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It is our sad duty to announce the passing of the founder of Contact International, Lord Clancarty, formerly Brinsley Le Poer Trench. Tributes by our past and current Presidents follow. More recent members may not be aware of the great contributions to Ufology that Brinsley produced in the 60's and 70's. Unfortunately his final years were spent in poor health.

Since the last edition of Awareness, most of the UFO focus has been on a purported alien autopsy shown on a 15 minute black and white silent film of doubtful provenance. Marketing man Ray Santilli apparently obtained the film from one of the original cameramen who was employed by the military to film an historic event of possibly the alien recovered at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. Needing funds to finance a family wedding, suddenly our mystery man releases this red hot property that had been mouldering in a bank vault for 48 years?? It sounds the stuff of legend, but so far all it has done is to confuse investigating UFO groups. Most opinions are that the film is an elaborate hoax, from the London viewing that was permitted on May 5th of one 15 minute segment of the film. A number of pictures secretly obtained have now been examined by Contact International. The "alien" is essentially humanoid - looks to have male physique, but with no genitals. The stomach is blown out like a beer gut and there are huge thighs with the right side badly gashed. On the other hand, the arms are very slender and there are possibly 6 fingers instead of 5. I would be most surprised if this concoction came all the way from Alpha -Centuri - in fact in true editorial tradition - I will eat my shirt if this is an alien! Suffice to say, expect arguments and subterfuge to rage on for the rest of 1995.

Disturbing news from America in that Professor John E Mack author of the best selling "Abduction" is being ostracised by fellow academics at Harvard. Dealing with abductions and aliens is not considered "cricket" in the Ivy League! No doubt the same would apply to an Oxford or Cambridge man stepping outside the safe limits of academia. Then why are we constantly referred to these sages when our field investigations come up with inexplicable evidence or data? Just to have a big academic name at the back of an investigation only boosts its status but rarely solves the mystery. Paranormal events are there to be rationalised! Our night photography work for instance has again come up with some amazing results defying explanation. My last film produced the most exciting pictures of spiral beams - 5 on consecutive frames. If these cannot be explained in terms of current knowledge, then so be it. I am convinced that any attempt to scientifically manipulate these findings will get nowhere. Just now and again a view into another world comes through.

An example of human desire to eliminate the "uncomfortable" arose when I was observing the latest crop circles near Alresford Hants a few weeks ago, from a busy lay-by. Two middle aged ladies saw one of the "long pole" photographers working in the circles across the field and said to me - "So thats how its done". They were convinced the pole man was making the circles in broad daylight on a Sunday afternoon, in full view of scores of spectators and close to a farm!

Congratulations to our President, Bernard Delair, who has co-authored the book "When the Earth Nearly Died", published by Gateway. This comprehensive work is probably the most complete evidence of a cosmic collision with the planet 11,500 years ago, and should be a standard reference subsequently.

THE EDITOR.

LORD CLANCARTY (BRINSLEY)
FOUNDER OF CONTACT INTERNATIONAL
1911-1995

Editor : We regret the passing of our Founder President on May 18th 1995. Here follows a tribute by Ruth Rees, our former President who knew Brinsley better than most. The obituary published in the Times on May 29th is also reproduced.

From Ruth Rees

My memories of Contact International's founder are of a warm, witty and congenial man whose dedication to the subject of UFO investigation was an inspiration to all Ufologists.

Before we ever met we were in communication by letters, for I was living and working in Spain at the time (1960s) and had gathered together a large group of local people interested in the UFO phenomena. In my work as PRO of a 5-star hotel on the Costa del Sol I had the facilities for meetings and most of the members of the group I formed, which was called Amigos de Ovnis de la Costa del Sol' - a mouthful translating 'Friend of UFOs of the Costa del Sol' - came from the nearby capital of Malaga.

Somehow Brinsley (in those days he was still the Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench) got to hear about our activities, or perhaps I contacted him during a period when I had organised a two-day seminar on UFOs which attracted enthusiasts from all over Spain, but anyway around the time Brinsley invited me to form a Spanish branch of Contact International which I did most gladly.

On my return home to London in the 70s, I was invited to join the Contact International committee and so met Brinsley personally. I had already read his fascinating books and marvelled at the research that had gone into them and the interest-retaining way he had written them: once you started any of his books you couldn't put it down. Our committee meetings in his house were always happy occasions with laughter and enthusiastic plans for furthering the investigations of UFOs. He told us about the first one he saw from his own home which he recounted with his usual great humour, but above all he should be remembered by everyone involved in UFO research for his successes in arranging and seeing through a debate on UFOs in the House of Lords. I still have the Hansard of the time and it evokes strong memories of a packed chamber - not a spare seat to be had in the public gallery, and certainly not on the Members's benches - and of the evasive and foolish manner in which the spokesman for the government tried to ridicule the proceedings. In this regard Lord Trefgarne, the government's spokesman on the matter was outstanding for his ignorance of the subject and scornful attitude towards it, while Earl Kimberley, always a staunch ally, gave great support to Brinsley in the fascinating debate, a debate which could never have come about without our Founder's brilliant hard work, imagination and tenacity.

All in all, we were exceptionally fortunate in having as our guiding figure in Contact International a man of Brinsley's calibre and character; somebody without any "side" to him, somebody, to sum up, who was so likeable as well as being expert in his specialist subject.

He will be greatly missed not only in Contact circles but wherever there is serious research into the UFO problem. It may all still be a mystery to us, but one thing is fairly certain, Brinsley now knows all the answers.

Everyone in Contact International send their condolences and regards to his widow, the Countess of Clancarty.

Obituary from the Times

THE EARL OF CLANCARTY

The Earl of Clancarty, the author of books on unidentified flying objects (UFOs), died on May 18 aged 83. He was born on September 18, 1911.

IN INSTIGATING a House of Lords debate on UFOs 16 years ago, the 8th Earl of Clancarty ensured himself a highly eccentric entry in the proceedings of that venerable chamber. On that occasion a bemused Lord Strabolgi, speaking for the government, made clear that whatever else it believed in, on that particular theme the administration must inevitably remain sceptical. "Where are these alien spacecraft now?" he inquired.

As chairman of the Lords UFO study group, Clancarty had his own answer to that question, although not all members of the group endorsed his theory. He maintained that aliens from a number of differing galaxies had first peopled the Earth some 65,000 years ago - thus accounting for our various races and colours of skin. Some still lived near the centre of the Earth, which they had entered through a series of tunnels at strategic points, the North and South Poles and Tibet being among these.

When once asked where these aliens had got to, he replied: "Well, you do see a lot of strange people around, don't you?"

If not all peers accepted this unusual thesis, quite a number were clearly intrigued by the subject matter. The debate in 1979 attracted hundreds, who fought their way into the Upper House's chambers. It was one of the best attended for some years.

Clancarty also wrote seven books in 14 years, which would seem to have sold well in the 1960s when interest in space and the possibility of extraterrestrial life was beginning to grip the nation as dreams of manned space flight were gradually turned into a reality.

The Earl of Clancarty was born William Francis Brinsley Le Poer Trench, fifth son of the 5th Earl, and was brought up in London. The family had originally been Huguenots who had crossed the Channel from France 400 years ago, settling first in Northumberland then, later, as Anglo-Irish gentry in Co. Galway.

Brinsley's most illustrious ancestor was the 2nd Earl who was Britain's Ambassador to The Hague early in the last century and was present at the Congress of Vienna after the Napoleonic Wars. The actor Tyrone Power was a later somewhat distant, relative.

Brinsley Le Poer Trench went to Pangbourne Nautical College and worked for a while selling advertising space for a gardening magazine. But he switched to full-time writing after publication of his first book in 1960.

On succeeding his half-brother Greville as the 8th Earl in 1975 he developed a third career at the House of Lords. He was a tall, kindly man who, in addition to his obsession with UFOs, took an interest in health matters and defence. He regularly attended meetings of the all-party defence group as well as turning up faithfully for Lords debates.

His books, all published under the name of Brinsley Le Poer Trench, were *The Sky People* (1960), *Men Among Mankind* (1962), *Forgotten Heritage* (1964), *The Flying Saucer Story* (1966), *Operation Earth* (1969), *The Eternal Subject* (1973) and *Secret Of The Ages* (1974). He also edited the *Flying Saucer Review*, helped to set up the International UFO Observer Corps and was founder-president of Contact, an international UFO group.



BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH (1911 - 1995):
LINK BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT.

by
 J.B. Delair.

Few readers will be unaware that our founder president, Brinsley Le Poer Trench ('Brinsley' as he was always called), passed away peacefully, aged 83 years, in a Sussex nursing home on May 18th this year. Various obituaries and biographical notices of him, his wide-ranging interests, and his achievements, have already appeared and still others undoubtedly will in the forthcoming months. This note, however, is not intended as yet another summary of his career, but rather as a snapshot assessment of his role in British Ufology - unquestionably the area of his greatest endeavour and his unique position among recent world ufologists.

A defensible basis for attempting this (a) the present writer's long acquaintance with Brinsley, an association extending over 30 years, and (b) the desirability of placing on permanent record some of his otherwise unrecorded thoughts and comments respecting ufology in general and certain past ufological personalities expressed at numerous meetings. These latter included both one-to-one lunches and the London committee meetings he regularly chaired, first at his flat in Earl's Court and then at his house in Belgravia during the initial 4 or 5 years of Contact's existence (following the demise of the earlier International UFO Observer Corps and before Contact finally crystallised into Contact (UK) International). It was during that period (the sixties and early seventies) that Brinsley authored his now famous books "The Sky People" (1960), "Men Among Mankind" (1962), "Forgotten Heritage" (1964), "The Flying Saucer Story" (1966), "Operation Earth" (1969), "The External Subject" (1973), and "Secret of the Ages" (1974); had, prior to the arrival of the late Charles Bowen, edited 'Flying Saucer Review' (FSR) for a while; and, after his elevation to the peerage as the 8th. Earl of Clancarty following the death in 1975 of his half-brother the 7th Earl, had unwittingly been preparing the ground for what was to become one of the more memorable debates in recent history of the house of Lords - the Great UFO Debate of 1979.

His greatest disappointment, perhaps, was never to have had a close encounter of his own, despite going to some lengths to do so. the nearest he got to one was when he spotted an "eerie white light" zig-zagging across the night sky over South Kensington. but although he scrambled on top of the kitchen sink to improve his view, the "saucer" had vanished behind cloud seconds before.

Lord Clancarty, who died in a Sussex nursing home, is survived by his fourth wife, May, formerly the widow of a commander in the Royal Navy, whom he married in 1976. The title passes to his nephew, Nicholas Le Poer Trench who becomes the 9th Earl.

