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### Re: Of Martian Cats, etc.

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> Date: 11 Aug 97 08:10:03 EDT  
> From: BOB SHELL <76750.2717@CompuServe.COM>  
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> >Date: Sun, 10 Aug 1997 16:41:54 -0500  
> >To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>  
> >From: John Velez <jvif@spacelab.net>  
> >Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Of Martian Cats, etc.

> John,

> I'm not sure why you referenced my message in yours, but I do not and  
> have never thought that you or other abductees are hallucinating. I don't  
> think you suffer from mental disorders either. I think all of you are  
> being subjected to real events, but I am skeptical of many of the  
> interpretations of these events.

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> The closest thing I have had to an argument with Budd Hopkins was when  
> I was trying to convince him to look at the historical evidence and  
> realize that the abduction phenomenon is NOT a new thing, and may not  
> involve aliens. He, like many other abduction researchers, just does  
> not want to hear this.

Hi Bob,

I can understand why Budd would not want to spend time arguing over whether the abduction phenomenon involves aliens or not. He's investigated way too many cases that do appear to involve aliens, some not just from the abductees' recollections with or without the help of hypnosis, but from non-abducted witnesses. And he's seen plenty of evidence of direct UFO connections to abduction events, in which one suspects the UFO had a non-human pilot, for which the word alien applies.

As for whether or not abduction events, or the UFO phenomenon, occurred in Earth's historical past, Budd used to (at least some 5 or 10 years ago) not wish to connect ancient astronauts and sky chariots/vimanas, e.g., to aliens/UFOs. I presume this was due to his philosophical beliefs -- whether religious or atheistic. I don't know if he still feels that way on that subject.

> But, for those willing to go to the effort, I think reading the transcripts  
> of the Salem witch trials, and other witch trials and the records of the  
> inquisition can be very informative (if frightening, disgusting and  
> depressing). These poor people were often describing events which today  
> would be called abductions, and showed the "devils marks" which today  
> we call "scoop marks". Finding these marks during the physical exam was  
> a sure sign that the person was a witch.

Thanks for pointing this out. Don't you think it more plausible to connect these "witches" to a form of the UFO phenomenon as we know it today, than to connect today's abductees to an even lesser understood witchcraft phenomenon of the past?

Jim Deardorff

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