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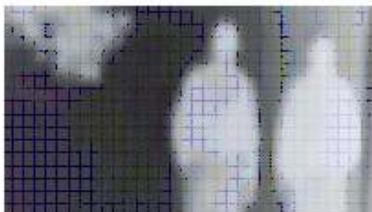


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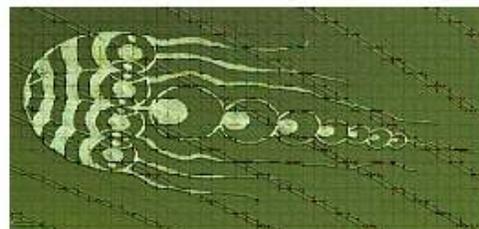
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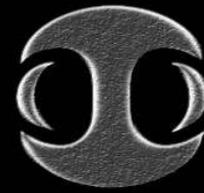


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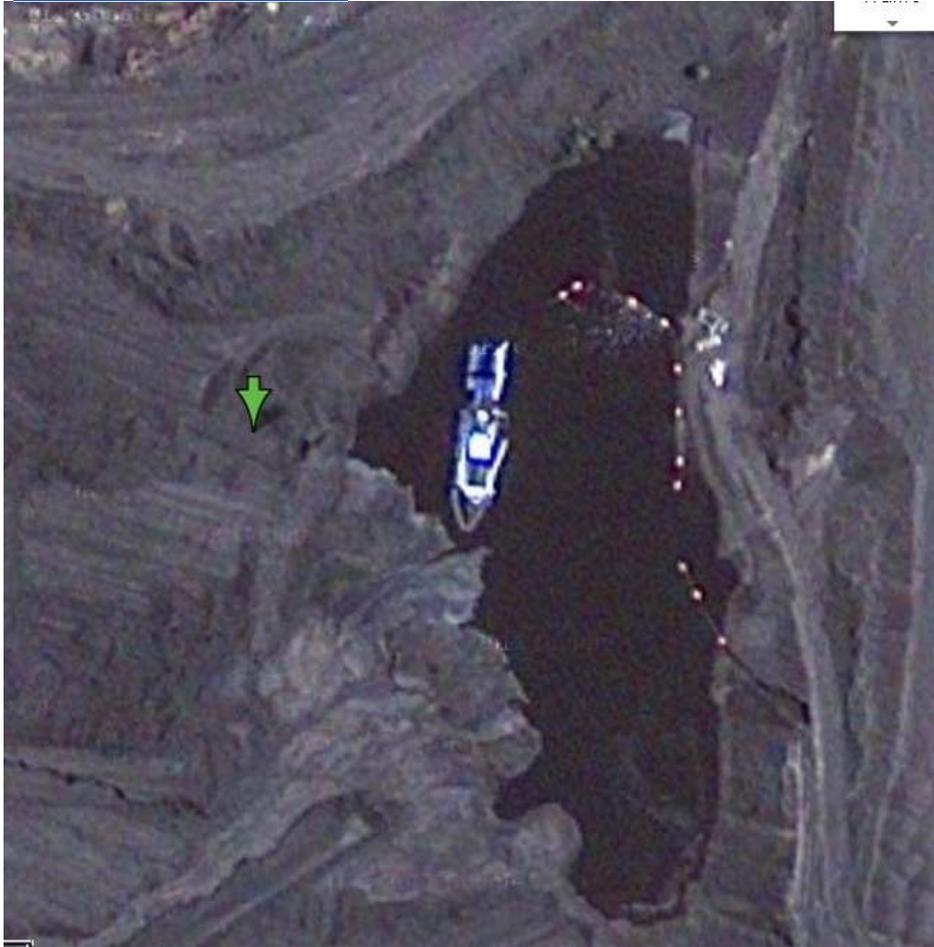
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL MY EARTHLING AND ALIEN FRIENDS... First of all I would like to extend a big thank you to Mary Rodwell for giving us her time during her visit to Sydney last month. Mary gave us a very well researched presentation entitled 'Triggers of consciousness which Mary put together to stretch our minds. Mary took us on a journey through the ages and connected the dots between religion, spirituality and E.T. contact and the impact on us humans. All who attended were given an opportunity to question Mary and discuss her research.

During the weekend of Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd of October, our investigation team embarked on an expedition into the blue Mountains. On the Friday night, our 4 man and 2 woman team conducted a nightwatch and daytime vigil at a rarely accessed area high in the mountains. During our night watch, we observed and filmed orange and white coloured lights moving in and around the 'saddle' on the horizon between two mountain peaks. We noted the co-ordinates so that we could check out the geographical area on google maps. What we found was quite bizarre.

