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Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs

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> Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Why Migraines Don't Explain UFOs
> From: Mark Cashman <mcashman@ix.netcom.com>
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Mark,

> > In the meantime I suggest that Mark Cashman and others read
> > Sacks' book before taking this argument further.

> I already made the point that this hypothesis cannot be
> considered because it does not provide a discriminator, and that
> it also shows no reason to be considered an explanation of UFOs
> since the migraine case cited, presumably the best (i.e. closest
> to the UFO experience) has no UFO content, and since the author
> of the hypothesis presents no support for the existence of a
> continuum between regular migranes and "close encounter
> migranes".

Firstly, I have no opinion on whether migraines account for UFO-type experiences (I've never had migraines), but it seems curious that you appear to so anxious to dismiss the idea without bothering to read up on it.

It may interest you to know that in his book 'The Man Who Mistook His Wife For A Hat' Sacks cites earlier studies (Singer 1958) with regard to the visions of St Hildegard. I seem to recall that representations of these visions taken from her C12th manuscript Scivas have cropped up in UFO literature.

Singer writes: 'In all a prominent feature is a point or a group of points of light, which shimmer and move, usually in a wave-like manner, and are most often interpreted as stars or flaming eyes. In quite a number of cases one light, larger than the rest exhibits a series of concentric circular figures of wavering form...'

St Hildegard writes: 'The visions which I saw beheld neither in sleep, nor in dreams, nor in madness, nor with my carnal eyes, nor with the ears of the flesh, nor in hidden places; but wakeful and alert...'

Rob

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