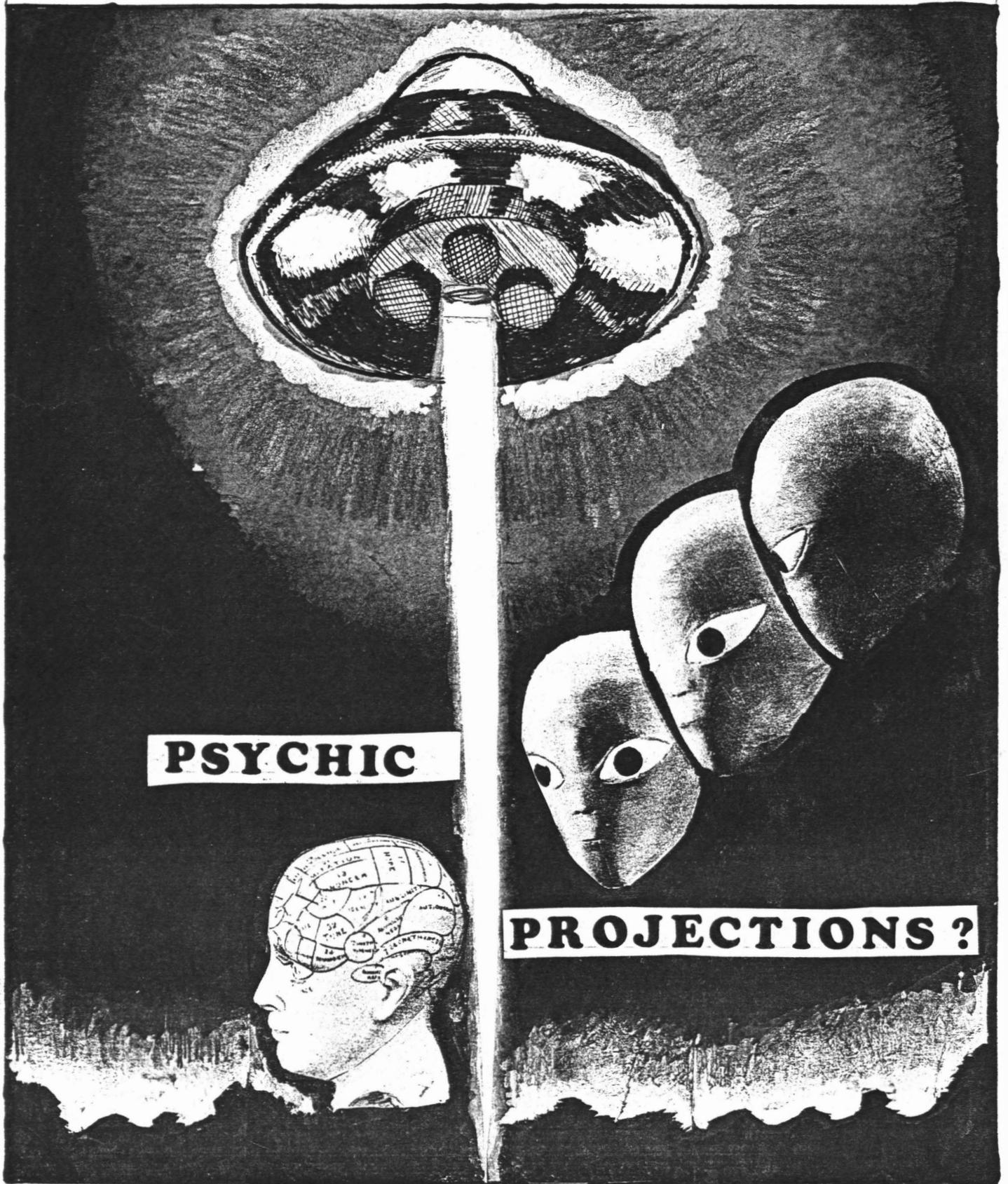


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BEYOND THE EARTHLIGHTS.

When any new plausible theory on the origin and intention (if there is one) of Unidentified Flying Objects emerges, it is soon falsified by elements or situations by which the theory tends to break down. Such is one attribute of the phenomenon - that it always seems to be one step ahead of us.

The Earthlights idea, though it may well be on the right track, leading us very slowly, was a natural development of recent study. It is the one modern theory which has a commanding validity and one does not wish to downgrade it. Briefly, for those who do not already know of it, it suggests that in areas of geological faulting, quartz rock emits piezo-electricity and produces very sensitive energy in the form of lights, which, in their turn, seem to be able to be manipulated by the human mind, psychokinetically. There is indeed a marked correlation between such areas of faulting and high levels of UFO sightings. So these lights would not be something coming down from above but being emitted from the ground, and tending to succeed, - albeit by the mind - to break all the known laws of nature. We cannot enter into all the details of this very interesting aspect of the UFO phenomenon and would suggest that one at least studies Paul Devereux's book "EARTHLIGHTS", if not already. The book has become something of a landmark in breaking considerable new ground, and develops studies made in America, particularly by the Canadians Persinger and Lafreniere.

