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Last month I went to see Gilbert Bonner at his home in Hastings and accompanying me on the trip was David Ellis, author of "The Mediumship of the Tape recorder". All three of us had an enjoyable time and a full report of the events that took place will appear in a future newsletter.

Co-incidentally both have got something on the market and as a kindness to you, readers of the evp newsletter, they are consenting to allow them to sell to you at a lower than normal price.

David Ellis' book has just appeared on the market but readers of evpn may obtain it directly from him at the reduced price of £1.50 post free. His address is: Fernwood, Nightingales, West Chiltington, PULBOROUGH, West Sussex, RH20 2QT, England. Overseas customers:

The full title is: "THE MEDIUMSHIP OF THE TAPE RECORDER"

Gilbert Bonner has produced a C90 Cassette (1½ hours) giving introduction and methods of recording paranormal voices with original examples. Price to readers of the evp newsletter is £5.00 post free in U.K. (post extra abroad) obtainable from Gilbert Bonner, 95 Silverdale, Paynton Road, St Leonards on sea, Sussex.

My sincerest thanks to both of them for their offers and I hope you all take up these valuable offers.

This month's issue also includes the long-awaited publications lists 25 items and any others will appear in this newsletter as they become known to me. So if you know of any other literature please let me know.

We have many exciting things lined up for the near future but don't forget to keep sending your articles, letters, ideas or whatever. I hope you enjoy this month's issue.

Alan.

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The Changing Characteristics of the EVP
by Tony Williamson.

Gilbert Bonner mentions in issue No 5 that some of the characteristics of the voice phenomenon appear to be changing. Over recent months this has been my experience also. Voice utterances are becoming more carefully phrased, and the polyglot mode of speaking seems to be on the wane.

I remember listening to a voice received by leading British researcher Raymond Cass: "Notice the twin recorder of this researcher". This was a carefully phrased and slowly delivered voice, with emphasis put on the key words "twin recorder".

From my own collection I have the following examples which fall in line with this changing pattern: "Watching carefully Tony", this voice was delivered in a slow and deliberate fashion. "We are the dead" - this is a rhythmic female voice not quite as slowly delivered as the first example, but certainly not as fast as what is (or was) considered typical EVP utterance. "We are chilly now", here the emphasis is placed on the word "chilly" the exact meaning of this message is not clear but it may be an indication of the state (mental or otherwise) of the entity responsible.

I occasionally receive foreign sounding words or phrases: "Uma chot", "Abzy", "Otair", "Enrid", "A vinali" (phonetic spellings) but only rarely now do I receive polyglot communications. And the melodic singing voices I received in the Spring and Summer of 1977 are no longer evident.

It maybe interesting to note here that these melodic voices were only received while I was using cassette recorders (the normal precautions of excluding radio transmissions were taken) the spool deck I am now using hasn't, as yet, produced any singing or melodic voices. I can't see any reason for this apart from different tape speeds being employed, as cassettes operate at $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches per second, and my spooldeck only goes down to $\frac{3}{4}$ inches per second. I haven't been able to experiment with this.

The importance of sound at a recording session, or transmitted voice material is, in my opinion, the key to successful EVP recording. In my view the medium between this world and the world of the voices is not the experimenter, microphone or tape recorder but sound or noise in some form or other. This may be why some of the characteristics of the voice phenomenon are changing, it may be that the entities are learning and progressing every day, why shouldn't they?

In answer to Peter Tyler's remarks in issue No 5 - I have attempted to find out the name of the entity behind the "Tyler Voices" but as yet, I have had no response.

July, 1978

CO OPERATION IN EVP - A CALL FOR THE FACTS
By G Gilbert Bonner.

There are three different accounts of Jurgenson's discovery of the voice phenomena both as to dates and content. This does not alter the implications or importance of the discovery, but is one indication of the lack of co-operation in reporting and publishing the facts, that still exist after 20 years.

The fact that we in the English speaking world owe our knowledge of the phenomena to Dr Konstantin Raudive is that he published an English translation of his research in the text book "Breakthrough". Jurgenson's book "Radio Communication With The Dead" has not appeared in English although I believe there is a German edition and I have seen an Italian copy. The fact that we know so little of Jurgenson's methods is, therefore, the lack of English editions. I wrote to Jurgenson but received no reply, perhaps he was in Italy at the time. Certainly there are different implications to the technique called "Interfrequency" as quoted by Raudive (radio-mike-recorder) and Jurgenson (radio spacial frequency). Whether or not Raudive's methods are dated he certainly went to pains to explain exactly the methods worked and the fact that he appears to have created resentment with people with whom he worked must not detract from his untiring efforts. I also admit that it is not difficult to understand that some of his interpretation of polyglot were open to doubt, and I think these mistakes are made by us all at times.

