



Early UFO History of New England

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The New England region of the United States is best known for its quaint, historic villages and trees ablaze with color in the fall of the year. New England is also rich in UFO history and that history did not start with the late Betty and Barney Hill, but back in the 1600s. A UFO was spotted in the sky over Boston, Massachusetts in 1639. A witness to the event, James Everell saw, “a great light in the sky near Muddy River that flamed upwards when it stopped.”

Everell described the UFO as “swift as an arrow,” as he watched it go up and down for 2-3 hours. Then Governor of the Colonies, John Winthrop, personally vouched for Everell’s character and honesty.

In 1692, strange men were spotted by Ebenezer Babson in Gloucester, north of Boston. Babson said the men wore tight fitting shirts and pants. Musketballs could not harm them. When the strange men came close to the muskets, the firearms often jammed or misfired.

In 1765, a black, cloud-like object dubbed the *Flying Giant* hovered over Boston until sunset. Thousands watched the strange mass hover until 7 p.m. when the cloud descended and landed in the middle of the street. Immediately, the cloud rose up again, hovered 20 feet over the street, before moving away. The cloud spew smoke and rapid sparks as it moved. Suddenly, the cloud swelled and emitted thunderous booms. The sounds were so loud that they shattered windows and broke china on shelves. The ominous cloud returned once again in 1778, when it was spotted over Newburyport and Byfield, Mass. Later it flew over the state of New Hampshire.

November 1833 brought another active UFO period to New England. For a two day period, November 12 and 13, New Englanders reported seeing shooting stars and odd fireballs in the sky. Some residents described the fireballs as looking more like jelly fish or square tables. Large fireballs were reported over Boston in the middle of the day. During these two days, it is possible that the first American abduction might have taken place.

Between November 12 and 13, Massachusetts resident, William Denton, told neighbors that he was contacted by people from another planet. He described them as “human looking.” Denton said the visitors had a flying saucer and flew him to Venus and Mars. The saucer was “very light, resisted tarnish and was silver-white in color.” When reading Denton's description from 1833, it is important to remember that aluminum wasn’t made until 1886!

On November 18, 1887, the British steamer, *Flamborough*, was cruising off the coast of Maine at 40 degrees latitude and 70 degrees 20' west longitude. A bright object appeared in the sky near the ship. Ship’s Captain Frazier said the light was a “sphere with a bright wake.” The light blinded the Captain and caused intense pain in his head as it flew over the ship. (1)

It seems like we have been visited by UFOs for a very long time. These early reports are of interest because there were no airplanes or helicopters in the skies in the 1600s, 1700s, or 1800s. The first blimp did not appear until the 1900s.

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GHOSTS, a perspective

by Lou Sikes, IRAAP Researcher

Can ghosts communicate with us, or harm us, or even help us? Just what are ghosts, anyway? These are some questions that may need answers if we are going to try to investigate them. Just what a ghost is may be as different as there are individual perspectives. However, on the Astral Plane, ghosts are seen from a unique point of view, and that view may have its consequences.

A "ghost" is known by Adepts in India and by Theosophists as the "fourth septenary" division of the Human Body. It is generally known as the Astral Body before the death of the material body, then afterwards as a ghost. It is the part of the body which holds all of the passions and desires of the person to whom it belongs and after the death of the material body, it is shed by the Soul, as the latter continues towards its own destination.

After it is shed by the Soul, a ghost is a mindless thing but still contains all the passions and desires of the person to whom it belonged. How long after death is it before the soul leaves the astral body? This depends upon the person to whom it belonged; the less spiritual and more negative the passions and desires with which it is filled, the longer it takes for the Soul to leave it. If the person to whom the astral body belonged is of a spiritual nature and has positive passions and desires, the sooner the Soul is able to leave it behind and travel on to its destination in heaven. The Soul is in Purgatory for as long as it remains in the astral body, after death.

A ghost eventually dissolves after the death of the body and after the Soul leaves it. There is one exception to this rule and that is if a Black Magician, a Sorcerer, inhabits the astral body, it can live there for hundreds, if not for thousands, of years before the "ghost" dissolves, taking the Sorcerer with it. Black Magicians/Sorcerers hold absolute rule in the Astral Plane but their rule is yet limited, to whatever degree.

