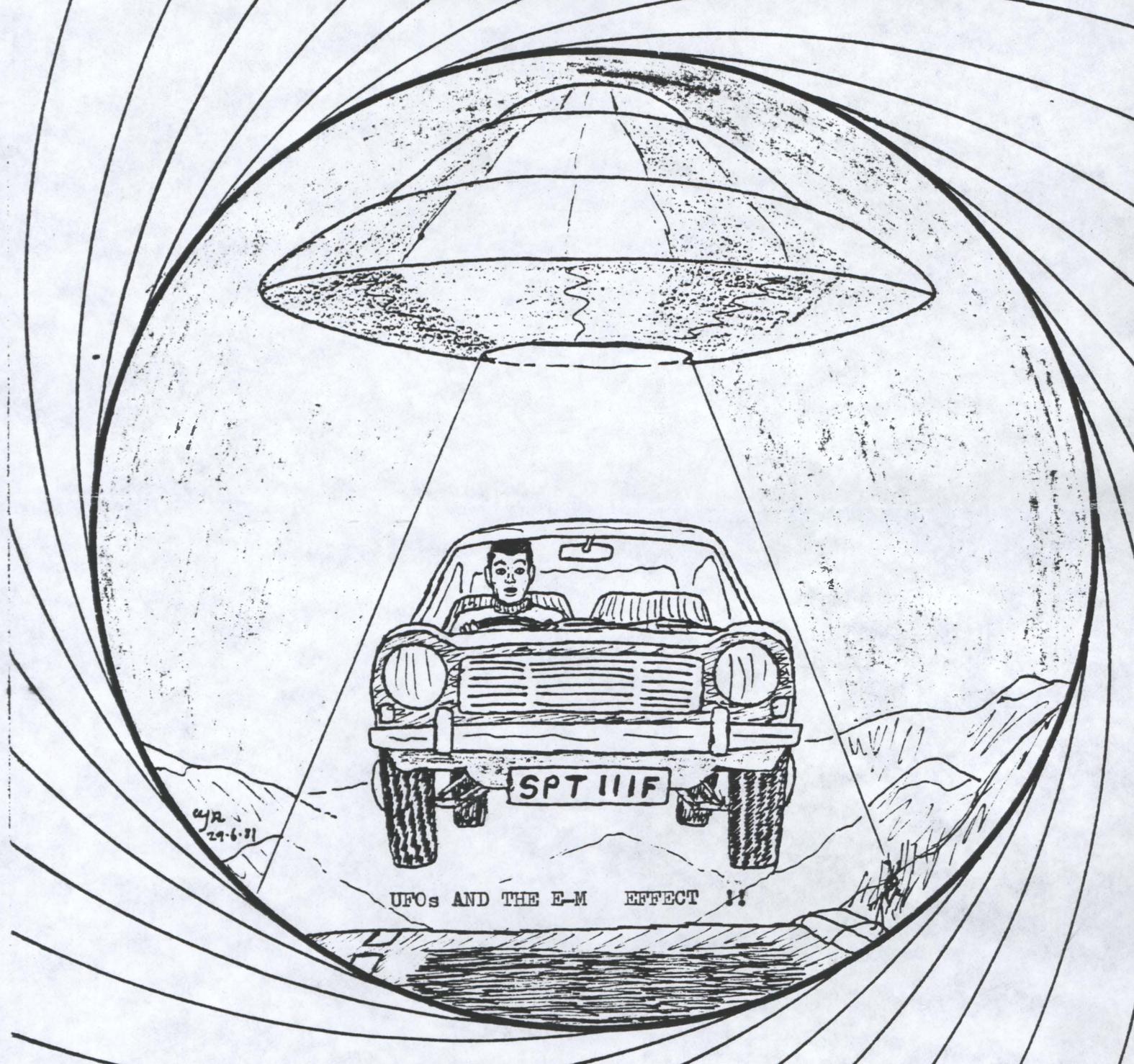


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 EDITORIAL: Let there be light!Or; where "Deep Thought" went wrong.

This will be one of the strangest editorials I have ever written, and I ask you not to take it seriously - well, too seriously at any rate! I intend to speculate across the gulfs of space and time. None of what I will say is fact or even proven inference. But it is useful for one to exercise one's mind in this occasional way. It stops it turning into a lump of jelly.

Einstein never said that travel faster than light (Ftl) was impossible. What he did say was that travel at light speed was impossible, because (according to his equations) weird things happen. Length contracts to zero and relative travel time becomes zero, for example. Such things are a bit of a nuisance since for something to exist it has to have length and duration. If it does not then it can't exist. Ergo light speed is unobtainable. But what seems to have been overlooked is that something does travel at that speed - light, of course!

In essence this means that a beam of light (were it in possession of a form of consciousness) would be an incredible thing. It would in fact exist everywhere and everywhen at once within the universe. It would be omnipotent and immortal. Sounds rather like something else we are familiar with doesn't it? By which I mean GOD!