Here however, we are concerned with what may come to light next. If indeed it is falsifiable there has to be room for something else. Or do we have to return to some of the older established theories - never solutions - even back to E.T. ?

Such is the working of the mind that it easily links associated ideastgether to enable theories to have their day. What of UFO's and leys, for example ? Is this really a non-starter ? Is there a connection between Earth Mysteries and UFO's ? Those interested in the two subjects would naturally seek evidence to support a linkage of them - and indeed find that evidence. Others would see very little in such an association.

Another attribute of the phenomenon is its elusiveness, its ambiguity; its uncanny ability to deal - and dispose - of any theory. The time is approaching for yet another theory - beyond the earthlights.

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BOOK REVIEW

A STAR IS BORN.

David Taylor.

Are you one of the thousands of 'Star People' who now walk among us ? No, I haven't gone mad, this is the question being asked by authors Brad and Frances Steiger in their latest book "THE STAR PEOPLE".

According to Francis she became aware that she was one of the 'Star People' when she heard a voice in her dream tell her "Now is the time". "The Star People" sets down a check list, on which you can see if you are one of them. (not one of THEM, one of 'The Star People' !).

'Star People' have more sensitivity to sound, light, electricity and electro-magnetic fields. They are more subject to : chronic sinus trouble, subnormal blood pressure, lack of need of sleep, lower body temperature and unusual blood types. A 'Star Person' is only complete when he/she discovers that they have an extra vertebra and high psychic abilities. (Yes, Iv'e just suffered sinus trouble - I'm beggining to worry !).

Bonnie Davis, a reborn 'Star Person' claims that "The Golden Age is coming. When it arrives there will be no poverty or illmess". (long live the hippies !). What I found slightly startling was the sub-heading to the book; it said, "Imagine the joy of finding out that you are one of the 'Star People'". Personally I would have thought that the discovery that you are an alien being would have sent you in to fits of worry.

My advice, if you think that you are one of the 'Star People', is to check the following : Are you at that funny age ? Are you due for a nervous breakdown ? Or have you been on the Herbal cigarets ?

When asked for an opinion, the Earl of Clancarty made the astute remark that : "People may not know that they are descendants of an alien race, until they get some message ".

I keep getting visions (no comments please) of a bug-eyed monster scratching out millions of letters saying : "Dear Sir/Madam, You are an alien. These side effects are nearly harmless and in return you will live to see the arrival of the Golden Age. Just send £2,000 to the above address and await further instructions. Yours etc....."

Volume One of the "alien message" study group file is now complete and contains fifty "message" cases dating from 1823 to 1983. This file is now in the process of being circulated to members by post. Volume Two of our "message" file has now been started and this will contain another fifty such cases. I am particularly interested in obtaining information on the following contactees : Derek Sampson, Albert Lancaster, the Nightingale family and Ruth Norman (U.S.A.). If anyone has such information then maybe they could jot down a few details and let me have them.

Part One of the study group tape cassette is now being circulated to members. It contains several of the contactees in Vol.1 of our file telling their own stories. It includes Claude Vorilhon, Herb Schirmer, Helen "X", Sir John Whitmore and, as an added bonus, Bernard Byron, the man who can speak Plutonian ! There is also a section on the C.I.A. and alien messages, and U.S. researcher Wandell Steves, who had recently written a book on the Swiss contactee Billy Meier. On side two there are some examples of Electronic Voice Phenomena recordings (EVP). These were recorded by French researcher Claude Tholin and are in several languages. I would be interested to know if any group members have experimented with EVP recording and what, if any, success they may have had.

Part Two of the study group tape cassette should be available soon and I hope to include on this the voices of Arthur Bryant (the Scoriton Mystery), Arthur Shuttlewood, George King (the Aetherius Society, among others. We now have eight members in the group with two of them from Sweden.

Among the first fifty entries in our "message" file there seems to be three main types of case. 1. Percipients are forcibly abducted and taken aboard a UFO where information is given, or implanted directly in to the mind. 2. Telepathic contacts where information is received directly in to the mind of the percipient. No UFO encounter is involved. 3. Percipients encounter a grounded UFO and go aboard freely where they are given information. No force used. Almost all of the abduction cases involve the use of regression hypnosis to extract "missing time" details. Very little information of a technical nature seems to be passed on by the ufonauts. (two exceptions in our file). In the main the "messages" seem to consist of warnings against the use (or mis-use) of atomic and nuclear energy or instructions on how to "put our own house in order". Often, when asked specific questions the ufonauts seem vague and evasive but in many cases information given seems to fit in with the witnesses own belief system. There are three interesting cases in our file in which percipients claim to be currently

claim to be in contact with "space people". These are all telepathic contacts with no UFO encounter involved. Although it is far too early, and there are too few cases on file, to say if any significant patterns seem to be emerging, one fact does stand out. Almost all of the UFO encounters and abductions seem to commence with a very bright flash of white or coloured light. The significance of this has yet to be determined. Anyone got any ideas ?

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NEWS FROM ITALY

Recent news from Massimo Greco in Italy included a report of their Third National UFO Congress. The Congress, held over three days in May in Genova, was entitled 'UFOs and the Mass Media'.