The light activity was very close to a supposedly disused mine in the Nattai area. When we zoomed in on the area using Google maps, we couldn't quite believe our eyes. There, on top of the high ground, floating in an artificial lake, was what looked like a huge ship. Check out the co-ordinates in the pictures below.



Through the early hours of Saturday morning, we continued to monitor the skies. One by one, Frank, Darren and Dom retired to leave Aaron, Kellie and myself to keep watch. The half moon was setting and the sky became dark and crystal clear. We decided to experiment by “calling out”, a method used in spirit searches, similar to that seen at James Gilliland’s ECETI ranch in the U.S.

The sky seemed to come alive with streaks of ‘shooting’ stars across the sky in all directions. This seemed too much of a coincidence. I thought it may have been a meteor shower but when I checked on line there were none to be found. WE continued this communicatin until about 4 am. When out of silence a really big flash lit up the entire sky like daylight for a split second. After this, the sky went back to a ‘quiet’ state and all activity stopped.

On the Saturday night, we moved on to an old abandoned hospital to conduct a Paranormal investigation. We had been here before on previous occasions and encountered and / or recorded unexplained phenomena. Our mission was to set up as much equipment as possible in different parts of one area and monitor them from a base station.

Part of the investigation was to conduct base line testing in all of the buildings with an EMI and digital thermometer. There is definitely no power to these buildings and no running water, so as expected, the building was EM quiet. Frank, Dom and Darren were setting up cameras and base monitoring while Michelle Usnik and I were conducting the base lines. Aaron filmed the walk-through. We were in a section of the hospital where we had recorded strange events on a previous visit when suddenly the EMI meter needle spiked from 0 to 100 milli-Gauss. As we moved from room to room, the meter continued to spike in rooms that had tested EMI quiet. Kellie attempted communication asking “whoever” was with us to answer our questions by moving the meter – and if the question was a simple yes or no answer, to move to a high position for yes and a low reading for no.

To our amazement we were able to indulge in a lengthy conversation with an unseen energy. Aaron filmed all of this which will feature in a future episode of Eerie Encounters. I have no doubt that when we set our minds to it we are able to communicate with other worldly beings, whether they be extraterrestrial, spiritual or interdimensional. I believe that we are evolving into a higher vibrational level and remember **THE FUTURE IS IN ALL OUR HANDS.**

Larraine Cilia President



First meeting for 2012: February 8th



All Meetings are held at the Campbelltown Arts Centre, Corner of Camden Road and Appin Road, Campbelltown, NSW 2560

Reserve your seat at:

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Entry: \$6.00 for members.

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Doors open 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start

Coffee & tea provided.

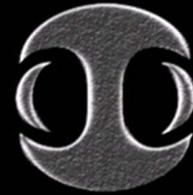
Next meeting, Wednesday, February 8th.



EERIE ENCOUNTERS DVD # 2 will be available for pick up from the December meeting. Please make your pre-sale orders to a committee member..... **You can also view excerpts from the new DVD on our Youtube channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/ufoprsa>**



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"You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, 'Why not?'" George Bernard Shaw

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Since our last issue of the Phenomenon Times, the group headed for the mountains to do a nightwatch and investigation in our old favorite stomping grounds. While we have visited our 'night watch' area a few times in the past months when the weather was in our favour, it has been a few years since we have done an investigation at the old hospital.

The night watch commenced on the Friday night after setting up camp with the weather well on our side. We had a beautiful sunset which promised a nice clear sky that would take us through to the early hours of Saturday morning. We saw several strange streaks of light during the night, as well as some strange flashing lights from the horizon. The most amazing phenomenon happened at 3.35am when a large flash lit the whole valley up below us and then the sky. While there seemed to be constant 'activity' from between 10pm to 3.30am, as soon as the flash came, everything became eerily quiet. We persevered for another half an hour, but nothing!

We got a few hours sleep and then packed up camp to start our paranormal investigation in the hospital grounds. Unfortunately, at the hands of local vandals, it has deteriorated beyond belief. After setting up camp for the next 2 days, we walked through doing base line tests and taking photos before the nights investigation. Dom had the monitor room set up with multiple locked on camera's feeding back live to him; Larraine, Michelle and Aaron were doing the base line readings with the EMI meter and digital thermometer and the rest of us walked through the wards and corridors getting a general feel as to which part of the hospital would be more active.

