lights, which were now faint points of light out at sea. While Mrs M. had been in the caravan the other three had seen the lights re-trace their previous route. The lights once more headed inland but unlike before did not turn away from the beach but continued toward the four witnesses, getting lower as they did so. Mrs M. watched this through her binoculars and noted that the light beam seemed to point towards them. She recalls "I was blinded and had to take the binoculars away from my eyes because of the glare".



PATH TAKEN BY THE SALTFLLEET UFO IN RELATION TO WITNESSES

Mrs B., who was at this time watching without the binoculars saw that two beams of light shone from the object. These were "very powerful headlights" and reflected on to the ground. At this point Mrs B. looked at her daughter who seemed to be acting in an unusual way! Mrs M. says " I'm not sure why, but I seemed to go a little 'mad' and started jumping up and down, waving to the thing saying 'come on you b.....', come closer and lets have a good look at you."

Almost instantly the light beam went out and the object (a structure was visible to all the witnesses at this point) came down swiftly to approx 100ft high, hovering directly over all four witnesses. As it hung in the sky, Mrs M. recalls how she felt no fear, in fact no-one seemed afraid, only a little apprehensive and thrilled at the sight. After a few seconds the light beam again shone down, away from the witnesses. The light became 'muted' and they could see the object's lights arranged around its circular rim. Mrs M. thought there was eight large white lights with much smaller red green and blue lights about one foot above them. The object was very still and silent and Mrs B. states "It seemed as if the UFO was showing itself off to us all". At this point it was approximately 100ft from the ground.



LATER VIEWS OF THE SALTFLLEET 'UFO' SHOWING DETAIL OF STRUCTURE

The dark circular shape, still with its multicoloured lights showing, tilted forward towards the witnesses, revealing the overall shape of an apparently huge 'classic' UFO. It stopped at about a 45 degree angle and remained stationary. Mrs M. describes it as "round, very large with a dome in the centre". There were no visible lights on the dome but it was itself glowing very brightly. The shape of the dome was clearly defined but no visible windows or openings were apparent. Mrs M. felt the whole structure was made out of something akin to smoked glass. Mrs B. remarked that the dome appeared to be lit in a strange manner "it is hard to describe but it was as if it was fluorescent, without any haze round it". The coloured lights seemed to revolve round the rim slowly and Mrs B. recalls what a "beautiful sight" it was. The hovering object remained on view for one or two minutes and then returned to its original horizontal position. It then moved up to a height of approximately 300ft. At this time all the lights except four red ones went out and in doing so made the shape of the object fade, leaving only a diamond formation of lights. All this time one of Mrs M's sons noted how dogs in the area were barking intensely. The UFO continued on its steady path at that height on the same southerly route as previously, turning out to sea once again.....

Part two of this investigation will be in the April issue.

ALIEN FRIENDS

Part three of the article by Nigel Watson which looks at the extraordinary encounter between members of the Sunderland family and extraterrestrials.

Readers who wish to know more about this fascinating encounter are advised to read 'Alien Contact' by Jenny Randles (Coronet £1 75).

Mrs Sunderland who is in her mid-thirties has five children, and because of the honesty, particularly of Gaynor's account, she has become interested in the subject of UFO'S.

In August 1978 Mrs Sunderland discovered that a 16-year-old girl had, in that month, an encounter with a UFO in a field next to Coed-On Lane, very close to Gaynor and Darren's encounters. The girl had been walking through a field at night when she came upon a bright, glowing, silvery 'object' that was on the ground. This frightened the girl so much that she still refuses to discuss the matter.

Later in mid-October 1978 Mrs Sunderland and her husband (a 36-year-old unemployed car factory worker, who until then had been very sceptical about UFO's) saw a yellow coloured light over the River Dee estuary. The light seemed to come to the ground and land in the vicinity of Neston - there are no airfields in this locality.

Whilst taking her dog for a walk at 10pm on the 29th October 1978, Mrs Sunderland saw yet another UFO. The white circle of light appeared to be hovering in the direction of Halkyn Mountain, and seemed to be rotating on it's vertical axis in a counterclockwise direction.

After several minutes of observation the light shot from view at an incredible speed.

On February 17th 1979, at 6.30pm a neighbour of the Sunderland's saw an erratic moving, large orange coloured light, which was seen for a few seconds before it shot away at a fast rate of speed.

On June 25th 1979, Gaynor's prophecy that the aliens would return, came true. When she went to bed at 8.30pm she started reading a book about her favourite hobby; ice skating. The night was humid and she was wide awake until about 11pm when it became dark outside. Suddenly whilst looking at the ceiling she became dizzy, and she felt she was travelling along a dark tunnel.

