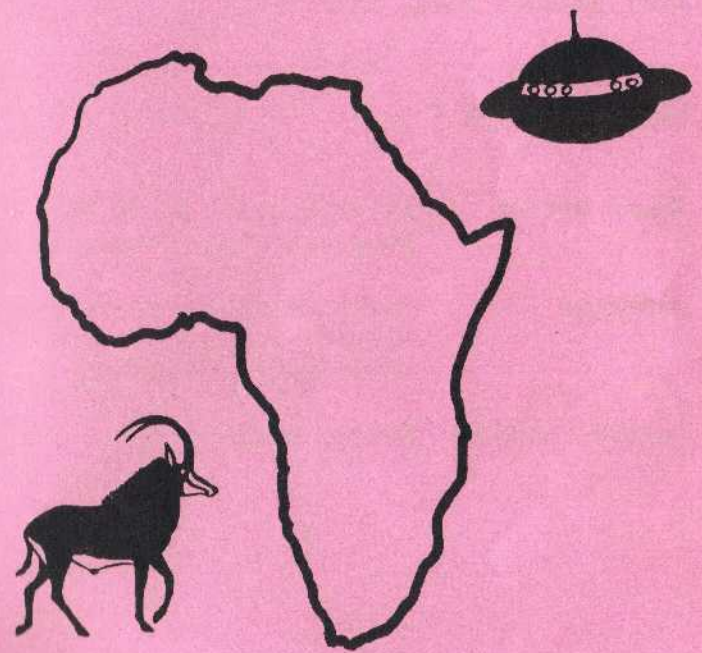


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It has happened to me in the past: I am attending an International UFO Conference and listening to one of the speakers. Suddenly, I am unaware of where I am! Am I still in the UFO Conference Hall, or have I inadvertently had an out-of-body experience which has dropped me into the centre of another controversial discussion group? One of whose intricacies I am totally unaware?

I almost panic, but my calm exterior (inherited from the British), my total savoir faire (South African COLONIAL INFLUENCE) and essentially female acceptance of whatever happens, make me sit tight and reassess the situation.

My God, where am I? For this is not the UFO Conference I entered last night; or was it yesterday, or the day before?

You see, I'm quite a simple sort of person as opposed to the complexities that give us the Philip Klass's and James Oberg's of this world. I come, I see and I ... oh dear, dare I say it? ... conquer what I have set out to do.

And what is that, you may well ask?

A long time ago -- I think it was as far removed from present day thinking as 1968 -- I read about these strange apparitions in our skies. I mean really, who could possibly accept all that hooah and crap? And very much with tongue in cheek and a mean twinkle in my eye, I set forth with almost youthful enthusiasm to destroy the alibis of these poor, ridiculously misguided people who actually thought they were seeing metal disc-like objects in the clear, blue African skies.

Not only that, but some had the temerity to say there were actual entities inside! For heaven's sake, how crazy could they be?

True, many of the witnesses were pretty reliable citizens, with impeccable credentials; they were nice, pleasant ladies and gentlemen and it was a bit mean of me to denigrate them, to chuckle -- albeit behind cupped hand -- at their really ridiculous stories.

I was quite sure every one could be disproved. Marks on the ground indeed! Symmetrically placed, it is true, but then if the witnesses worked really hard at it (in the dark of night, of course), for, say, a period of a week, they might be able to duplicate all that. Like Danie van Graan. He was a bit thin and weedy, mind you, to do all this alone, but there were plenty of people who could have been accomplices and wanting to fool the rest of the world.

And what of the perfection of the marks left behind? Well, again, he was a sort of nice, tidy, methodical chap and he could have been planning all this for years.

As for the 8-headed cabbages produced subsequent to the landing? He was a small-time farmer and he could have arranged that somehow to impress his suppliers.

And take the Rosmead Tennis Court and the severe damage done there along the tramlines by an alleged 'unknown'. I tell you, you have only to find four or five disturbed children from that small hamlet (pop. 300), hand them a few pickaxes and they'll destroy a tennis court in less time than it takes to say 'UFO'.

As for the four deluded servicemen who saw a spinning object on the court with red lights all around it, why, they were just inebriated on duty.

Oh, did I hear you ask how that huge stone, which the headmaster had been unable to remove, and which had now completely disappeared, leaving a smooth-edged excavation -- how was that done? Well, if you really want to look at all those stupid details...!!!

It must surely have all been a hoax. The stone, I mean -- it obviously wasn't even there to begin with.

And don't bring a whole lot of witnesses to prove otherwise, because you sure as heck are not going to convince me when I don't want to be convinced!

I have never argued with anyone (Allen Hynek, Hilary Evans, Richard Haines, John Spencer et al...) as to the origins of these 'craft'.

I have never - even at the beginning of Ufology (way back in the 70s) - accepted that they were from other planets or other suns.

I have always felt that we had to understand more about the various Dimensions, with some tentative intrusion into parapsychology, to be able to solve the phenomenon.

But I cannot accept that it is always an extension of imagery, or like Bob Girard recently said to me, "tell the rural people of Africa, who are so troubled about UFOs intruding into their world (physical and emotional) the difference between physical effects and non-physical causes. If that's beyond their capacity to grasp, then it's unfortunate. Let them strain upwards, towards understanding. You will have to put the challenge to them, and it will be theirs to accept it or let it drop, for it involves work: the difficult work of thought."

The tragedy of the explanations of what UFOs are, is that the hypotheses always seem to come from what Paul Norman of Australia calls 'the armchair Professors'. I am not criticizing their lack of mobility: after all, who can afford to fly to Africa, whether it be Kenya or Nigeria or Zimbabwe, and drive with me to, say, Mutare, or Masvingo, or the heights of Nyanga, and investigate an on-the-spot physical landing trace and then explain to unsophisticated, uneducated people that what they are seeing are the products of a Westernized, civilized mind. And should they question me as to the whys and wherefores of seeing something that is beyond the periphery of their culture..... well, I can always tell them to go and ivapanu panderi, get lost!

Some solution, huh?

Of course, I could go on ad infinitum and ad nauseam. But what's the point? I have a sneaking suspicion that either John Spencer, Hilary Evans or Philip Mantle knocked me gently on the head at the last BUFORA Conference in London (July 1989) with a knobkierrie.

So here I am, and I beg of you -- relieve my distress and let me know: am I concussed or am I confused?

Do these disc-like craft from goodness alone knows where, really exist, or are they all from the mind of the Cosmic Joker?

UFO CRASH ON BOTSWANA/SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER

(Case N° 21)

This incident, alleged to have occurred on the 7th May, 1989, hit the headlines in September last year. Revelations were made by a Dr Henry Azadehdel that he was in touch with South African Intelligence officers who had revealed 'all' about the incident.

Apparently Azadehdel, entertained one of the Intelligence Officers and his family for a month and during this time, had the full story from his guest. It is, allegedly, his intention to write a book about the incident.

The story involves a radar pick-up of an unidentified object by a South African naval frigate, White Swan, south of the Cape at 13.45 hrs on 7th May. Apparently, the object was heading towards the South African coast in a NW direction at a speed of 5746 nautical miles per hour. It entered S.African air space at 13.52 hrs, when two Mirage jets were scrambled under the leadership of Squadron Leader Jones.

At 13.59 hrs radar and visual contact was made and a Thor 2 experimental laser cannon was fired at the object (Thor 2 is allegedly a secret weapon).

The object was hit and crash-landed 70 km into Botswana in the Kalahari Desert. The object crashed at a 25° angle into the desert.

A team was despatched to investigate (one assumes it was a SAAF team!). Subsequently, recovery helicopters were sent in, but the first one hovered at 500 feet, crashed, and all 5 crew were killed. This was supposedly due to the electromagnetic field emanating from the object. A paint-like substance was hurriedly flown in and painted on the object which apparently negated the adverse effects.

The object was conveyed to an Air Force Base, to the 6th underground level.

Suddenly, there was a strange noise from the craft and a small opening appeared in the side. Hydraulic pressure gear was used to open the door, when two small alien creatures staggered out and were promptly arrested.

One of the aliens appeared injured but managed to attack the doctor who attended to him and the well-meaning medic was left with severe scratches on his face and chest.

United States expertise was called in by the South Africans and the object and its two occupants were then flown to Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio, on the 23rd June.

This is the basic story as given out by the Intelligence Officer. It was backed up by the first page being printed on Top Secret SAAF paper.

