

As I mentioned in my letter to subscribers, I'd intended that this would be a 'triple' issue, rather than a double. However, I'm holding on for AW21 until I can include an analysis of Bill Chalker's 'Alien Hair' claim, together with the recent 'alien skeleton' and 'alien skull', and maybe the 'genetic material' allegedly detected at Tunguska, too.

Sorry again for the delay in publication of this issue!

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DARK AGES

Abusing the Holocaust

Along with the use of regression hypnosis, the other really nasty tactic adopted to force belief in alien abduction is to parallel abduction with the Holocaust. Budd Hopkins - who also first validated the use of amateur, purposive regression hypnosis - opens his second book, *Intruders* with 'A Note to the Reader'.

"One of the many things we don't like to admit about the human mind is its basic inability to accept or even to vividly imagine an 'unrealistic' or deeply unpalatable truth. Though we can entertain any wild idea 'in theory', a profoundly unsettling concept can be almost impossible to believe - to really believe - despite the weight of evidence and the pressure of logic. One historic example of our inability to comprehend and believe a chilling truth is delineated in Walter Laquer's book *The Terrible Secret*, a work dealing with the Holocaust. Laquer's research established that by the end of 1943, when a sizeable portion of the world's population had read or been told of Hitler's systematic liquidation of the Jewish people, this ongoing horror was simply not believed. The Nazis were evil, we seemed to be saying, and truly barbaric, but *that* - the systematic murder of children and old people and men and women - that just couldn't be true.

Obviously, in this context even eyewitness accounts were irrelevant. Laquer describes a meeting between Jan Karski, a Polish eyewitness to the slaughter, and Judge Felix Frankfurter, a man whose brilliance and intellectual resiliency cannot be doubted. Karski told Frankfurter of what he had seen and heard, but Frankfurter replied that "he did not believe him. When Karski protested, Frankfurter explained that he did not imply that Karski had in any way not told the truth, he simply meant that he could not believe him - there was a difference . . . The possibility that extraterrestrial intelligence may already be visiting our planet, as the UFO evidence implies, and treating the human species as laboratory specimens for some elusive and perhaps unfathomable purpose - that is a truly disturbing idea. We all know, of course, a basic scientific truth: It can't happen here. Justice Frankfurter's remark is apt: despite the eyewitness description and all the other categories of evidence, "I just cannot believe it."

Demonstrating how this argument appeals to those who have publicly committed themselves to a probably irrational belief in interaction with aliens, I understand that during a debate with James Oberg on March 31 this year, Dr Steven Greer of the increasingly barmy CSETI

"opened the general session with comparing people who refuse to believe in UFOs with neo-Nazis who deny the Holocaust ever happened."

The simple, devastating fact is that while the physical, documentary and personal evidence of the Holocaust is too compelling and vast to comprehend, there isn't one single item of tangible, objective evidence that even one human being has ever been abducted by aliens. And it is a gross and disgusting insult to both victims and survivors of Nazis to even make the comparison, let alone to twist it in this way. But there is a useful point to be made here, and I would like to suggest an entirely different parallel between the process that led to the Holocaust, and the process - so much in Hopkins' ownership, though adopted by so many others - which has led to the worldwide belief in alien abduction. And, more important, to the belief that some human beings are somehow less than human: that they are 'abductees'.

All prejudice, all race-hate, all genocide, has its roots in identifying and imposing difference. Sometimes, that difference is identified in a pseudo-scientific manner, typified by the eugenicists whose claims that differences between racial and ethnic groups could be established by measurement were adopted by so many politicians and governments in the early part of this century. In some countries - like the UK - its influence dwindled in the face of reason and compassion. In others - like Sweden - it was adopted as a justification for official action to prevent sexual reproduction by those who were judged sufficiently different to denigrate the health and well-being of the nation's breeding stock. In others - and particularly in Nazi Germany - it was adopted as an excuse for the slaughter of those who, by virtue of their difference, were determined as being less than human, inferior to those making the identification, and therefore unfit to live. Behind the political expediency lay a genuine belief held by many of those responsible for the genocide of Jews and gypsies, that their failure to be fully human meant that they could be used and abused at will by those who were their superiors. The adoption of similar attitudes to homosexuals and intellectuals is a little more complex, but undoubtedly has its roots in the identification of difference, too.