God is light, the Bible says. And perhaps, literally, it is. Or more generally in fact electro-magnetic radiation (which all travels at this "impossible" speed). In other words the answer to the meaning of life is not, as "Deep Thought" in the Hitch-hikers Guide would have us believe, 42 (or even 43) but rather LIGHT. For it would be everywhere at once and a part of the whole universe. Where there is none of it there would be no life, for EM radiation is as fundamental to life (indeed more so) as air or water. As Carl Sagan's glorious ego-trip, COSMOS, has shown us life on earth (and perhaps countless other worlds) began with a burst of EM radiation searing into a lifeless inorganic soup and producing organisms. Our Frankenstein myth seems to be a deepky felt externalisation of this basic truth (known to us long before our scientists "discovered" it... a factor I suspect shared by a few other fairy stories). And of course the Bible tells how God breathed life into a lifeless dust (poetic, but essentially the same thing).

So - is there a meaning to life? Rationalists will cry 'no' - and they may well be right. It could all be a game of Darwinian Survival. But supposing there is, and God is light. That could mean we are just motes in God's eye. Our whole planet could be one cell in the universal organism we see as EM radiation. And the meaning of our existance - as with all cells - would be to maintain life. God's life - not ours! Our futile and often cruel existence on earth could seem that way because we are simply responding to galactic DNA programming - doing our job - serving the higher objective. Does the antibody know why it sacrifices itself, or the nucleus why it does what it does?

John Keel had some fascinating things to say about God in his book THE COSMIC QUESTION, but to him God was a giant computer. But it seems more likely that the universe is alive with a consciousness we cannot even comprehend.

But, you might say, what about our consciousness? Does that not destroy the argument? No, because (in rare times of illumination) we sense that we share but a fragment of true consciousness. And why are we given such inferior apparatus? I suspect because that is all we need to fulfill our basic function. Why teach an enzyme the tricks of "n" dimensional trigonometry? Instantaneous "impossible" things, like telepathy or precognition baffle us (even though to an "everywhere at oneness" consciousness like light they would be fundamental). Even our UFOs beat our very best imaginings. What are they? Cosmic antibodies? Cosmic organising molecules? Filters? Are they keeping us in step?

For think on this. We wonder why life has not populated the galaxy. Surely one race amongst the trillions that must exist should have done that. Yet where are they? But apply the analogy I have just used. What if one of our cells started to run amok and wanted to transplant itself from the liver to the heart, brain and kidneys? Specific cells have specific duties. Outside where they are meant to be they are dangerous. Since preservation of life is ground rule number one we would have to stop this happening. So either our body's own defense

system would spring into life, or we would inject a controller in from outside. And the rebellion would be crushed if we caught it early enough. Of course it might mean that that cell would have to die. But we could do without it, or grow another one.... a replacement cell...a replacement earth? Life must go on.

Any comments on these ideas would be most appreciated, for publication if you wish.

NEWS: : The OCTOBER issue will have a theme of THE UFO INVESTIGATOR...What should be our role? The interplay between investigator/researcher/theoriser & witness. How can we effectively boost standards? How can we train investigators?

: MUFORA have adopted a new regular meeting place and night. NUFON associates may attend at the Town Hall Tavern, Tib Lane, central Manchester. Between 7.45 and 10pm on Tuesdays; July 14, Aug 11, Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8. There will be a charge of 50p towards cost of room. Those intending to attend are asked to advise MUFORA in advance if possible. Current investigations and other topics (when time) will be discussed at each meeting.

: MUFORA staged the latest one-day NUFON seminar on June 6. Attendance was disappointing (about 30, from 6 of the NUFON affiliated groups) Hilary Evans began proceedings with a presentation of the theory linking UFOs with psychic phenomena. He suggested a spectrum of reality as a means of gauging the status of all kinds of paranormal event. Jenny Randles continued with a reassessment of the ETH in modern terms, suggesting that the basic problem was "Do contacts stem from within, or are they impressed from without?" She described a scheme of alien contact which might be plausible and might explain the paradoxes of the contact stories. Bob Morrell then presented some excellent research into "Angel Hair" cases, seeming to demonstrate that in most cases these can be attributed to spider web. The final round-table discussion led to the conclusion that whilst speculation was useful we needed more concrete research such as Bob's and speculative theories which were directly testable and not mere mental candyfloss.

NUFOIS are organising the next one-day seminar for a Saturday in September at a venue in central Nottingham. Details, hopefully, next month.

: The last MAUFOG meeting voted in favour of allowing NUFON groups to attend as observers, although they may be asked to withdraw if confidential items are to be discussed. The next hosts will be UFO INTERNATIONAL, in Bristol, this month. SKYSCAN (Worcester) and NUFOIS (Nottingham) are also to work together on the organisation of a joint NUFON/MAUFOG conference in the Autumn.

ELSEWHERE THIS MONTH.... FSR 27 - 1 has no UK material in it, but an important "scoop" in a detailed review of Russian Ufology in 1981, plus cases from Puerto Rico, USA, Canada & Argentina. (Inc part one of a detailed reappraisal of the famous Michalek 'burns' case)... MERSEY NEWS (June) from MIGAP has the usual news and letters (inc a reply to Bob Morrell on the fossil record and evolution of life) SKYWATCH (38) from MAPIT is a kind of in-print re-run of the NUFON seminar! It's articles are by the three speakers there (Hilary Evans, Bob Morrell & Jenny Randles) covering much new ground in looking at both sides (and the middle) of the rationalists vs paranormalists approach to ufology.... MAGIC SAUCER (May/Jun) As full of fun, stories and sightings as usual...and don't you want to find out how you might be a UFO? ...HELIOS NEWS is back (£1 for 3) (8 The Ridgeway Northop Hall Clwyd CH7 6JR) This is a very different kind of magazine, written by medium Lynee Halsall. It presents teachings from her extraterrestrial contacts about the nature of life and is a focal point for ET communications.... GUERNSEY UFO RESEARCH GROUP (June) contains latest news on events in this Channel Island.

