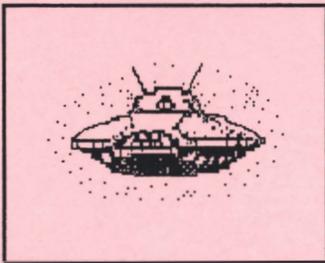


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UFO SPECULATIONS

Ever since ufology began, an event which for all practical purposes may be ascribed to the late 1940s, there have been attempts to explain reported phenomena, some of which inevitably invoke the supernatural. Some sixty odd years later, we can only remark that none of the proffered explanations has been found generally acceptable. There remains, however, a widespread belief that there is a problem requiring explanation.

Having devoted much time over many years to a consideration of the various views advanced, I have finally come to the opinion that though the many well attested accounts cannot ever be dismissed out of hand as spurious or mistaken, we are unlikely ever to know the truth unless either the originators of UFO phenomena themselves or the governments of the most powerful terrestrial states are prepared publicly to reveal the truth.

The latter eventuality I consider the least likely, because there are many incidents in which the conduct of governments reflects little credit on those who have controlled them.

We have ample evidence that governments have lied about reported UFO phenomena, for what reasons we do not know, and of course the entities thought to be responsible for the phenomena could have made themselves known at any time had they so wished. Do not, therefore, expect a definitive solution to the UFO problem unless their policies change.

I sympathise, therefore, with the dilemma of witnesses like Mr Craig Latimer of Bognor, and as I shall be briefly in residence at the university campus of his home town from June 20th next, I hope that any ufonauts who scan the pages of *Pegasus*, will take note and oblige us both with a thoroughly evidential display, which will be duly reported in these pages if it occurs.

G.M.

Crop Circles: "Signs" From Above or Human Artifacts?

Some personal speculations on a fractal theme
Jacques F. Vallée

The key to investigating anomalies often lies in asking the right questions rather than pondering a long list of assumed answers and fighting over hypotheses. The crop circles that have adorned English fields in the last couple of decades are a good example of this principle. Many well-intentioned "paranormal" investigators and New Age enthusiasts have immediately posited that the circles must be caused by Aliens, while the general opinion of journalists and academics tended to state they were the product of hoaxes. Indeed, two retired men were featured in the world media as the confessed authors of many circles. Over the years several interested researchers — including this author — have met with and interviewed self-described "artists" who had generated some complex crop formations as a new type of display where the landscape is used as a canvas to shock popular consciousness and stimulate reaction. There is no question that at least some of the formations — including some remarkably complex ones — are their handiwork.

This leaves most of the formations unexplained, especially those that have appeared in a very short time or under conditions of very high mathematical accuracy. Drawing a bicycle or a spider in a wheat field is one thing, the Mandelbrot set of fractal geometry is quite another.

When sophisticated formations started appearing in the English countryside several teams of UFO investigators (who came from a background of soil and trace studies related to the familiar imprints often left behind after sightings such as Delphos or Trans-en-Provence) began to take notice. Rather than jumping to conclusions about the origin and purpose of the formations they drew up a list of fundamental questions that went like this:

1. Is there a change in the nature of the formations over time?
2. What is it, exactly, that happens to the vegetation inside the affected areas?
3. Is there anything special about the location of the phenomenon?

To seek information on these topics they established a protocol to gather vegetation samples and sent them to a number of laboratories for microscopic studies. The results, which have been discussed at meetings of the Society for Scientific Exploration and other public events, have never seemed of sufficient interest for the media (or, indeed, the ufological

mainstream) to take notice, perhaps because they conflicted with the sensational nature of other hypotheses.

The answers are as follows:

1. The early formations were simple circles, then circles with satellites. In later years more and more sophisticated and precisely-drawn geometric figures appeared.
2. Vegetation is bent because the nodes are exploded. The stalks are not broken and indeed the plants are often reported to start growing again.
3. All the significant formations were observed in an area in close proximity to major research facilities of the British defence establishment, often in controlled airspace.

So much for Aliens and Druids. These studies point to the crop formations as the result of sophisticated electronic warfare experiments conducted by defence contractors.

The answer to question (1) provides the first clue: If you are trying to calibrate a beam, drawing a pattern on a wheat field can yield precision information within the diameter of one stalk over hundreds of feet, an ideal test situation.

The answer to question (2) narrows down the type of energy that can be responsible, because the amount of heat radiation that needs to be coupled into one node of a stalk of wheat to vaporize the water content is a known quantity, as laboratory tests in France and in the United States soon established.

The answer to question (3) points to the likely authors of the tests. It is tempting to jump to the conclusion that some sort of space-based weapon is being developed. I am reluctant to assume this because of the cost involved. Even if satellites represent the ultimate platform for such a weapon, which does not seem obvious to me, the calibration tests can be carried out far more cheaply from a conventional aircraft. In those cases when witnesses on the ground have seen formations in the process of being created, they have described a reddish glow at ground level, with the vegetation bent over in a matter of minutes. This would be consistent with a beam directed at the field from a hovering dirigible, painting a figure very much in the same way as an electron beam "paints" a digital image on a computer screen. From conversations I have had with the investigators involved, the beam would be unlikely to be a simple infrared beam. Instead a combination of laser and microwave transmitters may be involved, or a form of maser. Perhaps the increasingly sophisticated tests are designed precisely to discover optimal combinations.

This leaves several issues pending: Why don't witnesses see the supposed hovering platforms if they simply fly over the countryside? What about the "confessions" of the two retired men who claimed they made the circles

with a two-by-four and a piece of string? And why do the experiments continue at a point where the technology seems to have reached a high level of perfection? I only have tentative answers to this new set of questions:

