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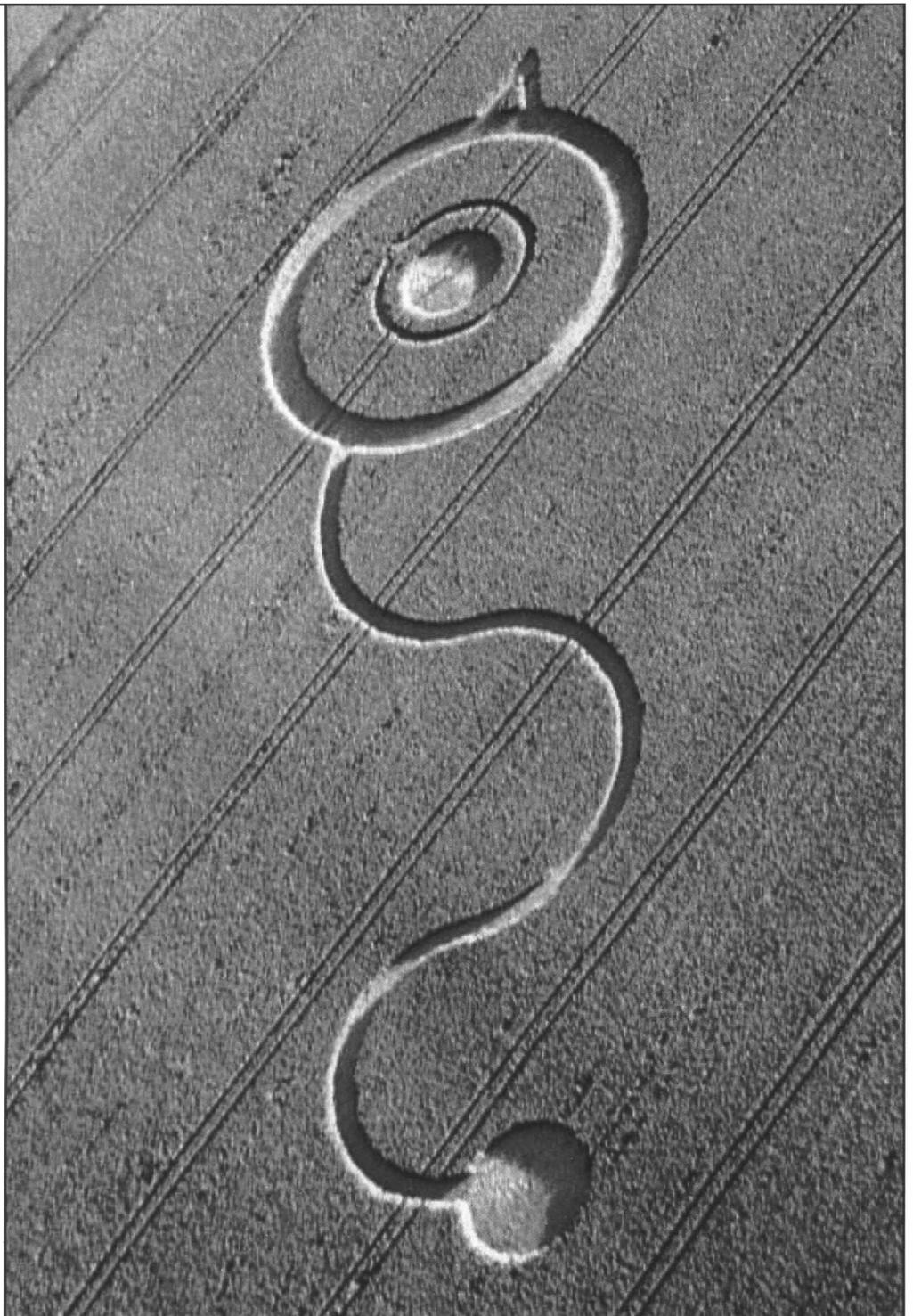
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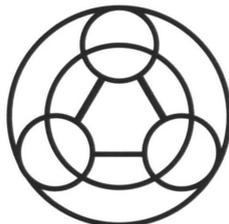
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THE WISDOM OF THE NORTH

Michael Green

A barred gate stands

holy before the holy doors:
that gate is old
and few there are
will learn how tight it is locked.

Grimnismal 21
Verse Edda 9th cent.AD.

For thousands of years the way to the higher mysteries was effectively closed to the ancient peoples of Northern Europe. Only the priest and shaman after 19 years of arduous training had some inkling what the symbols carved on the rocks of Britain and Scandinavia might mean.

We who are students of the crop circle phenomenon are mostly ethnic stock of these peoples. Indeed these traditions are part of our culture at the deepest level of being. It is thus no accident that the same symbols are appearing again at this time in the fields of Northern Europe, but this time full of explicit meaning for this age.

YGGDRASILL

When the legendary king Gylfi visited Asgard, the Norse citadel of the Gods, and enquired, "Where is the sacred centre - the holy of holies of the gods?" he was told "That's at the Ash Tree of Yggdrasill...." (*Gylfaginning XV, Prose Edda*)

The Legend of Yggdrasill

This sacred tree is in every sense a central feature (*axis mundi*) of Norse mythology. It has many curious features. Its roots are in the heavens (and yet below the earth); dews drip from it and fall in the dales; it stands ever green by the Spring of Urur (the Well of Wisdom). It is thus at one level the life-giving aspect of Nature and also the agency by which the fabric of the universe is maintained. But it symbolises other functions also, more appropriate to the Kabbalistic Tree of Life, namely the etheric structure and beings of the other worlds: 'Nine worlds I knew, the nine in the Tree.' (*Voluspa 2, Verse Edda*)

Amongst the many strange beings who live amongst the roots and branches of Yggdrasill is Odin (a sun god) whose painful progress through these 'other states of being' is described. (*Harmal 141, Verse Edda*) For nine nights he hung on the tree achieving 'well-being and wisdom too'.

In other words Yggdrasill is a symbol of the deity manifest in creation whose purpose is to provide opportunity for exponential growth. The tree, however, like the cosmos itself, is mortal. At the end of days its purpose achieved, it will be destroyed before a new system is put in place.

Given its symbolic importance it would be very surprising if Yggdrasill was not represented amongst the imagery of prehistoric European legends, monuments and carvings, not to mention the crop circle phenomenon.

(1)

THE TREE OF LIFE

1 'GRANDFATHER' (+) LIFE
2 'GRANDMOTHER' (-)
3 CONSCIOUSNESS
4 MIND
5 FORM
6 WILL
7 LOVE - WISDOM
E D F G

SNOWDEN CARR. YORKS.

8 MATTER	D MERAK
9 INTUITION	E THUBAN
10 INTELLECT	F ALDEBARRAN
11 EMOTION	G BETELGEUSE
12 PHYSICAL	
A PLEIADES	
B SIRIUS	
C SUN ('BEL')	

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The archaeology of Yggdrasill

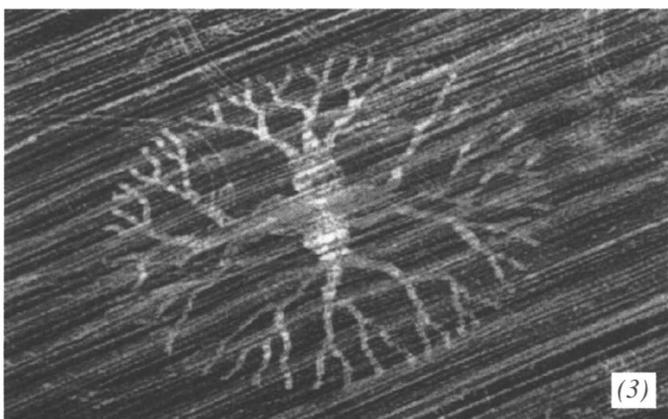
On Snowden Carr, Weston Moor in Yorkshire there is a unique petroglyph of the Tree of Life (*Fig. 1*). (Beckensall 1999, 75) Like most of such petroglyphs, conventional archaeology is helpless both in terms of either suggesting a date or an interpretation of the pattern of cups and grooves. However, I believe that it dates to c.3300BC and is a teaching mandala concerned with the spiritual structure of our local cosmic system. It is quite complex, indeed sophisticated, in terms of metaphysical knowledge, but not more so than there is to be found in this Middle Neolithic period elsewhere in the British Isles. However, whether you accept the date and interpretation put forward or not, what is clear is that this is a 'teaching stone' used by the proto-Brigantian shamans of the time to instruct the tribal children with esoteric information about 'life and everything'.



In 1999 I contributed a short analysis to *The Cereologist* (Green 1999, 23-24) about an important archaeological discovery (Fig. 2) in Norfolk of the inverted roots and about 2m. of oak trunk in the centre of a timber circle. Carbon-14 examination of the wood has dated the feature to c.2000BC. This timber monument on the sea shore near Holme-next-the-Sea near Hunstanton may have been built slightly inland originally, but coastal erosion has since removed the foreshore. Although the wood is oak and not ash, as in the Sagas, I feel confident in relating the upturned tree to Yggdrasill, or at least a forerunner of the North European World Tree. Dr Hilda Davidson describes this Tree as the dominating symbol of religious thought of a large part of Europe and Asia long before the Viking Age. Much concerning it may still be found in the myths and legends of the Finno-Ugrian people and in the lore of shamanism (Davidson 1969,112).

The World Tree crop formations

In the 1999 article I also drew attention to the discovery of a crop formation found the previous year at Countesthorpe in Lincolnshire, which I believed to be a schematic plan view of the World Tree. Be that as it may, there is no doubt at all about a simlilar indentification of Yggdrasill depicted in a crop formation at Novy Jicin (2) in North Moravia, Czech Republic, reported on 25 July 1999 (Fig. 3). This extraordinary and beautiful representation of an oak tree has four main limbs from which spring subsidiary branches. The quaternary structure is entirely in keeping with the teaching of the Timeless Wisdom, which postulates that the creative structure of the manifested cosmos is fourfold (the four elements). It would have been nice to include also the pretty tree formations from Alton Barnes, Wiltshire (15.7.2002) and Farley Mount, Hampshire (15.9.2002), but alas their striped construction marks indicate that they are man-made hoaxes.



Now the point about the Novy Jicin 'tree' is that it is an oak, unlike the ash tree of Yggdrasill. In this respect it relates to the older Indo-European World Oak, the 'Tree of God' as the Finnish epic, the *Kalevala* puts it (Besley 1989, II 51). This tree required 'five brides to help with the planting of it', symbolic of the quincunx crop formations representing the spiritual management team of planet Earth (Green (1), 2000, 14). It also grows out of control, 'darkening all life', and in the fullness of time requires to be cut down in the same way that our planet itself will eventually fulfil its term of usefulness. This is not the place to explore in detail the tree lore of ancient Europe, where the world-oak 'draped with its starry mantle' (Pherecydes) plays such a prominent role, except in one interesting case.

At Dodona in Northern Greece, an outlier of the Central European world, was another sacred oak tree. Here the cult practices centred round a 'tall and leafy oak' (Homer, *The Odyssey XI V*) through whose whispering leaves Zeus communicated with mankind. It was the duty of the bare-foot priests (the *Selloi*) to interpret the noise of the wind in its branches in a dream state while 'couching on the ground'. Likewise the priestesses of Dodona interpreted the cooing of doves in the oak as the voice of Dione, the Earth goddess. According to Pausanias (X 12,10) the Dove-Priestesses invoked the goddess with the words "Earth sends up fruits - call ye on Earth the Mother".

The Dodona example is quoted at length to illustrate how an ancient European tree cult might function in practice. In the Eddas, stories of the World Tree are intimately related to the development of Odin, 'Wide in Wisdom' (*Fjolsvior*), and it is to him we must now turn.

THE ODIN BRACTEATE

It is clear from all the associated evidence that has survived concerning Odin: epithets, legends and iconography, that he was regarded as the premier god of the Northern World. Indeed, it can be taken further, he was identified as Allfather, the God of our System, who is the Solar Logos. This Being, 'the Light behind the Light', who is to be equated with the Christian Trinity, is closely connected with the spiritual development of mankind. The same was perceived by the Northern peoples of Odin, who called him 'Father: Lord of Man' (*Gautr* and *Veratyr*).

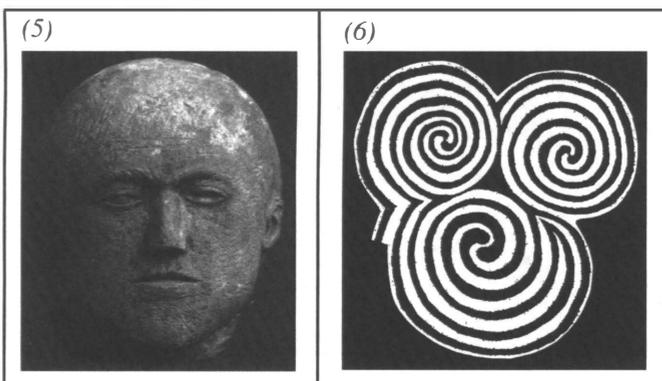
An important iconographic object probably related to the worship of Odin is the gold bracteate illustrated (Fig. 4). This type of object originated in Scandinavia, copying Roman medallions bearing the Emperor's head, but used in the North as protective pendants worn as amulets. As a popular form of personal decoration, bracteates came to depict Nordic gods and heroes surrounded by symbols of power. These talismans have been classified into different types as the iconographic imagery developed over a period of time. This bracteate type belongs to group C of late fifth and sixth century date (Davidson 1967,92-4). Opinion differs on the attribution of such figures, but I believe there is a strong case for identifying Odin here.