Thus, in Germany, the dehumanisation of the Jews had its distant roots in eugenics, in the pseudo-scientific identification of difference between those with 'Jewish' physical characteristics, and those with 'Aryan' characteristics. As time went on the differences were progressively emphasised and publicly demonstrated: in the wearing of the yellow Star of David, the marking of business premises, the blaming of the Jews for public disorder to justify oppression, public humiliation, ghettoisation, and finally deportation and death for the most fortunate, the suffering of forced labour and starvation for those who survived for a time, and medical experimentation and/or abuse for many. All on the basis that Jews were different, generation after generation, when they weren't. That breeding with them, or even allowing them to breed, was dangerous and would produce non-human offspring. And the belief - so grimly reflected by Jacobs, Hopkins, Dodd, Pope and others - that a higher race may do what it wishes to a lower race, without comeback, and almost without questioning. The lesson from the Holocaust is not one of daring to believe without meaningful evidence. It is that believing without meaningful evidence is likely, where it involves telling human beings that they are different to, or less than, human, to end in tragedy.

Core experiences and disinformation

Over the past few months I've been reviewing the role and effectiveness of *AW*. Abduction scepticism is undoubtedly in for a hard time. A new book by John Mack is on the way, his completely irrelevant academic position no doubt likely to seduce yet more reasonable and well-meaning people into believing in the reality and ubiquity of the Greys. Spielberg is reported to be creating a massive new series of programmes covering the 'history' of 'abduction', to be called 'Taken'. Spielberg's extraordinary visual persuasiveness will lead millions at least to assess the credibility of the abduction myth on the basis of what they see depicted on screen, without realising how ephemeral, deceptive and self-contradictory the actual evidence is. Many viewers will simply believe what they are shown, and we will face our most difficult task yet in dealing with those beliefs. We are also stuck with Joe Firmage, a frighteningly rich American with a probable core experience (see below) and a crusade to go on. Anybody who believes in the validity of the investigative techniques of Linda Moulton Howe, as Firmage seems to, is likely to present problems to rational and scientific thinking, and as he spends freely to confirm his own sanity and his desire to have been chosen, others will be hurt by the fallout. He'll lose interest eventually, just wait and see.

All this, however, presents quite a challenge to the small numbers of us trying to resolve the abduction issue, and to prevent excessive harm to those persuaded of its reality. So, heartened by the interest aroused by its absence and the many thoughtful communications wishing me and it well I just thought through the usefulness of *AW*, and whether the limited time and resources could be better utilised. I decided that there are probably three lines of approach worth taking.

1. To continue to press for rational explanations and meaningful proofs of wild and irrational assertions of alien existence and intervention in human life. This has the advantage not only of keeping some sort of ongoing pressure on those making and publishing those claims, and of encouraging concentration on new claims as they occur, but it can also be great fun. I want to stick with that element of fun because it's vital to balance the general gloom and confusion likely to be induced by pursuing the other two lines of approach.
2. To consider whether there is a persistent and identifiable core human experience involving a perception of contact and interaction with non-human intelligence. This perception appears to have been interpreted in different ways in different times and places in relation to its social and 'knowledge' context (by 'knowledge' I mean the scientific, religious and cosmological views prevailing at the time of interpretation). This seems likely to be an essentially internal experience, but may be related to, or simply coincidental with, some external trigger that is similarly unexplored. The investigation of any possible external trigger would probably need to cover a range including shamanistic communications, to reported visionary experience within a religious context, to supposed 'car-stop' and CE2/CE3 incidents within ufology.
3. To assess - and this is the one with which I'm absolutely the least comfortable - the evidence for a possible manipulation of individuals, groups, and a fairly random wider

