



# Black Plague, Chemtrails, Mad Cow - how will it all end? -Ray Cecot, Organizational Director

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A variety of reading materials have recently been brought to my attention which, when placed in connection with each other, paint a picture that is disconcerting, to say the least. The topics seem, at first, to be totally divorced from each other, but may be brought together with startlingly fearful overtones.

The recent cases of Mad Cow disease in England and now the case in the United States have a bearing on what I am about to relate. However, before bringing the present state of affairs into the limelight, let us take a trip back in history to the time of the Black Plague in Europe. In the last issue of *The Messenger*, I spoke of the book titled **The Gods of Eden** by William Bramley (Avon Books, copyright 1989). What I have been able to learn about the author is that he is an attorney who began researching the war-like qualities inherent in the human race and the possible reasons therefore.

In his research, he came across a rather interesting conclusion: mankind has been periodically manipulated by extraterrestrial beings, maintaining humankind in its aggressive behavior pattern. You may say that this is just another theory by another person, and is no consequence to your everyday life. That might be true, but after reading Bramley's book, your everyday life just might have been affected by beings from elsewhere than the planet Earth. Outrageous? Consider Bramley's Chapter 18 titled *The Black Death*, which deals with the Bubonic Plague.

Bramley tells us that, according to historians, the Black Death began in Asia and spread to Europe where it killed over 25 million people in less than four years. That would have been about one-third of the population of Europe at the time. Some historians place the figure much higher, closer to half the population.

The plague first spread through Europe between 1347 and 1350. It seemed to strike Europe roughly every 10-20 years after that with fatalities diminishing. Many of the short-lived outbreaks continued up until the 1700s, leaving many to believe that in that 400 year period over 100 million people succumbed to the disease.

Briefly, there are two types of the Black Death. The first is the most widely known *bubonic* which is "characterized by swellings of the lymph nodes." These swellings are known as "buboes." The buboes are accompanied by vomiting, fever, and death within several days unless treated. This type of plague is not transmitted between humans directly, but requires a "carrier," such as a flea or tick. This is the reason many historians believe that flea-infested rodents carried the plague and spread it throughout the continent. There have been historical reports of rodent population increase just prior to a plague outbreak.

The second category of this plague is the *pneumonic* type. This is a highly contagious form which produces shivers, rapid breathing, and coughing up of blood. Body temperatures are high and death follows in about 3 to 4 days. Unfortunately, it is nearly always fatal. It transmits best in cold weather and poor ventilation. Many historians think that this second type was the bigger culprit in devastating the population.

Regardless, Bramley goes on to say that there are aspects to the Black Death that remain troubling to researchers to this very day.

For example, many outbreaks occurred in summer and in uncrowded regions, contradicting the pneumonic type's preference to cold and overcrowded conditions with poor ventilation. Not all outbreaks were preceded by a rodent infestation, in fact, only a minority of cases seem to be related to this cause. As Bramley puts it, "The greatest puzzle about the Black Death is how it was able to strike isolated human

"A great number of reports speak of foul-smelling "mists" causing the plague."

populations which had no contact with earlier infected areas. The epidemics also tended to end abruptly."

Studying historical accounts of what was reported during the plague years reveals some startling information. Taking into account that the period had an overtone of superstition, other facts handed down

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## Ghost Caught On Film

By Marian Ross  
IRAAP Investigator

**H**ampton Court Palace is a Tudor style castle built in 1525. The palace sits on the River Thames ten miles west of central London. It is a popular tourist destination boasting historic tours by guides in period costume. Beginning in October of 2003, numerous fire doors were found opened in the palace. Since security is a big concern, officials at the palace were baffled as to how the door were repeatedly unlocked, some even left open.

The security breach continued into December but a few days before Christmas, a culprit was found. Security guards reviewed closed circuit television tapes and were startled to find a cloaked figure emerging from one of the unlocked fire doors. The figure himself was blurry but not the area around him. It looked as if there was some kind of field around the figure.

Security guard, James Faukes said the figure was "spooky because the face did not look human and it was uncommonly white." Guards originally thought it was someone wearing one of the palace's costumes. But after review of the costumes, guards realized it was not one of theirs.

The closed circuit tapes also revealed that the figure just appears on the film. He or "it" is not seen walking down the hall or approaching the door. The figure simply appears on film and exits through the fire door. The outside facade of the building is clearly seen.

The tapes show no sign of tampering. The ghost remains unknown to the staff at the palace. However, tour guides and security guards say this is not the first supernatural happening at Hampton Court.

[Source: Garland, Jack, Associated Press, "Ghostly Presence Caught On Camera?", via "The Saratogian" newspaper, page 5A, December 20, 2003. ]  
(see related article, page 3 of this issue)

## The Devil in Electricity?

**R**esidents of the Sicilian village of Canneto di Caronia are leaving town. They believe that the devil is in their home appliances.

The small village was evacuated during the week of February 11 "after a mysterious outbreak of spontaneous fires among residents' furniture and electrical devices - everything from refrigerators and televisions to washing machines and cell phones."

"This has been going on for three weeks now and there is no explanation for it," mayor Pedro Spinnato told the *Scotsman*. "We cannot risk a tragedy through these fires, so I have no other option but to evacuate the village. We have had electrical engineers in to examine cables and wires but they can find no explanation. It is not just electrical items, furniture is also catching fire for no reason. Already people are blaming the events on evil spirits and I am being asked to get the local priest to perform an exorcism."

