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1. 'Star Kids', or the Exploitation of Children in 'Ufology'?

Appreciation to Errol Bruce-Knapp and 'UFO UpDates' for highlighting concerns about the following:

SUMMER CAMP FOR KID E.T. ABDUCTEES

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. -- When E.T. phones home this summer, he may be calling from Santa Cruz, California.

That's where a UFO researcher is holding the world's first summer school for kids of E.T. origin.

Dr. Richard Boylan's space-age summer school is for children who have been genetically modified by aliens.

Boylan claims these so-called "star kids" are not only brighter than other kids, they can have strange superpowers such as levitation, invisibility and teleportation.

Besides reenacting their alien encounters via puppets and role-playing, students will listen to lectures including one titled, "From Fraidy-Cat To Cosmic Kid: What's It All About."

The E.T. Summer School Weekend will take place August 25.

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The full details can be found on Boylan's web site, at:

<http://www.jps.net/drboylan/strkidwk.htm>

He declares, "This Weekend Summer School is designed for those special young people, ages 4 and up, and their parents, who have been touched by heritage from the stars".

"Telepathic downloading of information, often during the night in what are made to seem like 'Dreams', increases the range of knowledge and perspective with which these children operate. These children seem at home with complex devices which their parents sometimes struggle to master".

Children who have dream-like dreams and can operate video remote controls are presumably relatively common.

"Some of these children are what I call Star Kids. These children's very conception was due to more than mere human reproduction", claims Boylan.

This does seem to transcend the 'relatively harmless' dismissal which so much UFO related nonsense merits and Boylan adds, "Saturday morning we'll start with Dr. Boylan presenting slides and pictures of the various kinds of ETs. He will tell about what each are like, and what they are interested in. Then each child will have an opportunity to express in their own way how the ETs came to them, and what took place during their encounter".

Where this differs from the normal 'alien abductions' conference is of course that children are being targeted, some might even say, exploited.

What happens to any potential 'Star Kid' that doesn't actually have a story about mythical monsters to tell. Will they be 'encouraged' to 'remember and believe' that they did meet aliens, or were 'specially selected' by them. Certainly sounds like it and where does this stop short of 'brainwashing' children of '4 years old and upwards'.

In addition to Boylan, the 'Facilitators' of this 'Summer School' for kids are 'Daniel Creegan, Ph.D, Lucia August, MFT, and Debbie Imhoff, B.A.'.

Brief biographies can be found on the 'Star Kids' web page and note that Lucia August "is an experimenter", whilst Debbie Imhoff is a "mother of 2 children, one of whom is an experimenter".

A cursory Internet search provided no further information concerning Creegan and Imhoff, only confirming that Lucia August's involvement in 'lesbian and gay issues' included a contribution to a seminar at, 'The Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center', for 'lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women'.

It's not reassuring that Creegan, August and Imhoff are declared to be suitably qualified as members of a purportedly professional body, 'the Academy of Clinical Close Encounter Therapists (ACCET)'.

I wondered if this so-called 'Academy' was founded solely by Boylan and it was no surprise to find the apparent confirmation at:

<http://www.jps.net/drboylan/accetpg.htm>

Boylan's biography states:

"Dr. Richard J. Boylan is a Ph.D. behavioural scientist, university lecturer, certified clinical hypnotherapist, consultant, and researcher".

A slight omission here and indeed seemingly something of an oversight anywhere on his web site, is that on August 4, 1995, the 'Medical Board of California' revoked Boylan's licence to practice either as a "Psychologist, Licensed Social Worker, or Marriage, Family and Child Counsellor".

For further details, see:

<http://www.ufomind.com/ufo/updates/2000/jul/m22-021.shtml>

Coincidentally, the issue of children being used to verify that 'alien abductions' are real, is one I had recently raised following a separate matter. During ensuing public discussions, it has been confirmed that the supposedly more highly regarded

'abduction researchers', such as Dr. John E. Mack, M.D. and Budd Hopkins have interviewed young children about their possible abduction experiences.

For example, Mack writes [my thanks to Chris Rutkowski for the reference]:

"A two-year-old boy that I interviewed said that he was taken into the sky by a man who bit his nose. A not yet three-year-old boy said that owls with big eyes (it is common for children to remember the alien beings disguised in animal forms) take him up to a ship in the sky, and he is afraid he will not be able to get back to his mother".

Source:

<http://www.peer-mack.org/mit92.html>

Yet there are numerous UFO reports where schoolchildren were the main or only witnesses, including publicised incidents at 'Broad Haven School' in Wales [February, 1977], Voronezh, Russia [September, 1989] and the 'Areal School', Ruwa, near Harare, Zimbabwe [September, 1994].

