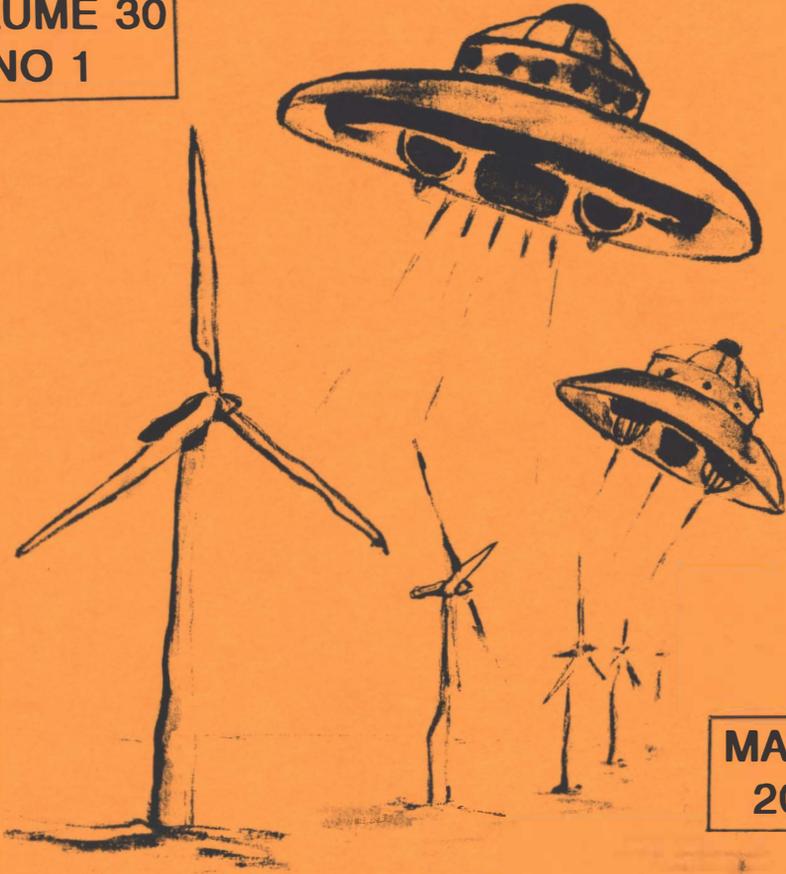


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EDITORIAL**WILL THIS MAN REVEAL THE TRUTH?**

A new era has begun in the USA with the election of its first mixed race or African American President, Barack Obama. Thus there should be a complete sea change from the ultra-conservative administration of George W. Bush to what promises to be an era of openness. According to his voting record as Democrat Senator, Obama was considered to be the most liberal minded of the 100 members of that elite institution up to the November 2008 election. Does this mean that UFO secrets kept under wraps since the late 1940s will at last be revealed? Already pressure groups are lobbying the new administration in the hope of extracting new revelations.

Barack Obama

This exercise has been ongoing since I have been editor through the presidencies of Carter, Reagan, Bush senior, Clinton, and the unlamented, George W. Bush. Precisely nothing has been uttered of any value on UFOs by these distinguished gentlemen except the fact that Jimmy Carter at one time did report seeing a UFO. This time round we have a person from an unprivileged background and mixed race, who against all the odds has gained the role as the world's most powerful human. If anybody is likely to "spill the beans" it is this man, Obama. At the end of his 4 or 8 year Presidency, if the whereabouts of hidden aliens/UFOs are still not revealed - then forget it!

Of course the lack of progress with previous US Presidents has led to a conspiracy theory that a powerful elite outside the control of Washington or even the FBI/CIA have the ultimate say and extract billions of dollars from government coffers for so-called "black projects". Given the parlous condition of the US economy brought about by the "sub-primes" disaster, it seems likely that such funding might not be forthcoming in future. As I have mentioned in previous editorials, my view is that this concept is a non-starter, but it has many supporters mainly connected to Dr Steven Greer's "Disclosure" project.

In his 8 years in charge, George W. Bush and his furtive Vice-President, Dick Cheney, developed some of the most extreme policies as a result of the "9/11" attacks. We soon became aware of the "Patriot Act" which was rushed through Congress without proper examination following "9/11" and allowed the FBI draconian authority to invade property and even arrest people attending UFO meetings. To this day we are still not certain if Bush was elected fairly in the first place. Many votes from democrat voting black precincts in Florida, a knife-edge result, conveniently went missing after the 2000 election, and there were further irregularities involving key states during the count for the 2004 election.

It was established after several years that the Bush administration were complicit in the process of "extraordinary rendition" whereby terrorist suspects could be tortured but not on American soil according to the constitution. Secret flights were arranged by the CIA to place these people on foreign bases where unspeakable activities could take place. (*More details in Agony Corner*)

More Bush disasters are coming to light after his departure. Apparently individual state authorities were aware of reckless lending being allowed on their territory, but attempts to stop it were thwarted at the highest level in Washington making the eventual losses in "sub-primes" astronomical.

Of course the ultimate conspiracy theory is that the Bush administration were somehow involved in the "9/11" attacks, so as to soften up the public to accept the severe measures that followed in the name of national security. I personally find this unlikely, but CIUFOR conspiracy department continue to review the facts surrounding the events of that fateful day. No doubt there are other activities from this extreme presidency which have been covered up and have yet to come to light.

The strongest evidence we have that a US President was in contact with extraterrestrials goes way back to 1954 when Eisenhower is reputed to have been taken to Muroc Airfield, now Edwards Airforce base, on the night of February 20th where he met up with humanoids described as 2 white haired Nordics in appearance that had pale blue eyes and colourless lips. We know for certain that Eisenhower was taking a short vacation in Palm Springs, California and went missing on the night in question before turning up for a church service the following day. The official explanation is that the President was in need of emergency dental treatment after dislodging a cap from a tooth while consuming fried chicken earlier that evening, and had been rushed off to a local dentist. Equally he was only an hour's drive from Muroc should that have been the true reason for his disappearance. There is much rumour that attempted pacts and treaties were made with the extraterrestrials, but that contacts should remain top secret.

It is strange that the majority of alien contact stories emanate from the USA, admittedly the most powerful nation on earth since the end of World War II. I realise that my childhood was spent on a diet of American films, comics and music - all very welcome in postwar austerity Britain. This may have led to preconceived ideas on extraterrestrial contact - the way its done, if you like. Nowadays with around 200 sovereign nations around the planet to choose from, just where would aliens decide to land their craft if they were not in crash mode? The chances are that it would be the most peace loving stable country rather than the one with the most advanced armaments and technology - any suggestions?

THE EDITOR
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LATEST NEWS STORIES

UFO SEEN AT OBAMA INAUGURATION: The inauguration of Barack Obama as US President in Washington on January 20th, 2009, was attended by over a million people on the ground, and probably seen by a billion others on TV networks throughout the world. It is no surprise therefore that somewhere in the reams of footage taken by thousands of cameras throughout the day that something unusual could materialise. On a piece of CNN film of a crowd scene and the Washington monuments, an object is seen moving at enormous speed across the background clearing the area in less than a second. No shape can be discerned, and the speed would be in excess of any known aircraft. Perfect sunny weather conditions prevailed at the time. Of course security levels at the ceremony were reckoned to be the tightest ever known so this object, if real, must have escaped all tracking devices placed around the American capital.

The footage can be readily viewed on U-Tube on several websites.

ALIEN LIFE NOT SO ALIEN! Cosmologist, Paul Davies states that it is "entirely reasonable" that we share the planet with a form of life different to anything we know of. He suggests that this "life" might exist in frozen lakes, deep under the sea, or even in our bodies. He argues that the forms of life we are familiar with is based on the DNA structure which is found in all known living things whether plant or animal. The breakdown of the DNA genome shows that humans differ only in a small percentage of structure to other animals.

Professor Davies of Arizona State University proposes that alternative life forms might exist in an extreme environment and their building blocks start from an entirely different basis which remain undetected as our laboratory techniques are customised to the biochemistry of known life. It is widely thought that life as we know it started from a single common ancestor and the DNA programming has reached a very advanced stage with the metamorphosis of the human body and brain. Other systems are likely to be in their infancy with "alien" forms being too small for the eye to see. There is a theory that alien particles, a tenth the size of bacteria live inside the human body and may help create kidney stones. Although not mentioned by Davies, "alien implants" could be another example of where this unknown life manifests itself. (*Report: Daily Mail, P9, 16/2/09*).

DID UFO CAUSE WIND TURBINE COLLAPSE? The most intriguing event at the start of 2009 was the loss of a 65 ft long blade, and severe damage to another on one tower at the Conisholme Wind Farm, Louth, Lincs. This occurred at around 4.00 am on January 4th and would have been put down to a case of metal fatigue had it not been for multiple reports of lights seen in the area close to the wind farm, on a trajectory which would imply a likely collision. These have been described as a ball of light with tentacles seen hovering over the farm; another witness saw orangy yellow spheres and a third, council chief Robert Palmer, spotted a round object with a slight red trim hovering near the top of the turbines. However, to counter this, it has been revealed that a fireworks party was taking place on the same evening.