Within this concept might possibly lie the main reason why the death penalty should be appealed at all levels of all governments. Example; a serial killer is executed for his crimes of aberrant passions and desires which were acted-out while he was yet free; he is filled with all these evil passions and desires and his hate for the system is great because he was caught, tried, convicted and given the death sentence by that system. When he is executed, whether his Soul is still in his body or not, that astral body - that ghost - seeks out others which have like passions and desires and attaches itself to them.

Let us say that there is a young man who has frequent thoughts about what it would be like to kill someone but has always managed not to experience this himself because he is able to keep his thoughts under the control of his reason. Now let us say that the ghost of the aforementioned executed prisoner attaches itself to that young man and, all of a sudden, he is no longer able to use reason in order to subject passions and desires to kill. He acquires himself a .12 ga. semi-automatic shotgun and a box of .00 buckshot ammunition for it, walks into a crowded restaurant and kills practically everyone in the place before turning the gun upon himself.

Now the "ghost" that was responsible for this insane act is still free to find others like the young man and to cause them to do similar things. Not only that, but now the ghost of the young man has become as the likeness of the one who created him by said attachment and the results that followed.

Is it any wonder that crime is on the increase and that the death penalty is one of the causes for such!?

Is this worth "closure" by executing the criminal?

What closure!?

Historical evidence is revealing that religious studies and ufology will, at some point in time, converge into one subject. While history doesn't provide physical evidence of UFOs, it also lacks real proof that some of the religious personalities lived in bygone eras. Recent historical references, however, are beginning to provide researchers with names and specific dates of both religious and suspected UFO events. For example, the Bible records the circumstances surrounding the birth and death of Jesus Christ, but only the date of his demise can be ascertained with reasonable certainty - April 3, 33 AD. The three kings who arrived in Jerusalem to herald his birth are strikingly similar to the famous "Men in Black" studied by ufologists. They followed a light in the sky familiar to UFO researchers.

Bonnie Gaunt, biblical and gematria expert [see explanation "A" for more information on gematria -RC], offers some interesting facts concerning the birth of Christ. Her research reveals that Tertulian, one of the early Christian Fathers, stated that Augustus began to rule 41 years before the birth of Jesus and died 15 years after that event. The date of Augustus' death is recorded as August 19, 14 AD. This would place the birth of Jesus at 2 BC (One year is subtracted because there was no zero year between BC and AD).

Tertulian also stated that Jesus was born 28 years after the death of Cleopatra. Her death is recorded in history as occurring in 30 BC, again making the birth of Jesus to be in 2 BC. Irenaeus, who was born about a hundred years after Jesus, stated that "Our Lord was born about the forty-first year of the reign of Augustus." Since Augustus began his rulership in the autumn of 43 BC, it would place the birth of Jesus in the autumn of 2 BC. Gaunt offers many other biblical quotes, historical records, and monastic accounts to calculate the actual birth date of Christ happening on September 29, 2 BC.

Religious leaders have altered the calendar to suite their agenda and we now have actual and observed dates to confuse research involving precision. The September 29th date appears to have some significance in UFO studies.

Religion and Ufology

by Martin Piechota

Most religious activities that coincide with ufology occur in a localized area. A recent incident was documented by the Reverend A.T. Fryer in a report to the Society for Psychical Research in 1905 concerning a spiritual revival in Wales that began in late 1904 and ended about seven months later. The religious activities seem to coincide with a UFO "flap."

The reports gathered by Fryer are similar to reports collected by UFO groups at the present time. Strange music, similar to the vibration caused by telegraph wires, only much louder, was heard. No wires were observed near the locations of the sounds. One man, while traveling along a road, beheld a faint light over his head, and in this light appeared a man in a shining, white robe. The figure had the stigma displayed on the palms of his hands. The report on this apparition was dated May 26, 1905. A famous modern-day stigmatist, Padre Pio, was born on May 25, 1887.

