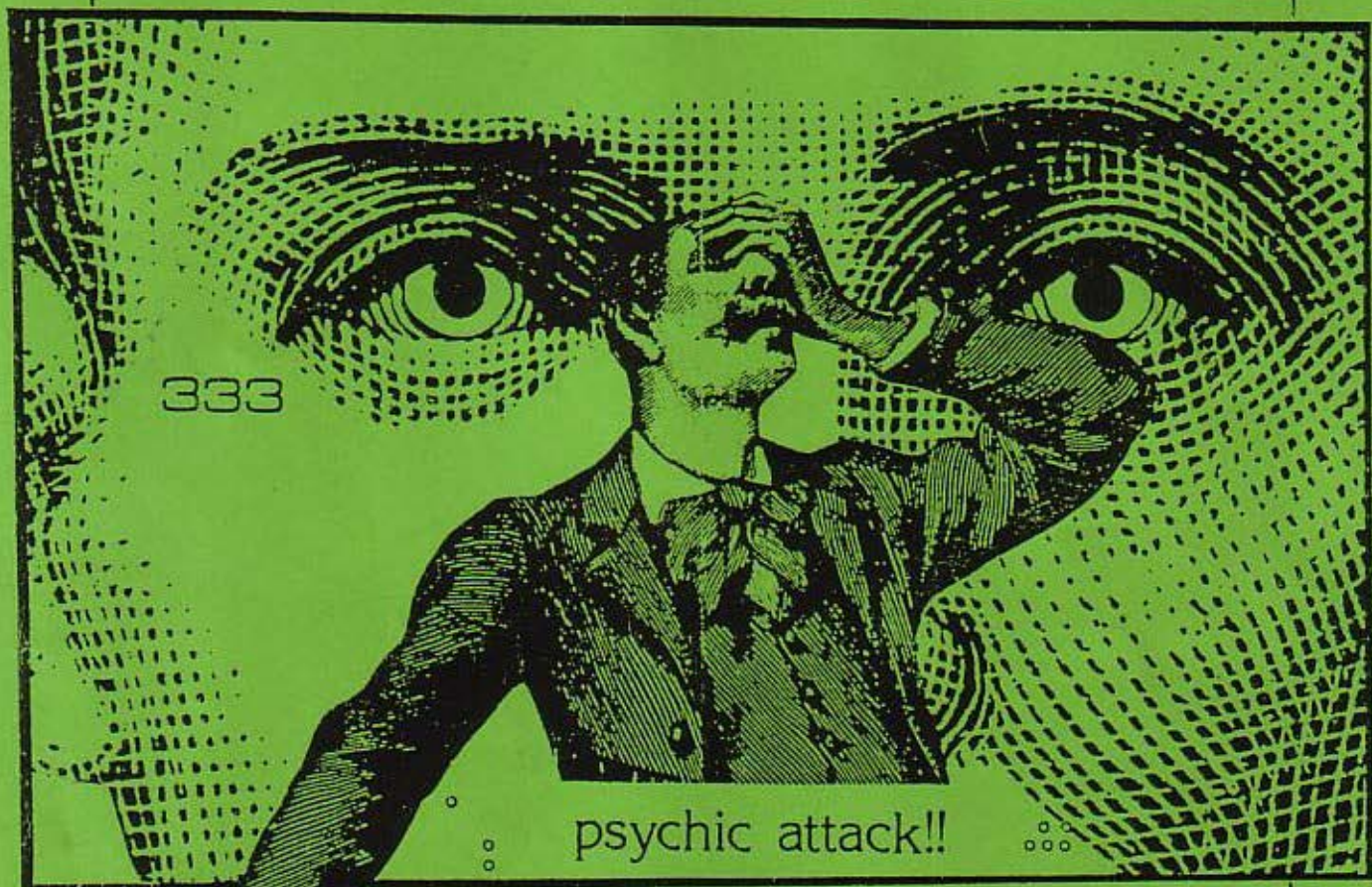


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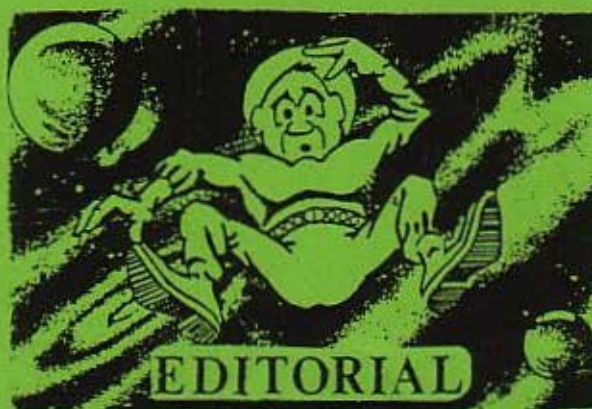
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I'm as partial to parallels as the next alien fancier and this spring has provided us with a stonker which could be applied very well to aspects of ufology. UFO abductions are mainly what we are relating this event to and the physical reality thereof. One of the most often raised arguments by physical UFO abduction proponents is that so many people have independently reported the same series of events in the same way that it must surely be an indication of the veracity of the

reports. The corollary to this is that usually researchers have been withholding 'certain' information which new subjects come out with (they couldn't have known previously) thus giving the experience the stamp of validity. Well. You could see it coming the day it happened. As the prisoners teemed out of Strangeways prison in Manchester they told stories. People from separate wings of the jail, who didn't know each other, who had no reason to lie or fabricate stories were telling some very strange tales indeed, tales which matched each other exactly. People had been killed (up to 30), people had been tortured, thrown over balconies, impaled, castrated etc. etc. Several inmates appeared on TV in a highly emotional state giving lurid accounts of what they had seen, many signed affidavits - many inmates even reported seeing and taking part in elaborate kangaroo courts ending in the luckless prisoner being hurled from a balcony. The police and even some of the up market papers were saying at first "so many people are reporting the same type of incidents that there must be some truth in it." Weeks passed and the siege eventually ended with not one impalation, castration or murder (of course conspiracy fans will insist that there were castrations a go-go but they were 'covered up'). The accounts and acknowledgement of such by the authorities were conveniently forgotten as this all became clear. But ufologists knew.

Some of you out there might think the foregoing has nothing whatsoever to do with ufology but it has everything to do with it. These prisoners were witnesses to strange events which they described fully and swore they were true- just as in many aspects of ufology and particularly the abduction scenario. But in this case we have the rare treat of being able to say with certainty what did and did not really take place and this is at considerable variance with 'eye-witness' reports. It all goes to prove that both individuals and groups, when confronted with a situation they cannot deal with (prison riot/ambiguous UFO/mental experience) will channel the experience into something suitably appropriate for the context and the subsequent investigation. When we have cases like this which unequivocally prove that people are not reporting what they actually see (and let's face it people reporting murder and castration is a damn sight more weird than reporting even a UFO abduction) the fallibility of witnesses in high strangeness cases becomes all the more apparent. As Morrisey so rightly said "Strangeways here we come".

This is the last issue of BRIGANTIA before the IUN conference. The July issue will be out at the conference and subscribers will be able to pick copies up on the day. The final line-up is as shown on the back page although we have one or two surprises up our sleeves which will be revealed on the day. IUN members will be floating around the conference and there will be a special IUN/BRIGANTIA room where we hope to meet as many subscribers as possible. Ticket sales are brisk and although we are holding some over to sell on the door, if you haven't got yours I would advise sending for it NOW. See you there.

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The Satanic Solution

by
D. & T.M. Barclay

When it comes to ufology there are those who would LIKE to Know, those who THINK they know, and those who KNOW - and probably wish that they didn't.

You know that you have reached the latter stage when all the apparent non-sense in the UFO documentation makes perfect sense to you, and you realise that the UFO Phenomenon could not behave in any other way and still remain the Phenomenon it is.

If, as has been proposed in the preceding articles, the UFO Phenomenon is the 20th century's view of the Satanic element in creation then it must act in accordance with well known, and easily recognised, parameters. It will "go about the Earth as a raging Lion, seeking those whom it might devour", which description, with due allowance for scriptural terminology, correlates to a remarkable degree with what the UFO Phenomenon actually seems to do.

From the documentation it is possible to deduce that numerous lives, individually and collectively, have been ruined by contact with this disruptive Phenomenon. Seldom, if ever, has any real benefit been derived from contact with the Phenomenon in any of its various guises. For guises they are as the carefully clandestine operations of this Phenomenon ineluctably indicate. If Establishments are indeed guilty of hiding something, then the Phenomenon is demonstrably guilty of concealing even more.