Originally the local authorities thought the cause was due to a railway's overhead electrical cables, but the problem did not go away even after the electricity was completely shut off. So far, there is no scientific explanation for what is taking place in this little village near Messina on the island's coast.

"I've seen things like this before," Catholic exorcist Gabriele Amorth told the Italian newspaper *Il Messagero*. "Demons occupy a house and appear in electrical goods ... Let's

(DEVIL ... on page 12)

Perhaps the most terrifying movie of modern times is "The Exorcist."

Released on December 26, 1973, the movie is based on William Peter Blatty's novel of the same name.

Blatty based his story on the real-life case of Robbie Mannheim, which was fully documented in Thomas B. Allen's "Possessed: The True Story of an Exorcism" (1993, Bantam Books). The story began on January 15, 1949 in Mount Rainier, Maryland, when demonic scratchings and poundings were heard. This would evolve into alleged levitations and a full fledged exorcism being conducted.

In the movie and the real-life story, the "evil" manifested itself in a child after being brought "in" through the use of a Ouija board. Expert in demonology and psychic medium Lorraine Warren was recently interviewed on the NBC "Today Show" about the incident.

"Doors have to be opened ... in the case of the movie, 'The Exorcist,' it was a Ouija board," said Lorraine Warren. "[Demons are] just waiting for an invitations."

In "Deliver Us From Evil" (1973, Phillips Publishing Co.), by J.F. Sawyer with Ed & Lorraine Warren, the case is described in detail in the last section of the book. It concluded:



"The struggle went on through Easter Sunday 1949. On Easter the demons erupted in some of the most violent manifestations of the whole case - screaming, spitting, yelling curses. But these terrors must have been their death battle - the next day

the boy was finally able to speak the ritual words and was freed of possession."

After grossing more than 255 million dollars over thirty years, the movie has spawned two sequels, and is popularly regarded as the scariest movie ever made. Blatty believes the movie is more than horror and gore. It has an important message.

"I think it suggests that there are spiritual forces at large in the universe," said Blatty.

While the topics of demonic possession and exorcism are highly controversial, they are almost irresistible to the media. Back in 1991, ABC's 20/20 launched an extraordinary year-long investigation into exorcisms.

In a segment entitled "The Exorcism," reporter Tom Jero interviewed cult expert and exorcist from the Archdiocese of New York, Fr. James Lebar. Fr. Lebar was a consultant for the Office of Cult Awareness and had been a guest on many talk

# The Exorcist

## Still Terrifying At Age Thirty

by: Paul Bartholomew  
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shows, including Oprah and Geraldo.

Fr. Lebar spoke at Corinth High School in New York after a satanic cult panic there in 1989 led one teen to suicide. "Possession is when the devil gets inside somebody, and really operates them for awhile. I'd like to tell you that

possession is very rare in the world, but unfortunately, I can't, because it has increased a lot..."

The ABC report filmed the alleged exorcism of a school girl named Gina. When all was said and done, Gina's medical condition improved. Was her improvement the result of the exorcism or is it simply a case of positive psychological suggestion? Amid critics' cries of sensationalism and medieval ignorance, the exorcism helped vault 20/20 to second place in the Neilson television rankings for the week. It drew great public interest.

In 2000, the movie "The Exorcist" was re-released in theaters with eleven minutes of previously unseen footage added to the original. The haunting theme, jolting gore and countless obscenities echoed through theaters coast-to-coast once again.

Even after thirty years, "The Exorcist" maintains its billing as THE scariest movie of all time. ▲ IRAAP

## Hampton Court Mystery

"We genuinely don't know who it is or what it is," palace spokeswoman says of image.

Closed-circuit security cameras at Hampton Court Palace, one of Britain's most haunted sites, seem to have snagged an ethereal visitor. "We're baffled too - it's not a joke, we haven't manufactured it," said Vikki Wood, a Hampton Court spokeswoman, when asked if the photo that the palace released was a hoax. "We genuinely don't know who it is or what it is."

Security guards spotted the figure after checking the closed-circuit system to see who kept leaving one of the palace's fire doors open. In the photograph, a man in a robe-like garment is shown stepping from the doorway, one arm reaching out for the door handle (see photo)..



(Sources: National Post news services, Saturday, December 20, 2003, and as presented in Delve Report January 2004, by Gene Duplantier of Toronto, Canada)

## Cops Baffled After Sighting UFO

*Circular object changes shape, colors while hovering over church*  
January 7, 2004  
World Net Daily .com

Three police officers in Huntington, Ind., claim to have seen an Unidentified Flying Object the day after Christmas hovering over a Catholic church, and UFO investigators now are looking into the incident.

Officer Chip Olinger was warming up his car Dec. 26 about 2:30 p.m. when he reported seeing a circular object in the sky and radioed fellow officers Greg Hedrick and Randy Hoover, who also saw it, reported the *Huntington Herald-Press*. The trio then watched the object move over a Catholic church and toward its steeple. The object reportedly was the size of a hot air balloon or trampoline. The cops say it stopped a few times, spun slowly, changed shapes and at one point turned orange.

"It wasn't any kind of flying machine that I can think of," Olinger told the *Herald-Press*. "And it's not like a '50s flying saucer. It was that big, but it didn't have a hump in the middle."