The radio recordings of dialogue in "A" quality voices not needing a tape recorder of Jurgenson on the special frequency apparently blocked in England for political reasons need further explanation for the recordings of these that were to be issued by a major recording company have not yet appeared. Since the issue is one of major importance I feel that as the acknowledged world authority on the phenomena Mr Jurgenson should bring us up to date on the full implications of his work. In for example the "interfrequency" method does he use a wireless microphone (radio-mike)? Why is it other researchers even those obtaining many voices (as I do) need to copy and repeat on tape recorder.....? Other researchers also sit upon information they obtain and there is a general lack of co-operation and sharing of technical information. In this situation we may begin to realise why scientists and others in funded research show caution in publishing their views. The American W A Welch in a paperback on the EVP even claims that Von Szalay first discovered the voices in 1936 but failed to record them later in 1945 using a wire recorder. We are told Von Szalay continued his experiments which was reported in the ASPR journal by Raynond Bayless. I wrote to Bayless but received no reply. I have never heard either of Von Szalay, so I feel we must accept that the first person to make audible recordings brought to light the phenomena and this was Jurgenson in the late fifties.

I know of no other researcher who obtains the same results obtained by Jurgenson and my own investigation (full time) which has also considered the important contributions of Professor Alex Schneider, and Dr Ralph Determeyer has made some technical advances of a psych-acoustic nature but still the problem of analysis of weak voices

remains, and these weak voices often have the most interesting content. Many continue to argue over the reality or the origin of the voices, when what is needed is hard research. I believe as I have stated for some years that the voices are extra dimensional, this means they could be the voices of the dead and also other spirit entities (who have not lived on earth). These could learn our language from monitoring our radio and television broadcasts, which can apparently be re-modulated by the voice entities. I have elsewhere expressed my views on the mind-body (or mind brain) problems that form the basis for Central State Materialism, and it seems to me that the EVP holds the secrets of the nature of man.

Are we a machine that functions by physiological and chemical mechanisms alone, an accident of evolution, or are we essentially spiritual beings? The evp research is more than a means of contact its implications reach into every branch of science.

My recordings are open to investigation by qualified researchers and I welcome contact with others working in this field. I am even prepared to go to Europe if it would further aid research. I get many letters from lay persons who have just heard of the subject and ask me to explain in a letter to them 'how it is all done' My replies, and I reply to all, must sound rather abrupt. This is not intended but the subject is so complex it would take a book to explain the problems. It is beyond a letter. For the benefit of those interested in making their own recordings I hope later in the year to produce a cassette giving the complete picture of recording techniques with uncut examples. However so much of my time is taken in the analysis of recorded material plus my weekly recordings that money and time does not allow us to do everything. In the production of this newsletter Alan Cleaver has taken the first step to link those who are interested in this research and deserves our thanks & our support if it is to survive. I think a list of every known publication on the EVP (books and articles) here and abroad would be of help to readers.

June 1978

EVP - a cult of the future ?
by S Andrews.

Raymond Cass in his article (PN July 8th) sounds off a trumpet blast for the future of the Electronic Voice Phenomena.

My I predict that this heralds the ordination of EVP as the new religion of the future. Dr Raudive's "Breakthrough" method of receiving brought the phenomena into the field of the amateur experimenter interested in paranormal and psychic subjects. Throughout the world these patient listeners spend hundreds of hours straining to hear the faint, fast, staccato voices. researchers claim thousands of voices but nothing of world shattering content.

In the amateur world EVP has been going on with an even progression since 1959. But we are now told, behind the scenes greater things have been evolving. The Raudive method has been superseded, the fundamentals of EVP are in reality on the hands, or rather the ears, of a selected few chosen by the ultra - terrestrial entities to spread the gospel.

EVP, it is implied, will reach the peak of its progressive revelation in a blaze of disclosures that will alter the whole future of mankind. Advance publicity in the media of film (Star Wars?) and taped recordings soon to be issued will awaken the world population to a new vista of life beyond this material existence.

This event seems to follow the usual growth of cults. Starting off with isolated and spontaneous phenomena, then further experiment, followed by the grouping together of likeminded enthusiasts. Sooner or later there arises a figurehead, a more successful expounder of the subject's arcane laws. Soon we have a cult with all its bizarre trappings.

Example the UFO phenomena. Firstly some obscure sightings, press reported, arousing the interest of a few curious minded persons. Before long scanning the skies becomes a hobby and 'saucers' are being regularly seen and even photographed. Books appeared, written by claimants privileged to enter the UFOs and converse with the occupants. George Adamski became the arch-priest. Now there are many study groups either 'scientific' or space-religion abounds to feed the wide spread following. UFOs are now a cult. However, it has produced no mindboggling effect on the general public. It has taken EVP nearly twenty years for it to get off the research filed and into the wider areas of cultism.