Look at the way it has operated for the past forty years or so in its 'ufological' format. Fugitive and fleeting overall, it has nevertheless been only too willing to 'contact' or 'abduct' any number of nondescript individuals on the pretext of engaging their assistance in a vast cosmological initiative to "save the World" from sundry disasters. Disasters, the only evidence for which, is found in the messages of the various 'entities'. The techniques that these creatures use to spread their disruptive doctrines seem more geared to destabilisation than the 'salvation' they are always promising. Leaving in their wake more questions than answers as to the purpose, if any, of their intrusions. If these creatures really were what they purported themselves to be they would be intelligent enough to realise that their present strategies were being endlessly counterproductive to success, and could therefore be expected to attempt to contact the kind of individual and/or institution that has access to the kind of resources that could maximise the salvatory effects of their various warnings. Instead, what do these parahuman parasites documentedly do? "They find some isolated spot with very few people around, then land right by some poor unsuspecting soul whom no one is going to believe...."¹

So now, in accordance with the scientifically observed natural parameters governing the behaviour of ourselves and all the other living species on this Earth it has to be strongly suspected that their altruism is a sham, and that they are pursuing their own purposes exclusively in these contacts, and we have to ask - to what purpose? Is it as John Keel has speculated: from the content of an astonishing ufological address given by Air Marshall Sir Victor Goddard at Caxton Hall in London on 3rd May 1969; that the recorded

behaviour of the UFO Phenomenon indicates that we are the butt of:
"...a joke perpetrated by invisible entities who have always delighted
in frightening confusing and misleading the Human Race..."²

Which supposition correlates to a remarkable degree with the
description of the Satanic Strategy described in "The Real Exorcist's"
by Leslie Watkins which was quoted in Part One of this series. Which
leads to the suspicion that John A. Keel's words might come perilously
near the truth. Being possibly inaccurate in only one minor point - the
UFO Phenomenon is probably not joking!



These Demonic deceivers have
succeeded so well over the past
forty years that, even today,
there is no consensus regarding
them. They are able to go about
their business virtually
unmolested while to us, their
victims, it seems:

"...our intrepid visitors in
unimaginable vehicles and bodies
and costumes have turned into
impalpable riddles such that they
seem maybe not to have crossed
the vast distances among stars
nor even to be true aliens..."³

A situation that led Donald
Crowhurst to encapsulate the
fears of many when he wrote in
his diary, immediately prior to
his suicide in mid Atlantic:

"The explanation of all our troubles is that Cosmic Beings are playing
games with us."⁴

And which led Whitley Strieber's correspondent to write:

"I know in my heart that they might possible be here, but if they are,
and they are acting like this, it is just so damned disappointing that
I prefer not to believe in it."⁵

Which internal confusion inevitably leads to the kind of despair
that destroys souls because it seems that:

"...there is no salvation there either inside or outside of history"³

How much more diabolical can it get before the penny drops? It does
not seem to matter if these 'entities' are presenting themselves as the
B.V.M. or Space Aliens, or parahuman 'visitors', the basic strategy
never varies. First persuade the victim that they are privy to
something momentous. Flatter them by apparently 'confirming' their
parochial cosmology, then imply that they are more 'worthy' or
'spiritually advanced' than their fellow man and so encourage them to
the sin of Pride - which no one seems to remember always goeth before a
fall. Then, when they are totally committed to whatever cosmological
codswallop they have been fed on - Let Them Down! Logic has no place in
this scheme of things. The whole thing appeals to the emotions, and
nothing is more emotively engaging than 'The End Of The World'. It is
as well that anti-climax is endemic in these interactions, as any
 cursory reference to the literature of 'contacteeism' will confirm. To
our certain knowledge the World was supposed to end in the 1950s,
1960s, 1970s, 1980s - according to our friendly neighbourhood 'aliens',
and now - through the mouths of yet more nondescript individuals they
are once again telling us that it will end in 1992. Don't hold your
breath while you're waiting!

The Independent UFO Network is presently engaged in investigating
the claims of at least three such 'chosen' individuals, and we can come
up with at least three more. Strange to tell they all seem to be in
'contact' with 'superior intelligences' that apparently unaware of each

others existence, as they have allegedly instructed their various contactees to look for others like themselves under their own steam. Really, are we supposed to conclude from this that any number of 'technologically advanced aliens' are unable to co-ordinate their efforts for themselves, or are not on speaking terms with each other for some terrible transcendental reason or other? Come off it - who is kidding who?

Immediately prior to the Second World War, these entities in the then fashionable guise of 'spirit guides' were telling any who would listen that there wasn't going to be a war. What a letdown when Adolf decreed otherwise. And now the same loss of credibility is happening to the B.V.M.s 'Secret' of Fatima (which was supposed to justify the 'nuking' of those Godforsaken Russkies) much to the consternation of all those allegedly 'christian' Marian groupies. Serves 'em right, we hear you say - but are 'ufonauts' any more reliable - let's see shall we?

The example which we will now give, which is quite typical of any or all of the others we could refer to, began in 1969 when Robin McPherson and her mother, Aileen Stiel, saw a 'UFO'. The case was extensively documented in Brad Steiger's Gods of Aquarius, and demonstrates, if nothing else, human gullibility at its worts, and just how much nonsense people are prepared to countenance providing it is sugar coated in an ego-inflammatory format. The main 'interaction', which resulted in the formation of a group calling themselves The Light Affiliates of British Columbia, got under way some time after the seminal sighting. On 23rd October, 1969, Robin, 22 years old at that time, became the 'channeller' for communications that allegedly emanated from a 'superior source' which gave its name as Ox-Ho. We don't know about you but to us that sounds a little bit like that stuff you put in stews. Ox-Ho certainly put the members of Light Affiliates in a stew by what it had to tell them. And what might that have been do you suppose? Sorry, no prizes for guessing that they were advised by Ox-Ho to "get ready for de judgement day" or words to that effect. It goes without saying that they were also told that they had been 'chosen' to help 'save the world'. There was no panic because, according to Ox-Ho, the World wasn't going to end until 23rd November 1969. Which, as we are sure you will appreciate, allowed them a month to marshall all the resources available to a group of rather nondescript private individuals. In the meanwhile, drawing heavily on the 'Dawning of the Age of Aquarius' aspirations, and the 'Flower Power' philosophy prevalent at that time, Ox-Ho fed its contactees with lines of pure cosmological Bull. Allegedly Robin was transformed into the persona 'Estelle' (little star), and her mother into 'Magdalene' (the connotations of which name are obvious). Robins friend Sally, who had been drawn in by the wonder of it all, became 'Celeste' and 'energiser' for the contact, while upon another of the group was bestowed the name Truman Merit (a man of true merit). Suitably impressed by all this the group dispensed completely with their gullibility threshold, and things moved along nicely.

The nonsensicality of the scenario is already apparent in hindsight. However it must be pointed out that when you have allowed yourself to be persuaded that you are 'spiritually advanced' enough to be 'chosen' by a 'superior intelligence' in a 'Galaxy close to your own' to help it 'save the world' such everyday discernment deserts you as you become too busy trying on ever larger hats for size. Anyone with an ounce of sense should have realised that, in the face of the spectacular dimensions of the disaster about to overtake the Earth, salvatory strategies were redundant. How could anyone, even with the 'telepathic' help of an alien a galaxy away, hope to ameliorate the effects of The End Of The World? Even if they did have a full month to prepare for it?

After that time it would have been just too bad as, Ox-Ho advised, beginning with a 'shift' in the Poles the Earth would undergo a series of disasters which would culminate in the total destruction of the Earth - in the 'physical' sense. What other sense is there we wonder? Not one that would hold out much hope for 'physical' creatures such as ourselves we surmise. It is quite amazing how this Phenomenon can cause an irrational 'suspension of disbelief' in its chosen percipients. Apparently while Ox-Ho had the Light Affiliates completely convinced that the Earth was about to be Kaput it also got them to publish a pamphlet warning people when to expect this totally terminal disaster, and - 'HOW TO SURVIVE IT BY LAYING IN SUPPLIES!! Need we say more?

Of course you do not need to be told that the World did not end on 23rd November, 1969 as prophesied by Ox-Ho. A bit of a relief really. Well perhaps not if the present case load of the IUN is anything to go by. It is diabolical how these creatures keep turning up with satanic singlemindedness.

We are resigned to the probability that many reading these words will not wish to be convinced. Really, you need not take our word for it - the documentation is there - the contactees are there - even the Phenomenon is there - so feel free to conduct your own investigation. We are quite certain that if you accept the SATANIC SOLUTION as a working hypothesis in your enquiries you will soon become convinced of its explanatory accuracy. Then you too will become, not one of those who WISH to know, nor even one of those who THINK they know, but one of those who KNOW, and perhaps you will then wish you didn't.....

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Adventures in the Scam Trade

or

Sweet F.A. In Not-So-Sweet S.A.

By

IUN Crashed Saucer Division

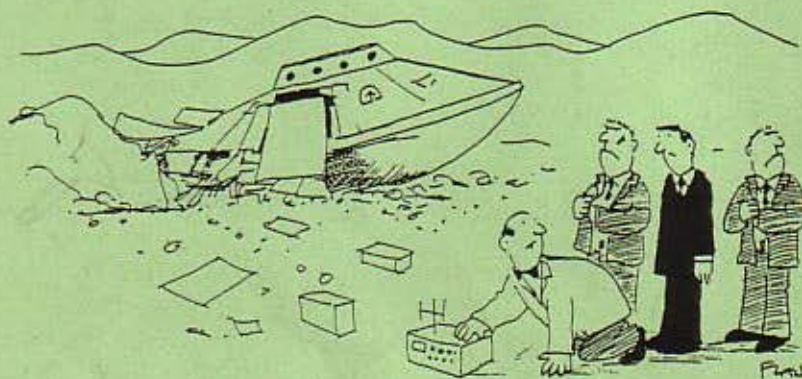
As we promised we would give you an update on the strange case of the alleged South African UFO crash reported in the January issue. Cages were obviously rattled by the IUNs standpoint and information on the case and Andy Roberts received threats of a law suit by one of the named ufologists, Henry Azadhel (ufologists suing each other is all the rage at the moment but that's a wow of story definitely for next issue). Needless to say Henry had been conned into thinking (either by Tony Dood or the Birdsall brothers, all of YUFOS) that we were intimating in the article that Henry was in some way responsible for hoaxing the case. As if. But someone has hoaxed it.