The Odin iconography

The central feature of the bracteate is the head in profile of Odin, who has flowing hair and a beaded fillet characteristic of late Roman emperors, which symbolises 'kingship'. The head is shown on the back of a saddled, galloping horse, almost certainly meant to represent the 8-legged gray called *Sleipnir*, or 'slippery'. One of Odin's by-names was *Atrior* meaning 'rider', an allusion no doubt to his ability to move with great swiftness between the different individuals and parts of his realm. The friend of Odin and Sleipnir is a bird, again almost certainly one of the two ravens *Huginn* (Thought) and *Muninn* (Memory), who kept Odin informed of everything that occurred in his kingdom.

The image of Odin on the bracteate has another feature worthy of comment. He has only one eye. Now of course this is concomitant with his being shown only in profile, but it also represents a mythic Truth. The legends tell how in his search for wisdom, Odin sacrificed one of his eyes. In esoteric terms it might be described as the sacrifice of objective knowledge (*manas*) so as to acquire intuitive truth (*buddhi*), where, metaphysically speaking, the right eye is the focus of spiritual vision and the left eye the focus of mental energy (Bailey 1950, 250). This interpretation is confirmed by the discovery of a powerful stone cult-head of Odin in Yorkshire (Fig. 5) where



the left eye is blinded. This imbalance in our system between the forces of intellectuality and spirituality will cause great trouble for mankind before the end (Bailey, 1925, 705). The tradition of the 'single eye' of Odin identifies this deity as being the Sun God, 'the Light behind the Light'. The eye of Odin '...is an emblem of the sun' (Branston 1980, 114).

The Solar Logos

Now, in esoteric terms the Solar Logos is the Supreme Spiritual Being of our system, of which the Earth is but one of the Seven Great Beings whose physical elements are the planets, the major chakra points of the solar metabolism. All we see is inert, physical matter in the Heavens, in the same way that the human metabolism might be viewed as a cupful of chemicals. The reality is that the universe is pulsing with life and intelligence in states of unimaginable beauty.

The Symbols of Odin

To turn from the Odin iconography and attributes to the three symbols in the field of the Bracteate: the three circles at the horse's tail (*Alfoor*), the Brisingamen symbol below the horse's head and what I term as the 'wheel of Aesir' (the swastika) between them both. These timeless mandalas are concerned with the nature, structure and function of deity in relationship to mankind. They are peculiar to Indo-Aryan cultures of the Old World to whom they were communicated thousands of years ago. Moreover, they have appeared again in Northern Europe as the crop circle phenomenon at this time.

ALFOOR

The 'Trinity' symbol comprising three dots forming a triangle represents what is called in the Timeless Wisdom the 'Second Logos'. The First Logos, out of which the second has developed, has no form but constitutes a state of boundless unity, and is thus 'unmanifest'. The triple identity has been brought about by the need of deity to 'develop' - a concept which is one of the great mysteries of the cosmos. To develop it was necessary for God to take form and to differentiate, the three components being essentially 'Creative Power' whose desire for 'Matter, intelligently organised' produces a higher spiritual synthesis which has the attributes of 'Love and Wisdom'. The triangle with its apex upward, as in the Bracteate, is traditionally taken to represent fire, identified with the male principle and progenitor of the cosmos, hence the *Alfoor* or Allfather.

The Triplicity of Odin

From earliest times our ancestors recognised the threefold nature of deity, and Odin himself was recognised as such under the undifferentiated triplicity of *Harr* (High), *Jafnharr* (Even-as-High) and *Prioi* (Third). (Branston 1990, 113) I have provided an overview of this difficult and complex subject in my paper on the structure of deity as reflected in the mandalas of the crop circle phenomenon, to which the reader is referred (Green (2) 2000, 9-13).

The Newgrange Tetrahedron

One of the earliest petroglyphs of the British Isles, showing the Trinity symbol, is that which appears in the innermost chamber of the Newgrange passage tomb in Ireland, which

has a firm carbon-14 date of c.3200BC (*Fig. 6*). Each of the three spirals is double, and one is larger than the others, from which it appears to spring. The double spiral is significant. Every unit of cosmic life is the consequence of the interaction of the dual forces of positive and negative energy. As Djwhal Khul puts it, 'The Sons of God are bisexual' (Bailey 1925, 704).

The Legend of the Cosmic Family

The ancient Irish tradition in connection with Newgrange recounts that the *Daghda*, alias *Echaid*, 'Supreme Father' loved *Boann* (probably cognate with *Brannan*, 'the Lasting One'). *Boann* is the eponymous Earth Goddess after whom the river Boyne was named, which flows below Newgrange. Their child was named *Oenghus Mac-ind-Og*, 'the Young Lad', which is in turn related to the old Vedic concept of *Sanat-Kumara*, 'the Everlasting Youth'. This Being, the most senior of the Five Kumaras, may be identified esoterically with the Lord of Planet Earth. Those who have experienced a vision of this Being describe it as a figure of 'Light and Flame' with a face illuminated by 'an ecstasy of beauty and immortal youth'. (AE.1974, 35)

The Cosmic Nuclear Family

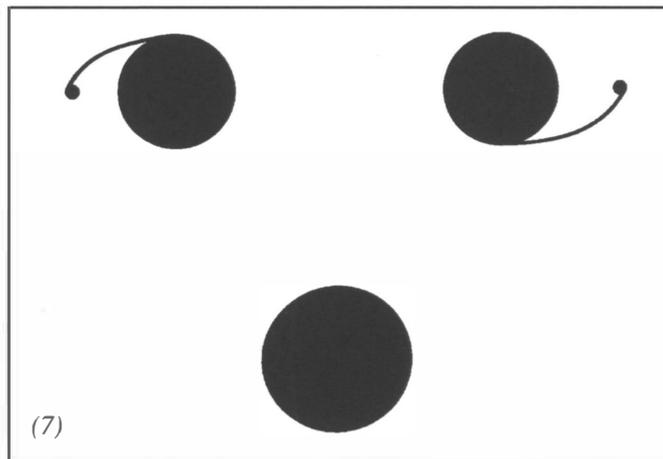
It is easy to be dismissive of these ancient Indo-Aryan traditions of Beings bearing strange names and epithets, but in many respects the image of the Cosmic Nuclear Family may provide a better analogy of the loving creative impulse which produced all the Beings of the Cosmos, including our solar system and planet Earth, than the arid, dialectical cosmology of the Judaic-Christian-Islamic tradition, which wilfully refuses to recognise the feminine aspect of God.

Indeed, at levels almost beyond our cognizance, recent astronomical studies by Zepf and Ashman indicate that the merging of galaxies (the sacred marriages of the Lords of the Cosmos) creates the birthing process of the star systems in the form of globular clusters (the Children of the Spheres). (Zepf & Ashman 2003, 20-33)

TRIPLET CROP FORMATIONS

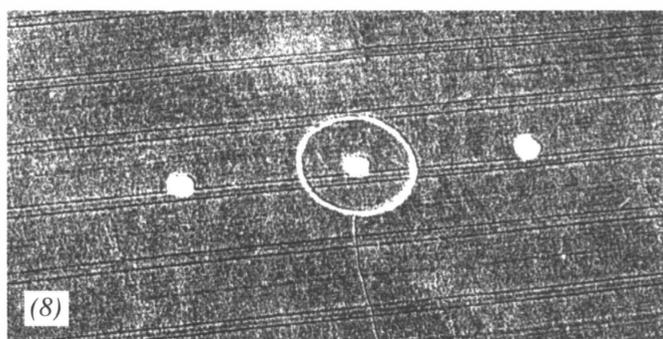
Type 1

There are three distinct types of formations described as 'triplets'. The simplest, which conforms to the triangular pattern of the Braceteate, has three undifferentiated circles. Early examples of such formations include Hinwil, Switzerland in 1975 (Wilson, 1998,97) and in this country, Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire, on 4.6.1988 (Delgado & Andrews 1989, 107). This type of formation is a greatly simplified, diagrammatic representation of the three atoms found within the sphere of the Causal Body comprising the central life of any living system, cosmic or microcosmic (Bailey 1925, 507). Could this system reflect the laws of modern physics governing the threefold activity of quarks in quantum chromodynamics? Since the atoms in question are in movement the crop-circle-makers have used different types of patterns to suggest this fact. At Wroughton, Wiltshire, on 4.6.1992, which had a triangular shape, the two smaller circles had 'tails' suggesting movement (i.e. a trajectory around a central nucleus) (*Fig. 7*).



Type 2

Another way of suggesting such movements was to provide a linear formation, usually with a larger central circle. Early examples include Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire, in 1960; High Point, North Carolina, USA, in 1974 (Wilson 1998, 50 & 86), and several such formations in Sussex in 1985, 1990 and 1991. (Thomas 1996, 30 & 35). A simple version of the linear triplet, which indeed might be regarded as the exemplar of this type, was found at West Beckham, Norfolk in 1990 (*Fig. 8*). The three small circles are equally spaced, the centre one having a ring (front cover photo - bottom, *The Cerologist* #36, Spring 2003). The esoteric meaning of this type of formation is clear. The energies of deity are only brought to full fruition, (what Djwhal Khul terms 'quality' as opposed to 'life' and 'appearance' - Bailey, 1936, 193-4), in the synthetic Second Ray. The ringed circle, or ancient Chinese 'Bi' disc represents, furthermore, deity in manifestation. Once the latent energies and structure of the cosmos (or any smaller unit of thereof) have been organised under the auspices of the Third Ray, it is the role of the Second Ray to bring all aspects into radiant life, the creative energies of the Christ Consciousness: 'He was in the beginning with God. All things come into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What came into being in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people'. (John 1, 2-4) All units of Life and Intelligence in the cosmos reflect a common structure and purpose, notwithstanding colossal variations of scale. Each Being with its central focus of originating force and threefold core unit, might be aptly described as a 'permanent atom'. For example the Solar Logos, the God of our sytem, although enormously large and complex in our terms, is a mere atom in relation to that greater entity, the Galactic Logos, of which it forms part.



The ancient alchemical formula encoded in the Emerald Tablet (*Tabula Smaragdina*) and attributed to Hermes Trismegistus, neatly encapsulates this cosmic process.

‘What is below is like that which is above; and what is above is like that which is below: to accomplish the miracle of the one thing. As all are born of this one thing by choice.’
(Tyson, 1995, 711)

Type 3

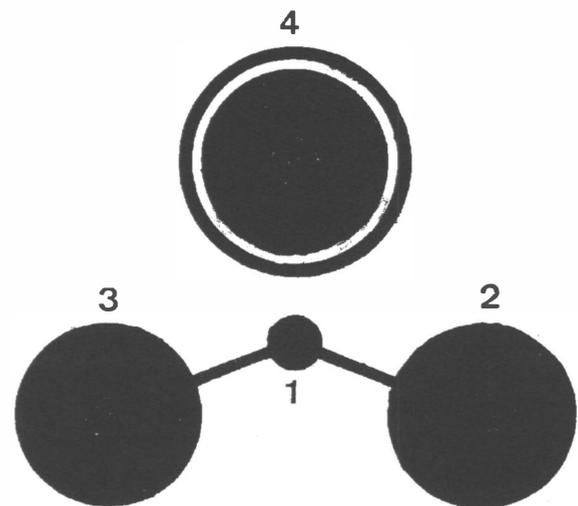
This type, which brings together the concept of the originating force and its threefold expression, is not strictly speaking a triplet at all since it has four elements. The crop formation from Lewes, Sussex, (*Fig. 9*) of 22.7.1990, is of this type (Thomas 1996, 28); see also the plan by David Tilt (Bartholemew 1991, 111). The central circle (1) representing ‘the First Logos’ (Unmanifest or Originating Force) is directly linked to the two foci (2 & 3) of the ‘Second Logos’ constituting ‘Power’ and ‘Form’ (matter intelligently organised). From this interaction arises a synthesis which has the full attributes of deity (4), whose primary qualities are ‘Love’ and ‘Wisdom’. This arrangement is not unrelated to the scientific, Baryonic concept of the proton which has 3 quarks, of which one (4) is positive and the other two in conjunction (2 & 3) are negative. (Matthews 1992, 172).

On 17.7.1991 there appeared at Barbury Castle, Wiltshire, a stunning, geophysical tetrahedron whose purpose was to summarise this line of cosmic teaching concerning the Trinity structures. It was a brilliant mandalic statement because by close analogy with 17th century hermetical diagrams it was made patently clear that this symbol referred to the structure of deity. The significance of the sacred geometry was picked up by John Michell (Michell 1991, 24-25), but it was left to this writer to explore the wider spiritual significance of the formation, to which the reader is referred (Green (3) 2000, 11).

The ‘Breath of God’

Every atom, large or small, down to the very smallest element in what is described now by science as ‘quantum ether’, the all-pervading and binding force of the cosmos, is imbued with the essence of deity, the ‘All-That-Is’. In the northern, Celtic, tradition the mystic Iolo Morganwg expressed it 200 years ago as ‘God being in the particle as its life, and every particle or atom in God and His life’. (*Barddas* 251) Djwhal Khul describes the process thus: ‘The force or energy that pours through from the higher planes (the breath of the Monad or God) produces a vacuum... and the sheath of the Causal Body (the ring-pass-not) of the sphere of the Central Life of any living entity (on whatever scale) is formed. Within this sheath are to be found three atoms, which have been termed the mental unit (corresponding to the ‘love/wisdom’ aspect), the astral permanent atom (corresponding to the ‘will’ aspect) and its physical permanent atom (corresponding to the ‘form’ aspect); they correspond individually to the three persons of the microcosmic triad (i.e. man) - a reflection of the Three Persons of the Logoic Trinity (i.e. the Solar Logos). (Bailey 1925, 507).