Data research has suggested 5 possible causes for the damage which left one blade of three completely severed and a second severely buckled:

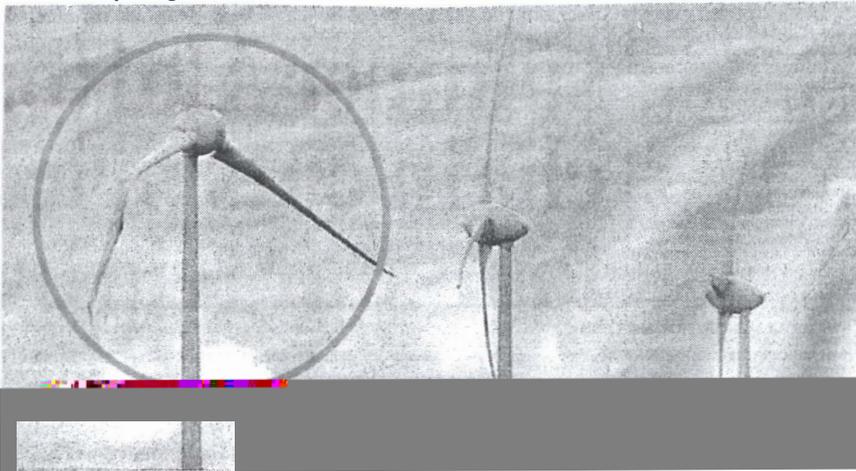
- a) Unknown non-human craft. (UFO)
- b) Unknown human made craft collision.
- c) Metal thieves.
- d) Very local earthquake.
- e) Metal fatigue.

a) The damage implies a solid object impacted with the tower and blades, but this would have surely damaged the craft and left wreckage of an unknown nature behind. Of course a UFO could be so hi-tech that its structure might survive this impact virtually unscathed. The other possibility the UFO put on a show of strength and weakened the bearings of the turbine with some sort of ray or energy which then lead to collapse. The strange co-incidence that a crop circle appeared in front of a wind tower near Shrevenham, Oxon in July 2008, as reported in Awareness, Vol 29 No 4, adds to the evidence that aliens may be concerned about wind farms and need to tell us something.

b) Anything human made would surely never have survived a collision with a 65 ft long metal blade and/or a concrete tower 200-300ft tall and left no trace behind. If the timing is correct that the incident occurred at 4.00 am on a freezing cold Sunday morning in January, then virtually zero flying would be taking place.

c) Metal thieves have been running riot stealing lead off church roofs, taking away iron drain hole covers etc to fund a huge demand in raw materials especially from China. However from mid-2008 the market has collapsed making such thievery pointless. To actually climb a 200ft+ high tower with smooth sides and unhitch a blade weighing tons, especially if it was turning, in a temperature as low as -10°C on the night would seem to defy belief. In any case the blade was recovered on the ground inspite of early press reports that it had gone missing.

d) Prior earth tremors could have caused both the low level lights AND the damage - although in that case the fact that only one tower/blade was damaged out of 20 on the site would be surprising.



e) Metal fatigue is a very strong possibility bearing in mind the very low temperatures prevailing in January and the immense forces on the blades as they rotate. We now have the initial report from the blade manufacturer, Enercon, who cite failure of the bolts holding the blade onto its housing as the problem. It is understood the bolt had not shattered but had come loose. Site operator, Ecotricity, states that such connections are vigorously checked before the tower is put into service. Build up of large amounts of ice on the blades could have contributed to failure, but was discounted by Ecotricity.

This is a very isolated area of the country in flat, open fenland, so we assume all the witnesses had a very good view of the terrain and could differentiate between fireworks and something more mysterious. Also rather odd is the fact that not one report states whether the turbines were turning or static at the time of the accident. Is this a cover-up? At the date of the incident, extreme cold, still conditions were prevailing, so it is likely that no rotation was possible. The buckled second blade would have been only damaged to the extent seen if it was hit by a fast moving object - I.E The first blade coming away whilst turning. Some high technology beam or force may have caused this damage - but a crash seems unlikely as the third blade and the top of the tower appear undamaged. We have

found that failing wind turbines are not that rare and are bound to happen from time to time with the huge increase in the number of windfarms being assembled all over the world. (Research: Geoff Ambler/Mike Soper).

GREEN COMET APPROACHING EARTH: No, there is not a problem solving pollution free comet heading our way - instead of the "dirty snowballs" we are used to - this comet is bathed in green light which comes from the gases making up its Jupiter like atmosphere. Jets of gas thrown out from the nucleus consist of cyanogen, a poisonous gas found in many comets, and diatomic carbon which together glow green when lit by the Sun. Comet Lulin was discovered by a 19 year old student at Lulin Observatory, Taiwan, and makes its closest approach to the Earth around 38 million miles distance in late February. NASA think it will need very dark country skies to view the comet, but surprises are possible when the green glow starts to develop. No comet has produced a really strong showing since Hale-Bopp in 1997 which was clearly visible to the naked eye for several weeks.

KEPLER SPACE PROBE SEEKS LIFE-BEARING PLANETS: NASA has launched a new device which has the capability of detecting small rocky planets like Earth orbiting stars many light years away. The probe, Kepler, has been successfully launched into orbit from Cape Canaveral and will shortly be operational (March 2009). The basis of the technology on board is that it can detect light levels from stars it is focused on and pick up a tiny difference in the level if a planet crosses over the disc in transit. Of course in a three-dimensional situation to get a correct alignment with the probe, distant star and planet there is only about a 1% chance of this happening. Kepler is also capable of measuring the distance of any detected planet from a parent star which would then assess whether it would be too hot, too cold or just right for water to exist in a liquid form. There is no function which can detect life itself however.

Kepler is to focus on one star-rich area of the sky within the constellations of Cygnus and Lyra at a distance of 3,000 light years, and should cover 100,000 stars in a 6 year mission. Professor Andrew Coates of UCL's Mullard Space Science Laboratory states: "Kepler's mission is to find mankind's place in the universe. If we find planets with similar orbits to that of Earth then there is a chance that they too could harbour life."

AGONY CORNER: (Anti-establishment comment on latest scares and cover-ups).

EXTRAORDINARY RENDITION - MASSIVE COVER-UPS:

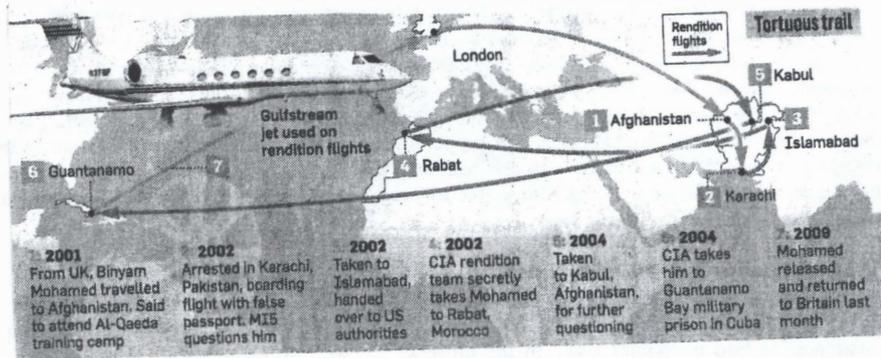
No, this is not about a superb rendering of "Land of Hope and Glory" by the Royal Philharmonic, but a covert operation carried out by the Central Intelligence Agency of America to capture terrorist suspects wherever they might be in the world, and place them at detention centres in third party countries. These so called "black sites" are, to no-ones surprise, found in states which permit torture such as Egypt, Syria and Morocco, and there is enough solid evidence to suppose that a goodly number of captives have been put through some form of torture such as "waterboarding" which simulates drowning. Any confessions obtained by these methods would of course be considered unsafe in most western countries.

Is the CIA solely responsible for these activities or did the Bush administration agree to this course of action in response to the "9/11" tragedy? It would be difficult to bring any case to trial in the USA where any form of torture is outlawed by the constitution, and Secretary of State, Condoleeza Rice, firmly rebuffed in clear, concise terms in a 2005 speech that neither

torture, rendition or extraordinary rendition was tolerated by her government. However the fact remains that the CIA has its own fleet of aircraft for the task of moving suspects between countries and has received protests when these planes have landed on European soil for purposes of refuelling.

The new President, Barack Obama, has made several forceful speeches stating he will not tolerate torture under any circumstances, but how much is the CIA bandwagon out of control? Obama will close the Guantanamo Bay detention centre on Cuban soil within a year, and the first British subject to be released from there under the new administration arrived back in Britain on February 23rd, 2009. Binyam Mohamed, a 30 year old of Ethiopian birth, was too traumatised to face the media on landing in Britain, but through his legal representative claimed he had been arrested in Pakistan in 2002 as a suspected Al Qaeda terrorist and quotes what followed was "an experience that I never thought to encounter in my darkest nightmares. I was abducted, hauled from one country to another and tortured in medieval ways - all orchestrated by the US government." Mohamed also claims that British agents from M15 he met when he was removed to Morocco actually assisted his tormentors in trying to obtain confessions. He was finally incarcerated at Guantanamo Bay for 4 years.

THE RENDITIONS OF BINYAM MOHAMED



Of course there may be strong evidence to prove Mohamed was linked to Al Qaeda, but such information would be regarded as top secret. Suffice to say nearly all released prisoners of this category claim to have been abused by the most vile of methods while inside Guantanamo and other sites.

The above scenario matches the "Disclosure Project" notion that forces outside US government control have charge of aliens or their technology and operate secret "black projects". Unfortunately solid evidence to prove this is not forthcoming unlike the bank of knowledge that we have about "Extraordinary Rendition".

CONSPIRACY DEVELOPMENTS.