The guests of honour were Dr Hynck and Antonio Ribera and these speakers were given a great deal of coverage in the newspapers.

The Conference was attended by many people although, according to Mr Greco, few were serious researchers. However, they achieved their aim in interesting the media and were rewarded by a number of articles appearing in the press which were both unbiased and very informative.

DEIRDRE O'NEILL.

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INTERNATIONAL CHARITIES PROJECT FUND.

A new fund-raising project which will, hopefully, assist UFO research has recently been set up by Mr Walter Reid of the Leeds UFO Research Group.

With the help of the Junior UFO Club and his contacts Walter aims to raise money for 4 main charities - PHAB, NSFCC, KIDNEY MACHINES and CHILDRENS HOSPICE - with 25% of the funds being allocated to the JUFOC and UFO Research in general. He estimates that, with the right approach and contacts, the fund could raise over £10,000 within 1 year. Walter is currently making moves to have the fund registered as a Charity.

Anyone who is interested in either contributing or giving help and advice of any kind should contact:- Mr Walter Reid, 11 The Green, Moortown, Leeds 17 6qL.

I will be keeping in touch with Mr Reid and wish him every success in his venture.

DEIRDRE O'NEILL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I would like to remind members that there is a standard subscription rate for both non-members and re-subscribers. The rate is £6..... which is still lower than any other UFO group.

SIGHTING REPORT - A CE 11 IN NORTH DERBYSHIRE.

ELSIE LEE, INVESTIGATOR AND CHESTERFIELD BRANCH SECRETARY, HAS CONTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF A VERY INTERESTING CE 11 FROM LAST SUMMER. (names are omitted by request).

It was a beautiful summer evening, Sunday, July 8th, 1984. The skies were clear and there was very little, if any, breeze. The time was 10 pm.

Geoff was visiting relatives at a North Derbyshire farm. He went out of doors and was pointing out to a Mr. W, also a visitor, that some of the roof tiles on the farm building opposite were in need of attention. The two men were joined by a Miss W, a girl who was also at the house.

As the three of them stood looking at the roof, a red glowing disc approached the ridge of the roof slowly from the opposite side. It was twelve to fifteen feet in diameter, and was glowing from the interior in different shades of red. There was no sound. It was not spinning or revolving and, although it was showing different shades of red, it was not oscillating.

The rim was silver. At first sight it gave the impression of a small dome-fronted helicopter (while it was in the distance) but as it came closer it was clear that there were no skids, no rotor blades in fact no obtrusions at all. Estimated height of the object was forty feet above ground level.

The ridge of the building was fifty feet distance from the witnesses and ran in an East to West direction fifteen feet above ground level. The drive on which the witnesses stood was elevated two and a half feet above the ground level of the courtyard. Therefore the drive was twelve and a half feet below the ridge.

When the object was close to the building it turned on its axis 180 degrees anti-clockwise so that it was facing in the opposite direction and had its 'back' to them. At this time it was almost stationary. It travelled East, then North by North East, skirting around the courtyard. As it turned on its axis it appeared to be four to five feet 'thick.'

