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COW MUTILATION NEAR EL RITO?

by Chris Board

(Note: The primary witness in this case wished to remain anonymous, so we have used a fictitious name instead).

8:15 AM (Albuq.) - On April 10, 1994, NM MUFON members Peter Limone, Dan De Mar and I set out for a reported cattle-mutilation in northern New Mexico. We had received a tip from the national MUFON office. On the way, we stopped in Santa Fe to pick-up fellow member Sergio Montoya. The weather along the way did not cooperate, as it rained and snowed almost the entire drive.

10:30 AM (El Rito) - When we arrived, the witness Dave Sanchez came out to greet us. He told us that he had found the cow on Friday, April 8, while out hiking through the woods. Mr. Sanchez has been living in El Rito since the late 60s and has published several books and articles on botany and other related subjects. After some small talk, Mr. Sanchez joined us in our van for the two-mile drive to the cow's carcass. After turning off the small New Mexico highway, we drove a half mile down an extremely bumpy and muddy road.

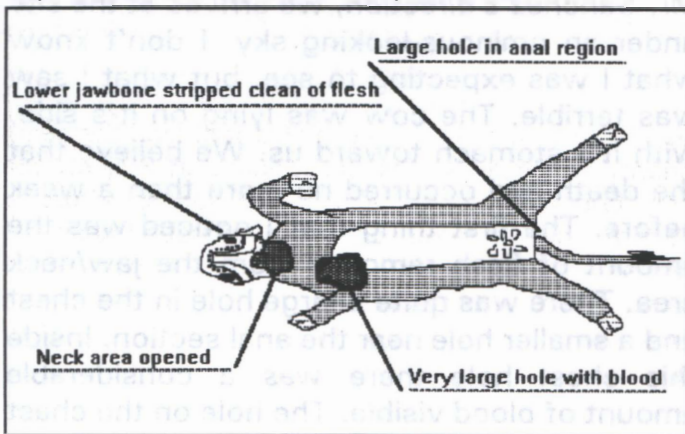
10:55 AM (Carson National Forest) - Under Mr. Sanchez's direction, we arrived at the site under an ominous-looking sky. I don't know what I was expecting to see, but what I saw was terrible. The cow was lying on it's side, with it's stomach toward us. We believe that the death had occurred no more than a week before. The first thing that I noticed was the amount of flesh removed from the jaw/neck area. There was quite a large hole in the chest and a smaller hole near the anal section. Inside this chest hole there *was* a considerable amount of blood visible. The hole on the chest appeared to have been torn and not cut, but the flesh/muscle around the jaw area appeared to have been cut and removed. The eye was missing from the socket visible to us. It only a took a couple of minutes before the stench of this dead animal began to almost knock us all out. The snow had stopped and the sun came out after our arrival, so the ground and the carcass began to warm-up. Peter grabbed the video camera and Dan grabbed his 35mm, and they began shooting. Sergio inspected the tree-line above us, while I inspected some tire tracks near the dead animal. We estimated the tire tracks to be of an ATV-type vehicle. After several minutes of searching, Sergio was unable to locate any evidence of broken branches in the treetops above.

11:40 AM (Carson NF) - After photographing the animal, we prepared to take tissue samples and make a possible dissection.

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Fortunately for NM MUFON, we have Dan De Mar, a man of many talents - and the stomach for the task at hand. Using primitive tools, Dan started cutting around the neck and jaw. The most unusual aspect about appearance of the jaw region was the way all muscle/tissue was removed so cleanly. The bones in the jaw were so clean of any tissue that it looked like they had been boiled in water. Dan then worked his way down the chest and the rib area. Our goal was to find out if any organs were missing from this dead animal. It was at this point that we noticed the other eye was still in the socket. Neither ear was marked with any tags and there were no brand markings, but one ear seemed to be ripped in some way. We left the head and continued down the chest to the stomach (it was at this point that the smell just about killed us!). Peter grabbed a bandanna, Sergio grabbed his cologne, and I pulled my mitten off to cover my nose and mouth.



