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At last another issue rolls (or should I say crawls) off the press. My humble apologies for the long delay and I only hope the lack of angry letters to my house means you understand the difficulties I have had and are bearing with me.

I have moved house again! I now live at:

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But any mail sent to my old address will be passed onto me and any mail still sent to my parent's house (see Rugby address on last page) will always get to me.

I am still a reporter (junior) on the local paper here and enjoying it immensely. I have got my own duplicator now at my lodgings in Bexleyheath so should have no problems (!).

Now EVP News is back in print I am anxious to learn of any latest developments or news on the evp front so others maybe informed. We start this issue with what looks like it is going to be a very contraversial article by Gilbert Bonner. I hope you write and let me know your thoughts on his article.

Best wishes,

Alan

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CRITICS OF THE EVP SPEAK IN IGNORANCE - By Gilbert Bonner

The criticism of the voice phenomena by Stan Gooch reveals a biased mind determined to try and discredit the phenomena and a lack of general information or experimental data. His views are without value, and contribute absolutely nothing. If he is out to impress the materialists or psychologists who regard all mental action as of a chemical-physiological nature then he has probably succeeded. If on the other hand he is out to investigate phenomena in a scientific manner then he is totally ignorant at least in this instance of scientific method. Such men retard scientific progress yet believe themselves the only champions of truth. I can prove in 5 minutes that his concept of the voice phenomena is nonsense but then I doubt if he would be prepared to admit his ignorance. I can tell him plainly that his analysis, if we care call it that, of the voice phenomena is rubbish...a word he seems to use himself.

The critic David Ellis is more subtle and he did go to a deal of effort to investigate the work of Dr Raudive but again he was influenced I feel by those whomade his grant possible and find a gradual change in his conclusion that I feel reveal something of the psychological dilemma that faced him. Somehow he seems to have been presented with poor material to study andhis major mistake was his refusal to personally take part in any experiments at all. He was an observer, never really involved, andtherefore to some extent his reactions could be predicted. I have met David and feel that at heart he is not convinced by hisown negative conclusions, but that is really for him to say, and without personal involvementt in research he cannot contribute further on the phenomena.

He has made his statement, which is I feel, not supported by the data of 20 years research. With Ellis as with Gooch it is not a question of whether the voices are those of the dead, of someother beings in space or merely some product of the unconscious (a view once held by Prof. Dr. Hans Bender) but conviction the voices do not exist. I therefore have about 400 tapes in my collection on which I imagine there are over 10,000 voices ! Obviously this is a peculiar hallucination on my part since many others who hear my recordings seem to catch the same disease - obviously "mass hypnosis"...!!

It is unfortunate tha men of intelligence should fail to notice how they themselves have become conditioned and incapable of free t hinking, they are the Jehoval witnesses of science, and constitute a threat to progress. On one side we have people who will believe anything and on the other those who will accept nothing.

It is an unending dilemma of human stupidity and weakness. Fortunately individuals here and there push through and carry on seeking for the truth, and it is the truth we are after, not lies, not deception, not illusion or even faith but truth.

In my own full time research into the voice phenomena I have never deviated from this path and I have tried through my writing and through cassettes, to bring this knowledge of this research to all those willing to listen and to judge for themselves. I can do no more than this.

Gilbert Bonner
July 1979

The Work Of Michael Vinter - final notes:-

BBB Richard K. Sheargold makes the valid observation that, for reasons not yet understood, all experimenters encounter strange negative phases when it is not possible to receive any voices at all. He has, in the past, cogently theorised that this may be due to his encapsulate entities becoming literally "worn out" and that the negative phase which ensues represents a period of regeneration (of the entities).

To my own order of theor, a far more probable explanation would appear to be the case. Given that the mechanics of sound metamorphosis are achieved by the employment of energy (PE) emitted by the experimenter, I would postulate that the tedium and physical fatigue of constant experimentation quite rapidly exhausts the amount of energy available for use - that we all have a limited store at our disposal - and that the negative phase in fact represent a period of rest and recovery.

This hypothesis would explain to my satisfaction the reason behind the differing volume and quantity of the material obtained by different researchers - some naturally possessing more of the requisite energy than others; some little or none at all; plus the associated imponderables of age and health.

