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### Re: My sightings

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Hi all,

I would like to share with you two experiences I had of what one can probably class as "sightings" of UFOs.

The first happened when I was about 14 years of age in 1976. My dad, my friend and I was flying a kite that my dad built for me. It was late in the afternoon about 5pm and the sun was hidden behind some clouds. The light was still good enough for us to clearly see the kite, which was about 200 meters out as measured by the line left on the fishing reel which we used to fly it with. We were facing the western horizon.

As we watched the kite, all three of us suddenly noticed a speck of light moving behind the kite and above it, but obviously much further from the ground than the kite. There was only one light to start with and it was pulsating red when we first noticed it. It was moving very slowly from west to east across the sky. Relative to our location it was moving slightly from the centre of our horizon to above our heads slightly to the south. Judging by my hand held at arm's length, it was moving at about 1 finger width per minute.

The color changed from pulsating red to solid green for about a minute and then to solid orange for another minute. The light then seperated into 4 smaller red lights which turned to a bright white about 10 seconds later.

The lights were now at about 50 degrees above the western horizon. About two seconds after changing to white, the four lights departed in four different directions, the outer two at about 85 degrees to the original direction.

Up to that point we were still thinking that it was some sort of terrestrial aircraft displaying some very bright lights, but the seperation into four lights and the speed at which the lights departed and shot over the horizon made us gasp in amazement. This happened in less than one second!

The second happened about a year later. I was cycling home from visiting with a friend of mine at about 7pm. I was travelling on a road next to an open piece of land covered with tall grass and small shrubs, what we in South Africa call "veld".

The night sky was suddenly lit up by a bright shining light that was so intense that it immediately drew my attention. I looked around for the source of the light and noticed a large spherical shape in the sky over the veld. I stopped my bicycle and got off to observe it. I guess that it was about 50 meters from the

ground and it was about 100 meters from me as the crow flies.

The ball of light was descending towards the ground/grass and when it touched the ground, it seemed to grow more intense for a moment and then went dark. I was scared and did not want to investigate further by myself. I got on my bicycle and went home.

The next day I told my friend about this and he insisted that we go and investigate the place where it happened. When we got to the place, now in broad daylight, we observed a burned or scorched circle in the veld. All the vegetation was burned to a crisp as if there was a veld fire. The peculiar thing was that it was perfectly circular and measured 10 meters in diameter.

We did not report any of this to the police or whoever. Speaking to various people later, they told of similar phenomena that they observed. One of the people suggested that it was something called "ball lightning".

I can not say that what we saw was non-terrestrial in origin, but it sure was peculiar.

Any comments?

Andre

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