12:15 PM (Carson NF) - Dan's cutting finally reached the cow's udder when he realized there was something wrong. After cutting and moving away various organs, *a set of hoofs appeared*. Pulling hard, Dan removed a little fetus from the cow. Shock and disgust overcame us all. This baby calf looked like it was ready for birth, so the mother's death must have occurred during her final stages of pregnancy. Dan immediately noticed a small hole the size of a pea on the topside of the calf. We all concluded that it was caused by a bullet and decided to continue working on the mother for now. Dan made his way past the udder and down to the anal region. Nothing unusual appeared to be wrong with the anal region, except for the large hole that was there

when we arrived. We suspected possible predator action (in the anal region). We next worked on the little calf. We wanted to find out what caused the hole on its top-side. Dan carved at it for at least 15 minutes with no luck. We were really disappointed we could not locate the source of the unusual hole. We inspected the mother's sides hoping to locate a similar hole, but were unable to find anything. The snow began to fall along with hail the size of peas, so we headed back to the Sanchez's house.

1:45 PM (Sanchez House) - After being treated to some hot beverages and conversation, we returned to the carcass to do some last-minute investigation. We ran a geiger counter over the animals to check for any radiation, but found nothing unusual. With our investigation finished we went to lunch (no steaks, thank you!), then back home.

The samples taken from the cow will be sent to a lab in Colorado for analysis. We hope to find out what type of instrument cut the cow's jaw, chest and anal region. Having only read on this subject and not investigated a mutilation before, I believe that this particular case has many possible solutions.

KARL PFLOCK ADDRESSES NM MUFON

The word spread and researcher Karl Pflock addressed more than a full house for the NM MUFON meeting on April 21, 1994. There's something about the Corona crash that draws people; they can't get enough, and speakers like Frank Joyce and Karl Pflock know how to keep an audience spell bound.

Richard Rowlette introduced Karl, telling us something of our speaker's background, which included being employed as CIA Intelligence officer, working as a Congressional staff assistant for two members of the House, and then being appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for operational test and evaluation ("all those fancy jobs which are not nearly as fancy as they sound"). He also was a NICAP member and volunteer, and his UFO researching companions in those days were well aware of his government connections — and neither they nor the government were worried about them ("not too much, anyway!" he told us). For a complete autobiography, the reader can look up Karl's article "I Was a

UFOlogist for the CIA - Not!" in *UFO Magazine*, Vol 8, No 6 (1993); the March, 1994 issue of the *MUFON Journal* has some good information, too.

Karl told us how he became interested in UFOs at age 15, primed by listening to adults talk of crashed flying saucers in the late 1940s (*before* Scully, he reminded us), his parents encouraging his interest in science, and by his father reading him classic science fiction. The young Karl also read Donald Keyhoe and other UFO writers of the time, and later, as a researcher himself, got to meet and work with some of them. There is no question in his mind that UFOs are real. He reminded us that there is some small but important portion of the vast amount of data (sightings, reports, etc.) that can't be explained as normal misidentified phenomenon, and that has always fascinated him. "This is serious stuff that needs to be taken seriously," he said, and "the failure of established science to do so is strikingly unscientific."

Karl believes that the Corona ("Roswell") case is overburdened with hype and misinformation and that cases like it draw all kinds of publicity seekers. "You may begin to think I'm a debunker. I'm not. I'm a *debugger*." He quoted Jacques Vallee as warning that the most popular cases are often the hardest to get to the truth on. He said, "I hate the label 'Ufology'..." and prefers simply "'UFO research'... We have to make sure our evidence is rock solid."

Karl has been became interested in the Roswell case back for years, and in 1992 decided to devote some time to finding out for himself what it was about. It quickly became an almost full-time "job," and since April 1993, Karl's Roswell investigation has been supported by a grant from the Fund for UFO Research. He has met with, interviewed and made friends with many people connected to the case, and sifted through tons of written materials (reports, government documents, etc.). Luckily for us, his experience working with government from several different angles has given him the knowledge needed to know where to look for information when regular civilians wouldn't know where to start.

In his research Karl has discovered that various aspects of the case reported in the popular press don't fit, well reported events didn't occur, people weren't where some authors said they were, and some sources (anonymous and otherwise) are of questionable value.

He told us about a "revisionist" version of the crash that suggests it happened on July 4th rather than July 2, sometime before midnight and during a thunderstorm. His research finds that the witnesses (if they were actually there at all) saw different things going in different directions, and if there was a thunderstorm, what could they have seen anyhow? (One wonders how an interstellar space craft, presumably shielded against all forms of radiation,

could be knocked out by lightning, and that's one explanation going around).

He went into some detail on the case of one Frank Kaufman, who you may not have realized you saw as the mystery man in the Roswell segment in the recent CBS "48 Hours." Kaufman, aka "Mr. X" and "Joseph Osborne" in some reports, is a key "witness" claiming to have been at the crash site where a spacecraft and alien bodies were found. This man also claims to have been at White Sands, watching a radar screen that was tracking a UFO that had been seen several nights in a row by that facility, Kirtland and Roswell Army Air Field. He says they saw the UFO hit by lightning and that they were able to triangulate and track it to its crash site.

