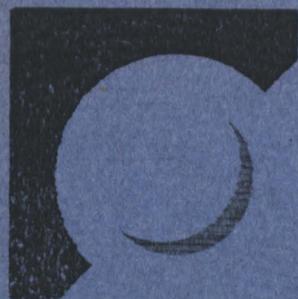


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FIRST WORD



EDITORIAL

Let me begin this issue and New Year with thanks to all those readers kind enough to send me Season's Greetings and cards. I wonder how many of you were sufficiently on the ball to have noted my earlier message to you? The Oct/Dec. Issue of *ANNALS* features a 'retro UFO' scene on its cover and several strange designs appear on the 'alien' craft. They are actually ancient Runic symbols (still being taught when I was at school, I'll have you know) and were meant to wish all of you Joy, Prosperity and Fruitfulness!

What follows differs from most other editions of *ANNALS*, insofar as all the articles that appear have been written by myself. A slight case of editorial indulgence if you wish but it represents some of my own areas of interest and research, albeit of a preliminary nature in some instances. Currently, I am examining the relationship between SF writers, illustrators and movie-makers of the Victorian era, and the fictional trends they pioneered in alien representation, contact and abduction. This is truly a fascinating area of research and has surprisingly revealed many contemporary parallels among the host of 'true experience' accounts being recorded and promoted so successfully today.

Details from my Canadian/USA trip are being held over but to clear up my meeting with a four-eyed man and the meal in a Flying Saucer, well, all this took place in Niagara Falls! The man, who I suspect of having been a former teacher that couldn't control his pupils was a resident wax display in *Ripley's Believe it or Not!*, while my evening meal took place at the famous circular 'Flying Saucer Restaurant'. What a darned good meal it was too and even though the waitress promised to sneak me a menu card - a reprint of 60's reports under a spoof 'Flying Saucer News' banner - I never did get one on leaving and blame it on the presence of the boss - a strange, grey-looking silent fellow with enormous eyes.

I regret it, but inevitably the rising costs of producing *ANNALS* has led to an unavoidable price rise, coming into effect with the next issue. From then on each copy will cost £1.75, with an annual subscription charge of £7.00 payable to me / International Air Mail: US\$14 bills (4 issues), or US\$4 sample. Existing subs remain unaffected of course.

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UFO BRIEF

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SHANGHAI SIGHTINGS

According to an account in the Chinese *Wen Wei Po* newspaper, many citizens of the Shanghai metro area claimed to have seen UFOs on the afternoon of Nov.3, 1994. One woman reported observing a saucer-shaped object that emitted silvery light rays, which then appeared to split in two and head in opposite directions.

A Bank of China staff member was riding home when he stopped his bicycle on a bridge and joined a crowd of people watching a white revolving object in the sky.

[Source: Toronto Star-Nov.22/94 Credit: Delve Report Nov/94]

FRENCH UFO PHANTOM

Bad enough that hundreds of residents in the southern French community of St.Regis should report seeing a UFO in the skies late last year, but popular opinion changed to panic when many believed it was actually a witch on a broomstick.

Even the mayor, Genges Pincay, was a witness to the aerial acrobatics that brought the community to a standstill, often for hours at a time. A local TV station was reported to have filmed much of the display, and showed it repeatedly on the afternoon and evening news.

Best of all, the 'experts' proclaimed it was simply hallucination caused by flouride newly introduced into the city water supply. Hedging their bets, they then conceded that perhaps it might also have been a bad batch of wine, a baffling prank or swamp gas - even though there's no swamp within 500 miles of St.Regis.

BELGIAN HOT POTATO

A trench appeared mysteriously overnight in a potato field near Letterhoutem, Belgium, during last October. At first, the giant hole measured 50 metres long, 6 metres wide and 8 metres deep, but within a few days its length had grown in some places to 182m by 50m in width. Scientists reportedly had no answer, except to conclude that it could not have been made by humans and speculation that the area has been visited by UFOs is rife.

□ On April 27 1961, a furrow-like trench was recorded along the frozen shoreline of Lake Omega, north-east of Leningrad. Witnesses at the time said a bluish-green object, the size of a large aircraft, had descended from the sky and 'scraped' the ice surface before shooting away at tremendous speed. The lake ice had been broken up by the incident, which left a trench some 15m long by 3m deep.

CEIV PHONE-IN

Perhaps British abductees are a shy bunch, or maybe they are just few in number, but not one responded to a phone-in request during ITV's *This Morning* show on December 1. Studio guests of the 'Close Encounters' spot were recognized sceptic Dr.Susan Blackmore, along with abductee Rosalind Reynolds who is now convinced she was the victim of alien experimentation in 1982.

Ros, her story is included in Philip Mantle's recent book: *Without Consent*, as part of a survey of missing-time and abduction phenomena in the UK, discovered that the event has subsequently affected her life in a profound way.

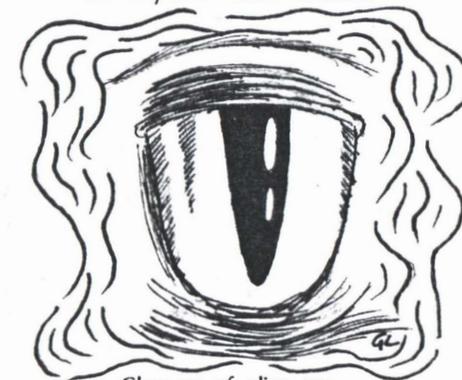
Regression therapy, a subject of increasingly critical evaluation itself, has enabled her to piece together a apparent reconstruction of the encounter. During this time, Ros says she was the subject of a medical examination that has left her with a legacy of gynaecological and other problems.

The incident, involving both her and a former boyfriend, occurred while driving in a car near Sudbury, Suffolk. It took place adjacent to electrical pylons and seemingly involved the appearance of multi-coloured lights, plus power-loss to the vehicle. Ros reported suffering a tremendous nosebleed shortly after.