Pillars of fire were seen with smoke rising from them. Large balls of light were spotted in the sky with smaller ones seen leaving and joining the main object. Emissions resembling sparks were reported.

Another more recent, famous religious event was the Miracle at Fatima. On May 13, 1917, three children were playing while tending sheep near Cova da Iria, Portugal. From a cloudless sky a brilliant shaft of light lit up the area. A figure in white appeared to the children, setting off a chain of events that culminated in a UFO event on October 13. A brilliant ball of light made passes over the huge crowd gathered to witness the promised apparition.

A message was given to the girls by the Virgin containing predictions. The first two predictions came to pass by the year 1960. At the appointed time, Pope John

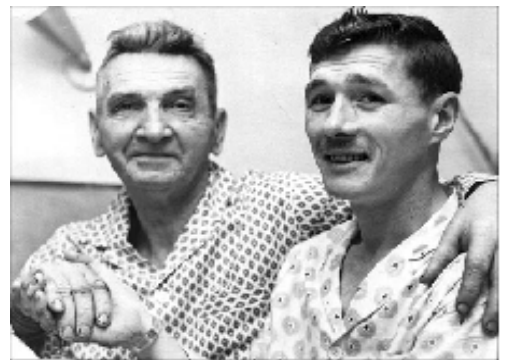
XXIII unsealed the third part and revealed it. Pope Paul VI, who succeeded John XXIII, opened the message and saw fit not to release it to the public.

This miraculous event at Fatima may have ties to another, less known, religious event which took place in a mine at Sheppton, Pennsylvania, 390 feet below the surface. It began on August 3, 1963, and ended 14 days later.

The three miners, David Fellin, Henry Throne, and Lou Bova, were involved in what appears to be an encounter with the famous "Men in Black." A general description was given to Bill Schmeer. In part, it goes as follows:

Pope John XXIII appeared to the men and remained with them until they were rescued. The chamber where the men were trapped was filled with a bluish light. A set of white marble stairs appeared that seemed to lead up to and out of the shaft. The two miners thought these stairs led to heaven. Three men appeared to Fellin and Throne (Bova died in the mine) with a plague. The men were six-feet three-inches tall, with bronze-colored skin and slightly pointed ears. They were dressed in green-gray garments with open sandals on their feet.

These men may have been sent to promote Pope John XXIII, who passed away on June 3, 1963.



Coal miners David Fellin, left, then 58, and Henry "Hank" Throne, then 28, freshly shaven and wearing pajamas, shake hands in the hospital shortly after their miraculous rescue on Aug. 27, 1963. They had been entombed for 14 days.

According to Project Blue Book, UFO activity was at its peak in June of 1963, the month John XXIII died.

One of the characters in the apparition seen by the two miners was carrying a tablet or slate that had no writing on it. This may have been a symbolic message that Pope John XXIII being dead, the message given to the girls at Fatima was still not revealed to the public. The present Pope, John Paul II, revealed the secret. It predicted the assassination attempt on his life.

UFO contactee, George Adamski, was reported to have visited Pope John on May 13, 1963. While the date is disputed, it is significant in that Adamski chose to use it.

The table below shows dates that come into play regarding the events. A skip in sequence occurred in August during the Fatima apparitions. The most important feast in the Greek Orthodox Church's calendar is celebrated on August 15, very close to the expected date of the fourth Fatima apparition. This holiday is called the "Dormition of the Mother of God." [see explanation "B" - RC]

October is one of the two months of the year dedicated to worshipping the Virgin, the other being May.



Coincidences of Date

05-13-1917	First Fatima apparition
05-18-1920	Pope John Paul II born
05-13-1963	Adamski says he visited Pope John XXIII
05-15-1981	Attempted assassination of John Paul II
05-25-1897	Padre Pio born
05-26-1905	Apparition with stigmata occurs in Wales
08-15	Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God
08-17-1963	Miners at Sheppton rescued
08-19-1917	Fourth Fatima apparition
09-23-1968	Padre Pio died
09-26-1897	Pope Paul VI born
09-28-1978	John Paul I died
09-29-2 BC	Jesus Christ born
10-13-1917	Sixth Fatima apparition
10-16-1978	John Paul II elected pope
10-17-1912	John Paul I born

The similarities in dates of the incidences related above are known as phases. They

occur in cycles of activity and can be considered but a "blip" in an ongoing study.