Karl consulted knowledgeable sources about radar's capabilities and found that even today's technology, some 47 years later, can't do all that. Kaufman has also made other dubious claims that Karl went over briefly to continue his example of how famous cases can become cluttered and difficult to research.

Karl was able to verify with numerous witnesses other aspects of what happened when the debris was collected and what it looked like. In his research he came across the to secret Project Mogul, which was being conducted near Alamogordo in the mid- to late 1940s. Mogul was so secret that it shared the same priority ("Tripple A") as the Manhattan Project, the only two projects to have it. It was an effort to confirm that the atmosphere has a "sound channel" (as the ocean does) that is an excellent transmitter of sonic signals from all over the globe. The government was searching for ways to gain information about anticipated Russian nuclear testing. Stable, quiet listening posts at 30,000 to 50,000 feet were needed and numerous types of balloons were tested, from singles to long chains (up to 700 feet tall), some of them flown though they were kites. The project generated many UFO reports in the Tularosa Valley, Karl said, but there was nothing that could be done about that.

The more he looked into Project Mogul (much information has been declassified, but naturally much of it has been lost or destroyed) the more he discovered that materials used in the experiments, the most innovative materials possible (he is still searching for some of the postwar companies that supplied it), was suspiciously like that found at the debris field and seen by Mac Brazell and others. The pink and purple "flowered" tape is a sample.

If the crashed object was one of Mogul's big balloon experiments (and they were *big*), it would not only leave a lot of evidence — and the nature of the object and its origin would demand swift Pentagon orders to General Ramey and a hasty cover up. Maybe it *was* a balloon array, just not a *weather* balloon. Karl did not claim that this was the

explanation of the debris, but "It's a distinct possibility, at least for *part* of the Roswell story."

But, he continued, there's one problem.

The bodies. There are a lot of credible witnesses, and people who knew credible witnesses (this reviewer even knows someone who knows someone).

So what if it was an interesting coincidence: a Project Mogul experiment crashed (this is not unlikely: there many, numbered "for-the-record" launches and an equal if not greater number of unannounced ones) and at the same time it was one of those "Oh, @#&*%! nights for Zork and his friends," as Karl put it. It's unlikely that they became entangled in balloon rigging, but who knows? Maybe they were here looking into that (and the SAC base at Roswell Army Air Field) when their dinglefriz went on the blink and the rest is (hidden) history.

In his research, Karl met and befriended retired mortician Glenn Dennis, who we were surprised and pleased to see attending our meeting. As he was explaining Dennis's role in the events, Karl interrupted himself and looked at his friend, "I'm telling your story, Glenn!"

"Better than I do!" Dennis replied.

After speaking for about 45 minutes and apologizing for taking that long--we assured him that he could have talked all night if he wanted--he took audience questions. One was about his impression of the GAO investigation (interestingly, Congressman Schiff's local office receptionist was in the audience). He said that he had worked with the GAO, both employing it (as a Congressional staffer) and being on the receiving end (at the Department of Defense) and he thought the investigation was "going very well."

Asked what he thought about MJ-12, he said the documents were of "unverifiable provenance" and that the whole thing is almost certainly a clever hoax.

Someone else asked what has taken over since Project Blue Book; is anyone in the government secretly collecting information? Karl doesn't think there's a secret UFO project, although anything which seems to be of national security concern is certainly still being looked at through normal intelligence, etc., channels. He said the Air Force often directs inquires and reports to the Center for UFO Studies.

The Fund for UFO Research (Box 277, Mount Rainier, MD 20712-0277) is about to release Karl's monograph, *Roswell in Perspective*, detailing his investigation. He said he'd be pleased to autograph copies. He also expressed an interest in helping the local group with investigations, with pleased state Chief Investigator Peter Limone.

We hope to see Karl at future meetings, not as a speaker (though he would certainly be welcome) but as someone who, like us, is fascinated with what's going on out there. His witty observations and wide-ranging experience will be a welcome addition!

CALENDAR

Note! NM MUFON meetings are now held the third Thursday of each month at Arts-In-Transition at 525 Central NE in Albuquerque. Membership is voluntary, and members will contribute \$1 each per meeting. Non-members contribute \$2. This covers rental costs. Call 293-9543 for information.

May NM MUFON meeting: Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm at Arts-In-Transition. There will be an **open discussion** about UFOs, sightings and opinions. Be there!