The ufological opinions and conclusions of a man enjoying such a 'run', while not always coinciding with those of other informed ufologists, certainly merited attention and often generated discussion.

Many of Brinsley's observations concerned early pioneer ufologists who, although in many cases well known during their respective eras, are now either almost all deceased or forgotten by most modern researchers, or remembered merely as the writers of early 'saucer' books. Brinsley, however, knew or had corresponded with most of these figures personally - he was a prodigious letter-writer so his remarks, before being lost for ever, and being themselves unique links with a now fast vanishing early period of ufology, deserve to be set down here for posterity.

The following notes do not reflect any specific order of importance, but do cast light on how Brinsley became involved with ufology and, for a while, the standard-bearer in Britain for UFO research.

Always an avid reader, Brinsley admitted to having become intrigued by UFOs from 1952 onwards through the writings of the British authors Gerald Heard ("The Riddle of the Flying Saucers", 1950), Desmond Leslie ("Flying Saucers Have Landed", 1954), and Harold T. Wilkins ("Flying Saucers on the Moon", 1954), and those of their American counterparts, Donald Keyhoe ("The Flying Saucers Are Real", 1950; "Flying Saucers From Outer Space", 1954), and Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer ("The Coming of the Saucer", 1952). These publications encompassed not only Arnold's seminal sightings of 1947 but several sensational early episodes like the Lubbock lights phenomena (1951), the Capt. Mantell case (1948), Lt. Gorman's mid-air duel with a UFO over Fargo, N.Dakota (1948), George Adamski's saucerride claims (1952), the space 'monster' incident near Sutton, W.Virginia (1952), the impressive Chiles and Whitted airline sighting over Alabama (1948), the controversial Harold Dahl affair at Tacoma Bay, Washington State (1948), and, via the writings of Leslie and Wilkins, the fact that UFO-like manifestations in Earth's skies extended back centuries, even millennia.

The two latter sources introduced Brinsley to the works of Charles Fort (died 1932) which, with their wealth of documented 'natural ephemerabilia', are too well known to require further comment here. These sources induced Brinsley to contact American publisher Ray Palmer (see above) and, through him, Harold T. Wilkins in Bexley, Kent. Correspondence was also begun with Arthur Constance (who shortly afterwards published "The Inexplicable Sky", 1956) at Bath, his London publisher Waveney Girvan (himself to produce the admirable "Flying Saucers and Common Sense" in 1955), and the British Flying Saucer Bureau, which, headquartered in Horfield, Bristol, was then arguably Britain's leading UFO study group. Communications were also established with its contemporary American equivalent, the Borderland Sciences Research Association (BSRA) headed by Dr. Meade Layne in San Diego, southern California. Through that organisation Brinsley also made contact with pioneer American researcher Frederick G. Hehr of Santa Monica, western California.

Collectively, these publications, organisations, and UFO-minded individuals quickly provided Brinsley with a nearly complete overview of world ufology as then comprehended. Wilkins, Meade Layne, and especially Hehr, supplied him with many hundreds of original newspaper cuttings recording contemporary UFO events published by the local press of their particular areas. These now historic items, together with various early issues of the magazine periodically issued by the BSRA, were generously donated by Brinsley in the early 1970s to Contact (UK) International, and now grace its extensive archives.

Inevitably, pre-1960s explanations about the UFO phenomena --proffered during the very period when Brinsley was rotorvating the general UFO field preparatory to writing his first

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book -- were coloured by the achievements and hopes of early post-WWII technology and the contemporaneous Russian/American race to put men onto the Moon. Throughout the 1950s and early 1960s, space travel, satellites, astronauts, and even extraterrestrial intelligence -- the latter commonly presented to the public (pre-eminently by Hollywood) as aggressive, a la the Martians of H.G. Well's "War of the Worlds" fantasy -- were subjects frequently discussed at virtually all social levels, although society as a whole continued to regard the actuality of UFOs as either highly unlikely or arrant nonsense, and the claims and counter-claims of ufologists as those of the self-deluded.

Brinsley's ability, however, to perceive possible links between diverse data of the kind previously logged by Fort, Constance, Leslie, Wilkins, and others, and to enquire whether such material was somehow connected with human origins and mankind's early history, led him to formulate ideas which, though taken up anew by later writers like Von Daniken and Sitchin, were actually first presented in his three earliest books.

While he did not coin the word 'ufonaut', Brinsley often used it in conversations, and his 'Sky People', the principal element in his first books, were no more than the 'ufonauts' or 'saucernauts' advocated by other ufologists around that time. At this juncture, it may be of interest to note that as early as 1927, the anthropologist W.J. Perry, when tracing global traditions of the 'Creation' story, was able to consistently link them to 'Sky Gods' ("The Children of the Sun: A Study in the Early History of Civilization", (London), see chapters xiii and xiv), again an alternative title of Brinsley's 'Sky People'. It is also known that Wilkins had influenced, at least partially, Brinsley's thinking on that aspect of ufology.

But for Brinsley the 'Sky People' were primarily benevolent creators, quite a contrast to the predominately hostile space invaders up to then so beloved of film makers, sci-fi authors, and even some pioneer ufologists (e.g., Wilkins).^{*} Privately, he more than once conceded that Charles Fort had perhaps had a point when he suggested that humanity was probably 'owned' by some other-world intelligence, not necessarily a particular 'caring' one according to our appreciation of that word.

Naturally mild mannered -- frequently jovial in a 'jolly jape' sort of way -- Brinsley's initial thinking on this theme evidently contained little room for hostile space entities for that very reason. Only during the mid-1970s did he accept that several different extraterrestrial races probably existed (even co-existed), perhaps on different physical planes (space-time continua), and that some, having different policies, could, a priori, be generally hostile or indifferent to earthlings. On analysis this is an eminently reasonable line of approach to this particular area of enquiry, although not one easily substantiated by solid facts, or necessarily attractive to modern ufologists.

In later years he maintained that several space-races, as reported in UFO-landing cases, and as epitomised by large and small forms, appeared to be robotic or programmed and perhaps organically engineered. These, he surmised, must be controlled more distantly by some higher intelligence, possibly unable, like H.G. Well's 'Martians', to operate effectively under natural terrestrial conditions.

Taken as a whole he felt that the UFO phenomenon was not only alien (benign rather than hostile) but too superior to need to make regular contact with present humanity. This other-world intelligence he suggested simply studied us and our 'peculiar ways' from afar, via controlled machines and android-like entities.

^{*}"Flying Saucers on the Attack" New York, 1956): published simultaneously in Britain as "Flying Saucers Uncensored" (London)

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Brinsley's principal premise -- shared down the years by the majority of ufologists -- was that every genuine UFO manifestation (upon discarding the spurious reports) displayed varying forms of advanced intelligence, sometimes odd by our standards, which, through the use of a near-miraculous technology, was almost always awesome. Such characteristics, he urged, betrayed a very long history of development. The intelligence was very ancient.

He concluded, therefore, that the apparent interest of UFOs in Earth and its human denizens signified something special, and mirrored a specific reason. And because it had, according to the data massed by Fort, Wilkins, and others, been going for a very long time the likelihood was high that today's UFO occupants were prehistory's 'Sky Gods', his 'Sky People', who, in world-wide tradition, allegedly 'civilised' early mankind, or even created humanity in the first place. Conventional evolutionary theory was not required in such a scenario. Their creation of Man underpins their continuing interest in Earth.

For Brinsley, these archaic 'benefactors' were synonymous with the celestial Father-God and his 'angels' underlying most of the world's religions, ancient and modern, and the 'Elohim' of many early archaeological texts and inscriptions. And like the 'Elohim' they travelled about in the flying 'chariots', 'vimanas', and 'sky ships' alluded to in countless ancient traditions worldwide. Their earliest discernible activities, enshrined in sketchy racial memories and lost world histories, apparently involved Atlantis and other lost continents, shades of the notions advanced earlier by Leslie and certain other early ufological authors; and developed, perhaps, through Brinsley's correspondence with Hehr, who is known to have entertained similar ideas.

That many of Brinsley's ideas sometimes included novel interpretations of evidence demonstrably interpretable in less exotic ways inevitably meant that his hypotheses received decidedly limited support from the 'nuts and bolts' skein of ufologists, although, as he readily admitted, that was to be expected. General readers, however, found his theories interesting judging from the healthy sales enjoyed by most of his books. In that respect he used to remark, "Well, you can't please all the people all of the time" -- and that before he entered the House of Lords and the realm of politics!

On the basis of dinner-table discussions, it is known that Brinsley's fertile mind toyed with a wide range of amazing ideas. He committed few of these to writing.

Were UFOs controlled by super-advanced plants rather than by creatures we would class as zoological? The apparent inability of UFO occupants to interbreed with us (a suggestion rendered less cogent by later UFO reports), but their evident strong interest in terrestrial plants generally, were thought to support this notion. Did a giant intergalactic computer, which had largely superseded organic intelligence, actually generate UFO phenomena? The sometimes erratic behaviour of UFOs and their occupants could be accounted for by such a mechanism not in possession of all collectable facts about planet Earth.

There is no doubt that Brinsley's published ufological concepts consisted of various amalgamations of the writings and opinions of his predecessors and contemporaries. These he struggled to weld into a coherent, composite, whole. With characteristic generosity of spirit he insisted that he had failed to achieve his goal, further observing that "It couldn't be reached anyway since we did not possess all the necessary data".

Budding authors bent on producing the 'definitive' UFO book would do well to heed those wise words.

Brinsley's opinions of his peers were usually favourable, although he could be a shrewd judge of character when required. Among those he commented upon were:

Charles Bowen, his successor as editor of Flying Saucer Review, he considered "the best man for the job".

Frederick Hehr was a "perpetual fountain of energy and interest".

Arthur Constance he regarded as "one of the most charming persons he had ever met".

Ray Palmer "meant well but all too often had too much of an eye on making a fast buck".

Harold Wilkins he found to be "the most erudite person he had ever met, but prone to carping unnecessarily at others".

Meade Layne at San Diego was "kindness itself".

Dr Allan Hynek, who needs no further introduction, he thought "played his cards too close to his chest, doubtless because of associated academic constraints".

Frederick Passey, long-time chairman of the UK branch of Contact International, he classified as "very dependable and level-headed".

John Cleary-Baker, until his demise a full member of Contact (UK)'s governing committee, he considered to be a "sound no-nonsense thinker".

And Ivan T. Sanderson, whom he met on several occasions, and the author of "Uninvited Visitors" and other UFO books, was "blessed with a wonderfully inventive turn of mind".