Having read the story in full, I was immediately suspicious. The document appeared to be on official and genuine-looking paper, but it gave me much cause for thought.

a) It was full of spelling errors. The S.A. Air Force is a most efficient and well thought of force and it would hardly be likely to issue a Top Secret document for its high officials with spellings such as 'dessert' for desert, poppulace, emanating, iniahalation, dissapation, etc.

b) The document was in English. As the High Command are nearly all Afrikaans-speaking, the document would hardly be in English. (Please note spelling of this word AFRIKAANS: I have seen the most peculiar variations, from Africans to Afrikane, etc.)

c) The alleged Intelligence agent had written out a document which contained a page and a half of strange, hieroglyphic type of writing which, he said, had been found inside the craft. Being very friendly with Irene Granchi of C.I.S.N.E. in Brasil, I recalled that she had shown me evidence (from several contactees) where an 'alien' language was involved.

She has very kindly sent me copies of these and I have passed them on to MUFON.

d) The document speaks of Squadron Leader Jones. There is no such rank in the SAAF. He would be a Captain or a Major.

Both David Powell (Pretoria, S.A.) and Asst Editor Maria Sullivan (Harare) have commented on the documents. Maria Sullivan says:

i) If the crash occurred in Botswana (70 km inside their border), the S.African government would have had to have permission to cross the border for the retrieval, particularly as this is a very sensitive area.

ii) The report states that Sqr Ldr Jones was instructed to circle the area until the retrieval of the object was completed. The craft was alleged to have taken off at 13.52 hrs (or soon after) from Valhalla, Pretoria. If one looks at the map, how could the plane have remained aloft without refuelling for so long a period of time?

iii) Land equipment required to retrieve the object, and the time and distance involved, to reach 70 km into Botswana, would have taken days. There is no landing area for large aircraft in the desolate wastes of the Kalahari either. Also, the Botswana Govt would have had to be largely involved.

iv) Could the two aliens have survived such a heavy impact?

v) If these poor, half-alive 'aliens' did emerge aggressively from the craft, scratching and attacking the doctor, how did the medics eventually undress them so that a complete anatomical examination could be made?

vi) If the 'aliens' refused all food and drink offered to them, how did they survive, presumably from May 7th to June 23rd when they were delivered to Wright Patterson AFB?

vii) Measurements in South Africa are metric, yet this report contains a conglomeration of yards, metres, feet, tonnes, etc.

David Powell further discredits the report :

a) Destination - Air Force Base, Pretoria. Pretoria is a city, not an AFB. In an official report, the actual base would be identified.

b) Naval frigate 'White Swan' radioed Cape Town. Naval HQ is at Simonstown, and this is whom they would make contact with.

c) The Thor 2 Laser cannon. The existence of such a weapon is extremely doubtful, since it is not compatible with the type of foe the aircraft are designed to intercept.

d) Time is 13.59 GMT. The term GMT is not used in South Africa. Time is quoted in Universal Time. Also, time in South Africa is denoted as 13h59.

e) Valhalla Air Force Base. There is no such Base. Valhalla is a training Base and an Administrative one. The nearest AFB is Swartkops, which has only propeller-driven aircraft as the runway is too short for jets. There are no Mirages there.

f) Mirages have very limited fuel supply.

They could never 'circle the area until retrieval was complete' -- a process which would surely take several days, especially if it involved US personnel from Wright Patterson. The SAAF would also never risk having one of its strike aircraft circling over a foreign land, even if it had the capacity to do so, since so much secret weaponry could easily fall into enemy hands.

g) Since the lingua franca of the SA Defence Force is Afrikaans, ever since the election of the National Party in 1948, any report emanating from a pilot would inevitably be made in Afrikaans and not in English.

h) Finally, since the SA Navy has so few frigates, they are all public knowledge, especially as they are partly staffed by volunteers from the Citizens Defence Force. There is no secrecy attached to them.

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The alleged South African Intelligence Officer (or one of them) is James van Greunen (there is a variation in the spelling of his surname). As far as I can ascertain, he is of Dutch descent and was born in S.Africa. At age 16 he showed interest in UFOs and became a paid-up member of MUFON.

He then spent some time in Canada where, he alleges, he was affiliated to NUFORIN, a Canadian UFO group. When he returned to South Africa, he formed a new group under the same heading.

Some time late last year, he was on GOOD MORNING, SOUTH AFRICA on television when he spoke about his new group and invited those interested to contact him.

James van Greunen is about 26 years old and a very personable young man. Undoubtedly, he had many replies when he informed would-be members that the fee for joining his group was R300 per annum. (approx. US\$100)

Early in November, van Greunen telephoned me to ask where he could get in touch with Prier Wintle (MUFON representative for Cape Town). Prier was staying with me at the time, but was out.

Van Greunen then said he had heard I was passing through Johannesburg on my way to the Cape in December and would I address his group NUFORIN.

A few days earlier my daughter had told me of his TV appearance and how well and knowledgeable he had come over, she said. Although a bit ambivalent about speaking to his group (I wanted to speak in Johannesburg but felt I would like to reach a wider audience), I eventually agreed.

Subsequently, van Greunen phoned to say the talk would be on 29th December (1989) at the Johannesburg Hotel. He also told me he might come to Zimbabwe for 2 or 3 days and was concerned about accommodation. I said if it was only for a short time like that, I could give him a bed (I already had British guests staying with me), but he would have to let me know definitely and in advance. He mentioned that he might have another person (male) with him.

On 21st December at 21h30, I received an anonymous telephone call which threatened me if I gave hospitality to Van Greunen, claiming he was a crook, a thief and a discredit to S.Africa. I knew the call was from outside the country due to the noise on the line. Also, the caller had an accent I could not readily identify. It was not South African but might have been Dutch or Belgian.

His threat also involved my investigation of the 'incident' on the Botswana border. The caller refused to give his name or state his purpose. Later, I was able to establish that it was Henry Azadehdel.

The arrangement with Van Greunen was that he would make contact with me in Johannesburg when I arrived, or I would call him when I got there.

I arrived on 28th December and from that time on, periodically, I called his number. There was no reply. Unfortunately I could not remember the name of the hotel where we were to speak so I was unable to phone there either to find out what was happening, or track him down.

Shortly after arriving in Cape Town, I was shown the one and only issue of the magazine NUFORIN which James had produced. He mentioned the meeting and the fact that I was speaking; the time and place and that there would be a charge of R20 per head (I was flabbergasted!).

As soon as I knew all this, I asked my colleague David Powell to contact the Johannesburg Hotel. This he did and found out that over 20 people had turned up on the night, with tickets. The receptionist also told him that Van Greunen had enquired about renting a room but had never confirmed this.

I then received a letter from abroad to say that Van Greunen had been flown out of South Africa to Europe in the mistaken belief that his story was true and he was going to produce another 200-300 documents to prove it!

About this time, I received a letter from a friend to report that Van Greunen had called at his bookshop and purchased US\$544 worth of books which he paid for with an American cheque. Needless to say, the cheque came back marked 'Account Closed'.

One last confirmation of Van Greunen's fraudulent and totally irresponsible behaviour: On 2nd March, 1990, he telephoned Prier Wintle in Cape Town. He was phoning from West Germany. He said he was aware that he was in my bad books re the talk but he said he had not collected the money for this. This was the responsibility of Dr James Hunt of the University of South Africa's Legal Department. David Powell has been in touch with them (Degrees are obtained mainly by correspondence) and was told Dr Hunt had left them at the end of last year. They had no forwarding address and we have not been able to find him in the telephone book.

Van Greunen spoke about several people to Prier : Capt Hendrik Greef, who was allegedly a South African Air Force Intelligence Officer and who, he says, has been demoted to the ranks.

Ben Nel who lives in New York (no address given and N.Y. is a b-i-g place!) and who is in possession of 4 photographs of the aliens.

Valhalla Air Force Base where experiments are being carried out on 'Blenheim' and 'Kentron', which sound far too British and Sci-Fi for South Africa.

Van Greunen also said that the UFO crash story had now been graded to 'AAA5' security (how would he know that, if he was flitting all over the world?); that the helicopters in the rescue operation flew only one metre above the ground (rather dangerous in unexplored and foreign territory) and that he had now revised the crash position to 70 km inside the Botswana border. He also made certain accusations against Azadehdel which, if true, would involve the Drug Squad, and said his former host was a KGB agent.

Van Greunen claimed to have worked for NORRAD and the DIA in Canada, something which we are now checking out.