WATCH OUT, THERE'S A PONZI ABOUT! One of the outcomes of the devastating economic downturn in the last year is the exposure of fraudsters in the financial sector operating on a massive scale. They have only been exposed because long term investors needed to cash in funds and found the cupboard was bare. The most outrageous of these frauds was perpetrated by Bernard Madoff in New York. A sum of \$50 billion is involved - stated to be the largest financial fraud in history. Mr Madoff "made off" (sorry) with big name investors money including many international banks by operating basically a simple pyramid selling scheme offering a much larger than average return on funds to well established clients by drawing on the money from new investors coming into his clutches.

He needed to maintain a constant flow of new people to keep up the scam which was fine while the world economy was growing at breakneck pace, but crumpled very quickly when the "credit crunch" set in. Governments, major banks and celebrities have all been victims of this so-called "Ponzi" Scheme named after Charles Ponzi who created a scam round International postal reply coupons in the 1920s over in New England and made millions from a very small initial investment. Madoff, now under house arrest, created an aura of massive gravitas taking on only clients with millions of pounds or dollars to spare based on his impeccable reputation over many years in the financial markets of New York.

A further major investigation, just announced, is into missing funds of around \$8 billion attributed to the flamboyant Texan billionaire, Sir Allen Stanford - also considered to be running a Ponzi Scheme. Stanford flashed millions of dollars around particularly in the world of cricket. His outrageous helicopter landing on the Lords cricket ground last Summer (*in a hired chopper, it is now established*) followed by the unveiling of a large casket containing millions of dollar bills to the press, and surrounded by greats of the game - was no doubt a stomach churning experience for the traditionalists. Stanford virtually controlled the economy of the tiny West Indian island of Antigua with his bank the focal point there. Desperate locals were seen queuing up to withdraw their savings when the sorry news broke.

Many more stings like the above are coming to the attention of the FBI, but are not considered newsworthy if the losses are only measured in millions rather than billions! The old adage that if a financial return sounds too good to be true - then it usually is!

JILL DANDO MURDER: Having been forced to release the local simpleton, Barry George after 8 years inside, police investigating the 1999 murder of TV personality, Jill Dando, have now reverted to the possibility that a Serbian hit-man was hired to carry out the shooting in revenge for the NATO bombing of a Belgrade TV station which left 16 people dead. Indeed, the two events were only days apart.

Tip-offs to the Crimestoppers hot-line point to a confession by a certain individual in the Portobello bar, Belgrade, in 2001. Three informing witnesses were present and saw the man being toasted by locals. Rumour has it that the Serb warlord, "Arkan" (now assassinated) ordered a revenge attack after the bombing of the TV station, and that BBC Director General, John Birt, was the original target, but this was later changed to Jill Dando following increased security surrounding Birt.

At the original trial of Barry George, his Q.C, Michael Mansfield, pointed out that the bullet used to shoot Jill Dando had crimping marks on it of a type often found in the Soviet Union and eastern bloc countries.

Unfortunately nobody in the Serbian government or military ever released a statement confirming their involvement in the crime which is understandable given the number of "Arkan" style private armies operating in the war torn country of the former Yugoslavia at the time. These groups might not have direct access to the media if they were permanently on the run. The man who is alleged to have made the confession declined to comment when recently contacted,

Report: Sunday Times, 22/02/09

SIGHTING REPORTS

By Data Research

Date: c 1963 **Country:** Aeroplane
Place: between Cyprus and Malta **Time:** 14.00
Source: Margaret Fry

Mr.M whilst serving in the RAF in the middle east during 1963 was flying from Cyprus to Malta. As he looked out of the window on the port side he saw a large object flying beside him and he informed the pilot who had already spotted it. At first Mr M. thought it was a lightning jet fighter but it had no wings and he could see a line of bright white lights in the middle of the body. It stayed alongside for about five minutes then shot up into the sky at a speed he had never seen before. After landing in Malta he was taken into a room and questioned about the incident, later all personnel who had seen the object were told to say nothing on what they had witnessed. He described the colour as brown over the body with white lights and it was shaped like a large cigar, he estimated the size of the object to be longer than 150 feet and was silent.



Date: 14th December 2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Banbury Oxon **Time:** 17.00
Source: Original

Mrs J was leaving the Horton hospital in Banbury and was walking to her car parked in the grounds when she looked up and saw about 10 – 15 orange lights about 1 foot in diameter, they were moving fast as the eye could follow all in a line heading towards Burford, Oxon. She could not see any flames so dismissed the idea of them being hot air balloons. She was convinced they were not Chinese Lanterns as they were moving so fast and therefore concluded she had witnessed a UFO. There was also a male witness with her who saw the same thing. She described the objects as being solid and they were following one another like a formation.

Date: 4/07/2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Colwyn Bay, Wales **Time:** 13.00
Source: Original

Mrs MF had been on the bus to Colwyn Bay and was returning home and the bus stop is a few yards before Abergele Police Station. She rested for a while on a bench on the pavement in front of the Police Station and Town Hall. She noticed a Police helicopter was going back and forth from Gwrych Castle gates to the Tesco supermarket area. The sky was clear blue with some small cloud. Mrs MF thought the Police were either chasing or searching for someone as they were flying very low about 800 feet. Then this object/s came at leisurely pace just a bit above, but behind the helicopter. The area between the object/s was misty so the edges of the object/s looked slightly wavy and she was unable to tell if it was a complete object or two separate objects completely. As she watched it then went into a cloud and disappeared. She did try pointing this out to a passer-by who was completely disinterested.

Mrs MF also pointed out that from Gwrych Castle gates to Tesco's on the Llandulas Road is about 1 ¼ miles therefore the helicopter was going back and forth in a very limited area.

Date: 31/12/2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Stockton on Tees **Time:** PM
Source: E:mail

Mr TW wrote to say, "I live in Eaglescliffe, Stockton On Tees and I saw a weird light in the sky on New Years Eve. I noticed it in the distance and it cruised along at great speed above some nearby pilons from maybe 5 miles away or more. It hovered for a while 20-30 seconds then went up into the sky so high it went out of sight. My wife and son also witnessed this and I managed to get a picture of it, the lights it gave off is a very odd shape and like nothing I have seen before. I put the picture upon the computer today and zoomed it on a larger screen it does look strange. I thought you would be interested in this".

Date: 14/11/1996 **Country:** UK
Place: B4058 between Wootton under Edge and Horsley **Time:** between 7-800pm
Source: E:mail

Mr GW wrote "I had purchased a new car and was taking it for a spin with my girlfriend and on the way home we drove though an old small B road – the B4058 between Wootton under Edge and Horsley.

Along this road we could see an unusual set of lights stationary in the sky, slightly obscured behind a set of trees along the roadside as we drove by. It caught our eyes and I began to slow down looking at the object.

I managed to pull over by the Pyke Quarry Refuse Collection depot on this road. We got out of the vehicle. The object with lights moved slowly towards the car, and stopped right above my car where it remained stationary approx 1 minute. It lowered in altitude right above my car with all of us watching.

The object was pointed at the front, had angled sides with a curved back end. A triangle with a curved back. The size was difficult to distinguish against a black sky, but it did appear very large and still perhaps one hundred or so feet up.

I could clearly make out intricate pipes and parts underneath. The object had a brilliant bright red long light along the back curved edge and two smaller lights on the triangle ends.

The object hung above my car – there was NO noise coming from the object at all. The area we were in was very quiet, fields and hardly any housing.

As the object hung there another car on the other side of the road slowed down – but then drove off at speed.

The object then disappeared vertically in seconds with absolutely no noise – no exhaust – nothing. The object was gone.

We drove home and arrived back at around 8pm

Date: 23/01/2009 **Country:** UK
Place: A45 Coventry **Time:** 20.45-21.00
Source: Original

Mrs DJ was driving in her car approaching the A45 when she saw three red lights in the sky, quite low and too far apart to have been one object. They were in a V shape formation but as she filtered left onto the A45 the formation changed and seemed to be moving parallel. There seemed to be one light leading the other two were following and moving closer to one another. They seemed higher in the sky at this point than when she had first sighted them. She stopped her car and watched them.

Suddenly the two rear lights disappeared and she started up the car again but could only see the remaining light gathering speed and gaining in height. It was a very clear night with hardly any traffic.

This story was backed by a newspaper article which appeared in a local paper stating that a lorry driver had spotted two lights in the sky and one of them shot up at an impossible angle and at an incredible speed his uncle also saw these whilst in his back garden. They both then saw just the one light which continued on its course for over a minute.

Date: 2/3rd Jan 2009 **Country:** UK
Place: Whitestone, Nuneaton Nr Coventry **Time:** 18.00
Source: Original

Mr AB was driving home with a friend from Nuneaton to Coventry at approximately 6pm when they saw some orange lights in the sky about 5 or 6 of them. They drove around the bend to get a closer look at them and they could see they were in a row maybe in a slight moon shape all traversing the sky. They were all orange in colour and were high in the sky, we watched for about 40seconds and then they all disappeared as though behind a cloud.

We went back the next day to the same place to see if it could have been lights on a crane or pylons but there was nothing just an open field.

Date: 10/02/2009 **Country:** UK
Place: Yarm, Cleveland **Time:** 15.00
Source: Original

Mr GWB was outside with his wife when he saw high in the sky south of Yarm an object shaped like a cigar which appeared very solid in structure. It looked silver in colour and it moved eastwards then westwards going very slowly. He could hear no noise and the general weather conditions at the time was clear blue sky with no wind. They were completely baffled by this.