Seldom did he seriously castigate others or their beliefs. He looked for the credit side in others or their opinions. This somewhat starry-eyed or over-optimistic approach to the UFO controversy unquestionably underlay his desire for the final outcome to be an up-lifting one, not a ghastly traumatic Wellsian one involving tyrannical Dalek-like creations. Brinsley's outlook and hopes surely reflect those of all of us, even though the route by which he arrived at these may not always be our own.

As a figure in ufology he will probably always be somewhat enigmatic. But what cannot be denied is that he was one of the last of a band who, beginning with Fort and continuing on until about 1960, were the pioneers of ufology as we presently conceive it. He was one of the last surviving links with those halcyon days, it being no exaggeration to state that, with his passing, ufology will be all the poorer.

J.B. Delair.

Oxford: June 1995.

EDITOR PURSUED BY ALIEN BEAM??

Night Photography Update - By Data Research.

The previous edition of Awareness revealed pictures of unknown life or energy forms captured by flash photography. It is accepted that some of the globe like objects seen might be due to moisture or internal faults in cameras, but a spiral leaping across a whole shot taken November 1994 and an amazing structured and beautiful entity snapped in February 1995 remain unexplained.

The present status of groups participating in these experiments is as follows.

(i) PLYMOUTH UFO GROUP: After producing several hundred photographs with globes, squares and hexagons up to Oct. 1994, PUFORG are resuming their operations. Doubt was cast on the validity of some of the pictures taken in wet conditions climaxing in globes with "faces" on them.

(ii) CORNWALL 2, CCCS: We have examined several shots taken by members of this group up to Spring 1995 showing globes with or without features and taken at various locations in the Callington area. Many of these globes are inexplicably "chopped off" at their bases - a feature noted earlier at Plymouth. A wider range of locations seems to indicate that results can be achieved outside of specific fields with crop circles or similar markings.

(iii) CONTACT INTERNATIONAL: Separate investigations by Brian James and Geoff Ambler continue. Photos taken at the place where the incredible structured object was picked up on 2 shots have shown some inexplicable clouds and red areas but the original has not been seen again so far. Of course evidence is needed on a second camera or at least a replicate on the same camera.

A number of films taken in the Oxford area have shown a few faint globes, but these are almost transparent and featureless. However on May 24th at a skywatch on Wittenham Clumps, Oxon, a film of 100 ASA taken by Geoff Ambler in wet, drizzly conditions picked up one outstanding globe of over half-an-inch diameter on the shot. This is illustrated in Fig. 1. The strange equipment on the stone plinth is a gizmo devised by Mike Soper to pick up signals in the infra red area. When a distinctive change in tone was noted, a photograph across the device was taken. The very powerful looking globe has some markings etched on it and it is the only globe in the picture - the fine drizzle drops have not been captured on this slow film. At the same venue, 400 ASA film used by Brian James picked up more faint globes and very small rain drops. The faster film did not record any solid looking globes, although an almond shaped object is seen on both films on several shots. Whether this could have developed into the final globe by absorbing energy is a point of conjecture.

Our next target is to establish under what conditions globes appear. Although they have appeared most noticeably in damp or wet overcast conditions it is not proven that they are merely drops of rain. This can be judged from Fig. 1 by scaling the stone plinth, gizmo and globe - the plinth is at least 2 feet across the top so the globe - somewhat beyond? - must be at least 6" in diameter - far bigger than any rain drops. It is possible that globes are brought down with the rain but are not related in any way.

The second half of the film used at Wittenham Clumps - shots 13-25 was discharged in a casual manner over the beach and road at Seaton, Cornwall on 30/5/95 approx. 21:45pm. Weather was fine with a clear sky. The vague idea was to see if any globes appeared on film taken near the edge of the sea. The first five were uninteresting, but then 5 consecutive shots from 18-22 had wonderful spirals on them. The same camera had previously picked up just one spiral last November near Oxford. Since then, shooting nearly 200 more pictures, the spiral had not reappeared until this sequence.

Notes

18. Pink edged opaque beam on RHS. Looking West across Seaton Beach. Lights of Looe clearly seen.

19. Wispy, transparent spiral beam across whole shot, important point is that the skyline is visible through beam indicating that the effect is external to the camera. Direction to hills behind Seaton.

Fig. 1 Globe beside Plinth at Wittenham Clumps 24/5/95

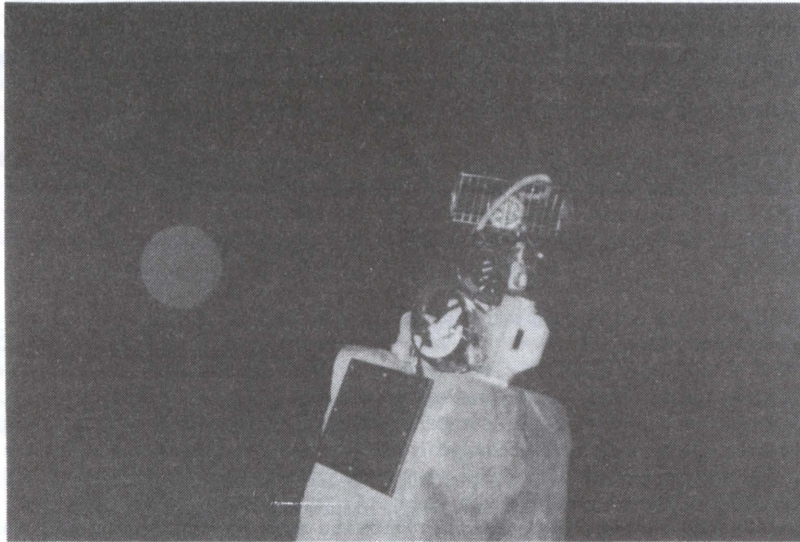


Fig. 2 Beam at Seaton, Cornwall 30/5/95 (Shot 22 Beam Splitting)



20. On road back to house 10 minutes later - very strong tapering beam in centre of shot. On LHS is wooded area; on RHS houses.

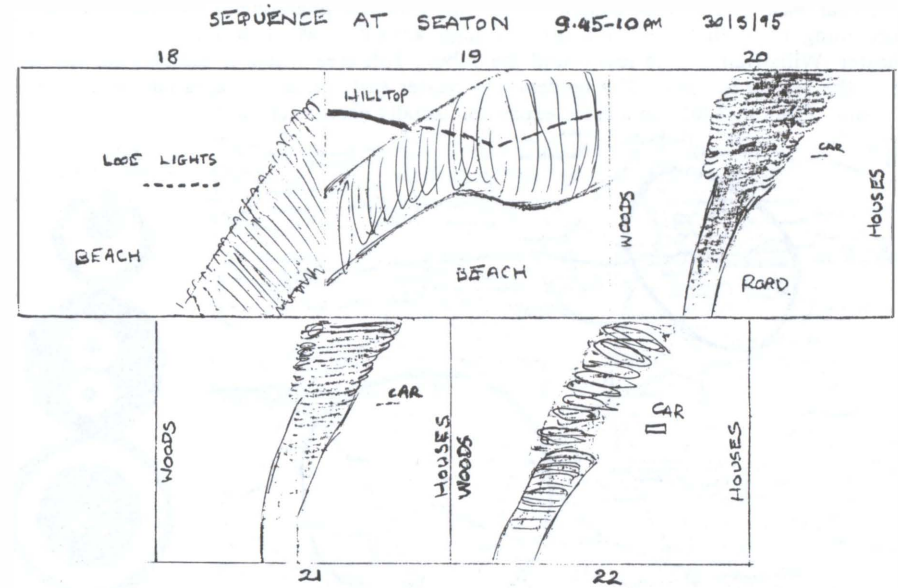
21. Almost similar beam a few yards further on. Car number plate just appearing.

22. Remarkable splitting of beam into 2 sections. Feathery spiral replacing thicker sort? Car number plate fully illuminated. See Fig. 2
Having gone inside the house for a few minutes, it was then decided to finish off the film. the last 3 shots were blank.

It may or may not be relevant - but Geoff visited Bob Boyd of Plymouth UFO Group earlier in the day to discuss these pictures in the dark. Bob and colleagues took several hundred photographs of anomalies last Summer!

If you can offer a mundane explanation of the spirals please phone/write immediately. The other conclusion is that Geoff was followed along for around 15 minutes by something quite extraordinary but outside the realms of human awareness!

Data Research welcomes more participants in this project. Just now and again quite remarkable things are being photographed. The main point is that instant gratification cannot be guaranteed. Patience and persistence will ultimately be rewarded plus a mass of dross costing £4 ukp a film! Remember you only need basic cameras and films to achieve results. The skill is maybe in knowing where and when to fire off a film.



SIGNS IN THE FIELDS - 16TH YEAR

by G.E. Ambler

The crop circles have returned yet again in 1995 inspite of the many dire predictions of their demise due to the hoaxers retiring or the rare natural event running out of whatever causes it! In fact the "hot spot" is back at Cheesefoot Head district near Winchester where the infamous "Doug and Dave" claimed to have created all the formations between 1978 and 1991 and then chucked it in. Dave has not been seen for 2 years, while Doug occasionally disrupts a meeting claiming the hand of God was guiding him during his cereal vandalism! Unfortunately the intricate work and size of the 1995 designs suggests that rather more than a stomping plank or roller is involved.

"Signs in the Fields" might now be more appropriate than "crop circles" as formations have long ceased being merely circles. Every conceivable geometrical configuration has appeared. It is now a question of combining shapes together. Some of the many hundreds of pictograms have meaningful designs but the majority are merely artistic and beautiful. The ultimate purpose may be to make the human race aware of another lifeform in another dimension. Where we can come together is in a manifestation of controlled energy which physically produces meaning and raises consciousness. Depending on the state of your mind you either accept or reject....

The first formations of 1995 were surprisingly reported from an area of Lancashire around Preston in late April; a small line of circles in rape and a ring at Bolton Green. Another rape formation with crescent, circle and split ringed circle was reported from Kings Somborne, Hants, rather a long time after it formed - possibly as early as April 9th. The build up in rape continued with interesting formations at West Overton, Wilts; Southease, East Sussex; and Overton near Basingstoke. (See Diagram). By the time the phenomenon moved into barley it was becoming clear that the 1995 area of high activity was on a line from Warminster-Winchester (Wilts/Hants) with less round the Silbury Hill area which dominated for the first 8 weeks of the season in 1994. The tendency to cluster early on in one area has been noted for many years. From mid-July on a rapid expansion usually occurs across the country.



