

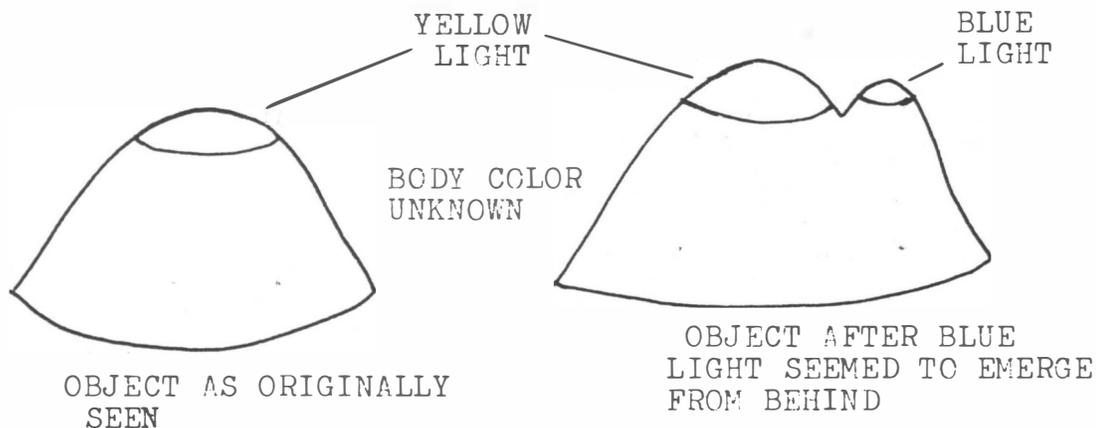
new england *UFO* newsletter

WHOLE NUMBER 18

APRIL 1980

STRANGE EVENTS IN WAKE OF SIGHTING IN SOUTHEASTERN MASS.

by JOE NYMAN



INTRODUCTION

The following account by a distraught and anxious woman, transcribed from her own notes, is the record of a UFO sighting and some of its aftereffects.

The extreme reluctance for any publicity by the percipient, and aversion to the investigator intruding into the life of her family and friends outside of the actual hearing of her story, prevented any character check or opinion by friends or former business associates. To paraphrase her husband—they didn't want to end up a footnote in the National Enquirer. Their reluctance even extended to calling the police for fear of local publicity and decided instead on notifying the Cambridge, Ma. based Center for Short Lived Phenomena.

While some may question the value of an investigation with character evaluation gaps (and rightly so), it is felt by this investigator that the obvious sincerity, fear and anxiety displayed by the witness and her husband, as well as the remarkable aftereffects of the sighting were enough to allow the case to be presented for the record.

(continued on page 3)

In his paper in this issue Brent Raynes states, "I have found that the religious and demonic theme of these (UFO) situations is not an uncommon element. I believe that over the years most researchers who have come across such data have, perhaps in most instances unconsciously, neglected, ignored or even suppressed such situations because they do not fit into most person's notional fabrics of reality."

Although not having come across such cases himself until this most recent instance, (case published here), your editor must plead guilty to unconscious dismissal of such cases that he had read in the literature. After all, didn't they reek of superstition, anti-rationality, subjectivity and hysteria? Did we have to discard scientific objectivity and go back to the middle ages to study UFOs?

If we profess scientific objectivity we must examine all the evidence, where ever it may lead. We should be careful, however, in not casting these phenomena in terms of their ancient explanations, i.e. "devils", "angels", etc. although that is where we "come from" in terms of our culture. In my opinion, there is an even more encompassing "explanation" that must of necessity take in the nature of Reality itself. What that 'explanation' may be is still part of the UFO chase and the future.

CONTENTS	APRIL 1980	ISSUE NO 18
STRANGE EVENTS IN WAKE OF SIGHTING IN SOUTHEASTERN MASS.		PAGE 1
UFOS: THE PSYCHIC CONNECTION		PAGE 9
LYDIA STALNAKER: PART III		PAGE 18

SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION:

Subscriptions may be had by writing the N.E. UFO News, c/o J. Nyman, 19 Longmeadow Rd., Medfield, Ma. 02052, USA.

Rates are: \$5.00 per year (four quarterly issues) postpaid in the USA.
Foreign subscribers other than Canada and Mexico should add \$2.00 additional for postage. All foreign orders should be by international money order.

Single issue price \$1.50 plus \$0.50 postage overseas.

STRANGE EVENTS....continued

Date of sighting: Sunday, February 10, 1980
 Time of sighting: ~~10:10~~ 10:40 PM EST
 Place of sighting: Southeastern Massachusetts

The Witness' Journal

(First entry undated)

Four spheres of light were discernable in the sky. The first object is figured below (see sketch page 1). I must add the caveat that the shape of this object was seen against a background of a starry sky. Only by close observation of the "blacked out" stars was I able to reconstruct the shape. The second, third and fourth objects were detected only as pulsing yellow light, with the exception of the second object which had a smaller bright blue light behind the main yellow sphere.

February 10, 1980 (It is believed that this entry was written Feb. 11 as it encompasses both days. Ed.)

Our kitchen is in the northeast corner of the house, with the door on the north side. It faces our neighbor's pasture which encompasses approximately 10 open acres bordered on the east by woodland, the west by a barn and () St.