For about ten seconds she remained dizzy, and she travelled in the black tunnel until she saw, at the end of the tunnel, some human like figures. The next instant Gaynor found herself surrounded by light and on looking around discovered she was standing in a field which contained trees, grass and a stream. Here she met the two aliens she had seen previously.

The male alien appeared to be wearing trunks beneath a green top, and he had 'wings' on his shoulder. The female alien wore a pink dress which reached down to her knees. Wearing a similar outfit to the man was a 2-3 year old boy who stood between the aliens.

A short conversation took place during which the female alien informed Gaynor that she was called ARNA and her male companion was named PARS. "You have come far away" the lady told her.

On touching Arna's hand, Gaynor found herself and her friends flying over a fascinating city which nestled beneath a very large and dark red coloured sun. After this flight they returned to the field. Here another conversation took place. The aliens told her that they would help Gaynor obtain a gift, they encouraged her to live in peace, and they said that they would return, adding that: "We come to you in your darkness".

Once more the black tunnel returned, and she awoke to find herself in bed, the time was now about 11.45pm. After this experience she returned quite easily to sleep.

It is significant that at 11.20pm - during the time of Gaynor's experience - Mrs Sunderland had gone into the bedroom and found her in an unusually deep sleep almost "as if in a trance". On returning at 12.30am Mrs Sunderland saw Gaynor was sleeping normally.

It is quite obvious that a considerable amount of the UFO experience as perceived by UFO percipients as a whole, is almost entirely subjective, and this has led Peter Rogerson to consider the following list of hypotheses:

'1) The psychological effects (experienced during UFO encounters) are the result of shock or cognitive dissonance, the result of encountering a novel, shocking physical phenomena. If so, will we encounter similar reactions amongst the victims of road accidents, for instance?'

'2) There may be a physical phenomena which can induce psychological reactions directly.'

'3) Or are the (UFO) incidents largely or wholly subjective in character?'

With regard to Peter's first hypothesis it is intriguing to note that Gaynor suffered a bad gash on her leg after scratching it against a hedge when leaving the site of her first UFO sighting. It is within the bounds of possibility that whilst riding down Coed-On Road, Gaynor fell off her bicycle. This probably caused the scratch on her leg, and the shock (or the crash, causing temporary unconsciousness) caused her to have a totally subjective 'dream' about UFO entities, which took into account the objective fact of her cut leg and the fact that she was no longer riding her bike.

To reinforce our hypothesis that Gaynor and Darren's encounters are subjective, we just have to consider how their two encounters reflect their own characters.

Darren's space people were eccentric in character, they owned superior looking technological gadgets which were defective. Incorporated in his story are lots of imaginative 'extra's' such as the weird animal, the unresponsive blue bulbs and the picture of a human head that looked like Darren's neighbour. His whole account is like something out of a comic strip rather than an eyewitness account of an objective event, and is derived basically from Gaynor's story.



Frank Hampson, comic strip artist and writer, who was the creator of Dan Dare, pilot of the future, thought up just that sort of society. Set in the Southern Hemisphere of Venus, blond and long haired again. Hampson's Therons were so like Adamskis Venusian, Orthon, that one wonders, especially since they had names which were very similar, two examples being Vostar and Kalon. So much like Orthon that they might have been derived from the same language.

The Therons lived lives of complete luxury, dedicated to the arts and sciences. The Treens, the Therons' ancient enemies lived in the northern hemisphere, being separated from the south by a flame belt and both societies had evolved in different ways. Treens were tall, green skinned humanoids, evolved from reptiles entirely without emotion and followers of a materialistic science based on universal conquest. The Treens were dedicated to subjugating other races and conquering the Universe, attempting to enslave Earth to aid them in that purpose. Needless to say the clean cut cleft chinned Anglo-Irishman foiled their plans.

They had been responsible for destroying the Martians, inundating Atlantis and abducting a lot of the inhabitants for slaves and scientific specimens, a tradition they carried down through the centuries. Also they warred against the other races on Venus, conquered Mercury, attacked the Jovians and sundry other cosmic crimes. Each Treen because of his reptilian ancestry lived 300 years. The weak and crippled were given Euthanasia, and they were ruled by a small super genius called 'The Mekon', who floated about on his own private UFO like an expression of the Birth Trauma Theory.