He also referred to MOSSAD having furnished Harry Harris with documentation on the case, but I have come to observe that when in doubt about South Africa, blame the Israelis! If Harris has information, I would like to see it, for it seems to me that the biggest mistake made by Tony Dodd, QUEST magazine, MUFON, etc. was that they jumped to conclusions before checking or consulting the reliable investigators in Southern Africa, who would have realised that there was something fishy going on: 'iets onder die kombers'.

His final request to Prier was the pièce de résistance of them all!

"Send me as many documents as you have", he said, leaving Prier wondering what documents he was talking about, and whose?

There is only one positive factor in the whole case, or so it seems to me. On the 7th May, 1989, something did come down on the Botswana/South African border...

G.M.C., who reports to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., watches the night sky on their behalf. On that particular night he saw what he thinks was a 'fireball' coming down over the area, but he is busy checking out his records of that night to be certain.

Further investigations are being conducted at the moment and more information will be passed on as soon as possible.

I think James van Greunen is in a great deal of trouble! He really mucked up the first rule of the true investigator: GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT, CHUM, BEFORE YOU TRY AND CARRY OFF A HOAX OF THIS MAGNITUDE.

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HILARY EVANS WRITES :

There is an unfortunate tendency in all areas of research to look for all-or-nothing explanations, and this often extends to associating individual researchers with specific explanations.

So, at the risk of seeming to make a personal statement (which is not my intention) I would like to offer you some thoughts on 'where we are' in UFO research, as I see it after editing UFOs 1947-1987 as well as contributing other bits and pieces to the stewpot.

I use the word 'stewpot' advisedly, because I, along with Jacques Vallée and some others, was recently accused of 'stewpot thinking' by Budd Hopkins. Elsewhere, I have seen suggestions that I regard all UFOs as psychological in origin, with the implication that I am committed to finding a 'psychological' explanation for every UFO report.

This is very far from being the case, but I think it may be helpful to your readers to share my perspective; they may then agree or disagree as they feel appropriate.

In the first place, I do indeed see a very large proportion of UFO reports as having their origin in the human mind. Even if a physical phenomenon triggers a report, a mental process has to occur to transform that raw material into the structured object of the classic type.

That this happens on some occasions, no UFO investigator will question. I believe, as the result of studying the experience of other researchers in other fields, it happens very much more often than we'd like to think. The case you cite on p. 14 of UFO AFRINEWS N° 2 is a possible example.

Nevertheless, I am equally sure that a great many reports are genuine sightings of genuine phenomena. However, here again, I feel investigators have substantially underestimated the number of sightings that may have their origin in natural phenomena - by which I do not necessarily mean phenomena known to science.

A good instance is provided by some very interesting new findings which are just now cropping up (again, I use the phrase advisedly!). I'm sure you've heard of the mysterious circles which appear every summer in the cornfields of south-west England? Well, Dr Terence Meaden has discovered the plasma vortices which seem to be responsible for the circles also generate luminous spheres, which can be stretched to disc or cigar-shape by wind currents, and which can have a duration of up to 30 minutes!

In short, here we have strong scientific evidence for a hitherto unknown natural phenomenon, whose appearance is precisely that reported in a very great number of UFO reports.

Meaden's findings confirm what several of us in the bolide network have suspected for years: that the 'ball of light' phenomenon offers a rich field for research. Personally, I regard Meaden's hypothesis as the most valuable contribution to UFO research in the past decade; even though all he has ventured to date is a 'situation report' containing provisional working hypotheses, the implications of what he has so far found are already pregnant with possibility. One step further towards a field theory that will accommodate Rutledge's Project Investigation, the Hessdalen lights, Phil Klass's much derided but never invalidated plasma hypothesis, and so much more besides... Could it, for instance, account for Case 2 in UFO AFRINEWS N° 2?

How many sightings can be accounted for as 'psychological UFOs, or 'BOL-UFOs'? I am simply unable to guess.

Obviously, too, we must also allow for misidentified military projects; meteors, meteorites, satellite re-entries and the like; and a few other categories of phenomena, natural or man-made.

But we are still left with some puzzles. One of these, of course, is alleged abductions. In principle, it is my belief that virtually every case involving a claimed encounter with alien entities is fundamentally a psychological process; but that does not mean we can simply dismiss it as an all-in-the-mind instance of hallucination or whatever.

It does seem as though, in some cases if not all, a degree of interaction between the human mind and the external environment is occurring.

Could this interaction involve extraterrestrial visitors? There's no reason why not; on the other hand, the evidence for such involvement is meagre and ambiguous. Only a determined disbeliever would rule out such possibilities from the start; only a determined believer would accept them on the inadequate evidence we possess at present.

Where does this leave us? Well, I can speak only for myself; but it certainly makes me sure that we have no justification in adopting any one line of approach to the exclusion of others. It would be as stupid for me to define all UFO reports as 'psychosocial' as it would be for someone else to say that none can be accounted for in this way. How much weight we give to the psychosocial hypothesis, the BOL hypothesis, or any other hypothesis, cannot at this stage be more than a question of probability; and each of us must assess the degrees of probability for her/himself.

HILARY EVANS

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R E C E N T C A S E S

Case N° 15 : AIRCREW SIGHTING OF UFO - MOÇAMBIQUE,
11TH FEBRUARY 1988.

This is a précis of a sighting which took place over Beira, Moçambique (E.Africa) on 11th February 1988.

Commandant Simplicio Pinto of the Moçambique Airlines (LAM) was the pilot on a flight from Quelimane to Maputo in a Boeing 737. Pinto stopped over in Beira to refuel, landing at 18.09 hrs. It was then that he noticed an object in the sky like a wing parachute or a flying mattress. The object gave off a fluorescent light, an intense white light.

When Pinto checked with the Control Tower they confirmed that they had seen it first at 15.00 hrs and that it had been picked up on the Air Force radar.

Pinto took off at 18.40 hrs and flew closer to the object. He said, "It was enormous. It seemed to be stationary south of Beira."

He climbed up to 11 000 feet and the light blinded him. There were three lights like searchlights, placed in a triangle.

Both Isabel Lobo (Chief Stewardess) and Jamal (Copilot) clearly observed the phenomenon. Pinto tried to ascertain if anyone on board had a camera, but unfortunately no one did, even though there were 114 passengers on the flight.

Pinto then switched on the two landing lights on the port side, witnessed by his crew. He switched the lights on and off twice.

Suddenly the object started to climb vertically. The intensity of the lights weakened.

Pinto tried to locate the object on radar but no image showed. He climbed to 24 000 ft but the object remained higher than he was, on the port side. The object had been observed hovering for three hours by the ground staff in Beira, while Pinto and his crew had watched it for 45 minutes.

COMMENTS:

First impressions indicated that this might be either a NASA or French Space Agency weather balloon (40 metres in diameter, circumnavigating the Southern hemisphere, with two lights on either side, brilliantly shiny). But queries to CSIR of Pretoria, South Africa, brought no reply and there has been no comment from NASA.

This case has been fully reported in Timothy Good's new book *THE UFO REPORT 1990*, published by Sidgwick & Jackson (£7.99).

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Case N° 16 : TZANEEN MOUNTAIN CASE

Tony Creed and his wife are proprietors of Hunters Moon Kennels in Chisipite, Harare. They are both educated, intelligent people and one would hardly believe Creed capable of a hoax or deliberate misidentification.

However, listening to Hilary Evans' talk on BOLS, one is inclined to be a bit wary of this type of report which could be an easy misidentification of lights in the sky. The movement was not exceptionally swift, and the Creeds themselves were travelling at the time, which might have accentuated their perception of the movement of the 'clouds'.

It was 10.30 a.m. on Monday September 5th, 1983. Tony and Janet Creed were returning from South Africa in their vanette when, at 20 km south of Tzaneen (travelling north) Tony noticed, slightly to the left of the road and approximately 60 kms ahead, maybe 700 metres to the right of the nearby mountains, two objects. Although the top of the mountain was obscured by clouds, the two objects had the appearance of small darker grey clouds. Tony's attention was drawn to them because of their unusually well-defined shape; and he thought he detected a slight movement in relation to the general overcast state of the sky.

He drew his wife's attention to the moving objects and she agreed with him that they were moving.

At first the objects were half obscured by the clouds, then they came slightly below the clouds, when their 3-dimensional solidness became obvious. They had a very strange 'woolly' appearance.