I was sitting in our living room watching the opening scene of a 10PM television program when I decided to go into the kitchen. I walked over to the stove, which abuts the north wall next to the door, when I checked the time at 10:10pm. At that point I realized there was an intensely bright yellow light seemingly over our neighbor's barn. I couldn't figure out why they would install such a light or when they might have wired it into the barn. As I looked at this light I realized it was pulsing, a deep pulse. The closer I looked the more I realized the light was gently moving up and down, hovering. I don't know how long it had been there when I went into the kitchen. As I watched it elevated its position by at least another 15 feet. As I looked I could make out an indistinct shape against the sky. (See sketch). I must add that the only illumination was a single street light located in front of the barn and the stars. The shape below the light, which was rounded, appeared to be almost triangular with a rounded base. Estimating the size is very difficult but I believe these were small, perhaps 9-15 feet in width.

As I was watching this first light a second "appeared" behind it. It seemed to come from nowhere. When I say "behind" I mean it literally. This second object was the same as the first except it had a brilliant smaller blue light behind the yellow light. The second object hovered over the barn for a minute then leisurely floated up and off through the trees across the street and out of sight. It was closely followed by the second taking the same pathway.

There was a brief lapse when I saw a third light coming over the treeline bordering the east side of the pasture. I turned down the TV somewhere along the line (I believe between (objects) 2 and 3) and I shut off the light in the kitchen. I stood at the window again and was over powered by the feeling of being watched, as if whatever was out there knew I was observing. I also couldn't move from the window although I was frightened by the feeling of being looked at from the inside. I also felt a malevolent presence watching me. As I watched this third object started toward the house and seemed to come about a third of the way across the field toward the house, stopped then retreated to the same spot where the first object had hovered. It too hovered for a minute then left to the west using the same pathway.

The fourth object came over the treeline from the same direction after the third was out of sight. It too came toward the house, retreated and hovered. This time however, a car was heading north on () St. as the object was hovering. As the car approached the light seemed to "duck" behind the barn then returned to the hover position and leave by the same path. No more objects appeared.

When all the sound in the house (TV) had been extinguished and I had returned to the kitchen, I became aware of a low level whooshing sound coming from the direction of these objects. I could hear this through the exterior door. This sound could be mistaken for wind.

After this was over I tried to relive what I had seen and rule out everything I could think might have produced this phenomena (sic): birds, planes, oncoming car, headlights, house lights. No answer accounts for the deliberateness of movement, the pattern of movement or the lights.

Last night I dreamt of swirling colors of blue vapor and red objects. I remember seeing vague human-like shapes reaching toward me but I can't detail the way they looked or what they wanted. I awoke feeling tired, confused and troubled. I had the distinct feeling last night of unfinished business with objects 3 and 4.

The lights didn't shed any light and did not illuminate the surrounding area. They were very intense (like a Jeep headlight) but you could look at them without hurting your eyes.

February 12, 1980, morning.

I dreamt I was sitting in a room the perimeter of which I could not define. The walls seemed to be of a translucent light icy blue and seemed to be glowing. I was seated at a table, or perhaps a shelf would be more accurate, of this same translucent blue material. I couldn't tell if the table was free-standing or attached to something. I was learning a new language, one unlike any national tongue. I was learning telepathically. There were

no books or other chairs or paraphernalia of any sort in this room¹. Just me seated at the table (shelf). I don't know if someone else was there, I only know I was being taught grammar telepathically. I remember thinking that what I was learning was extremely important and that I had to wake up and write it down. I couldn't wake up, though. The blue of the room was the same color as in my dream of the previous night.

During the time the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd objects were aloft there was no traffic on () St., in fact there was absolutely no sound of any kind. Only when the 4th object was hovering near the barn did a car head north on () St. It was unimpeded. At no time did the street light dim or the lights in my home or those of my neighbors. The object seemed to hide behind the barn by dropping down perhaps 10 feet.

February 13, 1980, morning.

A very restless night. (My husband) tells me I talked in my sleep. He said I was registering both fright and amazement that they had come back. I awoke in the middle of the night. (The baby) was disturbed, making sounds I had never heard him make before. I got up feeling I was being watched, scanned again. I wanted to go into his room but I couldn't move-my feet rooted to the floor. I could see into his room, everything looked as usual; however, I felt strongly that there was activity in the field again. I was afraid to go the window for fear my feelings would be confirmed. I was probably immobile for a minute (her husband, awake and watching estimated the time at only 2 seconds..Ed.), then I got back in bed, still feeling I was being scanned. I don't remember falling back to sleep. I'm worried for (my son). I don't remember my dreams from last night. I awoke with a momentary but severe pain between my eyes (the third eye area). I have blank spells, they come at odd times: sitting and reading or knitting; eating breakfast yesterday. I will look at a fixed point and can't take my eyes away. I am fixed in position-during these periods my mind is washed of all conscious thought, although I remain aware of my surroundings. These episodes seem to be of short duration, perhaps a minute, certainly no more than two. I come out of these blanknesses quickly and am able to resume my ongoing activity. I have had one episode at breakfast yesterday, another while knitting in the afternoon, another while watching television yesterday evening. I can not think of any specific stimulus that sets this blankness off.