Perhaps some readers recognise the vital ingredients of a classic 'Budden' case, if they have been following the recently published work of this author/investigator.



Ros Reynolds' 'Alien' abductor



Close-up of alien eye.

Readers already familiar with the thought-provoking work of Albert Budden, author of *Allergies and Aliens*, will be aware of his contention that there are many commonly reported features of CE4 which can be explained by the electrical hypersensitivity of abductees.

The ensuing 'zapping' of subjects, while in apparent close proximity to a particular electromagnetic field, can serve to induce a trance-like state within 'allergic' recipients. This is sometimes accompanied by seemingly anomalous, although similarly shared, experiences.

Now, the writer has further explored this phenomena and in Issue #1 of his publication: *The Steady Signal*, seeks also to address the reality of so-called 'nasal implants'. The results have served to highlight a glaring interpretive error on the part of some overly eager investigators.

The proposal that extra-terrestrials often take the opportunity of inserting a so-called tracking or monitoring device within a abductee's nose has become almost an accepted feature of many abduction accounts. As the author himself notes, subsequent CAT scan tests have disclosed that metallic particles are sometimes found

lodged high up in the sinuses.

Proof of their existence has been used by researchers as a confirmation of events, while reinforcing the credibility of witness regression statements.

In subjecting this to additional study, Albert Budden has drawn partly on the work of three biologists who, in 1983, recorded that naturally occurring particles of magnetite feature in nearly all human sinus bones. A violent disturbance or disruption of the particles by a magnetic field has a damaging effect on surrounding blood vessels. The result can then often lead to a nosebleed - another familiar component of abduction stories.

The idea that UFOs are linked in some way to a rare phenomenon, dubbed as electric fireballs, has been further enhanced by the author's own 15 years of research and investigation. He chooses to classify these manifestations as *Electroforms*, while associating their appearance with some US incidents of animal mutilation.

This proposal was first covered in some detail in the debut issue of the *New Ufologist*, published earlier last year. In it, Albert Budden theorizes that electroforms have become increasingly prevalent following an upsurge in the use of electronic communications.

He conducts a illustrated BUFORA lecture on this subject in London, during the first Saturday in September. Δ

Victorian Paranoia Rises

It was a period of growing political unrest and intrigue in Europe and war would grip much of the continent a few years hence. Coupled with this, the still infant world of manned flight often lurched from disaster to catastrophe, while remaining a constant source of interest and wonderment.

During this first decade of the 20th century, when aviators balloons and aircraft assumed a familiarity, Britain's skies were to become the realm of unseen and unknown nocturnal forces. A catalogue of strange aerial visitation incidents were to fire the imagination of a curious populace, while the elusive and shadowy craft above Victorian England successfully disguised their true origin and purpose.

The anticipated threat of military invasion from mighty Germany gradually galvanised this nation almost into a form of spying paranoia, thanks often to accounts published in the provincial press. It was particularly true of eyewitness reports detailing the observation of lights-in-the-sky. These would sometimes have been accompanied by the sound of a motor and surely a German airship motor at that, according to common theory.

In May, 1909, the residents of East Anglia became keenly excited at a reported series of appearances in the area involving a mystery flying machine. It often travelled in the early hours of the morning, equipped with a high-powered searchlight that it used to illuminate the terrain below. It was seen hovering for weeks over a number of communities at night, but no one was able to throw any light(!) on the craft's ownership.

The object was first observed early that month, when a Peterborough policeman on duty late at night caught a glimpse of it above the city. Shortly afterwards it was spotted by several railwaymen who were on night duty in the nearby village of March. A few days later and it was again seen during the hours of darkness this time over neighbouring Ely.

Most of the witnesses agreed that it was oblong in shape, often accompanied by a bright searchlight, and made a noise similar to that of a car; while all the while travelling at "great pace" through the air. But, according to newspaper accounts, only one person - a

farmer - had witnessed the mystery machine in the sky during daytime.

Initial reports were received with some incredulity, but the fact that the craft had been sighted in several parts of North Cambs and the surrounding district at different times, encouraged the belief that some unknown airship was deliberately patrolling East Anglia in the hours between sunset and sunrise.

The authorities became particularly alarmed when an airborne object appeared to frequently monitor troop movements in Gyppeswk Park, Ipswich and rumour soon circulated that it must be German spies. However, the mystery was never satisfactorily explained and the unidentified craft eventually ceased its inexplicable night manoeuvres.

A flurry of nocturnal activity was reported throughout the length and breadth of England during February, 1913, when aerial machines appeared again in the skies; this time only a year prior to the declaration of war between Britain and Germany.

It began when lights in the sky were seen in Yorkshire by witness Mr. C.T. Taylor and a companion, both of Scarborough, who reported observing what appeared to be a searchlight on the night of Sunday, Feb. 2. The pair were in Stepney Road when they spotted it deliberately illuminating the racecourse and distinctly heard the whirring of an engine. After a time, they said the searchlight was switched off but a smaller light remained and it was seen travelling eventually towards Selby.

Airborne lights were again noted in the vicinity a few nights later, when on Feb. 6 they appeared over Castle Hill moving in the direction of Raincliffe Wood. Witnesses noted that on this occasion two out of the three lights were coloured.

The following night inhabitants of Selby were greatly perturbed by the sudden appearance in the sky of a bright light, accompanied by the unmistakable sound of an engine. A Selby solicitor, C.H. March, said at the time that he was looking out from his house at about 9:15pm when he caught sight of a moving light in the direction of Hambleton. It was flashing on and off while seemingly conducting a series of evolutions within a radius of about five miles. The object appeared to travel very slowly at times before speeding up and after some 45 minutes, apparently reconnoitring the neighbourhood, the light disappeared in the direction of Leeds.