public to believe in an oppressive, inescapable and damaging relationship between human and non-human - generally 'alien' - beings. In trying to deal with this aspect of the material to hand, I suggest that it may be helpful to assume that any such manipulation is relatively recent, and may be founded on the use of modern methods of communication. These methods - particularly the use of video and the Internet, and of easy DTP, too - are unprecedentedly open to such manipulation, and can be used to publish material of neither truth nor merit, without any of the selectivity that prevailed through the applying of standards and rationality in both media and publishing as late as the 1970s. I'm not a natural conspiracy theorist, but from the first soundings of the 'unnamed soldier' material a couple of years ago, I've grudgingly come to the address the question of why so much nasty and dangerous rubbish is being used to fool so many vulnerable and easily-damaged people in such a smooth, professional and often very profitable way. This isn't Picknett and Prince's 'Stargate Conspiracy' theory, intriguing though some of that is: I just don't see the CIA at work here. But it's becoming more difficult to believe that there isn't some organised, sick inspiration behind much of what people have been made to believe.

These lines of approach could be dealt with separately. I considered publishing a 'Core Experience Bulletin', which could be terribly worthy, and would probably attract quite a wide, respectful and respectable audience, as well as Albert Budden. I could also go down a 'conspiracy behind the conspiracy' route, and merrily accuse those who identify conspiracy behind every government press release and technological development of themselves being victims of a deeper, weirder and nastier conspiracy, which manipulates their own beliefs in the sure hope that they, with their burning desire for fame and, more often than not, money, will persuade others of the truth of the lies they are told. This would undoubtedly be intriguing, and probably accurate in some degree, but to do it in isolation really wouldn't help resolve the overall question. And the overall question is? Well, do non-human intelligences really communicate with, and interact with, human beings? Or something like that.

So, this will carry on being *Abduction Watch*, covering not only the questions raised in 2 and 3 above, but the full range of assertions of alien reality as well. In the end, the belief in abduction, inter-breeding, foetus capture, on-UFO child-rearing and the rest of it remains at the very summit of all these warped assertions. The publicity given to it, and the persuasive tactics used to convince the weak and vulnerable of its truth, amounts to something very, very close to abuse. But just telling people that isn't going to change anything. Until we've cracked the questions about core experience and what is probably best described as 'alien advocacy', the disinforming of both researchers and the public in a remarkably organised and consistent way, we'll never really understand what's going on. There are some substantial demons out there, and I'm pretty certain that they're human. Whatever they are, we need to start confronting all of them, and it seems best to do it within AW, which has won an established audience and, it seems, a little respect, too.

Anyway, let's have a look at some of the casualties of false reality that have come to light since February, starting with a variety of horrendous claims that symptoms of emotional and psychological distress, or serious physical illness, are indicators of abduction. More difference, more labelling . . .

Manipulation of health issues

No.1 The Alien Love-Bite

If there was a deliberate intention to include those who are troubled and vulnerable - women who are abused, or in failing or unsuccessful relationships - within the hypothetical "abductee population", that intention could hardly be better fulfilled than by the extraordinary arguments of Eve Frances Lorgen in 'The Love Bite' in MUFON UFO Journal for January 1999. Lorgen, of course, works with Derrel Sims and Roger Leir, and we have featured all three of them, and their unfathomable motivations, before . . .