Date: Summer 2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Carlisle, Cumbria **Time:** 03.00
Source: E.Mail

Ms TS lives on the outskirts of Carlisle and during the summer had the curtains open during one night and was awoken at 3am. She saw some strange lights dancing over the countryside opposite her house which alternated from red to white. She watched them for about half an hour then decided to get out her car and go and investigate them. She drove towards the motorway exit south for Penrith, and something strange seemed to happen to her. She pulled up at the first Motorway Services but was unable to recognise where she was. She was disorientated and shaking and was unsure why. She asked a lorry driver as she stopped where she was and he told her she was at Brough which was beyond Penrith. She thought she had gone to the first stop on the motorway but in fact was 2 exits further along and had no idea how she had got there. The lorry driver very kindly saw her state and offered to guide her back to Carlisle. She did not ask his name unfortunately and consequently did not get back home until after 5am. Her husband was very worried about her and she then explained what she had seen and what had happened. He told her she was being silly going out in the middle of night chasing lights and thought no more about it. The next day however, they saw strange crop formations in a nearby wheat field and her husband usually a cynic about these matters was quite convinced there was something unusual in all of this.

Date: circa 8/12/2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Wales **Time:** evening
Source: Margaret Fry

Margaret kindly sent us this report via Ralph Vaughan WFIU a UFO enthusiast. The Evening Leader on Monday December 8th 2008 were receiving strange sightings in the skies around the region. Residents had been calling them with reports after a Saltney resident claimed to have seen six UFOs and others followed. A number of sightings were reported in Mynydd Isa, Hope, Penyffordd and Holywell and had been photographed. A man and wife saw strange lights from their bedroom window in Holywell and the husband photographed them – he stated he just wanted to know what they were. Another resident was alerted when his neighbour was watching two very bright lights on his return from work and they both thought the lights were very strange. One male witness said he has spotted distinctive lights on three occasions, one was when he was walking to the shop at 7pm the sky was slightly overcast but you could see a few stars. There were two very distinct bright lights very close together and they seemed unusual.

Date: 31/12/2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Harlech, N. Wales **Time:** 23.40
Source: Newspaper Clipping

Witnesses are said to have reported seeing a "cluster of lights" in the sky over Harlech on New Years Eve. Several people spotted 5 lights hovering over Harlech Castle on 31st December. A Duty Ambulance Officer saw the group of lights hovering in the air above the castle. They floated up slowly and vanished, he called a friend who also saw them. There were at least six more witnesses to the event. Officials could not explain the mysterious lights and the Police denied any reports received of the event. Welsh historic monuments body Cadw said there were no events at its sites across Wales that night.

Date: 04/01/2009 **Country:** UK
Place: M4 Motorway just before Banbury going south **Time:** 02.00
Source: Original

Miss JS was driving her car when she spotted a round object – like a fireball which was glowing in the night sky. She described it as a very bright orange object followed by a white line (similar to a shooting star). It looked like a fireball. At first she thought it was a plane crashing and slammed on her brakes as it looked like it was going to hit the carriageway in front of her but it simply disappeared, leading her to believe it could have been a small meteor. It was a clear but cold night and as she was a teacher of astronomy and science was experienced about the heavens and its diversities. What was unusual was the way it was glowing and burning and then it simply disappeared in front of her.

Date: 08/01/2009 **Country:** UK
Place: Colwyn Bay, Wales **Time:** 06.45
Source: Original

Mrs JS was staying with her daughter in her flat in Colwyn Bay. Her daughter came into the bedroom with a cup of tea. Whilst they were talking the daughter spotted a flashing red light in the sky. As Mrs JS was always hoping to see a UFO she opened the window to get a better look. It was

moving south to north in the direction of the sea. No sooner had they lost sight of it then another flashing light appeared in the south, over the Colwyn Bay countryside, travelling in the same direction. In forty five to fifty minutes they had counted 32 of these flashing lights, some appearing to change from red to green, all appearing in the south and following the direction of the first one.

Three of them were in a vertical formation with what she estimated to be several hundred feet between each of them. One or two appeared to move vertically then continue moving horizontally. Some of the lights seemed to alternate between red and green. There were no distinguishable shapes of any craft emitting the lights but the assumed "crafts" appeared to flash several lights randomly. A few of them left short vapour trails. If there was an occurrence on the oil rig out in the sea they would be helicopters but there was no noise of engines whatsoever and considering the amount of "craft" seen the combined engine noise would have been heard.

Date: 02/05/2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Birmingham **Time:** 21.50
Source: Mail online

When a Police helicopter on routine surveillance over Birmingham spotted a small aircraft beaming out continuous blue-green lights its attention was drawn from the ground to the sky. The "craft" came within almost 300ft, forcing the pilot to swerve out of its path and then it appeared to circle the helicopter in a "playful" gesture before flying off. Initially the pilot and two police observers dismissed the near miss at 1,500ft as a close encounter with a model plane, but despite searching the area with a thermal camera the pilot was unable to find any signs of radio-controlled activity.

The British Model Flying Club dismissed the possibility saying the object was too high to be a miniature craft, all of which leads UFO experts to believe it was "unidentified".

The sighting was discovered when near misses are reported to the military and air traffic control units. The report describes the strange craft as small and probably non-metallic it added that the pilot informed radar operators but they saw nothing on their equipment. The pilot told the Airprox Board that he thought "the intent may either have been sinister or someone messing around". The Police played down the incident and said the object was probably a radio controlled model aircraft.

A very similar report came a month later:-

Date: 08/06/2008 **Country:** UK
Place: South Wales **Time:** unnoted
Source: Newsclipping

A UFO was spotted by Police helicopter in the Vale of Glamorgan. The helicopter was above St Athan which is home to an RAF Base and close to Cardiff International Airport. The three man crew could not capture any images before the object vanished over the Bristol Channel. It was confirmed that the police helicopter reported to Air Traffic Control at Cardiff that they had sighted a UFO. The object was extremely small, approximately 30-40cm in diameter. It did not appear on radar. An ex-RAF glider pilot said he was sitting in his garden reading when he spotted the object at around 16.20hrs he states it shifted position very quickly, in the blink of an eye.

There was very little information as the Police reported the incident and did not give chase- they behaved very "professionally"

Date: 02/05/2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Birmingham **Time:** 21.50
Source: Mail online

Mr JH was having a cigarette in his back garden when himself and 3 female witnesses saw 2 objects for about 10minutes duration. They shape of the objects were round and appeared fuzzy around the edges. They were Orange in colour and they observed the 1st object pulsating then seemed to fade and the 2nd object was also glowing much brighter and behaving as the first object moving in the same direction. He said the 2nd object was pulsating much brighter than the first some distance away from first object them moved slowly in the direction of the first object where it too began to fade. He stated the speed appeared much slower than any aircraft.

Date: 06/12/2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Cippenham, Slough **Time:** 11.30
Source: Mail online

Mr GW was out walking in a northerly direction at approx mid-day when he saw an object in the sky that looked Gold/Silver and yellow in colour and appeared to be made of foil as it gave off very bright reflections from the sun. It appeared to have lights within it looking as though it was at a distance of ½ mile descending or free-falling at a 45% angle and in an easterly direction occasionally rotating as if by wind direction. The descent he estimated at 15-20mph looked as though it was heading for Slough trading estate area but then lost sight of it as it descended out of view. He stated it was like a large deflating balloon about 20-25 feet tall and 15feet wide, and shaped almost square like in appearance or almost pear shaped. He was with his brother who also witnessed the sighting.

Date: 16/11/2008 **Country:** UK
Place: Daventry, Northants **Time:** circa 21.00
Source: E:mail

A Daventry couple saw 5 orangey/red objects, moving slowly through the sky. They were lower than the aeroplanes that were also visible in the sky at the time. As the first one passed it appeared to grow smaller and disappear into the distance. Then another appeared from the same place and follow the same basic path. The last object to pass appeared larger, maybe lower down and had shat looked like a red light on the top which was moving around as though scanning a 180 degree area. There were 4 witnesses in total to the final sighting.

Date: 01/01/2009 **Country:** UK
Place: unknown **Time:** 12.15
Source: E:mail

A male and female witnessed (*something*) orange in the sky on New Years Day at around 12.15am. We could hear no sound and it moved backwards and then forwards then completely disappeared. Strangely something then appeared a few feet away where the previous one had gone – it was a bright orange ball of light which we could both see plainly. It then disappeared leaving us bewildered as to what it could have been.

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UFO FLAP IN USA/CANADA 1997By Frances CopelandDate: 11th March 1997

Gunships chase three UFOs over West Virginia. On Tuesday March 11th 1997 at 6.30pm three orange spheres appeared over the south bank of the Kanawha River in the South Hills section of Charleston, West Virginia.

Ms Patricia J Blake and her nine year old daughter were on Oakwood Road in South Hills when they sighted the objects. The first lights was coming down towards the woods vertically she said. It was very orange and had a long trail behind it. Two other lights of the same description were also coming down, also with tails behind them. The first one was now in the middle and seemed to slow down at one point.

Mrs Blake said the three UFOs were arranged like this



Then all three appeared to stay in this position for a few minutes, the larger moving rather slowly to our right. When we first saw them, they were 45 degrees above the horizon and then they came down to a much lower angle I would say 25 degrees. Mrs Blake estimated that the UFOs hovered over a wooded area south of Route 61 and west of Route 119. The lights darted to the west, somewhat southwest, hovered at the second site for about 8 - 10 minutes. It was still daylight and the sky was cloudless. The UFOs then sped away. At 6.45pm four C-130 Air National Guard planes flew across the Kanawha River, heading southwest in the same direction as the orange UFOs. Mrs Blake said she believes the planes came from Yeager Field airport, northeast of Charleston.