The officer said he thought the object turned orange when it reflected the sunlight, "like a compact mirror would if you twirled it."

Hoover, the report states, commented, "I can't imagine how it could possibly be anything I could relate to." The object would stop and then spin slowly, he claimed, a maneuver no known aircraft can accomplish.

Three investigators from the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, are looking into the sighting, compiling details of the incident, the paper reported.

While boys in the neighborhood were playing with an inflatable balloon-type toy they received for Christmas Dec. 26, the UFO investigators aren't convinced that's what the officers saw.

"It's not a balloon of any kind," MUFON member Roger Sugden told the *Herald-Press*. "Whichever way the wind was blowing, it wouldn't have stopped, tumbled and moved off."

The MUFON trio interviewed one of the officers who saw the object and took measurements to try to determine the size of the object. They hope to talk to the other witnesses.

"It's pretty common that an object comes over and hovers," Sugden said. "This is not the first time that's happened — the tumbling motion, it stops, and moves off."

According to the report, for a few days, the policemen didn't say anything about the sighting. "We thought people would think we were crazy," Hoover said.

A UFO sighting "doesn't mean it's a flying saucer. It doesn't mean it's aliens," Sugden is quoted as saying. "It means it's unidentified. It could be anything. The world is a little more complicated than we can perceive. We see in a tiny little spectrum."

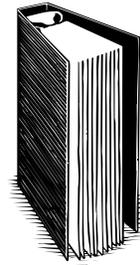
## In Case you Haven't Heard Charles Berlitz is no longer with us

Charles Berlitz, author of *The Bermuda Triangle* died on December 18, 2003 at the age of 90. His death took place at University Hospital in Tamarac, Florida.

Quoting the Associated Press article:

"Berlitz was internationally known for his 1974 best seller on the Bermuda Triangle, but he also wrote other books on the paranormal, including 'Without a Trace,' 'The Philadelphia Experiment - Project Invisibility,' 'The Roswell Incident,' and 'The Dragon's Triangle.'

Berlitz began visiting Florida during the 1970s when he was researching his books on the Bermuda Triangle and Atlantis. In the early 1980s, he and his wife moved to Fort Lauderdale."



## UFO Bureau Archives

from Billy Rachels  
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## Jimmy Carter Knows

Do you ever wonder how much information the president of the United States is given on the subject of unidentified flying objects?

Judging from what I have seen in my own UFO research, the "powers that be" have placed the Commander-in-Chief on a NEED TO KNOW BASIS only. Of course, this means that the president is given information as the need arises, sometimes getting as much information as he can handle, other times hardly any at all.

Of all the U.S. presidents, the two who received, at least, a little bit of information on the UFO topic would be Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. Most likely the reason they were given this info was due to their own stand on the subject.

Most of you know about Carter's UFO sighting while he was governor of my home state of Georgia., but you may not be aware that he may be the first and only president to have a real UFO penetrate the restricted air space around his official presidential helicopter. (This may have happened to other presidents, but this incident was the only one to be made public.)

The event took place on June 17, 1979 while Carter was on a state visit to Fort Clayton in Panama. Linda Arosemena, a professional photographer, was assigned the task of taking pictures of the visit. She was employed by the Defense Mapping agency Inter-American Survey as Visual Information Officer. She has been described by fellow workers as a reliable and expert photographer.

Ms. Arosemena explained that she was finishing up a roll of film that had two shots left on it. She took what she

thought were routine pictures of the presidential helicopter departing, and did not see anything unusual in the frame at the time she snapped the shots. It was not until later that she noticed a shocking result on one of the frames.

After the film was developed, a UFO was clearly visible, and seen hovering near the airborne copter. Since the picture shows a multitude of reference points, there is no doubt of the reality of the UFO. The object is saucer shaped and shows a black inner oval with a dull grey metal-like outer covering. Five to ten seconds earlier, Ms Arosemena shot frame number 35 with no UFO in the picture, but the last frame (number 36) had the UFO clearly in view.

None of the armed military forces on the ground, Secret Service agents in the copter, or the president himself reported seeing anything unusual.

It needs to be added that 24 hours before this incident, four fishermen reported seeing what was probably the same UFO. They said it was spinning, moving slowly with no sound. I often wonder what Jimmy Carter might have said when and if he was ever shown that photograph. He might have something like, "I told you they were real."

## From the Arab News

The on-line Arab News posted a news article on January 12, 2004 concerning a haunted house. It seems as if the mighty spirit world is present not only in coastal New England and the mining towns of America's southwest. The Saudi Arabia city of Jeddah boast its own version of a haunted house.

The article titled **Jeddah's Haunted House is a Magnet for "Shabab"** was written by Roger Harrison & Essam Al-Ghalib, of the Arab News Staff.

The article never translates the word "shabab," and I came up empty when I tried to find a meaning for it on the Internet. Regardless, the article tells of a house in Jeddah which is becoming well known as THE haunted house of the area.

Supposedly, taxi drivers will not go near it.

This "place of horror" has already acquired its own history of the macabre. So far, sixteen people who have dared to pass under her threshold have not been seen again.

The house is now derelict and has become a decaying mass. It stands about 300 feet from the seafront which adds to the eerie sense the house invokes. Just looking at it, even in the daytime, "produces an involuntary shudder. Crows flap untidily around the crumbling upper works like rags tossed in the wind."