"As an abductions researcher of 15 years, and from the perspective of female intuition, I contend that most ufologists and abduction researchers are so adamant about the nuts and bolts that they overlook the whole drama of what is taking place in abductees' lives. Specifically, I am referring to a variety of alien-orchestrated human bonding dramas, relationship manipulations, and love obsessions that are carried out in the abductee population. . . . Throughout my experience studying and counselling abductees and 'experiencers', I can confidently say that the alien presence - or whoever is acting behind its image - exerts a heavy influence on their lives, sometimes down to the lovers they meet and even the very partners they choose to marry. . . . The love relationship set-up may include a number of bizarre synchronicities, vivid dreams, supernatural events, and bonding exercises during alien encounters. The orchestrated experiences are often intimate and sexual, such that one or the other develops an intense chemistry and love obsession with the targeted partner. Often, either person is married to - or has an existing relationship with - another mate. It makes no difference. . . . Many female abductees have entered into controlling and abusive marriages, ensuring a constant life of victimisation and crisis that prevents them from addressing the core issues of abductions. I believe these types of relationship problems are primarily due to unresolved abduction-related psychological issues, other personal family affairs, and direct interference by the alien handlers. . . . the point I want to make here is that these relationship issues are unique to the abductee population. They need to be addressed as such, taking into consideration the reality of alien abductions."

There we go - it's that "unique to the abductee population". If you have any or all of these problems, you must be an abductee. What the hell is Lorgen - and MUFON - playing at, publishing this stuff?

No.2 Betty Cash

In an obituary in MUFON UFO Journal for Feb. 1999 John Schuessler, long-time investigator and proponent of the supposed 'Cash-Landrum' encounter, said of Betty Cash that

"Betty died of health problems associated with injuries that were caused by her close encounter with a UFO exactly eighteen years ago. During the intervening years, Betty suffered more than anyone can imagine. Never a year passed that she wasn't

hospitalised and treated for complications arising from that initial extensive radiation exposure . . . Betty and Vickie, with help from MUFON and attorney Peter Gersten, tried valiantly to find out what they had been exposed to and what could be done to offset the effects of the exposure. Hundreds of letters and telephone calls to government officials were either ignored or given little more than lip service. Even after she knew that it was too late to get answers that could reverse the damage her body had sustained, Betty fought on. She said it was important for the truth to be known . . . Even though she didn't win, she did make a dent in the bureaucracy. Even more, she helped a number of medical doctors understand the serious nature of exposure to some UFOs. None of them laughed at Betty, and they will be better prepared to deal with the problem the next time it occurs."

No.3 AIDS

New horrors emerge in *Paranoia* magazine for Spring 1999. Despite the apparently ironic title, *Paranoia* takes itself very seriously, and spreads fiction and panic like it was fact and news. Here it's an article by Philip S. Duke, Ph.D. titled "The AIDS-ET Connection". (unlike other contributors Duke seems to be real - he writes to *Saucer Smear* - but it would be interesting to hear more about his Ph.D.) Duke adopts a variety of 'dark age' proofs for his claims. Firstly, he sets out a tortuous argument that HIV could not have occurred accidentally, that it therefore occurred by design, it first occurred between 1940 and 1950 "when human science was quite incapable of such a feat", so it must have had an extraterrestrial origin. Secondly, he introduces the secret government/alien liaison argument, saying that

"the 'parent' HIVs were selectively developed with the involuntary help of human abductees. Once developed, it would be easy to (but why?) selectively infect Africans and gay New Yorkers. Human abductions with medical exams and samplings would provide monitoring and additions to the pandemics, if desired."

Duke then goes on to adopt the cattle mutilation myth-arc - surely created by the most outstandingly dim and depressing bunch of 'investigators' in the whole field - to argue that "No one had any idea why cattle mutilations were performed or why they take their specific nature, until the AIDS-ET Connection, which fully answers all these questions." He asserts that

"The physical locus of the cattle mutilations correspond with HIV transmission in humans, except for the ear. The blood is a site of HIV replication in humans. Cattle mutilations are explained on the basis that animals are previously infected with HIV's or related viruses and locator implants are placed in the ear. At the appropriate time (when is that?) the cattle blood with virus and antibodies is harvested, and transmission data is obtained by study of corresponding transmission sites. The ear is removed to facilitate locator device recovery with minimum exposure."