There were seemingly no concerns about these children being interviewed, sometimes by the media, and encouraged to describe their sightings. These were regarded as interesting news stories.

And isn't there a comparison with many religions, where children are brought up to believe in something which those who do not share that conviction might perceive to be equally unreal.

Consider also children's accounts of 'near-death' experiences and encounters with a 'being of light', 'angels', etc. Not only are these considered acceptable testimonies, they are regarded as invaluable because the experiencers might be 'untainted' by religious archetypes and knowledge of comparative, near-death accounts.

So where should necessary boundaries be in place?

Perhaps a significant aspect is the objectivity and professionalism of those involved.

Most, if not all, 'abduction researchers' have a preconceived belief in the reality of stories recounted under apparent hypnosis. However, the majority would surely claim to impart some objectivity into their research, although I wonder what percentage of those who undergo 'analysis' do not eventually believe they have been selected as a suitable specimen for attention.

The 'Star Kids summer school' sends alarming signals because there evidently isn't any objectivity at all and some might conclude it comprises elements of a cult. Outlining the longer term plans, I note Boylan affirms, "It is anticipated that this Summer School Weekend will also create the foundation for an ongoing Star Kids School, to begin operation soon".

It's by no means everyone who believes they may be an 'abductee' or 'experiencer' that would condone the related involvement of young children and some have expressed their objections clearly.

It's also understandable why some 'ufologists' - I'm never quite sure what that encompasses these days - protest Boylan isn't 'one of us' and express an earnest desire to distance themselves from his activities. I'm sure the vast majority would agree.

However, far from being an outcast, the facts prove otherwise.

The Mutual UFO Network' [MUFON], although essentially American based, remains the world's largest UFO related organisation and a glance at Boylan's lecture schedule confirms he is still in demand as a speaker at local MUFON meetings.

His other appearances also share the stage with speakers who frequently appear at the most prominent 'UFO' conferences - see:

<http://www.jps.net/drboylan/00ufocfs.htm>

It seems difficult to reconcile how 'ufology' can ever detach itself from Boylan and his ilk, whilst at the same time embracing them.

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2. Larry Warren and the Foibles of 'Regressive Hypnosis'.

Meantime, in the UK, some of this year's most prominent UFO conferences will also soon be upon us, with 'UFO Magazine' inviting Larry Warren and Peter Robbins to provide an update on the Rendlesham forest case.

I wonder if this will feature any of the considerable material published by myself and others in recent times and which has proven the UK's most celebrated UFO incident to have a rather more mundane foundation.

In 'Rendlesham Unravalled' - see:

<http://www.ufoworld.co.uk/rend2.htm>

I wrote:

"Warren's tales have grown in the telling over the years, as illustrated by an early statement, not to my knowledge previously published, which he made whilst then under the pseudonym of 'Art Wallace'.

He wrote: "In March of 1981, I met in the room of a Sgt. Bustina [Note: should be Bustinza] and two other people we discussed what had happened reassuring each other that we had seen what we saw...

They told me about the underground facility and the UFO store down in that facility also about a number of other things I probably should not ever go into.

I don't know if it's true or if it isn't true but they certainly seemed to believe it and I didn't have any reason not to believe it, seeing the high strangeness of the events that we had experienced together anything I would have believed".

What was the catalyst that resulted in Warren subsequently believing it was all true?

Enter Budd Hopkins...

Having been placed in the requisite, apparent, hypnotic trance by Hopkins, Warren not only 'recalled' these events reportedly taking place, he was now fundamentally involved in them himself.

However, that's not the full story and I can exclusively reveal in this newsletter that Warren was previously hypnotised, with significantly different results.

I'm assuming it was previous to Hopkins involvement because of the content and I don't know who the hypnotist was. I do however have a copy of the full transcript which has, to my knowledge, never before been published.

It's simply headed, 'Larry Warren - Regression' and this was conducted by someone identified throughout as "Pat". If anyone can confirm this person's identity and date the transcript, please let me know.

One of the notable differences from this 'regression' is how Warren remains adamant he was never in the underground facility - this was merely a story he heard. For example:

Pat: I want you to tell me about the underground facility you were taken to. Can you describe it to me?

Larry: No.

Pat: Why?

Larry: There were other guys who went to that.

Pat: Didn't you go too.

Larry: No.

Pat: You didn't go?

Larry: No.

Pat: How do you know they were taken and you weren't? Did anyone tell you?