February 14, 1980, morning.

I slept peacefully last night. I know they're gone now. I have a feeling of loss and sadness and relief. Very tired and weak. I'm sure they were "bivouacked" in the () River marshes. This is based on the magnetic attraction I have to walk down there. It is overpowering in its attraction to me. I am much relieved; I am also apprehensive as night comes on. I have a feeling that I will encounter these same beings again but not before a year or two has elapsed.

February 15, 1980, morning.

(My husband) and I talked last night. I believe he was a witness to the second visit. He saw the ambient light; he saw me freeze, sensed their presence, heard the sounds (the baby) was making.

Talked with my mother in northern Vermont. She has had a recurrent dream from late last week of a cup suspended in mid-air. She tells me she's wakened every night for the last two weeks feeling frightened. My sleep has been spotty for the past 2 weeks also. Sunday night she had a feeling of uncomfortable heat in her head from about 9:30 at night. She (like I did) had a peaceful night (Feb 13). Dreams have stopped.

What the investigator learned-

On Sunday, Feb. 17, the witness and her husband related their detailed story to the investigator. The fright, puzzlement and agitation was very evident. Something had intruded into their normal lives that was completely beyond their capacities to handle.

Beyond listening to their story and trying to reassure them that their lives would surely return to normal soon, there was very little that could be done.

More details of the experience came out in the interview. The witness had felt an "electric" feeling through her body as she stood with her face against the kitchen door window, watching the third object in its approach. She was unable to move, although wanting to fall down and crawl away. The feeling of being examined "from the inside out" was very strong. Before being paralyzed she had a feeling of "malevolence" and crossed herself.

The witness was struck by the unnatural quietness of the area. There were no animal sounds where normally she would expect the sounds of barking dogs. Her neighbors also kept horses and goats and there were two heifers in the barn over which the UFOs apparently hovered. The neighbors, when asked by the investigator, reported nothing unusual on the night of the sighting or in the following week.

There was also a notable lack of traffic at the time of the sighting on a normally busy road. In the half hour time interval of the sighting only one car was noticed, and that caused the UFO in sight at the time to "duck" behind the barn.

In attempting to recreate the actual time duration of the sightings there seemed to be a strong possibility that there was a missing interval of about fifteen minutes. The dreams reported on the Sunday and Monday nights after the incident strongly suggested the need for additional hypnotic probing. However, later

events caused all such plans to be cancelled.

A rough calculated estimate of the size of the objects seen based on size relative to the witness' thumb and distance to the barn gave a figure of three feet, about the same order of magnitude as the witness' estimate of 10-15'.

The witness' cat, at the time of the sighting, was reported to have jumped on the kitchen counter and to have stared at the lights. It also pawed at its ear while the object(s) stayed in view.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 12, both parents felt anxious as they prepared to go to sleep. The husband slept very lightly, hearing the baby make, what to the husband, seemed like unusual noises. Early in the morning the baby uttered a strange "gurgle" which caused the husband to open his eyes wide and the wife to get up out of bed. The husband noticed a strange gray light throughout the bedroom with no apparent source. The wife attempted to go to the baby's room. When she got to the foot of the bed she was paralyzed in mid-step and felt the same "electric" feeling that she had felt at the kitchen window when watching the UFO. She admitted that this was the single most terrifying moment of her life. Although it seemed like a minute to her, the husband who was watching, terrified also, estimated only a couple of seconds. The wife then returned to bed without going to the baby's room. When the husband asked her how the baby was she assured him that the baby was alright!

During the week of Feb 17-23, the wife thought she saw a gray form pass by the window on a rainy day, and on two other occasions black forms seemed to appear and dissipate in a corner of the living room. At the end of that week a crucifix, which the wife had missed for over a year, appeared at the top of her jewelry box.

On the weekend of Feb 23-24, the family visited relatives in western Mass. On talking over the situation, they became convinced that what was happening was the result of demonic forces. The family received baptism and a supply of holy water to place throughout their house. Hypnosis was ruled out by the family at that time.

At eleven am on Monday, Feb 25, the wife attempted to call her mother in Vermont to tell her that the baby had finally been baptized. The wife was informed by the telephone operator that the line to Vermont had just gone out of service. The wife called her husband at work and asked him to pray with her, which he did. The wife called again and was able to get through.

The mother informed her daughter that she (the mother) had received phone calls that morning in which there was no one on the other end of the line.

After talking with her mother, the witness proceeded to apply holy water throughout the house as she had been instructed. When she proceeded through a hallway to the kitchen the floor seemed to her to tilt and then bend downward momentarily in a V. As she was doing the cellar, the cat's fur suddenly rose and it raced up the stairs.

In spite of the application of holy water, the baby began to awake, screaming, at approximately the same time (2-3am), ~~nightly~~. This behavior persisted and the parents thought it unusual even though the baby was teething. Something else in the baby's room bothered the mother; when vacuuming, she noticed the vacuum cleaner plug would pop out of the wall socket for no apparent reason. These things convinced her that the room should be blessed by a priest. Until the blessing, the baby was kept in the parents bedroom with no incidents of screaming. The blessing was performed on Friday, February 28. (1)

The investigator's last contact with the witness was by phone on March 3rd, when he was told that peace had now been restored to the house and that the family now wished the investigation to end.