They moved towards where the Creeds were, the nearer one appearing to be the larger.

Then they started to turn to the left of where the Creeds were and the larger object took on the shape of an old airship. The 'clouds' moved between the Creeds and the mountain and were thrown into sharp relief against the dark green mountain.

Finally they rose back into the clouds. The whole sighting lasted for approximately 16 seconds.

COMMENTS:

Not far from this section of the country, there is a South African Air Force Base, but had it been some conventional aircraft, and it being broad daylight, I am sure Creed would have made a ready identification.

Tony also drew my attention, a few months later, to a news report in The Herald, the daily newspaper in Harare, which referred to two unidentified objects that had posed a traffic hazard to aircraft over the West Rand (Johannesburg) for more than two hours on Sunday, February 5th, 1984. A report from Lanseria Airport said that 'Zeppelin-shaped objects were reported to be flying high over Randpark Ridge and Honeydew, but traffic control who monitored them through binoculars had no idea what they were. A lot of people had phoned in reporting the sightings, but we were unable to identify the objects because they could not be picked up on radar. However, aircraft in the vicinity were warned to stay clear and keep a sharp lookout as they were a danger to traffic.'

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Case N° 17 : A STRANGE PATTERN OF LIGHTS

Driving home at 6.30 p.m. on 4th November, 1989, Dave v.R. reported that lights suddenly appeared on the left side of the road, about 1½ kms away and about 2 kms away from the road at that point, and about 500 metres above the ground. The object was hovering over the main ISCOR power lines which go across the freeway.

The strange light pattern looked like this:



These lights were pulsating very fast. They were visible for about 10-12 minutes. It was only after about five minutes of watching that he realized it was not an aircraft or anything he could recognize. He slowed down to about 10 km/hr. The lights were definitely stationary for the full 10-12 minutes, after which they seemed to get smaller and smaller, and travelling away from him.

The lights disappeared into a speck, climbing at about 12°. From the moment they started to get smaller until they disappeared took about 6 seconds.

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CASES NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

Case N° 13 : BUCKMASTERS FARM CASE, May 1951. Mr T.P.F.

" I was residing at Buckmasters Farm - adjacent to Marlborough Township - at the time, commuting to Salisbury (now Harare) daily. Marlborough Township was visible from the porch which overlooked several acres of maize cultivation. The crop had been harvested and the farm labour was spread out in the field threshing the stalks and generally preparing the field for winter, perhaps 30 persons (Shonas). The day was clear, sunny and unclouded with excellent visibility, and calm. A crisp autumn day.

I was sleeping in my room after dental surgery. At about 4 p.m. my ex-wife entered the bedroom to wake me with the words: "There is something up in the sky which you should see" -- and as I was fully dressed I followed her out on to the front porch and she pointed up and said, "There!"

And at an angle (azimuth) of about 30° there was this object moving very slowly from the north towards us -- it was fairly high up -- and at first sight appeared in the shape of two shallow elliptical dishes, one inverted on the other. It was about the size of an ordinary saucer held at arm's length. It appeared to be a greyish metallic hue, brighter on the western side, darker on the eastern (shadow off-set) from the sun which at that time of day was at about 45° azimuth in the western sky.

There was no noise, no lights, no oscillation; it just moved southward in a steady approach, growing larger and changing its shape from elliptical until at an azimuth of about 80° it appeared almost circular.

By now its size by comparison to first sight would be about double, like that of a soup plate. Its colour was that of a satin-finish stainless steel -- brighter on its western side, darker on its eastern side. At this point it seemed to stop and hover, still silent, no lights.

By now I was on the driveway as a vehicle had entered the property, the driver stopping to ask the whereabouts of the Marlborough Post Office. I pointed out his direction and then asked him to look up at this object in the sky.

He got out of his car to look, gasped in horrified awe, got back in his car and drove off rapidly, leaving his dust to all in our driveway.

At this point in time, the object which was stationary in a hovering mode now made a 90° turn to the west and started moving in its unhurried manner in the general direction of Sinoia (Chinhoyi), gradually becoming smaller as it receded, and assuming its former elliptical shape. But it was now much darker in hue as the observed side was in shadow -- it probably proceeded a few miles without change of course towards the west until it was about half its size when originally sighted; then suddenly rose vertically at an acceleration of excessive speed, and disappeared -- shrinking to a pinhead size in an instant as it finally disappeared in the western sky.

The time lapse during this period was at least 20-25 minutes. It was observed by my ex-wife (still living), my daughter and all the African labour force during this whole period.

The Africans' reaction was not fear, but awe and wonderment, and when questioned, most of them simply said 'mungu' or 'murungu mkulu' ['Mungu' means snake, but 'Murungu Mkulu' means a great man, and is usually used when speaking of Jesus - Ed.]

I would estimate the size of the object to be about 15-20 metres, at an altitude of about 400-600 metres.

At about 4.45 p.m. I phoned the RHODESIA HERALD [now THE HERALD] and spoke to a reporter about this sighting. I was later advised by him that

There was no civil or military air activity at the time of the sighting.

There was no meteorological observation activity either. He had also received reports from others who had sighted the object.

I do not recall whether any radar contact had been made."

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Case N° 14 : THE IRENE TOWNSHIP SIGHTING, 1975

Maureen T. reported: " I live in the country (Irene Township) west of Mutare, about 15 kms by road. Our house faces Nyanga, the back and sides of it surrounded by hills.

The incident happened in early 1975. It was on a Wednesday at about 3.30 p.m. when my young son and daughter were outside playing with their cousin. They suddenly began to call me: "Mum, Mum, come and look at this!" I went outside quickly to see what the excitement was all about and there, in the sky, was this object. It had come from behind a hill and as we watched it, it moved very slowly north, in the dip of the hills. All the time it was moving, it seemed to have a 'wobble' to it.

It was metallic, silvery, and each time it tipped it caught the sun, the way one does with a mirror.

The shape of the object was like two saucers cupped together. As we watched it, it stopped travelling but carried on with the wobble every so often, catching the sun. Of course, I was fascinated and told my son to quickly get my binoculars for me but they could not be found. We stood there for a little while, and here is the surprising part : as we watched, the object tipped a bit and in a flash, it was up and away! It didn't go down behind the hill, but went up and was gone : just like that, like lightning!

This happened on a Wednesday. The next week I read in the Umtali Post (as it was then) that a couple living in Fern Valley, not far from us as the crow flies, had seen some lights up in the hills on the Saturday night. I think they said these were orange and green, but I don't remember. They saw this three days after we saw ours. What fascinated me most was the speed at which it left.

I've spoken about it to some people but it is the usual story: 'it was a bird', or 'it must have been a balloon'! However, I've never seen a saucer-shaped metallic bird hover with a wobble and go up out of sight in a flash!"

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Case N° 18 (a), (b), (c) : FURTHER REPORTS FROM DAVE VAN RHYN :

Dave van Rhyn served as a voluntary policeman in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) under a scheme where one did part-time service in either the forces or the Police. He had contact with my husband who served with him in the Police, and this led to several business deals to their mutual benefit.

Dave had been born and brought up in Rhodesia but had never really found a niche for himself. At the time I met him, he had a small interior decorating business and made an indifferent living.

Knowing of my interest in UFOs he told me that he had a sighting as a schoolboy in 1956, although he could not recall the exact month.

18 (a)

When he was in senior school, at about 11 o'clock one morning, some 700 pupils and their teachers were looking up at the sky. They could see some objects flying in a zig-zag formation, while others were stationary. They were all on the same plane and moved round each other for a good part of an hour.

The school phoned the local newspaper and shortly afterwards the Air Force sent up two Hunter jets and the boys could see vapour trails. They could still observe the UFOs which were much much bigger than the jets. Dave told me that on his return one of the pilots reported to the boys that if they could have flown inside one of the UFOs, they could have gone in and made a sharp turn, the objects were so large.

None of this was subsequently reported in the press and no one followed through with the report. After a time the objects disappeared.

(b) In 1972 Dave had a second encounter. It was about 9.30 at night and he was travelling alone from Bulawayo to Harare when he noticed an object on the road to his right. The UFO was like a ball of light hovering above some trees, about half to one kilometre ahead of him. After he stopped to take note of the object, it moved off, making no sound. It travelled parallel to the way he was going and he followed behind it.