The first barley formation was probably a large ringed circle on the 29th May at Avebury close to the A4. The raised portion of crop contained a 9 turn spiral. A very interesting ringed circle with galaxy arms arrived 31st May near Alfreton, E.Sussex. In early June another 9 ringed

affair arrived at Bratton near Westbury White Horse. This had galaxy type features impressed on some of the rings. On June 13th came a very large ringed circle which had 4 mini Celtic crosses incorporated into the design on Telegraph Hill, Cheesefoot Head. A 1994 style "scorpion" formation arrived at Danebury Ring, Hants, on June 16th with a large unique design head.

A series of multiple small circle designs marked the change over to designs in wheat. Two groupings appeared simultaneously on June 20th to the east and west of Alresford Hants. As many as 80-100 circles were seen on one design forming roughly into a ring around a central circle. Whether any geometric sense can be made of this is still under consideration. Our latest news is of a huge design comprising 7 rings and a horseshoe shape of 12 overlapping circles just west of and visible from the A34 near Litchfield Hants. This appeared on Sat July 8th. Once again a very large formation has appeared in the Cheesefoot Head Punchbowl (affording a panoramic view from the A272 road), and there is another good one a mile further up the road. The Punchbowl design this year is a very large flower head made up of 14 half rings or half circles with a projecting stem. It is estimated that the crop will not be harvested before the end of July. Not since 1990 has Cheesefoot produced so early in the season.

Now that events are entering the wheat crop - by far the most frequented by circles - we strongly anticipate some very big events quite soon. Our annual Crop Circle Bulletin will be sent out in Mid-August to those usually receiving it. If you require a free copy please apply to headquarters.

ALL IN THE BRAIN - Can electromagnetic influences on the brain cause UFO sightings and alien abductions?

by Craig Roberts

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"Perhaps we will find that the UFO dilemma, like so many apparently insoluble problems in the history of science, can be resolved by precise numerical analyses."

(Persinger 1980, p.796).

"One hypothesis is that close encounter experiences displayed near a luminosity are evoked by direct stimulation through current induction within the observer's brain."

(Persinger 1983c, p.259).

This article essentially chronicles the research of Michael Persinger who hypothesises that UFO/alien abduction experiences can be explained by electrical activity in the percipient's brain.

PERSINGER'S THEORY

Michael Persinger is a psychologist. Curiously, however, his initial work within the UFO/abduction field involved geology and geophysics. His overall theory could be classified as geophysical as it is the integration of geology with psychology which forms the rationale behind his theory.

Persinger(1976) assessed 7000 reports of unusual events spanning a 160 year period. Patterns seemingly emerged linking geophysical processes with verbal accounts of experiences within the locality of these geophysical processes.

Luminous phenomena observed near or on the ground before, during, or after earthquakes (seismic activity) could, quite easily be mistaken as a UFO. The behaviour of these lights appeared strikingly similar to many accounts of UFO behaviour. Maintaining a stable spatial position for x amount of time then suddenly moving upwards and vanishing are what both phenomena are reported to exhibit. Therefore, through piezoelectric effects from seismic activity, could a percipient be affected by these electrical activities in a way reminiscent of UFO/abduction reports? Michael Persinger certainly believed this to be true and began to bring his psychological knowledge into his theory.

As a human being is a biosystem including the characteristics of being a complex structure of weak electrical and magnetic fields, Persinger (1976) theorized that the luminous phenomena generated by seismic activity (being electrically charged) could have a profound effect on the percipients electrical make up. Persinger broke these effects down into indirect and direct categories.

Indirect effects primarily involve visual and emotional features of the experience. That is, later descriptions of the episode would be affected by aspects such as emotion and the visual record of the event. For instance, if the luminous phenomena approached the percipient it could be labelled "an attack" whereas a stable light could be conducting "surveillance".

Direct effects include those proximity sensations, specific brain area electrical stimulation, amnesia and exposure after effects. Close proximity sensations would include "tingling", "prickly sensation" coupled with piloerection and apprehension. Hippocampal and temporal lobe stimulation could allow percipients to gain access to vivid imagery which may become indistinguishable from reality. If amnesia is experienced, it could allow confabulation by individual-specific fantasies which again may be indistinguishable from reality. After affects would include skin burns, nausea and sleep disturbance among others. All of these appear to be concurrent with accounts of UFO perception and possible alien abductions (see Nagaitis & Mantle 1994, Stone 1993, UFO Casebook 1991).

A summary of the Persinger hypothesis is that luminous phenomena produced by earth bound geological processes, not only mimic "UFO" behaviour, but the electromagnetism released by them effects temporal lobe structures in the percipients brain causing them to believe they have seen an extraterrestrial craft, or in extreme cases, to have been abducted by aliens. As temporal lobe stimulation can produce vivid memories which have no objective reality, the event can be easily "mixed up" in a concoction of reality and fantasy.

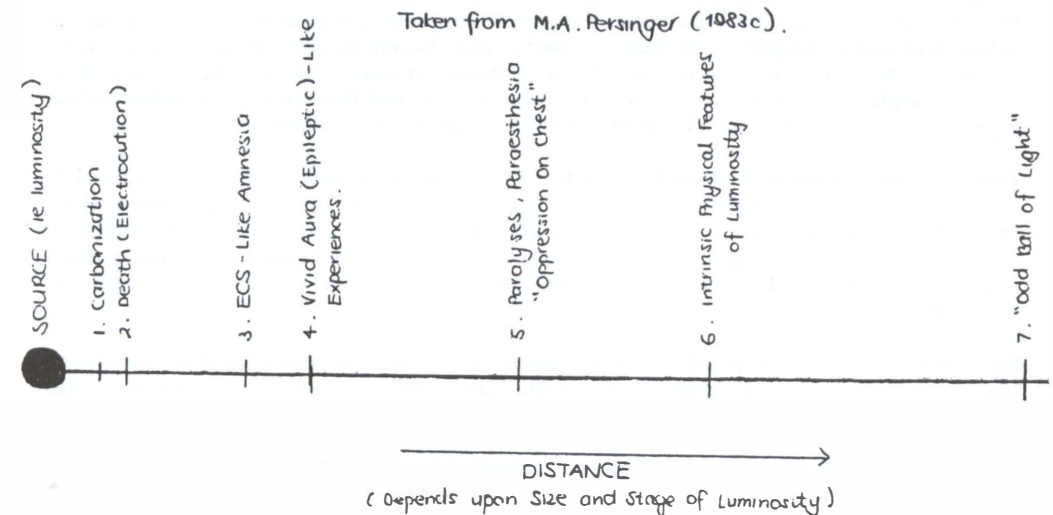
Therefore, it would appear that this theory fits rather well into the UFO enigma, explaining both sections of the UFO-percipient equation. Alas, a theory needs evidence to aid it's cause and this is where Michael Persinger is admittedly weak.

THE EVIDENCE

This section will give a chronological discussion of Michael Persinger evidence to show the development of his theory.

Persinger(1980) discovered that in certain areas of the United States of America, the correlation between seismic activity and UFO reports approached $r = +0.7$. It must be noted that the majority of areas either had negative correlations or very modest values ($r = +0.1$ to $+0.3$). Curiously, subsequent papers only assessed the larger correlations in Central and Eastern United States in more detail, ignoring areas where correlations were minimal (Persinger 1981, 1982, 1983b). Extending to European reports, the success rate at predicting UFO type reports was rather poor at 28% (Persinger 1983a). Persevering, Persinger (1983c) began to

assess the psychological effects on percipients from the electromagnetic emissions. Figure one shows what Persinger(1983c) believes would happen if a percipient approached a luminous emission and vice versa.



As the luminosity releases electromagnetic energy it would begin to alter brain function. the temporal lobe would be affected due to it's lower electrical firing threshold. This stimulation is the crux of Persinger's psychological assessments of percipients.

The direct stimulation would, according to Persinger(1983c) "modify consciousness, perceptual processing and memory." (p261). Any perceptual episode occurring throughout this stimulation would become more vivid relative to normal functioning. these vivid experiences would include strangeness, alterations to perception and terror. These three effects appear concurrent with UFO/abduction accounts (see Stone 1993 for examples).

According to Persinger, the most important feature of his theory regards the origin the origin of close encounters. That is, the electromagnetic field correlated with these luminous phenomena modify the electrical activity of the percipients brain evoking the close encounter experience.

The exact content should be "standard" with three variable aspects-

- (i) Portion of the brain/body affected
- (ii) Verbal label applied to the event before stimulation
- (iii) The percipients past reinforcement history.

This essentially covers Persinger from the variations seen in percipient reports. It must be noted here that Michael Persinger has subsequently never assessed the three variable aspects stated above, choosing instead to focus on temporal lobe activity.

Persinger continued to report correlational evidence linking seismic activity to percipient reports in Washington State (Persinger & Derr 1984), Sweden (Mattson & Persinger 1986), Missouri State (Persinger 1988a) and Manitoba, Canada (Persinger & Derr 1990). Interspersed within the correlational evidence were papers assessing temporal lobe stimulation and its link to paranormal experiences.

Early research had shown tentative correlational relationships between temporal lobe activity

and paranormal beliefs (Persinger 1984 a,b, Persinger & Valliant 1985). That is enhanced temporal lobe neuronal firing can produce feelings which can be attributed to paranormal phenomena including UFO/abduction experiences. This is due to enhanced access to vivid imagery which can be manipulated by pre-situation verbal labelling (e.g. 'Is that a UFO?'). Persinger and Richards (1991) extended the idea of temporal lobe activity by introducing the notion that partial temporal lobe epilepsy could cause beliefs of alien abduction from UFO sightings. As normal people who display qualitatively similar phenomenology compared to people's displays evoked by surgery or spontaneously, also report more subjective paranormal experiences, it could be temporal lobe epilepsy which causes the experience(s).

Persinger(1989) believed the 'sensed presence' felt in abduction experiences was also due to temporal lobe activity. Again, normal people who appear prone to these experiences show heightened temporal lobe activity which, again, gives easier access to vivid, fantastical memorial images. Extending these ideas, DeSana and Persinger (1987) had already shown that a magnetic field generated around the individuals head gave grandiose imaginings and vestibular experiences.

Blackmore (1994) decided to test Persinger's belief that he could induce alien abduction in the laboratory. In a Horizon programme for the BBC (broadcast November 1994), Blackmore was taken into a dimly lit laboratory. When sitting comfortably, a special helmet which specifically stimulated the temporal lobes with magnetic fields was fitted and ping pong balls placed over the eyes. Blackmore was wide awake throughout the laboratory abduction and after ten minutes "...it felt for all the world as though two hands had grabbed my shoulders and were bodily yanking me upright...something seemed to get hold of my leg and pull it, distort it, and drag it up to the ceiling.." (p.31). Blackmore admittedly knew that her experience had occurred as a result of the magnetic stimulation, but what if people did not know the cause? Wouldn't they want an explanation for their experience? It appeared puzzling that Blackmore did not report a vision of an 'alien entity'. She had her doubts of his theory as a whole because her experience was created by close range manipulation. What about the accounts of distal visions and multiple percipients spread over a relatively large location? "Suddenly prospects of magnetic mind control seems an awful lot worse than the idea of being abducted by imaginary aliens." (Blackmore 1994, p.31).