Duke expresses his displeasure that NIDS and "other persons interested in cattle mutilations" will not agree to his request to HIV test mutilated cattle, or even their frozen blood. He says "I have the impression that they are afraid testing would confirm my

hypothesis." He goes on to use Jacobs' material to validate the proposition that not all abductees are taken for alien/human hybridisation, but that some are used for HIV/AIDS purposes instead.

In a strange parody of scientific method, Duke wrote, not to doctors or scientists but to "prominent abduction researchers" seeking information regarding the HIV status of those identified as abductees. Even they wouldn't respond to him - save one: our slightly-more-than-a-chiropractor acquaintance, author of *The Alien and the Scalpel*, Roger Leir. Leir's response to Duke is said by Duke to make this claim

"A male abductee with implant tested positive for HIV until his implant was removed, after which he tested (and remains) HIV negative. The implant was hollow and contained a substance. Dr Leir wrote that he vouched for this result. Dr Leir also informed me that in the future HIV test status results will be obtained on all implant patients. Additional data can therefore be expected."

As I write, in June 1999, I understand that Leir is in hospital after a heart attack, apparently induced by a patient's complaint. It may be even less likely than usual that he will respond to enquiries regarding his claims, but if Leir really claimed that HIV can disappear instantly from human blood on removal of an implant, and that all his future guinea-pigs will be subject to 'before and after' HIV testing, then I suggest that he has lost touch with reality completely, and that his wretched book, with its assertions of alien manipulation of human genetics, should be considered in that light. As for Duke, he concludes that "All known phenomena relating to HIV/AIDS and ufology can, I suggest, be logically explained in terms of the gray alien agenda. That agenda is for the gray aliens to live here without us."

No. 4 Max Burns and ME

Much has been said about Max Burns over recent months, and he has been widely adopted as an example of what is wrong with British ufology. To be fair to Burns, any research on the Sheffield incident was bound to look shabby and inadequate compared to Dave Clark's. Clark is a particularly good researcher, who understands the application of rational, analytical thought to carefully established facts. Having skipped both the facts and the rational, analytical thought, Burns was at a terrible disadvantage, which is where he will remain until he puts some real work in.

With, however, all due respect to flying saucers, this was pretty marginal stuff compared to Burns' other 'research' effort, summarised in his posting "Is there a connection between Chronic Fatigue Syndrome - ME - and the alien abduction scenario?" Again, his facts are feeble - he knows an 'abductee' who "as well as having a long history of medical problems has been diagnosed with ME". She is a member of an abductee group that meets in London. It has 20 members, 14 of whom have, apparently, "been medically diagnosed with ME".

From a little reading and these unchecked, uninvestigated figures (and if this is the WSG I suspect it is, then some of its members have but a distant relationship with reality, and the nature and veracity of their supposed diagnoses may well be open to debate) Burns

extrapolates absurdly. He reads that 70 to 80% of ME sufferers are women, and correlates this with a claim that 70/80% of abductees are women, too. He reads that 1 - 2% of the population may have ME, and correlates this with the pathetic claim of Hopkins and Jacobs that 1 - 2% of the "population of the planet . . . are being abducted". On this basis Burns, with a turn of phrase that must signify something about him, decides that "If the data represents the connection then this could well be a back door to Pandora's box", announces that "a figure of 10,000 abductees globally would have to submit data to gauge an accurate study", and asks "for the assistance of abductee support groups".

Burns then wanders speculatively on, making a succession of crackpot suggestions in sometimes barely comprehensible English,

"The abduction scenario is a direct symptom and brain disorder . . . alien abduction is yet another symptom to this illness, a symptom which can manifest itself in the human brain as a memory . . . ME is a direct result of the alleged alien implants, which it has been claimed by a large number of abductees to have been placed inside of their heads, and in some way be causing the illness because of the implants interruption by proximity to certain areas of the brain and the cause-effect of this is the human body receiving the incorrect information to function normally causing the multi-faceted symptoms of ME (*Where's Stanley Unwin, now that we need him?*) . . . these aliens are in some way draining energy from the alleged victim of these abductions, and the symptoms after these alleged incidents, do bear a striking resemblance to the symptoms of ME . . . Perhaps the alleged abductee's body chemistry is being altered and this . . . is a further manipulation of the DNA structure of the human race to make it more compatible for the long term hybrid programme which may be causing the side effects that manifest themselves in the symptoms of ME." (I've used the term ME throughout, rather than CFS).