Date: 13th March 1997

Researchers had been flooded with reports in the wake of a big UFO flap in Arizona USA during March. Residents claiming to have seen glowing orange spheres and triangular UFOs over Phoenix, Tempe, Prescott, Glendale and Tucson on the evening **March 13th 1997** numbered in their thousands.

On Monday **March 17th** Channel 10 in Phoenix aired a videotape of a large cylindrical UFO with 8 lights. In Tucson eyewitnesses reported four bright lights coming from the northwest and heading southeast. In Glendale, reports of orange globes hovering over a suburban neighbourhood for two hours from 9pm to 11pm threw people in panic. People were "looking up" at what they said were orange balls of light. They were very scared...In fact one 80 year old was shouting on the phone at one point in panic.

On Tuesday **March 18th** the Arizona Republic ran a story on the UFO flap. According to reporter Susie Steckner the first call came from former police officers who spotted the UFOs near Paulden north of Prescott, in Tavasapai County. The bright orange-red lights formed the shape of a boomerang with a large grouping in the lead followed by a single light. Shortly after 8pm calls came flooding in all over the area. An 11 year old was leaving his Cub Scout meeting in Phoenix when he saw the bizarre object. It looked like the stealth bomber he said. It was in a triangle shape and had three lights. It was moving very slowly and was there for about two to three minutes when it disappeared.

During its 5pm newscast on March 17th Channel 12 in Phoenix stated that the glowing orange spheres seen on March 13th over the Gila River Indian Reservation were only "military flares". The announcer reportedly said "They were explained as an anti-aircraft experiment in a military area 50 miles (80 kilometers) south of Phoenix".

Lt. Col. Mike Hauser USAF a spokesperson for Luke Air Force Base told the newspaper - Everybody is telling us we have UFOs stashed all over the Air Force and although I am not taking issue with what people saw - lots of things can be "lights in the sky".

Date: March 14th 1997

Orange sphere UFOs were also seen over Quebec. Since Friday March 14th the UFO group CEIPI has interviewed 24 eyewitnesses. Most of the sightings took place over Breckenridge, a small town on the north shore of the Ottawa River west of the city in Canada.

On Friday March 14th shortly before 8pm a glowing orange light was seen over Breckenridge. Shortly after 8pm a man in Gatineau, Quebec saw a "definite" orange light. At 8.45pm another man saw the same thing but a little more yellow, over the Parc de la Gatineau along the Ottawa River. By the next day a total of 10 eyewitnesses had reported an unknown object hovering close to the ice on the river. The ufo had an array of six white lights and appeared to all witnesses to be in the same place - in the Parc de la Gatineau.

On Monday **March 17th** at 9.50pm another ten witnesses saw a very brilliant and strong aerial light glowing behind the mountain at Breckenridge. Again these were brushed off as "military flares"

A radio scanner picked up an intriguing exchange between Air Traffic Controllers(ATCs) and six jet liner pilots. The pilots were talking to the ATCs in Albany New York and Burlington Vermont, and one pilot was heard to radio "A bright light approached us, went vertical and dropped into the horizon" The pilot asked the ATCs to confirm his position and they did, the jetliner was 30 miles east of Burlington or 150 northeast of Albany. This puts the UFOs over the forest area just south of Hardwick. Six pilots discussed the sighting with the towers, one saying "fire coming out of the back and left or made a contrail." Controllers then asked the pilots if they would be willing to file a report. Some said yes and were given the phone number of the Federal Aviation Administration centre in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Date: March 12th 1997

At 8pm a huge "flying disc" estimated to be 100 feet in diameter, appeared over Mount Sterling, Ohio, a small town in Madison County 22 miles southwest of Columbus.

The saucer was seen by two couples, one at each end of the town. They estimated that it floated 50 feet off the ground and flew from east to west. "It was over the town for four and a half minutes, there was no noise, the departure path was to the west at a very quick speed". According to an investigator the eyewitnesses included a woman aged 35 a 14-year old girl a man in his early 70s and another man in his 50s. That same night a farmer called the local UFO group Tri States Advocates of Scientific Knowledge (TASK) to report a formation of three to five lights and the lights appeared orange or white-red in colour. There were three lights in a row and two on top. This same farm was visited by a similar array of UFO lights on October 16th 1996. The UFOs appeared near the zenith of the barn on Flaugher Hill Road in Aberdeen. Three TASK reporters interviewed the farmer then - they are continuing with the investigation.

NASA TO RELEASE KECKSBURG PAPERS

by Michael Soper

In the late afternoon of December 9th 1965 something crashed to earth near the US/Canadian border at the little town of Kecksberg, Pennsylvania, and seems not to have been a meteorite as having made a controlled descent. According to the source book: *UFOs and Alien Encounters, (Chancellor)* the firechief, Robert Bitner and his assistant James Mays rushed to the scene and found a still cooling conical object having circular markings.

The arrival had been particularly dramatic producing a sonic boom and a bright flash and trail in the sky. An earth tremor occurred and the smoke trail lingered for 20 minutes, though there has been speculation the object consisted of a soviet spy satellite, Cosmos 96, returning. NORAD, the defence tracking organisation, had reported the re-entry of this object 13 hours earlier, and so this is ruled out. Ivan Sanderson, the Ufologist, has checked many eyewitness reports and claims that the object travelled far too slowly for a meteorite and changed course towards the east just before landing.

As the fire chiefs approached the copse where the object had come down, they expected to find devastation there, but were amazed to find an intact vehicle, about 12ft tall, laying there at an angle of about 30° and had clipped some peripheral branches off the trees en route.

Afterwards, Mays claims that a flatbed truck carrying an object covered by a tarpaulin had left the site later that night, the load apparently arriving at Lockbourne on December 10th, and military police had been given orders to shoot anyone who approached. At 7.00 am the truck moved on to the Wright-Patterson airforce base at Dayton, Ohio.

The stringent security in place points to a cover-up being ordered. This is similar to another case on 10th December 1964, when a huge object like a giant hamburger in shape was held in the searchlight of a helicopter near Fort Riley, Kansas. Similar "shoot to kill" orders were then issued to MPs there.

In a surprise recent Freedom of Information (FOI) decision, after a 4 year legal battle between Leslie Kean, a freelance journalist for the SciFi channel making "*New Roswell!!! Kecksberg exposed*", NASA has paid Mr Kean \$50,000 (for the delay process) and both NASA and Kean have to relate to the judge Sullivan. Kean has now received 689 inventory sheets. This follows on from the NASA claim in 2005 (no-one else having any official data) that the object actually consisted of a satellite, which contradicts an admission by a NASA official in 2003 to the SciFi documentary team that the object COULD NOT have been a satellite.

In various bits of chit chat concerning the case involving O'Hare airport personnel, one fact is clear, pilot reports of the very visible phenomenon at 4.45pm on December 9th 1965 have been removed. Shortly afterwards at the President's ranch (LBJ) in Texas, the governor of Philadelphia and, so it is claimed, leading figures in the military and space technology - Twining Forrestal, Von Braun, Vandenberg and Lemay and 4 NASA officials all converged for a meeting. This information however was anonymously conveyed.

If the Kecksberg crash and subsequent military activity following was merely to retrieve a secret satellite, how come nothing has previously been released under the FOI Act, since this

act would require a release after 43 years, and the oscillations of NASA personnel indicate that more is involved. It should be noted that some contemporary observers have drawn an acorn shape for the object rather than a cone, though the shape is consistent with the re-entry designs at the time. Could the prodigious NASA delays in producing documents which annoyed Judge Sullivan make a clear case for a cover-up being a very definite factor? In 4 years they could invent and document an entire cover scenario, just as the Viking data (Mars 1976) is somewhat being reinterpreted in the light of later missions with vastly improved technology. However does one check the truth before the recent computer visual sophistication or after? Recent photographs issued to the press of the planet Mercury focusing close to the giant double ringed crater, Vivaldi, suggest to the writer there may be certain subliminal features, not mentioned by NASA, present particularly if viewed at right angles to the picture orientation. A question concerning how and also "the rationale" for this continues.

Is all deep space a cover-up?

EDITOR: I must testify in defence of NASA who have produced us miracles in space exploration since the 1960s. Without their incredible photographs, all these conspiracy theories would never exist in the first place. Some anomaly is found with low-tech equipment like a magnifying glass and then enhanced to a ridiculous high magnification on a home computer to look like a humanoid or alien spacecraft sitting on a planet's surface, 100 million miles away or more. Last year it was the Martian "sunbather" - found to be just a speck on a rocky outcrop until some bright spark produced a very clever enhancement which caused great amusement all round the world. More seriously, the 1976 Viking mission to Mars, generated the "Martian Face" pictures which were accepted for over 20 years and spawned a cottage industry of mathematical relationships with the Pyramids of Giza and even our own Avebury stone circles amongst others. NASA stated from the outset that the "Face" was merely a trick of the light, and this was confirmed from the 1998 photographs of Cydonia which showed the "Face" in even light as just a very cracked surface on a high plateau.

With a rocky body like the Moon or Mars scarred with thousands of crater impacts over millions of years, the mathematical odds of something resembling a human face or familiar animal in the jagged terrain are very high as was revealed in the old "join the numbers games" one played in comics of yesteryear. NASA are pulling out all the stops to find life on Mars in particular at the present time and there is absolutely no reason why they should cover up any discovery of major importance. Clearly they will not announce any artifact as being "artificial" without strong scientific evidence. The only definite pronouncement on Mars from NASA is that water is likely to have been present at some time in the past.