About 5 kms further up the road, he saw that the object had stopped. He got out of the car, switched off his lights and walked across the road to go into the bush and perhaps get a closer look. Just then, as he reached the fence on the side of the road, the UFO shot off in a slight arc to his right and disappeared out of sight, up into the stars.

(c) The next episode occurred during the war of independence in Zimbabwe, in 1974, around 20.30 hours.

Dave was driving in a Landrover from Chiredzi to Mutare with his African sergeant, Gilbert. He mentioned to Gilbert that the car behind them had very bright lights as he could see this in his rearview mirror. Gilbert turned around and replied that it was not a car but an aeroplane, because it was flying above the ground. Dave thought to himself, that's strange, because there's no landing strip for large aircraft in this area.

Curiosity got the better of him and he pulled over to the side of the road and stopped. He switched off the car lights of the engine, and then opened the car doors. Both men stood at the open doors looking up and, to their amazement, the light had disappeared!

But then all of a sudden it rose up from the right-hand side of the road: this huge glow of light which was now filtering through the trees.

They both had a terrific fright, but Dave stood his ground. He could not, however, see Gilbert at all!

It seemed as if the light was coming up from a hollow in the ground and coming towards them. It was about the size of a football field, glowing like a luminous, translucent pyrex dish. There was a humming, buzzing, electrical sort of sound. As it went over them, Dave could feel its electrifying effect. All the hairs on his body stood up straight and he could feel the clothes move away from his flesh, even the hair on his head was standing on end while the object went slowly over them. It was about 110 metres above their heads, and then it disappeared!

When Dave saw that it had gone, he looked for Gilbert, but he was nowhere to be seen.

Dave was quite worried; and then he looked under the Landrover -- and there was his sergeant, trembling with fear!

They got back into the car quickly and drove over the hill in front of them to see where the object had gone, but there was no sign of it. Dave reported the matter to his Commanding Officer, but apart from taking note of it, nothing further was done.

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Case N° 19 : THE 'ROOSTER CROWING ALIEN'

Jan Oberholzer of Pretoria, South Africa, had difficulty in recalling the year his contact had occurred; but it seemed to him that it happened in the early fifties.

Jan is a simple, very pleasant man, a boilermaker by trade, and now retired. He had worked on one of the big mines between Johannesburg and Pretoria. He has led a very ordinary sort of life; nothing much has happened to him except for his UFO experience, and he expects very little from life.

Jan tells his story :

"It was sometime in the 50s but I can't remember exactly. It all happened on the farm Leeuwpoort, which is very close to the East Driefontein Mines -- in fact, just over the hill from there, above a kraal where I grew up and where the new tar road goes through now.

I'm going to call this 'a dream', because when I tell this story, many people just want to laugh, so now I think of it as a dream.

I dreamt this object landed there on the farm and this 'alien' person got out and he said he had come to fetch me to take me along with him and show me around.

As he went down towards the farm house, the dog bit him and he made such funny noises... if I could explain it to you, it was like a young rooster trying to crow for the first time ... but he was making that noise all the time, continuously. He was a thin guy with long black hair and a fairly dark skin. He had a young face, white teeth and his eyebrows were from his nose like normal but going up as they went outwards, more or less at an angle.

My Mum had packed a basket of food for me so I took it along and then we walked up to this object. It was standing on three legs and had the shape of a ... the nearest thing I could come to now is a lapco valve, just before the geyser in the roof of a house.

I would say it was about 10 metres in diameter. It was like two shells placed together, about door height. The legs had hinges that could fold them into the side of the craft and make it smooth. It was like two saucers together at the widest edge.

When we got in, there were little windows all around, little lights around the window frames. It had light brown upholstery with a hem sewn or welded in them to form, every 60 mm, strips like motor car seats. As we went in, the door closed. The door where we entered this thing came up a stairway. It was closed more or less hydraulically, and then we took off. But we took off so quickly and quietly, I wanted to wave to everyone, but when I looked out we were too high; no one would have seen me.

I could remember having my food basket with me but I could not remember eating the food or returning.

When I woke up I could remember the whole incident clearly."

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Case N° 20 : SOME INTIMATE ENCOUNTERS

'Irrira' is another case in point. She had several UFO contacts over a period of time. She is (1989) 48 years old and was born on Vanuata Island, but is now resident in South Africa. She is extremely attractive and looks only about 30 years old. She married young and came to live in Africa; about 2½ years later, her husband died of a heart attack.

She says of her first experience: "It was a night when I was wide awake. I remember it was very late, about 2 a.m.

I had been unable to sleep and threw myself on to my right side in desperation. It was a total surprise to me to find this man standing there.

My immediate reaction to him was, 'You've come at last', and yet all he said was, 'Peace be unto you, my child.' That was all.

My first impression was of the suit he was wearing. It was a soft, silvery metallic material, like a track suit with a hood attached. And I remember, on the hood it had these two little radio antennae." She laughs as she says this.

"I wasn't thinking of him as a person ... the whole vibration of my body was in tune with him, like a physical vibration.

I said, 'Why don't you tell me what I have been waiting to hear all these years?'

That was my reaction. I didn't say it like that, I said it like a spoilt child. 'I am excited and happy to see you and all you say is "Peace be with you". But you don't tell me anything.' As fast as I said that, he just disappeared!

In the morning, I told my husband. The things that interest me don't interest the usual person. I felt my husband needed to know what it was all about so I told him, and it was sort of joked about and then shelved.

But then two weeks later the same sort of thing happened again. On this occasion I woke up. I knew something had happened and I turned to wake my husband as I thought this time he must also witness what was happening. And when I did, he said, 'There is no need to wake me, I am already awake.' I said, 'I feel they are here again.' He threw back the bedclothes and said, 'Look at the hairs on my legs, they are all standing on edge.' We didn't see anything, we were just aware of someone being there."

Irrira continues: "The next major event occurred in 1971 or 1972. It was about June.

I got out of bed and went to the window; we had panoramic windows. And when I went to the window I noticed the position of the moon. It was so beautiful and then, as quickly as the snap of a finger, I turned to the grass near the reservoir which my husband had built and thought, why is the grass so yellow, in the middle of the night?

As quickly as I noticed that, I saw two craft there and it was from the light they gave off that this yellowness came.

They were orangey-yellow; glowing, while the shape was that of an aspirin tablet. I know that sounds strange but that's how it looked to me.

From the window they were about 3-4 metres in diameter, but the way I was looking at them they could have been bigger. But I was no sooner aware of the craft than these two men were walking towards me in the house. I don't know if one was the same person whom I had seen before. They looked just like normal people. I don't even recall what they wore. I recall that I ran into the arms of one, like I would greet a brother I have not seen for a long time. I was just like an excited puppy, and he opened his arms and hugged me too.

Then I woke my husband and he put two chairs out for them. We sat at the end of the bed and they sat opposite us. I suppose my husband was about to say something to them about his crazy wife, because he said, 'My wife...' and the one interrupted him, not rudely, but he cut him off by saying, 'We know, we've been with your wife for a long time.'

And then, the things we discussed that night were very profound. Because where do you find a simple mind like mine being able to find simple words to explain what they were saying? Things that up to that point in time had only been guessed at. I know that since then I have tried to explain various things to qualified people; things in advance of their knowledge, and the biggest impact was in the science field.

There was one other visit. We were sitting outside, my husband and I. It was about 8 p.m. and quite dark.

Suddenly my husband said, 'Look, there's a flying saucer there, three four, five, eight...' as he was counting them. They went over in an arc and then came back again and hovered over the farm before they took off and disappeared.

That was the last time I saw them; I have never seen them again."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reply from MB of Masvingo to a letter from Hélène of U.K. (UFO AFRINEWS N° 2) on MB's case :-

... I have sympathy with Hélène's remarks about my UFO experiences because my own reactions to the claims of such sightings were no different from hers before I had those experiences; but ... when is a dream not a dream? What are dreams, and how do they come about?

- 1) A person can dream without falling asleep, simply by coasting along on the wings of thought, and when suddenly roused to outside events, will say, "Oh, I was so deeply lost in thought", or something similar.
- 2) A person can drift into a light slumber and continue the trend of his awake-state thought. This is usually a pleasant twilight reverie.
- 3) a person drops into a deep sleep and his physical body-sense consciousness becomes inert... but the Conscious Mind within its etheric body, inorganic and normally invisible, has risen out of the gross body and lies suspended horizontally above it, but still invisibly connected with it as is a spider to its cord... or, it may be travelling anywhere over any of the various ranges through different regions.