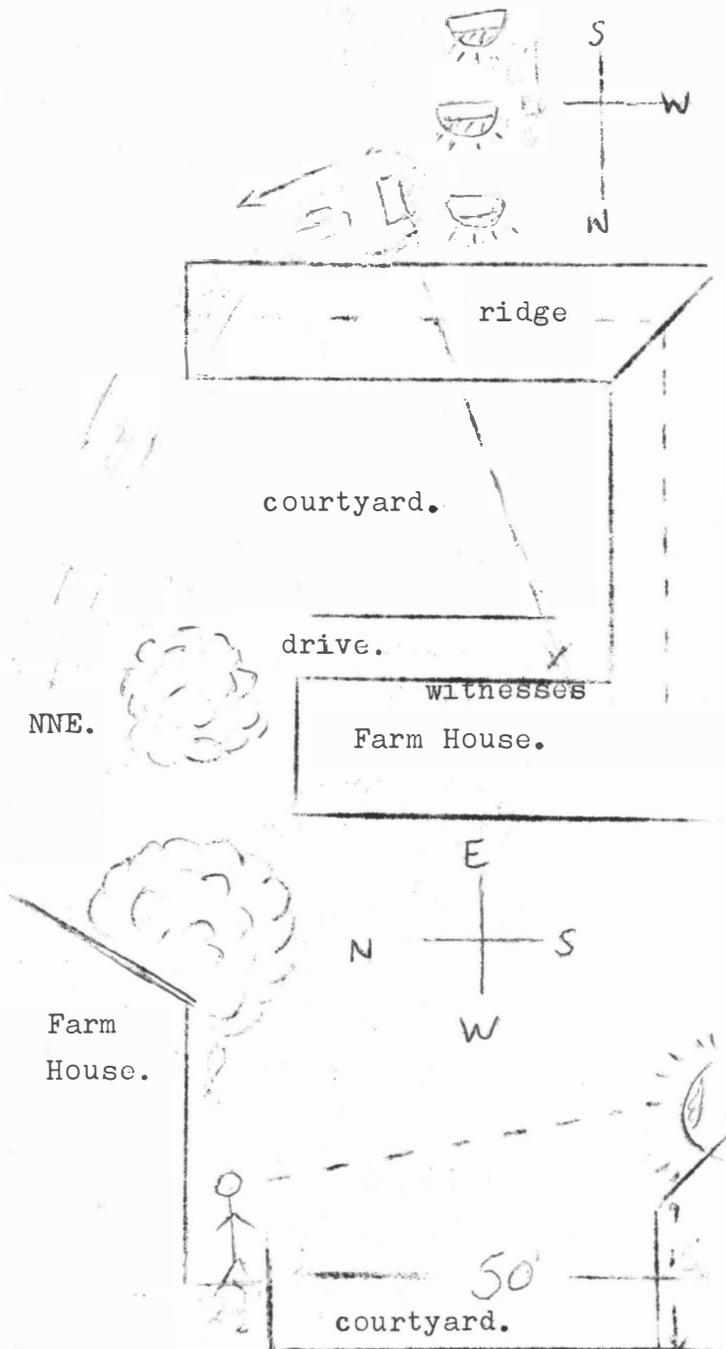
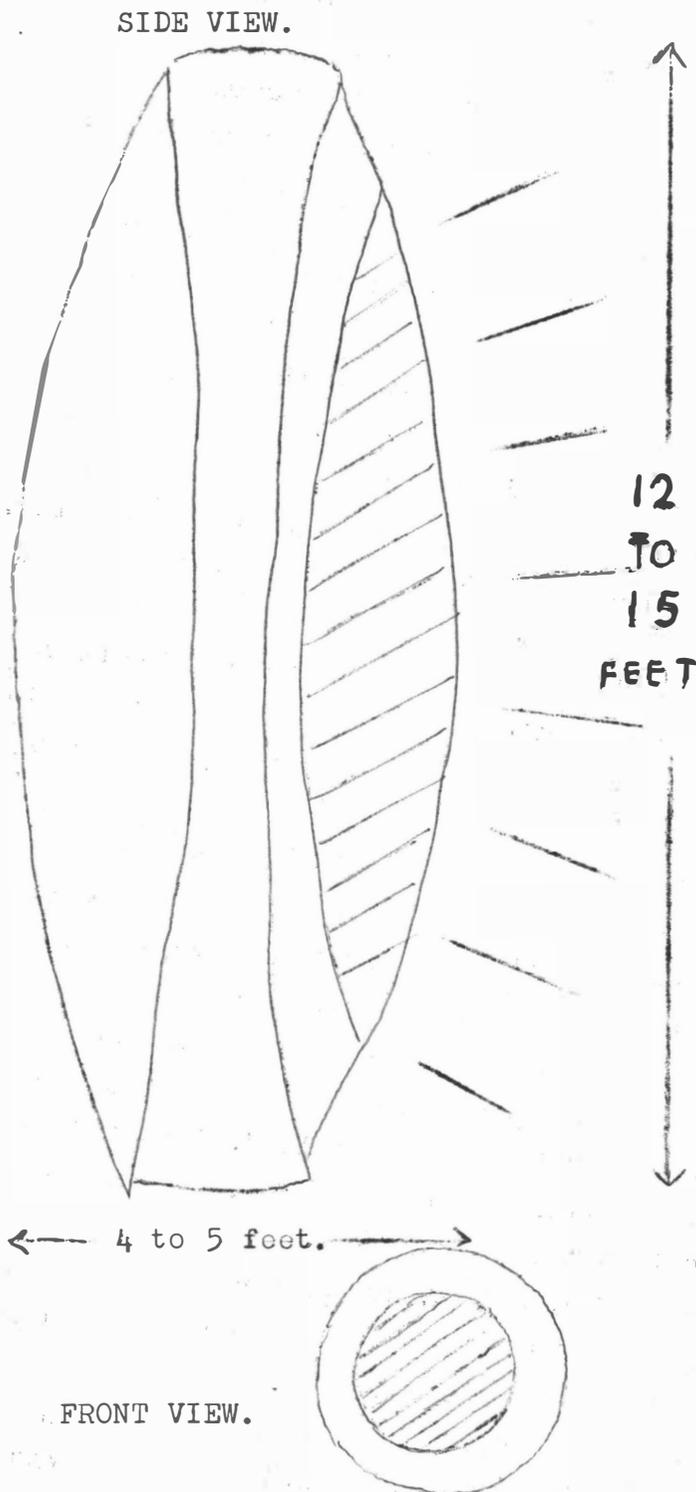
It passed behind a tree which grows by the eastern end of the house and at that time the estimated speed was 50 mph. The tree was forty feet high and yet the object did not show above the top of the tree as it passed, therefore at that point it must have been within twenty-five feet of the ground travelling North by North East and increasing its speed.

Geoff lost sight of it when it passed the end of the house

He ran down the drive and saw it disappearing over the hill 150 yards away at an even faster rate of acceleration.

It had crossed some power cables while it was hidden from view, but it is not known whether it went above or below them.

From the point where it turned on its axis only the rear view could be seen, and the witnesses described it as being 'shiny silver'. The object was in view for approximately three minutes.



NOT DRAWN TO SCALE.