While Lorraine, Michelle and Aaron were doing the base line readings, they were getting quite a high reading on the EMI meter. Impressive considering there is absolutely no power in the hospital at all. Lorraine decided to ask a question hoping it was spirit trying to communicate. When the needle shot to the highest reading, they called the rest of us on the radio to come and film what was going on. With Aaron on camera, I decided to ask a series of general questions getting spirit to answer by communicating NO as low on the meter and YES as the highest reading. We had a great conversation for over 20 minutes, all recorded on video. AMAZING !!

We later did a music challenge with Eskimo Joe's song "Black Fingernails, Red Wine" playing in the corridors hoping to capture something on camera. As promised to the band, Dom has been busy putting together a UTube piece which will be forwarded to the group in the coming weeks for promotion on their website. Stay tuned for the link.

The investigation finished up later the next afternoon with two days full of action. When the weather is on our side, the sky is the limit so bring on the summer months so we have more to capture on camera to show you all.

I'd like to wish all of our members and their families a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to another exciting year in 2012.

Kellie Pataky



EERIE ENCOUNTERS



EERIE ENCOUNTERS UPDATE

We are about to embark on one of the most favorable ways to fulfil our most vital mission statement definition; “To disseminate information to a wider public audience.” TVS is about to turn off their analogue service in the new year. As a result, all transmissions from the station will be in digital format from that date on. Although the station was gearing up to broadcast us at the end of January, beginning of February 2012, it now seems likely that the first digital only transmissions will involve the EERIE ENCOUNTERS series as part of the first week of such programming beginning on the 1st of March 2012.

As a result, the first series DVD #1 is the only one which will be cut according to the old rules. The rest of the series will be produced as originally shot – in widescreen 16:9 HD - without the need to reproduce for analogue TV; which is a load off my mind!

So I can confirm that since our license contract has now been signed with the station, the first series will go to air in the first week of March programming in 2012 and also, that we will send reminders as to the actual air times as that date approaches.

We have another four episodes boarded for the 2012 season with an improvement in both production and post-production with the acquisition of both new software and filming techniques.

The UFO-PRSA will produce more episodes each year and will make them available to members first.

I would like to take this opportunity to not only congratulate the entire cast and crew, but to thank all of you who have supported us in this endeavour. I look forward to bringing you more of the same engaging accounts recreated according to the what is in many cases, the only written record.

Dominic McNamara, Director

EERIE ENCOUNTERS



I have had many paranormal experiences of various types throughout my life, with some being quite frightening. However, I wish to relate two incidents of a very different sort.

In 1973 in Zimbabwe, aged 26 years, though not sure of the month when this incident occurred, I was suffering with severe toothache for some time, to such a degree I couldn't concentrate on my work at the office and spent many sleepless nights as no amount of pain killers offered relief. With the shortage of dentists, I was finally able to see one within three days. On this particular night, I was unable to sleep as the toothache was so severe. My ear ached and my head throbbed to a point where I decided I would see the dentist in the morning (two days earlier) as an emergency patient.

As I lay awake in bed in the early hours of the morning awaiting daybreak, I heard footsteps of a passer-by outside the building and wondered why anyone would be walking about at that ungodly hour (probably 2.30 a.m.), and to my utter shock and confusion, the footsteps continued from outside and through the wall and into the bedroom on my right. They were, without doubt, that of a man. He walked around my roommate's bed -- who was fast asleep and stopped by my bedside. I didn't see him. Being afraid, I didn't want to see this person and had shut my eyes so tightly. Within seconds, I felt a strange but comfortable heat concentrated around my head only. I was holding my breath and wondering what he was doing to me.

That was the last I remember until the morning when I was brushing my teeth and realized I didn't have a toothache, and then remembered what had happened hours earlier. For the next three days, unbelievably, until my visit to the dentist I experienced no toothache at all. Once at the dentist, a pus filled pocket along with the affected tooth were extracted and he said, "You must have been in agony with this abscess." I said, "Yes, but not for the last three days." He was visibly taken aback, but I declined to relate my experience lest he thought I was loony.

The second extraordinary incident occurred in my flat at approximately 2.30 a.m. on 3rd January 2008 in Warnham, England. Having retired to bed after 12.30 a.m. after watching a late film on TV, I soon fell asleep, but was awakened by a dragging sound outside of the building (block of flats). As I listened trying to decipher the sound, I turned onto my back to free my right ear so I could hear better, but still couldn't make head or tail of the sound.