"At night, the house changes character completely. Sooty walls and ceilings add to the depth of the gloom in the body of the house." To challenge the myth surrounding the house, the authors of the article spent the night inside what they call the "old lady... ignored in her decline, but still standing proud..."

Although the reporters who wrote the story saw no ghostly spirits, the aura surrounding the house had a definite effect on them. They tell the reader, "We saw no ghosts but then, absence of proof is not proof of absence. We did, however, see self-inflicted fear at work, the power of persuasion and bravado powered by boredom. We also came to respect the old lady for her seeming tolerance of our presence and appreciate what she seemed to have in spite of her age and her state of disrepair: Dignity."

[source: www.arabnews.com  
Roger Harrison & Essam Al-Ghalib, Arab News staff]

## New UFO book due out in March 2004

*The Phoenix Lights*  
by Lynne D. Kitei, M.D.

Just about all UFO investigators became riveted to their televisions in March 1997 when strange lights were seen in the sky over a large stretch of Arizona. The March 13 event is now known as the Phoenix Lights, and has mystified researchers to this day. It has been broadcast on all type of media outlets, including mainstream

newscasts, talk shows, and documentaries.

IRAAP has been made aware that a book will be released in March of this year centered on just this spectacular event. Written by **Lynne D. Kitei, M. D.**, the work is already being hailed as an "exhaustively researched look at the phenomenon" which includes "dozens of astonishing photographs and Kitei's own take on the the wider implications of this remarkable event."

Edgar Mitchell, Sc.D., Capt USN (ret) has this to say about Dr.Lynne's *The Phoenix Lights*:

"*The Phoenix Lights* is a compelling and thorough documented account of the most bizarre and widely observed UFO event in modern times. Observed by thousands of citizens, but ignored, denied or dismissed by government ... some day the veil of secrecy will be lifted, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Lynne."

*The Phoenix Lights, A Skeptic's Discovery that We are Not Alone*, is due out in March of 2004.  
ISBN 1-57174-377-4  
trade paperback, \$16.95, Hampton Roads Publishing Co., 1125 Stony Ridge Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22902  
www.hrpub.com

A review will appear in a future issue of *The Messenger*.

## Scientists Recommend Bedtime Prayers

A German scientist says people who suffer from bad nightmares should say their prayers before going to bed. Detlev Linke, a neuro-physiologist at Bonn University, specializes in sleep disorders.

Dr. Linke says that people need to take control of their torments, and this can be done with practice. A person can invent a good outcome from what is troubling them, the simplest way is to say a prayer. Many of his patients have used this technique with success.

[source: ananova.com, posted Feb 17, 2004]

## FIRST PANTHERS, NOW UFOs: THE HUDDERSFIELD MYSTERY

Twinkling Christmas stars may have been replaced by UFOs over Huddersfield, a mid-sized city near Manchester in UK.

Shocked pensioner Malcolm Stapp is adamant he saw a couple of flying saucers in the night sky. Mr. Stapp, 74, of Salendine Nook, said: "It sounds incredible, I know, but I couldn't believe I saw what I was seeing."

He had been watching a film on TV and was going to bed at 12:30 a.m. on Monday, December 29, 2003, when he saw a bright light in the sky. He said: "It was stationary over Huddersfield for at least 15 minutes. At one point, another appeared traveling north and going very fast--a lot faster than the jets that fly over here. It was certainly not a helicopter or a plane."

He added: "Both UFOs were globular with lots of lights on them. I tried to look at the stationary one through binoculars, but it was just a blur of intense lights. I watched it for 15 minutes, and it was still there when I went to bed. I've never seen anything like it before."

PC David McSweeney of Huddersfield police said they had received no other reports of sightings of UFOs the early hours of Monday.

(Joe Trainor's Note: Huddersfield has been the site of numerous sightings of phantom panthers during the past month.)

[source UFO RoundUp Vol 9 #1 1/7/04, Editor: Joseph Trainor]

## MOORS PANTHER SPOTTED ALL AROUND HUDDERSFIELD

The bloody corpse of a lamb bearing weird "signature" claw marks--and a glimpse of a lurking beast in a field at dusk.

It sounds like the gripping stuff of a movie trailer. But this is no Hollywood thriller, it's a worrying reality.

Big cat sightings in Huddersfield's rolling countryside near Manchester in UK has been a regular feature of the *Examiner's* news pages for the past few years. Every so often, someone spots a powerful prowler-- usually described as a black panther, lynx or puma. And sheep and lambs fall prey.

Farmers who find the remains of their livestock just can't put these strange attacks down to foxes and badgers. People are quick to play down such mystery sightings and slaughters, dismissing them as nonsense or even "scaremongering." But animal experts say a big cat on the loose is not beyond the realms of possibility.

One witness who saw it try to pounce on bantam hens said it had a head as big as a human's. Others say they saw something prowling Skelmanthorpe Cemetery, Scisset and High Hoyland.

In November 2003 Hade Edge residents alerted police to a large, swishy-tailed feline, bigger than an Alsatian (dog), stalking sheep in a field off Dunford Road.

Other people claimed to have spotted a big cat in the same area--and just this week, a vicious attack on sheep in Thurstonland was claimed to have the hallmarks of a panther. (For more on the Thurstonland attacks, see UFO Roundup, volume 8, number 47 for December 10, 2003, "Moors panther goes on a rampage near Oldham, UK," page 5.)