Anyway Henry also considered that us mentioning he had 'done time', as they say, for a criminal offence was not on and was threatening to sue for £500,000. After we stopped laughing we got in touch with him and found it to be only a threat so here we are again. Henry did back up the story in the last issue though and asked me to point out that they did speak to NORAD and that facts reported can be backed up vis a vis telephone calls to air bases etc. This may be true but it in no way proves any UFO crash reality and we are still convinced that it is a hoax perpetrated so certain people can use it to their advantage.

We have received information pertaining to the crash from several people both in the U.K and in South Africa. Firstly our contact who lives in the same geographical area as the alleged crash has extended his investigations to include farmers and travellers in the Kalahari region and has come up with nothing (see also Januray's BRIGANTIA for his other comments all of which still stand). At the time of the alleged event all roads in the region were open and no-one, anywhere saw anything being moved. Further to this our correspondent checked, with some pilot friends and the speeds, intercept times, trajectories etc given in the 'official' document and do not tally. All this silly 'factual' information seems to get in the way of a rattling good crashretireval yarn though.

Another source in S.A. backed up much of the above and also commented on many of the same things, including the documents spelling errors, the fact that the document was in English and not Afrikaans (which is the language used by the SAAF), and the fact that the term, 'Squadron Leader' is used in the documents when in fact this is an RAF not SAAF rank. Really, you'd think if people were going to perpetrate a hoax they would at least make it a convincing one (the IUN know of some doozies but we won't go into that here).

The crux of the whole case seems to lie with a South African chappie called James van Grunen, who approached various people claiming that he had information etc about the crash. Research by several of our South African contacts has shown this guy to be a hoaxer of large proportions who has managed to con free trips to Europe on the strength of his alleged 'information'. He also



IT'S THEIR FLIGHT RECORDER, THE LAST MESSAGE READS: 'APPROACHING AREA FOR INVESTIGATION, WE'RE TURNING THE CONTROLS OVER TO THE FEMALE CREW MEMBER'

made several media appearances promoting the case.

YUFOS, who are the prime promoters of this case in the UK, have also concluded that Van Grunen is a hoaxer but intimate that they have information about the case which is independent of and prior to his offer. This source was also South African who we believe to be a friend of Van Grunen's by the name of Hendrik Greef, a South African Intelligence Officer.

The case really falls apart here. YUFOS are hinting at all kinds of documents and information they possess which 'proves' the event really happened. But it seems a cursory glance at the evidence indicates that it really is a load of old tripe. Are people so sad and desperate to believe? It is always difficult to prove something didn't happen once the rumour and publicity mill has decided it did. And of course the longer the nonsense persists the stranger the stories get.

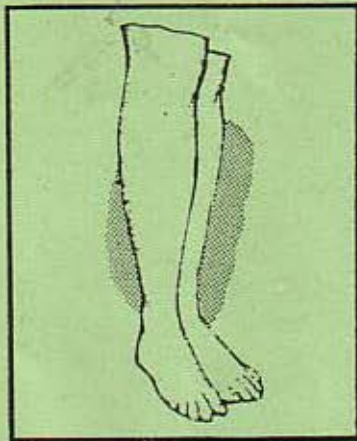
For instance, even YUFOS are suggesting that the Americans have exchanged two ICBM's for for crashed saucer; "sources in America have confirmed this". Oh yeah? Anyone who really thinks that the Americans would do swopsies with nuclear bombs for crashed saucers with a bunch of paranoid trigger happy veldt-bashers is definitely two motifs short of a close encounter. Even President Bush isn't that stupid. On a more mundane note, if the Americans have the 30+ crashed discs and even more aliens we are constantly being led to believe why should they want any more? Or are they after a full set?

Until YUFOS or any other source can refute the criticisms given in

this and the January issue of BRIGANTIA as far as we are concerned the case is a hoax taken at face value for promotional reasons, ie you can sell a hell of a lot more magazines and fill more seats in a conference hall if you have a wild and unfeasible crashed saucer story than you can if you tell the truth about what is going on. But that's ufology folks.

None of our speculations and information from South Africa can prove the crash didn't take place and in the end it's 'place your belief' time ladies and gentlemen. More food for thought. Once again we ask pointedly why did the case originate with an obscure ufologist living in North Yorkshire (Tony Dodd) and why are the facts conveniently different to suit both UK and US versions of the story (QUEST and Nevada Aerial Newsletter - drawings of the 'craft' are quite different - whose is the right one?). We're not letting go of this one and even as we speak the IUNs Allan Staithes has been dispatched to South Africa to follow it up.

Motivations behind the hoax still seem vague; fun? certainly; profit? Well, a free trip to Europe and things is profit in my book; but more than likely it was just the quiet satisfaction of seeing a lot of people jumping up and down and spending time, money and brain-space on something which was just conjured up in some guys head. Hoaxes are so easy to perpetrate on the UFO community and the IUN 'Happy Hoaxing Kit' should be available by the end of this year giving full details of how to have people believing just what you want with only a bad typewriter, faulty phot-copying machine and a John Bull printing set.



Gruesome cargo: severed human limbs recovered from crashed UFO, Alamogordo, New Mexico

A recent telephone conversation with Henry Azadhedel revealed that now he doubts the veracity of the case (changable fellow old Henry) although is remaining open minded. The YUFOS journal QUEST, after devoting numerous pages of its last issue to the case has toned down its act for the last issue and instead of the "look out of your window it's crashed saucer time" journalism which pervaded the last issue we are reading a curt note to the effect of Tony Dodd is still looking into it. This was followed by a few more pages in the latest issue refuting everyone else's criticisms (on the grounds that YUFOS have priveliged information which ain't no business of mine). This turkey is set for a long gobble in the UFO literature I'm sure.

Let's dwell a while on a brief analysis of the whole thing. We are at a stage now where ufogists fall into one of three groups when it comes to UFO crashes. The first are of the debunking/misinformation/modern folktale variety, the second are the 'yes please I'll believe anything please rush me a crashed saucer story today' type who are also beloved of the aliens are superhuman angle, genetic experiments, underground bases etc. This leaves a third group out in the cold, caught between belief and reality, and I would suggest that YUFOS belong to this group and this is why they have gone so overboard on the story (and indeed perhaps why they were fed it in the first place). All the best motifs of John Wayne ufology are there. Consider. The S.A. crash has no 'superhuman' aliens, only hard SOLID EVIDENCE of a crashed machine and CADAVERS, all of which can be examined by HARD WORK DRIVIN' MEN (few women in the man's world of crashed saucers) who can do swopsies with their new discovery for the ultimate piece of HARDWARE, the BOMB.

Of course this (and any other) event must follow the pattern of rough tough boys ufology and be COVERED UP, but not so much that the story can't be LEAKED by some brave and heroic shadowy figure, usually from an INTELLIGENCE AGENCY who will provide DOCUMENTS, to a UFO group who will reveal all and in their imaginations SAVE THE WORLD. Of

The Unknown Self

Part One
by
Ian Blake

"He is the most terrifying monster of all. He's called The Mind."
Charles Beaumont

Could any name be more synonymous with para-ufology than that of American writer John A. Keel? It is exceedingly doubtful. For better or worse he has carved a special niche for himself in the Fortean Hall of Fame with books like Operation Trojan Horse and Our Haunted Planet. Reactions to his work range from critical acclaim on the one hand to outright scepticism on the other (in Gods*Spirits*Cosmic Guardian Hilary Evans writes disparagingly of his "permissive attitude in the matter of what constitutes fact and what fiction"). It is up to the individual. Suffice it to say that without him the entire field of UFO research in the 60s and 70s would have been immeasurably the poorer.

Paradoxically Keel's books often exude an air of pragmatism and commonsense. If he possesses one crucial insight it is a recognition that the mind plays a far more active role in the UFO enigma than most researchers are prepared to concede. This theme forms the basis of virtually his entire published output. In Visitors From Space, for instance he turns his attention to 60s contactee Woodrow Derenberger and others of the same ilk, remarking on the queer, illusory nature of their experiences, "A contactee may feel a sudden impulse to go for a pointless late-night walk or drive," he writes. "During that drive he encounters, he thinks, the space people, and has a fine visit with them. Actually, his body proceeds onto, say, Point A where he picks up a letter or object left there by another contactee. He carries the letter or object to Point B and deposits it. Later he has no memory of these actions. Meanwhile some poor slob with the wrong aura...receives a 'phone call advising him to proceed to Point B where he will find something left for him by the space people. In short, all physical evidence and manifestations are produced by human beings. They dig holes in fields, rifle mailboxes and who knows what else..."