- Many years ago I gave a lecture on UFO research at Oxford University. One of the people attending, a physics faculty member, told me of an interesting personal experience. His hobby was to fly gliders over the English countryside. On one occasion, on a bright afternoon, he was astonished to see his plane reflected in a surface that appeared to be motionless in the atmosphere. He actually flew around the object and determined it was a perfectly reflecting cylinder. It is obvious that such a device would have "low-observable" characteristics — a visual stealth platform.
- What is suspicious about the two older men's "confession" is that it appeared simultaneously on the front pages of international papers and on CNN the same day. Any published author familiar with the difficulty of getting media attention will know that it takes a very powerful public relations firm to get a story to the front page of the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times, Le Figaro, and many other papers the same day. Where did the two pensioners get the kind of clout that would spin their claim around the planet? The result was instantaneous: The press and, more importantly, most scientists lost all interest in the story for 10 years.
- Why do the tests continue? I admit I have no good answer to this. It seems farfetched to assume that they have become more sociological than technological in nature, yet this could provide an explanation. Sooner or later the truth will be known, and it can be used to discredit the community of paranormal researchers who have rushed to decipher alien scripts in the formations, or have hypothesized a return of the Druids, earth lights or messages from Gaia without first testing the basic physics of the situation. It may also be that such hypotheses have been coldly planted among the New Age milieu as part of a psychological warfare experiment, and that the real nature of the crop formations can thus be hidden from serious attention for a very long time.
- Why would one need to develop such a beam? Destruction of incoming missiles (or simple confusion of their electronics) would be an obvious purpose, but several projects are already under way to produce such weapons, notably at Boeing and other defence contractors. But we may be wrong in assuming that the beam itself is a weapon; it might be used simply to guide a much larger amount of energy (contained plasma, or the fireball created by a nuclear explosion, for example) to its ultimate destination. The type of threat

that is present in today's world includes targets that one may not want to blow up, but rather to fuse inside a fireball. Such a target might be a biological laboratory, or a chemical factory, where dispersion of a pathogen is undesirable. Is that what the innocent designs in English fields are really telling us to get ready for? If so, their message may be far more ominous than any communication from ETs, friendly or not.

AN IMPORTANT PREMONITION

by Hilary Porter (SIGAP member)

Aldershot's Army Military Stadium may soon see a huge gathering of scientists, researchers, public and press, concerning the subject of Ufology.

The strong impression I have is that selected individuals may well be contacted all across the world, telepathically, and feel compelled to travel to what will become a very special site.

Why am I making this claim, you may rightly wonder? Well, it all began during the summer of 1977, when I was a volunteer worker for Mencap, preparing the above stadium to host the Southern England Games....

Then, in October 1977, I started to have a vivid, recurring dream about some extremely unusual activity taking place at the above venue; but it was more than just a dream, it seemed more like a premonition, for everything was set well into the future. Each time the dream, vision, or whatever you want to call it, revealed a bit more detail to me.

You see, as a repeated witness of UFOs and abductions, my senses have been heightened, and I do get messages in the form of dreams from time to time, many of which turn out to be true. Although this gift is nothing unusual, and I suspect many of you reading this understand exactly what I mean.

At the time I also began to see a strange craft fly over the Frimley area. When it appeared it was usually around 1000ft above the ground and had two huge headlights that it beamed groundwards.

I became aware that, whenever there was a sighting of this object, one was only seeing part of its structure; in reality it took four years of patient sky-watching before I saw the complete shape.

Apart from the two huge white headlights, its other lights were red. I nicknamed it 'The Bat' as it could actually go almost vertical.

In my dream the stadium was packed with people of all nationalities; many of them had what looked like TV broadcast equipment.

The above site was very different in its layout and the stand was not the same either; also there was a man with some kind of measuring device using a walled structure to put this device against, and many of the people had hand-held cameras, others on tripods.

They were all eagerly gathered as if in anticipation of a major happening, (something of almost Biblical proportions), when suddenly someone shouted out "look over Aldershot", and everyone turned southwards to see two hexagonal dark-grey UFOs coming slowly over the stadium.

In this vision the objects are totally silent; the second one hung back slightly, while the first one positioned itself right above the spectators, who just stood there open-mouthed in awe.

The craft was a good size, about 60ft long by 25ft wide, with a strange pipe-work configuration underneath and at the centre of its fuselage; there it hovered for about 30 seconds before starting to move off towards Ash Vale, with the second one veering off following the first.

One evening in 1982, whilst driving along Queens Avenue, I passed the Army Sports Ground, where I noticed that a new brick-walled structure had been built. It was exactly as seen in the dream/premonition!

A strange feeling went right through me: now, after all these years, the geometry of the place is ready for this visitation!

Due to another sighting in 1977, Omar Fowler, who was at that time our local SIGAP investigator, visited my home and was busy leafing through my UFO log book, when he stopped at one page and began staring intently.

You see, I am a qualified former MoD technical draughtswoman by profession and had made many sketches to accompany my entries; and, when he came across a particular picture that I had made of the hexagonal craft, he asked: "How on earth did you come by this drawing, as I have been researching this for quite some time", to which I replied: "It came to me in a dream".

Omar wanted to take this drawing, as he needed to send it to America. I quickly made a copy for him to take away.

Maybe the mystery will be solved in the not-so-distant future because, weighing everything up -- the new brick-walled structure, the clothes people were wearing, the technologies displayed, (such as the cameras, which I now recognise as video or DVD cameras -- something not even invented in the 70s), etc. etc. -- the time could now be very near.

And, if any of this does transpire, then most likely it will take place during a Spring or Autumn, due to the height of the sun in the sky as I saw it.

THE NEXT SAUCER TO SHOEBURYNESSE LEAVES FROM PLATFORM 5 ...

Alok Jha, *The Guardian*, Monday 13 March 2006

"We're getting there." That was the motto of British Rail in its 1980s heyday. But how they thought they might get there will come as a surprise to even diehard trainspotters: a decade earlier engineers had patented plans to transport passengers by nuclear-powered flying saucer, writes Alok Jha.

The plans for the space vehicle were discovered by a student on the website of the European Patent Office. "I thought it must be a joke at first," he said, electing to stay anonymous. "It's the sort of thing you only read about in science-fiction books."

His discovery shows that in 1973 Charles Osmond Frederick, an inventor, patented the design for a craft powered by laser-controlled thermonuclear fusion. Designed to reach high speeds in space, it was meant to move us around the globe and even to other planets.

Its "lifting platform" was designed for the British Railways Board and the patent was filed under the name of Jensen and Son. The disc would have had a flat, slightly concave underside, the patent said. "A controlled thermonuclear fusion reaction is ignited by one or more pulsed laser beams produced by lasers and reflected or focused onto a central reaction zone on the underside of the platform."

Unsurprisingly, space scientists have poured cold water on the designs. Michel van Baal, of the European Space Agency, said the craft would need an "unbelievable amount of energy" to fly. "I have had a look at the plans, and they don't look very serious to me at all."

Patents can be taken out for any type of invention without the need for a working example. Inventors can even patent designs for machines that are physically impossible to build.