I thought I'd climb out of bed and take a peep out of the window to my left, so I opened my eyes and -- lo and behold! -- at the foot of the bed, on the left-hand corner, was the most awesome sight of a glowing young lady wearing a shiny white gown. She stood looking at me with what I can only describe as pure and clear eyes. A bright white silvery glow radiated from her very essence and extended to a few inches around her, and yet it was confined to her being and didn't light up the bedroom. This was quite unexpected and surprised me. It was quite weird for me as we eyed each other up. No words were exchanged by either of us, not verbally or telepathically, so I wondered what this was all about. As we eyed each other up, I could still hear the sound outside which had awakened me and thought the two must be connected. This strange vision lasted for between 30 - 60 seconds, then just vanished.

I lay in bed for a couple of minutes trying to make sense of what had just happened, then decided to see what was causing the sound outside. I climbed out of bed and looked outside through the bedroom window. A Coca Cola can was being blown about on the tarred drive by a fairly strong wind, causing the sound; the noise ceased when the can hit a curb. I went back to sleep and was awakened once again by this sound as the wind carried the can to the other side of the curb, but this time there was no shiny lady.

At 5.30 a.m., before my husband went to work, I related to him what had happened. That evening when he returned from work, he told me he had picked up the said can and threw it in the rubbish bin.

Special Presentation - Marrickville



UFO-PRSA was recently invited to do a presentation at Urchin Bookstore in Marrickville, Sydney with guest medium Sharon Hood. So, on a rainy Thursday evening in November, we all met at the amazing bookstore that had us all enthralled with its endless rows of fascinating books.

The turnout was incredibly impressive – at least forty people arrived at the bookshop to hear us talk about our investigations and experiences, with both Kellie and Sharon doing a fantastic job at holding a captive audience all night. What was initially only going to be a two-hour presentation ended up finishing up close to midnight!

Kellie kicked off the night by showing a slideshow of photographs taken by the group over the years. The audience sat fixated and fascinated during Kellie's talk, asking endless questions and pretty much hanging on to her every word. Kellie did an amazing job at articulating an overall summary of the group's research, holding a captive audience right to the very end!

We showed an episode of *PI* (our investigation at the Quarantine station, Manly) before our guest medium Sharon Hood took over, answering a lot of the audience's questions which transgressed over a whole range of topics.



To top off the night, we showed a brilliant production of *Paranormal Investigations* that was produced by our newest researcher, Aaron Bishop. A few of the audience members were incredibly baffled, not to mention completely stunned, as to how we could venture into dark buildings alone all night to do what we do, and as a result, the questions just kept coming. Before we knew it, four hours had passed and it was already creeping close to midnight!

Overall, it was a fantastic night and we were fortunate enough to even gain some new members as a result. We would love to give our sincere thanks to Urchin Books for having us and look forward to visiting their amazing bookshop sometime again in the near future!

Psychic **PT** Perception

Past Lives

By Kellie Pataky



In October's issue of the PT, I introduced *Life After Life* by Dr Raymond Moody and briefly outlined his research over the past thirty six years. Of course, like many other professionals who delve into the 'paranormal' subject, Dr Moody has gone on to write more books over the course of his career and I would like to introduce *The Light Beyond* in this issue.

This book was published a decade after *Life After Life* and furthers his studies on over one thousand new case histories of adults and children who have clinically reached the point of death and survived. These are what we familiarly call NDE's (Near Death Experiences).

The first thing Dr Moody discusses in *The Light Beyond* is the great number of NDE's that actually happen. When he started looking into this phenomenon, he thought there were very few people who actually experienced it. He had no figures and there were certainly none referred to in medical literature, but if he had to guess, he would say that one in eight people who were resuscitated or had a similar brush with mortality had at least one of the traits of an NDE.

When he began lecturing and asking large groups of people if they had ever had an NDE themselves, or knew of anyone that had, his prediction of the frequency of this phenomenon changed dramatically. At lectures he would ask the audience, "How many of you have had a near-death experience or know of someone who has?" and about one person in thirty raised his hand in reply. Pollster George Gallup, Jr., found that eight

million adults in the United States have had an NDE.

He was further able to analyse the content of these NDE's by polling for their elements. Here is what he found:

Element	Percent
Out of body	26
Accurate visual perception	23
Audible sounds or voices	17
Feelings of peace, painlessness	32
Light phenomena	14
Life review	32
Being in another world	32
Encountering other beings	23
Tunnel experience	9
Precognition	6

Such a poll clearly showed the NDE's are much more common in society than any of the NDE researchers ever thought. Below are Dr Moody's explanations of the above nine NDE traits.