While there is at least some powerful evidence to the contrary, Keel's view is worth bearing in mind as a much-needed alternative to the current proliferation of ETH conspiracy theories. Most American researchers have a way of ignoring such questions altogether. They prefer cut and dried distinctions based on the dubious premise of "alien intervention". Whether or not Keel's 'fugue' hypothesis is correct, it does at least have a strong appeal to common sense, particularly in the light of current split-brain research.

Keel has returned to the same theme on several occasions since the mid 70s when Visitors was first published. "When you have any physical manifestations," he told interviewer Don Ecker in December, 1988, "whether a cattle mutilation, hole in the ground or anything like that, then you have not just UFOs but the human element involved. And the humans may not even realise they are doing it."

All this raises the intriguing possibility that there may be some at-present unsuspected connexion between the contactee syndrome and various types of poltergeist phenomena. As long ago as 1938 Dr Nandor Fodor observed that the human 'focus' in a typical poltergeist case may occasionally throw things without being aware of it. Fodor, whose On The Trail of the Poltergeist remains a classic of its kind, worked during the late 30s as an investigator for the London-based International Institute For Psychical Research. One of his most

celebrated cases involved a certain Mrs Fielding (referred to as Mrs Forbes in On The Trail), a 35-year-old housewife around whom, we are told, "a tremendous upheaval had been reported by what is called a racketing spirit" (Fodor was a dreadful writer). Fodor soon came to suspect that Mrs Fielding was herself responsible for this "tremendous upheaval." The turning point in their relationship came as they were out walking together one day. Quite suddenly, and without warning, Mrs Fielding opened her handbag, took out a small pebble and casually threw it over her shoulder. When Fodor questioned her afterwards, she indignantly denied having done any such thing. The idea of duplicity scarcely seems credible. It is far more likely that the poor, unhappy, vampire-ridden woman simply couldn't help herself.

Significantly, Mrs Fielding seems to have been half-aware of what was going on. In the aftermath of the pebble incident she told Fodor: "Sometimes I feel that I am not here, that I am not really alive. It seems to me as if another person has taken control of my body...Last Monday my cat had an accident. I found his back toe sheared off at the joint. I have a horrible feeling that I did it without knowing..."

A similar case took place at St Issey, Cornwall, in 1941, when, according to Colin Wilson, "poltergeist disturbances began in a small cottage immediately after the death of a baby girl." Wilson gives a full summary of events in his book Poltergeist. "A nine-year-old boy - brother of the dead child - was suspected of causing some of the effects," he adds. "The boy admitted that this was so, but said he had been somehow forced to get up from the settee and lift a table. A witness spied on the boy when he was alone in the living room and saw him throw a tin can - whereupon the tin rose of its own accord and flew back!"

Once again the case for 'possession' by some unknown force seems incontestable. In short, the boy knew perfectly well what he was doing but simply couldn't help himself. He may, of course, have been lying when he disclaimed responsibility for his actions. Nevertheless, the same detail crops up sufficiently often to suggest that it shouldn't be ignored altogether.

It is also instructive to consider the pioneering work of William G. Roll, whose The Poltergeist ranks alongside Nandor Fodor's On The Trail as a seminal text on the subject. "I do not know of any evidence for the existence of the poltergeist as an incorporeal entity other than the disturbances themselves," he writes at one juncture; "and these can be explained more simply as PK effects from the flesh and blood entity who is at their centre."

Roll monitored a typical case with the aid of a two-way mirror. He achieved significant results by the simple expedient of fixing on the most likely culprit and watching his movements from an adjacent room. His vigilance was rewarded when the man was seemingly caught in the act of falsifying various phenomena. Questioned afterwards, however, he strenuously denied having done any such thing. And a lie detector test showed that he was telling the truth!

My own sense of what may be involved here derives from a personal experience. On May 5 1984 I attended my eldest sister's wedding and afterwards took 24 photographs of the bride and groom using an Olympus XA2 camera. Returning home later that day I first of all had a cup of coffee, then went upstairs to wash and change, leaving my wife in the lounge watching TV. The house in which we were living at the time contained four large bedrooms, three of which were never used. Making my way to the fourth I took the all-important camera from my jacket and placed it safely (as I thought) on an occasional table beside the bed. I then crossed over to a built-in wardrobe at the far side of the room and began to look through it for something suitable to wear. I see no point in describing the minutiae of what happened next. For the purpose of this story I need only mention that while my back was turned the

camera was somehow transported across the room, a distance of roughly 11 feet, and tampered with in such a way that all 24 exposures were completely ruined. All this seemingly happened in a matter of seconds. My wife was still downstairs watching TV and there was no one else in the house. In Poltergeist Colin Wilson remarks that "there are a large number of poltergeist cases in which the phenomena occur just once". And to all intents and purposes this was just such a case.

Two points about this incident are worth bearing in mind. Firstly, at no point did I sense another presence in the room with me. There was no sudden drop in temperature, or anything of that nature; nor did I actually see anything untoward (in Poltergeist Wilson also remarks that "the poltergeist seems to dislike anyone actually seeing it move objects"). Secondly, my wife and I have never had any children. In other words there was no pubertal teenager lurking in the wings to act as a convenient scapegoat. It is fashionable nowadays to associate poltergeists with the stormy glandular rampages of adolescence. They are usually seen by those "in the know" as projections of repressed aggression against the world in general. It should be borne in mind, however, that this is not a proven fact but a working theory. It only works in a limited number of cases, and this simply wasn't one of them.

Six years have passed since then, but the incident is still fresh in my mind. At the time I considered various hypotheses to account for what had happened, finally opting for spontaneous PK as the most likely explanation. Now, in retrospect, I am not so sure. My attitude toward such matters has always been similar to that of Dr Rance in Orton's What the Butler Saw, who cautions: "Reject all paranormal phenomena; it's the only way to remain sane." Then too, I have always been a firm believer in the principle of Occam's Razor. Why introduce the highly contentious concept of PK when ordinary physical force, coupled with a lapse of memory, fits the facts equally well? In short, like Fodor's Mrs Fielding, "I have an awful feeling that I did it myself without knowing."

(In all fairness I am bound to add that my wife and I moved house shortly after the camera incident. Our nights were much disturbed by persistent scratching noises in the attic bedroom, a common feature of 'genuine' poltergeist activity. These became such a nuisance that we eventually decided to sell the place rather than put up with them any longer. It seemed the most sensible option open to us at the time.)

Of course, not all the evidence can be explained away quite as easily. In very many cases of poltergeist activity the verdict must remain open pending further investigations. Here again I am able to speak from personal experience. During the early 80's my work (I was at the time employed by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council) brought me into contact with several ordinary working-class people whose houses were allegedly haunted. Typical of these was a harassed-looking woman who claimed to be the victim of an invisible assailant. "What does it do?" I asked when she first took me into here confidence. "Oh, all sorts of bloody stupid things," came the reply. "It pulls me 'air and slaps me arse when I go upstairs at night. Then, when I finally get into bed, it pulls all the sheets off and tickles me feet." It was difficult to repress a smile at this grim recital. A check with the local authority had failed to turn up any history of fatalities associated with the house itself, she continued; nor had exorcism made the slightest difference to what was going on. I was frankly sceptical about the latter detail, but the lady assured me that he house had indeed been "given the full treatment" by a local priest. "An' it didn't make a bit of bloody difference, " she concluded, not without a certain gloomy satisfaction.

In cases like this it is necessary to consider the possibility that some poltergeists may indeed be spirits - albeit spirits of a

particularly low order. My own inclination is to lay emphasis on a purely psychological explanation; but at the end of the day I am not prepared to be dogmatic about it. Jacques Vallee goes straight to the heart of the matter when he says that no single explanation can be made to fit more than half the facts. This is an excellent summary of the position regarding UFOs and most other forms of psychic phenomena. I have no intention of trying to improve on it.

If I seem to be wandering away from my original premise, it is only because it is out of a desire to be as comprehensive as possible. Keel's 'fugue' hypothesis seems to offer intriguing possibilities for further research and I am concerned to do it full justice.

It is, of course, a considerable leap of the imagination from throwing pebbles (or shearing off part of a cats foot!) to suggest that a similar process may be at work in both cases. Towards the end of Visitors From Space John Keel remarks that "In contactee parlance persons who perform involuntary acts are said to be 'used'." The question now facing us is : who are the users? Are we dealing here with mere secondary personalities; or with discarnate entities - one might almost say an alien race, perhaps akin to Wilson's Mind Parasite - whose natural environment is the human psyche? There is compelling evidence to support both hypotheses. All it takes is a willingness to look at the facts.

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UFO BUZZES CAR?

The discovery of two daggers through psychic means
and subsequent UFO experience

Investigation by David Taylor (NUFON, IUN, SPR, ASSAP)

On Sunday evening, September 17th, following psychic information received by Rita Gould a psychic consultant and researcher, Rita, along with Clive Potter, David Rogers and Joan Bradbury visited the small Warwickshire village of Brinklow. Rita had received information that something may be buried at Brinklow Hill.