At approximately 10pm three lights thought to belong to an airship were seen in several parts of north-west Warwickshire; in Exhall and Longford. The night was clear and policemen and colliers all report they saw illumination from a vessel which came from

the direction of Leicester and travelled towards Birmingham.

During the early hours of darkness on Saturday morning Fred Head, a North Eastern Railway engine-driver, claimed that an airship of sorts equipped with a powerful headlight kept in front of the express he was driving from Weston Gate, Selby, until it was lost in fog between Burton Salmon and Castleford.

On the evening of the same day, Feb. 8, a unidentified light was seen by Lieut. James Boyce, a member of Scarborough Town Council and an officer in the Territorials. The mystery was also a principal topic of conversation at the Monday market, with various farmers declaring they saw aerial lights at Stillingfleet, Escrick, Cliffe and Barlby during the preceding nights.

Several weeks later, northern newspapers again reported the light being clearly visible in the night sky over Hull on Feb. 25. Its movements were followed for a half hour by pedestrians in the city, and later was seen by residents and coastguards at nearby Hornsea.



It came after the apparent targeting of Ipswich once more on the night previous when, at about 9:30pm, a very bright beam of light was spotted moving about in a methodical manner before disappearing "at great speed" in a south-westerly direction.

On the weekend prior to these incidents an aircraft of some sort was reported to have passed over Pylle, in Somerset, on both evenings at about 9:30pm.

The same evening Hull was being visited, many miles to the south appeared high in the air a very bright light. It was thought to be an airship and caused a sensation among the inhabitants of the Gosport side of Portsmouth, Hampshire. While it could not be distinguished owing to darkness and was quite soundless, a powerful light was being shone on the ground from the sky. Police declared there was no question it was being manoeuvred from a high altitude. It came from the north, hovered some time in the vicinity of the marine barracks according to reports, before finally returning in the same direction.

Elusive as these shadowy craft and mysterious lights in the sky were to remain, could they really be attributed to German cunning and planning more than a decade ahead of hostilities?

For nearly 50 years prior to World War One tales of warfare involving some European country were constantly being prophesied in newspapers, books and magazines. One such famous prophet of doom, Col. George Tomkyns Chesney, published a pamphlet in 1871 entitled: *The Battle of Dorking*. In it he expounded on the fictional fate of an ill-prepared country such as England, which in the near future would fall victim to an invading Prussian army.

Some Victorians obviously possessed a quirky sense of humour not unlike the UFO hoaxers of today. During the course of my information gathering, I came across local accounts of mysterious lights in the sky having been witnessed during March and April, 1913.

It further transpired that the shattered remnants of an enormous box-kite were eventually discovered in the vicinity of the Mendip Hills, complete with a large acetylene lamp attached. The hoaxers responsible were eventually identified and caught, having been daft enough to advertise for the return of a apparently expensive and sorely missed light.Δ

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! -

The Great Wall of China is the only
man-made object visible from space.

WRONG: In spite of a recent series of TV commercials which only succeeded in perpetuating the myth. US astronaut Alan Bean made it perfectly clear back in 1969 that, when a few thousand miles from earth, no man-made objects - including the wall - were visible.



WILTSHIRE FAMILY



The Baughn family appear as normal as their neighbours, but for one important thing. Since June 1990, they have become unwitting witnesses to a regular series of UFO-like lights visiting the night sky above their home near Swindon in Wiltshire

Both Ray and Eleanor Baughn, along with their five young children, have seen the nocturnal displays while Ray himself believes that for some reason the family has been picked out.

On many evenings after 8pm the lights appear in the sky. Sometimes it is just one very bright light, at other times it's three red lights forming a triangle - with other lights passing between them. Ray and his wife used binoculars to examine what appeared to be the source of the lights and both independently drew a mushroom shaped object.

Purchasing a camcorder, he has since recorded over 100 minutes of film capturing the bright light, but no matter how hard he tries the multi-coloured lights disappear in the viewfinder and have not once appeared on film.

In one instance, during 1992, Ray saw no less than five huge bright lights in the sky travelling in the direction of RAF Lyneham. He placed a call to the base and they denied having any aircraft aloft that night. On another occasion, he claims the RAF actually diverted an aircraft to the area of a light after he contacted radar operations at the base. The pilot reported seeing nothing unusual.

The lights have also been witnessed by neighbours of the Baughns and Ray claims that the objects appear more frequently during incidents of increased world tension, such as the Gulf War when they were around all the time.

Sometimes while the lights are visible Ray has noted strange things happening in the household. Lights would go off in the home for no apparent reason and even his car horn and indicators packed up, only to work again a few minutes later when the objects had gone.

Ray says he still has an open mind on what lies behind the series of incidents, but is convinced by what he has seen and recorded on film. He believes that in the next few years the source of the lights will be revealed to everyone.

CRYPTO CORNER

ARCTIC DISCOVERY OF SEA CREATURE

The carcass of a giant unidentified dinosaur-like sea creature was claimed to have been washed ashore after a storm in the Russian Arctic, the official Russian news agency Tass reported on Oct. 25, 1994.

Officials from the Murmansk Marine Biology Institute expressed initial scepticism at the report, but said they would send a team of scientists to examine and attempt to identify the mystery marine animal.

The body of the creature, about 12 metres long and 1.5 metres wide, was covered in either feathers or wool and "outwardly resembles a dinosaur", it was said. The discovery had been made the day before by specialists at the remote Rybichy Meteo station near Cape Nemetski, some 1,500km north of Moscow.

It must be noted that Itar-Tass has in the past reported some dubiously lurid incidents, involving UFO landings and abductions as well as encounters with bigfoot-type creatures. It dubbed this latest "discovery" the Russian equivalent of Nessie.

BEAST OF BASINGSTOKE

A big sandy-coloured cat, believed to be either a lioness or puma, is still roaming the Hampshire villages around Basingstoke after defying police attempts to kill it last September.