THE STRUCTURE OF GOD



LEWES, EAST SUSSEX 22.7.90

1. UNMANIFEST
2. POWER
3. FORM
4. LOVE / WISDOM

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This ‘Breath of God’ or ‘Ether of Life’ is effectively what Christianity calls the Holy Spirit. ‘You must be born from above. The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit’ (John 3, 7-8). The Holy Spirit is not the Third Member of the Trinity, but the breath or expression of the Deific Triad, permeating every aspect of creation. To use another analogy, it is like the sap that permeates every living cell of a great tree. The structure of the tree is designed to enable this film of living energy rising from its roots to reach every leaf and fruit. Hence the appositeness of the tree analogy of Yggdrasil and the World Oak in the northern traditions.

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WIND OF CHANGE

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Many people independently remarked to me in 2003, "This has been a strange year in the crop circles scene." Is this so peculiar? Last year was an unsettling one globally, with the continuing and worsening Middle Eastern problems, the Iraqi war or invasion with its continuing problems, which blatantly went against the wishes of the majority of people here in England, and other unresolved international issues. This unrest seems to have spread right through our society leaving few, if any, people untouched by its icy fingers. Is it so strange, then, that the feeling has penetrated the crop circle scene and that opinions about 2003's crop circle events have felt this disquiet? It is all part and parcel of the same dis-ease.

Rub the bottle and it will disappear

However, just when things at their darkest, a light often shines through and I came across a poem by Felicia Hermans which reinforces this belief.

Dawn is past, noon has gone,
The setting sun slips silently
Out of our vision
Leaving fingers of light -
a memory of what has been.
Dark night awaits with its promise of stars.
Light in the darkness -
brilliant shining light.

Indeed, the light happened for me in the appearance on 15th June of the glorious Ogbourne St George formation that appeared 2 miles from any habitation. Its complex series of crescents spiralled outwards in increasing size from a central circle, nestling snugly beneath the Ridgeway in Wiltshire far from the prying eyes of man. The Ridgeway is Britain's oldest road, which, during its 85 mile (137km) journey, passes many other historic sites as it winds its way through Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Hertfordshire, starting at Avebury in Wiltshire and ending its peregrinations at Ivanhoe Beacon in Hertfordshire.

Long time researcher Christopher Weeks and I visited the formation on 17th June, two days after its arrival. The farmer was loath to allow many people into the formation as he did not wish his privacy invaded nor his field damaged. I drove my car as far as I could and then the farmer kindly took us in his 4-wheel drive the rest of the way, bumping over deeply rutted terrain. For humans to carry their equipment and walk over such an inaccessibly arduous and pitted tract of land seemed unlikely.

We examined the formation in minutely close detail and at the end of an hour, could find no evidence of human involvement. The stalks were not crushed or broken, the grey bloom that gives this early crop its bluish look was still present.

There was no evidence of pole or other marks.

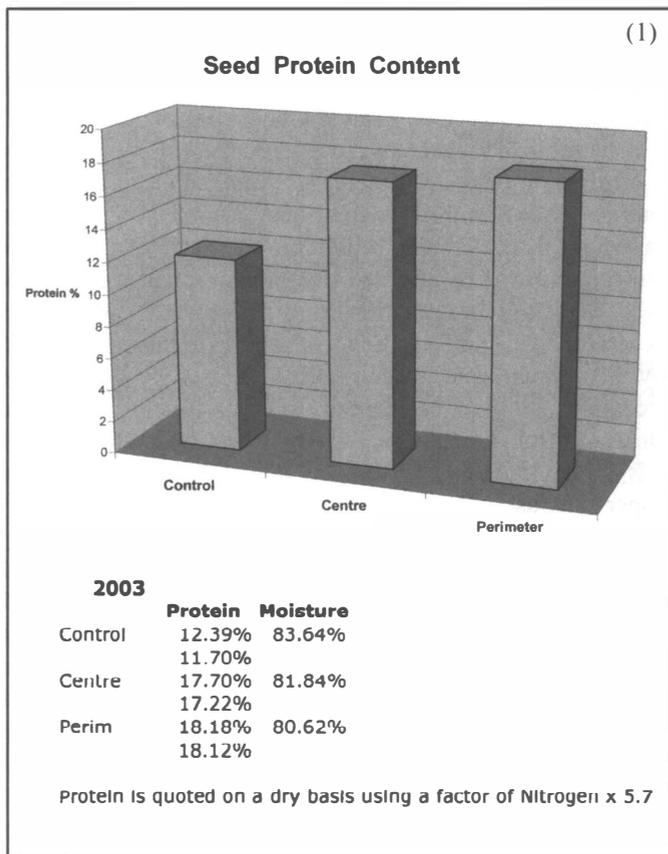
It was a glorious afternoon, a cuckoo was cuckooing loudly in a distant copse, the sun was shining and we felt miles from the hectic and disruptive outside world. The scene was unbelievably peaceful; early summer at its best. Despite the circle being only 48 hours old, the young green wheat had clearly been only lightly kissed and was rising up fast.

Before entering the formation, we buried a two pairs of bottles as control samples and a series of pairs of bottles inside. Towards the end of this exercise, Christopher suddenly asked how many more bottles were to be buried. "Only one more set," I replied. "Thank goodness for that. Then I am getting out," said Christopher. I had not mentioned that I had also been feeling far from well for some time after entering the circle, a feeling of vague nausea, disorientation, headache and just generally "yuk". But our scientific research had to come first. As we walked back to my car we discussed our symptoms, which were then fast disappearing.

We decided that the vortical energy of the circle had been increased by a possible rebound of vortical energy from the steep banks of the Ridgeway, doubling the natural effect. By the time we reached my car we were fully recovered. However, within 48 hours Christopher developed severe gout. This is not the first time it has happened to him after visiting crop circles. His gout recovered, we returned a week later to collect the bottles and all went well until I was digging up the final pair of controls when I noticed something unusual. "You have buried them one on top of each other instead of side by side." "Yes," said Christopher. As I was dealing with the first bottle Christopher said he would look after the second and took my trowel. We were chatting and it was several minutes before Christopher said the other bottle was no longer there! No longer there? That was impossible. We had both seen it and indeed I had remarked on the curious way Christopher had buried the pair! Christopher was so disturbed by its disappearance that he set about digging up the area with furious determination. I feared he might excavate the entire perimeter of the field. The bottle was never found. Into what dimension had it disappeared?

Within 48 hours Christopher developed gout once more. He has not had it since and I am writing this in November. We know that gout occurs as the result of uric crystals collecting round joints, causing painful inflammation. It is sometimes thought that an abundance of rich food and red wine or port can be the cause. Christopher does not drink wine and eats well, but mainly organic foods.

Three other people who visited the formation all felt extremely thirsty as they left. Instead of drinking the water they had brought with them, they all craved red wine. Two of them had forgotten this effect when they revisited the formation at a later date. Unexpectedly this effect was repeated. They are naturally moderate red wine drinkers but this compulsion was something different. Could there be a chemical constituent that



is common to both red wine and the cause of gout? Relating to red wine reports, it has been suggested to me that the exogenous stimulus was a 'kick' to the reward centres of the brain, rather than an subconscious seeking of an ingredient. This brings us to (a) dopamine production overstimulation and (b) the orbitofrontal cortex behind the eyes, (c) opioid stimulation (endorphins and enkephalins) and the ventricle pallidum. The next question is the energy input. Eddy currents are now coming to the fore in physics when magnetic fields traverse the brain.

Several years ago a young man sent me a report telling me that despite feeling slightly nauseous whilst inside a formation, he had desperately craved chocolate. Many people suffer from this condition, the late Princess Diana included. We are told that whereas chocolate craving is often linked to eating disorders, there are other possible reasons. "The main active ingredient of chocolate is cocoa, a significant source of the stimulant theobromine, which is a known mood elevator."

In tests it has been shown that alcohol-loving rats, given the choice, will actually replace their alcohol intake in preference of chocolate. By doing this the rats increase their levels of dopamine, as chocolate appears to stimulate its production. "A study of rats shows that dopamine kick-starts a brain messenger chemical called DARPP-32, that in turn activates hormones that make females interested in sex, hence Valentine Day chocolates."

"Researchers at the Neurosciences Institute in San Diego have also discovered that novel constituents in cocoa powder and chocolate are chemical cousins of anandamide, which binds to the same brain receptor sites as marijuana. This means that

chocolate chemicals may activate receptors for marijuana and thus mimic its psychoactive effects of heightened sensations and euphoria."

What are the reasons for these strange cravings? Is there a dopamine link between chocolate and red wine? But what about gout? When dealing with complex subtle energies, their effects on areas of the brain are still to be thoroughly understood.

We took seed samples from the centre and perimeter of this formation plus control samples from some distance outside. These were sent to Jim Lyons in York for analysis. The results are interesting and show significant changes between the two sample types. Steve Price of Pelican Scientific, Chester reported that "your samples proved more of a challenge this year. The grain wasn't developed at all and was really poor quality." Jim Lyons tells me, "You will see a significant change in protein levels from the control with the perimeter results showing interesting effects. On the Spectral charts they have managed to cover a broader range of frequencies than last year and hence reveal more resonances. It is these results I am trying to put in order. One can clearly see, however, the differences in magnitude of reflectivity for the differing samples. At least the perimeter results here are consistent with the protein results.

"The bottom line is there is a very significant effect (greater than last time) on the samples but with at first sight a surprise result indicating most change for the perimeter results. This does show, however, the dramatic difference between the control and perimeter results. Despite the difficulties of getting these results, it has been a worthwhile exercise. We clearly need many more samples to pursue this in detail."

Reports of abnormal menstrual cycles continue and two women visiting the beautiful 'Catherine Wheel' which appeared at Windmill Hill on 22nd June both suffered irregularities, one unexpectedly starting her period immediately after visiting the formation, the other finding her normally consistent menstrual cycle disrupted.

Our scientific research team of Isabel Maxwell-Cade and Peter Staples (brain activity), Sheila Partridge (standing in for Anne Smithells on measured hormone levels), Dr Roger Taylor (advanced Kirlian programme) and Jim Lyons (dowsing) gathered alongside our six human guinea pigs at Beckhampton on Sunday, 20th July to conduct control tests in a barn kindly lent to us by David Hues.

In order to prevent any repeat disaster of last year when Isabel and Peter got lost and never found the formation, I decided that we would all stick together and bring picnic lunches. This worked admirably and was also helped by the absence of any filming crew, who, no matter how hard they try not to, always gets in the way and disrupt proceedings.

The chosen formation was the pentacle inside a circle with scimitars extending beyond the outer perimeter. I had visited this formation on two previous occasions. On the first visit I had felt quite nauseous in the centre and made a mental note of this. The second occasion was when I took a group of Americans to visit it. Before entering I had mentioned that if

at any time they felt unwell, they should leave the formation immediately. I was the one who had to leave, as the moment I went into the centre I was overcome with such a feeling of nausea that I had to get out instantly. Some guide!

I was reluctant to use this formation for our research but it was the most recent and I was also unaware at the time of a report later sent into me by Doreen Jenkinson, who has completed the Harry Oldfield course. The Oldfield procedure is not unlike the Best technique; in one hand the patient holds an electrode attached to the machine that is set to a particular frequency or reading whilst a sound level meter (scanner) is passed over the chakra points in the body. Prior to starting the test a zero reading has to be established; the normal range being between -10-0-+6. Other settings need to be correctly adjusted, such as the ECG readings, which range from A-D. A sensitive probe is pressed against the ear lobe, or forehead, and a reading is taken.

Doreen took two other women with her, Annabel and Sally, and from even as far away as the outskirts of the field they could all feel the vibration of the formation. On going into the formation they all had sensations described as "light-headed, dizzy and giddy" and found it was not easy to walk against the flow of the crop: "like going against the tide - a dragging feeling, almost like we were meant to follow the flow."

Annabel had more violent effects. She had an immediate headache on arrival at the outskirts of the field and felt a resistance to even entering the formation. She nevertheless plucked up courage after asking a 'silent permission' to enter the formation. Using Harry Oldfield's Electro-Crystal clinical unit machine and a sound meter, Doreen Jenkinson scanned Annabel at the edge of the field and at the centre of the formation and then Annabel wandered off on her own. She felt extreme fatigue and after an hour felt she could no longer stay in the formation and wanted to leave.

She had a pain in her left temple on leaving the circle, constriction in her throat, constriction in her solar plexus and heart chakra areas. She ran out of the formation as fast as she could. She felt very disorientated and even went to try and get into the wrong car. When the keys did not fit she thought the formation had interfered with her keys (a Uri Geller effect) before she realised that she was trying to get into the wrong car. She felt completely disorientated and feared for her sanity.

Sally felt dizzy and had heart palpitations; her pulse raced but she managed to stay inside the circle for an hour.

Doreen felt light-headed - a bit spaced out - and suffered dryness in the throat area but stayed the whole hour without too many ill effects.

On reflection, Doreen has decided that in future she will take control readings far away from the formation in order to obtain more accurate readings, as she believes the energies from a formation can have far-reaching effects.

Doreen took readings at the exact central vortex of the circle. In both cases, Annabel and Sally showed huge congested

(blocked) areas of energy at the Brow and Crown Chakras caused by the chakras spinning too fast. The energy field depleted slightly and then 'swelled' again towards the ground. The subjects were then handed a bag of 'grounding stones' which they held for just three to five minutes. In this incredibly short time, in both cases there were marked changes in their energy fields. From this experiment Doreen suggests that carrying specific crystals within the energy field a degree of protection could be afforded to maintain a balanced energy field, especially in formations where people are known to be experiencing bad effects. She feels it is up to the individual to try this out and find which particular crystal helps them but recommends Clear Quartz, Smokey Quartz, Amethyst and Rose Quartz as from knowledge gained in Electro-Crystal Therapy it is known that these crystals do, in fact, help to balance the upper chakras.