The group met in Brinklow village and once at Brinklow Hill using dowsing rods to help them locate the buried artifacts, the group managed to recover two 6 inch daggers/paper knives from the base of the hill. Having recovered what they had come for they took refuge from the pouring rain in a nearby pub until closing time when they parted company, Rita giving Clive a lift back to his house in Leicester.

Rita and Clive returned home along the ancient Fosse Way. Both Rita and Clive were excitedly talking about the retrieval of the daggers earlier that evening when Clive alerted Rita to a movement in the back of the car. Looking into the back of the estate car Clive noticed that the dowsing rods appeared to be moving and jumping, more than would be expected due to the surface of the road. At that moment Rita alerted Clive to a mysterious light above the trees to the left of the road, which at first sight she thought was a street light shimmering through the trees, except that it was too high and there were no street lamps in the area!

Clive and Rita are unsure of the exact location of the sighting, although it has been estimated to have occurred on the Fosse Way between the villages of Monks Kirby and Cloudesley Bush, the time being 11.15-11.30 pm. The light was white and according to Clive the size of a pea at arms length. The light moved to the centre of the road, where it descended in a feathery motion. Rita had by this time slowed the car down to a nearly stationary position. The light appeared to be coming down the centre of the road towards them, after being in the stationary position in the sky for approximately 15 seconds. Rita was by now panicking, concerned for the safety of her car from the on-coming light, she had noticed that they had just passed an old farm track and so stopped the car to reverse it onto the track. The car window was wound down but there appeared to be no sound outside.

The light, which had been coming towards them for approximately ten seconds now moved to the right and hit the road, 5-10 car lengths in front of them. The light then accelerated at a tremendous speed (approx. 120 mph according to Rita) past the now stationary car, causing a 'whooshing' sound as it passed and buffeting the car. As the light hit the road Clive bent down to get his camera off the floor, but due to the speed of the object was unable to take a photograph of it. As the object passed the car Rita was only able to see a small red light, as the white light had gone out when it hit the road. Rita has commented that the height of the light as it passed the car was similar to that of an E type Jaguar car. As the object passed them they turned round to look at it and saw two red lights vanish round the bend in the road. Rita immediately put her foot on the accelerator to get out of the area as soon as possible. It was also pointed out by Rita that it the two red lights they had seen as the object went out of sight was any indication of the width of the object, then it was

'rear' red lights (similar to car rear lights) may have been responsible for this confusion.

So, what was the object seen? we have no way of knowing. Research has shown that there are no pylons or earth faults in the area which could lead to a possible 'earthlights' theory or solution. Mike Rowe (Tornado & Storm Research Organisation) states "The description of the 'ball of light' is certainly reminiscent of ball lightning. There are a few cases in which what seemed to be ball lightning has been reported without an accompanying thunderstorm. Frankly, I don't know what to make of this sort of case...it is, at least, an odd coincidence that this event occurred right on a warm front (Mike had submitted an extensive weather report which has been omitted here for space reasons, all weather data alluded to here was included in that report-Ed), although I can't think of a cause and effect connection".

Is there any connection between the sighting and the recovery of the daggers on the psychic quest? again we cannot say for certain. I am inclined at the present moment to go with the ball lightning theory as a possible solution until more light can be shed on the matter.

Note from Clive Potter: Could the UFO be a synchronicity during a very eventful evening? Or, as we tend to accept, that the retrieval of the Ritual Knives was linked in with the appearance of the UFO. The light made a very direct and intelligent path towards us and only swerved to the right side of the road at the last minute (as we played!). Again, the UFO appeared to manifest as a dark object when it hit the road. Could the presence of the warm front and ideal conditions for electrical discharge have been used by an intelligence to manifest the UFO?

Editors Two Pennorth:

If I was being very sceptical I might suggest that the excitement generated by the finding of the daggers at Brinklow, coupled with that of being on a psychic quest anyway had placed Rita and Clive in a very unusual state of mind. Contour lines on the map at the point of the sighting suggest that they were going over a slight slope in the ground at the time of the sighting. Perhaps the light they saw was the headlight of a car in the sky which, as the car came over the rise, became a light in the centre of the road, followed by the car passing Rita and Clive at high speed which they then saw as rear lights disappearing in the distance (misperceived width of lights due to lack of reference points/lights etc). But then you knew I'd say that didn't you.

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IUN RESEARCH NEWS

The IUN are pleased to announce that they are now the proud owners of what used to be the U.F.O.I.N. files. These files, formerly held by UFOIN and later NUFOIS in Nottingham, were recently handed over to the IUN for inclusion in their archives. It goes without saying that these files are a very important part of British ufological history and contain some of the most in-depth case reports on record anywhere in Britain - such as the massive case file on the 'Aveley Abduction'. Like all IUN files they are open to any UFO researcher, and to obtain access or further information please write to the IUN archivist: Any Walmesley, 232 Long Lane, Wheatley, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX3 5JS. The IUN would like to thank Bob Morrell and Syd Henley of NUFOIS for passing these files to us rather than letting them go to the USA from which they received "substantial cash offers". The IUN may, in the future, be condensing and offering for sale several key reports from these files.

UFOLOGISTS ON TV!

By Alan Staithes

(Friday 20th of April saw the latest in a long line of attempts by British TV to cover the UFO subject and plumbed new depths in embarrassment for ufologists. UP FRONT was the name of the execrable thing, UP UFOLOGY should have been its title, but as it was only screened in the Granada region we didn't see it live and so instead fearless Alan Staithes made the trek down from his moorland hideaway to cover the event for us in his usual manner. He wasn't impressed. Take them away Alan.....)

After being herded into the studio in the usual manner I was surprised to find myself sitting within spitting distance of one of the biggest bastions of British ufology, Graham Birdsall of YUFOS. Resisting the temptation I instead sought out other luminaries brought here by the lure of the TV camera. To one side ex-MOD man Ralph Noyes - more surprise, were we after all in for some genuine and reasoned debate? In front of me I could see witnesses Alan Godfrey and Linda Taylor. That was about it, hard core ufologists were thin on the ground it seemed. Looking beyond the ufological glamour I could see two chairs in which were installed, complete with gladiator outfits and swords, skeptic Steve Donnelly (British & Irish Skeptics) and opposite him Tony Dodd (YUFOS). This was to be the main act I surmised.

The show began for the TV viewers with the presentelle, a nice enough girl who obviously knew nothing about anything in ufology (or did she?) showing a photo of a UFO seen over East Lancashire, and requesting anyone who had seen it also to phone in on a special number. From then it was into the sightings Joe Public had experienced-interesting but a complete waste of time in this context so I was relieved when the camera swung over to Tony Dodd, ace witness (Dodd-200 in some circles so I hear) and prime mover and shaker in the YUFOS dynasty.

Tony recounted one of his sightings with sincerity, more than hinting that whoever was flying these strange craft was doing so specifically at night so as "not to be seen" and they were "acting in a clandestine manner". Cut to Steve Donnelly of the British & Irish Skeptics who sensibly (and rightly) told us that "unexplained" did not necessarily mean "inexplicable" - something YUFOS have learned many times over the years with debacles such as the Cracoe Case amongst others.

Steve didn't really want to speak about specific cases though- a big mistake evidently as a plaintive "you must talk about specific cases", was heard from off camera in a voice sounding suspiciously like that of Woody Allen. The camera panned over. God, it was Woody Allen. No, mistaken, some guy called 'Harry Harris' who was introduced as being a solicitor (perhaps he even is). He looked cool and unimpressed as Steve did then talk about a specific case in which a North Wales farmer had fooled people for years by the simple expedient of sending blazing bin bags aloft. That obviously wasn't the kind of specific case Harry had in mind. Despite Harry coming up with a long and totally meaningless ramble using a legal comparison Steve stuck hard at it and explained the basics of misperception. This was obviously too boring (and perhaps too near the truth) for the presentrix and she quickly turned to Tony Dodd who told us, somewhat nervously, that these sort of things happened all over the world and that he had been speaking to Russia "last night" and had been told that there were places in Russia where "they are averaging a landed UFO every 48 hours" (someone laughed

and Tony looked deeply pained). Good Godski! Of course this info had been until only recently under wraps "for obvious reasons" and had been released to Tony, special, like. I was on the edge of my seat with expectation. I nearly fell off it with laughter at the next little cameo appearance.

'Norman' an amateur astronomer mentioned that he had been amateur astronoming since he was nine and neither he nor any other am/ast had ever seen a UFO. I could see he wasn't going to get away with that sort of heresy and suddenly the earth shook and Big Graham Birdsall himself spake out:

Graham (confidently): "There are numerous recorded instances of astronomers who have...."

Norm: "Name one"

Graham (insistently) : "There are numerous recorded..."

Norm: "Name one, who?"

Graham (apologetically) : "I can't name one off the top of my head. If you read numerous periodicals and magazines you'll find that's the case."

Norm: "Name a magazine"

Graham (wrongly) : "I'll name Above Top Secret". (Ed's note: That's a book Graham and has only two cases of astronomers seeing UFOs anyway- hardly "numerous"!)