THE ANGEL HAIR PROBLEM IN UFOLOGY... Dr Robert Morrell has published a private circulation mimeograph of his paper on this topic, as presented at the NUFON seminar of June 6. It summarises his work in analysing reports of angel hair in the UFO literature and his conclusions that some may be explained by spider web drawn up in convection currents and others material held together by electrostatic charge, such as that which may be generated by ball lightning or atmospheric wind phenomena. His research, backed by practical experimentation, is most impressive and ufological research at its best. Copies of this paper may still be available (at 5p&post) from: 443 Meadow Lane Nottingham NG2 3GB

WILLIAM £1 (inc post) from FORTEAN TIMES 9-12 St Annes Ct London W1 0003

The first in an intended series of occasional papers. This 24pp litho publication (with photos) covers an important subject, China's "Yeti". With a number of articles on sightings and research from Chinese authors is it a rare and valuable insight into a little known phenomenon. The booklet does have great UFO interest, apart from the sometimes hypothesised link between Sasquatch/Bigfoot and American UFOs. For there is also an article from China on the UFO phenomenon in that country. Since this is a part of the world so rarely heard from the pamphlet earns its pay on that count alone. An interesting new idea which needs your support. Then we might get a few more of these special issues.

CAT-ASTROPHIC HUMOUR "Sdrodingers Cat" by Robert Anton Wilson Sphere £1.75

What to say about this amazingly insane 256pp book? It's a kind of Hitch-hikers guide to reality. The "story" (although that is a quite inapt description) roams between the near future of UNISTAT (a kind of alternative probability earth) and 2803, where there are constant references back to "now" from the "Galactic Archives". Mixed in somewhere is an anarchist plot to A-Bomb a few cities which turns into a bit of a catastrophe (nothing much - so don't panic - the world only gets blown up, that's all) The wit and humour which comes through is only outshone by the brilliance of the parody, which perceptively mirrors all that is crazy (yet true) about modern American life.

Wilson, famous for his involvement in the Illuminati trilogy, must be one of the world's weirdest mystics (as the author notes at the beginning make more than obvious). Different things will be read into this latest epic. Some will see it as marvellous Orwellian satire. Some as pseudoscience and modern mysticism. Others, no doubt, will pick out intriguing thoughts and theories (it is loosely based on the concept that reality and quantum mechanics are intimately linked and happen to determine things like "coincidence" and the "paranormal" as a universal spin-off) You can, if you like, treat it just a daft, but very funny, meaningless sequence of words. It is all of these things. Which one Wilson intended to emphasise I have no idea, but I am sure he has valid points to make in there - somewhere!

UFOs crop up occasionally, as part of the pattern. Fortean phenomena and other dimensions much more often. But this is one of those books you will want to read 57 times before sensing final illumination when you digest it backwards. Those who treat it too seriously should pause to consider the character names. Wilson crops up often in his own story (with gloriously egotistical reviews of his life) (Indeed since it is a novel about someone writing a novel about someone writing a novel most of us are in it) We also have Ms Karrige, Eggs Benedict, Justin Case and (my favourite) Berytha Van Ation (Get it?) I warn you it is humourously blunt, offensive, sexually perverted and full of gutter language (but when did that ever stop a book selling?) You will love it if you enjoyed the Hitch-hikers Guide (book, radio or TV) Or if you like books which make you pull them apart in search of meaning and metaphor. Or if you're just plain nuts. Most ufologists should qualify on at least one of those counts - so why not go out and buy it!

NEW BOOKS... Ron Story's excellent follow-up to last years encyclopedia is UFOs & THE LIMITS OF SCIENCE (NEL h/b) It's a simple statement to science of the best of our data (although some might quibble with the top ten cases chosen)... And Coronet publish Randall Jones-Pugh & FW Holliday's DYFED ENIGMA in paperback. By far the best of the three "Welsh Triangle" books in current print.

CODE OF PRACTICE - Update Report on second meeting, June 13, Swindon.

Attended by representatives from MAUFOG, NUFON and the BUFORA Council. A final draft code was agreed. Major changes (excluding tidying up of phrases and some rearrangement of sections) from the code featured in the May issue are:

- 1.4 Now says "It is desirable that..." all interviews shall be conducted by two investigators.
- 1.6 (Was A 2 a) delete "harrassed further" add "approached further. The option for further contact resting with the witness."
- 1.9 (Combines A 8 & a) "Under no circumstances shall any specialised technique or equipment be used during the interviewing of a witness other than by written consent of the witness, and the use of any such aid shall be restricted to interviews conducted by fully qualified practitioners. The use of hypnosis shall only be under the guidance of a clinical psychologist."