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Explanations:

"A" - Bonnie Gaunt is the author of several books on ancient codes, measurements and mathematics, and how they relate to Stonehenge, the Great Pyramid and the Bible.

Gematria is a system by which hidden truths and meanings are discovered within words. Each letter of an alphabet corresponds to a number. Numerical values of words are totaled up and then these words are said to correspond with other words sharing the same numerical value. In Jewish mysticism this is a traditional system of associating numbers with Hebrew letters for the purpose of discovering hidden meanings in words. This is accomplished by systematically associating letters with numbers and then finding other words with similar numbers. These latter words are regarded as comments on the original words. Systems related to the Hebrew implementation of gematria are still used.

It was the Kabbalists, however, who seriously studied gematria and developed it into an art form. The Kabbalists of the 13th century seriously believed that the Old Testament was written in a hidden code inspired by God. They used gematria as one of the chief means by which to decipher this code. An example of this is shown in their interpretation of Jeremiah 9:9, "From the fowl of the heavens until the beasts are fled and gone". This was interpreted as meaning, that no traveler passed through Judea for 52 years, because the Hebrew word for beast, *behemah*, has the numerical value of 52.

Entire verses were numerically added up and interpreted in such a fashion. The 13th century German Kabbalistic scholar, Eleazar of Worms, did extensive gematric commentaries on the Bible.

Present practices:

The Kabbalists also used gematria to search for the holy names of God thinking, as so many others have, that these names such as the Tetragrammaton possessed power. Such a procedure has been adopted by many present day magicians. However, it should be noted two schools of thought regarding gematria also were issued from the Kabbalists. One advocated its use while the other cautioned against its practice, recommending that it only be practiced to strengthen one's own conclusions. Various methods of gematria have evolved; for example one Kabbalistic tract lists 72 of them.

There are two other lesser known decoding systems which are related to gematria, and various methods of practice exist within each of these systems too. The first of these systems is known as *notarikon*, in which the first letter of words may be extracted and combined to form new words; or, another version is to take the first, last, and sometimes the middle letters to make new words or phrases.

The other system is called *temurah*. It is a more complicated system in which letters are organized in tables, or according to mathematical arrangements. By the procedure of substitution new words or anagrams are formed. (Source for gematria: www.themystica.com/mystica/articles/g/genatria.html)

"B" - The Feast of the Dormition (*falling asleep*) of the Mother of God is celebrated by the Orthodox Christian church (August 15) to commemorate that through her womb, heaven and earth were joined together. Through her, all mankind has been reborn. Her death and burial show the completion of God's plan for all mankind. The feast is called the "dormition" because tradition states that the Mother of God's death was so peaceful she seemed to "fall asleep." The Feast celebrates the Mother of God as the Mother of Life. - RC

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Iran's air force ordered to defend nuclear facilities from 'flying objects'

By The Associated Press TEHRAN -

Iran's air force has been ordered to shoot down any unknown or suspicious flying objects in Iran's airspace, an air force spokesman said yesterday, amid state-media reports of sightings of flying objects near Iran's nuclear installations.

Flying-object fever has gripped Iran after dozens of reported sightings in the summer and in recent weeks. State-run media has reported sightings of unknown objects flying over parts of Iran where nuclear facilities are located.

"Flights of unknown objects in the country's airspace have increased in recent weeks... [they] have been seen over Bushehr and Isfahan provinces," the *Resalat* daily reported yesterday. There are nuclear facilities in both provinces.

The timing of the reported increase in sightings, coming as the United States is urging allies to confront Iran over its nuclear program, has strengthened Iranian public perceptions that the objects are surveillance or hostile aircrafts monitoring Iran.

Iran's air force chief, General Karim Ghavami, was quoted yesterday as saying that Iran was fully prepared to defend any threat to its nuclear installations. "We have arranged plans to defend nuclear facilities from any threat. Iran's air force is watchful and prepared to carry out its responsibilities," he was quoted as saying.