Realising that the "numerous astronomer" argument had made him look a bit of a berk Big Graham changed tack to the "why are the NSA, MOD" etc so interested in the subject chestnut and before the camera mercifully swung away he could just be heard gruffly insisting "You can talk about theories 'til the cows come home" (I could have sworn I heard mooing), and the presentress sensibly decided that abductions were a better bet altogether.



The Alan Godfrey video was shown, always a favourite at gatherings this (and a far better quality video than the bootleg I possess at that). Even Godfrey only says that what happened prior to the missing time period is true so it was no surprise when skeptic Steve Donnelly gave us this quote from the past President of the Institute of Clinical Hypnotists:

"There is no way by which anyone - even a psychologist or a psychiatrist with extensive training in the field of hypnosis can for any particular piece of information determine

whether it is an actual memory versus a confabulation".

Right on Steve. Harry held his chin in hands throughout this quote with an expression of contented superiority born out of the numerous hypnosis sessions he then told us he had attended. Mid way into his regression remembrances he said "when a witness sees a UFO" at which even Alan Godfrey had to interrupt with "think they do". A momentary flicker of anger crossed Harry's face at this obviously thoughtless and untimely interruption but he was soon back into his stride with witness Linda Taylor's story of the run up to her missing time- "...stopped on the Queens Highway. We were interfered with on that road by a craft of unknown origin" being a quote that stuck in my dictaphone for some time after I can tell you.

Linda had got no satisfaction from the MOD (a rustle of papers preceded the camera showing Harry getting the letter out to be firmly curtailed by a firm "we don't need to see the letter Harry" from Miss) and so finally the presentress went to Ralph Noyes for his MOD opinion which he gave as eloquently as only Ralph can do- it didn't include knowledge of the structured craft that Linda, Harry, Graham and Tony so desperately wanted to hear about though although hinted at what

Ralph sees the phenomenon to be. As usual when someone interested began to speak it was time for the prog. to end (COVER UP OR WHAT?) and with a firm hand on Ralph's shoulder the presentrix ruined the best bit of the whole show.

As the credits rolled we heard the squeak of Harry Harris (who exactly is he anyway?) fading mercifully into the distance muttering something about people they should have had on but didn't. Too late, it was all over. Phew. Covered in sweat from the excitement and tears from the emotion that revelations about astronomers and police officers had evoked in me I eschewed the hospitality and made straight away for the little boys room. There I slipped out of my cunning disguise and vanished back from whence I came. As I deftly steered the saucer back over Rivington Moor I was reminded of the slogan from the Government's latest anti-drugs campaign as applied in this case 'Ufology can screw you up'. It had certainly screwed a few of those present tonight up and that's a fact.

Ufology- don't do it.

Oh, I nearly forgot, you remember the UFO photo the nice lady showed at the beginning of the show? Course you do, the one over East Lancashire. Curiously enough "over one hundred people" had phoned in to say they had seen it too. The ultimate proof? Not really, the photo was, in fact, of a saucer thrown into the air and photographed as a hoax. This said more about the subject of UFOs and misperception than the rest of the show put together did. Come back Arthur C. Clarke.

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REVIEW

ENIGMAS, The Journal Of Strange Phenomena Investigations (SPI), published bi-monthly from Malcolm Robinson, 5 Tullibody Road, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, Scotland, GK10 2L. Subs: £6.00 for five issues.

ENIGMAS is one of the few journals to come out of Scotland and deserves supporting on that basis alone. It is a a 36 page A5 journal and fetatures articles dealing with various subjects. In the Feb/March issue for instance we are treated to an editorial delaing with table-tapping (which editor Malcolm Robison has experienced), psychic phenomena, reincarnation, interview with rock band CELV, a piece on a 'haunted' willow tree (my favourite), the strange case of Jean Smith and a large amount of news and snippets of information. I know there are a great many small magazines at this moment in time but at least take the trouble to have a sample copy of ENIGMAS, its unusual blend of phenomena may be just be what you are looking for.

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COMING IN THE JULY BRIGANTIA

The July UFO BRIGANTIA will be a double-sized summer issue to go with the conference and will be taking its usual swingeing look at the state of ufology today.

Articles lined up for inclusion include: Scottish UFOs (recent cases); Russian and Eastern European UFO news; Peter Hough on a modern day contactee thingy; Jenny Randles & Paul Fuller criticise some of the nonsensical statement surrounding the crop-field circles; Chris Allan on the origins of MJ-12; MJ-12 Update; Sci-fi writer David Langford on Strieber, the universe and everything; News of a defence fund to enable people in ufology to say what they want about who they want without fear of being sued (MJ-Balls its called); Rock musicians, rock music and UFOs; Paul Bennett; Gigantic book and journal review section and allsorts of other groovy things. I can't wait!

UFOs AND PSYCHIC QUESTING

By
Clive Potter

Aluminium beer cans, plastic spoons,
plywood veneer, PVC pipe, vinyl seat covers,
don't exactly burn, don't quite rot,
flood over us,

robes and garbs
of the Kali-yuga

end of days

(Taken from 'LMFBR' by Gary Snyder)

(Editors note: This article re-introduces the concept and relevance of 'psychic questing' in ufology. Quite a few UFO witnesses and investigators have had experience of it and it is in areas like this that we can see that the UFO subject (whatever it is) isn't nearly so clear clear cut as some would like. I have met a few of the people involved in the various quests and it baffles me completely. Does it have any relevance at all? Does it anything for any of us? Readers interested in following the subject up should seek out The Green Stone, The Eye of Fire, The Black Alchemist, UFOs A British Viewpoint, and other sources of info. This article prefaces a case report detailing a UFO sighting which followed a psychic questing incident. So, without further ado, let's get weird!)

What is the relevance of psychic questing - a very subjective and belief-orientated mystical subject -with that of ufology? Well, it is clear from the start that both subjects share extraordinary belief-systems whilst many claims have been put forward by protagonists of both subjects that imply at least a partial suspension of generally held rational concepts of the world.

It is also the case, although not nowadays generally known, that some of the leading researchers or participants in psychic questing (which can be defined as the phenomenon of the recovery of concealed artifacts or the solving of a landscape mystery through interlinked events and incidents where visions, dreams and supernatural manifestations lead a psychic towards that specific goal), have been well-known UFO investigators. Amongst them such people as Andy Collins, Martin Keatman and Graham Philips, who together as the Parasearch team (Midlands-based) were led on a quest for a mystical green stone (later described in The Green Stone by the latter two) in 1979. All three investigators were leading lights during the 70s and worked successfully on numerous cases for both the UFO investigators network (UFOIN) and BUFORA. So how is it that 'respectable' ufologists become involved in the dark and eerie world of such a subjective subject as questing?

It must be remembered that the three main protagonists involved were researching into the link between UFOs and psychic phenomena, and had come to the conclusion that there was indeed a link between UFO witnesses and earlier or later psychic experiences. Indeed their research had strongly suggested to them that since psychic phenomena

were real then their approach should lie in accepting psychics for what they were and using their abilities. By a coincidence (or synchronicity - as the affair was constantly marked by interlinked events that produced results) the researchers came into contact with the Sunderland family of North Wales (see Alien Contact by Jenny Randles and Paul Whetnall 1981), and this eventually led them all on a series of adventures, receiving and solving psychic informations and historical clues. Ultimately, they found a small sword concealed in a bridge in Worcestershire and in the same county discovered the mystical green stone.



The affair was marked by a whole host of paranormal phenomena, including lights, apports, out of the body experiences, visions, apparitions, synchronicities, precognitive dreams, and even UFO sightings. Although Graham Philips became a trance medium and produced numerous trance messages, it was Gaynor Sunderland, the CE3 witness of July 1976, who was the main focus. She has been described by Jenny Randles as a 'UFO medium', and it seems from cases such as this that the principle enounee/contactee can, potentially, become a contactee in the traditional sense of the word, or a medium, perhaps receiving messages from the dead, but certainly acting as a conductor from an unknown source.

There are numerous cases on record where a witness to a close encounter becomes psychic after the event or has had numerous psychic experiences prior to the sighting. These can involve bizarre dreams (trips to other worlds, holocaust dreams), balls of light bedroom phenomena, out of the body experiences, sightings of apparitions, visions, telepathy, poltergeist activity and so on. A UFO investigator should always search closely for information of this kind as it suggests a field of rich potential for understanding the UFO phenomena (or rather a part of it). So-called "Psychic Contactees" are very similar to mediums and much of their material has been shown to be hallucinogenic in nature.

Repeaters, the name given to witness who experience several UFO sightings, are also suggestive of a psychic link and it should be also noted that some UFOs display characteristics reminiscent of that shown by apparitions. Whilst there is a tendency for some UFOs to move through solid objects and to disappear and appear, sometimes inside houses, their occupants also seem to be able to appear and to behave like ghosts. Above all, many of the strange cases reported are very subjective, often only involving only one witness, whilst the actual peak for such CE4s tends to be late at night and early morning, suggesting again a subjective and mind-linked phenomena, real enough but not necessarily physically real and objective.