- 1.11 (A new added clause) "Due consideration should be given to the ...4 health and welfare of the witness"
- 2.1 Delete "in relation to UFO investigations" add "particularly in circumstances which may affect national security"
- 2.2 (Is now what was A 7)
- 2.3 (Now reads) "No information gained during an interview shall be made available to the news media other than through normal procedures operating within the investigator's group."
- 2.4 "Speculative" is replaced by "Unsupported", add "concerning specific cases"
- 3.1 Add "and due credit given to the source of information"
- What was C 2 is now deleted and C 3 has added "without delay" and "unnecessary speculation and bias etc" is deleted. (Now as 3.2)
- 3.3 (Was A 3) with added "regarding cases of high strangeness" and the word "electronically" prior to recorded.
- 3.4 (new clause) "All reports should indicate the persons present during interviews and their status"

The next meeting will be (hopefully) in Worcester, in October, when the method of implementing the code and creating a list of accredited investigators will be thrashed out. It is very pleasing just how far we have come so fast.

 UFOs AND THE OCCULT by Geoff Grundill of North Lancs UFO Inv Group

Many people in ufology believe, or suspect, there is a connection between UFOs and the paranormal. I would like to throw out some very speculative ideas on the theme. The clue, I think, lies with the Men in Black. Something seems to link them with demons (similar to those who appeared to witches in the past) Were they disguised MIBs, believed (at the time) to be Satan?

I think it possible MIBs represent agents of hell, or even Satan's messengers out to frighten people. Evil forces may even operate behind the UFOs trying to gain control of us. Or are some UFOs conjurations as a result of invocations?

Some UFOs are observed changing shape on occasion. Could these be creatures of Hell changing structure at will? Do UFOs sometimes devise ways to fool the observer into thinking they are some form of mechanical device? Rarely one hears a witness describe a UFO as possessing a feeling as if it were alive. Could it be?

UFOs have been sighted over or near ancient stone circles and monuments. These are associated by pagan groups with ritual markers or places of worship to the Gods. They are supposed to have great power in them. Could the UFOs use this? Is this another clue to the possible occult nature of UFOs?

 IN LOVING MEMORY by Ian Mrzyglod.

Ian knows Warminster well, being a prominent member of the southern alliance MAUFOG. He edits the excellent PROBE REPORT for the Bristol based, PROBE.

Warminster, Wilts, is probably one of the most famous ufocals in the world. I have spent many an evening talking with Americans, Australians, Germans, Dutch and Mexicans, who have all travelled there on the strength of its popularity. Much of this is owed to the works of journalist author Arthur Shuttlewood, whose book THE WARMINSTER MYSTERY became a best-seller and is now out of print. Warminster always has a group of skywatchers on Cradle Hill, Saturday nights. On a clear, warm evening as many as 50 will arrive from all over the UK - not because they see anything, but because if anything is going to be seen it will (supposedly) be there. That's the place to be to see a UFO - a legend which has spread worldwide.

Warminster is not a centre of UFO activity, not a Ufocal and not a window. In the mid sixties it may have been, but today it is nothing but an ordinary town. "But", say the hardened supporters of Warminster's UFOs "reports still come and lights are still seen." I am not suprised, considering the regular vigil there. Anywhere else ten times as many LITS could go unnoticed. Nonne is looking.

So, in this case, Warminster as a ufocal, is a product of publicity and not constant sightings. In the last two years of skywatching I have not seen anything remotely unusual. Yet if something were seen tomorrow it would make the local press and again re-affirm Warminster as a UFO Mecca. Ten years ago it deserved that title. Strangely shaped lights were notorious for coming in low and 'buzzing' the copses that dot the skyline. I remember about 5 years ago, a bright red light, of about magnitude minus one, gliding slowly and silently roughly a half mile from our skywatch point between wooded copses, to vanish as if switched off. It will probably never be explained, and may have provided evidence of a UFO window

by entering a dimensional portal. On the other hand there may be a .,5 rational explanation that will not be uncovered until we can establish a better understanding of the elements that surround us in nature.

Whatever their cause, the events produced a magic that is perplexing to behold. It is fascinating to hear old regulars recount memorable sightings of years ago. This keeps people coming to Warminster, even if they do go home without seeing anything. But Warminster has returned to being a beauty spot, and Cradle Hill a lovely picnic site. It keeps alive its UFO history, reminding us who has been there, because their names are carved out on the gateposts. But I am afraid that is about all that remains of the good old days.

THE APPLIANCE OF SCIENCE by Kevin McClure

Kevin is an SPR member, UAFROL and UFOIN investigator, editor of COMMON GROUND and author of the highly praised booklet "Stars & Rumours of Stars".

I do not think there is such a word as paranormalism, although Dr Morrell has made it work hard of late. Nor do I think much of the word "unscientific", used without a clear and careful definition of what "scientific" would mean in the same context. We suffer both in the guest editorial (Issue 84)

It is a long time since the Birmingham October conference. Many of us at least attended. Perhaps if Dr Morrell had done so he could have brought with him qualified speakers in the fields of dream psychology, regression hypnosis, and belief systems. Perhaps, between them all, they could have paid for the hire of the venue for an extra day when they all could have spoken.