A Sense of Being Dead

Many people don't realise that the near-death experience they are having has anything to do with death. They will find themselves floating above their body, looking at it from a distance, and suddenly feel fear and/or confusion. They will wonder, "How is it that I can be up here, looking at myself down there?" It doesn't make any sense to them and they become very confused. At this point, they may not actually recognise the physical body they are looking at as being their own.

They can understand what the doctors and nurses are trying to convey to each other (even though they frequently have no formal medical training) but when they try to talk to them or other people present, no one is able to see or hear them.

Peace and Painlessness

While the patient is in his or her body, there can frequently be intense pain. But when the “ribbons are cut,” there is a very real sense of peace and painlessness. A cardiac arrest patient, who had intense pain during their heart attack, claimed to have turned from agony to an almost intense pleasurable experience. Some researchers have theorised that the brain, when it experiences such intense pain, releases a self-made chemical that stops the pain.

Out- of- Body Experience

Frequently about the time that the doctor says, “We’ve lost him (or her),” the patient undergoes a complete change of perspective. He feels himself rising up and viewing his own body below.

Most people say they are not just some spot of consciousness when this happens. They still seem to be in some kind of body even though they are out of their physical bodies. They say the spiritual body has shape and form unlike our physical bodies. It has arms and a shape although most are at a loss to describe what it looks like. Some people describe it as a cloud of colours, or an energy field.

The Tunnel Experience

This experience generally happens after bodily separation. It isn’t until people undergo the “cutting of the ribbons” and the out-of-body experience that they truly realise that their experience has something to do with death. At this point, a portal or tunnel opens to them and they are propelled into darkness. They start going through this dark space and

at the end they come into the brilliant light. Some people go up stairways instead of through a tunnel, or even through ornate doors which seems very symbolic of a passage into another realm. Some people also hear a *whoosh* as they go into the tunnel. Or they hear an electric vibrating sensation or humming.

There is a fifteenth-century painting by Hieronymus Bosch called “The Ascent into the Empyrean” that virtually describes this experience. In the foreground are people who are dying. Surrounding them are spiritual beings who are trying to direct their attention upward. They pass through a dark tunnel and come out into a light. As they go into this light, they kneel reverently.



People of Light

Once through the tunnel, the person usually meets beings of light. These beings aren’t composed of ordinary light. They glow with a beautiful and intense luminescence that seems to permeate everything and fill the person with love. Some have described this light as being much brighter than anything we experience on earth. But still, despite its brilliant intensity, it doesn’t hurt the eyes. Instead, it’s warm, vibrant, and alive.

In this situation, NDEers frequently meet up with friends and relatives who have died. Often, they speak of these people as being in the same indescribable bodies as theirs. Some have also described beautiful pastoral scenes. One experience spoke of a meadow that was surrounded by plants, each with its own light.

In this state, communication doesn't take place in words as we know them, but in telepathic, nonverbal ways that result in immediate understanding.

The Being of Light

After meeting several beings of light, the NDEer usually meets a Supreme Being of Light. People with a Christian background often describe Him as God or Jesus. Those with other religious backgrounds may call him Buddha or Allah. But some have said that it's neither God nor Jesus, but someone very holy nonetheless.

Whoever he is, the Being radiates total love and understanding. So much so, that most people want to be with it forever. But they can't. At this point they are told, usually by the Being of Light, that they have to return to their earthly body. But first it's his job to take them on a life review.

The Life Review

When the life review occurs, there are no more physical surroundings. In their place is a full colour, three-

dimensional, panoramic review of every single thing the NDEers have done in their lives. This usually takes place in a third-person perspective and doesn't occur in time as we know it. The closest description Dr Moody has heard of, is that the person's whole life is there at once.

In this situation, you not only see every action that you have ever done, but also perceive immediately the effects of every single one of your actions upon the people in your life. Through all of this, the Being is with those people, asking them what good they have done with their lives. He helps them through this review and helps them put all the events of their life in perspective. All of the people, who go through this, come away with believing the most important thing in their life is love and the second is knowledge. As they see life scenes in which they are learning things, the Being points out that one of the things they can take with them at death is knowledge.

The other is love.

Rising Rapidly into the Heavens

A point made by Dr Moody is that not all NDEers have a tunnel experience. Some report a "floating experience," in which they rise rapidly into the heavens, seeing the universe from a perspective reserved for satellites and astronauts.