Looking at the Kecksberg case - trying to get out old files from way back in 1964 may not be too easy even for a body like NASA. Many of the official files held by the US army and airforce back to 1947 seem to have been destroyed and CIUFOR might struggle to locate material of this age. The delay may signal inability to locate files rather than a deliberate cover-up or make-up-a-story scenario being proffered. The object that landed and was removed on a large truck would be the subject of tight security under most circumstances other than it being a large meteorite. If NASA's own satellite - in the early days of 1964, the technology would be closely guarded from the public; if a Russian vehicle, this would be a really big capture to find it's methods of propulsion; if an alien craft - say no more! If you are looking for conspiracies - you find conspiracies!

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UFOS AND TIME WARPS

By Margaret E.Fry

As Readers of UFO Magazines will probably know, I was a Founder member of Contact International UK based at Oxford in 1967 and co-founder of the Wales Fellowship of Independent Ufologists in 1993. I started investigating and researching UFOs in 1965 and must have interviewed thousands of people, many of whom had extraordinary UFO experiences, but none more incredible than Mark Andrews of Wallesey, Merseyside. He was a retired Naval Officer. A typical upright, honest very English gentleman. He had a long career in the Merchant Navy as a Radio Operator.

On the occasion he was seeded to the M.V Atzmaut of the Atid Shipping Company on Lloyds Shipping List. It was 1964 and they were anchored ½ miles off Jaffa discharging cargo into lighters. The Lighters were warning of an impending severe storm and sailed off into Jaffa Harbour. Foolishly they remained at anchor off the lee shore. As predicted the wind was blowing hurricane force with huge seas. They were pounded all night, at dawn they broke their cable and were pounded ½ mile south of Jaffa on to rocks. Mark was told to send out an SOS. The ship was completely water logged and bedded solidly into the ground under the keel.

The following morning Mark went and sat on deck, the Sea was absolutely calm and blue like a Summer's day. He looked up at a clear blue sky and no more than a mile away at about 800-900ft up he saw an oblong box like Object in the sky. It was silvery and reflected the morning rays of Sun. It was covered in criss-cross trellising and had a short leg at each corner, as it then positioned over the ship wreck M.V Atzmaut

Then the unbelievable happened, the Ship lifted off the rocks and it started to bump, bump along the Sea bed at about 4 miles per hour, just off the Coast line, until it was placed gently alongside the end of the concrete jetty of Jaffa harbour. So close that the deck hands ran a short plank as a gangway. There had been a skeleton crew of five, the rest being Israeli deck hands.

At this Mark ran to get his binoculars, the small craft was hovering awhile over the ship as it was anchored against the pier, but on returning it had already gone.

Mark showed me the Lloyds Shipping List register for M.V. Atzmaut as a Lloyds ship wreck. I had read of only one other rescue at sea by a UFO in Flying Saucer Review by Gordon Creighton, although I have most of these magazines and treasure them, I have been unable to **locate** it again.

On retirement Mark had taken up the hobby of dowsing and plotting leylines with his two friends Ronnie Cady and Norman Hill, both retired Naval men. He had found some ley lines that went through Pentre Halkyn and was anxious to ask Gaynor Sunderland which field exactly she had seen the UFO that landed there in July 1976. He had seen an article about me in a Newspaper and wrote to me in June 1993. I replied that Gaynor had married a sceptical BUFORA Investigator, and I felt under his influence, she had virtually denied to herself that the experience ever happened to her as a child (other children including her brother, had also seen the same landing of

the UFO). So I doubted that she would meet Mark or any other people to discuss and relive it.

I had been invited to a hotel in Manchester to meet a group of American Ufology Delegates a few years previously, headed by Dr.R.Leo Sprinkle Ph.D from Wyoming, during which he asked if anyone had experienced a close encounter. Gaynor had sat opposite me, looked me in the eye and categorically denied she had ever experienced anything unusual.

I invited Mark to attend a Talk I was about to give in Liverpool, and there I met him and his retired Naval friends Ronnie Cady and Norman Hill. These three gentlemen reminded me of the three inseparable friends in the T.V.Series 'Last of the Summer Wine'. They did everything together, but all three were very precise rather like the character Foggy. I became friendly with Mark and Ronnie Caldly came to visit me once after Mark died.

However, on this occasion the three were visiting Norman's nephew Ronny Hill in the Island of Anglesey at Blackhorse Lane, Pen-y-garnedd, going there via the A 5025 from Manai Bridge. On returning home to Merseyside they decided to take the B5109 from Blackthorne Lane. The road sign was clearly up when they got to the T Junction, over here were a few houses and across the way was a smart Hotel with a small car park. Mark left his dog Toby in the car and they went into the Main Lounge. They ordered beer and the best ham sandwiches any of them had ever tasted. The Barmaid told them they had their own Farm behind the Pub and they cured and baked all their own produce. Mark then went back to the car to see to Toby, Ronnie and Norman stayed on to have another beer. Then Mark drove on to the road which was long and straight and had no bends, after a short pleasant drive they went directly on to the old Menai Bridge, then on to Bangor, then home to Morton to drop off Ronnie and on to Wallesey for Norman and himself.

As Norman Hill's nephew Ronny had permitted Mark to park his caravan in his field, a short while after he and Ronnie Caldly decided to have a short break to view some Standing Stones there. They spent the night in the Caravan and next day decided to take the same route from the eastern side of Blackthorne Lane to stop at the new Hotel for sandwiches and beer.

When they got to the T-Junction where the small hamlet and Hotel had been, it was just bare fields. No Hamlet, no Hotel, had they taken the wrong turning they wondered? No, they noted the same sign 'Blackhorse Lane' at the T Junction, the same name plate. Very puzzled, they turned right to go on to the straight road leading to Menai Bridge, but the road they were now on was a winding country B5109 which came out at Beaumaris and then a further right turn to Menai Bridge. This was all related to Ronny Hill and he was equally puzzled, as he said there was no such hamlet or new pub in his area and never had been.

This was a worry to Mark and Ronnie, so they contacted me to ask if anyone else had experienced a paranormal happening in the area of Blackhorse Lane, seen any UFOs or anything to explain what they had experienced. Yes, I said I had what is termed a UFO flap in 1986 when there were innumerable reports from all over the Island of Anglesey. The long straight road the A55 from Menai Bridge to Holyhead was built

and completed in 2001, it runs through the west side of the Island. Blackhorse Lane is towards the east side of the island. Mark died on Christmas day 1999. Ronnie Caldry I believe about 2004. So what parallel world did the three retired Naval Officers enter that day?

In July 1991 my husband Ron and I were visiting his sister Sandra in East Lothian, Scotland. On a Sunday Sandra took me to a huge market where we stopped at a Stall and had hot dogs. I developed food poisoning and just about died with it After a week of getting far too sick with Sandra having to nurse me, her husband was due home on leave from the Oil rigs. So we decided to leave and go on to Northumbria to my god-son who is particularly good at nursing sick people! I do family tracing and for years had been searching a Belton Hall/House where my gt.gt.grandmother was supposed to have lived. On the way we saw signs to the three Belton village areas in East Lothian. one had been a manor house which was demolished, the other was a Farm and the third just a country area, so we motored on.

Finally after a long ride we were nearing Newcastle upon Tyne when on a narrow country lane, we saw a banner tied to trees across the lane saying 'Welcome to Belton Festival' We drove on into a little square where people were in fancy costumes maybe from the 17th/18th century. There appeared to be a Museum in a prettily designed low small brick built building, with a curving design of brick work at the top by the roof, it had a Notice of its opening times by the door. So we stopped and asked someone if there was a Manor house nearby called Belton House/Hall. Yes, we were told and given directions. So off we went, coming to a very long driveway shaded by a line of oak trees and fields on either side beyond. Then we came up to this very large four storey, light stone building, with imposing sweeping wide stone steps in the centre, leading up to a huge studded oak door. I went up to knock, but then felt afraid that large dogs may be there. I have always felt afraid of Alsations, so I went back quickly to our car where Ron and our beagle Mattie was seated on the back seat, I said 'lets drive on I'll write later to the Owner'. In any case I was by then feeling sick again, so a short while after we stopped at a Little Chef where I phoned Nicholas my god-son from a call box. He said 'it isn't far now to my house'. When we arrived, he took one look at my face and decided I needed bed. And there I stayed cosseted by him for the next week, whilst Mattie ungratefully bossed about his much smaller little dog!

As soon as I was well enough, we made the long journey back to North Wales with a promise from Nicholas to go to Belton Museum and find out about Belton House. After a bit Nicholas phoned "Aunty I looked all over, I also consulted all my fellow Lecturers who are local men at the Horticultural College where I work. They have never heard of a Belton on the boarders of Scotland, coming towards Newcastle upon Tyne." I said "surely someone must know .Perhaps it is so small, few people may not know of it, will you go to Newcastle Library please and check". My ever good natured and obliging god-son did. Ever since this has periodically bugged me and I ask him to check yet again.

I have wondered who the people were in their old fashioned costumes, there were not a large crowd of them, but they were quite solid and ordinary looking. We had thought they were in fancy costumes for their festival, they all seemed in a happy

festival mood walking about the village Square talking and laughing. The date this happened was the 17th July 1991.

In an effort to solve the mystery my friend and fellow Ufologist Eileen Morris then living in Canada researched Census Returns for Scotland for me, looking for my ancestors name Bell and Belton House. She came up with Census Returns 1841 for Ponteland, Prestwick, South-West Scotland The owners being Mathew and William Bell Esq. of Eland Hall owning jointly 352 acres of land .So that was the nearest we ever got to finding a Manor house with my ancestors family name of Bell. Subsequent family research proved my gt.gt.grandmother Jane Bell's family had never owned a Belton House, her father was a Miller and she was born at Twerton, Somerset. She had apparently taken on her employers grander background, perhaps she did for a time work as a maid in an elusive Belton House. To date I have never found THE one. Family Tracing helps me to balance my UFO interests!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article on 5TVs coverage of "Berwyn" - still smudging the picture and worse, relocating witnesses out of contention. All this after 34 years! It says only one thing - cover-up!

