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Re: Premature Birth & Abduction?

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>>Is any one aware of any statistical link between premature
>>birth and claimants of abduction?

>>Or perhaps even late and C-section births?

>>Do researchers even bother to look at issues like these when
>>interviewing an 'abductee'?

>Why should they?

>The C-section issue came up when Alvin Lawson suggested that
>alleged abduction memories were really memories of birth. One of
>the many arguments against him was that no abductees could have
>been born with C-sections. (The other one, of course, was that
>nobody has ever proved that anyone remembers being born.)

>But why are you asking your question?

Hi Greg, Leanne, and all,

This subject of birth memories being a potential source of
alleged alien abduction memories, is an intriguing one.

I have yet to come across any documented 'proof' of birth
memories, but it is a topic that is rampant in the world of
child birthing. Thus, we have advocates of low lights, soft
voices, quiet music, and in some cases under water birth, during
the time of a woman's labor and birthing of her child. The
premise here, is that we do infact remember our birth, and those
memories can be traumatic or pleasant, depending on the
circumstances.

At one point, during my long years of nursing, I did work in the
field of childbirth. I can attest to the fact that babies born
under optimal conditions, are quite alert and interactive with
their environment. Indeed, there has been a mountain of research
done to determine just how alert and aware newborns are. The

data reveals that a healthy non drug affected newborn is very alert, interacting with, and learning from his/her environment from the moment of birth. Now, given that a newborn doesn't have any verbal constructs, or frame of reference for his/her experiences, any memories are laid down visually, tactilely, auditorily, and bio chemically within the neuronal structures of the brain. I don't think the problem is that we don't remember what happened when we were being born, so much as, no one really knows how to access those memories. Even older infants and very young children have memories that we have trouble accessing, simply because the memories are pre-verbal. I see this obstacle constantly in the work that I do now with disturbed adolescents. Many of them of histories of horrendous abuse in infancy and young childhood, yet cannot access these memories verbally. However, it is painfully clear to those of us working with these kids, that this abuse has left much evidence of trauma reflected in their behaviors and emotions. I don't think the issue of a birth being premature, or by C-section would make much difference.

Oh my, there I go, being long winded again, sorry :-). My point here is that, I don't think we can throw out the possibility that birth memories may be driving a person's belief that they've been abducted, and subjected to painful, humiliating, and terrifying procedures. That may very well be a newborn's interpretation of birth events. On the other hand, it may be that we are seeing the result of a young child's pre-verbal memory of being abducted.

Still and all, I don't think any of this negates the fact that folks are experiencing a phenomena that is beyond our everyday view of the mundane. What if, we stopped debating the reality and just began to operate from the premise that the phenomena of alien visitation, space flight, and abduction is quite real.

Let's get down to brass tacks here. Why is it happening? What if anything, do we need to do to respond? Is it a threat to our well-being as humans? Although, I must say, I believe we are so much of a threat to ourselves, that an "alien" threat doesn't seem much worse to me.

Judith Dale

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