And there were some sightings near Dovestone, Greenfield and Saddleworth, suggesting the beast was moving west. A Greenfield farmer described a beast with orange eyes and said he thought he may have hit it with gunshot.

John Atkinson, an RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) inspector who has patrolled Huddersfield for the past decade, said big cat sightings had been a constant mystery since the mid- 1990s.

He said: "A big cat on the loose is not beyond the realm. Non-indigenous species of animal can survive in our own countryside."

Inspector Atkinson says: "Big cats live for a long time, and it's possible that, for example, if a pair were released at the same time, they could breed. Lions have no problem breeding in the British countryside, we know that. And some big cats come from North America where the climate isn't much different."

Sightings and tall stories are common from time to time--but in terms of hard facts, the authorities have little to go on. For, in John's experience, no big cat has ever been found locally.

He says: "These stories have been going on for years--always focusing on the Holmsfirth and Denby Dale area--but no one has ever got to the bottom of it."

Robert Noble of the National Farmers' Union at Honley is open-minded about the possibility--but believes a big cat at large would create more carnage.

He says: "Any such creature has to feed--and as far as I'm aware, we've had no reports of sheep and lambs being taken. You'd think there'd be more, but then, perhaps a big cat could eat wildlife that we wouldn't necessarily miss, rather than livestock."

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**"The fate of all explanation  
is to close one door only to have another  
fly wide open."**

Charles Forte  
The Book of the Damned

## Scientists try to crack the mystery of falling ice balls

An article from the Toledo Blade by Michael Woods on December 10, 2003 tells of a Spanish-American team of scientists who started monitoring ice events in the United States this winter following research conducted in Spain based on an unusual phenomenon. The “unusual” phenomenon involves “megacryometeors” or great balls of ice that fall out of a clear blue sky.

“I’m not worried that a block of ice may fall on your head,” said Jesus Martinez-Frias of the Center for Astrobiology in Madrid. “I’m worried that great blocks of ice are forming where they shouldn’t exist.”

This extraterrestrial debris weighs in on an average of 25 to 30 pounds, with a whopper found in Brazil that came down weighing a staggering 440 pounds. Ice balls have been reportedly punching holes in roofs of houses, smashing car windshields, and whizzing past people’s heads. Believe it or not, last winter an ice chunk described by an eyewitness as “half the size of a car” ripped through the roof of an automobile dealership in Lawrenceville, GA.

David Travis, who researches atmospheric conditions that foster megacryometeor formation, says that if these ice balls are being created due to global warming, as he suspects, the phenomenon will only increase in the future.

Originally, scientists thought that the phenomenon was unique to Spain when in January 2000 ice chunks weighing up to 6.6 pounds rained on the country out of cloudless skies for 10 days. It was first thought that the debris might be from a comet. However, there have been about 20 such events outside Spain, ranging from China to the United States.

So far, more than 50 ice ball falls have been confirmed with many more unconfirmed ones suspected. Research seems to show a seasonal pattern, with most taking place in January. Drops from aircraft have been ruled out. Test were performed to be sure there was no human waste in any of the samples or any “blue disinfectant” from the airline toilets. Verification was made, whenever possible, that no aircraft had flown over the area, eliminating possible ice falling from wings or fuselage.

Not all scientists believe this is a phenomenon related to global warming. Charles Knight, a hail expert at the University Corporation at Atmospheric Research in Boulder, CO, thinks pursuing the global warming idea is just dead wrong.

Regardless, the research will continue (although only just begun) as to why these monster hailstones (if that’s what they, indeed, are) are forming on a global scale and becoming more numerous.

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## Shades of Uri Geller

Many of you are no doubt familiar with Uri Geller, the famous paranormalist who is able to bend spoons with his mind. Angie, IRAAP’s secretary and technical advisor, has seen bent spoons, also. Only hers are found in her home. Over the past few years, she has come across these “beauties” in her silverware drawer from time to time, as well as in other areas of her home. After seeing them for myself, I gave Angie one from my home to see if what (or who?) is bending her spoons had a preference for hers alone... my spoon, too, was bent, and even more... broken. Admittedly, the spoon I gave her was not one of my better quality, so whatever “force” is doing the bending might have a taste for finer silverware. Here are some photos of what seems to be some pretty good artwork, but not done by the human hand. - RC



two views of the fork



the butter knife



here is my spoon

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to us seem to be more credible. For instance, a great number of reports speak of foul-smelling "mists" causing the plague. Further, that these mists were often preceded by bright lights in the sky. "The historian quickly discovers that 'mists' and bright lights were reported far more frequently and in many more locations than were rodent infestations. The Plague years were, in fact, a period of heavy UFO activity."

Bramley then goes on to explore these mysterious "mists," and in doing so paints a picture which seems to show that there was more to the Black Death than Mother Nature simply running her course. He speaks of "germ weapons" during the Black Death period, just as we consider the use of biological weapons in today's world. In order to arrive at this conclusion, Bramley cites some startling quotes from historical sources which gives the reader pause, a few of which will be included in a moment.

Whereas many comets were reported during the Black Death, one must consider that any unusual object in the sky during the time could have been considered a comet, for lack of what else to label the object. Many of the lights have characteristics which would place it out of the "comet" category by today's standards. Consider Bramley's quote from George Deaux's *The Black Death, 1347*, published in 1969.