Its growls were first heard more than a year ago by villagers in Dummer and nearby Preston Candover, although the authorities took no action at the time. Then six months later, Basingstoke councillor Mem Fitzpatrick watched in amazement as the animal calmly crossed the road in front of her car at Tunworth. She described it as being about 3ft tall with a cat's face, and having a thick tail which curved upwards.

In the three weeks prior to the organized hunt there had been six sightings of a big cat, all near the M3 motorway which passes closest to the south-west perimeter of Basingstoke.

On September 22 and 23, police marksmen armed with high-powered rifles were prepared to shoot it on sight, but in spite of using a spotter plane the creature could not be located. On the second day the exercise was called off, even though a possible sighting of the cat had been made a few hours earlier.

SOMERSET BLACK CAT

For several weeks in November various sightings of a large black cat were made in the Quantock Hills area of Somerset. A voluntary hill warden, Terry Moran, claims he photographed the animal on the far side of a hill while walking along Holford Combe, near Holford village.

The cat, almost certainly a black panther and maybe the same one spotted earlier in August [see *Annals* #22], had apparently been disturbed by other walkers talking loudly nearby, and as it passed a fence was judged to be at least 3ft 6ins long.

OUT OF PLACE

Like the growing population of big cats, there are reptiles and insects not indigenous to the shrinking British countryside being discovered in increasing quantities these days.

For instance, last summer an extremely rare Chinese three-banded box turtle was spotted wandering along a railroad track in South Wales. These creatures normally exist only in China and Vietnam.

An 18-inch long Savannah Monitor lizard was saved after being found on a roadside at Great Yarmouth in August. The reptile has the frightening ability to urinate on predators up to 10 feet away.

In what is thought to be the first infestation of its kind in the UK, termites were found munching their way through a tasty timber-framed bungalow at Saunton, North Devon, last October. The insects were only identified after an expert from London's Natural History Museum was called in.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Perhaps more a damning indictment of pesticides than anything else, a baby grass snake born with two heads was found on a compost heap during September. Less than a month old at the time, experts caring for it at the Living World centre in Seaford, Sussex, said it seemed to be using both heads and all four eyes.

CREATURE FROM THE LAGOON

A tiny animal, new to science, has been discovered on the Dorset coast. The microscopic organism called a rolifer was found in the Fleet lagoon, behind the 15-mile long shingle bank of Chesil Beach.

The plankton-like creature, which is just four-thousandths of an inch long, has been named *Proales fleetensis* after where it was found. [Source: *Western Daily Press*-Nov. 11/94]

HORSE RIPPING

Euro Mutilations Continue...

The epidemic of horse ripping may have subsided somewhat throughout Britain this past year, but during the last 18 months German files on similar incidents have continued to grow at an alarming rate, and currently stand in excess of 100.

Lower Saxony, an area rich in stud farms, racing stables and riding schools, has borne the brunt of attacks where someone armed with a six foot lance has left an estimated 21 horses dead or injured.

German television station Mitteldeutschen Rundfunk (MDR) showed graphic film of maimed and dead horses, even foals, in its newscast aired Oct.10 via satellite. The lance, constructed of several screw-together metal sections, was displayed after having been left behind by the perpetrator in his haste to escape capture.

THREE KILLERS

There are believed to be at least three individuals at work throughout Germany, but authorities are not convinced it is copycat mutilations and killings based on earlier events in the UK. Such happenings here went virtually unreported in the rest of Europe.

German owners have now banded together and established similar patrols to that of *Horse Watch* in England. Still others have installed alarms and trip wires in attempts to halt the wave of indiscriminate attacks.

HISTORICAL RIPPING

Horse ripping and the mutilation of cattle are not part of a new phenomenon. In fact, it is quite easy to trace historical records of similar events to the turn of the century and evidence points to its existence reaching far beyond this.

Examples include the deaths of two horses belonging to the Ebbw Vale Iron and Coal Company, who were found after a weekend both having been stabbed through the heart at a farm in Celynyn during August, 1909.

Following a series of similar attacks in the Walsall area spanning several weeks during September, 1913, a horse was discovered with wounds over one foot long and two or three inches deep inflicted in its hind-quarters. A vet gave the opinion that the wound was caused by a sharp instrument, much like a scythe.

Cattle suffered random attacks throughout 1908, when

maiming began during February of that year near Lewes, in East Sussex. A farmer at Tarring Neville reported to police that three of his cows had been wounded by an unknown assailant wielding a sharp instrument.

Curiously, two of the animals had their tails hacked off and even more intriguing was the fact that the incidents could only have happened in broad daylight - in a field located adjacent to the farmer's own house.

In July and August that same year there were at least a half dozen similar attacks on cattle in the Grimsby area, coupled with a vicious assault against a valuable horse which left nine long cuts inflicted on the animal's flanks.

It has taken me nearly ten months of searching through my files, but I recently dug out this final mutilation story that I had originally tucked away over 25 years ago as an oddity:

In 1920, the present Duke of Bedford's grandfather introduced into the Woburn estate a number of North American bison, imported from Canada. As a result, the current duke now owns a thriving herd which freely roam his large estate in Bedfordshire.

Early on the morning of December 8, 1968, estate staff discovered the decapitated body of a two-year-old female bison lying in a field.

Pat Miles, an estate official at the time, said: "This is very much a mystery. Bison are very strong. If this one died violently there should have been signs of a struggle. But there were no such signs."

Estate staff examined the carcass but could find no evidence of punctures or other wounds, suggesting the animal might have been drugged prior to the subsequently neat removal of its head, weighing an estimated 30lbs.

A puzzle unresolved that bears some similarities to both present-day and historical incidents; leaving few clues, few witnesses to the atrocities and arrests for such crimes rare.Δ

SNAPPY TALE

Alligator tales from the sewers of New York City capture the imagination, but a croc in the Japanese city of Osaka managed it more than 80 years ago.