I believe that the phenomena of psychic questing is another guise of the constantly changing phenomena that we term UFO (although I tend to consider the UFO as segment of a wider abnormal reality spectrum). It is not generally acknowledged that it was another British contactee, Gary, from the Midlands (see Randles UFOs A British Viewpoint), who had discussed performing a mission to save mankind, buried artefacts and alien involvement in 1976. Gary is merely one of a number of contactees and encounees who feel that the UFO message indicates that mankind is entering the 'End Times' and that sensitive people are being inspired to warn us of an impending Armageddon. It would seem that quests,

certainly that of the Green Stone Affair, are typified by a need to fight a dark force and to avert an Armageddon.

One of the people involved in the quest was John Day, of Britain's first abduction case which occurred in Aveley, Essex in 1974. As a result of his UFO experience, an event that he feels he cannot ascribe to alien or extraterrestrial agencies, he now feels very much attuned to the idea of earth forces and to mysticism.

Some of the phenomena that is ascribed to the UFO has been experienced by some of those engaged in Psychic Questing. One of the members of Parasearch encountered and apparently communicated with an apparitional figure that could be construed as similar to a vision of the Virgin Mary, or an encounter with a UFO entity. In a different context, or with an individual sharing an ET belief system that apparition would have been an ET alien. The point is that there is no real dividing line between the UFO phenomena and that of other phenomena. During the investigation of the Scoriton Mystery in the 1960s by UFO investigators Norman Oliver and Eileen Buckle (into the claims of Ernest Bryant who was allegedly contacted by UFO occupants), traditional aspects of what today we would call psychic questing manifested. Both investigators began to receive a series of voices on a tape-recorder in cryptic fashion, telling them to go to specific locations at specific times to receive further communications, the ultimate object being to make contact with aliens.

During the episodes after the Green Stone Affair, in a series of incidents described in the book The Eye Of Fire, several witnesses saw a ball of light that came down from the sky where it landed and appeared to materialise into the sought after 'eye of fire' (another mystical stone). Again, sometime after the recovery of the eye of fire it was felt by Gaynor Sunderland that the stone had to be returned and several witnesses again saw a light from the sky land which Gaynor approached and returned the stone to the object. Again, where does the phenomena of 'traditional' ufology end and that of 'psychic questing' begin? Are not the UFO-like events given above any different to other phenomena reported in the UFO literature?

The UFO phenomenon is a chameleon like matrix which responds to fit new and changing concepts of society and mankind's activities. As we approach the millenium we no longer offer sacrifices to the Gods and spacemen who inhabit out belief systems, we instead offer poison, radioactive waste and destruction and we should feel no surprise when we find that the old Gods meet us with enforced abductions and cosmic rape, holding us by our necks in an attempt to show us our follies. Although our cosmic lesson is traumatic (and so it should be) the homework that is given out is to be studied at leisure and meant to be disseminated. Unfortunately few people are learning the lesson of today as the world teeters on a knife-edge - the lesson of respect for humanity and for the world at large. The psychic quest is a very old archetype which has been brought out of the toy cupboard to be used on the new and updated cosmic stage- and how that stage has changed...but will today's audience understand the updated drama dressed in modern garb? Or will the curtain come down with force, with no chance of an encore...?

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UFOs Over Belgium

THE BELGIAN WAVE OF UFO REPORTS - WINTER 1989/90

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This paper is presented in order to inform you of recent, unexpected UFO events in Belgium. Our purpose is not to engage ourselves in controversy or to defend a particular hypothesis; we are merely keeping to the facts and to the preliminary indications resulting from the study of the reports.

During the course of an inquiry carried out in the east of Belgium at the end of October 1979, a woman in the region of Verviers shared with us an observation of a strange, triangular 'aircraft' which appeared to be phosphorescent. At that moment it perplexed us somewhat but the object concerned was an isolated case and the idea came to us that we were confusing the object with the body of a MIRAGE 5 aircraft.

Our surprise was intensified when, at the beginning of December 1989, we learnt that two gendarmes on patrol in the region of Eupen on the evening of the 29 November 1989 were confronted by an aerial phenomenon of a triangular shape. There, at 5.24 pm the attention of the gendarmes Nicoll and Von Montigny was attracted by powerful lights coming from a meadow at the side of the road. These bright lights were emanating from a sort of triangular 'platform' of large dimensions. There were three large white lights on the 'platform' and they were arranged in the form of a triangle; at the centre of this triangle, a rotating light of a reddish-orange hue was visible. The object, at first stationary, put itself into motion and proceeded towards the N.E.

This incident, which we can only summarize very briefly here came from a lengthy series reported by the Belgian press (the last of these which, by the volume of references pertinent to the reports, allowed us to access a number of witnesses), so at an early stage we were able to determine the exact location and were able to meet the two gendarmes.

In fact, these two officials were not the only persons to see this strange object there on that evening. In the days which followed, SOBEPS (Societe Belge D'Etude Des Phenomenes Spatiaux) received dozens of reports from witnesses affirming to have observed these triangular objects manifesting in that region on the evening of the 29 November 1989.

These people have all been perplexed by the imposing size of the 'machine', its very slow speed ("...I could have followed it at walking pace", said one witness), its almost total absence of sound, its very low altitude and the power of its lights.

Throughout the months of December 1989, January and February 1990, the secretariat of SOBEPS logged dozens of reports. At this moment in time (March 1990) more than 600 cases have been notified to us. In the first weeks most of the reports came from the same region (in the east of the country) but gradually we received reports originating from the other provinces (from the regions of: Namur, Charleroi, Flandre and the Ardennes, amongst others).

Many cases are inexplicable because the information is succinct and/or the distance separating the observer from the phenomenon was too great. Nevertheless, from the descriptions given to us we had sufficient data to affirm that the general shape was triangular (the corners often rounded) and frequently of immense size.

Many reports describing the characteristics of the object seen estimated it to have been the size of a football stadium, moving very slowly (in numerous cases the speed seemed less than 100 km/h) and

relatively silently (certain witnesses referred to the detection of a noise resembling that of a small, electric motor or to that of a gas turbine slowing down), through the Belgian airspace at various times over many months.

Diverse observations made referred to a red, luminous mass or to small, luminous bodies wider than the 'machine'. In certain cases the witnesses generally describe an illumination of a green colour, the source of which is as bright as the sun and directed towards the sky. The green lights (of great intensity and duration of many seconds) have manifested themselves in the same way as the other lights.

In the framework of this vagueness it is sometimes imperative to question the landings or quasi-landings since no CE3 case has been brought to our attention. However, physical effects and effects on the behaviour of the human witnesses and animals as well as the electromagnetic effects (on public sodium lighting notably) have been indicated.

On the subject of physical effects we cannot yet give any explanations because research is still in progress; caution then is indispensable.

Some contacts have been made with the Belgian Airforce but they indicated that the reported objects were unknown to them but it was agreed with the airforce to form some collaboration between them and SOBEPS.

The same type of collaboration applies with the Belgian Gendarmerie who, henceforth, will transmit all information relative to UFO reports made to them.

More than 15 video sequences have been filmed by witnesses as well as numerous photographs. Altogether, these documents are not of exceptional detail, but they are in the process of being examined and one of these has been entrusted to Richard F. Haines in the USA for analysis. Information gathered on the ground by about 40 investigators will be drafted into a report in the near future for reference purposes.

We have envisaged many working hypotheses but recently we had to eliminate them for diverse reasons. Here are some examples:-