In order to carry out dispassionate scientific research, none of the scientists nor the four guinea pigs, except Jim Lyons, had any reason to expect the formation would be anything but beneficial. I took the precaution of positioning the group in one of the scimitars away from the centre. Unlike the normal scorching days we have usually experienced whilst conducting the tests, the day was cold and windy. Thankfully, no one felt ill but as Sheila Partridge (who had never been into a crop circle before) was measuring the hormone levels, she suddenly remarked that she thought all circles were supposed to be beneficial and "from these results, I am not sure we should be here at all." On analysing her results, Anne Smithells reported that "there were significant changes to the hormone reading of all subjects in the test group."

"Previous crop circle readings have shown 'stressed' adrenal readings to improve after entering the circle.

"On this occasion, out of the seven test group subjects, three improved and three worsened.

"The significant hormone to have shown constant change was TSH (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone), which showed a lower reading after entering the circle in six of the seven cases. Thyroid hormones do not normally fluctuate easily.

"Other hormones that varied before and entering the circle were Oestrogen and Glucogen (Pancreas), which increased and decreased in equal amounts. Melatonin was also affected."

When I questioned Annie about these results she said that it was medically unheard of that the thyroid levels could have altered so dramatically within such a short time scale of approximately 2-3 hours.

Isobel Maxwell-Cade was the only person whose thyroid levels improved. Christopher Weeks was the most seriously affected and his results and those of the other subjects are shown herewith (*Figs. 2, 3 & 4*).

Dr Roger Taylor measured the changes in area, spectral width, form and noise of the Kirlian records. Taking the measurements so far apart in time was not ideal, said Dr Taylor. The Russians, who have done most work in the field of Kirlian records,

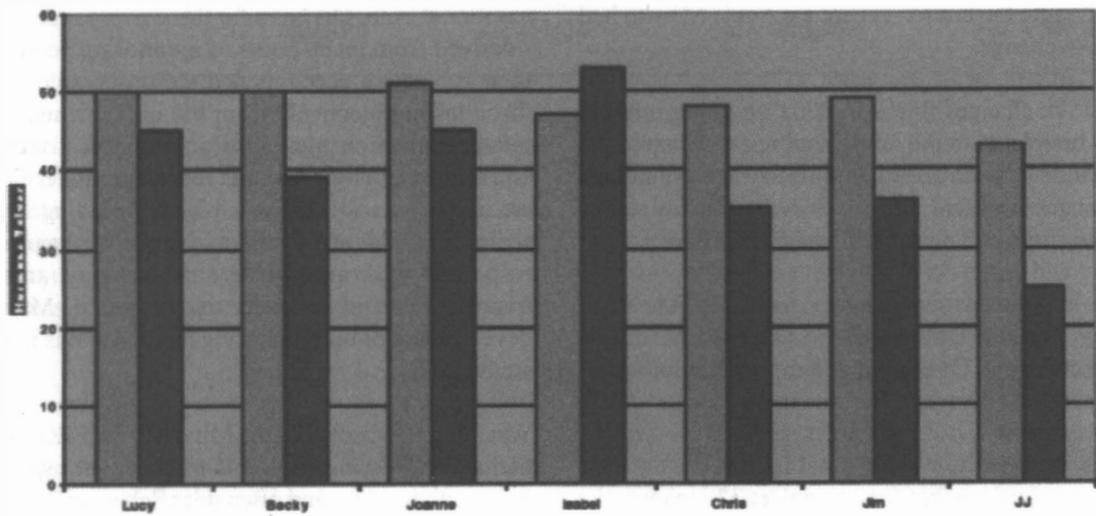
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CROP CIRCLE RESULTS JULY 2003

Name	Lucy		Becky		Joanne		Isabel		Chris		Jim		JJ	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Tests 1& 2														
Hormones														
Adrenalin	38	49	48	46	54	50	51	47	50	33	41	50	40	51
Cortisol	41	50	48	55	52	49	48	51	47	41	39	50	43	50
Estradiol	49	49	44	50	49	51	39	47	49	37	49	50	52	51
Estriol	49	50	50	51	50	51	45	37	45	26	48	51	50	52
Estrone	50	50	45	51	50	52	43	53	48	40	49	52	49	49
Glucagon	48	48	49		54	52	50	49	51	42	51	52	47	56
Hydrocortisone	42	49	51	59	50	51	49	51	49	43	45	52	-	41
Melatonin	41	51	50	51	50	51	49	51	49	54	49	48	48	44
TSH	50	45	50	39	51	45	47	53	48	35	49	36	43	25
Thyroxine	54	50	50	29	51	41	51	52	51	42	48	50	43	38
T3 Triiodothyronine	50	50	52	41	50	49	47	51	49	49	49	49	47	48

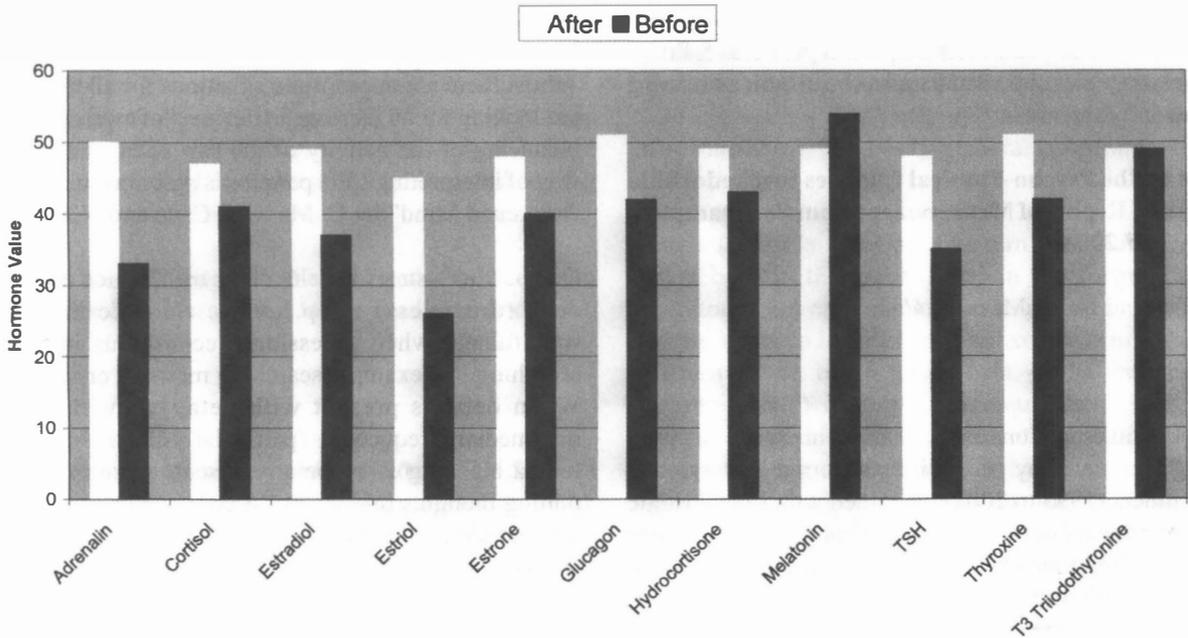
Hormone TSH

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Chris - Hormone Response

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consider that changes of 10% would be significant.

He found that whereas there was no significant change between his control tests and tests inside the formation, most people had marginally benefited from being inside the formation, especially Sheila who, despite her concerns about her subjects, showed a marked improvement as shown below, before and after entering.

“Most changed in a ‘good’ or positive direction. That is, increased Area, with decreased Form, Brightness (which I call “spectral width” before) and Noise. But it is interesting how this contrasts with 2001, when *both* readings were taken in the barn. Here, all except Linda changed in the negative direction, which I put down to fatigue after a long day in the field. One might suppose that, on first going out into the open air, a positive change would be expected. The results from 2002, however, argue against this, since there was a generally negative change on first going into the field *outside* the circle - albeit rather smaller than 2001. There was then little further change on going into the circle - except for Annie M, who had the very positive change.

“Thus the positive changes found in 2003 on going into the circle seem to be related to the circle, and not to be merely a result of going into the fresh air. So, in spite of Sheila’s findings of negative changes in certain areas, such as thyroid, my results suggest that the circle had an overall beneficial effect.

“I have had a look at the sector in the thumb which is the reflex zone for thyroid. Unfortunately many of the thumb images did not come out. Of those that did, the ones for Isabel show more separate blobs when she was in the circle.”

Jim Lyons’ dowsing results were interesting:
Aura Radius - standard control for any object 33 inches
Seeds Control 35 inches
Perimeter 79 inches
Energy Ratio to control 139%
Centre 94 inches 185%

Isobel Maxwell-Cade’s and Peter Staples’ report is as follows. Over the years a remarkable database has been built up relating the changes in brain activity.

Ninth Test on the Psycho-Physical Changes Invoked within a Crop Circle/ Report of Measurement from Beckhampton, Wiltshire, 20.7.2003

Peter Staples and Isabel Maxwell Cade

1. Introduction

Following our investigations on the changes in psycho-physical responses experienced by people in crop formations over the last ten summers (1993 to 2002) we joined with Lucy Pringle and fellow researchers and enthusiasts to take more measurements this summer. This time we had a therapist from the Biotech Health and Nutrition Centre and Roger Taylor, who each took other measurements from the subjects. The approach we adopted was to use portable electronic

biomonitoring instruments to monitor Electrical Skin Resistance (ESR), peripheral temperature and electrical brain rhythms via Electro-encephalograph (EEG), taking sets of reference measurements within the crop formation and in the same field but away from the formation.

The conclusions of a simple experiment of this type should be viewed as ‘demonstrative’ rather than ‘proof’ in strict scientific terms that the crop circles can be an agent in bringing about changes in states of consciousness.

2. Measurements and what they can show

The nature of these measurements and what they can show is summarised in the article “A test on the psycho-physical changes invoked within a crop circle” in *The Circular*, Vol4:4, March 1994, pages 13 to 15, to which the reader is referred.

In summary, measurements of changes and responses in the body are used to appraise the corresponding changes in mental/emotional state. The basis for this correspondence is empirical - derived from many hours of monitoring people and relating their subjective accounts and the observable responses with those taken objectively from the instruments. We attempt to interpret such changes in psycho-physical terminology e.g. ‘shift from lethargic towards relaxed-and-alert’ because these are more accessible than the physical readings from the meter scales. This obviously reflects a model of the psycho-physical responses with an objective consistency, and this was an important part of the work undertaken by Max Cade in the development of biomonitoring method and is implicit in these studies.

Watching the display of the Mind Mirror EEG for even a short period shows how rapidly and frequently the spectrum of brain wave activity can - and often does - change. The account given below is therefore a brief appraisal of the overall shift (or absence of such shifts) in the patterns of the subjects listed.

Our interpretation of the EEG patterns reflects a ‘hierarchy’ of states of consciousness, i.e. where each state has a greater level of awareness and responsiveness than the one below. Whilst there are appropriate situations for all these states, we are looking for an increase in the level of awareness and in the balancing of the activity of the two sides of the brain. This way of interpreting EEG patterns is described in the book “The Awakened Mind” by C. Maxwell Cade and Nona Coxhead.

One of Max’s states is delta on its own, which corresponds to deep (dreamless) sleep but we also see this pattern in wakefulness when accessing preconscious impressions or searching, for example searching memory or when dowsing. When delta is present with beta, but with little of the intermediary frequencies (particularly alpha), Max termed this ‘alpha blocking’. The beta represents the externalising, e.g. putting thoughts into terms for communicating to others, but without alpha, this function is blocked from the source of its subconscious origins reflected in the delta activity. Alpha acts as a bridge for the transmission of impressions from the subconscious to the conscious functions.

Subject	ESR (left hand)		ESR (right hand)	
	control	in formation	control	in formation
Chris	250K	1.5M	250K	1M
Linda	150K	800K	110K	500K
Jim	200K	500K	120K	250K
Joanne	100K	200K	150K	150K
Jacky	500K	1.5M	800K	1M
Lucy	900K	1.5M	1M	1.5M

Subject	finger temp. (left hand)		finger temp. (right hand)	
	control	in formation	control	in formation
Chris	34 degs	25.5 degs	34 degs	23.5 degs
Linda	32.5 degs	24.5 degs	31.5 degs	24 degs
Jim	35 degs	31 degs	34 degs	32 degs
Joanne	32 degs	29 degs	32 degs	28 degs
Jacky	25.5 degs	28 degs	26.5 degs	28 degs
Lucy	27 degs	22 degs	27 degs	22.5 degs

“Fifth state”, with balanced left/right alpha, beta and theta is often found in peak experience and in creative experience and the state provides the potential for the intuitive and empathetic attunement. When present with warm hands and a free moving hand ESR, this is a stress-free state where energy flows freely and you are less likely to experience the effects of stress or feel drained.

3. Location

The location was arranged by Lucy. The controls were made in a barn at a farm at Beckhampton in Wiltshire and the formation was in the field of another farm, fairly near. The crop formation was called the Avebury Trusloe ‘Pentacle’ and was quite large. The crop was wheat. The control measurements were made in the morning and those in the formation in the afternoon. On this occasion there were a few other people in the field at the time.

It was a warm sunny day with some cloud. The temperature in the barn (all in shade) was 27 degrees with no breeze and in the crop formation around 25 degrees Centigrade with a cooling breeze.

Our subjects were Christopher Weeks, Linda Daubney, Jim Lyons, Joanne Summerscales, Jacky Faulkner and Lucy Pringle.

4. Findings

The ESR and temperature are summarised in *Fig. 5* above (higher ESR means lower autonomic nervous system activity).