Visitors to the Osaka museum gardens were astonished one afternoon in April, 1912, to see a long snout protruding from a drainage pipe adjacent to a pathway. The snout commenced to snap at the legs of passers-by and the director of the museum was summoned.

With the aid of gardeners and assistants, the snout was duly secured and dragged from the drain, whereupon it was found to belong to a large crocodile. The reptile was recognized by its markings as the same creature that had escaped from a cage at the museum some two years earlier. In that time it was believed to have been living in and exploring the drainage of the entire city system.

SHADOWLANDS

Per Fuma

★ It was a busy time for ghosts last year. Among the many incidents recorded included a driver in Aylesford, Kent, who claims to have run over the spectre of a bridesmaid killed in a car crash 27 years before.

The equine phantom of 1920s champion hurdler Brown Jack is said to have been seen stalking a putting green at Ascot.

Sir Winston Churchill appeared on a London Underground platform at Queensway Station. He was spotted by an alert guard who noted he was wearing a top hat and black suit. Fortunately, Winnie was not puffing his famous cigar so no rules were breached.

A father from Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex, reported finding his two-year-old son floating in the air with furniture thrown around and the family dog cowering under the stairs. Worse still was the story that Nicola Griggs, from Portsmouth, claims she is being tormented by a ghost teaching her baby daughter Jasmin to speak with a northern accent.

★ A halloween ghost watch was held at Brooklands motor racing circuit in Surrey during the early morning hours of Oct.31. Paranormal enthusiasts were hoping for the reappearance of race car driver Percy Lambert, who died there 80 years ago.

The first man to travel at 100mph, Lambert was attempting a new world record when a tyre burst and he was killed. A figure dressed in helmet and goggles has often been reported since, walking out of the autumn mist.

★ A new book: *Amazing Psychic Experiences of the Famous*, by Julie Byron (Tynron Press £8.99), includes recollections by among others Kenneth Cope. He played Marty Hopkirk in the cult Sixties TV series: *Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased)*. Cope, now 62, claims he too is psychic and has been spooked by at least three ghosts.

During hypnosis in 1978, actor Glenn Ford recalled a previous life as a piano teacher Charles Stuart in the Scottish town of Elgin. US researchers later found the grave of Stuart, who died in 1840.

PRIEST TACKLES RESTLESS SMUGGLER

Shortly after they moved in last summer at the Smugglers Rest chip shop in Delabole, Cornwall, owners David and Sandy Fletcher having been trying to get rid of a troublesome poltergeist. Last November they called on local priest, Father Bryan Storey, to drive the spirit out with



prayers and holy water.

The couple and their three children moved in to the old building after it had been gutted and rebuilt, so know nothing of the previous owners. But soon doors mysteriously began to open and close by themselves, furniture moved around the upstairs and objects would disappear, only to reappear somewhere else later.

Business partner Nina Smith also experienced strange incidents while at the property. Alone in the building one day she heard the radio switch itself on from a room above and hauntings have been reported from neighbouring houses.

The Fletchers decided to call on Father Storey after a bedside table was discovered in the bathroom, wedging the door shut from the inside. The priest has been summoned before to deal with hauntings and since this latest visit, the 'smuggler' seems once more at rest. [Source: *Sunday Independent*-Nov.27/94]

WITCH REPORT

A survivor of the disastrous Army jungle expedition to Borneo revealed last October how a witchdoctor saved his gangrene-ridden hand by plunging it into a jar full of snake flesh.

Territorial Army commando Sergeant Bob Mann, 37, almost chopped his own hand off when he slipped holding a machete while fighting his way out of the jungle earlier last year.

He said: "It felt as though my hand was on fire but when the 'medicine woman' pulled it out of the jar after 20 minutes it was spotlessly clean."

The incident has amazed and baffled Army doctors who are anxious to identify the potion used.

★ The pursuit of financial wizardry in Russia has reached bizarre extremes, with the establishment of a school for "business witches".

Their task, says Igor Ulyanov, is to render assistance to businessmen in difficult boardroom negotiations, using clairvoyant powers to win over partners.

For £3,500 pupils will be taught the arts of psychoanalysis, cartomancy, dream interpretation and hypnosis. The witches must also be pretty, be intellectual and have a charming voice.

Students at Leeds University invited a white witch to help and advise them using magic and ritual. The Rev. Susan Leybourne holds the same responsibilities and status as the University's 11 other Christian and Jewish chaplains.

As a minister of the Congregational Church of Practical Theology she will mark pagan festivals such as the Winter Solstice and Halloween.

Ms Leybourne says she will help students pass their exams by "focussing their will".

★ A boy called Lucky Mvandanha was hacked to pieces by a witch doctor who boiled chunks of his flesh to make a magic potion. Police who raided a shack in Cape Town found the five-year-old's skull hanging in the rafters. [Source: *Daily Sport*-Oct.7/94]

Soccer ace Gary Speed claims he is being plagued by a poltergeist. The Leeds player says his kettle switched itself on as a star in ITV's *Coronation Street* asked for a cup of tea. Gary should get a life and stop watching Britain's most depressing soap.

Canon Ian Hazelwood retired last year from his diocese in Gloucester and now the Church of England is looking for that special someone to carry on with his work. The Canon conducts exorcisms on behalf of the Church and says his successor will need bravery and humour.

LUNAR LIFE

Transient Phenomena

It was touched on briefly in issue No.21 of *ANNALS*; namely that the Moon is far from being an inert and lifeless world. Often noted throughout centuries of observation, occurrences on the lunar surface taking the form of glows, mists, flashes and similar illuminations, have become more popularly described as Lunar Transient Phenomena (LTP). We can thank astronomer Patrick Moore for coining the phrase, designed to encompass these recorded signs of activity now largely thought volcanic in nature.