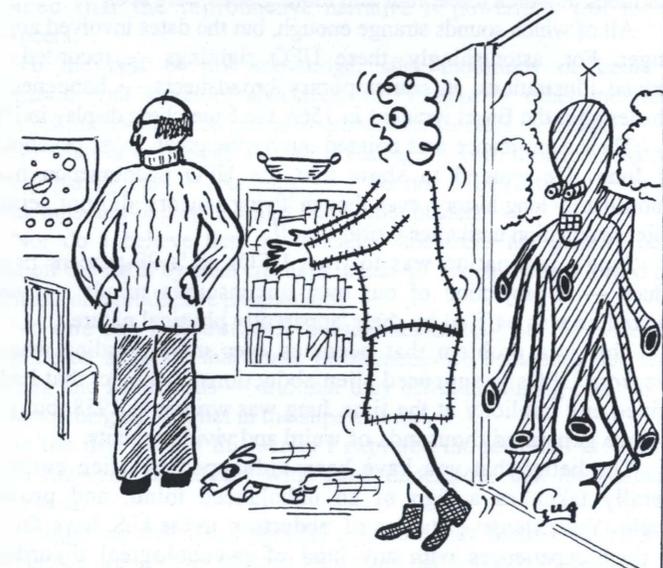
The patent described a power source that "would enable very high velocities to be attained in a space vehicle, and in fact the prolonged acceleration of the vehicle may in some circumstances be used to simulate gravity". Papers filed with the patent also show detailed cross-sections of the proposed space vehicle and a view of the underside. Dr van Baal said Mr Frederick's design was based on a fusion process that did not yet exist.

Thermonuclear fusion is seen as a potentially near limitless supply of energy and governments around the world have invested billions in developing it. The latest effort is a joint international experimental nuclear reactor, called ITER, which will fuse a form of heavy water to release energy. Theoretically, at least. Unfortunately, any commercial application of the technology is still at least 50 years away, even according to the scientists who believe it could work one day.

Colin Pillinger, the space scientist who led the doomed Beagle 2 mission to Mars, said: "I think the plans are fascinating; it really looks like a flying saucer. Quite what British Rail had in mind I have no idea. It is very unusual ... if I hadn't seen the documents I wouldn't have believed it."

The student said: "The flying saucer looks just like something out of a science fiction comic. It's amazing that British Rail actually developed these plans. They obviously believed people would be transported around space to different planets in the future. Who knows, maybe in the next 50 years they will be proved right."

Unfortunately for Mr Frederick, the flying-saucer idea never took off, and the patent has now lapsed.



"Honey – really – something IS out there!"

FAIRY CHANGELINGS, ALIEN BABIES AND A TRULY ASTONISHING QUESTION – ARE THERE SPIRITS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION GUIDING OUR LIVES?

From the dawn of civilisation man has been tantalised by glimpses of the supernatural – from the monsters depicted in prehistoric cave art to fairies and alien abductions. But could they ALL be encounters with the same mysterious beings from a parallel dimension? In a startling new book bestselling author Graham Hancock suggests just that. An extract from this book follows:

THE SWARM of UFOs was spotted above the city of Basel in Switzerland just after sunrise one August morning. According to witnesses, 'many large black globes were seen in the air, moving before the sun with great speed and turning against each other as if fighting. Some of them became red and fiery and afterwards faded and went out'.

Five years earlier, there had been an equally spectacular display over Nuremberg in Germany. Flying discs and globes were sighted in large numbers, whirling in the sky near the sun. Onlookers described 'great tubes in which three, four and more globes were seen'.

All of which sounds strange enough, but the dates involved are even stranger. For, astonishingly, these UFO sightings — recorded, with engraved illustrations, in contemporary broadsheets — happened five centuries ago: the Basel incident in 1566, the Nuremberg display in 1561.

Their significance was pointed out by the great Swiss psychologist Carl Jung. He wanted to show that the UFO phenomenon has an extraordinarily long history, even though 'flying saucers' did not seize the public imagination until after World War II.

Jung's inclination was to treat UFOs as 'a 99-percent psychic product' — a projection of our own unconscious minds — yet he admitted he was baffled by their 'apparently physical nature'.

This is a problem that becomes even more puzzling when we move from UFOs to supposed alien abductions, a subject that had not received any publicity at the time Jung was writing in 1958, but which has since generated thousands of weird and vivid accounts.

The belief that you have been kidnapped by alien entities is generally taken as a sign of an unbalanced mind, and provokes ridicule. Yet extensive studies of 'abductees' in the U.S. have failed to link their experiences with any kind of psychological disorder or emotional disturbance.

Psychologist Elizabeth Slater, who conducted in-depth tests on a range of abductees to see if their stories could be explained by mental problems, concluded simply: 'The answer is a firm no.'

Given how bizarre some of these stories are, this is remarkable. After being transported onto spaceships by 'beams of light', abductees routinely describe being forced to undergo humiliating medical examinations and painful but incomprehensible surgical procedures.

And one of the most astonishing, yet consistent, claims — made independently, in case after case — is of sexual contact with the 'alien beings'.

Women frequently report being impregnated by their captors, and later having an alien-human foetus removed and stored on the UFO. Male abductees describe acts of intercourse with female aliens, or having sperm samples taken for artificial insemination.

Before amateur psychologists rush in with the obvious suggestion that these are wish-fulfilment fantasies, it is worth making the point that this sexual contact is rarely experienced as being pleasurable and is reported in almost exactly the same terms, over and over again, by hundreds of abductees.

Harvard psychiatrist Dr John Mack (recently deceased — *Ed.*), who made an academic study of abduction testimony, concluded: 'I am convinced that the reproductive narrative is powerfully real for the experiencers.'

To the best of my knowledge, after thousands of hours of investigation with scores of abductees, no Freudian or other individual psychodynamic explanation seems to account for its basic elements.'

So what *is* going on? Before revealing my own theories, I wish to state very plainly that — like Jung — I do not believe that UFOs are physical, nuts-and-bolts spaceships from other planets.

Nor do I believe that the so-called abductees are literally being plucked off the Earth by alien creatures, taken off into space and forced into experiments or reproductive programmes.

No one can rule out such possibilities entirely, but the evidence I have gathered suggests that these phenomena are something far more interesting and mysterious — and that they offer tantalising clues to the fundamental origins of belief in the supernatural.

In the first part of this series I explored the idea that the human universe may run in parallel with other dimensions that are normally invisible to us.

I suggested that these parallel universes may become visible to us only when we are in states of deep trance and hallucination — triggered by drugs, esoteric rituals, or a natural capacity for visionary experiences that seems to exist in around two percent of the population.

I also argued that 'aliens' may simply be the latest incarnation of the occupants of these other worlds — supernatural beings who have manifested themselves to us in many different guises over time, from the spirits depicted in the cave art of our prehistoric ancestors to the fairies of the Middle Ages.