The daily *Resalat* had reported that "shining objects" in the sky were seen near Natanz, where Iran's uranium enrichment plant is located, noting that one had exploded, causing "panic in the region."

Iran, labeled a member of the "axis of evil" by U.S. President George W. Bush, is accused by the United States of developing a clandestine nuclear weapons program. Israel has hinted it may strike Iran's nuclear facilities if international pressure fails to permanently freeze Iran's nuclear activities. Iran has denied the U.S. charges, saying its nuclear program is

geared toward generating electricity, not nuclear weapons.

Iran agreed last month to suspend uranium enrichment and all related activities under a deal reached with the European Union, helping it to escape referral to the U.N. Security Council and the possible imposition of sanctions.

Iran says it already possesses the technology to control the entire nuclear fuel cycle - from mining uranium ore to enriching it. Uranium enriched to a low level is used as fuel to generate power in nuclear reactors and further enrichment of uranium can be used to make a bomb.

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Source: HAARETZ.com (Israel news)

UFO POLL RESULTS

WorldNetDaily conducted a poll on UFOs and posted the results December 30, 2004

Here is the question asked, and the final result tally. There were a total of 1,401 respondents.

QUESTION:

"How do you explain UFOs?"

- 23.20%** There are too many reports of sightings, visitations and abductions to be a hoax (325)
- 23.13%** They're demonic manifestations (324)
- 20.49%** I don't know (287)
- 7.99%** They're from a secret, high-tech government project (112)
- 6.28%** They're natural phenomena like clouds and swamp gas (88)
- 6.28%** They're extraterrestrial spacecraft (88)
- 4.71%** They're visitation from another dimension, possibly spiritual (66)
- 4.35%** It's just mass hysteria (61)
- 2.93%** Other (41)
- 0.64%** Angelic manifestations (9)

This is a relatively small poll, but the results are interesting. First of all the highest response is that UFOs are not a hoax. But then the very next highest is that they are demonic in nature. Ironically, "angelic" in nature was the least favorable response. Only 6% see them as actually being extraterrestrial

spacecraft. *WorldNetDaily* is a news site that is relatively conservative. It would be curious to see the results of the same questions from a web site that is more liberal in nature and compare the two.

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From the Editor

In both this and the last issue, we bring you stories of a possible UFO base on the border between India and China. This, in and of itself, is not unusual to UFO buffs, but with so many reports of this kind, one does have to sit up and take notice. Yet, it is not so much the report itself that I find curious, but the reaction of the local residents to the UFOs. The India-China locals living near the remote pass in the Himalayas only chuckled when asked about the UFOs. Why? Because they were so used to seeing them that they became a part of their everyday reality.

This reminds me of Shirley MacLaine's book *Out on a Limb* (if memory serves me correctly). In it she relates a trip she made with a friend to Lima, Peru, and how she traveled up into the Andes Mountains to a location where the locals saw UFOs on a daily basis.

The UFOs would go into the mountains in the distance (quite inaccessible) and come out from the same location. The locals had the same kind of attitude about the UFOs as the people in the Himalayan pass. When asked if they were afraid of the UFOs, they replied that they left the UFOs alone, and the UFOs left them alone. The UFOs were part of their everyday existence, and seemed of no consequence to them.

Two approaches to a unique phenomenon. Simple folk living in remote areas see UFOs as something as mundane as a daily sunrise. However, they, at least, acknowledge that UFOs are present. In more industrialized nations, (such as the U.S.) we do not even care to deal with the phenomenon, at all.

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UFOs continue to be reported in the news

In the last issue of *The Messenger* we reported a rash of UFO sightings in the Eastern hemisphere, and that, specifically, an Indian journalist claimed to have spoken to military personnel from India about contact being made by extraterrestrials with that government. The story continues from a few perspectives.

