

# S.P.A.C.E. Newsletter

Support Program for Abductees' Contact Encounters

## DR. JOHN MACK OPENS MANY DOORS WITH "ABDUCTION" BOOK

### Reflections

by Harold Egel, Jr.

Early in April a S.P.A.C.E. supporter purchased two copies of Dr. John Mack's book at the bookstore. Riding home on the subway she opened a copy, which was wrapped in clear plastic. After tearing open the clear wrapping, the book opened to a page, where there appeared to be an inkblot. It was not ink, but a rose petal! - She was flabbergasted. With all these flowers popping-up in SPACE experiences. The petal was almost fresh. How did it get there? And it was on page 301 - numbers which have occurred in synchronistic rhythms lately. There was no rose petal in the other book. Another invitation to open us up?

Harvard psychiatry professor Dr. John Mack, M.D., has "gone boldly where no one has been before" with his book, "ABDUCTION: Human Encounters With Aliens." He has bravely brought forth elements of our close encounters with the Unknown which need to be discussed, debated and faced. His research has opened doors that few researchers have dared to open.

Building on the vital research of Budd Hopkins, who got him involved in this field four years ago, and others, Dr. Mack, through his own intensive examination of abductees/experiencers, has collaborated findings we have made through our own investigations and insights into our own experiences in SPACE. Just to see this material in print for the general public gives us much further support and validation.

Most of his book consists of 13 accounts of experiencers. He has worked, along with colleague Pam Kasey, with about 100 experiencers. Each account seems to build upon the previous one, weaving a web of relationships that humans appear to have with non-human intelligence, whose source remains unknown. His studies produce not firm conclusions but intriguing suggestions of what may be going on and how our encounters suggest that there is more to come in the future.

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## S.P.A.C.E. GATHERING

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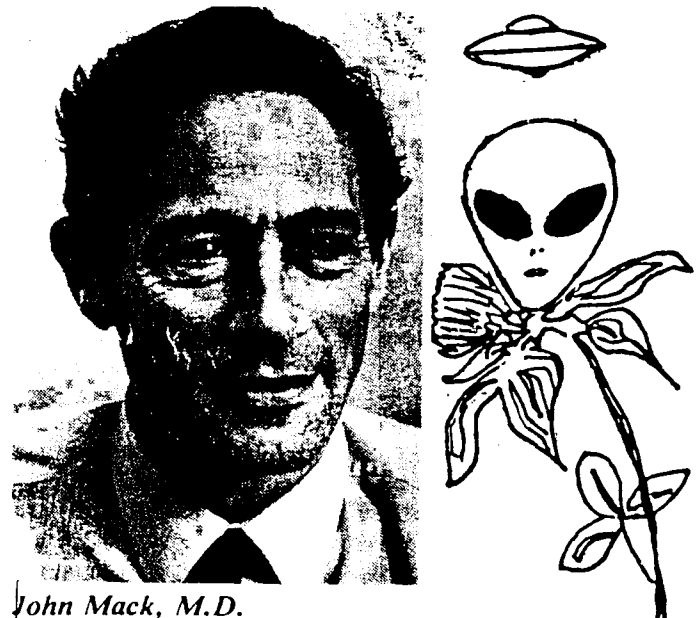
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John Mack, M.D.

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While Dr. Mack's critics call for "physical proof" of an undeniable kind, Dr. Mack notes that the UFO intelligence is subtler, "and its method is to invite, to remind, to permeate our culture..., and to open our consciousness in a way that avoids a conclusion, that is different from the ways we traditionally require." And in the experiencer accounts much comes out about the nature of our experience and implications for us as experiencers, as well as for the world. What we are involved with suggests a profound, deep relationship with unknown Visitors which requires more intense attention that may change us forever, affecting us and the people we know.

The experiencers are profoundly affected by their encounters, some experiencing the traumas of losing control, isolation and estrangement from others, "ontological shock," and unusual fears, anxieties and feelings. Dr. Mack focuses a lot on the transformational aspects of our encounters, "which can expand our sense of ourselves and our understanding of reality, and awaken our muted potential as explorers of a universe rich in mystery, meaning and intelligence."

He notes that some of us feel terror and rage at being taken by these Visitors. This, however, can yield personal transformational growth and open what seems to be "a more reciprocal relationship" with the beings. Dr. Mack notes that experiencers may accept the "aliens" as "intermediaries" between realities, feel that their true "home" is elsewhere, remember "past life experiences," achieve a new sense of integrated human identity with expanded consciousness not so focused in the body, sense a dual "human/alien identity" and are opened to realities that transcend our notions of space and time.

What this reviewer finds most interesting in Dr. Mack's book is the sense of human/alien identities, that come up in several accounts. While some researchers think that is the result of mind-scans by the aliens and involves a bonding process between the aliens and experiencers (bonding human to alien and human to human), our own insights, investigations and feelings suggest that this aspect deserves greater focus. Another component to this is the partnerships that seem to come up occasionally with experiencers. (That partnership aspect will be looked at in depth next month in Christine Morciglio's dreams column.)

"HYPERSPACE" with Dr. Michio Kaku, PhD New York Open Center, Friday, June 10, 8PM, 83 Spring St., SoHo, NYC, (212) 219-2527; \$10 members; \$12 non-members, Dr. Kaku will discuss concepts in his new book, "HYPERSPACE" about other dimensions in the universe. Physicist Kaku's book was featured in the NY TIMES Book Review.