My dear friend, Margaret Fry, and I have discussed via the post over many years, the Berwyn incident, and although it is difficult to come to any real conclusion, one thing is obvious, it did happen - this convoluted official version proves it. From the initial evidence it looks like a rendezvous was planned well ahead, but an earth tremor was not. I do not equate the two, for if it was caused by an impact there would not have been a few flashing lights but a massive fireball and a gigantic crater, not to mention shards of whatever it was spread far and wide. Was it a coincidence?

As for "earth lights" what on earth are they? I've been through many, many tremors as well as a full scale earthquake or two and never seen any kind of lights, earth or otherwise. In fact, apart from different people's reactions, the only really interesting thing I've seen was a Tsunami in my tropical fishtank and all the fish dancing on the surface. No, the Welsh are straight people. They do not lie and in my mind, the original stories told to the early investigators still stand.

As for Scott Felton's surprise at his original output being omitted from the programme - Scott don't be surprised, I had it said to me by the editor of a national newspaper when I complained that a UFO story was not true: "I am interested in selling newspapers, not telling the truth." So there you have it.

As for the experts, Dr David Clarke, Andy Roberts and Nick Pope - I view them as a Trojan Horse!

Ray Martin, Modder River, RSA

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There are a limited number of heavenly bodies which are bright enough to be mistaken for UFOs. Thus 99.9% of stars/planets do not fall into this category. We consider that the planets Venus (in particular), Mars, Jupiter and occasionally Saturn plus the Winter star, Sirius, are the only ones worth tracking seriously, and the planets need to be checked for their position in the sky - if present at all - and their brightness or magnitude, when a night time UFO report is submitted. We can also add the Moon to the list as it is often disguised behind fleecy clouds as an odd glow.

The astronomical measure of "magnitude" is a comparison figure with zero magnitude referring to the star Vega. All bodies brighter than Vega have negative magnitude and dimmer ones positive magnitude. The planets mentioned will stand out when in the negative magnitude. The range of values is set out below:

MERCURY: -1.9 to +3.8, can be bright but difficult to spot as close to the Sun.

VENUS: -4.7 to -3.5, is always very bright whenever it appears.

MARS: -2.9 to +1.8, only noticeable every 2 years. Distinctive red-yellow hue.

JUPITER: -2.9 to +1.6, has a bright period every year. Usually high in the sky.

SATURN: -0.5 to +0.9, occasionally quite bright as in early 2009.

MOON: -26 for the full disc as a comparison.

SIRIUS: -1.4 steady and visible December - March behind the constellation Orion.

See below for planet activity in 2009. (Source: University of Texas, McDonald Laboratory).

Mercury
The solar system's smallest planet flits back and forth from morning sky to evening sky several times a year. It never strays far from the Sun in our sky, so it's tough to find in the glare. From the northern hemisphere, it is visible in the morning sky this year in February and early March, June, and October. The late-year appearance is the best, because the planet will stand highest above the horizon. In the evening, Mercury is best seen in April and early May, August and early September, and December. The spring appearance is best.

Venus
Venus, the dazzling morning or evening star, outshines all the other stars and planets in the night sky. It begins the year in the evening sky, well up in the west as darkness begins to fall. It will disappear from view in late March as it passes between Earth and the Sun. It will return to view as a "morning star" by early April, and remain in the morning sky until December.

Mars
Mars climbs into view as a modest orange "star" quite low in the east or southeast at sunrise in late February. As the year progresses, it will pull farther away from the Sun and be visible for more of the night. By late in the year, it will be in view for more than half of the night, and will outshine all but two planets and one star. Mars will stage beautiful encounters with Venus in mid-April and again in mid-July.

Jupiter
The largest planet in our solar system is a commanding presence for much of the year. It looks like an intensely bright cream-colored star, shining brighter than anything else in the night sky except the Moon and Venus. It climbs into view in the pre-dawn sky in February. It rises earlier as the months go by, and moves into the evening sky in late spring. Jupiter is at opposition in mid-August, when it appears brightest for the year and remains visible all night. Late in the year it is visible only in the evening sky, dropping lower each night.

Saturn
Saturn looks like a bright golden star. It spends the first eight months of the year in Leo, the lion, then moves into the neighboring constellation Virgo, the virgin. Saturn is at its best in early March, when it's closest to Earth. It disappears behind the Sun in late August, then returns to view in the morning sky in October.

METEOR SHOWERS: The number of meteors or shooting stars dramatically increases at certain times of the year when the Earth passes through certain parts of the heavens on its yearly cycle. There will always be the possibility of seeing meteors on almost every night in dark skies particularly if no moon is present. The following are the annual showers which may or may not give impressive viewing:

QUADRANTIDS: January 3, morning. Moon in first quarter, 2009.

LYRIDS: Night of April 21/22. Near new Moon.

PERSEIDS: August 12th, morning/evening. Moon rises around midnight.

ORIONIDS: October 21st, morning. Near new Moon.

LEONIDS: Night of November 17/18, morning. New Moon.

GEMINIDS: Night of December 13/14. Near new Moon.

ECLIPSES 2009: It looks as if 2009 will be a poor year for eclipses in the UK, but the following will occur at some places in the world:

January 26th, 2009, Annular eclipse of Sun, mainly in southern hemisphere.

February 9th, 2009, Partial Lunar Eclipse, only very slight darkening of Moon.

July 22nd, 2009, Total Solar Eclipse visible across parts of Asia and the Pacific.

December 31st, 2009, Partial Lunar Eclipse seen in high northern latitudes.

MOON PHASES 2009: The Moon cycle repeats every 29 days throughout the year, so if considering a skywatch it is best to be out on the nights between the last quarter and the new Moon. In the chart below for March 2009, it can be seen that the light levels will be lowest between the 24th and 29th of the month, and highest between the 8th and 14th.

NEW MOON: Jan 26, Feb 24, Mar 26, Apr 25, May 24, Jun 22, Jul 22, Aug 20, Sep 18, Oct 18 Nov 16, Dec 16.

FULL MOON: Jan 11, Feb 9, Mar 11, Apr 9, May 9, Jun 7, Jul 7, Aug 6, Sep 4, Oct 4, Nov 2, Dec 2, Dec 31.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

(Chart by University of Texas, McDonald Laboratory)

It is interesting to note that the New Moon rises and sets at about the same time as the Sun. First quarter rises at mid-morning and sets at midnight - its highest point is at dusk. Full Moon rises at sunset and sets at sunrise, and is the only phase overhead in the middle of the night. The last quarter Moon rises at midnight and sets at mid-morning. Time your skywatch accordingly!

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FILM REVIEW:

"THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL"

Twentieth Century Fox, USA, 103 minutes.

Released Dec 12th 2008.

Directed by Scott Derrickson

It comes as a pleasant surprise that Hollywood decided to do a remake of the 1951 UFO film. The B/W original ,starring Michael Rennie, was always regarded as a classic of the genre amongst some pretty dire material at the time.

The new version has the alien mothership landing in Central Park, New York, as compared to Washington D.C in 1951. The message from the English speaking alien humanoid (Rennie) then, was concern over the "Cold War", but the 2008 subject is now environmental. The universal family of living intelligences state that humans have "messed up" the Earth and have to be cleansed, or rather, destroyed. Their general outlook is that there are only a few planets in which life can be sustained and the Earth must be preserved.

What we see is the alien representative, "Klaatu", who takes on human form in the dour persona of Keanu Reeves, having first emerged from a jelly like bubble. At no time is the true physical nature of the alien seen, but enormous power is wielded through the robot "Gort" which emerges from the mothership and "activates" when threatened by the armed forces of America. The size impression of Gort is quite breathtaking as indeed is the alien craft which is a giant globe with spinning surface features and so bright that no outline can be seen. The interface seems to have the same look as the entrance to the "Stargate" in that feature film of 1994.

The main human contacts are Dr Helen Benson, an astro-biologist, played by Jennifer Connelly who assists Klaatu in dramatic pursuit scenes, and her rather tiresome stepson, Jacob, who tends to ask a lot of awkward questions - a very fine performance by Jaden Smith. At government level we only get to see the "battleaxe" type Defense Secretary played by Kathy Bates - where is the President? John Cleese makes a cameo appearance as a Nobel Prize winning scientist, but there are no laughs!

Inspite of appeals for clemency - "we can mend our ways" - the aliens are not impressed and a frightening sequence of destruction begins brought about by a form of metallic locusts called "nanites" which destroy everything in their path - even concrete. The conclusion is enigmatic and memorable with some very clever trick photography.

The critics gave the film "turkey" ratings, but data research members who have seen it thought it enjoyable and certainly thought provoking. The public voted with their feet and cinemas retained "The Day the Earth Stood Still" for over a month. As usual the performance of Keanu Reeves is the height of controversy. The deadpan expression is Reeves' trademark, but the critics obviously imply that he should "lighten up" or that he doesn't act at all. They miss the point - why should an alien be all folksy and gung-ho? (shades of "Independence Day" - ugh!) The part of Klaatu is that of total dominance over humans where necessary, and there's no need to sell yourself when you possess all the power!