The psychotherapist C.G. Jung had an experience like this in 1944 when he had a heart attack. He said that he felt himself rise rapidly to a point far above the earth. Some others have experienced passing through the stars and finding himself up with the angels, or seeing the planets all around them and the earth below like a blue marble.

Reluctance to Return

For many people, the NDE is such a pleasant event that they don't want to return. As a result, they are frequently very angry at their doctors for bringing them back. Most though are happy to return and are glad to have the chance to go on living. Interestingly, many feel they are given a choice to return or stay. It may be the Being of Light who offers this choice to them, or a relative who has died. Of all the cases Dr Moody has studied, most talked that they would have chosen to stay had they only themselves to think of. But they usually said they wanted to go back because they have children left to raise or because their spouses or parents might miss them.

Different Time and Space

In addition to these nine traits, people who have undergone NDEs say that time is greatly compressed and nothing like the time we keep with our watches. NDEers have described it as "being in eternity".

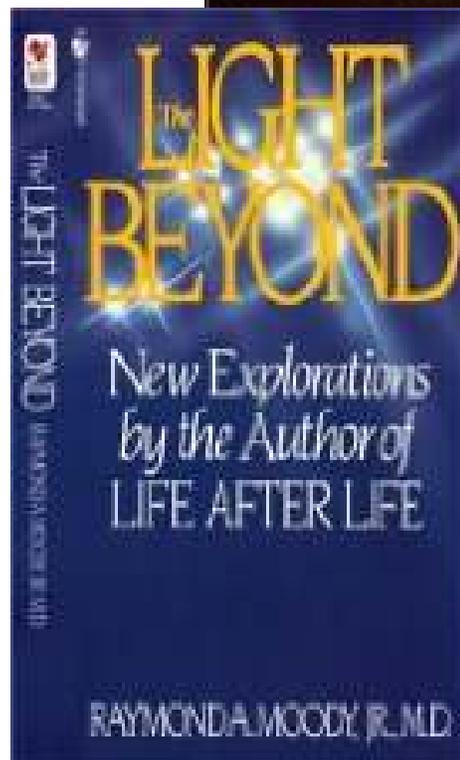
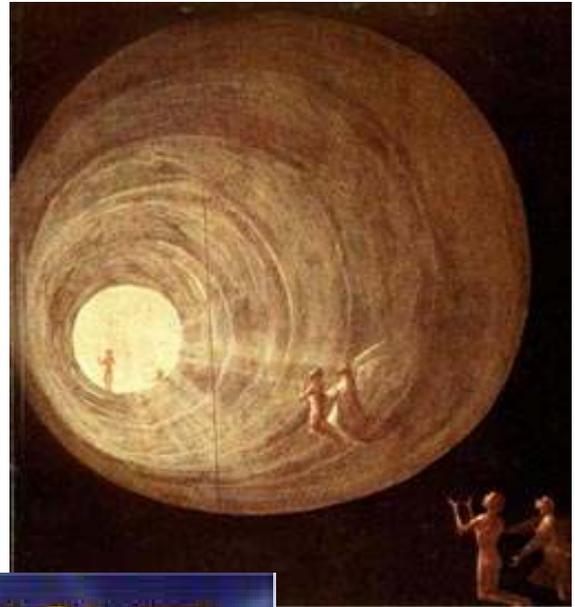
The boundaries imposed by space in our everyday lives are often broken in NDEs. During the experience, if the NDEers wanted to go somewhere, they can often just think themselves there. People say that while they were out of their body but watching the doctors work on them in the operating room, they could simply wish their way into the waiting room to see their relatives.

An example of this was an elderly woman being resuscitated by Dr Moody himself. While he was giving her closed heart massage on an emergency room examining table, the nurse assisting him ran into another room to get a vial of medication needed to get her heart started again. It was a glass-necked vial that you're supposed to hold in a paper towel while breaking off the top so you don't cut yourself. When the nurse returned, the neck was broken so he could use the medication straight away. When the woman came to, she looked at the nurse very sweetly and said "Honey, I saw what you did in that room, and you're going to cut yourself doing that". The nurse was shocked. She admitted that in her haste to open the medicine, she had broken the glass neck with her fingers.

