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NOW YOU MUST MAKE UP YOUR MIND

COMMUNION

A True Story

*Whitley
Strieber*

On 18th May, an American lawyer and writer will be visiting England with a story which forces us, once and for all, to confront an issue which we either choose to mock - or prefer to ignore.

This is the first ever first-hand account of a man's contact with 'unknown beings', where the witness will volunteer himself for investigation and medical examination.

Is Whitley Strieber a charlatan? Not according to the most eminent doctors and psychiatrists the United States has to offer. Not according to the lie-detector tests and polygraphs Strieber has voluntarily undergone.

Doctors have testified that Whitley Strieber is not insane: but he is without doubt terrified by his experiences. It is up to each individual who reads COMMUNION to decide if he or she believes Strieber's story; but decide you must.

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Ever since he completed the manuscript, Whitley Strieber's COMMUNION has made headlines. The book was bought by the American publisher, Morrow, for one million dollars, and has been selling a staggering 100,000 copies a week in hardback - entering the US bestseller lists immediately on publication. It has, moreover, released an avalanche of similar, parallel encounters and experiences throughout America - and will almost certainly unleash an astonishing response in this country. This is all the more extraordinary in view of the complex - perhaps incredible - detail of the encounters Strieber describes; what is however certain is that Whitley Strieber's experience was, to him, very real. Says Strieber, "To all appearances I have had an elaborate personal encounter with intelligent non-human beings... at first I thought I was losing my mind. But I was interviewed by three psychologists and three psychiatrists, given a battery of psychological tests and a neurological examination, and found to fall within the normal range in all respects. I was also given a polygraph by an operator with 30 years experience and I passed without qualification".

Strieber observes "previously I had been indifferent to the whole issue of unidentified flying objects and extra-terrestrials; I had viewed them as a false unknown, easily explainable as misperceptions or hallucinations. Now what was I to think?"

"IN MY CASE THERE WERE WITNESSES, AND PHYSICAL AFTER-EFFECTS THAT ARE HARD TO IGNORE. EITHER WHAT IS HAPPENING IS THAT 'VISITORS' ARE ACTUALLY HERE, OR THE HUMAN MIND IS CREATING SOMETHING THAT, INCREDIBLY, IS CLOSE TO A PHYSICAL REALITY. WHATEVER IT IS, IT IS NOT PRESENTLY UNDERSTOOD BY SCIENCE."

As this intelligent, articulate writer details the experiences he, his wife and son experienced two years ago, vast questions are aroused in the mind of the reader. The possibilities are complex: confusing, and utterly fascinating. Are these throwbacks from childhood nightmares? (Not if they can also, separately, be experienced by one's wife and child). Is this the work of a mind making opportunistic use of some nocturnal disturbances to gain contact with fears that it needed to explore? Says Whitley Strieber "I did not believe in UFOs at all before this happened. And I would have laughed in the face of anybody who claimed contact. Period."

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COMMUNION is an important book. It is the first carefully researched, well-written account of apparent encounters with nonhuman beings. Strieber not only details his own and his family's experiences, but he reconstructs similar experiences others have undergone. He describes the terror and embarrassment that plagues most "abductees", who often refuse to discuss these experiences for fear of being laughed at. It takes courage to disclose these encounters with the unknown.

"Communion is the gripping story of one man's repeated contact with apparent aliens or visitors. Taken in the context of the numerous similar reports which have been investigated by qualified reseachers and scientists the events so well described in Communion become extremely significant. Assuming that these events are factual - and I think they are - then we human beings must begin a re-evaluation of ourselves and our place in the universe."

Dr. M. Bruce Maccabee
US Navy Research Physicist

"The reader should remember the words of a famous biologist, Dr J.B.S. Haldane, than "not only is the universe stranger than we suppose, but stranger than we can suppose." Communion is a brilliant, compelling and provocative work."

Dr. David Webb
National Committee on Space
Chairman of Space Studies, University of North Dakota

"I have examined Whitley Strieber and found that he is not suffering from a psychosis. He is not hallucinating in a manner characteristic of psychosis. I also see no evidence of an anxiety state, mind disorder or personality disorder. He is an excellent hypnotic subject, who appeared to make an honest attempt while under hypnosis to describe what he remembered. He has approached the dilemma of what is happening to him in a careful and forthright way and has pursued his investigation with diligence. After an initial period of stress, he became much more calm about his situation and soon learned to deal with it in a psychologically healthy way. He appears to me to have adapted very well to life at a high level of uncertainty.

Donald F. Klein, MD
Director of Research
New York State Psychiatric Institute



WHITLEY STRIEBER WILL BE VISITING THE UK WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILD IN MAY 1987. He has expressed his willingness to undergo tests, investigations, and interrogation on the subject of his true story, COMMUNION. Whitley will also be willing to discuss similar experiences with members of the public.

WHITLEY STRIEBER IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW
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