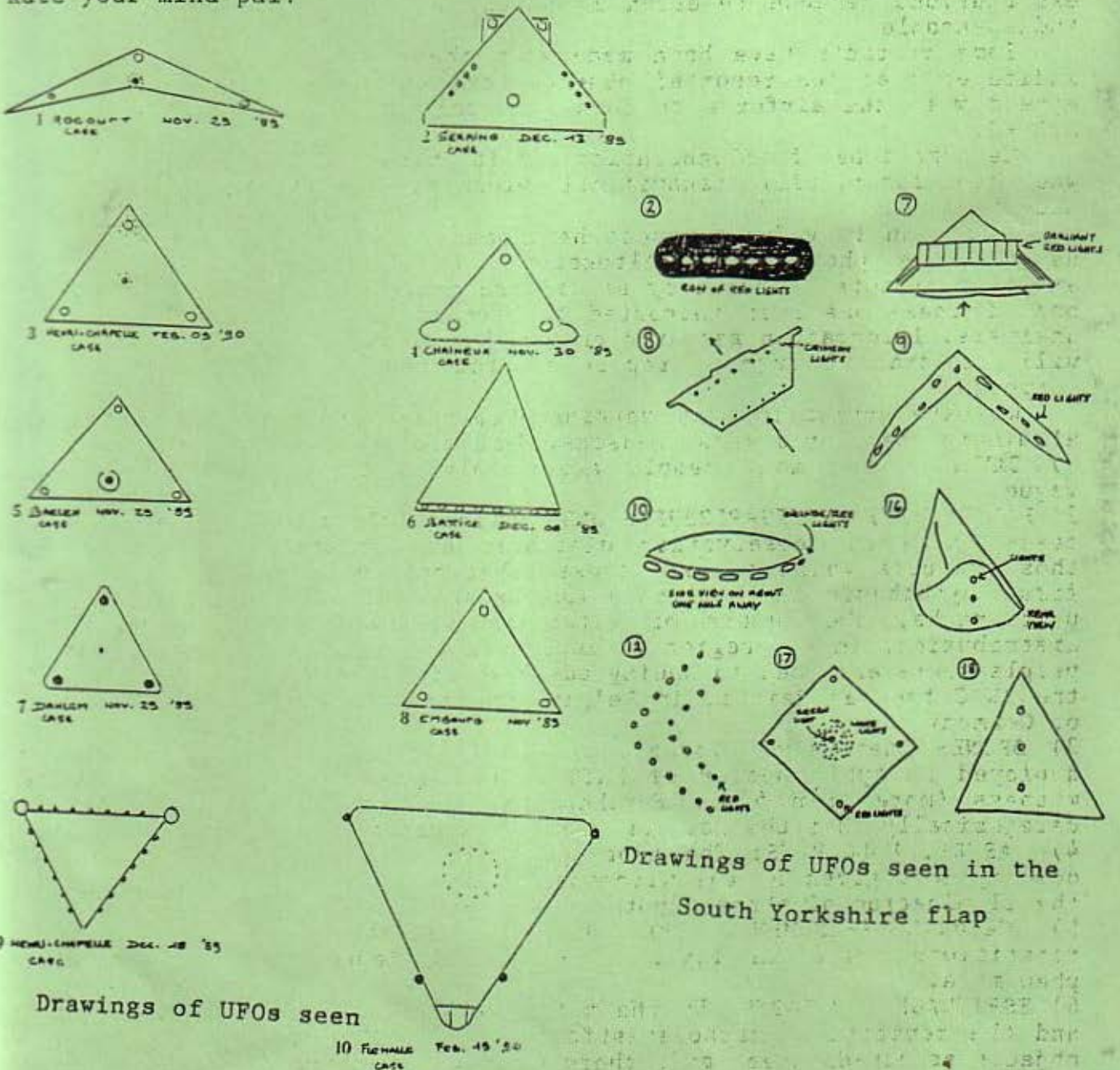
- 1) CANULAR: Too many people are involved. Duration estimates are vague.
- 2) HALLUCINATIONS/MISAPPREHENSIONS: Numerous mistakes are suspected in cases where the observation distances are great, nevertheless, in those reports which concern close observations we can eliminate the first hypothesis of hallucination because of the video films and photographs, the number of witnesses involved and the geographic distribution. In the region of Eupen (in the east of the country) the people there are used to seeing advanced aircraft and radar 'planes of the AWAC type at Beirset in Belgium and at Geilenkirchen in the west of Germany.
- 3) DRONES (Remotely Piloted Air Vehicles): Any apparatus known and deployed in this sector of NATO do not have the size given by the witness (more than 50m). Furthermore, the Belgium defence affirmed categorically that the Defence Ministry would not have such a machine.
- 4) LASERS, HOLOGRAMS: The geographic distribution of the cases, the descriptions given by the witnesses, the video films and photos allow the elimination of these hypotheses.
- 5) NATURAL PHENOMENA: The objects described and the numerous repetitions argue in favour of material objects and not natural phenomena.
- 6) ESPIONAGE APPARATUS: By the nature of their flight, their lighting and the repetitive characteristics of the manifestations renders the objects as non-discreet and, therefore, do not correspond to a typical espionage apparatus (not to mention the risk of crashing and the diplomatic fall-out which would follow as a consequence).

7) STEALTH AIRCRAFT: In a press communque dated 21st December 1989 the Belgium defence minister affirmed, after enquiries to the general headquarters of the USAF in Washington, that the US Ambassador in Brussels has flatly denied any presence of Stealth apparatus in the Belgian airspace.

At this time, the phenomenon (which continues to manifest) remains unidentified. We cordially invite you, therefore, to communicate with us any relevant information on similar reports which might have unexpectedly arisen in your country (G.B.) in the course of recent years or over the past few month, as such communication will facilitate our research in this domain.

We will keep you informed of the situation during the course of our investigations.

Editors note: This wave of Belgian UFO sightings seemed to me curiously reminiscent of the 1988 South Yorkshire events. Below are contrasted witness drawings from Belgium with those from the South Yorkshire flap. Rate your mind pal!



Drawings of UFOs seen

Drawings of UFOs seen in the South Yorkshire flap

in the Belgian wave

Letters



Dear Sir,

I don't know who Ian Blake is, but he certainly comes up with some good thinking, and once again I find myself writing to comment on one of his articles.

The suggestion that UFO abductees create their own reality is one which the abductions-are-real True Believers reject with derision; but I don't see how Ian can be faulted in his reasoning that this, and nothing less than this, occurred in Lennon's case. If it were a one-of-a-kind instance, we would have to be more cautious: but this is by no means so. A particularly striking case which has just been brought to my notice (credit: Kentucky psychologist Dr Robert Baker) is that of Kirk Allen, as described in Robert Linder's The Fifty-minute Hour (Rinehart, NY, 1955).

Kirk was a brilliant research physicist who fantasised himself into a full-blown science fiction scenario in which he was involved in dramatic interplanetary activities. Unfortunately his involvement - which to him was totally real - began to interfere with the more mundane work the U.S. Government was paying him to do, which is how he got referred to a psychiatrist: and because he was lucky enough to find a publisher, we in turn get to hear of it.

In Lennon's case, as Ian points out, we have the fact of Lennon being a Big Name to thank. But it makes one wonder, how many such cases have we not heard about simply because nobody ever got round to setting them down on paper?

Even if we had only two such cases, they would be enough for this to qualify as at least a possible explanation: in fact, of course there are many, many more. So Ian is being over-modest when he describes his thinking as 'speculation and nothing more': on the contrary, there is very considerable evidence to show that precisely this kind of process is at work.

Again, I suggest that Ian is being more than diffident than he need be, when he concludes his paper by suggesting that this type of experience is 'closely related to some psychological function, the exact nature of which is at present a mystery'.

I think we have the right to go further than that, for time and time again we see that these experiences are, like religious conversion, related to a crisis in the individual's life, and often lead to a change in direction. The function of the entity - be it alien visitor, religious vision or whatever - is to turn what is really an internal experience into an ostensibly external one, thereby giving it that illusion of reality which most of us, being only human, need if we are to believe.

For Lennon's fantasy to function, it had to be projected into external reality. It is reasonable to hypothesise that this is what is happening in many, perhaps in all abduction fantasies.

My congratulations to Ian for yet another thoughtful and thought-provoking piece.

All good wishes

Hilary Evans (London)

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"For myself I believe that Flying Saucers, like girls, are here to stay."

Frank Scully, author of 'Behind The Flying Saucers'

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PHANTOMS OF THE SKY

INDEPENDENT UFO NETWORK
1st Annual International UFO Conference
Sheffield Library Theatre
July 14th & 15th 1990

The Independent UFO Network are pleased to present the only international UFO conference of 1990 held in the U.K. Entitled Phantoms Of The Sky - Ufology Into the '90s, the conference is a two day event giving the latest in ufological research - with a particular slant on where the subject has been and where it is headed in the last decade of the 20th century.

The line up of speakers so far is:

14th July: Budd Hopkins (USA) Abductions
1-6 pm Peter Hough (UK) The Ilkley Alien (Photo & CE4 case)
Dave Clarke & Andy Roberts (UK) Phantoms of the Sky

15th July:
10-6 pm Jenny Randles (UK) 'The Death of Ufology'
Paul Devereux (UK) Earthlights & Ufology
Budd Hopkins (USA) Abductions- in depth
Perry Petrakis (France) The French UFO scene
Other Speakers To Be Announced

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Dr. Vladimir V. Rubtsov, the MUFON representative for Russia will be attending the conference on the Sunday and giving an overview of ufology in the U.S.S.R.

THE VENUE

The Phantoms of the Sky conference will be held at the Sheffield Library Theatre in the centre of Sheffield. Those of you who attended the IUN's Stanton Friedman lecture (a sell out) will know that it is easily accessible by road or rail (400 yards from bus and train stations), with ample car parking nearby. The Theatre seats 260 people, is angled for ease of vision and has comfortable seating. A bar selling alcohol, tea, coffee and soft drinks, will be open on both days of the conference.

Additionally there will be the best second hand UFO bookstall you have ever seen (and we're not kidding here!), and new and old books by those giving papers will also be on sale. Conference proceedings, consisting of summaries of papers given, will be on sale at the event as will a special conference issue of UFO BRIGANTIA. Further details and advance order forms for these as they are finalised.

Obviously ticket demand is going to be high to see the calibre of speakers such as Hopkins (who has never spoken before in the UK), and you are urged to 'book early' to avoid disappointment.

Ticket prices are: Saturday £4, Sunday £5. Special two day ticket price - £8, Please make cheques payable to 'Martin Dagless' and send to 'Phantoms', 84 Elland Rd, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, HD6 2QR..

If you require any further details about the event, the location or anything connected with the conference please enquire to the above address or 'phone (0294) 444049 or (0484) 721993)

PHANTOMS OF THE SKY is the event to be at in 1990. Be there.