THE ASSESSMENT - criticisms and benefits of Persinger's theory

Before critically assessing the theory and its application(s), it appears appropriate to note a study described in the previous chapter (Spanos et al. 1993). Using the Personal Philosophy Inventory (PPI) which assesses temporal lobe lability, it was seen that it could not differentiate percipients from non-percipients. The PPI was designed by Michael Persinger. Jacobs(1994) never discovered temporal lobe lability in the abductees he has assessed. In fact one of his clients was taking medication which enhanced temporal lobe epilepsy. In one day she reported 125 such seizures but not once did she claim being abducted by aliens. It appears strange that only Persinger discovers these temporal lobe activities whereas researchers objectively assessing percipients find no such activities? Therefore, what other aspects of Persinger's theory appear dubious?

(i) Space and Time

This is one of the longest standing criticisms of Persinger's theory. Rutkowski (1984) was concerned about the relationship between space and time that Persinger proposes. the Manitoba flap reported by Persinger and Derr(1990) was calculated to be due to seismic activity 700km away across the border into Minnesota(Rutkowski 1990). "In the case of the Manitoba UFOs, for example, why would the energy necessarily have to travel hundreds of kilometres

before jumping into the air, changing phase and eventually being seen as a glowing ball of light?" (Rutkowski 1990 p.145). Then, it would still have to effect the percipient's temporal lobe.

Also Rutkowski(1984) reported that these 'earthquake lights' have a very short life-span. This causes Persinger a few problems. According to Blackmore (1994) it took more than ten minutes of exposure before she began to feel a sensed presence. If, as reported, these earthquakes lights may only last a few seconds, how can they effect temporal lobe structures long enough for an abduction-type experience to occur? If there is no earthquake lights there is no electromagnetism to affect the percipient yet such scenarios still produce abduction accounts! there is not always a UFO involved in an abduction account, so how does Persinger explain these cases?

(ii) Sampling techniques

Whilst reading through the bulk of Persinger's work, it became apparent that his samples of individuals were usually rather small in number and consist of a 'normal population'. He has never assessed individuals who believe they had experienced an alien abduction. How can he base a theory around a sample population who have never reported an experience? This appears to make no sense. A good analogy would be that an individual enters a hospital with a broken arm. Asked how it happened, they may reply 'I fell over playing football.' Using the approach that Persinger employs, the nurse would then believe all broken arms occur because the individual fell over. This conclusion would be drawn without actually assessing other people who have broken arms. This example appears absurd but this is essentially what Persinger had done.

(iii) Correlational "Evidence"

Correlations do not equate with causality. This sentence appears to have been partially ignored by Persinger. His largest correlations between UFO reports and seismic activity approach $r = +0.7$. This is still less than 50% of the variance accounted for. Many correlations hover around the $r = +0.2$ to 0.4 mark. This indicates that the relationship is rather weak in nature, with seismic activity accounting for rather little in the UFO enigma. Yet Persinger still advocates the effect vehemently. All of his research has dealt post hoc data with areas notoriously lying on fault lines (e.g. San Francisco) never being assessed! Rutkowski(1990) discussed the problems of post-hoc data analysis whilst Little(1987) challenged Persinger regarding how many non-significant correlational studies he had performed. Persinger has never prospectively predicted a UFO flap, but only retrospectively analysed UFO-abduction-seismic activity data. Theories are supposed to have some predictive power and Persinger has never attempted this.

(iv) Omission of data and Gross's assessment

Grosso(1990b), reporting on a vision he was familiar with, discovered that Persinger's report of the same incident omitted sections of the data that did not fit into his theory. Grosso (1990a,b) asks has Persinger done this elsewhere? Grosso(1990) reassessed a vision of the Virgin Mary in Zeitoun, Egypt, which, according to Derr and Persinger (1989) was a result of seismic activity and temporal lobe stimulation. Grosso(1990) argues that if the effect was physical in nature as Derr and Persinger(1989) posited, why did only a proportion of percipients report seeing the vision? this lead to the conclusion of "...[it] seems to me that Persinger's theory explains very little." (Grosso 1990, p.140).

(v) Data sets for UFOs

Rutkowski (1984,1990) noted that UFO figures Persinger has used could be up to 90% mis-identified and not unidentified. One particular source does admit to collapsing the two types into one. Therefore, a similar problem arises to that discussed in the previous chapter: Persinger is not dealing with true UFOs (and as noted before, people who believe that they have been abducted). Therefore, how can a theory and its 'empirical testing' not be conducted on the variables your theory is based upon?

(vi) Specific effects of stimulation

Swords (1990a,b) contends that Persinger rarely references the specific effects of clinically stimulating temporal lobe structures. Swords also believes that it is not at all obvious that earth-produced, low-strength electromagnetic fields can influence any human brain to hallucinate. This is true. Persinger appears to believe that readers of his articles have prior assumptions regarding temporal lobe dysfunctions and therefore cites very little work relating to the mechanisms behind how and why it occurs. As a novice to the aspects of this area of neuropsychology it was rather annoying not to have any substantial evidence presented for the basis of Persinger's theory. Browsing through a variety of neuropsychological textbooks, temporal lobe epileptic traits do include hallucinations and perceptual distortions (Lezak 1976) but most believe that temporal lobe lability (instability) is a long term condition and is linked to psychiatric deviance(s) (e.g. Diamond 1980). This is not concurrent with percipients who only claim one experience and with those who exhibit any psychiatric deviance. This raises an ethical question which Persinger appears to have overlooked. As he uses 'normal populations' to test his theory, has he considered that his epileptic-type induction may precipitate future lability in the individual? Has Persinger assessed possible side effects of his experimental stimulation?

Another related aspect which remains unreported from Persinger is the actual alien entity. Blackmore (1994) only reported feeling a presence but never described an actual figure. One of the common traits of an alleged alien abduction is the 'short grey entity with large black eyes,' (see Cassirer 1994, Nagaitis & Mantle 1994). Throughout his articles, Persinger has never reported that a participant saw anything! There is also another problem linked to the alien entities. Persinger believes that verbal labels prior to stimulation affects the overall outcome of the experience (Persinger 1976,1983c). However, verbal labels must surely be culture specific. Using myths and legends as an example, the cultural specificity is clearly defined via vast differences in text content. why are these entities therefore extremely similar in height, stature etc., when pre-verbal labels would most likely be different culture-by-culture?

(vii) Ignorance of critics

In order to develop (and defend) a theory it should be capable of surviving criticisms. One way in which Persinger has achieved this via ignorance of his critics. Whilst this allows more time to develop and extend a theory, it could nullify the entire theory by overlooking the flaws and irrationalities.

A recent debate regarding Persinger's theory and Paul Devereux's "sister" theory of earthquake lights features in a new series of the Journal of UFO Studies. Critiques of both theories were presented and both authors were asked to respond and justify their theories.

Devereux(1990) began his response-

"Though I feel that none of the four response papers adequately deal with the depth and scope of the material Michael Persinger and I have presented, either here or in general, I will confine myself to brief comments on some of the points raised in them," (p.151)

The "points raised" that Devereux(1990) deals with include the criticisms already raised in this dissertation. In my belief, these criticisms are valid and justified and do deal with the depth and scope of material already published in this area. The arrogance of Devereux(1990) could be seen as a show of insecurity with his theory.

Michael Persinger was congratulated because he had found unexpected time to produce a reply to the critiques. Why? If his theory could adequately explain the criticisms, the reply would have been "supersonic" to dispel the points raised against his theory.

(viii) Aftereffects of experience

In the previous chapter, The Omega Project (Ring & Rosing 1990) had reported varying psychophysical changes in percipients after their experience(s), mainly beneficial and enduring. Grosso (1990) attacked Persinger's(1988b) warning regarding the hazards of assessing UFO flaps and sites of alien abductions. Persinger(1988b) believed that UFO field investigators that have intermittent close proximity to the electromagnetic fields produced by "UFOs" are at a very high risk of cancer, depression, tumours and leukaemia. This must therefore apply to percipients who believe they have had multiple experiences as they are exposed to the electromagnetic fields too. Persinger(1988b) gave one piece of evidence from Portugal of three children who had proximal exposures, of which two died within three years of their exposure. Persinger overlooked the fact that vast numbers of field investigators and percipients who continually study and be studied, are perfectly healthy, physically and psychologically.

Figure One shown previously in this chapter predicts that close encounter percipients should either be carbonized or die via electrocution. Evidence for close encounters are widespread and the percipients has to be alive to tell their experience. it would appear that Persinger's theory requires modifications.

(ix) Laboratory abductions

Although these are relatively new research projects for Michael Persinger they already have problems. the laboratory set up is very contrived. For a mock abduction to be initiated the room must be dimly lit, the percipient has to sit still with a specifically designed helmet on theory head and ping pong balls over their eyes. The curious part is that the percipient remembers everything and can report it almost immediately but cannot recall specific events as in "real" abduction scenario. Nagaitis and Mantle(1994) reviewed UK abduction cases and common themes emerged. These included sexual encounters, medical encounters and gynaecological encounters. Through his mock abduction scenario, Persinger does not receive reports of these types of encounters. In fact, if Blackmore's (1994) account is a good example of a mock abduction, there is no reporting of anything in particular, only a sensation of an event. Persinger needs the type of evidence if there is any chance of his theory explaining alien abductions.

The author attempted correspondence with Michael Persinger questioning how he generalizes his theory to field settings but did not receive a reply.

A final criticism is that the "...tectonic strain is one of the least popular of all explanations of UFOs..." (Little 1987 p.203). If allowed, in my belief, alien abductions should be inserted at the end of this quote. Alas, however, Persinger's theory does have some benefits.

Persinger should be commanded for teaching 'the art of perseverance.' He had adamantly stuck to his initial theory, expanding on it where relevant even in the face of adversity.

He has also highlighted the role of psychology within the domain of UFO/alien abduction research. As discussed in the previous chapter, it is only relatively recently that the percipient half of the UFO-percipient equation has been thoroughly studied. Persinger's theory could account for a small proportion of experiences but UFO/abduction research by ufologists (UFO researchers) has long passed the 'lights in the sky' period and his theory appears only of use within the abduction domain.