It has long been my contention that fatigue plays an adverse role. Thus it is my policy to advise all enquirers to eschew prolonged late-night experimentation and subsequent listening-in sessions.

I myself have adopted the routine of not more than one experiment per week (if that), nor do I play back the result for critical evaluation until several days have elapsed.

This of course poses inherent dangers, which I counteract by verbal notes (on tape) at the time of the experiment - I signal an obvious radio breakthrough with some appropriate comment, which often evokes a paranormal response from the voice entities.

Continuing the interview between Esotera (E) and Friedrich Jurgenson (J), the discoverer of the voice phenomenon.

E: Did you and Konstantin Raudive work together ?

J: Unfortunately only between 1964 and 1967. In those days I saw him often. He also visited me for some length of time in Nysun. We made excellent voice recordings together. After that we corresponded regularly, but a direct collaboration was not possible any more because of my TV work in Italy. We had hoped to be working together again - but this hope has been shattered.

E: How do you feel about Dr. Raudive's research and what do you think of the results of his work ?

J: I am very glad to have this opportunity to give credit to the great work of Konstantin Raudive has done. He has done the essential work through his books to spread recognition and knowledge of the phenomenon in the entire world, especially in England, America and Germany. I admire his personal efforts and the enormous perseverance and thoroughness with which he did his work. He did a great job to enlighten the public through the press, by his co-operation with scientific teams and by conferences with internationally known parapsychologists. Our research methods were different. But that did not harm voice research. Rather it complemented and enriched it. By the way, I will speak about Konstantin's magnificent work in my Swedish TV film that is in preparation now. I also hope to have heard from him personally by then. His voice has already come through several times.

In conclusion let me say this in response to your earlier question: If the "dead" should come through soon on our public radio, Konstantin Raudive will play a decisive part in it....

END OF INTERVIEW

My thanks to Friedrich Jurgenson, Esotera and the translator Hans J Hackmann for the publication of this interview.

Dear Alan,

In the June issue Cyril Luck asks for further comment on the question of prayer. I can only express my personal understanding of prayer, with no claim to any authority.

What are we asking for, whether praying for ourselves or for others ?

We are asking that whatever form of challenge to the spirit being met by the one prayed for, should be removed or alleviated, at no costs to ourselves naturally. Remember the comment "Are you willing to take on the burden of others ?" What is this burden, other than the circumstances created by the soul in a previous ~~xxx~~ incarnation, from which it will learn in due course, in the present life or a later one, that which it has to learn in order to advance along the path of spiritual maturity. It is my belief or inclination to believe that each individual soul has within itself an irresistible urge to make this progress, much as a seed has the urge to grow, and the soul chooses for itself the form of existence which is most likely to enable it to learn its lesson to overcome temptations of weakness, to develop right qualities. If so, the hardships necessary to provide the challenge are of no permanent importance, and only when the lesson has not been properly learnt and digested, do remnants of these difficulties persist into a new incarnation. This is not punishment. If this is the law, how may we avert it ? In praying we get a personal satisfaction in "having done a good deed" but this helps no one, not even ourselves.

Prayers at the beginning or end of any form of seance or meeting may be a prop to those who need props, but for me they are quite useless. Admittedly only very few meetings are held where those present share this opinion. But Jurgenson, Raudive etc., have not approached EVP in a religious frame of mind. Their assumption that the voices are from the spirit entities arises from the fact of the voices apparently having such an origin. No prayers were necessary to open the door from their world !

What seems to me to be likely is that EVO will occur between our living world and these others where there exists harmonious vibrational levels. Thus if our researchers are only materialistic in their outlook and thinking, they will only be able to obtain communication with spirit entities on a similar vibration. If the researchers have more spiritual values in their make up then their contacts will be on a higher spiritual plane. Hence the very nature of the researchers may be the key to better communication. Nearly 50 years of feeling my way along these lines of thought have brought me to this conclusion.

I am not dogmatic, however, and am prepared to amend my ideas when new aspects develop. Certainly like Cyril I believe that what we may receive from this unknown world of the voices, will be tuned to our level of understanding. Only when we are fit to receive deeper matters, will they become available to us.

Sincerely

Alan Gregg.

August 16. Suffolk, England.

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