While Burns rattles on about obtaining data which will then be offered for "medical and psychological comment", he makes his personal agenda quite clear

"The objective is to supply undeniable data, and in the ideal world to force enlisting the scientific community to investigate this further, with an over all view to forcing the world governments to acknowledge that we are being visited by E.B.E.'s and that the abductions by so many are in a large number of cases what I personally believe to be true. I am in particular looking at the new enzyme that is present in the bodies of all people diagnosed with CFS and in the 1000 people tested who did not have CFS the enzyme was not present.

My research is progressing slowly into what may well turn out to be a connection with the identification of a new human enzyme and the alien abduction scenario. Although I am only speculating at this time, I feel that there is a distinct possibility that the enzyme will be present in all abductees and that all abductees actually have CFS or Fibro and that the symptoms are so minute in some abductees that they do not realise that they have the illness."

So, let's summarise. On the basis of twenty probably hurt, vulnerable and confused people

in one closed and self-perpetuating abductee group in London, without medical or other evidence, alien abduction believer Burns has concluded - maybe tentatively, maybe not - that abductees have, as a result of their experience(s), a new enzyme in their bodies which will cause them to suffer the often completely debilitating effects of ME. He is not asking medicine or science to provide research evidence to test this 'theory', but is trying to obtain confirmation from other abduction believers, researchers, and 'abductees'. To them, he addresses his supposition that those who have been, in his view, abducted, will have ME, even if they don't realise it yet. If they believe Burns, then they'll probably come to believe that they have ME, too, and such are the psychological elements of ME that they may well come to display some or all of its symptoms, to complement their personal disaster of believing in having been abducted. Just to give them that little extra encouragement, he ends this display of dangerous, unpleasant, unscientific exposition by saying

"I hope that upwards of 10,000 abductees will take the CFS survey on the site during the next twelve months. We may see that the huge increase in the percentage of abductees that have CFS is a global pattern, and returns the same high anomalous figure that it has with my initial investigation, circa 68% above the global national average per capita of 1 - 2% of the populous (*sic*)."

That's it, Max. You set 'em up, and the medical profession will try to help them in due course.

Gordon Creighton's Angels

Gordon Creighton, in *FSR* for Winter 1998, hits new depths of gullibility. If there's one fact we all accept it's that the US publication *Weekly World News*, while great fun, is essentially a work of fiction. It's entertainment. It makes no pretence of being true. It originated the 'London bus on the Moon' approach to photo-journalism later picked up in the UK by the *Sunday Sport*, and recent headlines include "Christian bombshell in Jerusalem - 2,000-year-old letter from Jesus found!", "Halo appears over 3-year-old girl's head", "Space aliens steal salesman's cheap toupee", "Tiny space alien saves balloon" and "10 Commandments found in Israel - broken stone tablets covered at secret archaeological site".

Creighton had been sent cuttings from *WWN* from 1985 and 1986, which apparently reported that "Soviet astronauts aboard the space-station *Salyut-7* had had the astounding experience of seeing enormous cosmic beings with wings as large as those of Jumbo jets." The 1985 piece identified these as "gigantic angels", and the 1986 revisited the supposed sighting saying that "Reports that Soviet cosmonauts sighted a band of angels on a space mission last summer have been disputed by a Russian researcher . . . Dr Yuri Manakov said the cosmonauts initially referred to the beings as angels simply because they had wings. But now that all the facts are in, he said there can be no doubt: the creatures descended from a race of humanoids who shed their bodies after reaching the top of the evolutionary ladder".