LEY LINES

Eileen Perry.

Alfred Watkins was a sixty-six year old businessman, magistrate and pioneer photographer when he discovered LEY LINES in June 1921. He said it came in a flash as he was driving across the hills near Bredwardine in his native Herefordshire. He had a revelation that an underlying pattern could be perceived in his beloved countryside.

Following this revelation, he began drawing pencil lines across Ordnance survey maps. He found that each time he could come up with perfectly straight lines connecting old churches; ancient sites; butts; mounds; tumulus; castles; old wells; crosses; tumps and barrows.

Most of the earth in barrows was found to be carried from a distance in an earth carrying apparatus - hence a barrow is both a mound and a carrying implement.

Mounds were usually of earth but sometimes of stones, sometimes a mixture of both. All these nodes formed ancient tracks that were much older than Roman roads.

Sometimes groups of trees appeared to be on these lines and most importantly, standing stones and stone circles. Of course, not all these features are of equivalent antiquity and numerous early churches were built on even older sites, very often on pagan temples. Usually about five such nodes within a distance of twenty-five miles, are the accepted criteria for LEY LINES.

Ley Lines are alignments of sites which ley-hunters believe were surveyed and marked in pre-history. Dowsers define ley lines in terms of straight lines of magnetic energy between sites, rather than their alignment.

Crossing stones usually denote stones that mark the spot where two ley lines cross. Moats and ponds were extremely convenient sighting points as the water would reflect the sun, moonlight or beacon light, which could be seen from quite a distance.

Many fords today have survived from the past, where tracks crossed rivers and streams. The ley frequently went through the centre of small ponds; an ancient name for these was "FLASH". I suspect that was how "FLASH DAM", near Chesterfield, got its name. Sometimes, not only did the road go straight through the pond but frequently this had a stone causeway right through it. Prehistoric men are thought to have ridden horses right through. Sometimes we still do (or if you are like me - you can't get your horse near water).

Frequently alignments passed through small islands in the centre of ponds; the old English name for these islands is "LEYS". Watkins turned to folklore to support his theories, which he made public in 1925. He was ridiculed by orthodox archeologists, who failed

to come to terms with the ley theory, although the number of amateurs throughout the country was growing.

The French ufologist, Aime Michel, observed the tendency of sightings of UFO's over short periods of time, to fall in straight lines. Yet others believe that UFO's are using ley lines for navigation and it would seem that these crafts are following age-old landmarks as lines of magnetic current. I quote from Tom Williamson and Liz Bellamy's book "Ley Lines in Question". "In the late 1960s, Alexander Thom, professor of engineering science at the University of Oxford, published a book of his theories based on a detailed survey of megalithic monuments in particular stone circles throughout Britain and Northern France. He suggested that the inhabitants of early prehistoric Britain had detailed knowledge of geometry, mathematics, surveying and astronomy".

Thom's survey of stone circles revealed that they were all laid out using a unit of measurement which was constant from Scotland to Brittany. This unit was 2.72 feet and he named it the megalithic yard, suggesting it was used in conjunction with its multiples, the megalithic rod and the megalithic fathom.

He also considered the long known fact that many stone circles are not truly circular and put forward the view that, instead of being the result of incompetence or carelessness, these were accurately constructed, such as ellipses or egg shapes. Furthermore, Professor Thom believed that these also have an astronomical function as well.

It seems that these sites were used to observe the movements of the heavenly bodies. This was done by someone standing at a certain point and looking at another point, in doing so his vision would be directed towards a point on the horizon which would mark the location of the phenomenon which was to be observed. The foresight was sometimes a natural feature, such as a hill notch and the line which directed the observer to it could be marked by a line of standing stones. More usually, however, it is an imaginary line established from looking from one stone to another; or from the centre of a circle to an outlying stone. These arrangements could be used in particular, to observe the movements of the sun and moon. This is particularly obvious at Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire. Here the Avenue leads to the position of sunrise on mid-summer's day.

The early surveyors used staffs or staves or clubs. The ancient surveyor used two of these staves and was called the dodman - the old English name for the common or garden snail was the dodman. When undisturbed, you can see the dodman's staves he carries on his head, the antennae. Cut in the turf, twenty-four feet long, at Wilmington, Sussex is 'The Long Man' carrying two staves.

The tomb of King Arthur was 'discovered' in the nose of the bear (which is formed by Glastonbury Tor) during the rebuilding of the Abbey in 1184. It confirms that King Arthur was the central figure of a pagan cult. It is said that Christopher Robin of legend, was St. Christopher, the patron saint of travellers and pilgrims, trekked along ley lines to Arthur's resting place at Glastonbury. How true that is, no one knows.

In many cases leys are found to run along Roman roads; this is because the leys were used as tracks; the Romans merely resurfaced these tracks, so really the tracks were there first and the Romans made use of them. Beneath the surface of the Foss way and Watling Street, excavations have uncovered the paving stones of earlier roads which were well drained and levelled.

To sum up briefly, I would remind you of the now famous lines and geometric shapes discovered on the remote plateau at Nazca in Peru. What was their purpose? John Michell claims that almost every corner of the world was visited by a group of beings who created a universal power system from horizon to horizon. Could this be true?