Chris showed brain rhythm patterns which were rather transient - changing from one pattern to another very often, but mostly fairly symmetric between left and right hemisphere. Within the crop formation, he showed more beta activity and more

frequent “alpha blocking” which is a pattern where there are beta, delta and usually some theta activity but virtually no alpha activity. (Most of the brain functions do not rely on the awareness of the process by the individual which is facilitated by the alpha EEG activity. With alpha blocking, the subject often reports feeling no different when there are changes in the EEG patterns and other people may say his/her behaviour or attitude has changed).

Chris’ skin resistance on both hands was much higher and the peripheral temperature much lower in the formation. This indicated a ‘shutting down’ of the autonomic nervous system, i.e. a shift to increased lethargy of responses.

Linda’s EEG patterns showed a lot of beta and quite a lot of theta on both left and right hemispheres. We likened this to ‘imaging or daydreaming with the eyes open’ - for example, going into an internalised world of imagery. Within the formation there was also a tendency for the brain activity to ‘close down’ (i.e. less beta, alpha and theta). Linda’s ESR was also much higher and her peripheral temperature lower within the formation.

Jim was mostly showing a pattern with little beta, alpha or theta both in the control and in the formation. We have monitored Jim on previous occasions and found that he often shows a pattern like this and then switches to a quite different pattern which has a lot of beta, alpha and theta in both hemispheres. (We interpret this as an ‘internalised’ state, often with a lot of delta, and a ‘presenters’ state for expressing/communicating with others.) We hardly saw the latter during these sessions. Within the formation, there was a distinct tendency for ‘alpha blocking’. Jim’s ESR was also much higher and his peripheral temperature lower in the formation.

Joanne showed quite a lot of alpha activity in the control, with fairly balanced left/right hemisphere patterns. Within the

formation, she also showed frequent 'alpha blocking' with more theta activity. Her peripheral temperature was lower but the ESR was fairly similar in the control and in the formation.

Jacky showed fairly balanced left/right hemisphere EEG patterns with alpha, beta and theta present. Within the formation, the pattern was more stable and showed a little more alpha activity but was otherwise similar. Jacky's left hand ESR was much higher and the right hand ESR a little higher in the formation. Her peripheral temperature was higher in the formation.

Lucy's EEG patterns were rather transient, showing typically alpha and theta, balanced left and right hemisphere. This indicates mainly externalised awareness. The patterns in the formation were not significantly different. Lucy's ESR was higher and her peripheral temperature lower in the formation.

5. Conclusions

The readings for Chris, Linda, Jim and Joanne showed a general reduction in metabolism - 'switching off' in the brain and autonomic nervous system and a reduction in the capability to be self-centred and empathetic shown by less cortical EEG activity, less alpha EEG, lower peripheral temperature and less autonomic nervous system activity. This also applied to Lucy except that the EEG patterns from the cortex were not very different and the change was in the autonomic nervous system - shown by the increase in ESR and fall in peripheral temperature.

We interpret the closing down of the EEG and 'alpha blocking' as losing the link between conscious awareness and signals below normal consciousness such as the sense of one's own being, information from intuitions etc. In this state, someone may be sensing what's around them but not relating to it in depth.

Jacky appeared to be uninfluenced in this way and responded with signs of increased self-awareness - shown by more stable EEG patterns and an increase in hand temperature.

Overall, the effect on the subjects was a lulling of the mind unless they asserted themselves and their self-centredness over the influence of being in the crop formation.

Control measurements in the barn with Jacky, Chris, Lucy, Peter, Joanne, Isabel, Jim (and team)

Measurements in Avebury Trusloe formation (Peter and Jacky)

Peter and Isabel measuring Chris in the formation

After completing our scientific tests at Avebury Trusloe, Jacky Faulkner and I drove to Hackpen to visit the formation that had appeared during the previous night. It lay beneath the famous Hackpen Hill, where legend tells us that when the hill rises up on certain nights you will hear the music and laughter of the faery folk. But beware, for if you accept their invitation to join them you may never be seen again, or if by chance

you appear the next morning you may not be the same person you were before you entered their realm.

The complex formation was striking and largely consisted of multiple circles around a central circle, the central circle containing circles increasing in size. I buried a couple of bottles before I noticed that there was a fine tracer line running beneath the flattened crop. (This is clearly visible from the aerial photograph.)

About 10 days later I took a group of people into the fields and they particularly requested a visit to the Hackpen circle. I did tell them of my suspicions but examined the lay of the crop even more carefully and by the centres of one of the smaller circles, on lifting up the crop, I found the heavy imprint of a trainer shoe. Certainly that imprint was there before the crop was flattened. On closer inspection the formation resembled the 1998 man-made formation commissioned by the BBC.

However, I was intrigued by an experience of one of the visitors that day on approaching the formation. Dan Voice, a landscape gardener, had been suffering from a groin strain for 5-6 days prior to our expedition and was in some pain. As we were walking in the tramline towards the formation, he suddenly stopped and called out to me. He looked ecstatic and said he had never ever experienced such a feeling of happiness and peace, almost beyond words. "At the same time the soles of my feet began to warm. The discomfort in my groin disappeared. The warming of my feet became intense but not painful. Not such a nice sensation. For a while I had the nicest sensation of my life."

The next formation we visited was the new Barbury Castle 'Flower'. I always tell people to walk with the lay of the crop, not against it, as you would be walking *against* the flow of the energy. In the early days, often when I felt nauseous, I found I was doing this. However, on entering the formation Dan was so excited he rushed off on his own without noticing that he was going against the flow. When he returned to us, he told me the pain in his groin had returned.

Another report of 'hot feet' was sent to me by someone visiting the Barbury Castle 'flower'. She experienced "warmth on the bottom of my feet, heaviness laying down, increased sense of smell and general awareness." On both occasions the weather was cool and cloudy.

What possible explanation could there be? We know that subtle energies kick-start the hypothalamus. Two of the effects are increased thirst and sense of smell. Also, in Dan's case the nerves running down his leg were stimulated. This often occurs in people who have suffered some sort of spinal trauma, are diabetic or have arthritis.

The hypothalamus is a very important part of the forebrain which lies below the thalamus and forms the lower part of the ventricle and its floor. Its integrity is essential to life, for it is concerned with the 'vegetative' functions. It plays a major part in regulating the temperature of the body, the body weight and appetite, sexual behaviour and rhythms, blood pressure and

fluid balance, and can even be said to be the physical basis of the emotions.

One of the most interesting formations in Hampshire was the complex elongated, snake-like formation at East Tisted. It contained 5 circles decreasing in size from the centre outwards. The farmer, though unhappy with the event, kindly allowed me in to conduct my research. The lay was one of the most extraordinary and perplexing I have witnessed for some time. In one instance the ends of crop lying in opposite directions joined together in a woven embrace. The whole construction was a series of contradictions. Unfortunately, when I first went in, it had been present for several days. However, the basic lay was still clearly apparent.

On the second occasion I took Suzanne Taylor and her film crew. It was a gloriously warm, sunny day and we conducted an interview inside the formation. At one point, Allen Bransen's sound and camera system failed completely, only to work again when he moved to a different spot inside the formation.

The final formation I visited was the 'Swallows', a glorious formation nestling gracefully beneath Adam's Grave. I visited it on the morning of 14th August and was so entranced that I returned in the evening to view it in the mellow late afternoon

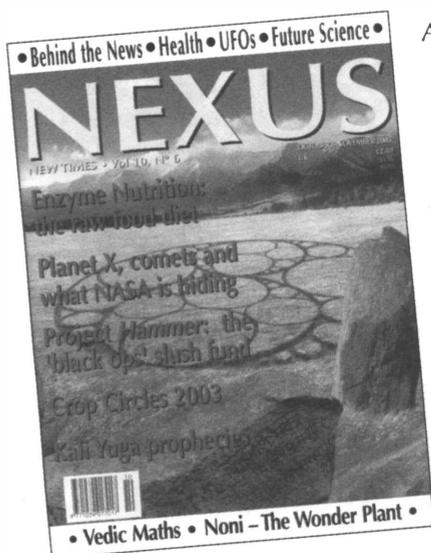
light. As entered the formation I chatted to the farm hand who was sitting astride his tractor.

The harvester was already in the field and I stood watching as it drew closer and ever closer. To those who love the circles, they will understand that it is unbearable to witness the final destruction, so with a salutation and grateful thanks for all the pleasure and increased awareness that we are given, I left the field to return home. Like the swallows who appear in the early summer and leave us at the end of the summer, so do the circles.

As always, I am profoundly grateful to not only all the scientists who have contributed to this pioneering research but also the many people who have recognised the importance of this research and trust me with their experiences, have gallantly filled in the questionnaires and returned them to me.

On a final cautionary note, I would like to remind people that if they do not feel well when visiting a crop circle, they should come out immediately. If you are pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant, it is inadvisable to enter circles. Also, due to the many electrical failures experienced inside the circles, if you have you have a health device geared by a battery, such as a heart pace maker, do *not* venture in.

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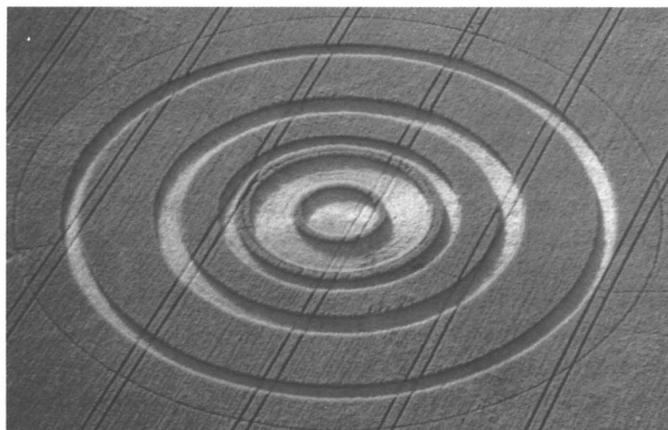
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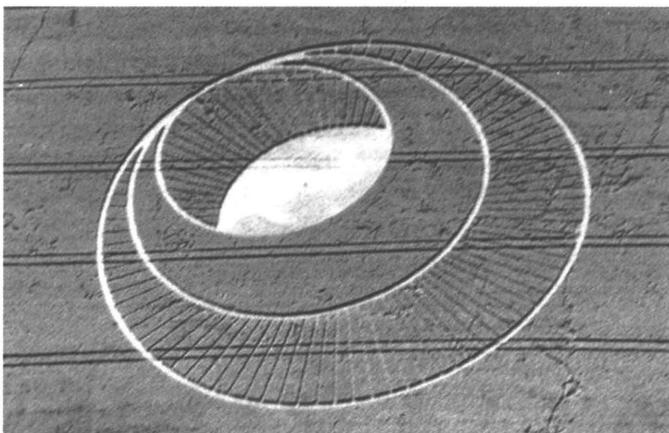
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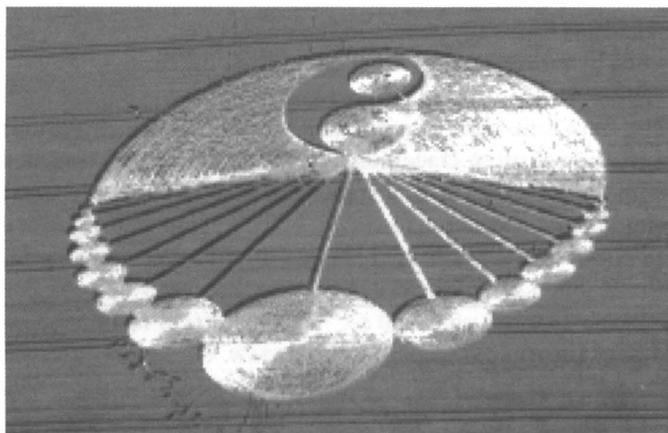
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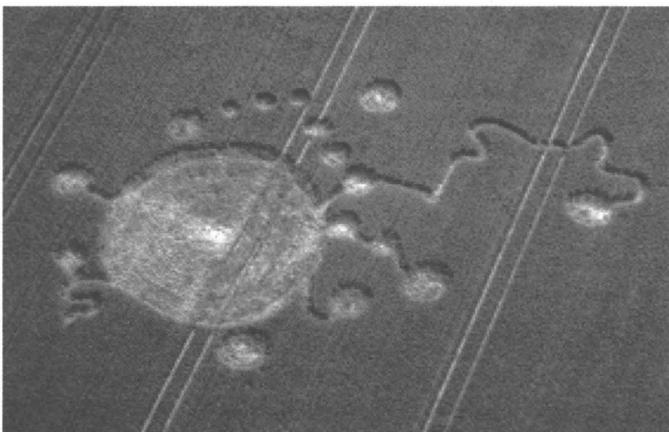
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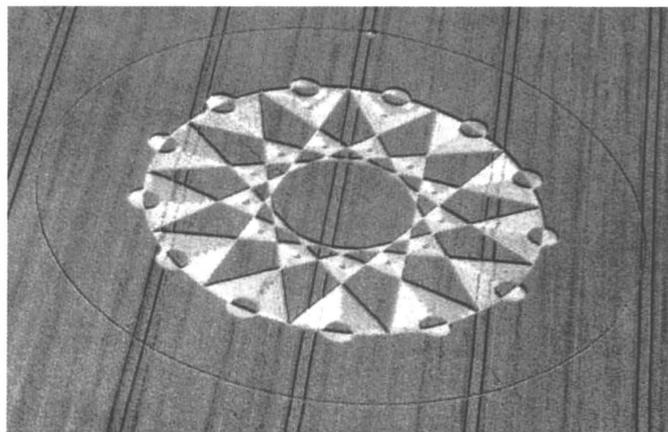
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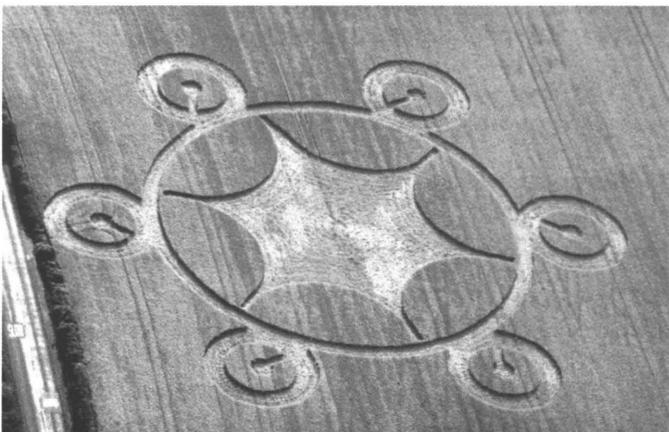
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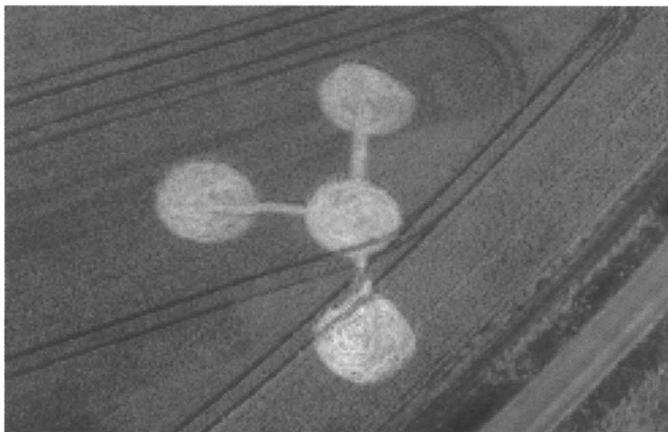
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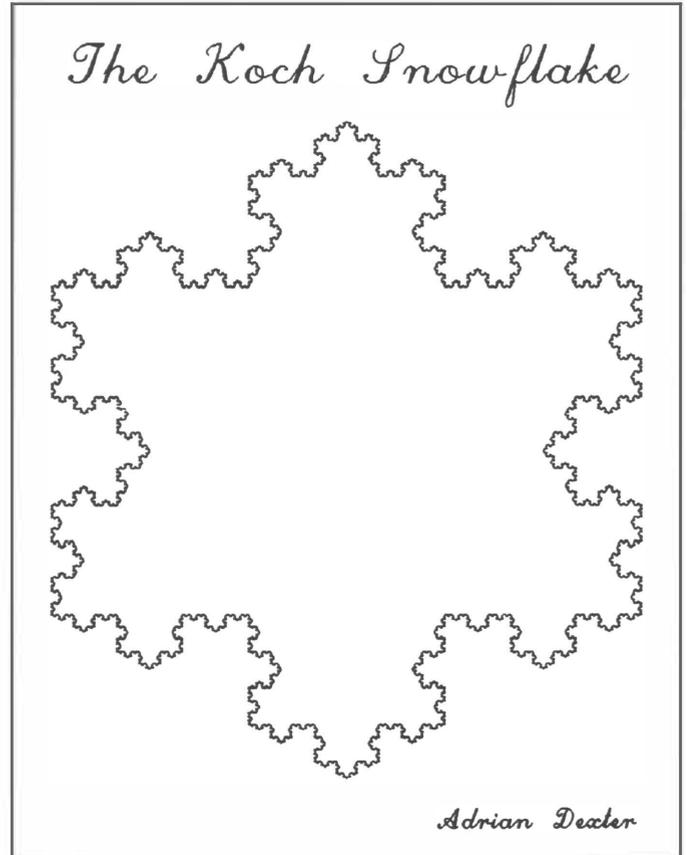