The investigator found the witness and her husband cooperative, intelligent and articulate. The witness claims five years attendance at a Pennsylvania college that is now defunct. She also claims to have held several positions of responsibility in the business world, which she left to raise a family. The investigator did not find these claims inconsistent with her overall demeanor but none of her references were able to be checked out due to her objections.

The witness claims also that at the age of five she found she had a photographic memory and was often accused of cheating in school because of her talent. Her husband confirms this ability. The witness also claims that her grandmother had the power to levitate objects and that both she and her mother are psychic and that ~~one~~ often knows what is happening to the other. The witness tells of a precognitive warning that kept a friend from a plane that crashed. The witness also has had a peculiar repetitive dream for a number of years; two people entering a cave with two suns in the sky.

The witness attended a Catholic school as a child. She was an atheist until this series of events. Her son had not been baptized for the first eleven months of his life, a fact which upset the witness' mother. The family now belongs to the local Catholic church.

(1) Also on Friday, Feb. 28, the witness, while in the kitchen, claims she saw a legal sized pad and pencil move off the kitchen counter onto the floor.

UFOs: THE PSYCHIC CONNECTION

by Brent M. Raynes

A paper presented July 14, 1979 at the
16th Annual UFO Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio.

One particularly obvious indication of an association between UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) and psychic phenomena can be recognized in the situations of "poltergeist" (a German word for "noisy ghost") activity erupting in the homes of persons who have had close-range UFO experiences.

A former American serviceman stationed at an army post in Buren, Germany, had a UFO experience one night early in 1971. He and his wife were leaving the base to return to their apartment about 8 miles distant, at approx. 11pm, when their car was paced for several miles by a low flying glowing object. Within about a week of this event their apartment erupted with poltergeist type manifestations. There were unexplained raps from the wall, sounds of something being dragged across the floor in the empty room above, feminine quality whistling noises from out of thin air, and so on. This man's night stand began making an unexplained rocking movement on occasions, and then one day his wife glimpsed a human looking apparition standing near it. Soon after this, his tour of duty in Germany was ending and they returned to the United States. The poltergeist haunting had gone on for about 8 months. This couple had lived in the apartment for about a year and a half before this with no psychic experiences at all. The, of course, along came the UFO.

At approx. 9pm, July 29, 1967, near Jacksonville, Florida, a husband, his wife and their teenaged son encountered a dark gray domed saucer shaped object that played a game of tag with their car. The object was an estimated 40-45 feet in diameter, and at one point was perhaps a mere 15 feet off the ground. Within only four days of this sighting poltergeist activity zeroed in on this family. There were typical unexplained knockings, phantom footsteps, odors, and on occasion, whether indoors or out, the woman heard the voice of a man calling her first name very audibly. For some reason it was always off and over her left shoulder, but when she'd turn around there would be no one there-that she could see. Then at 3am, August 11, 1967, this woman had a very unpleasant paranormal experience. In a taped interview she described to me, "I woke up suddenly. I couldn't move. There was a tingling sensation I had like you would have if your whole body had gone to sleep. You know how your arm or leg feels when it goes to sleep? Well, this was all over my entire body. I couldn't move. Of course, this frightened me. I had never experienced it before. My mind was alert-seemed to be quite alert but I was incapable of even moving a finger. Just a few inches away from my face was the face of this man-I could feel this warm breathing in my face and this terrible pressure on my solar plexus-quite painful. I sensed that

there was something evil and it was just like it was trying to possess me.'"

With considerable mental effort and struggle, she began to concentrate on the Lord's Prayer. Suddenly the "man" backed away and seemed to disintegrate into a "kind of smokey cloud". The paralysis left and she immediately fell into a deep sleep and woke up later feeling well and quite refreshed. But for many months afterward these 3a.m. attacks continued, and eventually, her son, who had been present during the UFO encounter, also began to awaken at 3 a.m. suffering the paralysis and seeing strange human figures in his room and balls of light dancing about and beams coming through the window. She had told him nothing of her own bizarre nocturnal experiences.

"This was the most haunted house you ever saw," declared a woman in Massillon, Ohio, whom I interviewed on Sept. 8, 1975. She saw her first UFO on the night of October 18, 1973. She explained, "I didn't see them before because I didn't have my senses cleared to see them. You see UFOs when they want you to see them."

Who were "they"?

She believes she was contacted by literal "demons".

At about 7:30-8 p.m., Novem. 21, 1973, her youngest son unaccountably disappeared while collecting money for his newspaper route, returning home at 3 a.m., Novem. 22nd, the day of his 16th birthday, suffering from amnesia for the missing hours.

"A UFO bobbed over one spot in the field behind the house all the while he was gone," she recalled.

For an entire year prior to this disappearance he had been having odd dreams of "shooting lights" and perceptions suggestive of so-called "astral travel". His mother recalled that she felt that there was something significant about the age of 15, for when she had turned that age she had a strange feeling that it was an ideal age and was as old as she would get. Also she believes that her mother was demon-possessed at that very age.