A recent T.V. programme on dinosaurs came up with a plaster model of what one of these 'Dragons of the Dawn' would have looked like if it had evolved the same way as evolutionists say man did. Startlingly it was like Hampson's creation, the Treen!

There has always been a tendency in Science Fiction for the 'Good and Bad Guys Syndrome'. The Utopia v's Dystopia style of plot for instance, Brave New World, Metropolis and 1984, could easily be said to be Dystopian in character. Whereas Men Like Gods and a Modern Utopia could be said to describe Utopian states. While the Shape of things To Come, The World Set Free, The Dune series and Asimov's Foundation novels tell of Man's struggle from a materialistic dystopia to a spiritually perfected utopia.

Now it has been noticed that most contactees described the 'beings' seen as either malignant or benign. Most of the malignant ones appear to be either monsters robots or stunted dwarfs. The benign ones are tall, cultured and give us messages of peace and warn us against the bomb etc. It seems we have two forces at work here, one force for good and one for evil, a sort of paranormal ying and yang. As man is capable of both, two paranormal forces could be battling for his mind, body and ultimate elusive spirit. Humans would, I believe subconsciously and instinctively know this, perhaps not in the main, but a few sensitive souls would act as a sort of transmitter, as would certain sites. To contact us both sides would use such persons and areas as a sort of go-between for their ideas. Therefore it would be safe to assume that the said forces would manifest themselves, if that is the right word in associations we would understand, anciently as Angels, today as astronauts from Venus.

The bad force could only appear as malignant demons, trolls, mad Martians or whatever.

Getting back to encounters and abductions, see the figures below and compare them to descriptions given by witnesses. These illustrations were taken from S.F. Mags. Several names were used to describe UFO's by writers in the fifties and never caught on. For a while 'Devil Disk' was used and lasted for one or two months.

To understand peoples attitudes towards aerial phenomena in the fifties we, I believe have to look at the literature of the time. People wanted to believe! What Freud would have made of this is open to conjecture. People after WWII wanted to believe in space born engineers, godlike beings who would descend to rebuild the world. Therefore the 'Big Brothers From Space' concept was born and is carried on today by the Aetherius Society and the like. This too has a direct genesis in Madame Blavatsky's Sanat Kumara, the Logos from the Morning Star and his Lords of the Flame landing from Venus on the White Island in the midst of Asia eons ago as is mentioned in the 'Book Of Dzyan'. This also bears direct relation to the Ancient Astronaut theories of Daniken and others.

This idea of saviours from space has always been with us. H.G. Wells wrote of a brotherhood of aeronauts who would save the planet through their scientific knowledge and other examples abound.

UFO's give man this messiah complex. No matter what state the world gets into through pollution, war and natural disasters, the star-men will always save us! In a future article I will look more closely at UFO abductions and those early S.F. tales.

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If the above article reads a little disjointedly it is because it had to be edited to fit it in. Sorry Iain'.



UFO RESEARCH USING STATISTICS

by Nigel Mortimer

I noticed with great interest a recent series of articles that appeared in this journal, namely the July '84 flap. As in this particular case it was not too surprising to realise that much effort had been given to the actual investigation and research of the various sightings involved. Most, I feel will agree that as in the July '84 case, so many reports in a relatively short space of time makes one either suspect a very normal evaluation (ie. IFO) or, when reports vividly suggest more exotic forms of arial phenomena, a possible 'swarm' of UFO's. Only in-depth and un-biased attitudes within work undertaken on such cases will reveal the correct evaluation.

Sometimes, we may be tempted to 'look for' other UFO's when confronted with several cases within a short space of time. I think this may have been the case in the Wyke/Woodside sightings of 1981. Here, after one or two strange lights had been reported in the local press, I became inundated with a number of sightings of even stranger 'exotic' UFO's. These, upon further 'on-field' investigation, became quite explicable in ordinary identifiable terms.

Having said that, I am not trying to state that the July '84 flap did not possibly have it's share of Unknowns. Indeed, it seems quite apparent that several cases reflected unusual aerial activity. I just want to outline the very great need in investigating, researching and preparing such reports that we give as accurate a picture as possible. If we are to prove UFO activity, whatever its origins, we must work openly towards that aim, collecting as much information as possible, not only about the UFO, but about its direct consequences.

UFO data has been collected for many years now, but we must ask, "what have we learned?" We know a heck of a lot about the many different aspects of the thousands of UFO sightings, yet we are still as puzzled about the enigma's origin(s) as we were over forty years ago. I believe, now, is the time to really use all that information that has been, and continues to be, collected day after day. With this REAL useage, we may find answers that otherwise lay undetected within vitally important files, which for the most part, lie shelved and covered in dust.