NEW BOOK. In New Zealand author Bruce Cathie has had to set up his own publishing company to enable his latest book on grid harmonics to be published, "BRIDGE TO INFINITY". Said by some to be his best effort yet, it can be obtained from Quark Enterprises, 158, Shaw Road, Oratia, Auckland, New Zealand, at a cost of NZS 26.95 including postage and handling.

KENNETH ARNOLD.

We hear of the death through natural causes of 68 year old Kenneth Arnold, who while piloting his private plane on June 24th 1947, saw nine disc-shaped objects near Mount Rainier. He described the objects as flying "like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water", and the newspaper headline writers coined the term "flying saucers". This was the first widely reported UFO sighting of the modern era.

THREE POEMS BY IRENE FLEMING.

THE SPACEMAN.

The time is right for contact. We are coming to the earth.
The dawning of Aquarius is slowly giving birth.
We are coming in great numbers. We are coming with great force.
To save the broken hearted. Sinners show remorse.
We are the cosmic spaceman. The messengers of God.
We have witnessed miracles. And stood where saints have trod.
We fly in close formation. Our task to judge all nations.
We will take the good and leave the bad. Feed the hungry help the sad.
Fly with us above the clouds. Be part of the happy crowds.
Chosen for eternity. No more grief or enmity.
Share our paradise above. Live your life in Heavenly love.

THE PRESENCE.

A Strange force. A dark night.
A weird sound. A glowing light.
Its coming nearer from the stars.
Could it be craft from Mars.
Your watch has stopped. The radio dead.
The blankets falling from the bed.
All alone you shut the door.
Somethings calling you for sure.
Above the hills. The towering trees.
The presence calls follow me.
Then transfixed I can not walk.
In the light I hear some talk.
"Earthman we have chosen you.
Will you see our mission through.
Very soon we want to land.
To give your earth a helping hand.
Inform the world. Inform the press.
Its time the people suffered less.
Go in to the desert and look for the sign.
God said the world and the people are mine.
Its time for salvation. For sorting out sin.
So give out the message and let us come in".

THE MARTIANS.

I had a message from the Martians. On a cold and windy day.
Will you step inside our spaceship. Will you test our ultra ray.
We want to programme you. And make you ready for a flight.
We will meet you at the airport. In the middle of the night.
We want to take you flying. To our home beyond the stars.
We want to take you flying. To Jupiter and Mars.
How could I resist them. Those aliens from above.
Somehow in my subconscious. I recieved their thoughts of love.
Transmitting, recieving till one day I'll know.
That the times getting ready to go.
Ready to travel with my Martian friends.
When they and I are ready to blend.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETING - 3rd NOVEMBER.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deirdre O'Neill (Chairman); Ken Major (Alien Messages); Alan Crowe (Alien Messages); Ray Cox (Journal Editor); Elsie Lee (Secretary Chesterfield Branch); Mark Sampson (Alien Encounters); Andrew Simpson and David Taylor (Publicity - West Mid.).
APOLOGIES: Len Harling, Stuart Schofield and Eileen Perry.

INVESTIGATIONS:

Unfortunately Len Harling could not make the meeting but sent word that we now have two new Investigators. Len is currently drawing up a new Investigators Authority Card which will be issued to all Investigators in the near future.

CHESTERFIELD BRANCH:

Two new Committee members have been elected in the Branch and these are Ron Dudhill and Bill Lowe.

Elsie Lee gave Committee a run-down on the Skywatch held in the Chesterfield area and an account of their monthly Branch meetings. The Branch have been in close contact recently with the Yorkshire UFO Society. YUFOS visited Chesterfield with their 'travelling road-show' and spent an evening giving an illustrated talk.

PUBLICITY:

Some time was spent in discussion on the expansion of BUFOs and, in..

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In his interesting article 'Are They Projections ?' in the last issue of BUFOS Journal, David Taylor invited 'psychic projectionists' to explain how these theories could account for multiple witness and physical trace UFO cases. Although I am not a believer in or supporter of any one particular theory regarding the nature and origin of UFO's, I do believe that, at the present state of the art, 'psychic projections' may be just as valid as any other theory in many close encounter/abduction cases, CE 11's among them.

By the term 'psychic projections' I believe that David is referring to a posited function of the human subconscious mind which is able to give out bursts of 'energy' producing both audio and visual effects. To the percipient these would seem like totally independent manifestations. The production of this 'energy' has been called Recurrent Spontaneous Psychokinesis. (RSPK). This would mean that, in some close encounter cases, the percipients themselves would be producing the effects witnessed although to them they would seem totally real and external. Before I am accused of explaining one mystery with another, there is evidence, which I will come to, that RSPK can and does occur and can produce effects.