Ancient peoples throughout the world held the moon and its periodic eclipses in awe and for many it was a source of worship. From this sprang numerous intriguing myths and legends, including the notion firmly held by many Greeks that it was an inhabited place.

Lucian of Samosata, although a Syrian, was a widely regarded Greek satirist and lyricist. He first wrote of his travels to the "great country in the air" in a published work entitled: *True History*. Although more fiction than fact, it told the tale of a voyage in a sailing ship carried aloft by a whirlwind to the moon and a subsequent meeting with its inhabitants; claimed to be much like those of earth.

In 1516 Lodovico Ariosto wrote an epic poem in which the theme was a lunar trip by way of "firie chariet". The astronomer Johannes Kepler, who published his famous *Laws of Planetary Motion* between 1609 and 1618, also wrote *Dream*: a book full of fantasies and visions based on the science of the day that included moon-dwellers. It was the same year, 1634, that Lucian of Samosata's original work was first published in English.

Now the idea of life on other worlds was beginning to form in earnest and Bishop Francis Godwin pursued this theme four years later when he wrote: *The Man in the Moon*. It recorded the adventures of a fictitious Spaniard, Domingo Gonsales, who trained large birds for a eventful trip that was to take him eleven days. So popular was this and other stories, that moon voyages appeared in over 200 published accounts during the 17th century.

Moon-men were an emerging breed and their strange world was to become the object of increasing interest and 'speculation. It led to respected astronomers such as Sir William Herschel devoting much of their time to observing the lunar surface. He himself recorded, on two consecutive nights in April, 1787, three bright white spots on the earthlit side of the moon which he concluded could only have been "volcanoes".

In 1822, German astronomer Franz von Paula Gruithuisen announced he had discovered a "lunar city" possessing "dark gigantic ramparts". These were to be identified later as nothing more than haphazard surface ridges.

It was shrewd American news reporter Richard Locke who was the first person to recognize an opportunity for personal fame and fortune in 1835 by duping the gullible readership of the *New York Sun*. In August that year the newspaper was to publish the first of his amazing accounts alleging that Sir John Herschel, son of William, had used a revolutionary new telescope at a site in South Africa and had observed goat-like creatures ambling about the lunar terrain.

The story gradually unfolded during the next week, as successive editions of the *Sun* carried ever-more colourful descriptions of flora and fauna, also islands, rivers, birds and beasts. Meanwhile poor Herschel remained oblivious to these events.

Locke possessed a nifty turn-of-phrase



Cyrano de Bergerac's box-shaped craft that was destined for the moon.

and capitalised on the limitations imposed on communications in the early 19th century. He milked it for all he was worth as the hoax continued ensnaring rival newspapers and even eminent scientists on both sides of the Atlantic.

Readers avidly absorbed every word and were captivated by flowery descriptions of great works wrought on the lunar surface, such as this one: "A lofty chain of obelisk-shaped or very slender pyramids, standing in irregular groups, each composed of about thirty or forty spires, every one of which was perfectly square."

Lock crowned his literary achievement a week later by introducing into the narrative a colourful report of the lunar inhabitants. These hairy winged creatures were said to be four feet in height and "covered, except on the face, with short and glossy copper-coloured hair, lying snugly on their backs. The face, which was of a yellowish flesh-colour, was a slight improvement upon that of a orang-outang."

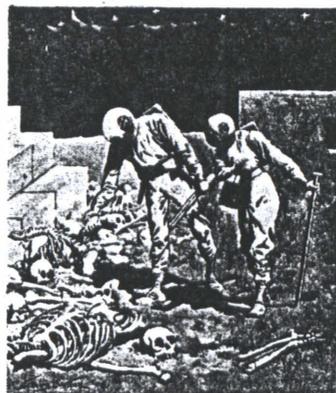
A rival newspaper subsequently exposed the whole thing as being a hoax although it took until mid-September before the Sun newspaper, who became willing partners in the deception, grudgingly owned up to it.

Herschel, for his part, was to learn of this duplicity some time later and continued his observations at the Cape apparently somewhat amused at the claims and subsequent furore in North America and Europe.

Lunar observers such as W.H.Pickering spent many years at the turn of this century mapping, what he himself often described as "canals" present on the moon's seemingly ever-changing surface. These maze of lines were observed to intersect mysterious dark spots, much in the manner of those famous Martian canals as recorded by Schiaparelli and announced to the world in 1877.

Pickering claimed he had also identified vegetation, along with "river-beds" and active volcanoes, or geysers. From his vantage point in the hills of Jamaica, during 1919-24, the astronomer believed he was witness to the migratory passage of small insects or animals in their leisurely traversing of the area around the Eratosthenes crater.

Throughout the last 200 years, many lunar observers have reported witnessing the brief appearance of inexplicable mists, cloud-like objects, glows and flashes, on a seemingly lifeless grey world.



A pyramid & bleached bones on the moon in this 1900s illust. in Pearson's Magazine.

Walter H.Haas, who wrote in 1942 that Sir William Herschel's white spots on the moon might have been the impact flare of a large meteorite, himself observed a "milky luminosity" present on the wall of the crater Tycho. Astronomer F.H.Thornton reported seeing "a puff of whitish vapour obscuring details for some miles", one February night in 1949.

That same year, Spanish engineer Sixto Campo seriously promoted the theory that a technologically advanced civilisation had once waged nuclear war against itself on the lunar surface. Annihilation followed swiftly for all, he claimed and the resultant craters remain as testament to the holocaust on a now dead world.

However, red glows continue to be observed in the region of the Moon's north pole and blue misty glows have been periodically noted near craters at the south pole.

Russian astronomer, N.A.Kozyrev, has recorded via spectrograms numerous incidents of red transient lunar phenomena, particularly in the 80-mile wide crater known as Alphonsus. It was here in 1965 that the final Ranger probe 9 crash-landed.