Beginning on the night of Dec. 8, 1973, she began to experience a series of unpleasant sensations similar to those experienced by the woman in Florida. These experiences occurred nightly between the hours of 2 and 4:30 a.m. It would feel as if her entire body were being subjected to "painful electric charges". Then, on or near Dec. 18, at approximately 3 a.m. she was again experiencing the tingling sensation and electric current effect when she felt as if she were going to black out. Frightened, she screamed and threw back her bed covers, at which point she saw a "round glowing ball" hovering in her room. Another morning, shortly after this, again at 3 a.m., she saw a "green globe" of light suspended just over her stomach. After watching this for a few brief moments her fear seemed to dissolve and she lapsed into

a deep sleep, awakening to daylight later, asking herself "What in the world was that?".

As with the Florida percipient, this woman had what she described as "visions" in which she was told different things by the entities. For example, she felt that "they" informed her that they were from what we know as the constellation of Orion.

There were also apparent communications with the dead. She related, "My aunt, my father's sister in Michigan, died and I felt it in my body. I knew the hour she was stricken and when she died...I had a fuzzy, non-human form come to my bedside the night before the funeral. It was my aunt saying goodbye."

Her son was also affected by the phenomenon. She states that he "...often acted like a medium for me-fed me information. ...How do you know these things?, I asked him. I don't know them, he said, I am getting these things from them. I can't repeat them so if you miss a message it's gone."

I have found that the religious and demonic theme of these situations is not an uncommon element. I believe that over the years most researchers who have come across such data have, perhaps in most instances unconsciously, neglected, ignored or even suppressed such situations because they do not fit into most person's notional fabrics of reality.

For a couple of years now, I've corresponded quite extensively with a woman who saw her first UFO on the night of July 11, 1952, her 15th birthday, while she was laying in the hammock in her backyard watching for meteors, near Maybrook, New York. "Somehow it didn't even seem unusual nor did I seem surprised when it stopped abruptly, suspended in mid-air." she recalled. Since then, she has had numerous other UFO encounters, experienced poltergeist activity, had out-of-body experiences, and so on. Her three teenaged daughters have had psychic experiences since they were about five years of age. Two of them are twins, and an apparition that is described as the "exact image" of one of them has appeared to the family. Strange lights have appeared inside their home.

Back in April, 1976, I began corresponding with Brian Scott of Garden Grove, Calif. Scott had been experiencing an outbreak of poltergeist-type activity and "ball of light" or psychic light experiences in and around his home, witnessed by family, friends and relatives, beginning on Nov. 1, 1975. I also corresponded with APRO investigator John DeHerrera of Fullerton, (Calif.) who was very helpful. Interestingly it all began on the night of Oct. 12, 1959, Scott's 16th birthday, when one of these reddish-orange balls of light, about 6-8" in diameter, came within inches of his face. There were trances and automatic writings. Scott felt that he had been instructed to visit Tiahuanaco's

"Gate of the Sun" in Bolivia for the summer solstice of June 22, 1976, but instead he followed an "alternative request" and visited a designated area near the Superstition Mountains of Arizona. He had an encounter there, he claims, with strange creatures. On the winter solstice of Dec. 22, 1976, he made it to Tiahuanaco and states that a beam of light fell upon him and that he was psychically "united" in consciousness with an entity identified as Voltar, supposedly from Epsilon Eridani. He returned on the summer solstice of June 22, 1977, for what was billed as the "second phase of transformation."

In another case, on the winter solstice of Dec. 21, 1965, a young man in Flushing, New York, dabbling in black magick, was performing a dark rite. Suddenly, a blue light began to illuminate his bedroom. He panicked and ordered it to leave. But later, at approximately 11 p.m., on Oct. 21, 1966, this man was surprised to see a "sivery, green glowing disc" outside his bedroom window. He lost consciousness while watching and the next thing he knew he was regaining consciousness some hours later, on the floor near the window.

On June 19, 1972, I was in New York city and met with the main investigator of this case, Michael Lindner. Based on background data he provided me, this UFO incident also fell upon this witness' 16th birthday. Also on the summer solstice of June 20, 1969, this young man and a friend were alleged to have been walking together through the Flushing Meadow Fair Grounds when they saw a "blue-yellow aured, round headed man, leap straight up...and disappear". He also was subject to trances, automatic writing type phenomena, and in one instance apparent possession by an "aztec". So, there are a lot of synchronistic similarities that sometimes crop up in these curious situations.

Could the UFO phenomenon merely be some kind of complex variation of a very ancient form of psychic interaction with mankind? Have we allowed our modernistic projections and preconceptions of reality to cloud the real truth?

One serious researcher of my acquaintance thoughtfully compared the intelligent behaviour and actions of the "ball of light" or psychic light activity in many of these situations as very similar to the historic roles played by so-called "familiar spirits" associated with witchcraft and demomology. But naturally in our modernistic awareness we prefer to redefine reality in terms complimentary to our present view of things.

Alan Vaughan of San Francisco, California, former editor of Psychic magazine, explained to me in a letter dated May 22, 1978, "I'm a little confused myself about what to call those peculiar vibrating red-orange discs. Are they Beings?... holographically encoded consciousness from another time-space?"

