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### Re: Abduction - The Issue Of Reality [was: 1999

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>I'm not in the medical profession, so my thoughts are just that  
>-- thoughts. However, I would like to know if Dr. Cone might  
>have conferred with any neurologists because it seems to me, in  
>my uneducated way of thinking, that there could be some  
>neurological answers -- perhaps conditions, syndromes, diseases,  
>etc., that we aren't even yet aware -- to some abductions  
>stories.

To properly research a question many avenues must be explored,  
and, of course, we walked down those avenues. Dr. Cone's  
participation was a bonus because of his broad background in  
psychology and his knowledge about the various psychopathologies  
that can induce hallucination and delusion (many of which are  
physical or chemical and can be reversed with proper treatment).

>>>Perhaps you could share some highlights of the new research  
>>>with this list.

>>This is the most difficult of the questions because much of the  
>>new research is somewhat complicated and without a proper  
>>foundation is going to sound extreme or will be rejected out of  
>>hand. (Note to myself: Now I sound like Gary, though the  
>>difference is, the book has been accepted by a publisher and if  
>>they maintain the schedule, it will be available to all soon.)

>I understand about the complicated nature of these things, but  
>I'm just really curious about an idea I've been toying around  
>with for a while and that is Munchausen's and Munchausen's by  
>Proxy (I'm sure I've misspelled that). Are there any comparisons  
>made to these syndromes by Dr. Cone?

Certainly all of the above have an aspect of it. The work of  
Michael Persinger concerning his Temporal Lobe seizures research  
also provides some interesting insight into belief structure as  
opposed to physical reality.

>>It does contain a lengthy discussion of hypnosis as an  
>>investigative tool, suggesting many of the pitfalls of

>>hypnotically recovered testimony. The suggestibility of the  
>>subject, for example, is something that we, as researchers, do  
>>not seem to fully understand. What we see as a simple question  
>>to gather more, and sometimes obscured, information, could be a  
>>"demand" for information that the subject simply doesn't have.  
>>To continue to probe for that information can induce a point  
>>where the subject "invents" that information to satisfy the  
>>researcher.

>Kevin, this is something I can speak of first-hand. I was  
>regressed and I do have some false memories as a result. These  
>memories aren't significant and I know the hypnotist did not  
>implant them -- I created them. I didn't mean to, of course, the  
>object was to try to get answers. Now, I'm stuck with these  
>self-created anachronisms in these other memories that simply  
>won't go away.

In some cases induced rather than implanted might be a better  
word.

>It didn't take me long to realize just how difficult things  
>could have been for me, if I had created some other kind of  
>>false memory.

>>This is why some states now prohibit witnesses who have been  
>>hypnotized (questioned under hypnosis about the crime) from  
>>testifying. It is simply too easy to implant information even by  
>>the most careful of questioners.

>And sometimes the information isn't even implanted, the mind  
>just creates it, as happened in my case.

>>There is also a section that expands on my MUFON presentation of  
>>a couple of year ago. In that, I suggested that pop culture has  
>>included all the elements of alien abduction. If we look to  
>>science fiction, we can find everything we find in alien  
>>abduction repeatedly. Some of the more recent of the abduction  
>>scenarios, such as the suggestion of genetic engineering and  
>>manipulation are rare but they do exist. The 1960s movie,  
>>'Village Of The Damned', based on an earlier book, 'The Midwich  
>>Cuckoos'\* suggested the abduction of women for the purpose of  
>>creating a genetic hybrid, for example, is out there. We simply  
>>cannot dismiss these parallels, but must be able to account for  
>>them.

>I'll let Jerry argue with you about your pop culture theory,  
>because, I thought that presentation was excellent.

Thank you, and I believe you understood the point of it as well.

>Did you complete you PhD, btw? If so, congratulations.

Instead of working on the dissertation. I'm hung up in the  
results chapter which requires a good description of the  
statistical analysis of the raw data. Which is the best  
statistical method to use (I think, in this case, the multiple  
regression and the chi-squared) and then how to explain all the  
results in the proper format... not necessarily so they can be  
understood, but making sure the typeface is right, the font size  
is proper, the page numbers appear where they are supposed to  
be, that no words are misspelled, and that the margins are set  
correctly. Ah, the frustration of graduate work.

>>I'll try to add more about this later, but the entire context  
>>of the book is needed to understand some of the points of view.

>Appreciated and thanks!

KRandle

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