As I tried to show, there is considerable evidence to suggest this might be so, because the images of cave art, fairy lore and UFO testimony have so many fascinating similarities and connections.

But this begs the question of what such supernatural beings might want with us. And the answer — as suggested by alien abduction stories — is quite astonishing.

One classic abduction report comes from a rich young Brazilian named Antonio Villas-Boas. The 23-year-old was working on his father's farm one night in October 1957 when he allegedly saw a UFO land nearby and was forced inside it by four small beings with large heads.

He was stripped naked and a blood sample was taken from his chin. Then a small, nude female with the ethereal looks of a fairy — thin blonde hair, large slanted eyes and high cheekbones — entered the room and began to embrace him.

'Her body looked human, her feet were small and her hands were long and pointed. She was about four-and-a-half feet tall,' Villas-Boas recalled.

Two vigorous bouts of sexual intercourse followed, leaving the young man feeling that he had been used like 'a good stallion to improve their stock.' He was then thrown out into the night.

Were this an isolated story, it would be easy to mock. But other abductees talk of the aliens creating and rearing hybrid children — born of human mothers or fathers — in what resemble 'battery' conditions.

Some recall being taken to a part of the spaceship where they were shown large numbers of hybrid babies stacked up in rows of tanks.

One woman described the tanks as resembling 'drawers in a cabinet', each filled with hundreds of 'little fetuses'. Another woman claimed to have seen cases stacked from floor to ceiling and lit from behind. She described them as containing 'baby versions' of the aliens, 'all in a liquid'.

Of course, this sounds like pure science fiction — but broadly similar stories stretch back far into history. There are even reports of UFOs, and of humans interbreeding with alien-like beings, in the pages of the Bible. There we can read about the prophet Elijah's ascent to heaven in a 'whirlwind' associated with a 'chariot of fire', and of Ezekiel's vision of mysterious creatures on board great 'wheels' that 'lifted them up from the Earth'.

We can also read descriptions of what sounds like a superior race of beings with whom humans must have dealings and 'who come from a far country, from the end of heaven'.

Most significantly of all, chapter six of the Book of Genesis tells us of mortal women having intercourse with heavenly supernaturals and bearing them monstrous hybrid babies. These 'Sons of God' apparently 'came unto the daughters of men and they bore children to them'.

All this has echoes in the beliefs of primitive societies such as the Warao tribe of eastern Venezuela. One of their modern-day shamans, or spiritual leaders, described to visiting ethnographers how he had followed in the tradition of his ancestors by entering 'a round white house in the sky'.

This was inhabited by spirits in insect form. One of them was a 'beautiful bee girl' with whom the shaman had repeated sexual intercourse and fathered four hybrid children.

Closer to home, there are numerous closely-linked accounts from the Middle Ages onwards of humans falling for, having sex with, and even marrying spirits in the form of fairies.

In Ireland, where fairies are known as the Sidhe, the story is told of two Sidhe women who loved a young prince and suddenly took him away into a fairy palace and kept him there for three years.

Similarly, English chivalric romances of the Middle Ages describe the plight of a young man seduced and kidnapped by the Queen of the Fairies to spend seven years serving her in Fairyland. These are, quite patently, abduction stories.

As for producing hybrid offspring, one of the most enduring ideas about fairies is their propensity for abducting babies from their cots and leaving behind strange half-human, half-fairy 'changelings'.

I could list many more examples but it is clear that these strange, unsettling themes have run through stories of supernatural encounters from time immemorial.

If they point to some underlying reality — a core of truth that different cultures and different ages have struggled to describe in their own terms — what can it be?

To me, it is as if the occupants of another, parallel world were seeking intimate, transformative contact with humanity in order both to give and to receive something precious.

The persistent suggestion among alien abductees is that they are being used to strengthen and enrich 'alien' stock, by passing on an infusion of human strength and physicality.

One abductee, Lori Biggs, who claimed to have been snatched from Redondo Beach, California, in 1970, said her captors told her that they

were able to manifest themselves as beings made up out of light but that they were unable to hold this form for very long.

'They wanted to learn how to combine human solid form and their luminous form into a more permanent, more powerful being,' Biggs said.

Can it be mere coincidence that the very same 'race strengthening' scenario was the one most often put forward to explain why fairies were interested in breeding with humans?

According to folklorist Peter Rojcewicz, 'the most significant form of fairy dependence upon mortals' was precisely this need to draw on human strength to revivify their own population.

In folklore traditions across the world, says Rojcewicz, 'humans are essential to fairies for a healthy bloodline'.

The Irish poet W.B. Yeats likewise believed that 'the Sidhe (fairies) need human robustness'.

But what does humanity receive in return during this unusual transaction? The answer appears to be the gift of knowledge. Despite the traumas they report having suffered at the hands of their captors, many alien abductees appear to regard their encounters as important learning experiences by which their own inner resources are bolstered, either intellectually or emotionally.

One of Dr John Mack's patients, named only as Joe, reported that his alien abductors told him; 'We are with you. We're here to help you. We're here to guide you through your difficult times.'

Another of Mack's abductees, Jean, an academic and lecturer, claimed that repeated abductions had greatly strengthened her creative powers and insights. They left her 'neurologically reprogrammed' and better able to 'take in knowledge and put it out for others'.

There are interesting parallels between this and the beliefs of societies where shamans continue to operate. According to these tribes, spirits from the otherworld bestowed great knowledge upon their forebears — teaching them skills such as healing, controlling the weather and how to husband animals.

Indeed, it is commonly suggested in such societies that all important wisdom, and knowledge of how to lead developed lives, was originally passed on by spirit teachers.

If we put aside the automatic scepticism of our age, this raises a profoundly significant possibility. Could it be that such imparted knowledge might explain the very birth of civilisation — the mysterious 'before and after' moment which occurred in human history some 40,000 years ago?

Before that moment, other than a very few scattered and isolated examples, there is nothing in the archaeological record left by our ancestors that we would instantly recognise as human behaviour.

After it, we suddenly start to find evidence of a total evolutionary transformation — art, the use of sophisticated symbolism, innovative thinking and imagination: the signs that humanity had discovered its creative spark.

This dramatic and electrifying change — embodied in the spread of Stone Age cave painting — has been described by scientists as 'the greatest riddle in human history'. All the human qualities and skills that we value most highly appeared already fully formed, as though bestowed on us by hidden powers.