*"The first reports [of the Plague] came out of the East. They were confused, exaggerated, frightening, as reports from that quarter of the world so often are: descriptions of storms and earthquakes: of meteors and comets training noxious gases that killed trees and destroyed the fertility of the land ..."*

Bramley suggests that this passage refers to far more than a mere comet. The flying objects were not just spreading disease, but were also spraying "chemical or biological defoliant" killing the vegetation and rendering the land unsuitable for agriculture. He states that "many human casualties from the Black Death may have been caused by such defoliant."

Aerial phenomena and the Black Death are connected in years preceding the "official" Black Plague in Europe. Ancient Mesopotamian tablets speak of a defoliation of the landscape in ages past. There was a previous plague in the year 1117 (250 years before the Black Death) that was also preceded by strange celestial phenomena (as Bramley quotes from Johannes Nohl's *The Black Death, A Chronicle of the Plague*, London, George Allen and Unwin Ltd 1926):

*"In 1117, in January, a comet passed like a fiery army from North towards the Orient, the moon was o'ercast blood-red in an eclipse, a year later a light appeared more brilliant than the sun. This was followed by great cold, famine, and plague, of which one-third of humanity is said to have perished."*

Bramley continues to cite Nohl's work in describing much of the

aerial phenomena which took place during the plague years.

*"In the year 1606 a comet was seen, after which a general plague traversed the world. In 1582, a comet brought so violent a plague upon Majo, Prague, Thuringia, the Netherlands, and other places that in Thuringia it carried off 37,000 and in the Netherlands 46,415."*

From Vienna, Austria in 1568:

*"When in sun and moonlight a beautiful rainbow and a fiery beam were seen hovering above the church of St. Stephanie, which was followed by a violent epidemic in Austria, Swabia, Augsburg, Wuerttemberg, Nuremberg, and other places, carrying off human beings and cattle."*

This, in itself, might not be enough to convince anyone of a connection between the plagues and lights in the sky, but a second

**"The Plague years were, in fact, a period of heavy UFO activity."**

phenomenon was sometimes reported: "the appearance of frightening humanlike figures dressed in black." Here is where things get really interesting from Bramley's perspective. These figures

were often seen on the outskirts of town or villages, and their presence always signaled DEATH.

There are two quotes from George Deaux's work (previously cited) on the Black Death taken from Bramley's book that must be presented here to paint the picture of "death" being connected to these mysterious men, and the almost undeniable presence of germ warfare. The first is from a summary written in 1682:

*"In Brandenburg [in Germany] there appeared in 1559 horrible men, of whom at first fifteen and later on twelve were seen. The foremost had beside their posteriors little heads, the others fearful faces and long scythes, which when they cut at the oats, so that the swish could be heard at a great distance, but the oats remained standing. When a quantity of people came running out to see them, they went on with their mowing."*

**"The appearance of frightening humanlike figures dressed in black" always signaled DEATH.**

According to Bramley a severe outbreak of the plague broke out immediately after the visit of these strange men. He is quick to point out that the scythes the men used made a swishing sound, as if they were cutting down the oats, but the oats did not fall.

This is an interesting point. If the oats did not fall, what were the scythes being used for, scythes that made a sound from "a great distance?" Bramley suggests that the townspeople "misinterpreted" the scythes' movements of cutting down the crop to be, actually, the spraying of some aerosols on the town.

Then again consider the second quote from Deaux's work:

*"...in the year of Christ 1571 was seen at Cremnitz in the mountain towns of Hungary on Ascension Day in the evening to*

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## Comet possible cause of first plague

*the great perturbation [disturbance] of all, when on the Schuelersberg there appeared so many black riders that the opinion was prevalent that the Turks were making a secret raid, but who rapidly disappeared again, and thereupon a raging plague broke out in the neighborhood.”*

All of this and much more in Bramley's chapter on *The Black Death* leaves the reader with nagging doubts as to what really caused many of the plagues down through the centuries. Indeed, if we look back through history, even back to the times of ancient Sumeria and beyond, we find men like Zecharia Sitchin telling us that things may not be as we have been led to believe. There just may be a tremendous void in our understanding from where the human race, as we know it today, originated. If, indeed, extraterrestrials are responsible for our existence, then periodic mass extermination of large sections of humanity may not be that far off base, as far as an alien agenda goes.

This brings us up to the present and the bizarre animal mutilations. To date, no one has been able to find who is performing such acts of butchery. From back in the late 1960s until 2004, animal after animal has been found with the same type of cauterized incisions, desiccated carcass, organs removed, and no trace, not a cigarette butt or button from a shirt, has been discovered to lead authorities to a perpetrator. Tire tracks around the animals are non-existent, in fact, much evidence shows that the animal had been dropped from above.

We are beyond asking question as to who is doing such an awful thing to innocent animals. Yes, we still need to look for a culprit, but we must ask at the same time, “Why are these animals being mutilated?” What is there in cattle organs and blood that someone could use to their advantage? Keeping with the alien hypothesis and Bramley's concept of period plague, perhaps we have new forms of annihilation coming our way. Or could they already be upon us?

Mad Cow is one such problem we have on our hands. Surely, one could counter with the argument that this disease is a product of what we are feeding our cattle. True. But how did the disease originate in the first place before being handed down from animal to animal due to incorrect feeding habits? Is Mad Cow a form of biological warfare against mankind? The spread to humans has, so far, been talked down by governments and media. Is it only a matter of time before a variant spreads to the human animal in large numbers?