Aristarchus is not only one of the brightest formations on the moon, it is responsible for more than half the number of reported TLP and has been a proven source for gaseous emissions.

While not composed of green cheese, surprisingly the lunar surface does exhibit colours and green is one of them. The area of the plains, especially the Sea of Conflicts and the Sea of Peace, appear to radiate various hues. Close to sunset and sunrise, the Sea of Humours often reflects a fine green effect.

H.G.Wells' novel: *The First Men in the Moon*, may yet prove more prophetic than fictional in its content. Only time will tell and old H.G. may have got that one right also. Δ

SHORTFORT

During April, 1908, a series of mysterious appearances in the Killough district of Ireland revived superstition.

It seems that a strange creature had been observed in the neighbourhood and several people, including adults and children, claimed to have seen it.

All witnesses described it as having the appearance of a little man of dwarfish proportions, clad in red and wearing a peaked cap.

CHIPPED CHINA

BAFFLED SCIENTISTS are studying a remote area near Chengdu, China, that has barely one-tenth the gravity of other areas on Earth.

Experts report having seen floating rocks and men easily jumping 40 feet in the air, but can't explain the odd phenomenon.

[Source: Delve Report-Nov/94]

DARWIN'S THEORY



APPROACHING EXTINCTION

I have to say at the outset that I am not a subscriber to the text book teachings of Charles Darwin's theory of evolution, as advanced in his work *The Origin of the Species*, first published in 1859. Whilst I have a natural borne aversion to labels, I accept that by definition it places me in the camp of the creationists. For I happen to believe abundant evidence exists casting serious doubt on those Darwinian claims and that life here on earth is most probably a recent phenomena.

Darwin's supporters contend that the principal rocks of earth's crust were created by layers of sediments formed slowly on the beds of ancient oceans and that the creatures discovered in them lived millions of years ago. If this were so, it does not explain why numerous man-made artifacts have been recovered from solid rock and from coal deposits buried deep within the earth.

Neither does it answer the question as to why fossilised trunks of trees are sometimes uncovered in a vertical position, when horizontal coal seams and quarry faces around the world are exposed for the first time. Examples of this have been found at quarries near Edinburgh, also Saint-Etienne, in France and at Essen-Kupterdreh, Germany.

It is clear evidence that the deposits around these trunks were laid down, not over millions of years but quickly, before the trees had time to decay. It also offers tangible proof, perhaps, as to the validity of our ancient recorded racial memories and the many worldwide historical references to the Great Flood.

Dr. Melvin Cook, a former professor of metallurgy at the University of Utah, has openly declared that the facts plainly do not support the theory of evolution. In applying radiocarbon (C14) tests, a method considered one of the most reliable for dating plant and animal remains of relatively recent origin, Cook has placed the age of the earth's atmosphere at between 10,000 and 15,000 years¹.

Scientists at the Hawaiian Institute of Geophysics, using radioactive decay of Potassium to Argon to date volcanic lavas, in repeated experiments found ages ranging from 160 million years to 2,960 million years²; when in fact the rocks are known to have been created in the year 1800 as the lava responsible flowed into the sea at that time.

The Potassium-Argon method, one of several deemed suitable for whole rock dating by geologists, appears quite unbelievably flawed as it consistently produces spurious results. An example involved tests on a rock in Nigeria using P-A dating which gave findings³ of 95 million years. Switching to a similar method, using Uranium-Helium, scientists quickly discovered that these results had to be adjusted to 750 million years and a further amendment was later made when fission track dating produced a new figure of less than 30 million years.

We are all familiar with the accepted theory that large accumulations of coal, oil and gas in the earth's rock are the results of ancient vegetation becoming trapped and decaying during the course of many years. However, several American scientists are of the opinion that much of the gas and oil is actually chemically generated. In fact, some borehole investigations appear to bear this controversial view out and in a published report⁴ three years ago, oil found at a depth of 2,800 metres has very definitely been formed as a result of chemical reaction.

Last year, archaeologists discovered what they claimed were the remains of the oldest man in Europe - a fragment of a shin bone found at Boxgrove, in West Sussex. It was unearthed from a depth of 100 feet and has been dated as far back as a half million years using patently unacceptable methods. The media had a field day and newspapers published artists' sketches of the complete man, all amazingly reconstructed from one obscure piece of bone.

Controversial evidence and occasional hoaxes, such as our own 'missing link' the Piltdown Man, are not unusual and neither are they isolated instances. Java Man, claimed by evolutionists to be an intermediate link between man and apes, comprises nothing more than an ape-like skull cap and human upper leg bone found some 14 metres (46ft) apart. From this it was deduced that both belonged together and therefore provided conclusive 'proof' of an upright walking ape-man.

The fossil of an Archaeopteryx, found in Germany during 1861 and now residing in the British Natural History Museum, was hailed as an example that birds had evolved from reptiles. Discrepancies between the main slab and counterslab have consistently been denied by the museum, which chooses to ignore evidence⁵ that the fossil was of a small dinosaur to which had been added imprints of feathers by forgers in Germany.

A growing number of geologists now accept that a worldwide cataclysmic disaster could have been responsible for the laying down of various strata. Under such catastrophic conditions as Noah's Flood, we begin to understand how animals living at the time

could be washed into different areas of silt at different stages, while the rising waters gradually consumed much of the earth.

Dr. Niles Eldridge, in a lecture to the American Museum of Natural History⁶, had this to say: "The search for 'missing links' between various living creatures, like humans and apes, is probably fruitless because they never existed as distinct transitional forms."

He further added: "...geologists have found rock layers of all divisions of the last 500 million years and no transitional forms were contained in them. If it is not the fossil record which is incomplete then it must be the theory."

