

Non-human or inhuman?

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One of the difficulties of being a police officer, or anyone similarly engaged on a daily basis with criminal activity, is the realisation that no matter how appalling the acts carried out by someone against someone else, they are likely at some point to demonstrate the depth of their common humanity with those deciding about the legality or perhaps morality or sanity of their actions.

In the main, those who commit the most serious crimes in one area of their lives will express a finely attuned sense of responsibility for others in another aspect of their lives, almost as if the one had no connection with the other. These are not, in my ten years of experience of unarmed uniformed and detective work in London, people who are defined as having any kind of mental illness which would render them unfit to stand trial. They are people who have simply found a way to justify their behaviour to themselves. Some of these dubious actions are, of course, carried out by officers themselves with greater or lesser moral justification, depending upon the judgement of hindsight, and I shared in these daily questions.

I raise this background now, in the context of investigation into human contact with what may be forms of non-terrestrial intelligence, because for some time I have been concerned at the public trivialisation of this subject in the UK. There is no doubt that many people here are witnessing and becoming victims of deeply manipulative and harmful contact experiences, usually called 'alien abduction'. These experiences may subsequently be considered as powerfully transformative and even beautiful experiences, and for some people anomalous contact events would never be considered as harmful in any way, but whichever it is, they are often collectively dismissed as simply fiction or delusion. This reaction, especially amongst professional people who have no personal experience of anomalous phenomena, is the direct result of an astonishingly gullible acceptance of mainstream propaganda on this subject. Particularly since World War II images of aliens and their craft, in various forms, have permeated the categorical boundary 'popular culture' and entered every aspect of modern life. Rarely, however, is the study of these events from a scientific perspective, or the unravelling of the narratives of contact given public credibility at an academic level in the UK. Although I too have felt the effects of kundalini awakening, as described by Dr Jean Galbraith in the December issue of 'Network', it was not this that began an extraordinary sequence of events which led to my visiting UFO and abduction support groups, in several countries and led me to visit some of the people, predominantly men, who are currently defining this global subject. There are several questions raised by thoughtful investigators, some of whom may themselves be 'experiencers' of these anomalous contact phenomena:

To what extent is there evidence that these beings and/or craft are from another planet or time or dimension, rather than their being normal residents of this planet of whose existence we were not previously aware?

What is the significance of their relationship with us as human beings, if a relationship actually exists rather than contact with humans being incidental to their normal activities?

What, if any, is the connection between anomalous contact phenomena and the covert testing of weaponry, human or non-human?

To what extent has the very concept of 'alien abduction' in fact been created by entirely

human propaganda with a view to enhancing opportunities for global military/scientific/corporate control?

Can a forum for informed public debate and academic research into these phenomena exist within the UK mainstream at this time, and who might benefit from the resulting information?

The reader will be aware that I do not here question the reality of these varying contact and or abduction experiences. There is overwhelming evidence, not all of it collected through the problematic methodology of hypnosis, that people from every socio-economic class, age, or race have experienced or continue to experience a range of communication with, information from, or sightings of forms of intelligence which describe themselves as or appear as non-human. The source of these events, and their potential significance, are other questions entirely.

When I was working as a teacher in Queensland in Australia, in March 1992, I was woken up by a touch on my right temple. Looking around the street-lit room I could see nothing unusual and, assuming I had touched my own face while dreaming, I lay down again to go back to sleep. I was immediately touched again on the side of my forehead, and opened my eyes to look straight into the eyes of a being apparently standing next to the bed. It looked at me and I looked at it long enough for me to register that it was not human, before I leapt up and dashed about in a flat out panic putting lights on and checking under the bed.

Of course, in retrospect, this is funny. At the time I was really scared and sat down quietly to calmly go through the possible explanations; dreaming, drinking, smoking cannabis, or, as I was asked by an interviewer, a young intruder? None of these were true, and I eventually concluded that it was real. As soon as I stepped over this mental line I remembered having met a being which looked the same when I was a child in Ruislip, in north-west London. We were the same size then.

Depending upon your own professional training, or your own knowledge of the linguistic and conceptual paradigm of alien/human encounter, you will now have concluded that a) it was bloody hot b) I was a mass of unresolved fears and prejudices from my years in the Metropolitan Police c) I was lying about the cannabis. Actually I might have shared that view at the time and cheerfully got on with teaching English and Media to entirely human students, had it not been for events in the following August.

My boyfriend had recently arrived from Argentina, and we were peacefully in bed at about eleven in the evening when he suddenly said, "Something's come in the room!" I looked towards the doorway and saw/felt/perceived that it was filled with an energy presence which then made its way slowly into the room and down my side of the bed. We clutched hands like a pair of kids in total gob-smacked amazement as it moved towards me, and touched me under the left ear. "It's touching me!" I said, "It's not you, is it?" and he held his hands up in mock horror. This being, or energy, then began transmitting images to my mind, and I relayed to my friend what I could see; sort of stills from various entertainingly 'star trek' like scenarios, and pages and pages of symbols. Was I being downloaded with information? If so, in which language and for what purpose? Night after night for about a week three of them it seemed came to visit. I cannot give a detailed description, they were far larger than the initial contact image or being, and neither of us felt in the least frightened of them. They poured energies up and down 'fly body, having me sit up at one point as an uncomfortable procedure was carried out which shifted the base of my spine. We became

so used to these visits that we simply fell asleep, but eventually my friend became fed with my getting all the attention and asked for something for himself Instantly, he said he could see small objects in his left hand, crystals and other things which he was shown how to re-arrange for the purpose of asking questions. And so our journeys began.

In some 'new' age groups I went to, announcing myself as an alien contactee/abductee, but with my detective's hat firmly in place, I discovered abuse of traumatised or vulnerable people on a wide scale, the unknowing or thoughtless invoking of manipulative and even predatory forms of energy, the unquestioning acceptance of channelled materials, and an entirely uncritical approach to the investigation of sometimes genuine contact experiences. It is this that concerns me. This entire subject, in its various manifestations, is either hidden under the deliberate obfuscation of mis-information, with people such as Lord Hill Norton actively discouraged from publically raising a matter of real concern to him, that of UFO activity in 'our' airspace, or is devotedly but often uncritically investigated by many under-educated people in local groups dominated by men determined to be more interested in the transport rather than the pilots, and who use hypnosis not therapeutically but as an investigative tool. This is true of some of those investigating this subject at an academic level, but it is also true that very few people at that level publicly take this subject seriously. A member of the Department of Parapsychology at Edinburgh University told me, after I had on recommendation sent him a carefully worded exploratory e-mail, that those who say they are in contact with what may actually be forms of non-terrestrial intelligence are "sadly deluded". This seems to me a disgraceful response from such an institution, and served only to confirm my earlier observations that the only place that good research is taking place at an academic level is in the United States.

The Program for Extraordinary Experience Research, located initially at the Cambridge Hospital, Harvard and founded by Dr John Mack, now carries out inter-faculty research into phenomena which may come to be seen as the early manifestations of an evolutionary leap for our species. The programme raises basic questions as to the nature of our knowledge, and how that has been constructed, carries out a range of research projects, and at the same time provides professional therapeutic support for those who may need it, from the basis of understanding that these events really happen. At the University of Dundee last year I was encouraged to find that the student psychiatrist had had a visit the previous year from a young man who said he had been visited by aliens. He wasn't mad, he just needed to be able to tell someone, and to be believed; as if he were someone from the sixteenth century who had suddenly glimpsed Heathrow.

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