May 21, Animal and Livestock Mutilation Seminar at the Quality Inn, 1043 Camino Del Pueblo, Taos, New Mexico from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free but donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the conference room. Speakers: Gail Staehlin, coordinator and investigator for New Mexico; Dr. John Altshuler, hematologist and pathologist; Christopher O'Brian, journalist and investigator from Colorado; Gene Nieri, videographer; and Vic Brown, forensics photographer. For information call Gail at 505-897-2066.

June 3-5, Whole Life Expo in Albuquerque at the Albuquerque Convention Center, 401 2nd St., NW. There will be 120 speakers (some free with admission), a firewalk event, 80 workshops and 200 exhibits. Workshops on UFOs and related topics will be given by, among others: William Hamilton, Thomas Banyacya, Richard Hoagland, Brian O'Leary, Travis Walton and Michael Rogers, Colin Andrews, Karla Turner, Ken Carey, Chet B. Snow, Guido Moosbrugger, Barbara J. Marciniak, Stanton Friedman and Budd Hopkins! For ticket info or to pre-register call (800)332-0099.

June NM MUFON meeting: Thursday, June 16 at 7 pm at Arts-In-Transition. Peter Lindemann will speak on **Etheric Technologies**.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you miss reading *Richard's Ruminations*??? NM MUFON State Director Richard Rowlette and Carolyn Duce-Ashe are writing *The View From Hermit's Peak*, a new monthly newsletter on alternative investigations into the UFO enigma. It's \$14 for 12 issues, from Richmar Group, PO Box 14956, Albuquerque, NM 87191.

Marc Davenport, author of *Visitors From Time* [see review in *NM MUFON News*, issue #12] and Leah Haley, who wrote *Lost Was The Key* [see *NM MUFON News*, issue #8 for review] have teamed up to give lectures. They will speak for expenses and a small honorarium. Contact: Marc Davenport, PO Box 9386, Columbus, MS 39705.

A new book by Karla Turner, *Taken, Inside the Alien-Human Agenda* (forward by Linda Moulton Howe) is available from Kelt Works, PO Box 32, Roland, AR 72135. Send \$14.95 plus \$2.50 shipping.

The Roswell Declaration 1994 is part of a worldwide effort to end U.S. Government secrecy surrounding the 1947 Roswell Incident. This effort is being supported by MUFON, CUFOS and FUROR. Send signed declarations to MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Sequin, TX 78155 or write MUFON for a copy of the declaration.

Next month in *NM MUFON News* - Updates on hantavirus, Taos Hum, NORAD and the "Mystery Fire" and More!

ANIMAL AND LIVESTOCK MUTILATION SEMINAR

Saturday, May 21, 1994

at the

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1043 Camino del Pueblo
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9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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FROM OUT OF THE BLUE!

Dear Carolyn,

When we were in Sedona for Spring Break one night, just after sunset, all four of us watched a black (no reflected light) triangular ship pass over us. The lights were in a triangular pattern. Tom thought it was large and high up and it did not have the normal flight beacons that he is familiar with. We thought there was a faint jet-like turbine sound that seemed some distance behind it. There was no response to my telepathic attempts to contact it.

This was very similar to the one the girls and I saw over Lubbock last summer just after sunset. That one we followed for 5 minutes. It was under 4,000 feet (cloud ceiling according to airport) and it disappeared suddenly after activating and flashing various colored lights besides the basic ones at front tip, delta wings and center. Also, it was slow-moving.

I did not get any intuitive feelings from (or about) either one. The time I saw silver disk-like ships going very fast in a "V" formation in Lubbock, I had a "message" to look up. I wonder if these two delta-shaped ones were: 1) "dark side" ships not on my vibratory level, or 2) U.S. govt. military stealth ships. Reese AFB is here and there are lots of military installations in northern AZ.

I had a strange dream (?) this week. I was in bed and some of the negative greys were trying to make me come with them. I broke their control over me by humming "Om" and "Om mani padme om". Then I rebuked the dark side and said, "peace be with you, dark side." Their leader, a human who looked like the distinguished British actor Ian Richardson, turned and remarked to me, "Not so dark as you think". Then, as he turned to pass through the door, I saw a momentary illusion of a reptilian snout. (He was not who he pretended to be.) It gave me some ancient fear emotion.

Then, back to the dream. I went to the living room to look out the window at the starry sky to try to locate their ship as they left. I noticed a van with six men in front of our house, and they were obviously keeping us under electronic surveillance. (Our computer, telephone and house were "bugged".) I waved at them and indicated that I knew they were there. Otherwise, I was not bothered.

