

'UFOs' May Be Quake Omens, Scientist Says

TORONTO(UPI)—Many of the mysterious objects that people have reported as UFOs may actually be a sign of impending earthquake.

Dr. Michael Persinger of Laurentian University in Ontario has discovered a relationship between seismic activity and balls of light reported as UFOs. Using a computer to analyze about 3,000 UFO sightings, he found that many of them occurred just weeks or months before the start of earth temors.

According to U.S. Bureau of Mines physicist Brian Brady the glowing balls may be a result of the "piezoelectric effect," discovered in 1880 by Pierre and Jacques Curie; in which certain quartz-bearing rocks release luminous balls of electrical energy when placed under stress, as they might be just before an earthquake.

"The light could take wild paths and exhibit all the characteristics of UFOs," said Brady, adding that some of the balls could last several minutes.

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