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Re: First 'Grey' Report?

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>Hi Jerry, Jenny, Jesus,

>I thought that I would just bring the following into light. Two
>months ago I was chatting to a witness of a local UFO sighting,
>and he happened to mention he was from Ghana, West Africa.

>He told me about an old myth, concerning little creatures that
>would come into the villages at night, and take away people, and
>then return them much later. He also commented that they looked
>pretty much like your typical Grey?

>These occurrences have been happening for some centuries now he
>told me and apparently still on going, so I guess information on
>these little guys and their actions might be easy to track down.

>If Cynthia Hind is out there perhaps she may no a slight more
>detail on such African case references?

If our goal is to confirm the earliest abduction report, so as to eliminate (or at least reduce) the impact of the media in the sub-conscious recall of abduction events, then the timing of the "report" is far more critical than the timing of the "event". Research into the African "myth" should certainly take place, but while it will certainly be of interest, it would likely have limited value in showing that classic abduction reports involving "greys" are far older than we had imagined.

I have no specific knowledge regarding the specific myth being discussed above, but I have a couple of general comments:

The late Joseph Campbell devoted much of his life to the study of myths, and found that nearly every culture has common myths that he suggested may be (at least the roots of which may be) programmed deep in our brain. Certainly the myth of creatures that come in the night and terrorize villages can be found throughout the world. As we review these myths we see parallels with the abduction phenomenon, and some have postulated that there is a connection. Unfortunately, this requires interpretation that is often based on little more than speculation (and in some cases pre-disposed belief). These

interpretations can be supported by other evidence (such as drawings or writings), but often those are written in the technology of the day, which then requires further interpretation to apply the abduction theory. All in all, I find this research very interesting, but I also believe that's it's unlikely to lead to any answers regarding the phenomenon. Of course, I'd like to be proved wrong.

Steve

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