The neuropsychological information that Persinger has gathered could prove useful within the realm of temporal lobe lability and the effects that electromagnetism has on the human brain.

CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT

The author generated correspondence with notable UFO research groups and individuals worldwide plus psychologists who had either studied in this area or parapsychology in general, in an attempt to unravel what 'professionals' thought of both psychological theories discussed in this paper.

Michael Soper, Chairman of Contact International (U.K) was annoyed that many scientists go around debunking (discrediting) UFO research even though they have not studied the area or visited witnesses. The Horizon programme (broadcast November 1994) about Persinger's theory and work was conducted "...rather like a survey of psychology which consults a single behaviourist and trashes everything else..." Michael Soper noted that Blackmore (1994) was told prior to her laboratory abduction what was going to happen. Blackmore had only just lambasted a hypnotic researcher for giving pre-hypnotic suggestion! A final point from Michael Soper regards Michael Persinger's theory. Why don't power station workers continually report UFOs/abduction who are exposed to electromagnetism? Within Contact's 80,000 cases of UFOs/abductions, only one case was in or around a power station.

Malcolm Robinson, founder of Strange Phenomena Investigations, welcomed Persinger's work but ultimately believed UFO/abduction accounts to be real. "As for being a by-product of the human psyche, well partly yes, who knows..." therefore an open minded approach is evident.

Tony Dodd, Director of Investigations at Quest International (U.K.) does not hold the temporal lobe theory too. this is because the UFO/abduction phenomena is worldwide with near identical stories regardless of race, religion or location.

David Barclay, author and UFO specialist, believes that Persinger is "...flawed by the unwarranted assumption that its all in the mind." That is, he presumes a fundamental distinction between subjective and objective reality.

Subjective reality does not necessarily indicate an objective nature for these experiences, a view shared by Barry Beyerstein of Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada.

Paul Norman, from the Victorian UFO Research Society, Australia believes that Persinger ignores several characteristics which are not concurrent with his theory. In short, he does not include those points which do not fit into his theory.

Yuri Lozotsev, formerly of the Voronezh Joint Anomalous Phenomena Research Committee, Russia, was a man of much knowledge, and proud that a University Undergraduate was being allowed to explore this fascinating area. He believes that UFO percipients are normal and has this to say about Michael Persinger: "But, alas, the Tectonic Stress Theory as yet fails to explain the UFO phenomena as measuring a patients temperature to determine his intelligence quotient."

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SUMMARY OF PERSINGER

It appears from the assessment and contemporary thoughts regarding Persinger's overall theory, there is minimal support for his explanations of UFO/abduction experiences. Even Blackmore(1994) who underwent a laboratory abduction did not advocate his theory, especially concerning abduction cases that occur outdoors, not near any known areas of electromagnetism. Admittedly, his contrived laboratory abductions do not contain a lot of the information that abductees give of their experiences. However, his evidence is based upon non-abductees. Abductees should ideally be given a laboratory version and be allowed to compare experiences for similarities and differences. therefore Persinger's theory cannot be discarded yet, although the evidence thus far is weak. If Jacobs(1994) is correct in stating that the geological/psychological communities have not accepted the respective aspects of Persinger's theory, then there appears little hope for him.

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EARTHLIGHT HYPOTHESIS FLAWED: EARTHQUAKES, SUNSPOTS AND UFO'S.

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INTRODUCTION: Check the chart opposite and you will see that when the sunspot cycle is divided into MINIMUM, ASCENT, PLATEAU, S DESCENT phases of length 1.8, 2.4, 2.4, 2.1, 1.8 years each (based on the data from the Sunspot Index Data Centre in Belgium, then the percentage in each phase are 5.4, 34.8, 11.9, 38, 9.9 percent of the 46 UFO waves so that UFO waves occur least in the minimum phase, and most in the rapid descent phase, with the ascent phase coming next in frequency count.

The Russian scientist Viafonas Zeva in 1963 suggested that major Earthquakes appear to happen most often during the MINIMUM phase of the sunspot cycle, these two facts taken together indicate that the UFO waves are occurring most away from the phase when these Earthquakes do occur.

MAIN DETAILS: We are currently near a sunspot minimum and within a few months we have heard of the tragic Japanese Earthquake at Kobe and now on Sunday the 28th May we have the tragic events at Neftegorsk a Russian Island;- two large quakes.

LARGE QUAKES:	DATE	PLACE	PHASE
	1783	CALABRIA	MINIMUM
	1857	NAPLES	MINIMUM
	1891	JAPAN	MINIMUM
	1896	HEREFORD	MINIMUM

	1897	INDIA	MINIMUM
	1901	INVERNESS	MINIMUM
	1906	ECUADOR	MAXIMUM
	1952	KAMCHATKA	MINIMUM
	1957	ANDREANOL	MAXIMUM
	1960	CHILE	R DESCENT
OCT	1963	KURILE	MINIMUM
	1964	ALASKA	MINIMUM
	1995	KOBE, JAPAN	N MINIMUM
	1995	NEFTEGORSK	N MINIMUM

in addition to this data from 'Gutenberg and Richter' 1954 : "Seismicity of Earth and associated ..." we have that the sunspot maxima of 1927 was correlated with a decrease of seismic activity to about half (50 compared with 98): of 14 large quakes 11 were minimum phase.

THOUGHTS: Now for strata to emit Earthlights, which conceivably could happen the strata must be under strain, and must be composed of piezo-active crystals. Thus before a quake we would expect maximum strain; hence we are concerned with the minimum and the end of the SLOWDESCENT phase; however UFO waves occur with only 12% in the latter and 6.5% in the former, and thus are not occurring with any very significant correlation to these quakes: CEIII's CEIV's and CEII's are the events which the 'ETLE' likes to explain away (Earthlight strikes temporal lobe producing epileptic aura). However this fussy little hypothesis does not explain why power station workers (who are often exposed to inverse square, inverse fourth, switching plasmas and every other high electric field) do not constantly experience the ETLE for themselves; our files do not bear this out.

MORE MATERIAL: Sometimes I have seen the claim that business confidence increases during sunspot maxima, and prewar in America there is some basis for this. We also have the Geological link of seismic activity with sunspot minima, and the empirical correlation of a changing sunspot situation with UFO waves. Is there any evidence that the decrease of prosperity during sunspot minima is due to the drain on resources caused by Earthquakes? No, not directly, though the question of when major meteorological floods occur in the cycle needs checking (the Mississippi region a disease disaster area is currently flooded also; perhaps these occur more often at these times. A check is required, clearly.

FURTHER DIRECTION: When Earthlights are not hypothesised to explain the FOO fighters which formed with planes over the Pacific Ocean, and to explain Close Encounters, the idea is not inconceivable that a mechanism like this might work occasionally, or once. However the evidence given here which places UFO waves, which contain very many CEIII's and CEIV's at a different point of the Sunspot cycle from the greatest tectonic stress (according to the Russian geologists) does not support the hypothesis at all. Especially is this true in respect of the ETLE model.

In reference to the graph overleaf:

This indicates that:

- 5.4 per cent were at Sunspot Minimum
- 34.8 per cent were during the Sunspot ASCENT phase
- 11.9 per cent were during the Sunspot Maximum phase
- 38 per cent were during the sunspot DESCENT phase
- 9.9 per cent were during the sunspot slow descent

Examination of the Sunspot Curve (SIDC Belgium) will show that these phases are nearly equal.

The sunspot cycle which repeats every 10.5 years approximately has when averaged a curve with five phases:

Here is a table of UFO wave countries by time and sunspot cycle:

X- Wave in this phase

Year	COUNTRY(S)	MINIMUM	ASCENT	PLATEAU	RAPID DESCENT	SLOW DESCENT
1896	US				X	
1909	GB				X	
1913	GB, NEW ZEALAND				XX	
1932-4	SCANDINAVIA	.5(X)				.5(X)
1946	GREECE, SCANDINAVIA		XX			
1947	USA			X		
1950	N. AFRICA, SPAIN, USA				XXX	
1952	W. EUROPE, US					XX
1954	FRANCE, N. AFRICA	XX				
1955	USA		X			
1957	BRAZIL, USA			XX		
1958	JAPAN				X	
1959	NEW GUINEA				X	
1960	NEW ZEALAND				X	
1962	ARGENTINA, BRAZIL					XX
1964)	AUSTRALIA, C. AFRICA		XXX			
5)	CHILE, US, MEXICO		XX			
1966	S. AFRICA, USSR		XX			
1967	USA		X			
1968	SPAIN, W. EUROPE			XX		
1972	C AND S. AFRICA				XX	
1973	USA, W. EUROPE				X	
1978	ITALY, NZ, KUWAIT		XXX			
1981-3	NORWAY			.5(X)	.5(X)	
1987-8	GB		X			
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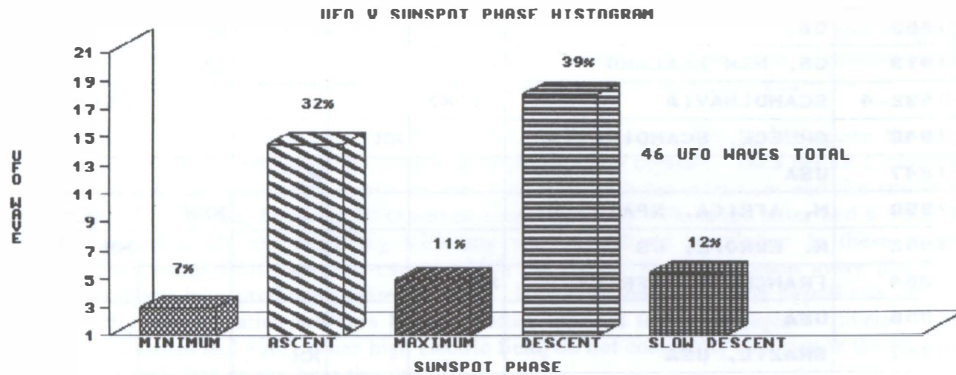
WAVES IN EACH PHASE

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In fact the five phases are 1.8, 2.4, 2.4, 2.1, 1.8 years thus the weights are 2.1/1.8, 2.1/2.4, 2.1/2.4, 1, 2.1/1.8 giving 2.9, 14, 4.8, 17.5, 5.25 as the relative numbers in the phases corrected for slight differences in phase length:

Now splitting up forty six UFO waves with these ratios gives
3, 14.5, 5, 18, 5.5 in each phase

A histogram is appended with the help of data from the Sunspot Index Data Centre (Circular Ave, B-1180 Brussels, Belgium) to whom many thanks.