First of all, the *India Daily* reported on January 9, 2005 that both India and China know about an underground UFO base in the Himalayan border area, a base that goes deep into the tectonic plates. According to a staff reporter (name not available) of *India Daily*, Kongka La is a low ridge pass in the Himalayas that is a disputed area on the India-China border in Ladakh. Most recently, Indian and Chinese armies fought over this area in 1962, but since then an agreement has been reached where the two countries do not patrol this part of the border due to its lack of productive accessibility. According to the local people, China and India have military personnel in the area, but there is no longer any conflict.

This is the area (Aksai Chin area) where locals say that UFOs come out of the ground. They claim that both governments are aware of the UFO presence. According to the article, "Recently, some Hindu pilgrims on their way to Mount Kailash from the Western pass, came across strange lights in the sky. The local guides while in the Chinese territory told them that this was nothing new and is a normal phenomenon from Kongka Pass area - the tense border region between India and China." Apparently, unusual lighted, triangular-shaped craft move silently over the region, seeming to come from inside the ground and move vertically into the sky.

When the pilgrims tried to get a closer look at the area where they saw the UFOs, they were refused entry by the Chinese military. They turned their steps to the Indian side and met with the same refusal, even though they had a permit to travel between the two countries. The pilgrims began to question the Indian guards, and were told that no one was permitted into the area. In addition, the guards confirmed that strange objects do come out of the region with amplified and modulated lights. India's Special Operations Forces and the intelligence agencies are in charge of the area.

The locals seem to take the UFO presence in stride, laughing when questioned about it, yet confirming the extraterrestrial presence, stating that it is a well know fact. For some reason, the governments concerned do not want to expose any UFO activity. This, the locals do not understand. They find it strange that the governments of both countries would want to hide the fact that there is a UFO presence in the area.

Of course, the report of underground bases is nothing new to the UFO investigator. Conspiracy theories abound with just this sort of information. *IRAAP* brought you ideas along these lines from

Puerto Rico where Jorge Martin and his wife, Marleen, have been doing research for a number of years. Whether the reports come in from Puerto Rico, the Rocky Mountains, or now the India-Chinese border, underground bases are another component of the UFO story that is part and parcel of the entire enigma.

What gives credibility to the very idea is that the reports come in from both private individual researchers as well as the media in this case, *India Daily*. I am finding that some of the independent news sources on the Internet (some well known) are not afraid to carry a story on what seems to be UFO related material. Perhaps, we UFO researchers are beginning to break through the "wall of ridicule" and forcing news sources to sit up and take notice.

In a December 30, 2004 *WorldNetDaily* article, the **Islamic Republic News Agency** reported that Iran and Russia are stressing "expansion of bilateral cooperation particularly in space research and construction of satellites." This includes study of the UFO phenomenon.

The study comes at a time when "unidentified" objects are flying over Iranian airspace (see related article in this issue on page 5). During the last week in December, the Associated Press reported that Tehran's air force was ordered to shoot down "any unknown or suspicious flying objects in its airspace." The state-media reported sightings of flying objects near Iran's nuclear installations. There have been many flights of unidentified objects in the country's airspace since the beginning of December. Some of the objects have been reported to be seen sending out green, blue, and purple rays, others were shiny and moved strangely in the sky.

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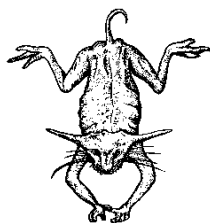
Speakers to be announced.

Scientists have begun blurring the line between human and animal by producing chimeras—a hybrid creature that's part human, part animal. Chinese scientists at the Shanghai Second Medical University in 2003 successfully fused human cells with rabbit eggs. The embryos were reportedly the first human-animal chimeras successfully created. They were allowed to develop for several days in a laboratory dish before the scientists destroyed the embryos to harvest their stem cells.

In Minnesota last year researchers at the Mayo Clinic created pigs with human blood flowing through their bodies.

And at Stanford University in California an experiment might be done later this year to create mice with human brains.

Scientists feel that, the more humanlike the animal, the better research model it makes for testing drugs or possibly growing “spare parts,” such as livers, to transplant into humans. Watching how human cells mature and interact in a living creature may also lead to the discoveries of new medical treatments.



