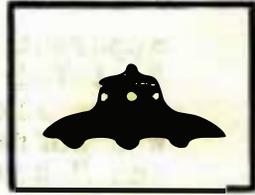




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ENDLESS PATHWAYS

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Several years ago John Keel fussed about the so-called Wednesday Phenomenon. But why hasn't anyone mentioned the Birthday Phenomenon? The Birthday Phenomenon strikes me as much more significant.

The controversial contactee from Israel, Uri Geller, was born near midnight on December 20, 1946. On December 20, 1971, numerous events significant to his situation occurred. For instance, that day at about 7 P.M. Dr. Andrija Puharich dropped Geller off at his residence following a trip to the Dead Sea. Dr. Puharich returned to his quarters and at 7:45 P.M. received an excited call from Geller announcing that he had found a camera case that inexplicably had appeared in his room. As Puharich listened to the description and asked questions, he was astonished to realize that Geller was describing his own movie camera case that he had locked in an equipment closet in Ossining, New York, on November 17, 1971! An outstanding case of apparent teleportation.

Earlier that evening Dr. Puharich, Geller, Shipi Strang, and Hannah were returning from their drive to the Dead Sea and near the town of Ramla watched a hovering disc-shaped object for about five minutes. When the UFO "winked out" the headlights of the car were extinguished. Within about a minute they came back on, all by themselves.

At 11:20 P.M. Geller was put into a hypnotic state by Dr. Puharich and a "powerful resonant voice" filled the room and spoke directly to Dr. Puharich. The session ended at 11:30 P.M.

A nurse in rural Indiana was taken by UFO-nauts to a UFO base while in an astral type state of awareness on Oct. 12, 1973 (she was born Oct. 12, 1918!).

Contactee Brian Scott of Garden Grove, Calif. states his involvement with the aliens began Oct. 12, 1959 (born Oct. 12, 1943) when an "oval-shaped, semi-solid" object "six to eight inches in diameter and reddish orange" came within just inches of his face!

Three women of Liberty, Kentucky encountered a saucer-shaped object on the night of January 6, 1976. They had about 80 minutes lost time. Hypnotic inquiry conducted by Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle brought forth details of an "abduction". One of these women, Mona Stanford, turned 35 that day!

On July 19, 1976, Mona saw the apparition of a man with a bright red beard and red hair inside her home. These psychic effects are very common!

Generally I've noticed that these birthday incidents seem to signal the initial, introductory events of the contactee subject involved. Of course not all contactees have this pattern, but it certainly seems significant to me that quite a number do.

Also I interviewed on Sept. 8, 1975, a lady in Massillon, Ohio, who claimed numerous UFO sightings and psychic effects since Oct. 13, 1973. She came to feel that UFOs were "Satan's secret weapon" as a result of her involvement. Beginning Dec. 8, 1973, she began to suffer dreadful forms of

apparent psychic attack. Between 2 and 4:30 A.M. she often would awaken to "painful electric charges" with the horrid sensation of being "sizzled alive like I was in a frying pan". At 3 A.M. on or near December 18th she was suffering one of these attacks when she saw a "round glowing ball" that was "suspended in the air" in her bedroom. On another occasion, again at 3 A.M., she awakened to observe a "green globe" suspended over her stomach region. "I'm looking at it not at all upset. Like it was the most common thing in the world. Like maybe I was watching fly walk across the ceiling or something, and I just turned over calmly and went to sleep and the next morning I woke up and I said "What in the world was that?" (This curious sleep induction of these curious nocturnal bedroom invader events also crops up in other situations. I have a hidden contactee subject in the South who went through all sorts of trying 3 A.M. psychic attacks where in an evil looking humanoid entity would appear to her and a tremendous struggle of wills would result, as it seemed to be trying to possess her! When the experience would reach an end she would suddenly fall asleep. "Any time I've had these experiences I've always fallen right asleep and slept very well and woke up feeling very refreshed".)