Larry: I don't know what happened. [End]

However, Warren's participation in the alleged events underground, particularly his telepathic communication with unseen alien entities there, became a mainstay of his published story.

In 'Left at East Gate', co-authored by Warren and Peter Robbins, Warren claims he was kept in this underground facility for some two days, emerging bewildered into the sunlight on 31 December, 1980.

In the book, Warren mistakenly identifies the date of his adventures in Rendlesham forest as the night/early hours of the 28/29 December, 1980. There's no debate his claims relate to events which took place on 27/28 December and which involved Lt. Col. Halt and others. Warren mentions several occurrences from his alleged participation which tie in with a number of other confirmed facts from that night.

I'm not sure if anyone else has spotted the connection with two messages Warren states he heard over the radio:

"Then I heard a radio transmission: 'You people have to avoid these hot spots. Remember they're marked, October Number One. Over'. I knew the code October One meant first officer on site.

[...]

The radios were active. I could hear what sounded like pilot communications. Someone reported over the air: 'Here it comes. Here it comes. Here it comes'." [End]

In fact, these are almost certainly snippets from the communications which Halt recorded on his microcassette that same night, namely:

1. HALT: The sample...you're going to mark this sample number one...have them cut it off, and include some of that sap and all...is between indentation two and three on a pine tree about five feet away, about three and a half feet off the ground.

[...]

HALT: Same place where the spot is, we're getting a heat...

[...]

HALT: This is strange. Here, someone wanna look at the spots on the ground? Whoops, watch you don't step...you're walking all over 'em. OK, let's step back and not walk all over 'em.

2. HALT: 03:15. Now we've got an object about 10 degrees directly south, 10 degrees off the horizon. And the ones to the north are moving. One's moving away from us.

VOICE: Moving out fast.

VOICE: This one on the right's heading away, too.

HALT: They're both heading north. Hey, here he comes from the south, he's coming toward us now. [End]

Not 'October Number One', it was 'sample number one' and not pilots, but Halt and company in the forest. Warren does mention the presence of Halt and others, the light-alls which wouldn't work (they were notoriously unreliable) and officers who seemed to have come straight from a function (Halt had been called away from the officer's belated Christmas party).

In the aforementioned statement made under the pseudonym of 'Art Wallace', Warren dates the UFO incident as 29 December. In the 'regression', Pat seems to think it was the 30th and tells Warren:

"Your mind is very sharp.

[...]

Now I am going to count from five to one. On each descending number you are going deeper. You are going further back in time. When you hear the number one it will be December 30, 1980. Your memory will be very sharp. Your images and visions will be very clear...

It is December 30, 1980 and I want you to give me detailed descriptions of today's events...". [End]

Warren then describes his UFO encounter which actually took place, if at all, two days previous.

This does seem to prove how unreliable 'memories' recalled under hypnosis can be. Whilst Warren should have been recounting an unrelated event, he's clearly focused on telling the UFO anecdote.

Perhaps most interesting of all is that when Warren is similarly asked to detail the events of December 29th, he states, "I have the day off. I went to see a football game. Not too much to do".

Yet according to 'Left at East Gate', Warren would actually have had his traumatic UFO encounter by this time and apparently spent the 29th in that underground tunnel, the drugged captive of a nefarious 'cover up'.

Instead, he may well have been watching Ipswich Town, his favourite local football team.

On Saturday 29th December, 1980, Ipswich Town did indeed play at home, beating Wolverhampton Wanderers 1-0.

It's a pity that Pat didn't ask him who was playing and what the score was - it would have been interesting to see if Warren could remember this accurately!

Pat's 'regression' is expansive and in his account of the UFO incident Warren mentions some intriguing details which I've never seen him refer to elsewhere. I'll have to leave it aside for now, this requires further thought and the study of a local Ordnance Survey map. It's frustrating not knowing if any of this particular account is reliable. It's highly detailed and certainly different in some respects from that published in Warren's book.

Pat also 'regresses' Warren to the 27th December, the factual night of any involvement he had.

Extraordinarily, Warren tells Pat that on the 27th he went to a club called 'The Loft', near Wickham Market, some "five miles from the base".

Asked what happened afterwards, Warren, apparently in the company of "Steve" and "the new kid, Dean", recalls how their car hit some black ice and skidded off the road and eventually they "went back to base".

The transcript then reads:

Pat: What time is all this happening?

Larry: 2:30.

Pat: What happened now?

Larry: We went to bed. [End]

A fascinating insight and perhaps offering a notable case study into the reliability of 'regressive hypnosis'.

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