The exact mechanism involved in RSPK is not yet fully understood but it is thought that this 'energy' may well be a by-product of the normal chemical and electrical functioning of the human brain. RSPK could be a normal function of an 'altered state' of consciousness. In this 'altered state' time and space, in the ordinary sense, would cease to exist and reality would be perceived in a completely different way. A person in this 'altered state' could also be capable of producing a wide range of so-called 'paranormal' manifestations. Including telepathy, ESP, the movement of small objects, precognition etc. Moods of high excitement or repressed emotional tension are among the causes thought to be responsible for persons entering this 'altered state' unwittingly. It can sometimes be induced deliberately by deep breathing, yoga, rhythmic exercise and the use of some drugs.(1). Serious scientific research is now taking place into PK phenomena here, in the U.S.A. and in the Soviet Union. The Americans are apparently spending many millions of dollars a year on such research mainly because of the counter-espionage implications. (2). (3).

Is it significant that many close encounter witnesses claim to be plagued by poltergeist-type phenomena immediately after their experience ? Many close encounter witnesses also claim that their 'psychic' abilities have been greatly enhanced by their experience. Could the poltergeist activity, the 'psychic' happenings and the UFO encounter all be different outlets for the same repressed emotion ?

Could close encounter witnesses have unwittingly slipped in to the 'altered state' which we have been discussing ? Their subconscious minds then throwing up images, sounds and information which, to them, seems totally real, independant and external.

As David Taylor pointed out in his article, we may well learn more about the contact/abduction enigma by studying the witness and his background rather than descriptions of UFO's and entities. Detailed background studies of close encounter/abduction percipients are rarely carried out by UFO investigators but during recent research in to poltergeist phenomena, psychological examinations of persons thought to be the 'agent' for the manifestations were made. The most common theme of the resulting diagnoses was : "repressed aggression and tension within the family". (4). As we know, Professor C.G. Jung put forward a theory for UFO's as 'psychic projections' from the subconscious mind of the witness to his conscious mind. Jung also suggested some form of repressed emotion as a possible 'trigger' for UFO events. It seems that some UFO close encounters may well be metaphoric in nature. That is a means used by the subconscious mind to convey urgent and important information to the conscious mind, using mainly symbolism for the purpose. (5). Jung's apparent acceptance of the ETH towards the end of his life was based mainly on the many photographs of UFO's shown to him by his niece Lou Zinsstag and others. He reasoned that if the photographs were genuine then the ETH must be correct. As we now know, many if not all of the alleged UFO photographs taken in the fifties have since proved to be fakes. (6).

In the simple poltergeist case it seems that the emotional problems of the 'agent' are being expressed in a very unsophisticated almost childlike manner by the breaking of crockery, the movement of small objects and rapping noises etc. In fact many poltergeist 'agents' are children or teenagers. A more sophisticated expression of these emotions are displayed in cases where the 'polt' exhibits some form of limited intelligence, communicating through rapping noises or even, in some cases, direct voice. Further still up the scale of sophistication are cases where the 'polt' takes on the guise of a punishing devil or demon, a deceased person or perhaps a completely fictitious character. (7). Could not the UFO close encounter/abduction event with its wealth of technical detail, its 'messages' from alien beings and all its space age trappings be the most sophisticated of all emotionally based projections ? In the UFO context the phenomenon assumes the guise of highly advanced space travellers and the witness is usually able to relate many amazing and absorbing details of his alleged encounter; but it could be just as much a product,

(or by-product) of the human subconscious mind as any ghost, poltergeist, religious vision or apparition. If we take in to account ALL of the UFO evidence available it would mean that not only does the subconscious mind project these 'visions' in to the conscious mind but, on occasion, out in to the environment ! Jung commented that we would be opening up a "bottomless void beneath our feet" if we were to consider that such a thing may be possible. Perhaps now, after some thirty-odd years, it's time we began to drop a few stones in to that void to see how deep it really is ?

The 64,000 dollar question is : could the mind of a UFO percipient really produce effects on himself and his environment ? In many close encounter cases witnesses claim to have been burned, suffered eye sight problems and developed skin rashes and markings etc. How could this possibly happen in terms of 'projections' from the subconscious mind ? In the rare phenomenon of stigmatism bleeding wounds appear on the bodies of the sufferers. These 'marks of the cross' were once thought to be caused by divine intervention but it has now been established that they are, in fact, caused by an action of the mind on the body. (8). Stigmatism can occur in men and women usually with a long history of emotional upheaval and chronic deprevation. It is thought to be produced, in some way, as a compensatory factor, albeit unknowingly. (9). But what about the ground markings, broken tree branches and crushed grass which are claimed in some UFO CE ll cases. If we take in to account the physical effects noted in stigmatism and poltergeist cases then this would seem to be feasible. However, it would be as well to bear in mind when considering this that there are very few really reliable CE ll cases on record where physical traces can be unequivocally linked to UFO activity. Analysis of soil samples etc taken from alleged landing sites has, so far, proved inconclusive.

Multiple witness cases may, at first sight, seem to be an insurmountable stumbling block for the 'psychic projectionist', but there are theories around which attempt to account for these awkward cases in 'projection' terms. Jenny Randles (10) suggests that persons in the immediate vicinity of the main percipient to a UFO event would also see the manifestations, their minds being 'tuned' in some way to the mind of the main witness. Others outside this 'aura' would see nothing. In a recent ITV news item three teenagers were filmed allegedly in the act of communicating with the Virgin Mary. Their eyes were closed and they had rapturous expressions on their faces. They responded in unison to instructions allegedly given to them by this 'vision'. They all claimed to have seen and heard the same things but newsmen and others present saw nothing. Professor Jung himself

attended seances where some of the sitters claimed to see glowing balls of light around the medium. They were amazed when Jung stated that he could see nothing. (11). From these and several other similar cases it does seem that an 'aura of tuning' could exist around the main witness to a UFO event and also around main witnesses to other so-called 'paranormal' phenomena.