ASTRONOMICAL NOTES

by G.E. Ambler

The positions of the planets or stars creating UFO mis-identifications are recorded annually for the benefit of investigators. The most commonly mistaken planet is VENUS which is far brighter than any other planet or star and often low in the sky where it is viewed through layers of disturbed air on stormy days. An impression of movement may occur in these conditions.

MARS, the red planet, has often been misreported and is prominent during the first half of 1995. JUPITER is seen at some time in every year and usually very bright. Some of its 4 large moons can be observed through good binoculars serving as identification to the main planet.

The planets will vary considerably in brightness and position from year to year but the stars behave consistently at all times. the brightest star is SIRIUS which rises below the constellation Orion and can be seen before midnight from November-March yearly. This star is very white and "twinkles" strongly. During the Summer of 1994 observations of a star believed to be ARCTURUS gave an impression of oscillating colour changes. Unusual effects maybe due to atmospheric conditions and should be carefully noted.

The scale of brightness is expressed as MAGNITUDE. Without going into technical details the brightest objects in the sky have negative magnitude and the fainter objects positive magnitude. Thus we have Venus at -4.4 brightest, compared to Sirius at -1.47 and the Moon at -12.5. The sun is far brighter than anything else in the heavens and on the same scale is -26.5 magnitude.

Below is a list of monthly movements including phases of the Moon and any prominent shooting stars.

JANUARY : It may be possible to see MERCURY near the setting sun to south west, mid-month. VENUS is brilliant (-4.4) on the 13th in eastern sky and rises up to 3 hours before the sun in the early hours. MARS is around for most of the night - magnitude -1. SATURN viewed in early evening but only +1 brightness. The New Moon is on Jan. 1st and the Full Moon on 16th. A second New Moon on 30th. Dark nights will be about 1st-5th and 25th-31st. "Quadrantids" meteor showers on 2-4 January.

FEBRUARY : VENUS seen to the east about 1.5-2 hours before sunrise. MARS at its brightest this month; -1.2 on 12th, around most of night. JUPITER seen in the early hours after 02:00. The Full Moon is Feb. 15th. Darkest nights will be approx. 4th-5th, 23rd-28th.

MARCH : VENUS shows about an hour before sunrise to east, but difficult to see by end of month. No further observations until October. MARS still visible most of the night but brightness decreasing. JUPITER seen often after midnight for most of the month. The New Moon is on 1st and 31st March and the Full moon on 17th March. Darkest nights will be approx. 1-5 and 25-31.

APRIL : MERCURY visible near setting sun after April 14th (-1 magnitude). MARS fades to +0.5 magnitude so will be unlikely to be picked out as a UFO. JUPITER continues to brighten now at -2.3 magnitude, now appearing before midnight. The New Moon is 29th April and Full Moon is 15th April. the darkest nights will be approx. 1-5th and 25th-30th. Lyrid meteorite showers 19-25th April.

MAY : MERCURY visible as evening star to around May 12th. MARS seen in evening but now quite faint. JUPITER rising soon after dark will be only bright object on show for most of the night. SATURN appears in the early hours at magnitude +1.2. The New Moon is 29th May and the Full Moon is 14th May. the darkest nights will be approx. 1-5th and 25-31st.

JUNE : MERCURY possibly seen as morning object towards rising sun. MARS visible to 11 pm but now only +1,2 brightness. JUPITER is best this month; brightest on 1st, -2.6 magnitude and visible most of night. SATURN is a morning object. The New Moon is 28th June and the Full Moon is 13th June. The darkest nights will be approx. 1-4th and 25-30th.

JULY : MARS seen in evening but at +1.3 magnitude so very faint. JUPITER is still bright at -2.4 and visible for most of the short nights. SATURN visible before midnight but +1.0 magnitude. The New Moon is 27th July and the Full moon is 12th July. the darkest nights will be approx. 1-3rd and 23-30th.

AUGUST : MARS now almost invisible. JUPITER seen for early part of the evening. little to be seen in the early hours. The New Moon is 26th August and Full Moon is 10th August. The darkest nights will be approx. 1-2nd and 20-27th. Perseid meteor showers arrive 11-14th. These are usually best displays of the year.

SEPTEMBER : No bright planets visible this month. JUPITER still bright but sets almost before sunset. SATURN is brightest on 14th at +0.7 magnitude and visible most of the night. The new Moon is 24th September and Full moon is 9th September. the darkest nights will be approx. 18-26th.

26 OCTOBER : MERCURY visible low to the SE from 5th. Rises 2 hours before sunrise by 21st magnitude -1. VENUS very low to SW at sunset; just visible. JUPITER is at -1.8 magnitude but sets very soon after sunset. SATURN is visible to 02:00
The New Moon is 24th October and Full Moon is 8th October. The darkest nights are approx. 19-26th.

A total eclipse of the Sun occurs on October 24th but only visible from Asia and Pacific Ocean in totality. A minor eclipse of the MOON occurs on October 8th, but ends at 18:00 so is likely to be unseen from British latitude.

NOVEMBER : MERCURY visible low to the SE before dawn but only in first few days. VENUS now more prominent setting an hour after sun in SW. JUPITER sets quickly after sun. SATURN visible to midnight.
The New Moon is 22nd November and Full Moon is 7th November. the darkest nights are approx. 17th-25th.

DECEMBER : MERCURY now an evening object setting 1.5 hours after the Sun by the 31st. Seen towards south west, but has positive magnitude. VENUS now strongly showing for nearly 3 hours after sunset by end of month with magnitude -4.0. Position towards west. SATURN visible to 22:00.
The New Moon is 22nd December and Full Moon is 7th December. the darkest nights are approx. 18-25th. Geminids meteor showers seen between December 7th and 15th- Maximum 14th

Source : The Times - Night Sky 1995.

LATEST SIGHTINGS NEWS

Data Research

The advent of a very hot Summer has brought about a big increase in reported sightings no doubt due to the numbers of potential witnesses sitting out in their gardens on sultry evenings instead of watching a ceaseless procession of videos! The late June heatwave accompanied by a NE wind gave about 5 nights of almost perfect viewing and it was claimed that the Space Shuttle and the Russian Mir station it was docked to could be seen at about 10:40 pm on 2 nights passing over British airspace. This may have caused a frenzy of UFO reports in some areas.

There is now a definite trend in reporting of red rectangles. At least 6 cases have emerged since February. Very similar reports of a line of 4 to 6 rectangles have been reported from the west of England on 16/2, 13/3 and 26/4 by independent witnesses. A very large single rectangle was seen around 1 am near Dorking, Surrey in May. A rectangular amber coloured light in a vertical line was seen by 5 witnesses in a car between Solihull and Lichfield close to the M42 on July 4th. The object was not moving. The latest case reported is from a 12 year old girl who saw a large red rectangle hovering over a farm near Bicester, Oxon on July 6th at 9 pm. More details in our next edition.

Crop circles are arriving in large numbers but mainly confined to North Hampshire and Sussex. there are very few near Avebury as at this date (26/7) and other counties seem to be quiet compared to 1994.

A DOSSIER OF GREEK UFOLOGY (PART II)

THE THESSALONIKI EARTHQUAKE OF 1978

By Omiros Karajas, summarised by Brian James

Among the reports from Omiros Karajas, of UPIT, was the following account - the major earthquake of 20 Jun. 1978. While it isn't at first an obvious UFO event, there are reports of lights that may be significant in terms of the research into 'earthlights', and there were some very curious preliminary occurrences.

During May of 1978 the whole area around Thessaloniki was subjected to many minor tremors and quakes, centered on Lake Volvi, about 20km away, and this was naturally causing considerable panic. On 25th May a quake of 5.7R (Richter scale) was felt, causing considerable damage, and this was followed on the 3rd June by another 5.0R quake, causing further damage and widespread fear that the end was near for the town. A further 4.5R quake struck on 12th June, and this time the authorities assured the people that it was an aftershock, and was not serious.

It was from the 12th June that strange things started to occur. Many people still in the region of Lake Volvi reported underground noises, and that the surface of the lake also shook without obvious cause. A taxi driver from Langada was asked to take an old woman, dressed all in black, to the Panorama area. The driver asked the woman if she had any baggage, and she said no, so he took her on the journey. When they arrived, the old woman then asked for her bags, and out of curiosity the driver opened the boot of his car, and there he found a big trunk. He opened the trunk, and saw it was divided into two parts, one contained wheat, and the other drying blood. The old woman then said "All Salonika will be destroyed on 19th June", then just disappeared. In a separate incident, a lorry driver stopped to give a lift to a 75-80 year old man, dressed in black, who wanted to go to Langada. While traveling, the old man turned to the driver and said "Salonika, my boy, will be destroyed on 19th June", and then vanished. There were other reports of an old man, dressed in black, that visited many homes in Langada, again warning of the destruction of Thessaloniki on 19th June.

At about noon on 19th June a strong quake hit Thessaloniki, leaving the residents waiting for the final quake - this finally came at 23.04hrs on 20th June, with a force in excess of 6.5R, and for 16 seconds all hell almost literally broke loose.

- Just preceding the quake, people on the streets witnessed a very sudden strong wind that whipped up dust, then the quake struck, people fell to the ground, and some reported seeing 8 storey buildings on opposite sides of the street apparently touch as the ground twisted.
- Many witnesses felt a strong dizziness while they were on the ground. While the ground was heaving, streetlights were felled, yet a curious point is that despite power lines being ripped apart, lights were observed to remain on for several seconds - suggesting a strong electric field emanating from the quake itself, and many people reported an ionization of the air.
- In the northeast part of the town, the quake was preceded by a strong blue light, that lit up the area as if daylight, and this light lasted for 16 seconds. Electrical supplies then failed.
- The centre of the quake was at Lake Volvi, and naturally the situation was very bad. Many people heard noises before the quake, and a very thick cloud was seen over the lake, with 'thunderbolts' between them. Later on, Omiros learned that 5 large blue objects were seen, twice the size of the full moon, and many other smaller lights were seen.
- Two geology students in separate locations reported that strange 'lightning' occurred during the quake.

- Two hours after the quake, all of the people were out of what was left of their homes, and many people, including UPIT investigators, saw a grey circular object pass over the town towards Lake Volvi, its size was like the full moon. There were also many reports of blue spheres over the town.
- On 4th July, another series of 3 quakes hit the area, but during the night a strange 'star' hovered over the town for 5 hours before moving towards Lake Volvi.
- On 14th September a 'fire object' was seen over Thessaloniki.
- On 16th September a triangular object with a zig-zag motion was seen for a few seconds over the town during an eclipse of the moon.