It is even longer since the appearance of the June 1980 Northern Ufology. How many of us are honestly still dwelling on its contents? How much does it matter?

If ufology is about more than establishing unknowns and unidentifieds, then it is probably not viable as a science. If we are actually trying to investigate the unidentifieds and unknowns themselves, to make sense out of rare and often unique claims or experiences, then we are very largely out on our own. If it is a science it is a highly experimental one. Maybe we can borrow from existing disciplines, but we cannot work within them and remain effective. Certainly if we wish to make a proper job of it we do not have the time to witter on about being "firmly scientific" or "pseudoscientists" or proclaim "paranormalist concepts" or (my favourite) "naked paranormalism" (something I have clearly missed out on all these years and much look forward to trying!)

In separating wheat from chaff, you do need to have experts in the identification of chaff. It is vital that we, as genuine, open-minded, experimental researchers, have access to technology and technologists capable of identifying conventional and comprehensible phenomena, if we do not feel fully able to perform this role ourselves. But we must be wary of becoming obsessed with chaff. Of getting stranded, making up words. I might call it Ifology, NUFOIS and FUFOR (particularly) have shown considerable excellence in establishing what is identifiable, and what is not. But I fail to see why this gives a feeling that they are thus empowered to criticise those of us willing to take the chances we know to be involved in actually investigating real UFOs. And if we wish to join the SPR or call ourselves "paranormal researchers", what business is that of anybody else's? Indeed, if we wish to take our wheat, when separated from the chaff, and try to make something substantial out of it - then are we really guilty of a scientific heresy?

UFOs AND VEHICLE INTERFERENCE EFFECTS by Geoff Falla

Geoff is BUFORA RIC on Guernsey, a UFOIN member, and coordinated the BUFORA project into vehicle interference cases. He is currently involved in their Radar project, cataloguing and analysing radar/visual UFO sightings.

In the scientific world we are told that repeatability is an essential requirement when testing new experiments or unusual phenomena. This appears to be one reason why scientists avoid the UFO subject. The phenomena we study are intrinsically fleeting, do not usually occur twice in one place and portray a bewildering variety of shapes, colours and behaviours. All this seems to indicate that there is nothing definite which can be pinned down for study. Yet when all the reports are put together from widely separated parts of the globe over a period of several years we do find certain patterns emerging.

Such a pattern seems to be displayed in what has been termed the EM (or electromagnetic) effect, involving apparant interference with vehicle electrical systems, radio communication failures, together with reported effects on compasses and watches in some cases. Such reports are not very common, and may account for no more than one or two cases in a given country in a given year, but taken together amount to a presently known total of several hundred EM events. They seem in fact to be a genuine and repeating characteristic of close proximity UFO sightings, and as such worthy of proper investigation.

Let us look at some examples, starting with two reports from France in 1954.

On October 16 at 5.30 pm the driver of a car at Mazaye noted his engine slow down. He felt paralysed then noticed an object, estimated size 10 M long and 2.5 M high, in a field near the road. (1) Near Buchy on November 13 q car engine was again noted to slow but did not stall as a luminous object was seen to take off. The witnesses were paralysed and reported a prickling sensation (2)

Both cases are similar in that the car engine slowed but did not stop and the witnesses also reported physiological effects.

From information gathered it would appear only vehicles powered by a conventional electric ignition system are affected in close proximity to a UFO. In a few cases deisel vehicles have been involved but no effect on the engine has been noted. For example, the day after the Buchy case, an incident was reported at Forli, Italy, involving two tractors, one of which was a deisel. A large number of people witnessed a beam of red light apparantly emitted by a flying object. It swept the countryside. As it illuminated the two tractors the none-deisel stalled, but the deisel continued running. (3)

In a number of cases temperature changes have been noted, mostly increases. It is considered that this is possibly due to the presence of high frequency radiation of some kind. Microwave ionisation might also be a factor.

At Pau, France, in 1954 a test pilot for the Fouga Aircraft Co tried to approach a hovering UFO. He was forced to turn his aircraft away because of the intense heat which built up in his cockpit. (4) In Texas, in November 1957, an army camp was reportedly visited by a glowing, disc-like object which came down and hovered. Tanks were brought out, but it suddenly became unbearably hot inside them and the men had to scramble out. The lights in a nearby building meanwhile went out. (5)

On November 6 1957, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, a car driver saw an elliptical object emitting a humming sound. The object passed low overhead and the car engine stopped, together with the clock and the drivers wristwatch. (6) In Spain, on November 1 1968, five witnesses at Los Monegros saw a large orange disc land. Their car engine stopped, lights failed and watches stopped. When the object rose silently and moved away vehicle systems and watches worked normally. (7) In a case in Norway the witness took his watch to be repaired and was told it had been subjected to a strong magnetic current. (8)

In Brazil in 1957 the pilot and four crew of a Varig C 47 cargo airliner observed a luminous object crossing ahead of them. All agreed it was disc-shaped with a dome which glowed with an intense green light. The lower part was flattened and gave off a less intense yellowish glow. When the object crossed to the right side of the aircraft the engines began missing and the cabin lights dimmed and almost went out. After appearing to stop for a moment the object dived into clouds. Everything on the aircraft then returned to normal. (4)