But creating human-animal chimeras—named after a monster in Greek mythology that had a lion's head, goat's body, and serpent's tail—has raised troubling questions: What new subhuman combination should be produced and for what purpose? At what point would it be considered human? And what rights, if any, should it have?

There are currently no U.S. federal laws that address these issues.

Ethical Guidelines

The National Academy of Sciences, which advises the U.S. government, has been studying the issue. In March it plans to present voluntary ethical guidelines for researchers. A chimera is a mixture of two or more species in one body. Not all are considered troubling, though. For example, faulty human heart valves are routinely replaced with ones taken from cows and pigs. The surgery—which

Chimeras

Animal-Human Hybrids Spark Controversy

makes the recipient a human-animal chimera—is widely accepted. And for years scientists have added human genes to bacteria and farm animals.

What's caused the uproar is the mixing of human stem cells with embryonic animals to create new species. Biotechnology activist Jeremy Rifkin is opposed to crossing species boundaries, because he believes animals have the right to exist without being tampered with or crossed with another species. He concedes that these studies would lead to some medical breakthroughs. Still, they should not be done.

“There are other ways to advance medicine and human health besides going out into the strange, brave new world of chimeric animals,” Rifkin said, adding that sophisticated computer models can substitute for experimentation on live animals. One doesn't have to be religious or into animal rights to think this doesn't make sense. It's the scientists who want to do this. They've now gone over the edge into the pathological domain.”

David Magnus, director of the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics at Stanford University, believes the real worry is whether or not chimeras will be put to uses that are problematic, risky, or dangerous.

Human Born to Mice Parents?

For example, an experiment that would raise concerns, Magnus said, is genetically engineering mice to produce human sperm and eggs, then doing in vitro fertilization to produce a child whose parents are a pair of mice.

“Most people would find that problematic,” he said, “but those uses are

bizarre and not, to the best of my knowledge, anything that anybody is remotely contemplating. Most uses of chimeras are actually much more relevant to practical concerns.”

Last year Canada passed the Assisted Human Reproduction Act, which bans chimeras. Specifically, it prohibits transferring a nonhuman cell into a human embryo and putting human cells into a nonhuman embryo. Cynthia Cohen is a member of Canada's Stem Cell Oversight Committee, which oversees research protocols to ensure they are in accordance with the new guidelines. She believes a ban should also be put into place in the U.S. Creating chimeras, she said, by mixing human and animal gametes (sperms and eggs) or transferring reproductive cells, diminishes human dignity.

“It would deny that there is something distinctive and valuable about human beings that ought to be honored and protected,” said Cohen, who is also the senior research fellow at Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics in Washington, D.C.

But, she noted, the wording on such a ban needs to be developed carefully. It shouldn't outlaw ethical and legitimate experiments—such as transferring a limited number of adult human stem cells into animal embryos in order to learn how they proliferate and grow during the prenatal period.

Irv Weissman, director of Stanford University's Institute of Cancer/Stem Cell Biology and Medicine in California, is against a ban in the United States.

“Anybody who puts their own moral guidance in the way of this biomedical science, where they want to impose their will—not just be part of an argument—if that leads to a ban or moratorium. . . . they are stopping research that would save human lives,” he said.

Mice With Human Brains

Weissman has already created mice with brains that are about one percent human. Later this year he may conduct another



New Jersey Miniature UFO

experiment where the mice have 100 percent human brains. This would be done, he said, by injecting human neurons into the brains of embryonic mice. Before being born, the mice would be killed and dissected to see if the architecture of a human brain had formed. If it did, he'd look for traces of human cognitive behavior. Weissman said he's not a mad scientist trying to create a human in an animal body. He hopes the experiment leads to a better understanding of how the brain works, which would be useful in treating diseases like Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease. The test has not yet begun. Weissman is waiting to read the National Academy's report, due out in March.

William Cheshire, associate professor of neurology at the Mayo Clinic's Jacksonville, Florida, branch, feels that combining human and animal neurons is problematic.

"This is unexplored biologic territory," he said. "Whatever moral threshold of human neural development we might choose to set as the limit for such an experiment, there would be a considerable risk of exceeding that limit before it could be recognized."