And perhaps that's exactly what happened. Besides being the world's earliest examples of sophisticated art, the cave paintings of the Upper Palaeolithic period are also the first definite evidence for beliefs in supernatural realms and beings.

Could it be that the spirit guides depicted in those paintings were the ancient teachers of mankind? Was it they who provided the catalyst that transformed anatomically modern but dull, uninspired and spiritually void human beings into behaviourally modern, spiritually aware ones?

So far, I have talked about such intervention in our lives as being the work of supernatural beings who might exist around us all the time in some parallel dimension. But there is another intriguing possibility that I find equally compelling.

It has been put forward by Swiss anthropologist Jeremy Narby, who believes that we are guided not by supernatural beings but by an otherworldly mechanism planted deep within our DNA.

In essence, his theory is that billions of years ago, hidden messages, teachings and revelations might have been coded into our DNA by mysterious entities in the hope that a creature clever enough to benefit from such information might one day be produced by evolution.

When we are in hallucinogenic states, perhaps we are able to access this information — and the spirits, fairies and aliens we think we see are in fact 'virtual' teachers in the equivalent of an incredibly vivid and interactive learning video.

The idea that our chromosomes carry some kind of communication seems far-fetched until we consider that, so far, we know only the function of three per cent of the chemical codes which make up our DNA.

The purpose of the remaining 97 per cent remains a mystery, but an American study suggests that it may be far from what scientists refer to dismissively as 'junk DNA'.

The research, at Boston University and Harvard Medical School, made ingenious use of a mathematical test known as Zipf's Law, which uses the relative frequency with which words appear in a particular piece

of text to decide whether it is part of a genuine language — be it Russian, Hindu or Inuit — or whether the letters have simply been generated at random.

First, the researchers applied Zipf's Law to the chemical codes on the three per cent of DNA whose function is known.

Unsurprisingly, given that it is just a set of chemical instructions determining physical characteristics such as hair colour and height, this section of the DNA did not obey Zipf's Law. In other words, it had none of the recognisable features of a language.

Things were very different when the scientists conducted the same test on the remaining 97 per cent of our DNA. Astonishingly, this supposedly 'junk DNA' obeyed Zipf's Law in every case.

If its chemical codes had been books filled with pages of indecipherable printed letters, then this result would oblige us to conclude that the letters were not random alphabet soup, but words in an organised language.

It therefore seems surprisingly plausible that our DNA might really contain some kind of hidden messages for us.

But if so, who or what might have put them there?

One fascinating theory was put forward by Nobel prize-winner Francis Crick, the co-discoverer of DNA. He recognised a fundamental problem with the idea that all life on Earth evolved from the spread of the first DNA-based bacteria between 3.9 billion and 3.4 billion years ago.

He pointed out that DNA is such a complex mechanism that it must itself have evolved from something simpler, but there is no evidence that any such simpler thing ever existed on Earth.

In some sense the system appears to have been engineered, even 'created' before it ever went into action here — but by whom?

Crick's suggestion was that the seeds of life and of all future evolution must have been sent here by an alien civilisation.

Their motive, he speculated, might have been to overcome the certain doom of a planetary explosion, or some such cataclysm, by preserving their DNA in stripped-down bacterial form and sending it out into the universe in crewless, automated ships.

These were programmed to seek out and crash into certain sorts of planets at certain stages of development — there to release their cargo of bacteria and begin all over again the long process involved in the evolution of fully conscious beings.

It is a fascinating theory but — much like the idea that supernatural beings exist alongside us in a parallel dimension — it cannot be proved or disproved, for the moment at least.

What is certain, however, is that there must be some explanation for that mysterious 'before and after' moment in our development all those years ago.

Whether it was the work of entities remote from us in time and space or of supernatural beings interacting with us at closer hand remains to be seen, but either way it seems we must face an intriguing but scary possibility.

This is the notion that, although we may think of ourselves as free human spirits, our lives have been governed for many tens of thousands of years by non-human and apparently non-physical intelligences.

Their first dealings with us appear to have been documented in cave art painted many millennia ago, but it seems they may still be exerting their influences over our lives today — ensuring that we follow their agenda according to their own mysterious timetable and purposes.

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QUESTIONING EXOPOLITICS

by Kevin Randle, 18 November 2005

I have spent a great deal of time in the last few weeks looking over the Exopolitics sites that Dr. Michael Salla has created. I have followed many of the links that Dr. Salla listed. I expected very little in the way of evidence to be associated with this information, given the nature of the discussions I have read. I wasn't disappointed. There is little of substance there.

There is a great deal that is derived from the so-called whistleblowers testimony, taken by Dr. Salla as the truth, the whole truth and nothing by the truth. However, if it turns out that some of these whistleblowers have been less than honest, then much of his theoretical

framework will collapse. This means simply that, if the whistleblowers are not telling the truth, or are embellishing their role in the recovery and investigation of UFOs, a structure that uses that information as its basis is fatally flawed.

Dr. Salla puts a great deal of faith in the testimonies of people such as Cliff Stone, a retired Army Sergeant First Class; Robert Dean, a former Command Sergeant Major; Philip Corso, who retired as a lieutenant colonel and who died several years ago; and Bob Lazar, who claimed to have worked at the super-secret Area 51. There is good evidence that each of these people has embellished his role in relation to UFO evidence, and in some cases they told outright lies.

Take as a quick example, the tales told by Sergeant First Class Clifford Stone. He says he was not trained as a clerk-typist when he joined the service but his Army records show only training as a clerk. His record shows that his only assignments were as a clerk or an admin. specialist or in other roles in that arena. His record shows that he served in Vietnam, although it is not clear how long he was actually in the country. His records indicate that he was a clerk as the Army mission in Vietnam wound down and that he had no combat experience. He was awarded no decorations for valour.

Stone has said that when he reported for duty in Vietnam, he requested a combat assignment because he had no training as a clerk. His request was denied by the company first sergeant. He said that, during his tour, he would periodically crawl out of the base camp, through the wire, to engage the enemy. There is nothing in his record to suggest this is true. When he completed his Vietnam assignment, he returned to the United States and to the mundane world of clerk-typist.

Most Vietnam veterans would dispute Stone's claims of personal firefights with the Viet Cong and his one-man missions outside the wire because they simply know better. Individual soldiers did not crawl through the base-camp wire to engage the enemy. Those who tell similar stories have universally been shown to be lying about those events.