"After the disappearance of the Soviet Marxist tyranny" (May 1998!) Creighton says he tried, but failed, to obtain confirmation of the reality of these fictional reports from inside the former Soviet Union, until the September 1998 issue of a Russian UFO magazine (*NLO*) to which he had sent the *WWN* pieces responded by publishing an article elaborating them

yet further. Not only does it confirm the 'angels' tale, but introduces a new one

" . . . when the Hubble (*telescope*) had been investigating the Galaxy NGC-3532, its sensors had recorded the appearance of seven bright objects in orbit around the Earth! From the first picture to be transmitted to them, the scientists were prepared to conclude that the Hubble had photographed some UFOs flying in a group. But on some of the photographs received later there were seen, somewhat dimly but nevertheless clearly detectable, "shined winged beings reminiscent of the Angels of the Bible!" John Pratchers, an engineer on the Hubble Project, said of them, "They were about 20 metres in height. And their wings were as long as the wings of the present-day aerobus airliners. Those beings radiate a powerful light. We are unable to say yet who or what they are. But it seemed as though they wanted us to photograph them!"

As we might expect of Creighton, he hasn't bothered to check whether "John Pratchers" actually works for the Hubble Project, or whether he said what *NLO* claims. He just publishes this stuff, and even quotes a *National Enquirer* fiction - 'Russians meet space aliens in orbit' - from 1981. This encounter supposedly involved cosmonauts flashing torches at aliens to communicate numbers in Morse Code, and the aliens - who flashed numbers back - later floating in space, untethered without breathing apparatus, outside the windows of *Salyut-6*. All this rubbish will now go back round the world as true.

Betty Trout and the line-dancing aliens

Accustomed as we are to the madness of ufology, the level of authority given to those who provide key examples of that madness continues to surprise. MUFON has allowed Beverley Trout to become MUFON State Director, to work with "abductees", "showing the patience and skill of a psychotherapist" (it appears that she has no training in dealing with disturbed people), and to speak at its 1999 Symposium. She is not a young woman, but only retrieved her typically lurid abduction memories under hypnosis in 1991. "She had been abducted at four years of age from the back yard on her parents' farm in broad daylight. In this incident, her reproductive system had been checked, and "some sort of corrections were made". She also recalled "at age 11 being taken from a tractor in a hayfield. In that incident, an area above her right eyebrow was opened and a tiny coil was introduced which corrected an area of swollen brain tissue. A reptilian seemed to be in charge."

More recently, Trout remembered - again under hypnosis

"that while in the aliens' custody I'd been approached by a 'cowboy' (with blanked-out facial features), then led before a group of 'people', all of whom were dressed in country-western clothing. But I instantly knew they weren't dressed right - that their country-western garb was decidedly inappropriate. For example, instead of cowboy boots, they wore mud boots. Their clothing colors were badly coordinated, and for some reason they were shuffling their feet as they stood in lines before me. They didn't look very lively, and I got the impression that they were disadvantaged somehow, that they needed help.

Later, I felt stupid for not instantly recognising what was happening - these were hybrids, and I was expected to teach them line dancing. I think that the alien scanning my computer later that night was probably going through the dance files stored there." Beverley has, in fact, taught line dancing to literally thousands of people during the past eight years, as well as doing DJ work on holiday and party dance events in Des Moines, IA, and surrounding areas."

As well as dealing with 'abductees' for MUFON, Trout teaches an "adult education class on UFOs through the Des Moines school system."