In ordinary dreams of an undisciplined mind, the consciousness is a restless being that rummages among memories stacked in the archives of the unconscious Subconscious Region. It will touch here and there... coming up with a lot of uncohesive matter. For a short while the disjointed images may be very vivid and puzzling while they do not fit together at all, but they soon fade and are forgotten.

When Conscious mind travels in etheric body it is unemburdened by gross matter and is able to pass through any physical obstruction, like light through clear glass. It can also be sucked in by 'thought body' without any physical resistance.

4) Precognitive dreams are images collected in the same way by Conscious Mind on the plane where Thought manifests into form and event, which then proceed on the way to the target. This transpiration (sic) is conscious and merges with the 'Conscious Mind Observer' so that the dream is clear and long remembered.

5) The disciplined Conscious Mind, on the other hand, can be directed in a flash to a point in either the physical or astral regions with thought waves. This can be done equally well during waking or sleep states and is generally referred to as 'telepathy' by people who cannot deny the phenomenon nor explain it; they dismiss it by a 'word'.

The planes are levels of quality and scope of mind, ranging from the gross physical -sense consciousness, through many states of consciousness, into pure light, what we refer to as 'extra-sensory'. Two regions can communicate freely through the emergence of the Conscious Mind-Light Body from the physical body, without the latter having to fall asleep or lose consciousness, but simply by contrived projection.

There is, however, some difficulty in the transmission of impressions between various planes in that the lower plane receives it in distorted form due to the difference of being between two different planes.

I have never been under any other impression but that my UFO experience was an out-of-body event, but I was not out of the body before I was sucked into the craft. Continuity of the entire event was never interrupted but for an unconscious period during which I transferred from the craft until I regained consciousness in the hall, or ward, whatever it was. I have always had a vague feeling that it served experimentation.

I was aware of change ... when I re-entered the earth's atmosphere and realized they were returning me to earth. I pleaded frantically not to be returned to earth, but just a moment later I was ejected and in my body in my bed, my mind bogging with amazement.

I did not experience waking up from sleep.

MB of Masvingo

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Sir,

Ref. the Zimbabwe Science News (Vol 22 N° 3/4 March/April, 1988, pages 36,39) may I have more books about UFOs? May you explain to me what they really are. Are they just cases which were caused by people from other planets?

Or are UFOs caused by certain gasses or gravitational forces which are not really occurring?

Or are UFOs caused by a certain group of wiser people than us from a certain planet? May you explain to me or post to me some more books?

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[The Editor has replied]

HOW TO BECOME A UFO INVESTIGATOR

If you have a case where visible physical marks occur, then the following procedure should be followed:-

One of the essentials in investigation is to keep a good record of your case. I would like to suggest that all information be kept in a loose-leaf file (if possible) and only when the case is complete - to your satisfaction - do you remove all the information and place it in a more permanent file.

PLACE :

DATE :

TIME :

WITNESSES :

Main Witness :

Other Witnesses :

WEATHER CONDITIONS :

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It is essential to have a camera with you (preferably black/white film if available, or colour slides). Photographs should be taken of :-

- a) close-up of marks on the ground (include a ruler, if possible, to show size)

- b) close-up of damage to trees, plants, etc.
- c) close-up of burn marks
- d) view from witness point, preferably with a stand-in in the exact position
- e) a panoramic view of the site
- f) wide angle view showing placement of trees, rocks, etc. in relation to actual landing site.
- g) wide angle view of total site, including surroundings
- h) photographs of witnesses

MEASUREMENTS :

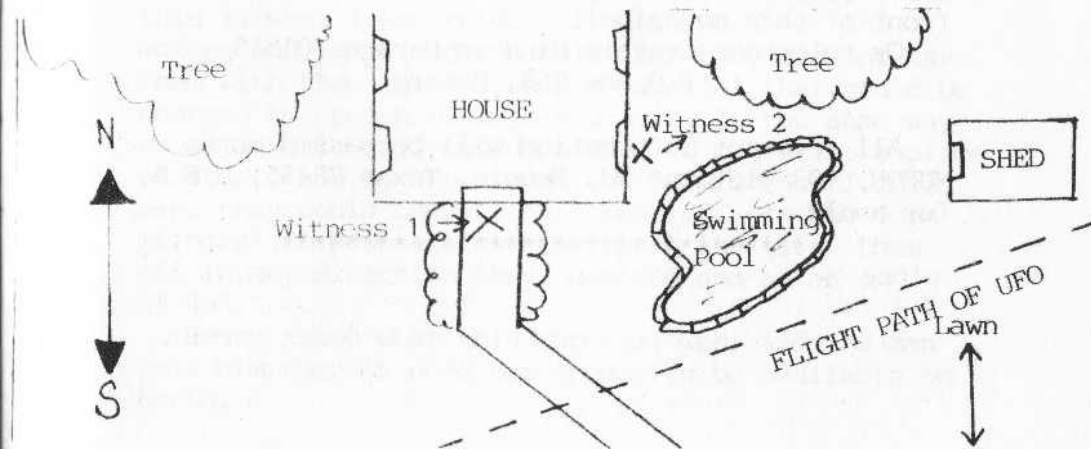
- i) measurements of actual marks should be taken but be careful not to disturb the earth or indentations
- ii) measurements from witness to actual object
- iii) distances between marks

MAP :

A map of the site should be drawn by the investigator including any outstanding features, i.e. rocks, trees, buildings.

Marks indicating ascent and descent of object should be shown.

Placement of witnesses should be indicated.



SAMPLES :

Using a sterilised trowel, samples should be taken as follows and placed in plastic bags :

- a) from centre of site
- b) two or three samples moving away from centre
- c) control samples from outside site

Also, collect other samples, i.e. tree leaves closest to the site and those further away; stones; tree bark (if damaged); samples of growth close to site.

All samples should be immediately labelled and kept in new plastic bags, indicating where sample originated in relation to UFO.

If a Geiger counter is available (From Geological Dept or a University, or the Army), check for radioactivity. The Geiger counter should be moved over the area at a height of approx. 30 cms.

Soil samples should be submitted to your local Geological Survey and plant samples to the Biology Department of a nearby University or Government Department.

When the case occurs and if you feel it is an important one, then contact the nearest MUFON or UFO representative in your area (listed at the front of this magazine).

Or telephone Cynthia Hind in Harare 701515
P O Box 768, Harare

All relevant information will be passed on to MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd, Seguin, Texas 78155, U.S.A. for analysis.

FOLLOW-UP TO CASE 7 (UFO AFRINEWS 2, JUNE 1989)
DU TOIT'S KLOOF CASE

Subsequent to this case appearing in UFO AFRINEWS 2, I was able to contact Henry (through J J Benitez supplying me with his address).

Henry pointed out one or two differences between the earlier reported story and his version.

The contact occurred towards Christmas 1952, not in 1951. He says : "I cannot now recall the actual words the crewman used to describe the operation of the magnets used for flight, but allowing for my memory, it was something like this : In the same way that a current of electricity flowing round a coil of wire produces a magnetic field, so a heavy liquid flowing round a coil of tube produced a gravity field or opposed a gravity field.

This rotating weight of fluid produced an effect analogous to a gyroscope, and under certain conditions produced a force which we don't seem to have found or used on Earth.

This force was only produced when the fluid flowed at high velocity; near the speed of light."

Henry says he questioned this as being impossible but he was told that the relative speed of the fluid entering, to the fluid leaving the tube, would in fact be in this order. Henry says, "I do not understand this nor do I believe that it is correct, but this is what I was told. I enquired about the motors and pumps and was told that they did not have them with them but they had a material that could be charged to oppose or shield gravity in the same way as a magnetic coil could be used to magnetise a piece of steel, and by the use of the levers that I could see, they could operate this material (in the form of bars) to push against the earth and lift them off in any direction they desired and at an angle of 45°."

Henry asked what this material was, and the man told him that it does not appear to be available on Earth.

"I would say again that this was my impression of what was said and as I understood it", Henry says. He also thought that the 'heavy fluid' might be mercury.

Henry then came down the steps and got into his wife's car. He was completely stunned. He went home and put the car away and then woke his wife to tell her what had happened. She sleepily told him to go to sleep, that he had been dreaming. This did not put him off, as his wife had been awakened from a deep sleep and her reaction was quite normal. He himself had been up since 7 a.m. that day and it was now well after midnight, so he had no trouble in going to sleep.

