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Everything seems to be getting back to normal and I am slowly getting back into the run of things.

It is extremely useful being able to use my duplicator whenever I want to and I hope soon to bring out some special issues. One on more detailed instructions on how to obtain voices, another on the history of the evp, perhaps another on the critics and criticisms and any other ideas that come to mind as being useful information. If you have any ideas for special issue drop me a line and I'll see what can be done.

Now the newsletter is getting back to normal I am hoping to receive some more articles and letters from you for publication. Let me know what has been happening while EVP Newsletter has been away; let me know your thoughts about the evp and articles in the newsletter. Let me also hear how other fields which you probably have knowledge of may throw some light on the evp.

On my article " Can Stones Talk ? " (see page 3) I notice I have totally missed out some comments on voices received at ancient sites in Ireland by Paul Devereux so you will have to hang on till next month to hear about that ! Stay Tuned !

Alan.

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Studying weak voices - by G. G. Bonner

Since my last contribution to this newsletter sent in over one year ago, my research has continued on a regular basis. I have had a chance to further study the mind-brain problem and the materialism of Behaviourist psychology allied to Darwins evolutionary theories, and the scientific evidence available neither is able to confirm or to deny the possibility of human survival of biological death. It seems to me therefore, that we are presented with certain facts, for which we have no scientific understanding, and therefore our best interests are served by continual research, rather than mere speculation. I therefore urge researchers to concentrate on obtaining voices to study by every known method, rather than to worry about their origin, or whether we should pray or adopt a religious approach.

I feel the less emotion shown in research, the more chance we have of a critical analysis of our results....although I do feel that the psychological attitude of the researcher is possibly important and therefore the man of 'faith' may give more of himself to the research than the critic !

I think if we follow the path of Jurgenson and Raudive, we will be on the right path. I also believe that some researchers may shy away from submitting to others of longer experience, recordings on which they have doubts, weak voices that appear to be evp, other strange effects, sounds, music etc in case they prove to be of normal radio programmes. I believe that we have much to learn from these less easily understood recordings and I have always declared that it is not just loud voices that demonstrate paranormal origin but content. If one has the right equipment it is possible to boost on hi-fi cassettes, weak "C" voices to "B" quality, providing the signal to noise ratio does not prevent this.* Therefore IF the researcher has the patience he can often make poor recordings audible for analysis and study. If I feel a recording is genuine evp by its 'content' however weak, I will retain it for further study, and I have developed a techniques on four machines that enables me to study specific phonemes. Over the years we develop the art of listening to these borderline frequencies from long hours of practice and at times if we send a cassette to another researcher stating that at such a spot we hear a certain voice giving a specific message we may be told he cannot hear it.

*Konstantin Raudive, author of Breakthrough, divided voices into three categories: A - loud and clearly audible to anyone; B - just audible; C - very faint and usually only audible to experienced researchers. These categories have since been adopted internationally.

If we assume that on this spot given are 'ten voices' various radio intrusions, static noise, the whole jumble maybe heard as noise and it is difficult to explain the exact spot or describe the sound/rhythm or other factors, that identify to ourselves the voice we want to point out. Therefore it must not be thought that everyone can always hear the same voice, unless working together and having the equipment to study each section of tape jointly. Consequently some researchers who are not geared to the study of weak material or are prepared to break down noise, can miss voices that give quite dramatic information that convinces me they are 'entities' separate from our consciousness. In short the information I receive convinces me that the voices are not projections from our own unconscious mind. I know others may not share this opinion and I respect also their right to their own views. The essential thing is to record and study the phenomena rather than confuse ourselves with origins, which tend to become more an emotional issue. Co-operation between evp workers worldwide should be the aim so that the evp can be placed upon a scientific footing and its importance recognised.

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HOTLINE - an American newsletter on the evp and allied subjects. Available from SRF, 1615 Aberdeen Road, Towson, MD 21204, USA for those contributing a minimum donation of \$4.50.

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LONDON EVP RESEARCH GROUP

If anyone tried ringing the advert in the May/June issue of the magazine Alpha asking Londoners if they were interested in forming an evp group you are probably wondering why you did not get an answer.

Well, the advert appeared at the time the lady who put the advert in went on holiday. She has no idea how many people tried to ring her but hopes you will try again.

Her name is Margo Galway of 11 Routh Road, London SW18 3SW, Phone 01-870-3822 after 7pm. I am sure a group of people meeting to talk and experiment with the evp is a good thing and hope as many people can join as possible - well I'm joining anyway. But don't let that put you off !

CAN STONES TALK ?

by Alan Cleaver.