Part three of this series of dreams found me and several people preparing and storing food. It had to be specific kinds of foods and there was an urgency to this, but we were doing okay.

All in all, quite an interesting stream of (un)consciousness.

I seemed to do well in all the dreams, so were they warnings or preparations for upcoming events?

Is anyone else having dreams like this?

As I reread this letter, it is obvious that very few people would not think I need a psychiatric evaluation! UFOs, weird dreams. Indeed!

But if we don't share or network these things, we can't see emerging patterns or awareness. So, it is in that spirit that I share these High Strangenesses with you.

Best of luck to you and Richard and your new endeavor.

--Mary Sodeman, Lubbock, TX

[If you wish to get in touch with Mary, let Your Editor know]

Dear Carolyn,

All these last months I have often been wondering if you have really well recovered from your bad accident.

We are having very bad weather for the season, much more cold than in Winter and a lot of rain. In fact the weather is like the people, both extremely unsettled.

Look after yourself.

Madeleine Dutour-Gauzé, Anglet, France

RANDLE AND SCHMITT DEBUTE NEW BOOK IN ROSWELL

by Peter Limone and Chris Board

With eager anticipation, we left Albuquerque at 7 a.m. on March 26 for Roswell via Corona. South of Corona, we followed the footsteps of Mac Brazel through the barren New Mexico landscape to "Our Mecca," only to find dirt, nasty wind, sheep pellets and no UFO crash debris. We did drive by the Proctor family ranch house.

Once in Roswell, we passed by The International UFO Museum and Research Center. There were already ten people gathered outside, in anticipation of the arrival of authors Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt, but the museum wasn't due to open for another two hours. Avoiding a nasty car accident, we arrived at the Outa Limits UFO Enigma Museum. After signing the guest book and looking around, we were surprised to find the two authors hiding out in the back room. They came out and introduced themselves to us. Peter

questioned Kevin about the possibility of his hearing about any other UFO crashes in New Mexico. Kevin had nothing to report for other NM crashes, but is currently working on a paper about all alleged UFO crashes throughout the world. We also asked him about the latest rumor about a possible Steven Spielberg project devoted to Roswell. He told us that it wasn't true, and then introduced us to Paul Davids, the executive producer of "Roswell," who confirmed this.

Then, out of the blue Phillip Klass (infamous UFO debunker) walked in the door. Phil was impressed with the expansion of the museum since his last visit. Armed with his tape recorder, he cornered Kevin Randle. Amongst the flurry of questions, Phil asked why his name was credited on page 191 in the index of the new book but did not appear there! Kevin grabbed a copy off the shelf and found page 191. "See, Phil, right there at the top... there you are."

"Well, it's not in my copy" said Phil.

"We will be happy to write your name on page 191 of your copy for you."

After more browsing of the museum and Peter taking a picture with Phil Klass next to the crashed saucer exhibit, we went to lunch.

After lunch we went to The International UFO Museum for the eagerly awaited press conference for MUFON members only. Along with Randle and Schmitt was Glenn Dennis, the Roswell mortician back in 1947. Many questions were asked, including "Why did the crash date change?" and "Have you found the nurse from the airfield hospital?" (most of these answers can be found in the new book).

Most of the MUFON members were from El Paso, and southern New Mexico. One special guest present during the press conference was Command Sgt. Maj. Robert O. Dean. He was recently featured in April 94' *OMNI* magazine.

After getting our books signed we drove to the old Roswell Army Airfield. We changed into our bicycle clothes for a wonderful ride through the old base and past Hangar 84. During the ride back home, we listened to an audio "books-on-tape" of Whitley Strieber's fictional account of Roswell, *Majestic*. Our day spent with some leading UFOlogists was enlightening and fun. Most of this visit was serious research, but time with our colleagues also proved to be very entertaining.

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THE UFO/EARTH CHANGE CONNECTION

RICHARD ROWLETTE SPEAKS IN ALBUQUERQUE

Richard Rowlette is NM MUFON State Director and is founder and director of Richmar Group, an organization which explores the connection between Earth Changes, UFOs, the NDE and other related phenomena and how these phenomena will effect our future. Three monthly newsletters are available and the Earthgate Garden project is an ongoing research garden exploring alternative gardening methods for use as the Earth Changes continue. For information, write: Richmar Group, PO Box 14956, Albuquerque, NM 87191.