Vaughan's awareness of this situation stems from his own personal experiences with such phenomena.

"...April 6, (1978), in the evening, I, my wife Diane, and our friend, Joan Cresson-Wolf, saw a strange red disc floating just over the surface of the sidewalk and stree on Grant Avenue at the intersection of an alley, Fresno. ...The red spot seemed to play games with us, moving in squiggles, never in a straight line. It would disappear into a box and then reappear yards away, then return. Once when it flitted into the street it seemed to go up in the air and back down in a curving path. Diane got the closest look at it when it came to rest at her heel. She described it as red with yellow in it, rather like a fire. It was slightly less than an inch in diameter. ..."

"I saw such a disc once before, just when I was beginning to have psychic experiences in 1965. My first thought was that it was a vision or some sort of hallucination. It was inside my apartment and floated just a few inches away. Simultaneously, an artist friend named Yuri saw lights on his apartment wall. We compared notes, and I checked out a star map. There was only one location where the lights fit. It was around Sirius. ...The reason I made the connection with outer space is that I had just finished reading a book on UFOs, 'My Contact with Flying Saucers' before it appeared in my apartment."

Vaughan speculated, "I still don't know what it all means, but lately there have been curious interconnections with ideas from Temple's The Sirius Mystery and the ancient Egyptian God Amen...His symbol is the same as those I and others have seen, sometimes connected with Sirius, or at least something from another dimension. And it's very, very old. The symbol (like a miniature sun) appears both visually and visionarily. I suspect that the ancient Egyptians saw it too, and today we say it is the "sun" that was Amen, the One God. But, it was not the sun in the sky but the 'sun'-like object that appeared to holy men, and was interpreted by the masses to be identical to the sun in the sky."

Last year, Pocket Books in New York released an interesting paperback entitled Cosmic Trigger, The Final Secret of the Illuminati, written by Robert Anton Wilson. Mr. Wilson describes his involvement with the occult and how meditative exercises seemingly set off a series of strange experiences that suggested to him that he may have been in contact with an alien intelligence from Sirius. He wrote in his book, "The entity or entities contacted by me during July 1973-October 1974 had most of the characteristics of the 'being of light' described by persons who have been resuscitated after what is called near-death experience."

Wilson provides much background data on the Sirius subject. For example, he goes into some detail about Sirius-related teachings and references made by the late occultist-mystic Aleister Crowley, and also related teachings of George Gurdjieff, both of whom are said to have acquired their insights from secret teachings originating in the Near East back around 4500 B.C.

"I definitely go with the theory that the UFOs, the Bible, and psychic phenomena all go along together." Mrs. Shirley Fickett of Portland, Maine told me. "My coming into this UFO thing seemed to fit like a glove. When it first sunk into my mind I was a whole week absorbing it; like I was going around in a daze."

A young child named Patrick, aged six, also living in Portland, was awakened at about 5:30 am, on or around November 28, 1972, when a beam of light inexplicably penetrated through a solid wall in his bedroom, striking him and pinning him to the bed. There was a high frequency noise and the hands on his electric clock spun wildly around. He told his mom, "I felt like it was robbers, but they kept saying it was from Christ."

Patrick's parents believed their son. They had experienced too many unexplained things themselves. On one occasion the mother had seen "tiny little Indians playing in the hall", describing them as "more like the East Indian with the turbans. They were dark skinned and bare chested."

The way in which Shirley came to know Patrick and his family is most unusual. Shirley recalls: "It occurred between September 13, 1969 and December 8, 1969, during the time I was being 'trained' (either by my subconscious mind or outside forces) for astral projection.

"It was no dream, for I awoke from sleep finding my astral body rising up, then going back into the physical and repeating this over and over.

"In a standing position beside me about midship of the astral body, I observed a being watching me. It was about parallel to the height the astral would rise to. Psychic vibration indicated that it was of the male gender and stood approximately four feet high. All noticed by me was its head, which was shaped like a coconut, with two slits for eyes and a tiny slit where our nose would be. There seemed to be no mouth."

"Upon rising the astral to its full height, I had to look down a bit to observe the being. There was not a bit of fear. In fact, it felt rather friendly to be with him. I felt in complete control and with an emphatic manner I mentally said 'I'm sorry. I can't stop and talk to you now because I have to practice this!' There was no return from him. ...In the phenomenon, I projected to a child I did not know, (this being Patrick) December 8, 1969. His astral body was then brought back to me. I held my physical hand out in acceptance, to receive him, or let him know that I did. He then vanished."

It was not until after the beam of light episode in 1972 that Shirley reflected on the UFO connection, because she read an article in Psychic magazine in which Uri Geller's UFO-beam of light experience at age three was described. Then she recalled, the being she saw, and also how Patrick's mother had described how in 1969.

Patrick "was claiming he was going for rides on UFOs at night." The mother also "dreamed of being dressed in a certain type suit and being abducted by aliens to be taken aboard a UFO."