I really find it a shame that all we may learn from decades of UFO investigations is that UFO reports are great for collecting dust!!!

I understand that at present, WYUFORG have in their possession a case report that I initially investigated in 1984 (Saltfleet, Lincs. CE1-Physio/Psycho). At the time I surrendered it to the group it was far from complete. It was obvious to all involved with the said case that it was of some importance. A vivid account of a low flying UFO over the shoreline/sea, witnessed by several people, which was to have mysterious consequences for all involved, proved a vital source of investigatory info. The case proved so important that several WYUFORG members actually visited the site, confirming many of the details given in the preliminary reports.

At this point I would like to know how many readers are fully aware of this case? Not many, locally I'm sure. And virtually no-one outside of the WYUFORG area!

Several existing members of WYUFORG know that many hours of work as in depth as possible went into initialising a firm basis for a very thorough investigation and research of the Saltfleet case. I ask openly, "what have you learned from that case?"

Editors note: Point taken Nigel and the Saltfleet case should appear elsewhere in this issue.

OTHER VIEWSA FORGOTTEN ANNIVERSARY

By Jimmy Goddard

This is the first 'Other Views', an ongoing series of articles written by people who have their own distinct perspective on the UFO situation. A review of Jimmy's publication AMSKAYA can be found earlier in the mag.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of an event we are sure most people will have forgotten. It is that of an article in Flying Saucer Review by Tony Wedd, a flying saucer enthusiast in Kent, telling of a new organisation devoted to contact with the occupants of space craft rather than the mere collection of sightings. This organisation, called the STAR Fellowship, never had a great many members, but those it did remember it with affection. Its greatest achievement was the publication of a booklet connecting Orthoteny (flying saucer alignments) with Leys (alignments of ancient sites), thus starting the Earth Mysteries movement. We have now re-started the STAR Fellowship, as we feel there is a need for it in the present atmosphere of rejection and ridicule of the idea of extraterrestrial visitors, by Earth Mysteries and UFO movements alike.

But what of the Earthlights theory? The recent research which generated this term seems to show that not only many lights in the sky, but some occupant sightings too may be natural phenomena caused by stresses in the Earth at fault lines. We cannot see how any such apparition could communicate with the observer, but the research is nevertheless valuable as it will help to differentiate between natural phenomena and actual space craft. Also many of the more weird cases can now be explained and eliminated from the study. Nevertheless, we are definatly against any exclusivity of the explanation. However small the minority may be, we hold that a percentage of cases represent visits from outside Earth, and it is this crucial minority that is the interest of the STAR Fellowship.

This is yet another proof of the wisdom of Tony Wedd in concentrating on contact. We can never be completely sure now that any sighting is what it appears to be. Thus, as Tony Wedd said, contact is the way ahead.

Why do we think there are benevolent space people? There is evidence that some of the contactees of the fifties were not so silly as some claim. The book "George Adamski-the Untold Story" by Lou Zinstag and Timothy Good gives much food for thought- and evidence of many kinds to support Adamski's claims. Also there is the story put





In actual fact, it was now claimed the object witnessed and described by Mantell was not the planet Venus, but was an experimental balloon (known as a 'sky hook') which the U.S.Navy had been using in the same area and time of Mantell's death, as part of a (then) classified project. If one accepts that such a balloon—which could reach heights in excess of 60,000 feet, and which had a diameter of around 100 feet—could have been in the vicinity of Goodman Air Force Base on the afternoon of January 7th 1948 (and records show this to have been the case), then the following, revised USAF statement regarding the Mantell incident can be seen as a great improvement on their previous offerings;

"It is the Air Force conclusion in this case that Venus was probably the original cause of the sighting since the object remained in the area for a long period of time and was relatively stationary. The object pursued by Captain Mantell is believed to have been the sky hook balloon, and this object was probably seen by other witnesses who described the object as pear-shaped and metallic."

Despite the undeniable plausibility of the above statement, it is nevertheless the case that—both at the time of its release, and for many years following—this attempt to explain, in rational terms, the events of January 7th 1948 was largely unknown (or ignored) by the majority of American citizens; many of whom seemed more than willing to cling to the belief that Mantell's death had a much more fantastic cause than the USAF investigation might suggest. Indeed I would suggest that it is as a direct result of this public reluctance to accept that Mantell's death was caused by anything other than a UFO—rather than as a result of the facts—that his name remains in a position of false prominence within the annals of Ufology.

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