Appropriately enough the Ohio subject has a son who disappeared on the night of November 22nd 1973, turning up at about 3A.M. in a state of near shock. The lady believes that her son was contacted that night by the UFOs, thus the reason for his condition. November 22, 1973 was his 16th birthday!

I am certain in my own mind that much neglected contactee issue will provide us with highly significant insights, provided that we accept the challenge and approach the situation in a properly geared objective frame of mind. There exist, in terms of complex and fascinating parapsychological implications especially, endless pathways of pursuit open to serious and careful scrutiny.

Much attention has been focused on the apparent relationship between UFO-related manifestations in the areas of specific geographical "windows". Many of these sites, as paraUFO pioneer John Keel has pointed out, seem to be located at or near ancient Indian mound sites. Thus the inevitable conclusion has been suggested; the locations apparently are dimensional doorways between worlds, so to speak, and the ancient mound builders must have realized that there was something different about these places and so build the earthworks. A mighty interesting and thought-provoking idea, but let us pursue another pathway of reasoning in this realm of endless pathways. I suspect that the human subjects in these matters perhaps trigger, at some unconscious level, a psychic mechanism. The Indian mounds, in a great many cases, apparently were the sites of religious practices. Therefore these sites well could be quite psychically charged, so to speak, and under the right conditions things might happen to people at such spots that, to our understandings of reality, seem supernatural.

Consider a recent article in the June 1977 edition of Fate magazine, page 31, entitled Dance of the Leaves, describing author Robert Harner's November 18, 1975, psychic experience at the huge Serpent Mound of Ohio. I visited this site myself in March 1976. On two separate occasions (1976&77) I have visited the home of Indian Chief Lightfoot Talking Eagle of Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. He told me, "I pray on mounds and commune with the Great Spirit and the Spirit of Mother Earth on them. ..Often they manifest to us in physical form. Sometimes only a voice."

Chief Lightfoot told me that some of these mounds have "crystals" buried in them that act as "beacons to guide in the outer space craft."

Was Mothman somekind of apparition?

In May 1976, I and Ohio investigators Ron Schaffner and Richard Mackey of Cincinnati, zeroed in on Point Pleasant, West Virginia, to see what, if anything, might still be happening. While Richard went off into the hills searching for whatever he could find, Ron and I went into Point Pleasant and I telephoned several of the key people in Keel's writings about Mothman and the UFO-related activities. The most interesting was Linda Scarbarry. We

interviewed her on the evening of the 29th. Now everyone who has read her story in Keel's presentations is aware that she and her husband Roger were on record as seeing the "Mothman" on Nov. 15, 1966, but what you didn't know was that since then she has had what she figures have been "hundreds" of encounters with the thing. It makes a sound "like a giant mouse squeaking" and looks at her with those large, protruding red glowing eyes! "It seems like it doesn't want to hurt you. It just wants to communicate with you. But you're too afraid when you see it to do anything. You think about getting away."

It perhaps sounds absurd to the reader to consider this account and to take it seriously, but I take it most seriously since I have interviewed other creature-repeaters! We must study this situation most carefully. This is not a rare, isolated thing!

But before I cite any examples, let me present to you one more item to consider from West Virginia. Recall Virginia Thomas, whose husband Ralph was a care taker at the TNT complex when, on Nov. 2, 1967, she saw a mysterious "tall gray figure"? Well during her curious observation her ears were cracking and popping, her eyes were glued to the entity as it ran "like lightning", she could not scream, and, in her own words, "It took over my thinking, like it could pick it up and take it away from me."

There's more to this business than meets the eye!

Now about creature-repeaters. In April of this year I spent several days down in an area of northern New Jersey investigating curious claims and two young men I met told of numerous personal encounters with Bigfoot type creatures. One of them, around this past February, claimed that he came within perhaps 18 inches, face-to-face! He shined his flashlight right in it's "ugly" face. "He just stood there and looked at me and blinked his eyes a couple of times." Meanwhile behind the creature and to its rightside, perhaps 15-20 feet distance, was a pin point of light that seemed to generate a "high pitched whistle or squeal-like" noise. When the light moved away after a few moments, the witness found he could move again, and the creature also broke the chilling eye contact. Hmmm.

