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Purely Psychological 'Experiences'

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The following news story piqued my interest.

(excerpts from <http://www.newspage.com>)

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"Illinois has moved to discipline a prominent psychiatrist accused of convincing a patient that she was a cannibal who ate human flesh meatloaf, a child molester and the high priestess of a satanic cult."

"Depressed after the birth of her second son, Patricia Burgus sought therapy from Dr. Bennett Braun. Burgus says the doctor, through repressed-memory therapy, led her to believe she possessed 300 personalities, ate meatloaf of human flesh, sexually abused her children, and served in the cult."

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"She said she was given sedative, hypnotic and psychotic drugs in inappropriate doses. She was frequently hypnotized and sometimes restrained with leather straps to stimulate abuse memories, her lawsuit said."

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UFO investigators and analysts are rightly concerned about the degree to which psychological treatment or abuse could be responsible for abduction memories, especially when hypnosis has been used by non-professionals.

In this case, we have the alleged use of hypnosis, drugs, and other techniques by a psychiatric professional, which supposedly led to the generation of false memories of an extensive nature, and which were, at least for some time, accepted by the subject as real. If true, there are a number of questions raised:

(Note that the following comments and questions are not meant to apply to all abduction claimants. However, they do apply to the (unknown) percentage of such claimants who have actually had a purely psychological experience, either self-induced, induced as a result of a perceived real (non-abduction) UFO experience, or induced by the actions of persons performing hypnosis either as a result of a reported UFO or abduction experience.)

A battery of techniques in a hospital setting were required to attain these results. Despite that, the patient eventually came to her senses, and, in her words "I began to add a few things up

and realized there was no way I could come from a little town in Iowa, be eating 2,000 people a year, and nobody said anything about it."

a) What does this indicate about the potential for abuse by non-professionals without use of drugs in a non-controlled setting? Is it greater or less than we typically fear?

b) Is it the non-confirmable nature of the abduction experience which prevents what I will call "psychological abductees" from coming to similar conclusions? Or is this, at root, a desired experience, similar to Munchausen, where the victim desires the attention generated by victimhood, even if that attention is provided only by one or a few investigators? Or do such "psychological abductees" in fact "come to their senses", and such reports are simply not reported in the popular literature?

I'd be interested in feedback from persons involved in abduction research.

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