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Re: Old UFO case

From: werd@interlog.com (Drew Williamson)
Date: Thu, 2 Jan 1997 20:52:34 -0500 (EST)
Fwd Date: Thu, 02 Jan 1997 23:48:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Old UFO case

>>Date: Wed, 1 Jan 1997 23:29:33 -0600 (CST)
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <updates@globalserve.net>
>>From: Brian Zeiler <bdzeiler@anet-chi.com>
>>Subject: Old UFO case

>>Question for some of the historians on the list. I'm looking for an article
>>in the April 8, 1912, issue of "Nature", detailing a triangular UFO case
>>known as the "Wiltshire Shadows" case. That's not a typo -- it was really
>>1912. Anybody have any info? Thanks in advance.

Brian,

I don't have any info regarding an article in 'Nature'. Here for you and other's information is what is in Peter Brookesmith's book, 'UFO: The Complete Sightings'.

Perhaps Monsieur Bruce-Knapp could ask Mr. Brookesmith himself if he has more info on this case? What say you sir?

Drew Williamson

P.S. Errol, could you send me Mr. Brookesmith's E-mail address? Ta.

[Perhaps, Peregrine, The Duke of Mendoza, Grand Abbott, Silent Order of Squirrel Fryers, Draftsman of the Apocalypse, might find the time twixt tending to his stable and the control of weaponry to respond? - ebk]

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THE WILTSHIRE SHADOWS

Triangular objects and an invisible light

TYPE: Daylight disk
PLACE: Chisbury, Wiltshire, England
DATE: 8 April 1912

BACKGROUND

Charles Tilden Smith reported the following case to the respected British science journal Nature.

THE EVENTS

For over half an hour Smith observed two fan-shaped or triangular 'heavy shadows' cast onto clouds overhead. The clouds were moving rapidly, but the shadows remained stationary in the sky. From time to time the unidentified apparitions varied in size. Smith concluded that two large unseen objects in the west were intercepting the Sun's rays.

ASSESSMENT

If the Sun had been the light source that the objects were intercepting, then the shadows should have moved higher on have been a separate light (which Smith did not see) maintaining a constant position in the sky. The changes in size were probably caused by shadows falling at different angles on the cloud surfaces. Which does not explain the objects or the light source.

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