The Return of Tony Dodd - Alien Ambassador

You'll probably have noticed that Tony Dodd is back, lecturing for the *UFO Magazine* conferences, and with a book I haven't bothered to buy or read. If Dodd can't tell me which wildly different version of the 'Jason' stories he's put out (if either!) is true, I really can't trust anything else he says. However, an interview in the dreaded *X-Factor* reveals a great deal about his belief system and, frankly, his psychological state. You may wish to decide for yourself whether a man who believes the following is fit or suitable to 'investigate' anybody who is probably already vulnerable and confused -

" . . . people generally don't know that they've actually been abducted. So, in my investigations I look for certain things that they wouldn't normally know about . . . On more than one occasion, I've had one person under hypnosis, but have ended up speaking with somebody else; one of the aliens. I asked them what gave them the right to abduct people and the voice said: "We have every right to do this, you do not understand the nature of things." The answers were so philosophical that I reasoned that I was talking to a highly intelligent entity . . . I'm here - to disseminate information, to learn and to give it out. The contact that I have had told me that I'm here as some form of teacher. They told me this was decided before I arrived on Earth . . . (humans are) being abducted until they reach puberty, at which point the visitors start taking eggs and sperm. We know that the aliens are making certain women pregnant. I know a woman who has been made pregnant by them twice and both times they've taken the baby . . . The babies are half us and half them. They've definitely got the alien eyes; they have hair on their head, which we think is from the human side; the head is too large for the body and they also have very slim limbs. They do have the alien-type face, but some of them have a small nose, which is probably from the human side of the equation."

Dodd is always boasting that he was a policeman, and both Redfern (and it's interesting to note that in his proof-free book 'Cosmic Crashes', Redfern reneges on his acceptance of the facts re James Prescott, established in AW5, in order to sustain his fiction about the Welsh 'crash') and Pope accept - at least publicly, maybe because it helps their fantasies along - that this lends him substantial credibility. But that was a good many years ago. The question is, would any Police force employ Dodd now? What do you think?

Oh Jesus!

Let's end on a lighter note. I suspect that not many of you buy *Quest Magazine*, the UK ancient astronaut/alternative history/paranormal magazine that appears in W H Smith's from time to time. Appropriately for the man who has brought such openness, honesty and consistency to attempts to establish the facts about the Santilli 'Alien Autopsy' material, Philip Mantle has recently taken over from editor Bob Digby. It carries articles worse, longer, even more speculative than those in *X-Factor*, and the standard of writing and proof-reading has sunk below that of *Alien Encounters*. If you could test the IQ of a magazine, you might conclude that it should be referred for special help.

The cover of the issue for April/May 1999 promises us "Exclusive extracts - JESUS Last of the Pharoes". It isn't clear whether this mis-spelling refers to the islands that drew with the Scottish soccer team, or to the Egyptians referred to as "pharaohs" in the article itself. You need to read the whole article to realise how stupid it really is, but I feel I should draw your attention to a series of terrible errors in mainstream history that its author, Ralph Ellis, has, "fully supported by the established Biblical and historical texts" discovered. He has found that

"John the Baptist was high priest of Jerusalem, who was drowned in a baptismal font by Herod. It was the dripping head of Joseph (brother of Herod) that was brought to the palace, not John's. Jesus was governor of Tiberias and he eventually became a popular rebel leader with a force of 600 men under his command. His top ranking commanders, the disciples, were manly (*sic*) drawn from his immediate family, his brothers James, Joset, Simon and not forgetting his twin brother Judas Iscariot (*sic*). Jesus owned a large castle in Galilee, he married his sister Mary, after the pharaonic tradition, and had at least one son - Elimas. After fighting both Saul and the Romans in and around Tiberias, Jesus rode south to save Jerusalem, which was being besieged by both the Romans and the Jewish zealots under the command of Simon the Zealot. Jesus died in Jerusalem in AD 68, long after the established date for his crucifixion, whilst defending the sacred city."

Ellis, who asserts the copyright of this nonsense, has apparently published a book titled *Jesus, Last of the Pharaohs*. If he hadn't, I'd have assumed that this was simply an outrageously obvious hoax: much of *Quest* is filled by similarly non-factual material. How and why Ellis has come to disseminate this absurd - and to many offensive - fiction I don't know, but it says much for *Quest* that it chose to publish it.

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