To provide an additional example of embellishment, Stone has claimed that he was involved in the Kecksburg UFO crash. His role seems to have changed over the years, as additional information has come to light. For example, Stone had said originally he called the Unsolved Mysteries hotline after they ran their Kecksburg UFO story. Stone said he had personally witnessed the armed military convoy, helmeted soldiers and a flatbed truck carrying the damaged UFO out of Kecksburg. On *Sightings* in 1992 Stone made a similar claim (which means the claim is documented on videotape). Stan Gordon, the main researcher into Kecksburg, said that Stone told him that he, Stone, was a civilian and that a friend at Lockbourne Air Force Base (AFB), Ohio, called to tell him that the UFO

that was in the news had been brought to the base. The friend (conveniently unidentified), picked up Stone and drove him to the base where Stone hid in the car in the parking lot outside a back gate and saw the convoy carrying the UFO arrive, stay awhile and then leave for Wright-Patterson AFB, also in Ohio.

Stone has not renewed these claims since 1992 or 1993. Now, however, when challenged about his involvement in this case, Stone claims that he "remote-viewed" the site. He hadn't physically been there but had "seen" it. This seems to be a new twist to explain how Stone, then a 16-year-old student living some 90 miles away from Lockbourne AFB and not all that close to Kecksburg, might have been in a position to see the convoy. So, in all, Stone has claimed to have been in Kecksburg, then, rather than being in Kecksburg to witness the convoy and all the ancillary events, he changed the story to having seen the convoy arrive at one AFB before it was transferred to another. And, finally he remote-viewed it. So, which version is the truth?

As added evidence, if such is necessary, Stone has suggested that it was his research and his inside knowledge of government UFO investigations that led us to the secret UFO project known as Moon Dust. He claims to be the first to reveal anything about it but, when challenged to provide specific information, he has failed to do so, giving the excuse that he is not free to discuss all aspects of his military service.

What this means is that we know the code name of Project Moon Dust was changed after it was compromised in the mid-1980s. Since Stone suggests that he was the source of the original information for Moon Dust, he released classified information and, since he was part of that project, at least according to him, he should know the new, and classified, code name. But, when we asked for the new name, he said that he wasn't free to give out that information. Stone "cherry picks" the information he shares with us, but the real point is that nothing he provided was key to learning anything new. In other, more precise words, he told of nothing that wasn't already available in the UFO community through other sources. But more importantly, there is no way to verify his claims because he would refuse to answer the specific questions, claiming that he was not free to release the classified details. With no way to verify his claims, there simply is no reason to accept his story as being true.

Robert O. Dean appeared on the UFO scene with the claim that, as a senior NCO at NATO in the 1960s, he saw a top-secret document he called "The Assessment." It was allegedly a report that detailed the recovery of a crashed extraterrestrial ship and the alien pilots.

Dean said that he had been a command sergeant major, which is the top enlisted grade in the Army. He said that he served at NATO Headquarters, and that he held a Cosmic Top Secret clearance

while assigned there. As near as I can tell, all these claims accurately reflect reality.

As a brief, side note, many have suggested there is some significance to the term Cosmic Top Secret, believing that this proves some sort of a connection to the extraterrestrial. Cosmic Top Secret, however, is just a level of classification at NATO to determine that the clearance or the classified information comes from NATO as opposed to another organization.

Dean claimed when he spoke in Roswell that he was on duty about 02.00 in the morning in NATO's War Room and was having trouble staying awake. Then, in a colossal breach of security, "an Air Force bird colonel [*Slang*: A full colonel.] thumped it ['The Assessment'] down on my desk!" In an interview published in the winter 1995-96 issue of UFO Update AZ magazine, Dean went a little farther, saying "this Air Force controller, a bird colonel pulled this thing out of the vault and he said, 'Here, read this. This will wake you up.'"

Dean later amended the story saying that one night, while on duty, he removed "The Assessment" from SHAPE's security vault. In this version he says nothing about the Air Force colonel who dropped the document on his desk.

In yet another version, Dean suggested that, when he arrived at SHAPE for a tour there, he learned the study was already underway and that, having the required clearance, he often studied the pages while passing the time in the quiet evenings. Except that having the required clearance didn't automatically give him a "Need to Know" and, without that, he wouldn't have had access to the document. His position at SHAPE certainly didn't require that he be brought in on something like "The Assessment." In fact, his assignment at NATO does not suggest a need to deal with any classified material and certainly nothing classified as Cosmic Top Secret.

The reason for the "need to know" requirement is to limit access and reduce the possibility of compromise. In this case it seems the regulations would have worked had Dean not violated them. He then leaked the information to the rest of us. That is, if we can believe this is true.

Others inside the UFO community, especially those in Great Britain -- because some of the top NATO officers are from Great Britain -- attempted to verify the story. Timothy Good, author of *Above Top Secret* and *Alien Liaison*, working with The Lord Hill-Norton, a high-ranking British officer and Admiral of the Fleet, undertook an investigation about "The Assessment."

It should be mentioned here that Hill-Norton was a friend of Good and that he had written introductions to both of Good's books. This

suggests that he isn't a governmental dupe or of a skeptical bent. He said that the report interested him, especially the alleged connection to NATO and he suggested that he and Good attempt to learn the truth about it.

Dean suggested that a number of academics had been brought into the research after the craft had been found. Dean said that Professor Sir Fred Hoyle had worked as a consultant. Good wrote to Hoyle telling him Dean had said that he was one of the "top brains consulted," and that he, Hoyle, had made a statement to the press on 10 May 1971 suggesting that Hoyle believed the probability of extraterrestrial and/or extradimensional beings. Hoyle's response? "There is not an element of truth in this story. There was no statement to the press."

There is always the possibility that there was some kind of a misunderstanding, but Hoyle's response is quite definitive. He was not involved in any of this, contrary to Dean's claim.

There were others named by Dean, who were found and quizzed. Many of these were high-ranking officers inside NATO, and it could be argued that their denials are their attempts to protect the information. It could be argued that they would have to answer in the negative because the information would still be highly classified. However, the questions asked and the answers given don't seem to suggest that the officers were anything less than honest and that they were not protecting a still classified document.

Good and Hill-Norton told Rear Admiral Michael Moore, the one-time Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff Operations to the Supreme Commander SHAPE Europe, that Dean had claimed there was a UFO recovery in Europe and what had been said about "The Assessment." Moore eventually wrote that they, meaning he and his assistants, had gone to considerable trouble to trace the officers who had been mentioned by Dean as having worked at SHAPE. In other words, they were attempting to learn as much as they could and were trying to verify the existence of "The Assessment."