I see tape cassettes of EVP voices becoming as revered as Top Twenty records. Self appointed pundits, ethereal discjockeys will sprout and Spiritualist mediums will be replaced with highly sophisticated electronic systems designed to confuse by their very complexity. The majority of people are embarrassed by anything pertaining to religion or psychism. The evp system will certainly remove the stigma of being 'soft'. A light-flashing, awesome piece of electronic hardware standing in the pulpit makes things scientific and comfortable.

That the phenomena of evp exists there is no doubt, but the fact that no matter how many tapes and records are published this can only be second hand evidence and not a personal experience, will not deter an almost certain following. The electronic priests of the new religion will be those with the most sophisticated equipment, stereo of course. Amateur researchers cannot hope to compete with this. The new revelation may confirm Spiritualism's beliefs, but human mediumship will be hard put to compete with the high frequency, directly beamed etheric waves activating on electronic circuitry. Mediums who wish to survive as personal comforters and humanlinks with the beyond must urge their Guides to greater efforts, that is, if they have not deserted the medium for the excitement of electronic beaming.

By this time next year I predict evp will have become a cult.

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Dear Alan,

ARE EVP RESULTS BEING WITHHELD FROM US ?

Alan appears to have put his finger on one aspect of the voice s that we all seem to have overlooked or ignored, namely that the reception of voices at all, their quality and their content, may be being controlled by the entities themselves for a specific reason and that this could explain why efforts so far to make a real breakthrough with regular reception, good quality, and conversations long enough to obtain detailed information on the next plane have so far come to nought.

After Alan had commented on the possible psychological effect a permanent breakthrough could have if announced to the general public it seemed then to become so obvious that the entities would realise his and that they would not permit our education to proceed at more than a snails pace due to our inability to understand or comprehend, the implications of the knowledge we were gaining.

Viewed from this new angle there now appears to be a pattern and a relationship between Spiritualism and EVP research. Taking the two and assuming that most evp researchers believe that the voices recorded are of the dead, then we find that greater advances have taken place in Spiritualism, confined to a limited circle which, although ever widening, has a slow rate of growth and is basically among those whose contact with Spiritualism doctrine makes it easier for them to comprehend what is being said and taught.

As with evp the results are available to all, they need have no previous knowledge or beliefs, and the activity of listening could quickly become world-wide if we were taught by the entities how to make contact at will, this could have a traumatic effect on our social life.

It is impossible to gauge how many persons would be tempted to try and make contact with their mother, father, sister etc and if successful (bearing in mind the entities come to us, we cannot call them) there would be the temptation to try and continue the contact as if the person were still alive, this becoming an anti-social obsession. Many others would be tempted to try for "kicks" (as with Ouija boards) and whilst we assume that the entities would not respond, might it not leave the way open for other less desirable entities to come in ?

Cyril Luck, Norfolk

June, 1978

Dear Alan,

Something strange is afoot.
The first inklings were started by Raymond Cass' article in a recent Psychic News.....Cass' article was followed by a further reference to EVP in PN Aug 12th - an account of Jurgensons audience with the Pope. PN it seems is getting more interested in EVP. Now your special edition on Jurgenson adds further to the mystery.

Why this sudden revelation of EVP experiments far in advance of those described by Raudive and fellow experimenters ?

Could I ask how you came to publish this interview article ? Did you request it from someone or was it brought to your attention ? (Peter Bander sent it to me - Alan)

Another curious point is that Jurgenson is claimed to be the first recipient to recognise the voices (clear cut voices not staccato mutterings), but in the UFO contact book by Eileen Buckle - The Scortion Mystery - she states as an accepted fact that a Philip Roders regularly received clear voices on tape by direct microphone method prior to 1956. The author and her collaborator Norman Oliver also claimed to receive clear explanatory recordings of voices (even in verse) almost on demand to their enquiries. They claimed the voices were from space entities. The book was published in 1965 but referred to incidents in 1959.

Jurgenson's statement that he did not put forward his claims before, in deference to his friendship with Raudive is very laudable and ethical but did not help the hundreds of evp researchers who were bumbling along in the wake of Raudive and his now discredited method. It also seems strange that not one of these researchers has been honoured by the entities with clear cut Jurgenson speeches. I feel that the Raudive followers are going to be well left out in the cold in future. Funnily enough, this new development does slightly endorse my theory in respect of the Raudive voices, but if the Jurgenson voices are as clear and concise as claimed then my theory does not stand up.

It seems that there are to be two forms of evp, and as my article suggested (this issue) this new revelatory evp is going to be the prerogative of the chosen few, such as mediums are at present. This new cult will want disciples and not researchers.

S. Andrews, London

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