Hypnosis is frequently utilized in probing the subconscious memories of UFO percipients. It seems that on occasions these hypnotized percipients manifest examples of psychic phenomena while in the trance state. For example, I've interviewed an investigator who was working on the case of a pennsylvania man who had had a close-range UFO encounter. He and several others were present when the man was hypnotized and he told them to go to a certain nearby ravine. They did as they were instructed. At the site they saw a strange light. He recalled, "verticle beam, like a thin stick, and then suddenly it pulsated out at the center and became like a double sine curve and then it went back into the ground. It came from the ground and went back to the ground." Two members of the party approached closer than the others and claim to have heard a "voice".

In Ohio, an investigator was told to step outside by a hypnotized subject, and that he would see a UFO manifestation. He did, and approximately three feet over the front lawn, appeared two red glowing lights, each about the size and intensity of a single traffic light. He could not explain what he saw.

In The Mothman Prophecies John Keel describes how he had hypnotized a silent contactee on Long Island named Jane, and how an entity named "Apol" began speaking through her, and gave Mr. Keel some predictions about plane crashes that later came true.

Last Saturday, July 7th (1979), I was engaged in a long distance telephone conversation with UFO writer-researcher Brad Steiger who described for me his experiences with this kind of odd situation. The first time he encountered it was in 1968, when he watched Loring G. Williams hypnotize Nebraska patrolman and UFO witness Herb Schirmer. Steiger recalled, "we had him in a state of hypnotic control--we had him very deep-- and all of a sudden he sat up and began to speak as though he were one of the occupants on board the UFO. ...said he would be from time to time returning in one way or another to keep tabs on Herb. Now since that, I have experienced that a number of times in working with contactees..."

In Toronto, Canada, Qualified scientific researchers investigated British psychic Matthew Manning under laboratory conditions. They monitored his brain-wave patterns with an EEG (electroencephalogram) that was linked to a computer. During this EEG monitoring Manning was required to "switch his power on" and unique and previously never before recorded brain-wave patterns, that would appear for 20 second periods of duration were registered. The scientists stored the EEG readings in a computer memory bank and state that one day they may be able to reprogram the brain-wave patterns of non-psychics and transform them into functioning psychics by using the recorded information.

Recently C. Maxwell Cade, a fellow of the Royal Society of medicine in Great Britain, using a sophisticated new EEG device known as the Mind Mirror, recorded unusual brain-wave patterns with psychic healers. It was also observed that the patients of these healers also in some cases achieved these same brain-wave patterns. This EEG monitors both hemispheres of the brain simultaneously.

Under "Trance", in the comprehensive An Encyclopaedia of Psychic Science by the late Dr. Nandor Fodor, mediums are described as exhibiting symptoms suggestive of increases right brain lobe activity. Dr. Fodor wrote: "professor Flournoy frequently found complete 'alochiry', a confusion between right and left side, with Mlle. Helene Smith. She would, in trance, consistently look for her pocket on the left side instead of on the right. If one of her fingers was pricked or pinched behind a screen it was the corresponding finger on the other hand which was agitated. ...Lombrosio called attention to the fact that Eusapia Paladino who was usually left handed in sittings, became right handed in one seance, and Morselli himself became left handed. This confirms Dr. Audenino's hypothesis of transitory left handedness as in the abnormal state and the transference to the sitters of the anomalies of the medium."...The spirits of Mrs. Piper always communicated on the left side."

The aspect of the transference of anomalies from medium to sitter is interesting in view of the British EEG similarities of both psychic healers and those of their patients.

Contactee Brian Scott was witnessed in a trance at 4:20 am, November 5, 1975. The eyewitness, a lady named Lou Savage, wrote: "He looked strange: facial features were taut, like a semi-solid rock. His Eyes had a fixed stare, not on the paper, but on the wall in front of his desk and his facial color was a dull gray; nothing even resembling skin tone as I know it. All the while Brian's eyes were fixed on the wall, his left hand continued writing. Brian is not left handed."

Interestingly, Lou Savage claims that she witnessed one of the balls of light--6-8' dia.--blend of orange and red--with Brian Scott at 5:30 pm, November 4, 1975, at which time she notes "I couldn't lift my left foot. I couldn't do anything except stand where I was and look."

With regard to all of this odd left-sidedness, we should also recall the Florida witness who experienced the repeated voice phenomenon always from her left side.

Is there a connection? Are we truly dealing with flying saucer contactees or space-age mediums?

In an excellent article in the April 1976 issue of Saga UFO Report researcher Charles Bowen observes, "...much of the evidence we have accumulated shows that many witnesses of UFOs,

especially people involved in close encounters, have already had paranormal experiences: mediums, clairvoyants, deep-trance subjects, people who are telepathic, people who have seen ghosts, or experienced poltergeist phenomena, and so on. Do the powers that control UFOs seek out such people for their purposes? Is this why there are so many reports of UFOs at night, hovering near houses where the inhabitants are asleep (and may be even 'astral traveling' as so many human minds are said to do during sleep)?"

As you must realize, I have already cited a number of supportive cases for the situation Mr. Bowen speaks of. It's truly a complex and involved affair, and as always, strict objectivity is necessary.