"A UFO expert is someone who knows everything about UFOs except who they are, where they are from, and why they are here," quipped Richard, as he began his talk the evening of April 26, 1994.

But a so-called UFO expert is "someone who studies the effects and themes of UFOs." Richard has had a lifelong interest in UFOs and other anomalies and has read and studied intensively for many years.

Based on this study, Richard says we can state some things with some degree of certainty, i.e., that UFOs are real, they've been present here throughout history, they mask their true identity, they have a secret agenda, and they've appeared in greater numbers since 1947. Why?

"Earth-related changes is one of the constant themes of UFO contact. Is it a warning by some intelligence?" Though UFOs have been present throughout history, in Richard's opinion they increased in number in 1947 because several thresholds were reached about that time: the atomic bomb was dropped and nuclear radiation began to pollute the planet, electromagnetic radiation began to encompass the planet and space, the widespread use of chemicals in farming began, the population explosion commenced, and a more rapid destruction of the environment was set into motion.

If it (the UFO phenomenon) is *planned*, it focused on the US "because the US was the major industrial nation in the world after World War II."

Richard's definition of Earth Changes includes: geological and weather changes, physical (human) changes involving health and diet, mental and

psychological changes (reality shift), economic and financial (collapse), social (revolution) and environmental breakdown. Some or all of these effects are already occurring.

"If UFOs are alien intervention, then Earth Changes are a warning. It could mean the collapse of the Earth and the present power structures."

Is there a government cover up? Richard believes that there is, definitely, because from the beginning "the government knew it was powerless to prevent UFOs appearing, it

feared a general panic, it rejected the message (warning of Earth Changes), and it feared the collapse of the military/industrial complex." How did the government react in the early days? "They rejected the message and buried the information." And that has continued until the present day.

Richard believes that the UFO phenomenon may *not* be ETs. He feels the government may be fostering a belief in the extraterrestrial hypothesis to cover the real explanation of what is interacting with Earth. The craft may not simply be physical machines from another planet. They may be staged events and there may not have ever been any actual UFO "crashes."

Contactee phenomena in the early 1950s point to another, more complex explanation involving communication of ideas and warnings about good and evil, materialism, war and atomic weapons. Richard stated that even then something more than a simple hoax was involved.

Using several line and wash drawings as illustrations Richard related some early UFO encounters from the literature in which "mixed metaphors" were used, i.e., saucers and leprechauns or wizard-like entities were seen together.

Today we have the abduction phenomenon, channels and psychics (warning of Earth Changes), but we also have strange encounters with MIBs, the Oz factor (strange silence when encounters happen), and the effects of CE4 cases: missing time, nightmares and visions (often of Earth Changes), behavior and personality changes, sudden or increased psi, increased illness or healing, EM effects, thirst for knowledge, and openness to new ideas ("All is one"). Is this a breakthrough to

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another level of consciousness?

It is interesting that these abduction effects are related to similar effects reported in the NDE, religious visions, mystical states, or deep study. In all of these phenomena we see the experiencers manifesting a change in consciousness, new or renewed environmental concern, and a belief in Earth Changes.

Why don't they (UFOs) just land and deliver their message? According to Richard, *they may have* (and it was rejected), or a "trickster" or teaching element may prefer to work through our experience from our own cultural heritage. It may be mostly subconscious information (subconscious information is sometimes given to abductees "for later") or there may be a free will consideration. The "law of free will" may operate to withhold information from humans—if they landed en masse this would rule out free will.

Richard believes, based on his studies, that this intelligence may be communicating to us through a *pictolanguage* composed of metaphor and parable. The (possibly staged) encounters showing aliens making repairs to their craft, or crashed saucers, or aliens taking soil samples or conducting medical

procedures may represent concern about control or allusions to problems with our civilization and environment. Cattle mutilations may be dire warnings, and crop circles might contain important messages for our subconscious.

How the phenomenon stays one step ahead of actual Earth technology is fascinating and Richard feels the next step will be surprising but probably somehow related to the Earth.

He said it is his belief that we must face the future together in spiritual groups and we should overcome the fear of the phenomenon, as John Mack also states in his recent book *Abduction, Human Encounters with Aliens*.

If the *message* is "your society and civilization are in trouble" and "there's something wrong with the soil and plants," then *food* may be one of the most important things to study now. It will be essential to be able to grow food in harsh conditions (as is being done at the Earthgate Garden) as Earth Changes progress.

"Who controls the food supply controls you!" Richard said. "If you believe in Earth Changes, prepare!"

—Carolyn Duce-Ashe

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