Eventually Moore would write to Good telling him that he had found no trace of "The Assessment" at the Headquarters, and that he and his staff had searched carefully. They had been told by many that the document was nonexistent.

That certainly didn't look good, but then, it only proved that "The Assessment," if it existed, was well hidden. In the world of classified information, especially with a document that is highly classified, it might be difficult to find any trace of it. It can be argued that the mere confirmation of the document's existence is a violation of security. In rare cases that is true but, the vast majority of the time, an admission of a document's existence does not compromise it.

There were other troubles with Dean's story. In 1992 Dean met with Good and Hill-Norton while Dean was travelling in Europe. After that meeting Hill-Norton wrote to Good, telling him that he thought Dean was telling the truth. He did note, however, that, although Dean claimed to have been in the Intelligence Section, his records showed that he was in the Language Group. Dean provided a document dated 20 June 1963 that related to his clearance with SHAPE's intelligence section, but it was found to be a fake.

Other documentation also failed to be authenticated. Dean provided a colour photograph of the cover page of the English edition of "The Assessment." Tim Good passed it along to Moore. When Moore left SHAPE, the cover was passed on to Dr. Pedlow, Chief Historian at SHAPE. Pedlow took "The Assessment" apart. He wrote that those at the SHAPE Historical Office had spent two years trying to find "The Assessment." The colour photograph on the cover, supplied by Dean, proved to be the downfall of Dean's tale.

Pedlow detailed the steps they all had taken to find any reference to "The Assessment", or any indication that it was a real document. This included the office of the US National Military Representative of SHAPE, the files of the International Military Staff at NATO, Special Collections Division of the National Defense Library in Washington DC, and, quite naturally, their own historic files. Pedlow wrote: "Nowhere have we been able to locate evidence that such a document ["The Assessment"] ever existed."

Pedlow went even further. He wrote that the Cosmic Top Secret (CTS) control number did not use the proper format, that it was in the wrong place on the document and worst of all, there was a lack of a file reference number. All SHAPE documents from the time of "The Assessment" contained a series of numbers and letters that showed the originating office and subject area.

It goes on. The statement the document is classified NATO COSMIC TOP SECRET is incorrect. And the use of the code word ULTRA on the cover sheet gives it away. Pedlow wrote that, to his knowledge and that of his staff, ULTRA had never been an access control code in the NATO system. ULTRA referred to a project under British control during the Second World War.

In the end Pedlow said that he was skeptical that a document like "The Assessment" ever existed. Both Good and Hill-Norton concluded that "The Assessment" was not real. When Good gave Dean the results of the investigation, Dean wrote that he had never said that he knew the photographs of the cover sheet were accurate and legitimate. He was, in other words, attempting to spin the negative results.

It can be suggested that these negative comments and results do not prove that Dean was less than honest. It can be said that those contacted had good reason to deny the existence of "The Assessment." They were merely protecting a highly-classified report even though Dean had supplied what was supposed to be the cover of that document.

But the problem is that the investigation was made by men who clearly accepted the extraterrestrial as real and who were not part of a government debunking effort. In all the searches neither Good nor anyone else had been able to corroborate the existence of "The Assessment." So, while Hill-Norton and Good believe that Dean was telling the truth about his military service, they no longer believed there was a document called "The Assessment".

Finally, arguing in a somewhat circular fashion, Dean has suggested that he hasn't been prosecuted for revealing the highly classified information because it would require an open court case that the government wants to avoid. This, he suggests, proves he is telling the truth. The government doesn't want to admit that "The Assessment" is real. To prosecute, they would have to admit that Dean had revealed classified information. But, maybe, the reason he has avoided prosecution is because he violated no laws, he revealed no classified information, and therefore broke no law. In other words, if "The Assessment" never existed, there would be no reason to prosecute him.

If these two testimonies and the already discredited tales of Philip Corso (for more information on Corso see: http://www.cufon.org/cufon/corso_da66.htm ; for more information on Robert Lazar see <http://www.serve.com/mahood/lazar/lazarmn.htm> and <http://www.ufowatchdog.com/hall3.html>) were used to develop an exopolitics theme, then aren't those theories badly flawed? And, if these testimonies are removed from exopolitics, then won't it be necessary to rethink the underlying themes of exopolitics? And finally, just what good are theories and suggestions for human behaviour as it relates to alien visitation if those theories are the products of invention and fabrication?

In other words, isn't it time for the proponents of exopolitics to properly vet the backgrounds and the tales of the whistleblowers rather than simply defend them? Isn't it time for us to stop embracing every tale we are told that appeals to us simply because it appeals to us? Shouldn't we instead search to find the truth in a field with the voices of the charlatans seem to drown out the voices of reason.

TELESCOPE BID TO SPOT ALIEN BEAMS

A new optical telescope designed solely to detect light signals from alien civilisations has opened for work at an observatory in Harvard, US.

It will conduct a year-round survey, scanning all of the Milky Way galaxy visible in the Northern Hemisphere.

SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) is an exploratory project dedicated to scouring the cosmos for signatures of technology built by alien beings.

Some experts believe alien societies are at least as likely to use light for communicating as radio transmissions.

The new telescope, which has a 1.8m (72-inch) primary mirror, is the first dedicated optical SETI telescope in the world. It has been installed at the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics at Oak Ridge Observatory.

"The opening of this telescope represents one of those rare moments in a field of scientific endeavour when a great leap forward is enabled," said Bruce Betts, director of projects at the Planetary Society, which funded the telescope. "Sending laser signals across the cosmos would be a very logical way for ET to reach out; but until now, we have been ill equipped to receive any such signal."

Astronomers have been using radio telescopes to look for transmissions from an extraterrestrial intelligence since the 1960s. But some scientists believe that alien civilisations might opt for visible light to communicate. Visible light can form tight beams, be incredibly intense, and its high frequencies allow it to carry enormous amounts of information.

Using only present-day terrestrial technology, a bright, tightly focused light beam, such as a laser, can be 10,000 times as bright as its parent star for a brief instant. Such a beam could be easily observed from enormous distances.

"This new search apparatus performs one trillion measurements per second and expands 100,000-fold the sky coverage of our previous optical search," said the optical telescope's project director, Paul Horowitz of Harvard University, Massachusetts.

The telescope's custom processors will process the equivalent of all books in print every second. As the telescope scans strips of sky, it employs a custom-built "camera" containing an array of detectors that can detect a billionth-of-a-second flash of light. It has been funded by the Planetary Society with support from the Bosack/Kruger Foundation.