The following morning when he woke he went to work without waking his wife, but of course, once at work, he related his story to his colleagues and they seemed very interested.

But after two hours, his General Manager sent for him and told him that he could not allow his engineers to talk a lot of rubbish about UFOs, and especially with regard to Henry, as he had to deal with clients all the time, and if he did not stop immediately, he would have to fire Henry. The Manager said that Henry had obviously had a dream. Henry says : " It was then that I realized that I had made a fool of myself and resolved to shut up and say no more about my experience. But my resolve was already too late and I had my leg pulled unmercifully for several weeks, although I was sure in my own mind that the UFO would land again and I would be vindicated. But it never did!"

After two years, Henry was offered a job with the R... Mine Services in what was then Northern Rhodesia. He moved round a bit and finally became Instrument Engineer at N..... Mine.

In 1965, when there was a clamp-down on taking money out of the country, Henry left and went to Spain (his wife was Spanish). In 1968 he was commissioning the instruments of a Spanish Government project. [Names of all companies and managers held by Editor]

Henry says : "During the Second World War, I worked on Automatic Pilots for..... Aircraft [Company name known]. These pilots use two gyroscopes in each one, and at the end of the war I worked on automatic gunsights for anti-aircraft guns; these also used a gyroscope."

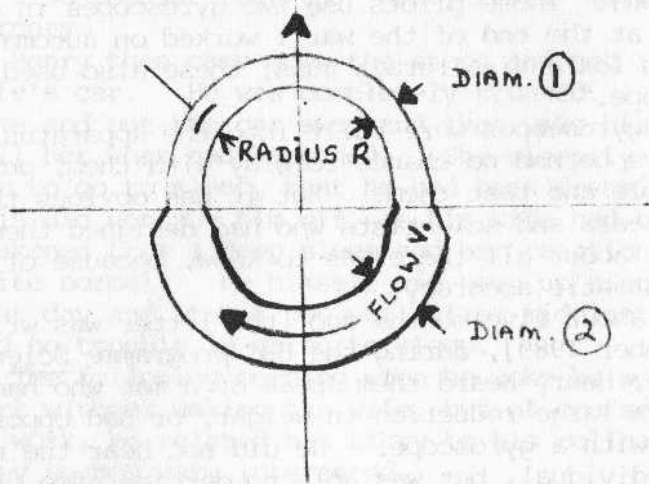
These gyroscopes were built into the apparatus and Henry says he had no chance to play with them, only to assemble and test them. But it was obvious that the engineers and scientists who had designed them knew just about all there was to know, because of their fantastic accuracy.

Then, about five months ago [the letter was written in September 1989], during the BBC programme Science in Action, Henry heard them speak of a man who had achieved a large reduction in weight, or had opposed gravity, with a gyroscope. He did not hear the name of the individual, but was able to get the name of the man investigating this new phenomenon [I have the name and address - Editor].

Henry says that on the following afternoon (it was originally reported as being in the morning!) after work, he went back to the place where the incident had occurred and where the craft had been standing. It took him about half an hour to find the position and then he found some marks on the ground, but the ground was rough so he feels they might have been his imagination, and there were no metal scrapings or anything that he could call definitive.

Thoughts and Ideas from Henry :

"Over the years I have thought about and studied the action of mercury flowing through a coiled tube. If the tube is of equal diameter, I cannot see how an external force is generated (not counting the force to be investigated by the man in Edinburgh.). But if the tube has a different diameter or bores, like this:



when a fluid flow round it, it appears to produce an external force.

If Diameter 2 is twice Diameter 1, then the area of 2 will be 4 times the area of 1 and the weight of liquid in 2 will be 4 times that of 1.

Inversely, the Velocity of liquid flowing around the coil will be 4 times faster in 1 than in 2.

So that if we insert this information into the formula for centrifugal force for each of the half coils, we will have :-

centrifugal force C.F.

$$CF = \frac{WV^2}{qR}$$

Taking the top, or small diameter tube,

W will be proportional to 1
 V will be proportional to 4
 q and R are constant for both halves,
 so can be ignored,

and CF will be proportional to :

$$1 \times 4^2 = 16$$

Now, considering the bottom, or large diameter tube:

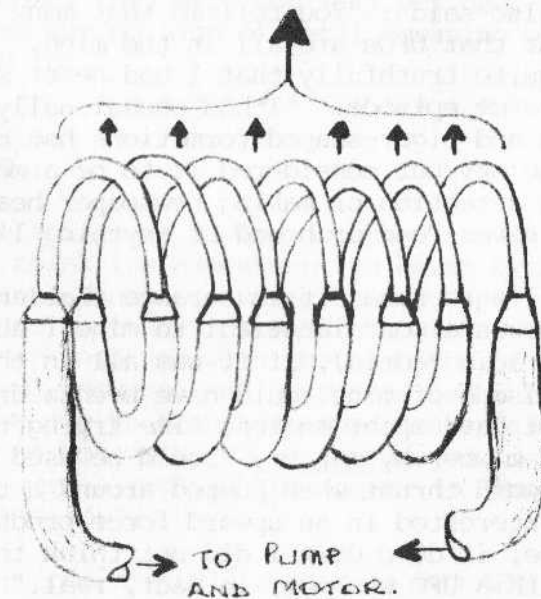
W will be proportional to 4

V will be proportional to 1

$$\text{so that } CF = 4 \times 1^2 = 4$$

So that from this you will see that that centrifugal force will produce an upward force proportional to 16 and a downward force proportional to 4, and a resultant force upward of 16 - 4 proportional to 12.

If these single coils are joined together to form a spiral, the forces of each will be added together :-



There will be quite a lot of losses as the centrifugal force does not act vertically but considering all of this, I still think that there would be a resulting force.

When working for the Space Lab for the Government in the European Space Agency, I put this theory to one of the young engineers working with me on the project. He spent quite a lot of time working out some practical examples and assured me that there would be quite a large force produced if the fluid was mercury and the velocity high, but still an attainable velocity. [Henry then names the engineer and where he works.]

Two years later when working on satellites, also for the European Space Agency, I put the same question to another engineer [also named by Henry.]

We would have liked to have built a working model but the two engineers had young families and I had a bad heart; and the cost of a model would be expensive by our standards."

Henry also said: "You tell me that many opinions concur that UFOs are all in the mind. I can tell you quite truthfully that I had never studied UFOs before my episode. I had occasionally read that discs and cigar-shaped formations had been seen in the sky but considered it to be a means of attracting attention or making newspaper headlines. But I had never read or heard of anything like the one I saw.

You will agree that it is strange that another was seen which was almost identical to mine (about 15 years later, in Madrid), if it was all in the mind!!!

This episode of mine could have been a dream but I would not have spent endless time trying to work out a system whereby mercury could be used to produce an upward thrust when pumped around a tube, or be so interested in an upward force produced by a gyroscope, if deep down I did not think that my contact with a UFO was not, in fact, real."

Referring to the disappearance of the oil can which contained the water for the resuscitation of the injured man in the craft, Henry adds: "The oil can was not in the car the following morning. But the car was an open two-seater with space at the back of the seats for the canvas hood to fold into. The labourers on the farm loved these cans to keep their water in, in their huts. So I must confess that it could quite likely have been stolen. I would also like to mention the marks made by the craft. The ground in this area is very rocky and hard, with tufts of grass and loose grey dust. It took me a long time to find what I thought were the 'marks'. They looked as if a shallow disc, about the size of a large dinner plate, had been pressed on the uneven ground, leaving an impression which depended on the form of the ground.

I only found two of these indentations which were well defined and were diagonally opposite one another. Because of this, I was able to estimate where the others would be and yes, I think I found the other two marks, but because of the hardness of the ground, they were not well defined.

There was no sign of metal scraping which I was looking for."

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COMMENT :

Despite this case having occurred such a long time ago, I think its assessment as being extremely important, cannot go unregistered.

I have written to the Edinburgh University Professor involved with the opposing of gravity in using a gyroscope, and have received a reply in which he admits that his experiments, although successful, were not so to the degree he would have hoped. I have sent a copy of this paper to 'Henry' and now await his reply.

Further comments will appear in UFO AFRINEWS N° 4.

The significance of this whole case, I feel, hinges on the propulsion method used by the alleged Aliens. Was it an actual experience, or merely another con from space?

We will have to wait and see!

BOOK REVIEW AND COMMENTARY

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PARAPSYCHOLOGY AND THE UFO -- by Manfred Cassirer.
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London NW6 7BE.