One final effect is most suprising. In some cases where the vehicle system has apparantly failed there has been a spontaneous return to normal working, with no action taken by the driver to restart the vehicle, or to correct any assumed fault. At Mrewa, Rhodesia, on January 30 1970 two policemen in a patrol vehicle saw three oval objects with red lights underneath and a rear white glow. The vehicle lights failed. After the object moved away the lights suddenly came back on again. (9)

At Lindeskov, Denmark, on February 19 1985 a woman was driving home when the car came slowly to a stop and all lights went out, even the light connected to the rear window heater. A very bright, round, bluish object approached and illuminated the car, making it very hot. The object vanished, the engine started by itself and the lights came back on. The witness noticed a prickling sensation on her face, which lasted until the following day. (10)

Appart from the effects we have several other clues. The sound of electromagnetic radiation, for example, is often reported as a humming or buzzing, and this is a common sound reported in association with UFO sightings.

I hope I have given sufficient to illustrate from the present catalogue (11) that there is indeed a common thread here. Repeatability of UFO phenomena is to some extent satisfied by EM cases. It is hoped that this might lead to a more scientific appraisal of the whole subject.

Notes: 1) THE HUMANOIDS, Bowen, C p 16; 2) ibid p 19; 3) ibid ; 4) UFOs: THE WHOLE STORY, Lorenzon, J&C; 5) FLYING SAUCERS-THE STARTLING EVIDENCE, Lorenzon, C 6) THE UFO EVIDENCE (NICAP); 7) FSR Vol 15 - 1 p iv; 8) FSR Vol 2 - 5 p 16 9) FSR Vol 16 - 5 p iii; 10) SUFOI N/letter 1975; 11) Published by BUFORA, 1979.

IMAGES OF ELECTRO-FAIRYLAND?

by Ian S Crewell

Ian has been one of our longest standing readers. An active investigator for many years he is now a leading participant in the North Lancs UFO Group.

When one makes a quick review of a selection of UFO Close encounters, it is invariably found that a few will take the form of what is known as electro-magnetic interference. There are many very good examples of this phenomenon in the general literature which are well enough known for me not to need to give illustration here. I feel that the EM effect is a genuine attribute of the close encounter conundrum, one which cannot be considered as either myth or the result of coincidence. It is something which appears closely linked with the state of consciousness of the witness and the mode of manifestation of the UFO experience.

The EM effect has been widely presumed, by ufologists over the years, to be the result of the motive power of an assumed physical craft, apparently of extraterrestrial origin, or a side effect of its method of manoeuvrability. It is hypothesised that UFOs employ some means of travel through our atmosphere which uses electro-magnetic fields of force or perhaps an anti-electromagnetic force field. It is this which causes the EM effect.

I tend to consider this a rather limited and possibly much too simplistic viewpoint, especially in view of the often forgotten fact that there is very little, if any, solid proof that the UFO phenomenon is at all connected with inhabitants of planets surrounding other stars. This is despite what a superficial reading of close encounter reports seems to indicate. Bear in mind that looks can deceive. If UFOs were indeed what they appear to be then we ought to have some proof, but we do not.

During the course of my investigations I have noted a number of recurring factors, usually present in EM cases. These are as follows:

- 1) The beginning of the incident often commences with a trigger signal, either in the form of a very bright light suddenly appearing from nowhere, or the sound of a buzzing or similar noise. Such sounds are often heard inwardly rather than externally.
- 2) EM reports seem to occur mainly during the hours of darkness with, I suspect, a peak happening in the early morning period of the night. Perhaps other researchers can check this out. (A UFOCAT study has indeed vindicated this, suggesting car-stops relate to the 23-00 to 04.00 time slot)
- 3) In many cases of this type only one witness is involved. When more than one person is present this usually means children or young people.
- 4) Many witnesses in EM cases seem to be in a state of receptive and relaxed consciousness prior to, and often during, the incident itself.
- 5) Close proximity to a UFO seems to be a definite connecting factor in EM cases. The further away the object is the less likely the chance of any interference taking place.
- 6) Closely associated with the EM effect on vehicles is the presence of intense heat and physical effects on a witness's skin, often producing the so-called "sunburn effect", skin rashes and complaints of the nervous system.
- 7) These reports do not exist in a state of vacuum, as they always seem to be reliant upon the percipient in order to manifest in our space and time. I feel that much understanding could be gained by linking the causation of these effects with something either inherent or channeled within the consciousness of the witness's mind.

It would seem a reasonable statement that close encounters are the product of an intelligence, but as to whose intelligence this may be is quite another

matter. These constructs (which is what I feel them to be) are both objective⁸ and subjective in their nature and manifestation. They are similar to dream images, but whereas dreams are subjective phantasms of sleep, close encounter images are phantasms of waking life. They cannot be classed as hallucinations, for at their time of appearance they exist, albeit temporarily, in a physical/objective state. They are rather electro-illusions, which are being channeled and projected through the percipient's consciousness by an intelligence which appears to be making use of man's own natural EM power. This has its fields of force within our physical brain and nervous system.