Such experiences are perhaps the best answer to people who think NDEs are the brain playing tricks on itself. After all, on the surface it is entirely possible that the brain,

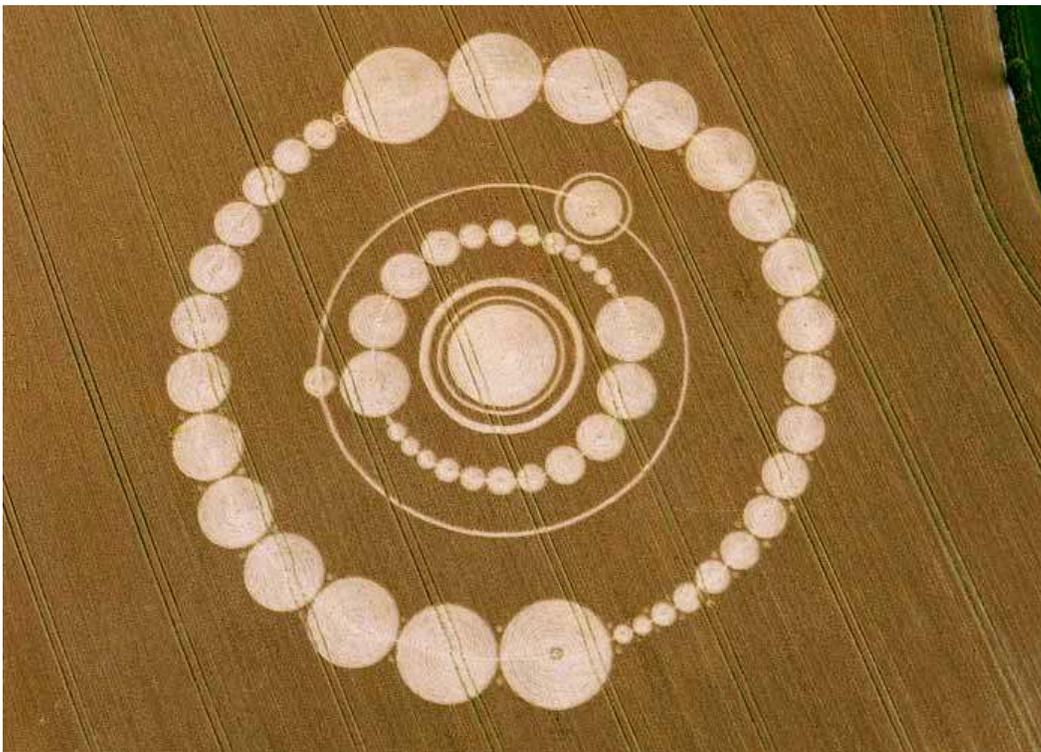
while in great distress, could try to calm itself by creating tunnel experiences and Beings of Light to put the person to rest. But NDEers who can tell you what was going on in other rooms while having their episodes are truly having out-of-body experiences.

Dr Raymond Moody, JR., M.D.

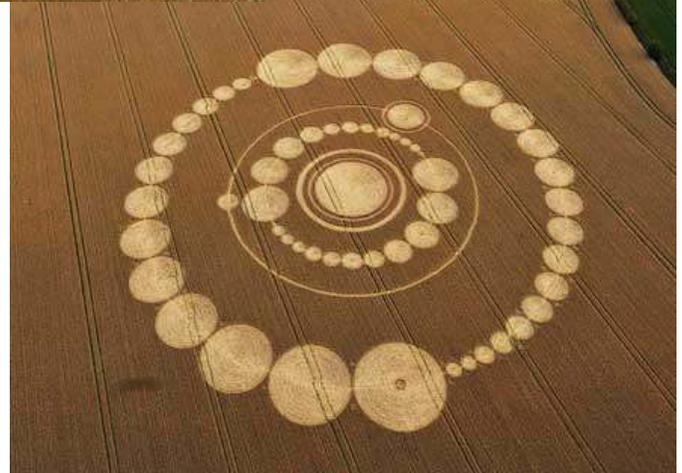




26 July 2011



An impressive circle measuring almost 400 ft in diameter. It consists of over 100 individual circles, each laid in swirling patterns and most with central stalks left standing. It lies beneath the neolithic settlement of Windmill Hill, said to be the oldest settlement in the country.



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SIGHTING REPORTS

Reserve Creek NSW
27-02-2006 21:00

We were travelling by car from Lismore NSW to Brisbane. In the car was myself my two daughters then aged 18 and 16 , my son 17 and my daughters boyfriend aged 19.