Chemtrails come to mind as a means of dispersing chemical agents the way the “scythes” were used in Bramley's hypothesis. Only, what may be even more frightening is that chemtrails may be a product of man vs man, not an alien race keeping us in check.

It is difficult to know what to make of all of this, but the future doesn't look rosy. SARS, chicken influenza, and a myriad of other maladies that are getting more difficult to contain and kill, due to mutation, may just be the way “someone” is planning on weeding out the weak, and maintaining a strong genetic pool for future generations that can be used to their advantage.

In a related article found at site *independent.co.uk* dated February 4, 2004, Steve Connor, Science Editor reports that a “collision between Earth and a passing comet in the 6<sup>th</sup> century AD may have caused the collapse of agriculture, mass, famine and indirectly led to the bubonic plague in Europe, a study has suggested.”

The theory is that a relatively small comet, or a fragment thereof, could have caused so much dust and debris to encircle our planet within the atmosphere that sunlight could have been blocked out for many months. The reduced sunlight would have had a disastrous effect on crops resulting in famine and a weakened human population... allowing the bubonic plague to spread more easily.

According to the article: “Studies of tree rings - from preserved oaks retrieved from Irish bogs to ancient American pines trees - have shown that plant growth around the world almost stopped between about 536AD to 545AD. Chinese records from this time refer to a “dust veil” obscuring the skies. Mediterranean historians record a “dry fog” that blocked out much of the sun's heat for more than a year.”

Scientists have, to date, postulated two theories for the reduced sunlight during the time in question: a volcanic eruption of enormous magnitude, but neither the volcano nor its acidic deposits have been identified; or a collision with a comet or asteroid, but no direct evidence of such a crater can be found. Dr Ward-Thompson, along with his colleagues Mel Symond and Emma Rigby, have taken the approach that a much smaller comet exploded in the atmosphere causing the “dust veil” to form.

Using impact data from the Comet Shoemaker-Levy which collided with Jupiter in 1994, the scientists produced a model of how fragments might behave if they collided with Earth.

“The comet plunges into the upper atmosphere leaving an effectively hollow tube behind it, where it has been, and into which the surrounding air has not yet had time to diffuse,” the scientists write in the journal *Astronomy and Physics*. “The tube then acts like a gun barrel, focusing much of the energy of the airburst explosion along the tube and carrying with it much of the comet debris.”

The result would be a large plume spreading around the planet containing a massive amount of debris.

“This period coincides with a mass population decrease in Europe. This is commonly known as the Justinian Plague, and is believed to be the first appearance of the Black Death in Europe,” the scientists say. Of course this scenario is just as possible today as it was way back in the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

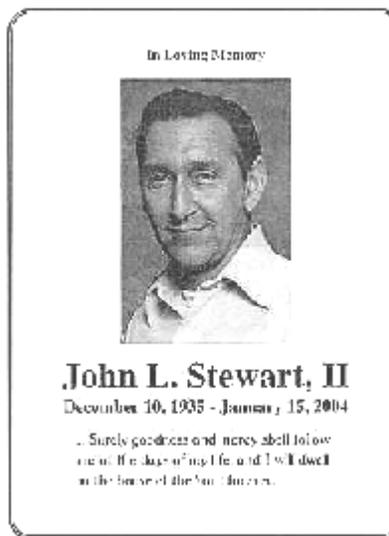
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Joyce and John



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John L. Stewart, II passed away on January 15, 2004. John was an active member of IRAAP, and enjoyed speculating on a wide variety of topics. He was a thinker, and spent many hours writing his thoughts to me in so many letters that I now have an entire cardboard carton filled with them from over the years. John was an IRAAP member since 1999, and took pleasure in investigating and researching many anomalies, including some in his own area near Bainbridge, Georgia. Joyce Stewart, John's wife, was also a member of IRAAP. She passed away on March 28, 2003. Both she and John would work together on many interesting cases regarding the anomalous. She, too, was a member since 1999.

May both John and Joyce find peace. They will be missed by the UFO community, and the many readers of our newsletter. And especially, by me. They both became good friends over the years. Requiescant in pace, John & Joyce.

- Ray

### Remembering John Stewart

From Billy Rachels of Thomasville, Georgia:

Recently, I lost a really good friend. I only knew John for a short eight years, but those years were much brighter because of him. I first met John through an item I wrote in FATE Magazine. He wrote to me, and I telephoned him. He invited me to come over to see him in Bainbridge.

Although he was ten years older than me, we hit it off right away, mainly because our interest in the unknown and co-seekers of the truth. We even liked some of the same old songs and old movies.

While his wife was living, we would share long conversations on the phone discussing various subjects, and he would write me long, in-depth letters on things I had asked him about. I got John into IRAAP which he enjoyed immensely. He was

also a consultant to the UFO Bureau on military aircraft, hardware and weapons. His expertise was such that other groups could only dream of.

I am proud to say that he was a founding member of the **SW Georgia Paranormal Study Group**, and his input helped make it a success over the last four years. As far as John's size, he was small in stature, but big on the inside. His mind was always working triple overtime formulating theories and "what ifs" that would make a college professor proud.

While I am able to easily call up information and data relating to the UFO/paranormal filed like a walking encyclopedia, and can answer most questions thrown at me on the subject, I could never quite wrap my mind around a subject like John could. He was always thinking "outside the box."