On March 20, 1974, Mrs. Jacque Booth of Avon Lake, Ohio, was in bed when a "beam of light" came into her room and shined on her head. She felt a great inner calmness, despite a background of having bad nerves, and despite the fact that she could see the source of the beam: a circular object, circled with white lights and a pulsating red light on the underside. It was just over the tops of nearby trees and was about 35 feet in diameter. In the months that followed there were other UFO sightings, mild poltergeistic-type things, like doors being found opened, though they were still locked, and the oldest of her three sons began to experience involuntary out-of-body projections, which frightened him very much. Mrs. Booth had a memory of two humanoids entering the house one night. A professional hypnotist from Euclid was called in on the case and conducted two sessions of regression. As a result of the hypnotic probing Mrs. Booth realized something. In a taped interview I had with her back in September 1975, at her home, she noted, "In fact, the only time I could ever describe that calm was after I came out of hypnosis. Because I had never felt calm like that in my life, but when I came out of that first session of hypnosis I said 'Man, that had to be the most terrific thing in the world to think that you could come out of there and feel so calm. And then I happened to think, 'My God, that's the way I felt when I was watching that thing!'"

Mrs. Booth found her personality taking on some changes. She became more sociable, was no longer the home-body she once was, and, I quote, "I have become a little religious. I've had days when I go out to get into my car and I have driven down the road and I'd have the weirdest feeling--like some days I have actually sat there in my car by myself--I may be cracking up--but I say 'I know you're there.' I have a feeling I can reach out and touch the good Lord. It's just like He's right up there in front of my windshield."

In Wales, in the winter of 1904-05, there was a widespread religious revival. Strange UFO-type lights were frequently spotted. One account, prepared by a certain Beriah G. Evans states, "The star has seemed to rest above particular houses, whose roofs

are thrown out in bold relief amidst the surrounding darkness. When this occurs in the Egryn district a convert or converts invariably turn up at the next meeting from that particular house.."

In Ireland in 1859, another religious revival was subject to frequent UFO-type allegations. A leading official for the Corporation of London went to Ireland and was quoted, "Having heard that fire had descended on several of the great Irish assemblies during the Revivals, I, when in Ireland, made inquiry and conversed with those who had witnessed it. During the open air meetings, when some 600-1000 people were present, a kind of cloud of fire approached in the air, hovered and dipped over the people, rose and floated on some distance, again hovered on that which was found afterwards to be another revival meeting, and so it continued. The light was very bright and was seen by all, producing awe."

UFOs have obviously been around for a mighty long time. They haven't seemingly changed their tactics at all--really--down through the centuries. They still produce awe. They also spread confusion, and for us today they have tailored their awesome appearances, with our help, to integrate into their game plan in a way that appeals to our modern perspective on reality.

#####

LYDIA STALNAKER--PART III

One of the details of the Lydia Stalnak⁽¹⁾er story that has always fascinated this writer is the part that concerned an apparent experiment in personality transfer on board the "craft". As she told it "...he told me they were goin' to do (an) experiment, and he was goin' to place me upon the table and try to put the other woman (Antron) inside of me through a process of osmosis...I went directly down into the table...and the table began to revolve...placed my head into something. The other lady's head was in something, like we were head to head with this machine in-between our heads. As it began to go around and around, it got faster and faster, and I blacked out." When Lydia awoke, she was told the experiment had succeeded. Since then, the claimed personality of Antron has made its appearance through Lydia under hypnosis.

Like so many stories and claims in the UFO field, even a spoonful of sugar makes this difficult to swallow-but one begins to wonder, when confronted by researched cases of spontaneous personality transfer in non-UFO contexts.(a)

Perhaps the most famous case of this type of personality transfer took place in Watseka, Ill., from January 31 to May 21,

1878, when a thirteen year old girl, Lurancy Venum, the subject of previous strange seizures and exostulations (as if possessed) took on the memory and personality of a girl named Mary Roff, twelve years dead, and a previous resident of the town. Mary-Lurancy insisted on returning to her "former " home and "...now in her new home, seemed perfectly happy and content, knowing every person and everything that Mary knew when in her original body, twelve to twenty-five years ago, recognizing and calling by name those who were friends and neighbors of the family from 1852 to 1865, when Mary died, calling attention to scores, yes, hundreds of incidents that transpired during her natural life."(3)

Although some may say that the above belongs properly to the study of mediumship and possession, it seems unproductive to compartmentalize events into discrete areas of study merely because of convention.

Can it be that what used to be and still is called "possession" in a non-UFO context is perhaps a state of consciousness that a scientifically advanced civilization has succeeded in bringing into the realm of technological manipulation? Can it be that this "technique" is used as freely by "them" as, say, hypnosis is used by us?

An intriguing speculation, to my way of thinking, without even taking into account the implications for the survivability of consciousness, which is beyond the scope of this note.

(1) See NEUFO NEWSLETTER #16, July 1979.

(2) For instance, the story of David Paladin as related by Dr. H.N. Banerjee in his book, The Once and Future Life, Dell paperback, New York, 1979.

(3) Quoted in The Principles of Psychology, by William James, Dover paperback, Vol I, p397, from the original The Watseka Wonder, by E.W. Stevens, Chicago, Religio-Philosophical Publishing House, 1887.
See also the dramatized account Witseka, by David St. Clair, Chicago, Playboy Press, 1977.