When we reached Clunes approx 15 mins outside Lismore my daughter noticed a light in the sky that was directly in front of our vehicle it moved so fast it was impossible to be a plane. It was following our car and would move at enormous speed from one side of the car to another all the way till we reached Mt St Helens near Byron Bay where it came extremely close it was huge approx the size of a football field and it had many swirling colours around the base. We pulled over and stopped the car to get a better look as this thing had followed us for about 40 km now. when we got out of the car it descended and was directly above our car it's sheer size was terrifying and we all screamed and got back in the car. it then disappeared and we were all very shaken by the experience. We all couldn't believe what we had witnessed and were definitely scared at the time. It still is brought up in conversations occasionally, but to this day we have no other explanation of what it was apart from an unidentified flying object.

P.S. we passed other cars at the time of this incident and were flashing our high beam to them but it seems no one else could see what we were seeing, it was all very strange but very real.

Cabramatta 2166, Sydney, NSW
10-11-2011 02:20

Me and my friend were driving in CBD of Cabramatta on a Thursday morning and around 2:20am I noticed a bright yellow object in the sky. At first I thought it was a star but it was dropping at a rapid speed from high above in the dark clear sky. It was like a fireball. Then I thought it was an aircraft crashing down so we raced up towards it and we got closer and closer. We then drove into streets around houses to take a closer look. There was no sound present at all, the object had 2 red lights and 1 yellow light, I couldn't make out what it was since it was quite hard to see in the dark sky. It stopped dropping and just hovered above the sky on top of houses but it was still high in the sky. Then out of nowhere the object just vanished without a sound or trace. I have a video but it isn't really clear.

Reported sighting of UFOs came in from all over Melbourne, from the western suburbs to Bentleigh to Frankston.

I can personally say I saw one of these, it originally appeared as a very bright light that appeared to be moving South East from the North. It appeared to change shape and at one stage broke into three separate lights flickering.

Others reported seeing a UFO hovering near the location of the moon and some appeared to witness a landing. I have videoed the sighting and will upload a 10 minute video soon. It's spectacular footage.

Andrew



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Case 4 part 1 'Shadow people'

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Fisher's Ghost (Part 3): In this issue I will discuss the findings of some other information received during the Fisher's Ghost investigation. Although the group were attempting to make contact with those involved in the murder of Fred Fisher or their contemporaries, both Kellie and Sharon picked up on a group of people that appeared to have been from a later time.

During the investigation both Kellie and Sharon Hood, guest medium, saw a group of people standing around beneath a tree outside one of the buildings. The group consisted of three men and two women. Kellie perceived a man by the name of James Quigley, and felt that the time period was the early 1900s.

Further to this, Sharon attempted to connect with the group and got the names Lillian, Poppy, Gregor and Frank. Unfortunately the only surname was the Quigley name that Kellie got. Sharon also said that she had the impression that one of the men was smoking. The group appeared to be looking at the ground and discussing something significant that had occurred there.

The building involved was used as a school at the time Kellie suggested this event took place. Not long after this a new school was commissioned and the old school became a private residence. This means that the

events may have or may not have been associated with the school.

Investigation shows that there were Quigleys living in the area around that time. I found deaths for three men named James Quigley in the area, two of which died in 1892 and the other in 1901. None of these are necessarily the James that Kellie picked up because he could easily have died elsewhere. I could find no other mention of James Quigley.

The other names were much harder to trace because there were no surnames. There were no births, marriages or deaths registered for anyone named Gregor in the Campbelltown district between 1880 and 1920, or any marriages to women named Poppy or Lillian in that time period.

The same result was found for women by the name of Poppy, however Poppy is both a name in its own right and an abbreviation of the names Penelope and Calliope. The names Frank and Lillian proved equally hard to trace because they were both common names at the time.

The most interesting thing that I discovered was the drowning deaths of two sisters who attended the school in 1900. They were on a school picnic at the Georges River at the time. One of the sisters was named Lillian, the other was Irene.

What was interesting, however, was that the girls' family was not from the Campbelltown area at all, but from Hay. This indicates that the school took in boarders, which means that the people around the tree may have been discussing an incident that occurred there, but may not have been local themselves.

I also limited my investigation to the time period Kellie felt was relevant. As no ages were given for the people seen around the tree this could have an effect on my results. I was allowing that the people were young adults, but they could have been much older or much younger, which would make it necessary to adjust the search parameters, which I will now do to continue my search.

Next issue I will look at information that was received on one of the group's recent investigations.



Present day Quandong House



The Bourke family at Quandong, Christmas Day 1915 (Courtesy - CAHS)

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