Norfolk's first circle of 2004

Driving in the area around Norwich last December, I couldn't believe my eyes when I passed a couple of fields which seemed to contain a full mature crop of golden barley. I

had a chat with Busty Taylor on the phone, who said he'd spotted similar fields down his way and suggested that the crop was experimental rye: that an attempt was being made to grow crops during the winter. There were two fields at Marsham, just north of Norwich (an area where circles had previously appeared) and another at Aylsham, a few miles further on (where we had a ringed circle in 2002). On a later trip to Frettenham I found another, fairly large, field containing the same crop. Although the crop at Aylsham was badly damaged by rooks, rabbits and heavy snow, the approx. 16' clockwise circle was still visible enough to photograph.

On the right is an item which came from the files of Ute Weyer (ex-FGK; see also *The Cereologist* #31, p24). The positions of the title and signature have been condensed to fit the column width here, since the original fills a sheet of A4, but bearing in mind that this comes from c.1991-93, just look at the name of the well-known circle maker attached to the design. Intriguing, or what?



SCIENCE AND THE CIRCLE PHENOMENON

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Chair: **Ray Cox** (Chairman of the CCCS)

09.30 Registration

10.00 **Michael Green** (President of the CCCS)
Introduction: a matter of authenticity

11.00 Coffee

11.30 **Andrew King** (Council member of the CCCS)
Geophysical effects in man-made formations

12.30 Lunch

13.30 **Paul Vigay**
Alien Messages?

14.30 **George Bishop**
An intelligence at work?

15.30 Tea

16.00 **Jim Lyons** (CCCS Scientific Consultant)
Gaia - the emerging evidence

17.30 **Panel Discussion** with contributions from guest speakers

18.30 Close

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UFO REPORTS, INTERFERENCE EFFECTS AND THE CROP CIRCLE LINK

Geoff Falla

Reasonably acceptable explanations can be found for most reported UFO sightings but some of these reports are much more difficult to explain in any conventional way. There are many cases, for example, in which sightings are reported to be accompanied by strange physical effects.

Some of the most puzzling of these cases include reported effects on vehicles, involving the temporary malfunction or failure in the normal operation of the vehicle's engine, lights, or radio equipment. This is reported to happen while the unknown object is in apparent close proximity, with the vehicle returning to normal operation when the object has moved away. Additionally, there have been many similar incidents involving aircraft, mostly with reported effects on navigation and communications systems.

The events have evidence of what has been termed 'EM effects', as they appear to be electromagnetic in nature. In the case of vehicles, the effect is usually noted to interfere with the electrical system. The exception is in the case of diesel engines, which do not depend on electric ignition, and are reported to be usually unaffected in such incidents. Magnetic effects are also apparent in some of the reports, these in particular in some cases involving aircraft navigation.

With more than 600 of these reports recorded globally - the earliest of these dates from 1944 - the reports of interference effects from many different countries are found to follow a very similar pattern, helping to confirm the reality of these events.

In Britain, a summary of these cases has revealed a total of more than 80 reported incidents, with the earliest dating back to 1955. The location of these reports also indicates that they are not completely random events, but that some patterns can be seen.

The interference effect incidents in Britain are found to be more concentrated in the southern counties of England. More particularly, there is some concentration of these incidents in the counties of Wiltshire and Hampshire. No other two counties have quite as many reported and the fact that they are adjoining counties forming one area adds to the possible significance.

It may not be just a coincidence that these two counties of Wiltshire and Hampshire have also been the major location for many of the strange crop circles, and more complex shapes. Although many of these have been revealed to be hoaxes, there are reported to be remaining unexplained features and complexity in many of the crop circle shapes which would appear to defy the abilities involved in any hoaxing.

The mysterious crop circles and patterns are reported to have been largely unknown until around 1980, although a few were

known before that date. At first, the circles were reported to be concentrated in Wiltshire, in particular near Warminster. Also, and in more recent years, a favoured location has been the Winchester area of Hampshire.

A check of the reported vehicle interference effect locations in Wiltshire and Hampshire now shows that half of these cases have been reported from the same areas as for many of the crop circles - near to Warminster and Winchester. It looks as if there is some definite link, as this seems unlikely to be just another coincidence.

The earliest of the vehicle interference effect incidents in Wiltshire and Hampshire were also reported from the Warminster area, dating from 1965, and preceded the appearance of the crop circles in the same area. Consideration should therefore be given to the possibility that the interference effects were some kind of forerunner to later events.

There have always been occasional reports of UFO sightings including luminous objects in relation to crop circle sites but it looks as if there is this further definite link, with the identification of similar locations for the interference effect cases and the crop circles.

The following summary of reported vehicle interference effect incidents in the counties of Wiltshire and Hampshire will, it is hoped, help towards a better understanding of what this apparent link may be. It could be related, perhaps, to geophysical anomalies at particular locations, giving rise to luminous objects and strange effects, or it could be part of the answer in the case of something even more remarkable.

Most of the evidence is towards an indirect link of some kind but the last two cases in this summary of reported events does provide some evidence for a more direct link. The interference effects noted in these two cases actually appear to have coincided with the appearance of crop circles nearby.

The summary of incidents consists of the fourteen presently known interference effect cases reported from locations near Warminster and Winchester. One case in particular, the November 1967 incident on the A338 road in Hampshire, is in rather more detail. This case involved two vehicles, a large luminous object which was reported to have produced significant effects on the vehicles and surroundings, and which was followed up by a police investigation.

Some of the features described in these interference effect summaries may also be of particular relevance, in cases where similar reported effects, for example on watches, and on batteries, heating effects or unusual sounds can perhaps be compared with what has been noted also at some of the crop circle sites.

20th August 1965. 23.00, Warminster, Wilts.

A couple were riding a scooter-type motorcycle between Warminster and Dilton Marsh, near Westbury. They were near Colloway Clump when the engine stalled and could not be restarted. Two large spheres of light were then seen. These hovered, then went spinning across the sky. The lights changed colour and approached again before they disappeared. It was noted by the couple that both of their watches stopped at 11.02pm. They reported feeling waves of hot and cold air during the sighting, which lasted for about 40 minutes. After the objects had disappeared the scooter started again without any difficulty. More than a dozen other eyewitnesses also seeing the strange objects "like car headlamps" moving around in the sky that night.

(*The Warminster Mystery* pp78-79.)

7th September 1965. 20.00, Warminster

Major William Hill reported that his car engine cut out suddenly while he was driving at about 45mph between Warminster and Westbury. After the car came to a halt, it seemed to be shaken by aerial vibrations and the headlights flickered. When the major got out of his car, the air vibrations could be felt. He could also hear whining and crackling noises. After about 3 minutes everything seemed to return to normal and the car started again without difficulty.

(*The Warminster Mystery* pp93-94.)

8th October 1965. 00.25, Warminster

The driver in this case was travelling past the village of Norton Bavant, about 2 miles south-east of Warminster, when she saw a bright orange glowing object like a ball. The car engine started to misfire and the headlights dimmed, "flickering like a candle in the wind". The engine stopped completely, then a dark object was seen taking off from near the road and then spinning across the sky. Red and blue sparks came from the object's rim. It then became bright crimson in colour and left a trail in the sky. The witness stated that she passed close to two figures standing in the road but the car engine had by then fully recovered its full power so she drove away from the area as quickly as possible.

(*The Warminster Mystery* pp132-133.)

24th September 1966. 21.20, between Tilshead and Shrewton, Wilts.

The car engine, lights and radio failed. A red haze or mist descended a short distance behind the vehicle and settled on the roadway. A light humming sound was then heard by the two witnesses and the mist started rising up and down. It then vanished, the car lights and radio came on again and the engine could be started normally.

(*Flying Saucer Review* Vol 12, No 6 p18.)

26th October 1967. 04.30, Hook, Hants.

The vehicle's electrical system failed suddenly and a dark object was noticed, stationary over the road ahead. After a few minutes the engine could be started again but a short distance down the road the same failure occurred and the same dark object was noticed ahead. The object was shaped like a squat ice-cream cone, with a rim in the middle. The witness noticed a change in pressure in his ears and an oppressive smell. After a further few minutes the object moved away silently at

moderate speed, and the vehicle's engine started normally again.

(*FSR* Vol 13, No 6 pp6-7.)

6th November 1967. 01.00, between Avon and Sopley, Hants.

Carl Farlow was driving his diesel engine lorry on the A338 road in clear weather conditions when the headlights began to dim, then failed completely. Mr Farlow pulled up, with the engine still running, then saw a large egg-shaped object moving slowly across the road from the right. The object, estimated to be about 80 feet long, was described as magenta in colour with a whitish area underneath. It became stationary over the road ahead. A continuous humming sound could be heard and there was a pungent smell in the air. After several minutes the object began to move away, slowly at first, before it accelerated and disappeared in a few seconds. It was then realised that another vehicle was also involved - a Jaguar car which had been travelling in the opposite direction. The driver of the Jag confirmed that both his engine and lights had malfunctioned as the object approached. He suggested that they should telephone the police from a nearby call-box to report the incident. The telephone box light was not working and the jaguar driver - a local veterinary surgeon - found that his torch was also not working, although it had been used the previous evening without any problems. When the police vehicles arrived, it could be seen that the scrub land and hedge where the object had hovered appeared to be blackened, while the road had a shiny appearance, as if the tarmac surface had been melted. The men were taken to the police station at Christchurch for questioning, then to another police station at Bournemouth, where they were later interviewed by a man from the Ministry of Defence. When Mr Farlow was driven back to the area of the incident to collect some belongings, he noticed men taking instrument readings along the road, while a bulldozer was levelling the area of blackened scrub, and the telephone box was being repainted. About a week later it was also noticed that the road had been resurfaced for about 200 feet at the scene of the incident. Examination of Mr Farlow's vehicle revealed that most of the lorry's electrical system was useless, needing replacement, including the batteries which had been newly fitted about 4 months previously.

(*BUFORA - Vehicle Interference Project Report* pp44-45: *FSR* Vol 7, No 3 p22.)

- 1967. Cley Hill, Warminster

A businessman driving past Cley Hill, about a mile north of Warminster, felt the interior of the car suddenly become very hot and there was a high-pitched whining noise. The car engine faltered, then cut out completely. The driver got out of the car and saw a glowing white disc directly overhead. The object sped away after a few seconds and disappeared northwards.