During his work Dr. Mack notes that there is "an increasing group of abductees that I have encountered who have discovered that they have a dual identity as an alien (they do not use that word) and a human being." Under hypnosis, some experiencers seem to speak from the "alien perspective." Paul in the chapter "Bridging Two Worlds" (Mack uses first names to protect people's privacy), has a session with Dr. Mack to explore his "alien" identity. Dr. Mack writes, "Paul himself was 'kind of a spy' put on Earth for a purpose. 'He (the alien) says that your spirit is from here (i.e., the ship, not Earth). He says that what makes you up is here, and he says that the seeds of human beings is how we intergrated you into this, but you are from here. Home is on that planet'."

While researchers, such as Hopkins and Jacobs, may suggest that such a sense of dual identity is the result of alien deception (Intruders Foundation has a paper on the "problem of deception" during encounters), the problem is that this identity feels right for some of us. It demonstrates how complex this phenomenon really is when we, as experiencers, go deeply into our own encounters, dreams and feelings.

In a future article I will explore how, through information I wrote down in a journal in 1973, following an encounter I had then (which I was unaware of until I explored it with Dr. Jean Mundy in a session 16 years later) connected me with this sense of human/alien identity. We must emphasize that this research is on-going and that it can be elusive. But Dr. Mack, in several of the cases, brings up the dual identity. We explored it in an article by Joseph Wiek called "WHO AM I?" in our July 1993 newsletter and "HYBRID" by Joan Carra in our August 1993 issue.

In a chapter on "Peter's Journey" Dr. Mack notes that Peter's case brings "us to the edge of the mystery of consciousness, the evolution of human identity, and the apparent purpose of the abduction phenomenon itself." Even though Peter, during an abduction with many other humans, feels that an implanting procedure done then was traumatic he still feels himself to be "a willing participant." Through our own work, some of us definitely reject being a participant while more others feel that, somehow, they were willing to be involved with the Visitors, however that relationship came about.

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Again, Dr. Mack's work suggests a relationship with the Visitors that may go far beyond being taken aboard, unwilling, a spacecraft from a dying planetary civilization which needs our genetic seed and DNA. In fact, Dr. Mack, in his accounts, gets information from the beings that it is the Earth which is in trouble from a multitude of environmental woes, as conveyed to experiencers through frightening visions of destruction all over the Earth.

Dr. Mack's book is being read by many of us, with its extensive examination of experiencers. He has uncovered compelling suggestions, beyond what other researchers have so well studied, that we have a relationship with the Unknown which makes us not victims of uncontrollable forces that do not care for us (as human lab animals in some gross cosmic experiment), but, somehow, proactive participants in a grand cosmic drama which is still unfolding.

Dr. Mack writes, "The abduction phenomenon, it seems clear, is about what is yet to come. It presents, quite literally, visions of alternative futures, but it leaves the choice to us." We will continue to examine Dr. Mack's book in upcoming issues, and we welcome your observations and comments on his book.

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"ABDUCTION: Human Encounters With Aliens," by Dr. John Mack, is published by Charles Scribner's Sons, NY, 432 pages, \$22, hardcover.

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PLEASE NOTE!!! "CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE DREAM KIND," THE POPULAR COLUMN BY CHRISTINE MORCIGLIO, WILL APPEAR IN THE JUNE ISSUE. IN THAT ISSUE WE WILL EXAMINE THE "BONDING" BETWEEN PEOPLE INVOLVED IN UFO ENCOUNTERS. WE'LL REVEAL THE DRAMATIC, UNBELIEVABLE ORIGINAL STORY IN WHICH THE FIRST KNOWN FANTASTIC "BONDING" EVENT UNFOLDED. WHAT HAS EASILY, QUIETLY EVADED AND PERVADED THE UFO ARENA FOR SO LONG IS NOW BEING BROUGHT INTO OPEN VIEW. THIS SETS THE STAGE FOR THE INCREDIBLE WAY AND THE WHY OF, HOW SOME HUMAN PARTNERSHIPS INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER AND IN OUR OVERALL PARTICIPATION WITH ETS. LOOK FOR THIS FEATURE FOCUS IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!

## SOLE FEATHER

by Joan Carra

There was no one to cry out "Never again!"  
and there were no memorial services to remember the dead  
only pavements over villages where people once lived

The whole world was watching but no one dare say anything  
because the whole world was in on it  
Warmly welcomed to participate

Mein Kampf! Manifest Destiny!  
Reservation! Concentration Camp!

Sole feather of winged one lying on concrete  
Not enough to make a headdress  
No harmony for the songs of corn  
Quickly! Tear up all the sidewalks  
Let me feel the earth again  
Let my barefeet dance on breath

I sense the shadows' last abandoned  
movements against imprisoned life

Breathe! Breathe!

Breathe Mother Earth!

Soon all the fish will be dead

Gone just like the buffalo

And Man will be few

**Declining Fish Catches**

**Pollution and overfishing produce a year of tiny catches.**

**Fishing Fleet Trawling Seas That Yield Many Fewer Fish**

**NEW YORK TIMES** the verge of life on disappearing.

S.P.A.C.E. BRIDGE TV heads for June cable television premier! We have gotten numerous calls about when "S.P.A.C.E. BRIDGE TV" will be on Manhattan Cable TV. Get ready for the first shows to appear in June. This vital outreach project by SPACE is a critical part of our work and we are excited at the prospects. Stay tuned for specific dates and times.

S.P.A.C.E. was founded in New York City in March 1992. The support group gives UFO/ET-experiencers a chance to share openly in a comfortable social setting and explore experiences on the human-alien frontier. This interactive and proactive program tries to help by providing understanding; caring support; non-judgmental, meaningful feedback unencumbered by belief systems; and professional resources. We hope to encourage experiencers toward real empowerment by overcoming fears; developing new life skills; and, for those who wish, interaction with the Unknown. Meetings are monthly.