Geoff Ambler

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BOOK REVIEW

TITLE: Fatima Revisited (The Apparition Phenomenon In UFOlogy, Psychology, and Science.) **COMPILED BY:** Fernando Fernandes, Joaquim Fernandes & Raul Berenguel.
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It's true to say that there are many books on the visions of the Virgin Mary and the Marion phenomenon doing the rounds just now, all of them equally detailing this subject. I can't of course vouch for those books, good though they may be but what I can do is to tell you that if they are just half as good as this one, then they will be doing just fine.

This book is different, very different; it's not your normal one author who has penned this work, no siree. This book has been written by a number of 'different authors' each of whom bring to bear their own take on what happened back in the Portuguese village of Fatima back in 1917. Or in other words, this is a compilation of essays each with their own author's spin, each providing a thought provoking insight into the many and numerous alternative explanations to account for what was seen on that eventful day. For me as a reviewer, I found this a pleasant and welcome change to just the normal one off explanation that is driven home by one singular author. The essays/papers in this book have been 'peer reviewed' and have been gathered together by a group calling themselves 'Project Marion'. Project Marion is co-ordinated by CTEC (Centre for Transdisciplinary Studies In Consciousness which is based at the University of Fernando Pessoa in Porto Portugal.

This book also features a number of the world's top UFOlogists and their theories as to what happened at Fatima. This book is the third of a trilogy of books on this subject which initially started off with a few e-mails between some researchers and It blossomed from there. The discipline of UFOlogy into Marion phenomenon is perhaps not that different when we look at what is described. The presence of an other worldly 'being', bright lights, and other such phenomena are to some degree, pretty much the same as this book shows. For those who may not know what happened at Fatima all those years ago, this brief synopsis will hopefully provide an insight.

THE FATIMA INCIDENT.

On October 17th 1917, an estimated 70,000 people gathered together at Fatima (a small town north of Lisbon in Portugal) to watch a phenomenon of which some described as *'The Miracle of The Sun'* People saw numerous things from a luminous ball of light, to the Virgin Mary, Jesus, Joseph and much more. A torrential downpour drenched all 70,000 people, however when this light phenomenon swopped down on the startled crowds, each and every one of the 70,000 crowd found that their clothes became instantly dry. There was telepathic communication between the Virgin Mary and many of the witnesses which by modern UFO comparisons is quite similar. There was also a strange 'buzzing sound' which entered some of the witnesses ears, again similar to some UFO close encounters. One of the three main witnesses to whom these incredible visions occurred Lucia, stated that this apparition Virgin Mary call it what you will, told her that World War 1 would end that day, it didn't ! Again something similar to what some alleged 'aliens' claim to tell their startled human witnesses. Incidentally this phenomenon was witnessed from over 20 miles away!! And the light phenomenon was to some, quite painful ! *'The images of Saints were seen along the edges of the luminosity in the region produced by the ionization of the air'*

During the months before this event, local villagers reported strange severe claps of thunder and odd pops and bangs, and a luminous ball was seen near the area where the later events would occur where it then headed off down the valley. This and many more events occurred around this time far too many to name here, suffice it to say, this book goes into all what happened that days and the days before in greater detail.

As stated above, after the book gives the reader the facts of this event and shows us how incredible these visions were, (real or not) One things for sure, there is absolutely no denying in any way shape or form that what was seen that day **WAS SEEN**. There was no mass psychosis no trickery. We're not talking about a few witnesses here, we're talking about thousands. Thousands of people from all walks of life and who were subjected to some kind of phenomenon, but what was it.

The book then goes into a roller coaster ride of theories, speculations and scientific fact on areas which all can fit in and to some degree in their own small way; possibly explain what happened that day. We look at seismic activity ball lightning, luminous lights, we also look at the stimulation of the temporal lobes of some of the witnesses (did this stimulation on some of the witnesses make them think that they had seen the Blessed Virgin Mary, from here on in the BVM) ? One of the three main witnesses, little Jacinta sadly suffered a lung cancer shortly after this light phenomenon, was this due to her closeness to this luminous phenomenon? We also learn that some Canadian researchers did a test where they placed some people's head into a cone shaped device of which a short burst of microwave radiation

entered their skulls after which they said they heard a clear 'buzzing noise' inside their head (just like the Fatima witnesses) So was some kind of short wave microwave radiation in play that day? Again the feeling by some of a 'close presence' alien presence call it what you will when the temporal lobes are electrically stimulated creates this feeling of a presence, again some authors ask, was there some kind of localized electromagnetic effect in place that day ? Are some geographical areas more prone to emitting this effect than others, all of which can induce in the startled observer these peculiar feelings, something akin to the theories written about by an old mate of mine, Albert Budden? In other words, can the Earth's own magnetic field, under certain conditions trigger electrical disturbances within the brain creating a false reality?

Another contributor to this book, Auguste Meessen Ph.D speculates that we shouldn't rule out the Extraterrestrial hypothesis. He speculates that it's not within the bounds of credulity that perhaps the 'aliens' (call them what you will) may have undertaken some kind of 'experiment' that day (a psycho-social experiment) which was implemented to test our reactions and beliefs about Religious matters. Yes a bit far fetched I'm sure but nonetheless intriguing when we put all the other elements in this book together.

Did you know (I certainly didn't) that what happened at Fatima was not the only place where these 'Miracles Of The Sun' have occurred? For instance, here are but a few places where other such events have happened.

- (1) Guadalupe (Mexico 1531)
- (2) Tilly-sur-Seuilles (France 1901)
- (3) Fatima (Portugal 1917)
- (4) Onkerzeele (Belgium 1933)
- (5) Bonate (Italy 1944)
- (6) Espis (France 1946)
- (7) Acquaviva Platani (Italy 1950)
- (8) Heroldsbach (Germany 1949)
- (9) Fehrbach (Germany 1950)
- (10) Kerezinen (France 1953)
- (11) San Damiano (Italy 1955)
- (12) Zeitoun (Cairo Egypt 1968)
- (13) Medjugorje (Bosnia-Herzegovina 1981)
- (14) Tre Fontane (Italy 1982)
- (15) Kibeho (Rwanda 1983)

Did you know for instance (as Irene Blinston Ph.D) informs us, that from 1990 to 1999 at least 392 cases of apparitions of the Virgin Mary were reported and investigated by the Catholic Church. 95 of those cases involved children. And let

us not forget; as she goes on to inform us, that two of the world's religions were formed with religious apparitions, Islam and Mormonism. She also states that both Mohammad and Joseph Smith had visitations with an 'angel' Are we to disregard what has gone on before with other witnesses?

Author Auguste Meessen then tried something so dangerous in the name of science that had he continued to do this, he would have gone blind! He stared at the Sun (admittedly low on the horizon) and what was the results of this dangerous experiment? Well you'll need to read the book to find out. Another author, Raul Berenguel then postulates about ultrasound and informs the reader about ultrasound techniques that were implemented by the American troops on the Iraqi troops during the first Gulf War to induce fears of despondency and desperation. We also learn from this author that an American modified C-130 aircraft emitted a high potency microwave frequency towards the Iraqis to make them believe that what they were hearing was the 'voice of God' So dear reader, there is no denying that high microwave ultrasound, can, under certain conditions, enforce a change in the brain's mechanism to which it can falsely induce a state of fear and alarm through auditory and visual stimulus creating a sound or vision which 'really isn't there' Now we didn't have this type of apparatus back in 1917 unless of course (as some authors suggest) that it was there but confined within the locus of the environment, something earth based, a tectonic strain a movement of the Earth's crust scarping together emitting balls of light (which as we know can happen, more so in fault zones)

The work and research of Michael Persinger who is well known to the research community is given an airing here in this book. Michael goes into great detail about his theories and places them into the arena of the Fatima Event. Eg, magnetic fields, temporal lobe instability. Another author, Mario Simoes Ph.D. takes us on an educational ride of altered states of consciousness and how this too could have played a part in the Fatima Event. Yet another author, Gilda Moura looks at a Multi-Dimensional perspective and other levels of reality. I'll tell you what readers; this book sure has it all. How I wish a lot of different academics, scholars and researchers would lend their expertise onto Scotland's famous 'Livingston UFO Incident' I'd love to read a book where they all came together with their own theories and speculations, boy what a book that would be.

Let us not forget also that light phenomenon is a big part of the UFO subject. There is a big part of the book that draws parallels with the UFO subject. David Jacobs for instance tells us that some theologians speculate that these wonderful experiences may not be so wonderful after all, that they may in point of fact be tricks of the Devil to trick humans into believing in the second coming. David goes into great detail on page 157 about WHY the Catholic Church HAS TO Investigate visions of the (BVM) read the book to see why. Janet Elizabeth Colli Ph.D then

discusses angels, aliens, and near death experiences and goes on to inform us that Physicist Janusz Slawinski demonstrated that dying organisms emit a burst of electromagnetic energy at death.

All in all then this book is a marvelous pot pourri of theory, speculation, fact, and wonder and as stated, brings together a wealth of top people in their field all who in their own way, look at the Fatima event with their own fine tooth comb. It's certainly an interesting read and one can take from this book what they want from it. Some readers will believe one theory whilst others will believe another, that's as maybe, but what sadly we are no further forward in understanding, is 'What exactly happened that day' ? Will we ever know?

Marion visions still occur to this day, but what would make it all so real and understandable, would be to capture a Marion vision by cam-corder, but until that day we can only speculate and wonder at the events on that October day back in 1917 to 70,000 awe struck people. The world ladies and gentlemen, is certainly a strange place made all the stranger by events like these.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

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