(*BUFORA Journal* Vol 7, no 3 p22.)

25th August 1975. 01.00, near Warminster

A serviceman returning to his military unit stopped a police patrol vehicle south of Warminster, to report the sighting of a bright red light which had hovered level with his car. The car window had been open but no sound was heard. The car headlights had failed, the sidelights became intermittent, and the engine cut out for short periods.

(BUFORA report.)

14th November 1976. 20.50, near Winchester, Hants.

A car driver and passenger were on the A272 road when they saw an orange glow in the sky. Turning into a lane to their destination, the car began to shudder violently and could not be controlled. It moved diagonally of the road onto a grass verge and stopped. The engine then started again by itself and 'revved', even though the driver had removed her foot from the accelerator. The car lights were also much brighter than normal. A glowing orange cigar-shaped object, about 15 feet long, was then seen just above the ground a few yards in front of the car. The car ignition was then turned off. Jets of vapour were seen beneath the object and three figures were visible through a window. One of the figures then emerged, appearing to pass through the side of the object (there seemed to be no door) and approached the car. The figure was described as wearing a silvery-coloured suit, and had pink eyes, but otherwise seemed to be of normal, tall, appearance. The passengers' clothes felt very hot at this time. After about two minutes the figure moved away and the object had disappeared. The incident had lasted about 7 minutes and the driver remained very shaken for several days. Describing the events, she reported that her watch had started to gain time considerably and that she had also experienced paranormal phenomena for many years.

(FSR Vol 22, No 4, p22 and Vol 22, No 5 pp3-14.)

30th December 1976, 18.20, Winchester

Mrs Joyce Bowles was driving home with two friends and travelling on the B3404 road, when a light was seen going in and out of the clouds. A high-pitched whistling sound was then heard. The car started to rock in all directions and the friends reported that they then found themselves apparently in a craft of some kind, with silver-suited occupants. They next remembered being in the car again, in an area which they did not recognise. After driving around for about half an hour they were able to find their way home, arriving at about 8.15pm. Mrs Bowles and one of the other witnesses had been involved in a previous incident, also near Winchester, on 14th November. (BUFORA Journal Vol 5, No 6 pp15-17.)

7th March 1977. 10.00, Nether Wallop, Hants.

Mrs Bowles, a witness in the previous case experienced at Winchester, was driving with a companion when the car engine spluttered. A humming noise was heard and a bright, glowing oval object was seen. A figure was then also seen and Mrs Bowles reported that a message seemed to be communicated to her. The being then returned to the object, which took off with a whistling and humming sound, moving parallel to the ground while gathering speed.

(BUFORA Journal Vol 6, No 1 piii of cover.)

7th November 1978. Portsdown, near Portsmouth, Hants.

A family of four were travelling towards Droxford when a bright light was seen in the sky. Two red lights were noticed, then a large dome-shaped object became visible. There were green lights around the bottom, like windows. The object then appeared to hover low over the car. The driver found that even with the full use of the accelerator, and going downhill, no speed could be gained. The object moved away at speed after

a few seconds.

(BUFORA Journal Vol 8, No 2 pp14-18.)

- 1980. Winchester

A local resident was out walking his dog at Cheesefoot Head one summer evening when he saw an object land in one of the cornfields. He described the experience to the *Winchester Gazette* some years later, in connection with the appearance of mystery rings in the fields. He reported that he had heard a humming sound before seeing a large grey object moving across the cornfield and landing for about 5 minutes. It then took off, moving away much faster than an aircraft and leaving a flattened ring in the field. There were two other eyewitnesses - a woman who had also been walking and the driver of a refuse van, emptying a nearby rubbish bin. None of the vehicles involved would start while the object had been standing in the field.

(FSR Vol 32, No 6 pp15-16.)

10th July 1990. Alton Barnes, Vale of Pewsey, Wilts.

A heavy buzzing noise was heard during the night and on the following morning many residents found that they could not start their cars.. The batteries of cars, vans and tractors were all found to be dead. It was then discovered that a large and elaborate formation of crop circles had appeared in a field adjacent to the village. A few miles away an almost identical pattern had also appeared.

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AN ATTEMPT TO STOP ME FLYING IN 2003?

Busty Taylor

First of all, let me explain what I have been doing at Thruxton airfield since 1948. I went to Thruxton Junior School in 1948 and used to play around the airfield with all the local kids. I can remember playing in the Horso gliders that got dumped there after the war (250 dropped in between 1946 and 1947). In the 1950s, all the local kids got asked to clean the airfield up after the car/motorbike racing and that took about 3-4 days for us kids to do.

My first flight was in March 1955. I went parachuting from 1966-68, flew with an old schoolfriend from 1973-80 and started to learn to fly from Thruxton myself in 1980. Today, I help get the planes out each day, clean them, check the fuel some days, ferry aircraft to other airfields for maintenance, plus cut the grass when people are on holiday

Most of you have heard by now that Lucy Pringle had a flying problem last year, and has found it hard to keep going. Well, I too had a problem about flying, due to a rumour that was put about on the airfield behind my back.

The person concerned, who the rumour had been told to, had the decency to ask me to my face about it and told me what had been said.

"I understand you have been flying Lucy around the crop circles this year." I replied, "What the hell are you talking about? I have not even seen Lucy so far this year, let alone fly her around. Come to think of it, the last time I saw Lucy to speak to was at the Andover 2002 conference." They replied, "Well, that is what we have been told by people, that you have been flying her around.

I then said, "OK then, any time you want to, you come to me with dates, times and then we can check them out with my flying log book and driving school diary. That should prove who is right. You can have them right now if you like. I have them in the car with me."

"No need to do that, Busty. We have known you for a long time and if you say that you did not take Lucy, then that is good enough for us, Busty, and please, do calm down, mate. It is not worth getting uptight about this."

I then asked them, "Do you think someone is trying to stop me flying around the circles?" They replied, "That would be a waste of time, Busty. There are so many people now taking photos of the circles besides Steve, Francine and you, from different airfields all over the country. You must remember the person that flew every day of the week to get the photos of the circles while they were here on holiday. He's been doing that for years.

I then asked who had said such a thing about me, but they said no, they would not tell me. I then offered to pay them for the name so that I could take matters further. Again they declined.

At this point, I started to realise that somebody had tried to make life difficult for me to fly as well. Why? I thought to myself. Why do such a stupid thing? Whoever did it, though, did not fully understand what a pilot has to do to take people up flying today, but they did understand the rules about flying.

Due to the high risk of planes being used for flying bombs, the rules have been changed a lot over the last 2 years. In order to take people flying not known to the flying club, I have to get them to sign a form giving name, address and telephone number. I then have to sign out and back in at the tower, stating how many people are flying with me, where to and if they are coming back to the airfield. This is also in case the plane crashes, so that people will know who was in the plane if it burns. I also have to put every flight in my log book, date, time, make of plane and destination.

(If anybody in charge of the airfield hears or sees anything wrong on the airfield, the pilot will be asked to explain themselves. If they are doing things wrong, they will be banned from the field. I have seen this happen, so there is no way I would I would have put my head in a noose to be banned from my airfield.)

I cannot understand why somebody should do this, unless there was some *commercial* gain to it. Let's face it - where would we all be if people such as Colin, Pat, Terence, Don and myself had not put ourselves out so much in the first place to tell the world about the circles?

(And if it was a croppie who started the rumour, can we trust whatever he/she says about the circles again?)



MONTAGUE KEEN (1925-2004)

An appreciation by *Michael Green*

The CCCS has sadly learnt of the sudden death of one of its most prominent early researchers, Montague Keen, who died on 15th January 2004 after some years of poor health.

I first met Montague at the CCCS conference at Ely, Cambridgeshire in June 1991 when he was introduced to me by his friend the late Ralph Noyes as a suitable person for the role of Scientific Officer. He joined the organisation and council forthwith and took a full part in the life and work of the CCCS for several years. We were fortunate indeed to have someone of Montague's intellectual calibre and fearless integrity. His industrious, rational approach to the study of the crop circle phenomenon was of inestimable value to the fledgling organisation.

A prizeman of the Royal Agricultural College, Montague Keen became a distinguished agronomist and international journalist, with nearly 25 years' experience in editing agricultural magazines. His expertise included the difficult field of water conservancy, advising on such matters as the hydraulic problems of the River Jordan. He was a former lobby correspondent and head of the parliamentary and legal division of the National Farmers' Union for 12 years. Last - but not least - he farmed on his own account at Sudbury, Suffolk, for 20 years.

Much of this busy professional life was behind him when he began to address the scientific problems of the crop circle phenomenon in his early seventies. One of his first acts was to produce a booklet for the organisation - 1991 - *Scientific Evidence for the Crop Circle Phenomenon*, which was published in January 1992. In this seminal work dealing with such matters as polyembryony, cellular changes in nodes, carbon blackening and radiation measurements, Montague addressed several of the key issues which still perplex the study of the geophysical phenomenon. In particular he became sharply critical of the protocols and subsequent scientific results of Dr W C Levengood's research work in the USA. This resulted in his critique *Anatomical anomalies on crop formation plants* published as a response to Dr Levengood's paper in *Physiologia Plantarum* #92 (1994) 356-363. Indeed, he was still lecturing on this topic at the joint conference on the SMN/CCCS ten years later in June 2001.

Montague was a member of the Scientific Research Panel set up by the CCCS to investigate the phenomenon in 1991 which was quickly followed by his published protocols for the scientific examination of crop formations. In 1992 research received a fillip from an American-sponsored exercise, Project Argus, using a range of hi-tec equipment including gamma-ray spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy and electrophoresis, amongst other things. All were in different ways looking for an unconventional input of energy into the crop in formations from whatever source. Montague Keen and Ralph Noyes were heavily involved in this programme of research in Wiltshire, which led at the British end in 1993 to



the founding of the short-lived Scientific Research Committee largely composed of scientists from outside the CCCS.

What some of the founding fathers of CCCS back in 1990 envisaged was an organisation rather like the Society for Psychical Research (of which Professor Archie Roy, Ralph Noyes and Montague Keen were all committee members) where the membership would fund research into the phenomenon and (where available) would do the leg-work in the fields providing the raw information for trained scientific minds to adjudicate. As Archie Roy in his preface to the 1991 booklet observed: "Continuing to build up an objective replicable set of data is of the utmost importance", the outcome "remains dimly glimpsed but we can be confident now that it has one". It was not to be. Events and forces were at work which were to undermine the hopeful progression of this objective research programme, not least perhaps because it was entirely considered at the time to fall within the parameters of conventional science. The first nasty shock was to discover the extent of hoaxing which already existed by 1992. The Project Argus results were somewhat equivocal in scientific terms, but Ralph Noyes recorded at the time that there was "massive evidence of the activity of humans in a great many of the crop circle events". All research from then on had to be concentrated on finding an "objective litmus test for genuineness" in Montague's words, a quest which is still unfinished.

The international propaganda put out by the hoaxing organisations such as CSICOP had a deleterious effect in several areas of CCCS' work. Membership of the organisation sharply fell, and any hope that the wider scientific community might regard the phenomenon as a suitable subject for study was dashed for good. The same negative effect occurred with serious public opinion as reflected in the press and media. As the well-funded hoaxing operations progressed, indeed blossomed, with increasingly spectacular creations, it caused serious divisions amongst the crop circle fraternity. The old-style field investigator was no longer prepared to spend hours recording formations which were later claimed as man-made. Also, the growing populist 'croppie' movement, backed by

the growing commercialisation of the subject, was not prepared to recognise a hoax problem at all, which caused great dissension within the CCCS and nearly led to its demise in 1996.

The moment of truth for Montague, and perhaps for many of us dedicated to old-style research, came in September 1993 with the appearance of the Bythorn crop formation in Cambridgeshire. Widely acclaimed by the 'croppie' community as a 'wonder', this beautifully made formation became the subject of detailed examination and an enquiry which rumbled on into 1994. A detailed factual brief was prepared by Montague indicating that it was a hoax by a local youth, Julian Richardson, and his friends. The case was supported by photographs by the hoaxers showing the formation's construction in two stages. Unfortunately, the evidence of the farming community was contradictory, and consequently the CCCS council decided that no rating one way or another could be made. In retrospect I personally believe that Montague was correct, and I regret that at the time, as chairman, I did not give him the support that he deserved. As it was, the business split the CCCS council and Montague was unjustly publicly villified. He resigned as Scientific Officer shortly afterwards in 1994.

Unfortunately, Montague's treatment also made clear with this landmark case that for an influential, vocal faction in the CCCS, rational objective results were no longer a determining factor in assessing the genuineness of crop formations. This tendency has now reached a point ten years on where some of the largest and most influential crop circle organisations in the south of England (not the CCCS, I must hasten to add) do not even pretend to carry out scientific research, but have turned into circle phenomenon appreciation societies!

The irony of the Bythorn fracas was that Montague was not at all the blinkered rationalist only concerned with mechanistic science, as he was sometimes portrayed in certain quarters. He was very much aware of what might be termed 'other states of reality', as, indeed, his long-term membership of SPR indicated. A paper of his in 1993 published by the CCCS (*Argus 1992 - is science getting bogged down?*) in some senses sums up his position before he left the organisation. In many respects it mirrored the problems that have dogged crop circle research ever since, namely, that the subject is proving itself bigger than purely scientific objectivity can address. In his concluding paragraph he said, "Commitment to a scientific approach does not exclude or make inadmissible other less orthodox attempts to glean more information by more direct means," with a clear reference to metaphysical sources of knowledge. In private he said to me that the CCCS must, however, establish the objective reality of the genuine phenomenon, before we can safely move towards the exciting metaphysical fields that may lie beyond.