Story from BBC NEWS:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/sci/tech/4907308.stm>

PARADIGM RESEARCH GROUP- PRESS RELEASE

Washington DC -- The Paradigm Clock, created and published by PRG in 1998 to track the proximity to a formal announcement by the United States Government confirming an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race, has been reset to 11:59:45 –15 seconds to midnight. Such an announcement is formally referred to as Disclosure and would mark the end of a 59-year truth embargo imposed by federal authorities. Midnight on the Paradigm Clock is Disclosure.

According to PRG Executive Director, Stephen Bassett, "Due to extraordinary circumstances primarily pertaining but not limited to the United States, a window of opportunity has opened for a Disclosure event to take place. This window should last through the November election and may remain open or possibly close depending upon the outcome of the election." He further added: "I believe this to be the best opportunity to get past this very difficult transition in human history since the truth embargo was initially imposed in 1947."

The previous setting for the Paradigm Clock was 11:58:45 on 8 March 2004. A partial listing of factors contributing to the new time change (in both directions) is provided below. A more detailed explanation of these factors can be found at:
www.paradigmclock.com/chronicleexplanations.html

2006 Crisis in America

2006. After several false starts Air America Radio begins to make headway as a counterbalance to conservative radio, approaching 100 markets. This is facilitated by access to some stations owned by syndicate giant Clear Channel Communications, chastened in the aftermath of the Michael Powell fiasco at the Federal Communications Commission -- the failed attempt to expand the conglomeration of media via new regulations. The effort brought an intense scrutiny of Clear Channel Communications and its business practices. The dominant theme on Air America programs becomes the consequences of government lying. Abuse of power and excess secrecy are also featured.

10/20/06: The Institute for Cooperation in Space requests Canadian Senator Colin Kenny, Senator, Chair of The Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defense, "schedule public

hearings on the Canadian Exopolitics Initiative, so that witnesses such as the Honourable Paul Hellyer, and Canadian-connected high-level military intelligence, NORAD-connected, scientific, and governmental witnesses facilitated by the Disclosure Project and by the Toronto Exopolitics Symposium can present compelling evidence, testimony, and Public Policy recommendations."

9/25/05: In a speech at University of Toronto's Convocation Hall, Paul Hellyer, Canada's Defence Minister from 1963-67 under Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Prime Minister Lester Pearson and Deputy Prime Minister under Pierre Trudeau, publicly states, "UFOs are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head." Hellyer further states: "The secrecy involved in all matters pertaining to the Roswell incident was unprecedented. The classification was, from the outset, above Top Secret, so the vast majority of U.S. officials and politicians, let alone a mere allied minister of defence, were never in the loop."

5/20/05 Brazil Releases Classified Data - Recognizes UFO Research - The Brazilian Air Force (FAB), almost certainly with the approval of Minister of Defense and Vice President José Alencar, enters into an agreement with civilian researchers to release information and jointly investigate UFO incidents

4/22/05 & 4/17/04 X-Conference. The first two conferences devoted specifically to the political implications of extraterrestrial-related phenomena and disclosure are held just outside of Washington DC. X-Conferences 2004 and 2005 attract considerable media attention, new government witnesses, and launch numerous projects and documentaries. At the 2005 conference former Vatican official Monsignor Corrado Balducci, speaks in the United States for the first time regarding the truth of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

11/2/04 President George W. Bush is re-elected.

9/27/04 Dr. John E. Mack is killed in London in an automobile accident.

July 2004 Producer, director, writer and actor Dan Aykroyd becomes the first A-list celebrity to allow his or her name and image to be used to support extraterrestrial-related phenomena research. He publicly endorses the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

5/11/04 Mexico's DoD Releases Video to UFO Research Team - The Department of Defense of Mexico, with the approval of Mexican Secretary of Defense, General Clemente Vega Garcia (and almost certainly Mexican President Vicente Fox), holds an international press conference at the Hotel Sevilla Palace in Mexico City. The Department of Defense releases air surveillance evidence of an unusual sighting to a civilian research team headed by researcher and journalist, Jaime Maussan and confirms a joint investigative effort.

Relevant Web Pages

Paradigm Research Group: www.paradigmclock.com

Dr. John Mack: http://johnemackinstitute.org/center/center_news.asp?id=227

X-Conference: www.paradigmclock.com/X-Conference/X-Conference.htm

Paul Hellyer: www.exopoliticstoronto.com

Institute for Cooperation in Space: www.peaceinspace.com

Mexico: www.rense.com/general52/mexv.htm

Brazil: www.rense.com/general65/braz.htm

Air America: www.airamericaradio.com



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NEWS IN BRIEF/ SIGHTINGS ROUNDUP

STRANGE LIGHTS 'COULD HAVE BEEN A UFO' - Still coming to terms with a strange sighting in the night sky on Sunday is a Bognor man who believes he may have seen a unidentified flying object, a UFO.

Craig Latimer is appealing to anyone who may have had a similar experience to contact him to clear up the mystery.

Mr Latimer (41), from Richmond Avenue, claims he heard a similar but lower-pitch noise of a jet in the sky as he was

walking along Wakefield Way, which leads on to the Lower Bognor Road, on Sunday at around 9.30pm.

"I heard what I believed to be a sonic boom and a few minutes later saw three white lights and a red one in between a triangle shape.

"I stood there looking at it, it was definitely flying in the sky and I could hear it. It was very weird and I was quite amazed," a still stunned Mr Latimer told the *Observer* on Monday morning.

"It flew over me and went off towards the Chichester area making the same noise."

Mr Latimer is convinced that the sighting was not an ordinary plane." It wasn't that high and the weather conditions were good."

And he claimed that, as he continued to walk home towards the Martlets roundabout, he started to feel physical symptoms which he also attributes to the UFO.

"I felt pain in three parts of my body. I had pains in my toe, a pain in my side, and my neck became very stiff. It all came on together about five - six minutes after the sighting.

But when he arrived home he said his arm went numb and he started shaking -- a feeling that remained with him the following day.

"In a way I would like to be proved wrong and need to know if anyone else heard or saw it."

And he asked: "What are these things flying around Bognor, where do they come from, and what are they doing?"

"It shook me up a little bit and I can't understand it."

By Monday afternoon Mr Latimer was still concerned about his experience and believed that the sudden power failures on Monday afternoon could also have been triggered by the UFO.

The *Observer* phoned the Southern Coastguard, Ministry of Defence, Goodwood airfield and Gatwick airports, all of whom reported no untoward activity in the skies above the area.

Anyone who can shed some light on the sighting should contact Mr Latimer on 0774 786 0512.

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