I am postulating that the EM effect is a product of the process of projection. I could say the witnesses are viewing an electro-magnetic film show starring a multitude of absurd and ridiculously silly characters, as cast by an unknown director for the purposes of programming and conditioning of certain desired concepts or the means whereby these are brought into the consciousness of man. Would this cause a traumatic state of shock amongst the rank and file ufologists?

The energy of the brain appears to be comprised of both electrical and magnetic power, providing the basis for the psychic chemical computer known as mankind. It is this which is being used to form holographic type projections for UFO percipients. Since the energy employed in this slide-show has to be on a high enough level in order to manifest I would suggest that at times it is necessary to draw away similar power used in the motivation of vehicles, thus producing the EM effect.

If this process of channeled projections appears totally out of the pages of science-fiction then please consider the following piece of information. Over the past few years news has been released of experiments with electro-magnetically induced visual hallucinations. These are activated at a given signal (of a very specific frequency transmitted to given areas of the human brain) It then produces the desired visual hallucination, at the whim of the experimenter.

Sounds just a little familiar, does it not?

LETTING THE MOTOR IDLE

by Patricia Austin

Pat is another long-standing reader, not associated with any group and residing in Walsall in the West Midlands.

It needs courage to defend a controversial opinion, such as the one that the UFO experience is (at least in part) a function of the human brain. That it seems to depend upon the right person being in the right place at the right time.

In so far as a mere speculator about the UFO experience (even a dedicated one) is allowed to have a viewpoint then I agree with this.

I suggest that the recent dearth of articles submitted to Northern Ufology is not due to apathy, but rather to complete bafflement about the set topic, and perhaps to a frantic pause while those who frequently like to run off at the pen and indulge their pet theories on paper are trying hard to get some proper research done, so as to deserve the title of a Ufologist.

But if I may speculate just a little bit more. Suppose for a moment that information is constantly being disseminated through the galaxy from elsewhere. When the signal reaches us it would have become very faint and diffuse. Suppose it is broadcast in such a form that the human brain (not a giant radio telescope) is the direct receiver. The information takes the form of ideograms, so that shape and detail need to be supplied from the background of knowledge already stored in that brain and available for use. For example, the idea "we are more technically advanced than you are" might be translated by many people's brains as the image of an efficient-looking being operating a control box on its chest. (There would, of course, be a multitude of individual interpretations of this image, according to the personal store in the particular brain, with a result that we would get a baffling array of similar, but different, contacts. ED)

Suppose this faint signal needs a booster, not only to amplify it but to activate the designated receiver. The necessary booster might be provided in several ways. Piezo electricity generated and released along a fault line during earthquakes have been shown, by recent work at the Institute of Mines, in Denver, to be one possible source. Or perhaps the field generated by overhead cables, or when switching takes place in a grid junction box. One can think of many reports in the vicinity of such equipment. Or what about the increased charge in the atmosphere during thunderstorms?

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The right person (with a specially sensitive brain?) where an electrical booster happens to be at the time? Is this when brain-patterns are passive and quiescent, early morning, in a quiet place, in a calm frame of mind? It all seems to fit what we know of close encounters. It is easy, when driving a car on a country road that is fairly clear, to be in a calm, quiet frame of mind, but still alert.

Supposing then the four conditions are present: signal, booster, receiver and brain-patterns. Could the brain (with psychokinesis) produce enough physical reality to leave traces or cut out the car engine? I am left scurrying about the maze holding the one piece which does not quite fit. But they are interesting ideas, are they not?

QUESTIONING THE EM ENIGMA

by Jenny Randles

It is odd that there were so few responses to this issue's theme. For as both Geoff and Ian point out the EM effect is one of the most consistent and verifiable features in our armoury of data. It is one of those things almost impossible to fit into the "UFOs are fantasy" or "All UFOs are IFOs" schools of debunking. For the EM effect offers us the specific scientific data upon which we can do meaningful research. This is something so often demanded -- and (like it or not) scientists are going to have to admit that we have it!

I am not going to write a lengthy piece here, for I am saving that for a full chapter in my current literary project (due for 1983 release). Nor will I say more about the intriguing ideas about electrical images within the brain ... except to ask Ian and Pat why it cannot be that the signal comes not from space but from our own subconscious mind? (See ALIEN CONTACT, due September, for more on that idea). Rather I want to pick up where Geoff left off and pose to you questions about the EM enigma, which seem repetitively verified. I am not going to answer them ... that is up to you!

Why does it seem that EM cases (or their equivalent) pre-date the discovery of electricity? (Assuming John Keel's ideas about "horse and buggy" stops are valid) Why do we find car-stops in science fiction before the modern UFO era?

Why do EM cases invariably have the associated electrostatic "tingle" or "pins and needles" or "hair stood on end" sensations (and recently a witness to an alleged ghost described precisely the same thing to me)? Why the apparent microwave induced "burns", nausea and headaches? Why the VLF-induced power draining? Does the phenomenon generate a broad bandwidth of EM radiation? (See Keel's COSMIC QUESTION for the most interesting review of this problem)

Why did the standard tests of the Condon team fail to substantiate that an EM field was responsible for stopping car engines? (The necessary strength was so high that permanent magnetic warping of the car's metal body would be produced, but this characteristic did not appear... although the Collins/King experiments on the Thaxted car-stop did apparently find this, even though here the strength was not sufficient to fully stop the car!)