As the sun prepared to rise on the Rollright Stones at Chipping Norton, near Oxford, human figures moved mysteriously around the stones as their ancestors probably did thousands of years before.

But unlike their ancestors these figures not practising some religious ceremony but were recording, viewing, filming and putting every scientific device they had to use on the stones.

They were members of the Dragon Project and were spending all the time they could spare at the stone circle and the King stone nearby to investigate in detail their properties. Researchers were trying out ultra sonice detection, infra red photographs, microwave monitoring, electric field detection and various other experiments. I was there to try out evp experiments something which I considered a long shot and I later found out even Paul Devereux, one of the organisers, thought was a long shot.

Still, there I was at seven am, talking to a stone in the middle of a field - something I found hard to explain to my parents ! I tried a microphone, diode and radio experiment and thought the diode might produce the results if any would. But on playback of the tape it was the microphone experiment that had produced the results. There on the tape I heard a few foreign words ending with the name "Raudiv".

(The name Raudive - pronounced Rau-dee-vay - has long been picked up by researchers. Often as a derivative like Raudiv, Raudi or a derivative of his christian name Konstantin. Konstantin Raudive was the author of Breakthrough and did most to promote the voices in the English speaking world. He died in 1974.

Preceding the foreign words (not yet translated) and his name is a burst of electronic noise. Again this is common amongst researchers although often it is just a click. Only on one of Mike Vinter's voices have I heard a burst of energy like that recorded at the stones.

After the Raudiv voice there is a pause and then another voice/noise set at a curious pitch which makes it difficult to hear. The volume is considerable and it sounds as if it was said right next to the microphone although of course there was nobody near it during the experiment. Elsewhere on the tape when someone talks loudly it also sounds close but not the same "pitch" and you can understand what they are saying. This paranormal noise I believe says "voi-ces" but because of the curious pitch I would not be too surprised if I was later found to be wrong.

There is another few seconds pause during which you can hear myself and Paul Devereux talking and then a slight "flux" in the tape which maybe normal rather than paranormal.

The big test was to be able to repeat the experiment another day and also repeat the results. On the morning of June 22 at the Rollright stones the voices spoke again.

This time there were more voices but not so loud. Again they appeared on the microphone experiment (no diode experiment was done this time only microphone and radio). Three are paranormal without doubt (in my opinion). One says "Sun set Raudi" which not only mentions Raudi again but is also relevant to the experiments. The second says "Cleaver" and is quite clear even though fairly quiet. The third says "This is Konstin Raudiv" but the Raudiv has a "rolling r" sound after the 'd' - so it is more Raudriv. But do not think all these variations mean I am just trying to read Raudive into everything! Elsewhere on the tape the name Betjamen appears (I do not know of anyone called Betjamen and do not think it was said by anyone there. Also the name "Bonner" seems to be called. (presumably Gilbert Bonner the researcher). The rest of the phrase is "Yes, Bonner, yes."

Obviously these are only early stages and there is a lot more work to be done but it seems that time and place are important in these experiments. I do not seriously think it is the stones talking but who is to know for sure ???!

Australia's
Pioneer evp researcher and Evp News subscriber the Rev.
Thomas Maddock reported some sad news to Psychic News
recently.

The Australina Spiritualists' Association, formed three
years ago, has been disbanded after a unanimous vote by
about 40 Spiritualists at the ASA's fourth annual convention
in Hobart earlier this month. Mr Maddock believes its
demise was a result of established bodies looking on the
ASA as a rival. Mr Maddock said: "I hope that a new
organisation will emerge which instead of a policy of
'sheep stealing' from existing state organisations will be
based on a federation".

Dear Alan,

So far your correspondents have mainly written on the tech-
nical aspect of EVP' apparently taking for granted, at least
the majority of them, that the voices are of individuals
who died and have found themselves very much alive in another
dimension.

If they accept that such life after death of the body exists
then surely they cannot just close their minds to this fact
and stay put mentally. If beings have it as no longer
essential, surely the question must arise why and to what
purpose? And if an entity has used a body and subsequently
survives, is it illogical to enquire what it was before
taking up the body for a human lifetime.

Enquiry into this enlarged horizon of the mind can become
fascinating and instructive. What is needed is an open
mind ready to receive impressions and ideas but refraining
from any preconceived ideas or dogma. The path towards
greater understanding may vary from person to person may
start one way or another, but if followed with sincere
desire to learn more, it will probably be rewarding.

If evp does anything, it ought to open mens' minds to a
great deal of further thought.

Yours sincerely

Alan Gregg.

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