What is a transitional creature anyway except a mutant of some kind and how could its very existence in such a half-way stage of development successfully continue? Likewise, in what manner would a reptile such as Archaeopteryx, suggested to have evolved in form over millions of years into a bird, function efficiently during this long and painfully slow period of transition? These are some of the many questions now being posed which require satisfactory answers, if the concept of evolution continues to have any sound basis in fact.

At least the Israeli government made its stand on the matter abundantly clear last year, after orthodox Jews protested at newly introduced Pepsi-Cola road signs. The posters erected in Tel Aviv showed a man evolving from an ape into a 'Pepsi'-swilling yuppie (another extinct species). It was branded "UnBiblical" and the posters quickly removed. Δ

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ANCIENT RELICS

or Bowls from Birmingham?

Are they really parts of Noah's Tea Set, or simply brass bowls and saucers manufactured in Birmingham during the 19th century? These curious objects were featured in the *Schofield's Quest* TV show of Dec.3., after owner Jim Willis, of Liverpool, had allowed them to be examined by the Oxford Archaeological Unit.

Jim claims he purchased them at a car boot sale and thought nothing of it until his son remarked that the items reflected unusual faces when subject to light refraction. Sure enough, he says, faces and strange symbols can be observed in the right light seemingly "baked under the metal" and while researching their meaning, Jim has become convinced that the picture writing details ancient events relating directly to the Deluge.

However, David Miles, an expert with OAU, examined the relics and noted initially that they appeared to have been manufactured using a power lathe (certainly it was also visible to viewers of the program). This would indicate that the vessels were relatively modern, but he nevertheless submitted them to the same laboratory that conducted tests on the Turin Shroud, in order to be absolutely certain.

They confirmed that the metal was indeed brass but made of an unusual composition containing 40% zinc. Brass itself was first discovered and used approximately 2,500 years ago in north-western India. This particular mix of metal, however, is of a type of recipe that had been developed and patented in 1832.

Miles remarked that what seems unusual about the bowls and saucers is the fact that they are made in two distinct layers, which he theorizes is probably a method of insulation. He conceded, nonetheless, that it was a "peculiar material" with which to manufacture what appear to be cups and saucers and suspects them of having been produced in the Birmingham area, sometime during the 19th century.

Jim Willis remains unconvinced of the scientist's findings and conclusions, while continuing to believe his acquisition is one of much greater antiquity and significance than the tests appear to have revealed.

ARTHUR'S BONES

Bones reputed to be those of King Arthur have been stolen from a churchyard in South Wales. The bones were unearthed two years ago in an archaeological dig at St. Peter's Church in Brynna, near Llantrisant, Mid Glamorgan. They were reburied under a concrete slab after experts failed to confirm they belonged to King Arthur.

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New On The Newsstand

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A4, 28pp. Subs: Sample £1.50, 1yr (4 issues) £6. Editor: Paul Fuller, The Crop Watcher, 3 Selbourne Court, Tavistock Close, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 7TY.

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☐ **3rd STONE** - Transmogrification resulted in The Gem attaining an altered state and it's every bit as good as before. Not one to fall on stoney ground, content in Issue 19 (Autumn/Winter '94) covers leys and a druid circle in a mega way. Rock on.

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Foolscape!?, 66pp. Subs: Sample £1.50. 1yr (10 issues I think) £10.00. Editor: Lee Walker, Dead of Night Magazine, 156 Bolton Road East, New Ferry, Wirral, Merseyside L62 4RY.

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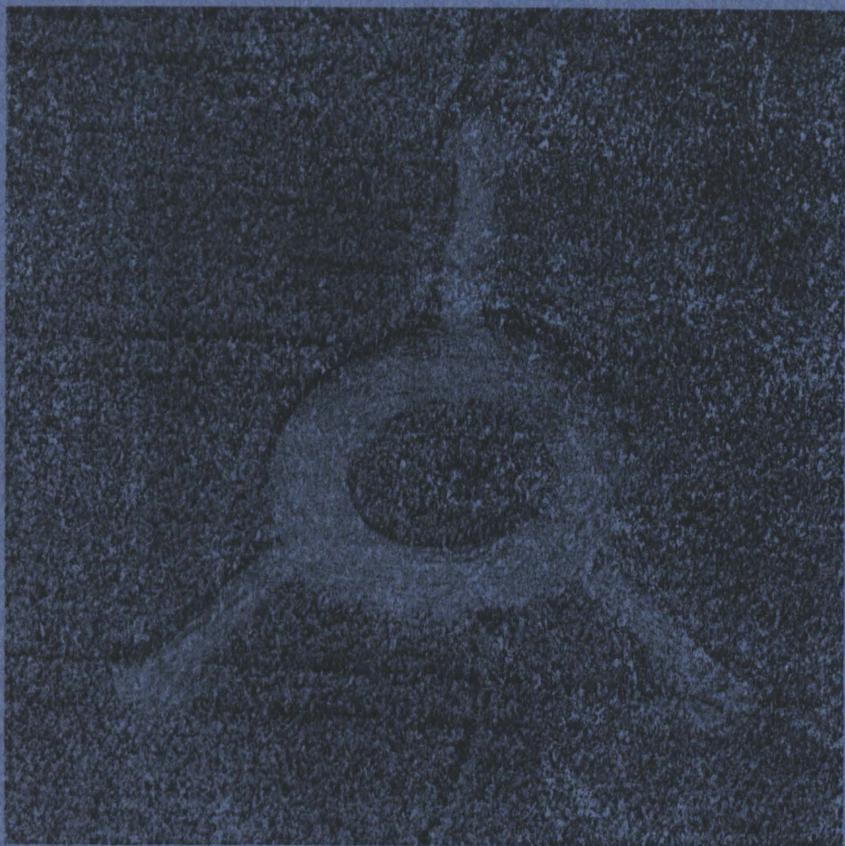
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