How are lights and ignition affected (together or separately) when in many vehicles they rely on different systems? Is Michel's hypothesis of chemical reaction plausible? (That the UFO and associated heat prevent chemical transfer of ions in the electrical current flow).

Personally, whilst there remain many puzzles, I feel that the Nelson, Lanes and Barnard Castle, Durham, cases offer us many clues to the nature of the enigma. For we have (at Nelson) the induced electrostatic field and microwave related post effects. And (at Durham) there was tremendous heat radiation (probably microwave again), burning skin and the motorcyclists' clothes, with induced currents creating enough energy to evaporate a substantial volume of rainwater. I feel a concerted effort should be made to compile an in-depth study of these two cases (which are Britain's most important EM events in the last decade) It can then be circulated amongst scientists for their opinion. Personally, I see nothing in the Barnard Castle case to deny an atmospheric electrical phenomenon (albeit a most impressive and disturbing one). Nelson offers more hope to the "alien craft" proponents, but even that could be a psychological witness construct on a basic light phenomenon. And if any of these phenomena are indigenous to our own atmosphere (a fact I find impossible to doubt in certain cases) then science must be courted into taking more interest. Perhaps this projected Nelson/ Barnard Castle project would be the catalyst. Is anyone out there willing to take part in such a project. IF SO THEN PLEASE LET ME KNOW!

MEDIUM DEFINITION INVESTIGATIONS

66-a August 9 1966 Sallala Hills, Aden Inv: Bill Gibbons (SUFON) Two soldiers of the Royal Pioneer Corps on gate guard duty at 23.06. Night clear and cold. Saw unusual "helicopter" in "bandit country". Called to their corporal who agreed it was not a helicopter. Object was lens shaped, silver, 30 ft wide, with flashing green/blue and yellow central lights. It moved slowly along a ridge and then shot away at fantastic speed towards coast. An official report was made.

78-272 July 19, 30 Portpatrick, Scotland Inv: Bill Gibbons (SUFON) Two women on holiday in the village from London saw orange/red oval 30-40' long moving slowly NE across sky. In view six minutes.

8070 Feb 7 19.00 Hoylake, Wirral Inv: Alan Bell (MIGAP) Excellent 10pp report on this incident. Housewife observed light through curtains and pulled them aside to see a white disc over her back garden wall. She went outside and observed for 30 minutes the small oval disc surrounded by a white glow. It hovered above the rooftops opposite. Beneath it was a smaller dark light which was not directly connected to the phenomenon. After observation the small "dot" streaked away east, followed seconds later by the disc, which tilted slightly and shot away north east. There was heavy low cloud and weather report indicates it later rained. No sound was associated but a few hours before the woman and her daughter had heard a strange high pitched sound which they could find no explanation for. Incident reported to the police. UNIDENTIFIED.

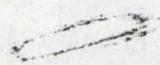
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8071 September ?? Killantringan Bay, Scotland INN: Bill Gibbons (SUFON) Two men unloading fishing gear saw strange "aircraft" approach from north. It passed overhead as a discus shape, silver/grey and 50' across. It moved out of sight towards the horizon. In view 3 minutes.

8072 October 12 03.30 RAE West Freugh, Scotland INV: Bill Gibbons (SUFON) Three MOD police officers on duty at the air base. One reported a light heading fast towards them from Stranraer and called the others to observe. It slowed and took 15 minutes to pass over Stoneykirk and then head southwards towards the sea. During the flight it stopped to hover several times and varied its speed on a number of occasions. There was no sound. It was only observed as a small oval of reddish light.

8115 June 15 22.00 Wrexham, Clwyd INV: Jenny Randles (MUFORA) A young couple in their late teens were on a drive towards Chester when they saw a strange "cloud" in the north west. They stopped the car and got out to watch. It looked like a tube, about the size of the moon and orange/pink in colour. The sun had set but the sky was still light on a mild, clear evening. After about 2 mins (object stationary) it faded out, becoming fuzzy and vanishing. MUFORA think this was a cloud reflecting the last rays of the sun. CLOUD

Unless otherwise stated the above cases should be filed as Insufficient data.

Note how we only have 15 cases for 1981, a total which is even lower than the incredible drought we suffered in 1980. There seems no sign of things picking up and only about 5 or 6 cases are known to be under investigation from the recent past throughout the region. As Angus McGill said in a widely syndicated newspaper article recently.... Where have all the UFOs gone?

STOP PRESS: MUFORA is continuing its investigations into the Todmorden CE 4 (see last issue) The police officer has consented to regression hypnosis, and is himself anxious to discover what happened in the period he has forgotten (over the intervening months snatches of memory have come back to him). It should also be added that the case has taken on a most important new dimension because it now seems that 04.50 four police officers on a nearby patrol in Halifax (12 miles away) saw a very similar object swoop over their car (causing them to duck!) and head for Todmorden! Also at 05.45 approx a school caretaker very close to the primary witness independantly reported a blue/white object rise into the air, wobble and shoot away. These sightings appear to cooperate Alan D. MUFORA has, incidentally, the interview with Alan D on videtape (as is the interview with Mario Luisi in the Kendal CE 4) thanks to solicitor member Harry Harris who has his own recording and camera equipment.