I fully realise that these 'psychic' theories which I have been discussing are not popular with the vast majority of people who are interested in the UFO phenomenon and that they have more detractors than supporters. American researcher Allan Hendry (12) pours scorn on the whole idea of 'psychic projections'; that the subconscious mind can throw out sounds and images like some subcutaneous film projector ! However, if we take in to consideration ALL of the evidence available then I would submit that there are grounds for suspecting that it can do just that !

In his book "The Story of Ruth" American psychologist Morton Schatzman tells of a young married woman who began to be persecuted by an apparition of her own father. This was no 'ghost' in the ordinary sense as her father was alive and well. (13). It was later established that the cause of the apparitional experiences lay in Ruth's childhood, when she underwent a traumatic event involving her father. After working with Schatzman for some time Ruth learned to control these apparitions becoming able to summon and dismiss them at will. To Ruth her apparitions were totally real in sight, sound, touch, taste and smell. She also developed the ability to create apparitions of other living people, again to her totally real. Ruth was found to be mentally healthy and not suffering from any form of physical brain damage. The interesting thing about this case from the 'projectionists' viewpoint is that on at least two occasions Ruth's apparitions were also seen by people who were with her !

It does seem probable, from the evidence we have looked at, that the mechanism which supplies the details of a fully-fledged UFO encounter or abduction is the human subconscious mind. If this were to be eventually proved somewhere near correct we would still be left with the vexed question of a 'trigger' for these manifestations. Although we could posit that persons undergoing emotional problems are more likely to experience phenomena we still need to determine the true nature of the impulse which can apparently stimulate a UFO encounter/abduction in one person, poltergeist activity around another, a vision of the Virgin Mary in a third and also the whole gamut of other 'paranormal' events. It would be, perhaps, intellectually satisfying to be able to say, in a popular term, that "it's all in the mind", but again if we look at ALL the evidence we are not able to do so. It seems to me unlikely that this

'trigger' we are looking for could come entirely from within and the very real possibility is that some form of external and objectively real stimuli is present. Perhaps some form of unknown electrical or meteorological phenomena or maybe a geological manifestation as convincingly argued by researcher Paul Deveraux. (14). The other, more intriguing possibility, is that some external INTELLIGENCE, not necessarily extraterrestrial, may be involved.

For nearly a hundred years we have been polluting our planet's atmosphere with electro-magnetic radiations. Such radiations pour in on us from outer space and the Earth itself has it's own self perpetrating magnetic field. Recent research has shown that prolonged exposure to some forms of electro-magnetic radiation can effect the central nervous systems of both animals and humans, causing radical changes in behaviour and perception. (15). There is much evidence to suggest that the UFO phenomenon is basically electro-magnetic in nature, so could this mysterious 'trigger' for close encounter/abduction events also have this characteristic ?

Radio waves are beams of electro-magnetic energy and ever since 1976 the Soviet Union has been bombarding the Western world with a very powerful radio signal. In fact the most powerful ever produced on Earth. It is thought that this signal may be part of a nuclear submarine communications system as the waves will penetrate anything, including water. It is also possible that the signal may be an early warning system against incoming American missiles but no one really knows for sure. The signal can be picked up almost anywhere in the world on any short-wave radio set but it can not be heard in Russia itself. The chilling possibility exists that the signal is designed to effect long term biological changes in the populations of the Western World. No one knows just what these changes might be. This planet had been awash with electro-magnetic radiations for some time now so perhaps someone or 'something' else, besides the Russians, has learned to manipulate this energy for it's own enigmatic purposes ?

As you can see from the above exercise it is relatively easy to construct plausible sounding theories to encompass almost any given set of 'facts'. However, perhaps we should be prepared to accept that the a major part of the answer to the UFO contact/abduction enigma may lie, dissappointingly, within the witness rather than in outer space. True answers may well lie somewhere midway between extremes of theories. In the meantime we should all try to keep open minds about the validity or otherwise of any one theory regardless of our own personal preferences.

Despite my own apparent preference for 'psychic' type theories, if you were to ask me for a 'bottom line' answer as to just what UFO's

are I would still have to reply : "I DON'T KNOW !"

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...particular, the need for more active members. The Chairman reminded members that the successful Chesterfield Branch had grown up due, primarily, to the solo efforts over the years of Stuart Schofield. Therefore it was up to members to advertise locally and gain new members to create an active branch within their areas.

Stuart Schofield sent a minute proposing an incentive to members. Anyone who attracted 4 new members in their area would be offered a year's free subscription. This was approved by the Committee.

David Taylor informed the Committee that he had recently received enquiries and new members through his advert in the 'Prediction' magazine.

The next Committee Meeting was set for 23rd February.

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I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for the year ahead.