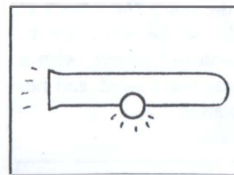
Omiros himself was left homeless, and had to live in a tent for 3 months, so understandably it was some time before he, and other members of UPIT were able to gather all the data. It was then that another curious report came to light, as after the quake, one army camp reported an object about 200m above the ground, having no noise, and being of a lantern blue in colour. It remained over the camp for about an hour, before the light went out and it disappeared. At the time, among the confusion, it was assumed it was an aircraft involved in rescue operations, another similar light appeared a few nights later.

During 1980 Omiros was able to correspond, and eventually meet with Dr. Bill Papazahos, a Greek seismologist with worldwide respect in his field, being a doctor of geophysics. Omiros wanted to know if the various lights seen during, and after, the earthquake, were connected with the seismic activity, or were the result of something else. Dr. Papazahos stated that the phenomena of 'earthlights' was unknown to him, and that it was still unexplained by science. Dr. Papazahos also stated that the necessary recording devices were not available at the time of the event, so the mass of potential data was lost to science.

** I think you will agree that considering what was happening at the time, we have some remarkably clear accounts of various lights seen during, and after the earthquake. The seismic activity would certainly seem likely to generate energies that could create what we call earthlights, which are themselves still little understood. While I feel that some of the lights could have been earthlights, I am far from convinced that such a phenomenon would remain stationary for several hours as some reports state - natural phenomena very rarely lack any motion, the Earth, and its atmosphere is dynamic. Some researchers have put forward the theory that earthlights explain nearly all UFO sightings, but here we have first-hand evidence that major seismic activity may be required to generate such earthlights - whatever physical mechanism is operating to create, and maintain them. I find it hard to accept that earthlights can be regularly produced in areas of low seismic activity, and surely some highly active seismic regions of the world should be producing vast numbers of reports?*

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Spring:1978 - Didimoticho: Shortly before sunset, an object reflecting sunlight was seen moving from northwest to southeast. After the sun had set, an large metallic craft was still visible, viewed through 12x40 binoculars, and it was clearly a cigar shape, with no windows, and it left no trail, moving at a slow speed. During the sighting, an airliner passed below the object in the opposite direction, and was at least three times smaller. The object disappeared when it flew into a small cloud.



May:1978 - Athens: A UFO was seen from the balcony of a house, the weather was good and the sky clear. The object was the apparent size of a notebook, and was a uniform grey/blue colour all over, except for a red light source underneath. The witness estimated that the object was over 1km away. It moved slowly across the sky in strange 'spasmodic' movements, and was in sight for about 5 minutes.

Jul:1978 - Peloponnisos: A 12 year old boy was on his bicycle near the beach at midnight, when a strong yellow-white light appeared about 50m away through a grove of lemon trees. The object was like an upturned saucer, and was about 5m above the ground. The witness was very afraid and left the scene as fast as possible.

UPIT were concerned about the authenticity of this report, doubting whether a 12 year old would be out at that time of night, but when interviewed he seemed mature for his age and was sincere.



16:Sep:1978 - Thessaloniki: A strange luminous object was seen in the night sky. Astronomers claimed it was a rocket re-entry, but witnesses deny this explanation.

16:Sep:1978 - Thessaloniki: Omiros Karajas was taking photos of the moon during its eclipse. Omiros saw an aircraft flying into the airport, and he took his 8x30 binoculars to watch it. He then noticed a very dark object flying alongside the plane. The object was triangular, and it made very rapid horizontal and vertical movements, also hovering on occasions. The object was so dark in colour that Omiros could not take a photo, and all of the sighting was observed through his binoculars.

26:Oct:1978 - Paphos, Cyprus: The witness - Cristofis Charalampous - was driving into town from the village of Tremithousa, with his wife also in the car. He noticed a strange light moving in the opposite direction, and stopped the car to watch, and was observing the object for 9 minutes until his wife urged him to leave, in this time the object closed from about 2km to only 500m away. The object was a bright ball, emitting red, yellow and blue rays.

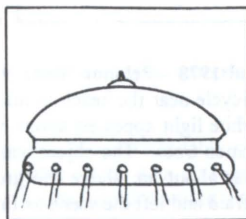
26:Oct:1978 - Athens: Two teenage brothers saw a big luminous object in the clear sky at about 19.20hrs, it was white-yellow in colour, and had an ellipsoid shape, moving from south to north at high speed. After 30 seconds it just 'turned off'. Its speed was estimated to be faster than Mirage jet aircraft that were common in the skies. One of the witnesses reported another smaller object after another 30 seconds, moving at the same speed and direction as the first, leaving a tail before 'blowing up' into 4 or 5 pieces.

1:Jul:1979 - Thessaloniki: A strange UFO was seen over the city just before midnight. It was a cone shape, which turned on itself, emitting bright light. It disappeared before re-appearing again 10 minutes later, finally leaving to the south with a luminous tail.

11:Jul:1979 - Niepo, Thessaloniki: Anastasia Hadsikosima was awake at 03.30hrs, having been disturbed by her dogs crying, causing her to fear an earthquake was imminent. Her attention was drawn to a very bright circular light in the western sky. The witness thought the object was about 300m above the ground. The light moved, then disappeared at high speed.

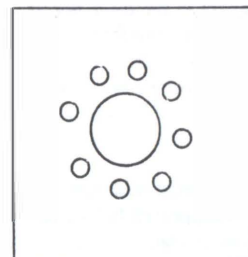
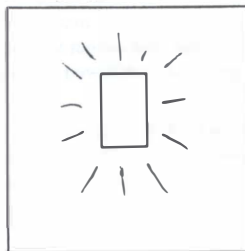
17:Nov:1978 - Kaphos, Cyprus: Georgiou George was on duty at the hotel *Theophono* at 02.30hrs, when he heard a 'sound like a transmitter' from outside, so he went out to investigate. He saw an object in the clear sky, it was a dark saucer-shaped object, with a green luminescence on its rim, which was about 1km away. The witness was scared, and ran inside to phone the police, but the phone system in the hotel was inoperative.

27:Nov:1978 - Paphos, Cyprus: Ntinios Hadjimitsis, a farmer, was outside in his fields ploughing at about 03.00hrs, when, in a clear sky, he noticed a red disk-shaped object hovering above a tree about 100m away. The witness stopped his tractor and watched the object for 10 minutes. The object had a small dome, and there were small 'portholes' in its lower hull, emitting rays of light. Initially the witness thought it to be a helicopter, but as he was watching it, it gained speed and disappeared fast to the east.



Dec:1978 - Oresmada: The night sky was bright due to the moon, and at about 21.00hrs the witnesses, traveling in a car, saw in front of them, just above the horizon, an object shaped like a huge 'Z'. The object seemed to be comprised of a blood-red point of light moving at very high speed, forming the 'Z' shape, but the outline of the 'Z' seemed to be opaque and surrounded by a transparent 'fog'. The path of the UFO was over mainland Turkey.

20:Dec:1978 - Paphos, Cyprus: Mr. Yiannakis Iounnou, a merchant, was traveling with his wife in his car between Paphos and Limassol at 05.10hrs. His attention was grabbed by a very bright UFO in the sky, being so bright it would have been impossible not to notice it. The object was rectangular, about the size of a large car, and it seemed to be expanding while emitting bright orange rays of light. The object was in view for about 30 minutes while the Iounnou's continued their journey, though the witness's wife wanted him to stop. It was lost to sight as they continued their journey.



22:Dec:1978 - Aegaleo: During the evening, between 20.30hrs and 21.00hrs, in a sky with some clouds, and object was seen above the horizon. It comprised of one large light, surrounded by 8 smaller lights in a sort of halo. The object moved to the west, then stopped and reversed its course. Then it moved north, disappearing after a few minutes. During this time, some of the outer lights went out, but all the outer lights were on at the time of the object's departure. The sighting lasted between 30 and 45 minutes.

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Unmanned satellites have in our recent past, sent photographs back to Earth that have corrected and changed much of our understanding of the solar system in which we live. Indeed it has only been through advancements in technology which led to a greater understanding of astronomy that we were able to discover Uranus in 1781, Neptune in 1846 and Pluto in 1930. And more recently, NASA has realized that deviations in the movements of Uranus and Neptune, have convinced it of the existence of an "outer solar system body of 4 to 8 Earth masses, lying beyond 7 billion miles from the Sun." Nasa is so sure of this planet, that they now conclude that our solar system has 10 planets, or rather a solar system with 12 members, when our Moon and the Sun are included. This raises a startling question, when we examine the photograph of the clay tablet shown above, which clearly depicts a solar system of 12 members, each represented in their true scale. Dated to nearly 5,000 years old, it was excavated over 100 years ago with thousands of other tablets dating back to Earth's first civilization, a country which we called Sumer, today's modern Iraq.

Sumerian cosmology, their science, and the 12th member Nasa is now seeking, have been the life times study of archaeologist and author Zecharia Sitchin. Sumerian medicine used the symbol of two snakes entwined, one that is still used by medical corps today. Yet as a pictorial symbol it is the most simplest and exact description of the microscopic double helix structure of D.N.A. The precursor to all plant and animal life for which we have only recently been able to understand and identify. So successful have been the 10 million copies sold of Mr Sitchin's books, that an incredible video film has been made, based on his book "Genesis Revisited". This film "ARE WE ALONE", which cost over a million dollars in its making, explains in beautiful detail who gave our first civilization this knowledge, and clarifies the writings of our bible, to leave no doubt that not only does E.T. life exist but it has co-existed with us from our very beginning. This is fact, not fiction, and the 3,000 year old battery cell, and the flywheel that was found in a pyramid, are small evidence compared to the scientific documents that abound in their thousands. If you have ever been troubled with the questions of man's origins, debating between a religious conscience that is baffled with the logic of D.N.A. evolution to the theories of a biological evolution confounded by spiritual incidents, your answer can now be found in the clear and scientific explanations Sitchin has made of the Sumerian's story of creation, that was copied, and recopied, and changed numerous times with translation before it eventually arrived in our Bible. The books and video explaining this are offered from:

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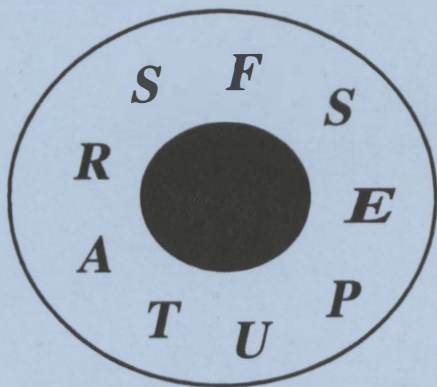
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The anagram may be a single word, phrase or name, but it will always be connected with Ufology in some way.

Last issue's answer:

POWERCUT

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