In Mayport, Florida I investigated the spooky happenings that befell a young married couple who seemingly lived in a haunted trailer. She started seeing a three foot tall, tree stump type thing, that would float around before her, with small glowing eyes! An investigator working on this case with me compared this thing she was seeing to a "familiar", a word known to spiritualistic circles and witchcraft. The interesting point here, besides that it went on for a number of weeks, along with other paranormal events in the trailer (the husband was awakened one morning by the apparition of a brown dog), is that this lady also saw this thing once in Rhode Island, where she had resided for a period of time prior to moving to Florida!

Well I think that a good way of wrapping up this report with a concluding statement would be to pass the buck and quote the eminent psychiatrist Dr. Berhold Eric Schwarz (readers of England's Flying Saucer Review are well familiar with this man's exceptional reports on the UFO-psi matter) who, in an interview with Jerome Clark (Oct. 76, SAGA) said: "The physician, particularly the one in psychiatry, does not make a diagnosis on negative information, which is something many ufologists may be doing. The fact is, we don't have solid evidence for the ETH. We have a wealth of data on the parapsychological and the psi aspects of the question, and these data have been ignored for a long time. UFOlogy is a neglected gold mine. "

Amen.

SIGHTING LOG

WEST SPRINGFIELD SIGHTING

We reported a Feb. 9, 77 sighting in our April NEWSLETTER. Mr. Lawrence F. Rizzo who is the MUFON State Section Director for central and western Mass. investigated that sighting for MUFON. The following has been taken from page 2 of sighting report MA-77-2 written by Mr. Rizzo.

"SIGHTING ACCOUNT:

On Wednesday, February 9, 1977, at 8:05 P.M. EST, Mrs. Patricia H., while in the kitchen of her home, became aware of a flashing light outside the house which she at first perceived as a "lightening and darkening effect" visible through all kitchen windows. She described the light as yellow-white, and said that since the local police use a blue light on their vehicles, she concluded immediately that this was not the police. Assuming the light was from an emergency vehicle or other vehicle using the street, she went through the house to the front door in order to see it. She saw no vehicles moving on the street, saw no people, heard no noise, and observed nothing unusual.

Her son, Andrew J. (Joey), who had been sent to lock the three rear doors for the night, ran to her asking "Did you see it?" She then observed an orange light in the western sky, about 45° above the horizon, about 1½ times the size of a bright star, which moved in a "zig-zag" motion. This random, erratic motion was described by Mrs. H. as similar to the motion of the target on a home television "ping-pong" game attachment. Her son ran outside to further observe the object, while Mrs. H. returned inside.

(Note: Her son then observed the object for several minutes. He alone observed the following.)

The light, while continuing its random motion, moved from the west, through south to a position east of the house, requiring Joey to run around the house in order to keep up with it. (Mrs. H. pointed out that an electric company power plant was located about 1½ miles east of their house.) The object then moved back through the south and finally to the position at which it was first observed in the west. It then stopped its random motion.

Joey then became aware of a second object above the first. The new object was a horizontal oval, about five or ten times the size of the first, transparent, with its shape definable only by an orange glow surrounding it. He is certain of its transparency since he could "see stars through it." Something resembling a beam of light was extended from the larger object to the smaller one, and then retracted back into the larger object taking the smaller one with it. The smaller object "disappeared into the larger one." The larger object moved slowly to the right (toward the north) then faded and vanished. The temperature appeared to have dropped and Joey felt cold. When he went outside an hour or so later, it felt warmer again. One of the family cats, normally quiet and slow moving, was meowing loudly and was highly agitated at the time of the sighting."