This book aims to explore the parallels between 'state of the art' research in scientific psychology and scientific Ufology. Inevitably, therefore, it is a specialists' book, of primary interest to persons who have made an in-depth study of one or the other discipline, with the object of encouraging them to study the other as well. The gain, the author maintains, should be mutual.

One can only applaud this objective, but the book itself has some shortcomings. Although only 62 pages long - including 8 pages of references and a very brief index - it has no less than 29 chapters and an epilogue. Most of the chapters are one page or less in length and consist of brief references to example cases in one field with parallel or similar examples in the other.

The terse style, with references in brackets in every second or third line, also does not make for easy reading. The overall impression is of something like a gardener's catalogue. Undoubtedly the 'seeds' described are of interest, and may possibly be of great value, but almost the only people reading the catalogue will already be gardeners.

A dry 'donnish' sense of humour does manifest throughout the book (Mr Cassirer is an Oxford graduate and an M. Litt.). If you are an Oxford graduate yourself - or even from Cambridge - you will possibly enjoy it. Unfortunately I fear that many other readers will find it too intellectually 'clever' or 'superior'. As it goes on, page after page, always in the same epigrammatic style, one begins to long for just one chapter that will drop this tone and seem to speak out directly to us, saying something that we can believe the author himself believes in deeply, because it has meant something to him. Presumably it has meant something; otherwise why would he have felt motivated to write the book at all?

But then why write it solely for a readership of other University dons?

The fact that there are parallels between the UFO phenomenon and other fields of phenomena - not only parapsychology but also mythology, magic, folklore, Eastern religious symbology and the transformation symbols of depth psychology, to name only some of them - is of course of the greatest importance. Part II of Jacques Vallée's book DIMENSIONS (Souvenir Press, 1988) explores these parallels and can be highly recommended. His genius of presentation makes each of the examples he cites strike right home to the reader in the way that I feel Mr Cassirer's book needs to do but fails to do.

Having said all this, however, one must still thank Mr Cassirer for his work. If it does no more than induce some parapsychologists to begin to study UFOs it will have justified the labour undertaken.

DISNEYLAND OF THE GODS -- by John A Keel. Amok Press, New York, 1988.

The most significant thing about this book, I think, is the enthusiastic welcome it has received and the fact that its overall thesis is now suddenly regarded as sane and rational.

Respectable UFO researchers in both America and Britain have hailed it. After more than 10 years of silence Keel is welcomed back. "This is the best book you've written", he is told.

I like it, of course, though I don't really think it is his best. But I have never been able to dislike a book by John A Keel because he writes so ably and entertainingly that he will always force you at least to consider what he is saying, just so that you can enjoy each sentence and paragraph to the end. Moreover, for my part I always did think he was right; or at least righter than anyone else.

People used to say, "Oh yes... John Keel... yes; very interesting but a bit 'way out'. You're never quite sure whether he means what he says or if he's writing with his tongue in his cheek." Well, tongue in cheek or not, I always felt that his was the way the UFO problem should be tackled.

All through the years when certain subjects were taboo or untouchable in respectable Ufological circles; when you didn't merely disbelieve the contactees -- you wouldn't even talk to them; when you could choose between the extra-terrestrial hypothesis (favoured by Keyhoe, Saunders and most of the Americans), or the Earthlights theory of Paul Devereux in Britain and Persinger in America; or just possibly the parallel dimension idea along with J Allen Hynek, but that was it; Keel was considering everything. His questionnaire to witnesses included their birthdates and what they had had for breakfast. And he followed them up afterwards.

Hynek and others following him suspected witnesses who reported more than one sighting or encounter. Why? On the rational (?) assumption that since the phenomenon was rare and contactees were ipso facto hoaxers, true experiences should be once-only experiences. But were they? It might be a rational assumption but it was still only an assumption.

Keel tested it and found that precisely the opposite was the true state of affairs. Anyone who sees a UFO once will be extremely likely to see one again. And outright contactee-ism is not something confined to a few detestable individuals who engage press agents and write books which make a lot of money and attract a large following. It is something widespread throughout American society which turns up all over the rest of the world as well; a syndrome with identical well defined 'symptoms' or parameters everywhere. Even the names of the contacting entities are frequently the same, whether they are encountered in Alaska or New Zealand.

The reason why Disneyland of the Gods is now taken seriously whereas Operation Trojan Horse, The Mothman Prophecies and The Eighth Tower were not when they appeared in 1974/75, saying almost the same things at greater length, is because the Ufological world itself has undergone a fundamental change during the intervening period. The ET Hypothesis in particular is now looked down upon in the circles generally regarded as the intellectual avant garde. It has survived longest in America - probably it is still the most widely accepted theory in America - but even there writers like Jacques Vallée began turning away from it towards the suggestion that something or someone was applying a kind of sociological control mechanism to us, ten or more years ago.

In Britain the swing has been almost completely over to the belief that UFOs result from the projection and feedback of imagery based on concepts latent in the observer's own mind or that of the society in which he lives. John Keel's approach fits as though it had been tailor-made into that idea and even the Americans feel they must at least consider it after finding themselves coping with abductions, since Budd Hopkins' Intruders and Whitley Strieber's Communion appeared in 1986/87.

Just what is Keel's basic theory? He maintains that UFOs don't come from elsewhere. They may not even be actual things. Essentially they are simply a form of conscious energy which has been with us for thousands of years.

It is able to take whatever visible form it chooses that will harmonize with our prevailing concept of reality and what is possible, all the time manipulating our minds and belief structures for its own more or less inscrutable purposes. Our religions have probably been produced by it. The 'occult' explosion which began in the 1960s and led to the appearance of the 'alternative' society and culture, was due to the direct interaction with us of a 'super-spectrum' intelligence, beginning with art and music, just as happened in ancient times.

This is all spelled out in the latter part of the book. The earlier part (more than half the book) is a delightful recounting of Fortean happenings all over the world, beginning appropriately with the proverbial kitchen sink.

I can now indulge my predilection for sitting on the fence by saying that I cannot accept that Keel is wholly right. I am still 100% in favour of his approach and his research methods but it seems to me that the pendulum has now swung too far in the opposite direction from where it was 12 or 15 years ago. When all reports of contacts and telepathy were denounced as hoaxes, dreams or delusions and yet one had oneself encountered people who were neither deluded nor hoaxers who reported them, it was refreshing to discover a writer who listed precisely what they were recounting in the sequence in which they recounted it.

"Contactee-ism is a reality", he said, and indeed it is. But I do not believe the phenomenon is entirely mental, not even in the sense of a mental force that is capable of producing physical effects. The good work that has been done in the past, particularly in America and France, in investigating and cataloguing physical trace cases, studying interference with automobile engines, following up reports of burns, injuries by radiation and other mishaps, and even cases of hastened death, has not been wasted.

We still know far too little to be able to rule out a particular explanation, whether it be ET or whatever, or to say that any specific one is correct. We may find that although they seem to contradict and mutually exclude one another at the moment, all the main theories may somehow or other be correct. We ourselves are just beginning to understand how matter itself may be dematerialized and re-materialized and transmitted by radio waves. Who is to say that beings from a more advanced extra-terrestrial civilization might not very well be able to materialize and dematerialize before us and manipulate our minds?

If a ship dematerializes it need not necessarily have been an illusion -- not even if it resembled something the observer had already seen described in science fiction. Science fiction has all too frequently proved to be simply a preview or intuition of a coming reality. And careful observation and comparison of descriptions of UFOs and their performance has already begun to pay dividends in the form of clues as to how comparable machines might be constructed here through development of our own technology.

If you have not previously read other books by John A Keel, then read this one at once. Then go on to read The Mothman Prophecies [re-titled Visitors From Space in a subsequent edition-Ed.] and The Eighth Tower. These books are really required reading for any serious Ufologist. The sheer energy of research and breadth of outlook they reveal will open the eyes and broaden the outlook of any researcher. But then go on to, or back to, the worlds of other more specialised researchers and reconsider them from the background of Keel's wider perspective. His sense of humour, too, is a decided advantage, whether you are trying to argue with a rigid American pragmatist or faced by someone from the British psychological school who is trying to make you feel immeasurably inferior.

The ultimate truth must still eventually be accessed by talking to witnesses and investigating and re-investigating cases on the spot. Make friends of your witnesses. No amount of pontification on other people's cases from however impeccable a viewpoint will ever be an acceptable substitute for that.

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