That is what I will miss most about my good friend John Stewart.

- Billy Rachels

From Frankie Dollar of Bainbridge, GA:

Five years ago I met John L. Stewart and got to know him well, too well.

As time went on we became best friends.

We began to converse and swop ideas, and the more we talked the closer we got. John was a type of person you could speak with and come out learning something from it. He was very knowledgable and a good hearted person. John enjoyed being a member of IRAAP. The organization gave him something to hang on to, and enjoy life a little better.

During the funeral, I looked straight across the road and saw the Cummings property, the one that he and I done so much investigating on ....

- Frankie Dollar

# From the Editor



This issue comes to you with quite an eclectic view of anomalies.

From ghost and demon related articles to falling ice balls and the Black

Plague, it was not an easy task to pick and choose exactly what would make the cut.

The article on the Black Plague using William Bramley's **The Gods of Eden** was inspired by Lou Sikes of Oklahoma. Lou has been doing reading lately on the origin of the human race, and brought the book to my attention.

Although the Black Plague swept through Europe in the 1300s, the possible extraterrestrial connection is consistent with the newer theories of ancient civilizations, such as Egypt and the pyramids. When one reads about the history of civilizations, and the advent of mankind on this planet, there are far too many inconsistencies that even anthropologists are unable to answer; in fact, they tend to ignore the difficult questions.

Maybe where we came from may never be known, but the extraterrestrial hypothesis (as outrageous as it may first seem) is not so funny anymore. It would appear that it is only a matter of time before science will, at least, consider this area as a definite possibility.

This issue also has much to do with exorcism. This is an area that is both controversial and extremely fascinating. I remember quite well seeing the movie *The Exorcist* on the big screen when it was first released way back when. It is still the only movie to date that I have no intention of seeing a second time. It scared the pants off me.

But exorcism, and the possibility of Satan being alive and well on planet Earth, has not gone away. The Sicilian village with appliances running amok even after turning off electricity may bring goose bumps to many, and to think that exorcism is being taken seriously enough to form a taskforce to study cases on an individual basis.

And, of course there are the photos of Angie's bent spoons. Sorry if the quality is not the best, but we don't have a budget to give you full blown color very often.

So, if this tends to give you sleepless nights full of worry, or nights when you wake up terrified by your dreams, my only advice is that of the German researcher on page 5 ... remember to say your prayers before you go to bed.

Until next time....

## Doctors, Priests form Exorcist Commission

Yahoo! News posted a Reuters article on February 17, 2004 stating that Catholic Church leaders in the Italian city of Genoa have created a taskforce of doctors and priests to determine when the devil is at work and when psychiatric help is needed.

The taskforce was formed due to an increasing demand for exorcisms. Labeled the "anti-Satan pool" by Italian media, the team consists of three priests, one psychiatrist, one psychologist, and one neurologist. They will work on a case-by-case basis.

The taskforce was created by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone who states, "It has become difficult to talk about Satan, but the signs of the devil are palpable." Bertone further said that the church does not often speak about exorcisms, but the need for them is there.

The team will meet on a regular basis to determine whether a person needs psychiatric help or if there is more to their condition, possibly demonic possession. **▲ IRAAP**



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not forget that Satan and his followers have immense powers."

"With cases of demon behavior," the Vatican expert on possession told the *Scotsman*, "it is normal for domestic appliances to be involved and for demons [to] makes their presence known via electricity."

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## New Book on Theory that Eisenhower met with Aliens

Michael Salla, who now heads the Peace Ambassador Program at American University's Center for Global Peace in Washington, DC, does not accept the standard explanation of then President Dwight D. Eisenhower's actions 50 years ago on February 20, 1954.

According to the posting on World Net Daily, "The facts everyone accepts are that Eisenhower made an unscheduled departure from the Smoking Tree Ranch in Palm Springs after dinner that night. The next morning he showed up at a church service in Los Angeles, and his spokesman told reporters the president had visited the dentist to fix a tooth chipped while eating a chicken wing at dinner."

Salla is not convinced that this explanation is true, and believes it to be a story fabricated to cover up the real intention of the trip. He contends that Eisenhower was flown to Edwards Air Force base where he met with two extraterrestrials.

The aliens Eisenhower supposedly "conversed" with telepathically had white hair, pale blue eyes and colorless lips, and were known as the "Nordic" type in UFO circles. A pact that the Nordics wanted to make with Eisenhower was turned down at the time, but later the president entered into an agreement with the aliens known as "Greys" allowing extraterrestrials to capture cattle and humans for medical experiments, if the humans were brought back to Earth safely.

Salla believes that millions of humans have been kidnaped since then.

Professor Salla earned a PHD in government

from the University of Queensland in his native Australia. "A student of conflict resolution in the 1990s, Salla became disillusioned after unsuccessfully attempting to apply his knowledge to the conflicts in East Timor and the Balkins. He turned to an extraterrestrial explanation for human misery..."

If you've heard this all before and care to read more, Professor Michael E. Salla's new book is entitled "*Exopolitics: Political Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence*." ISBN 1-893302-56-3 I found it available on dadelionbooks.net at a price of around \$23. Or you can write to BookSurge, LLC, 5341 Dorchester Rd, Suite 16, North Charleston, SC 29418 -RC

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