I will personally remember and appreciate Montague Keen as a decent, honourable man of high intellect who was generous to his professional friends and colleagues. Between 1991 and 1994 his sharp critical intelligence and hard work for the CCCS made an enormous and lasting contribution towards an understanding of the problems of this extraordinary phenomenon.



SUMMER WONDERLAND 2004

Michael Newark

For some time now my computer has been off line in all sorts of ways, so I just have not been able to record the events of last summer, and the crop circles I saw and enjoyed. But now things are looking up and I can share with you what I saw both in the fields and on the many web sites that cover the crop circle events from all parts of the world. Looking out of the window I can see snow and ice outside on the road and I know it's cold to walk just out the door, so it's nice to remember back to the summer just gone. Things again last summer took time to get going, but with the hot summer days we had, crop circles came thick and fast by the end of May and the start of June here in the UK.

Most of the early formations that came in the Wiltshire area around the Bishop Cannings and Kennett Canal /Stanton St Bernard I liked from the pictures I saw in *The Circular*, forming for the most part in oil seed rape. They showed large amounts of absorbed aura from their pictures, something all genuine crop circles contain. You can dowse this directly from the photos. This same earth force you can dowse off the screen while looking at web pictures of crop circles, so I don't need to travel far from my computer to check out the world's formations. Neat trick if you can do it. And this goes for ancient sites as well: they display this same sacred earth force within their design and shape, so sometimes even barren-looking groundshows to be charged and active and to be a place where in ancient times people would gather to celebrate and worship, as their forefathers had done before them.

Farming today means big open fields with very few hedges, so the tractor can work in long sweeps across open fields. Ancient standing stones and the like are removed to allow this freedom. But our heritage is lost the minute the stone is removed; in a short span of time all is forgotten of the history and folklore of the stone, and its place in the landscape, more's the pity. Luckily for us, the earth force remains on site, so even when the stone circle or standing stone is removed, you can still find the very place it once stood and perhaps records telling you about it in the local library. Problem is, nobody wants to record and keep these ancient standing stones' positions known. English Heritage, with all its staff, does not even know or understand earth forces at their sites. They think what you see is the total value of what they have, end of story. Proof of this can be seen at Stonehenge, where they make you walk anticlockwise round the site, while all the earth force spins clockwise round the stones and surrounding area. Anyone walking the site is totally out of harmony and cannot tune in with the site walking anticlockwise around it. It's like looking at some historic picture in a gallery, with one eye closed!

With the good summer last year the crops grew tall in no time at all, so come June and July many formations were appearing round the country, with Windmill Hill and Milk Hill again proving to be places favoured by the Circle Maker. Huge crop circles formed here that I liked, with really powerful spider's web patterns running away in all directions, showing spiral

and radial earth force coming from their centres. Avebury Trusloe had a wonderful crop circle near the A4, with strong Judaic and Islamic designs in its shape, and the formation design finished just 15-18 inches from the path down the field. Wow! It was laid very well, with strong leys running down the five double paths on the left side, with a counter-running path just inches away, crop laid in and out of the design centre. All the crop circles in this immediate area I found dowsed strong and active. For once the hoaxers had stayed home and left this wonderful magic place alone, so thanks for that. The Celtic pattern crop circle came early and was just wonderful at Avebury Trusloe - another beauty. You can see all of these formations in issue 51 of *The Circular*. It's an active place here (leys cross and crisscross the fields in all directions) and has produced so many fine crop circles down the years. Nature uses these fields like some huge canvas to paint wonderful pictures each summer here for us.

Later in the summer two more formations that were powerful came in the Milk Hill area. Both of these showed vast earth force of spiral and radial force that you could dowse from miles away. One was the 'Swallow' crop circle just below Milk Hill and Adam's Grave. I walked this formation with three US croppies who had seen it from the air. That must have been a sight to see. The crop circle had two powerful leys running down the centre with one ley running north to south and the other south to north. This had the effect of parting the 'swallow's wing' at the north end of the formation in the centre, to lay the crop to the west and east of the centre parting - just like some chaps part their hair in the centre, with some hair to the right and left of the centre parting. What a crop circle! Each and every smaller circle was swept clockwise because of the east-west and north-south leys passing through them, and every one looked so neat with well laid floors and edges. It was yet another beauty. A chap I spoke with had spent the night on Adam's Grave. He saw and heard nothing then saw the crop circle at daybreak, so he must have slept right through its formation, and just a little north/east of where it formed in the fields. It was a hard walk from the road to visit the formation, but well worth it to dowse and get some pictures of it. The formation was almost hidden in a way, right in a dip in the field below Adam's Grave. I dowsed a time of 302 seconds for the crop circle to form, with the power coming from 5 miles and 644 yards under the formation to complete the strike.

The Photo Gallery on page 14 of the issue 51 *Circular* has some nice pictures of crop circles. I like 5 of the 8 photos. These dowse with powerful aura and display earth forces. The ones I don't like are Privet, Beacon Hill and Ogbourne St George. These all come back as man-made. Sorry folks, but that's my opinion. One formation at Marlborough, of three linked circle paths, is almost a mirror image of a Sibson crop circle from three years ago I saw and photographed. This formation gave me a time of 101 seconds to form, with the power coming from 6 miles and 670 yards down to earth this crop circle, in my opinion from dowsing. It will be interesting

to see what time I got for the Sibson one to form all that time ago, to see if they match. Dowsing off the web sites allows you to look at the many crop circles that form all around the world. I have faith I can pick up the natural earth force of the circles to know which ones have power or not. The US has had some very nice formations; out of five groups I like them all including the Mayville one - and the Solano formation that was claimed to have been made by a number of lads. Poland had four, and three I liked, with natural earth force. One was even shown in Switzerland and I liked that one as well. Canada had eighteen recorded and I dowsed 16 of those fine and dandy. It's an exciting place, Canada, for crop circles. They even have ice circles sometimes. (Come to think of it, the US had a fine crop circle form in ice on a lake at Mud Lake, with a UFO sighting as well, but I think the craft and little green man were just looking at the crop circle, not making it.) I looked over a German web site at the crop circles and out of the 22 shown, I think I liked just two of them, with the rest dowsing hoaxed, so I was wondering if all our UK hoaxers went on a working holiday in Germany last summer?

Green Lane at Avebury had a huge powerful crop circle last summer I liked, yet the formation close to Avebury Stone Avenue I never dowsed good, and most years here you get some wonderful formations appearing, like the huge 'Star' the year before last. The West Overton Hill crop circle I dowsed hoaxed, along with the formation near the white horse on the Rockley road. Tegdown Hill and Weyhill and West Meon did not impress me on the web pages. I could find no earth force at all with those but all the others, like the Sussex North Marden

formation, showed powerful aura and earth force. Taken across the board I think we have had some huge wonderful crop circles last summer and I think the hoaxing was low when you consider the duff ones on the web sites. Germany suffered the worst, I believe. I would not be happy to be a croppie living there. Genuine or hoaxed, people get something from each and every crop circle they visit but I see the happiest faces in the formations with earth force. Those, for me, hold the magic and the message behind the circles.

Something interesting came up while checking out a UFO experience: a lady called Amy Copely took pictures in a Wallacetown (Canada) crop circle and when they had been developed, a UFO was passing over unseen with the formation in the background. Kris and Ed Sherwood reported the same sort of craft taken at Lake Isabelle in 1999 in California that appeared when the film had been developed. Out of interest I dowsed both UFOs to see if I could get a reaction from them and I dowsed a figure of 82 and 83 for both craft. This proves to me they were real and something able to leave a signature. Since then I have dowsed pictures from the UFOcenter.com web site to compare with the others, and found just two pictures to be without signatures and hoaxed. All the others were in the 62-68 range of influence. One showed to have a dowsing signature of 5, and I believe this to be some organic material, believe it or not. The world sure is a funny place, folks.

Last July I spent a couple of hours at The Sanctuary, just off the A4. It's a place that does not draw many visitors from the looks of things, since Avebury and all its huge stones are just a mile away. The public all tend to spend the day at the Visitors Centre just down the road and walk around the Avebury Circle and Stone Avenue, but the little site south-east of Avebury has lots to offer. People have gone to great lengths to show the public how the site once must have looked and I think pound for pound its well worth a visit if you are in the area. True, the lack of any standing stones here does not help things. You need to imagine how it once looked from the excellent drawings on site but it's a place alive to people with imagination and a little heart. The ley lines that cross here are well documented on the site drawings and it has painted stones showing where this or that ley passes through, to help those who dowse, or just show where the lines of influence pass.

You don't need to be able to dowse the strong/good influence here. It's a lovely place to sit and collect your thoughts and spend a few moments relaxing and to let the influence pass over you. The fact that this small site sits on a large group of active leys passing through the countryside tends to magnify your emotions and thoughts. Sitting quietly here I can sort out in my mind all sorts of problems that have arisen in the past and file them all away where they no longer cause problems. It's that kind of place. To be honest, I dowsed the site a little larger than the boundary markers on the north side of the outer circle but only a matter of 18-24 inches or so.

The Sanctuary site is soft and gentle, just like a mother's hand. Visit here when you can and experience what I am telling you, and more so if you are feeling down or alone. You take your problems on site with you but you leave them at the gate when you leave. What can be better?

CORNELIA *by Christine Rhone*



The Runes say MORE mysterious messages in the harvests! Oh, not AGAIN!

KEEPING ONE EYE OPEN...

Ray Cox

CSICOP - rhymes with CYCLOP. (A cyclop was one of a race of one-eyed giants who forged thunderbolts for Zeus.)

CSICOP is the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. It's a debunking group founded in 1976 to... well - debunk, in an aggressive kind of way, all belief in the paranormal, seeing it as dangerous. And it keeps debunking.

The cyclop reference seems appropriate. It has only one eye. There's no other view.

CSICOP's journal is *The Scientific Enquirer* which has among its readership some learned scientific scholars. Its Fellows have included such names as Carl Sagan, Issac Asimov, Richard Dawkins, Sidney Hook and Stephen Jay Gould. Its headquarters are in a campus at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Today its board of directors has only one or two scientists, in fact. (It keeps debunking.)

The Director of CSICOP has said that "belief in the paranormal is a very dangerous phenomenon, dangerous to science and dangerous to the basic fabric of society". For years the organisation had a policy of not conducting any research because it said that when they did do (a study of some astrological findings of Michael Gauquelin) the results were not what they would have liked them to have been. Social factors also play a role in interpreting results and such matters conflict with the ideology of the group. Their main thrust is to try to direct public opinion away from anything paranormal. This must be increasingly difficult these days when a large percentage of the population claims to have varying kinds of experiences that cannot be accounted for by the application of cold scientific knowledge. (It keeps debunking.)

CSICOP can be contrasted with various scientific societies. It doesn't publish any empirical research on the paranormal in any refereed scientific journal. After all, it can't be seen to be embracing any studies in case it gives the view that they are somehow worthy of study. They won't be publishing anything on crop circles, for example. The chairman has held his position for over twenty years in contrast to the two or three year terms of many scientific organisations; likewise many of their directors and council. It puts on conferences for the public which are really aimed at the media. Any papers and presentations they give are geared towards the general public rather than specialists. Some of their official debunkers will be known to us, e.g. James Randi, Philip Klass and Susan Blackmoor. Many members are recruited not for their research on the paranormal but for their prestige. (It keeps debunking.)

Another attribute of CSICOP is its anti-religious sentiment and a tendency to support atheism. This is perhaps not surprising in one way as scientific rationalism - in which the organisation is rich - is antagonistic to the paranormal, supernatural and mystical views, subjects which they see as destabilising. On the face of it, this is somewhat contradictory

because society's religious foundation is certainly a stabilising one, whereas atheistic belief can be destabilising. Their support of scientific rationalism, however, would be the stronger element, a view which can lead to atheism, and elements of the supernatural and mysticism within a religious background would be the destabilising factor important to them. In any case, marginalising the paranormal is a main function of the organisation. So, keep all these things behind the scenes, they declare. That includes crop circles also, supposedly. (It keeps debunking.)

Such apparent contradictions are part of the Trickster phenomenon, which I mentioned in the last issue. Ironically, he figures in CSICOP also. The Trickster, as well as being a figure of boundaries, trickery and destabilisation, is much involved in paranormal matters. The intensity of CSICOP's debunking activities suggests that there is less dispassionate activity but more in the way of an unconscious, even archetypal, element within it. There are a number of magicians in CSICOP. Magicians are Trickster-type characters and again are of the margins. (It keeps debunking.)

Destabilisation is very much a Trickster manifestation and can clearly be seen, for example, in the UFO scene and in the subject of crop circles. We have seen it all around us for years. It doesn't take very much thought to consider some of the effects of The Trickster here: arguments and splits; egoism; parochialism; polarising of attitudes etc. - in fact, anything at all which helps the course of destabilisation. And it is a much easier course when the subject is such an esoteric or borderland one, and when scientific rationalism is largely absent. (It keeps debunking.)

With regard to debunking, one can be sceptical without being a debunker. The behaviour of both debunkers and sceptics, though, can become irrational when faced with the paranormal. One book, *The Enchanted Boundary* by Walter Franklin Price (1930), demonstrated that when many critics study the evidence for the paranormal, including psychic research, they lose the common sense and good judgment they have elsewhere and CSICOP's attitude of denouncing rather than investigating applies here. (It keeps debunking.)

CSICOP has not been all bad news, nor without some redeeming value as it has certainly contributed to emphasising the frequent association of the paranormal with deception, of which there has indeed been a considerable amount in the past. In the crop circle subject this for us means hoaxing. Small comfort, though.

Wariness towards the paranormal has existed throughout history. There have always been taboos and restrictions. It seems strange that in our time of all times this should be even more prevalent.

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