Cheshire supports research that combines human and animal cells to study cellular function. As an undergraduate he participated in research that fused human and mouse cells. But where he draws the ethical line is on research that would destroy a human embryo to obtain cells, or research that would create an organism that is partly human and partly animal.

"We must be cautious not to violate the integrity of humanity or of animal life over which we have a stewardship responsibility," said Cheshire, a member of Christian Medical and Dental Associations. "Research projects that create human-animal chimeras risk disturbing fragile ecosystems, endanger health, and affront species integrity."

[Source: National Geographic
http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2005/01/0125_050125_chimeras.html
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MOUNT HOLLY - Jane reports, "I was sleeping next to my husband and awakened about 3 AM on December 11, 2004, seeing two red, basketball-size lights floating in the corner of the bedroom.

"I watched their movement as they generally floated or hovered in the corner. A third red, plasma-like disk entered the room and flew towards the bed and hovered over my husband. The red ball with red lights shining down stayed over him for about a minute and then flew outside through the wall. The disk was about one foot in diameter."

On January 6, 2005, two red, plasma-like basketballs again appeared about 2 AM, and Jane was wide awake.

"Then a **miniature, disk-shaped UFO** appeared from the left wall and slowly flew across the room to above my husband's head. The disk hovered and eventually flew through the wall. The disk was gray and white and appeared to have windows around its center and a second set circling the bottom of the craft. It was two feet in diameter and one foot high and was perfect in detail. Once the craft left the other red balls departed with it. My husband's health remains good except for a cold."

Filer's Note: We have many similar reports of miniature UFOs. Some reports indicate the UFOs an ability to enlarge and miniaturize when needed.

[Source: Filer's Files #3 - Jan. 12, 2005
George A. Filer, Majorstar@aol.com]

Editor's Note:

This story of the miniature UFO is not as far-fetched as it may seem. As George Filer points out, there are many other reports of a similar nature. I recall two stories where anomalous phenomena have been reported in a much smaller version than their larger counterparts. One was a farmer who was out in his field and just happened to look up when he saw a small orb hovering over his head, not very high above him. It took off at great speed once observed. Another small version comes in the form of crop circles. Although not a circle formed in plant matter, there is a story of a researcher who was studying the anomalous lights in and

around the Yakima Reservation in Washington State. One morning he went out to his car and found the dust on the vehicle had configured into what looked like miniature circles, not just on the upper part of the car, but also on the sides.

The point of all this is that we tend to become fascinated with the more grandiose aspects of the anomalous, such as the standard UFO and gigantic crop formations. However, there are much smaller versions of the exact same phenomena that we must not overlook in our haste.
-RC

CHILEAN POULTRY SLAIN BY CHUPACABRAS ?

Two families of the commune of Victoria in southern Chile were shocked after finding almost all of their farm birds dead inside their henhouses. The first occurred on a property located a few blocks from the city's main plaza during the early morning hours of Sunday, January 23, 2005. It was still possible to see the feathers of the dead birds scattered throughout the sector.

People who were in the sector at the time of the attack stated that they had gone to bed around 4 a.m. without hearing any strange sounds. The first dead specimens were locked in a double-gated cage that was kept shut at night to keep the poultry safe from mice and cats. But the creature opened the gates to the cage, killing ten chickens. Afterwards, the strange animal toured the two henhouses in the area, killing everything in its way, leaving feathers in its path.

The next case occurred in a house located three blocks from the municipal buildings in the downtown area of Victoria. This time, the birds showed clear wounds--puncture marks in their extremities and under their wings, leaving the birds completely purple, without a trace of blood on their plumage. Luis Gonzalez, owner of the property, revealed that there was no need for guard dogs since his rooster played that role. The rooster kept strangers from approaching the enclosure, and its aggressiveness was such that the owner allowed it to patrol the farmyard.

But the rooster's natural violence did not keep it from being killed by the "animal" together with six hens.

There are other strange cases that had alarmed the residents of La Araucania, this time in the vicinity of Angol. One such case occurred while the city's jail was being built in 2000. A night watchman was doing his rounds when he saw a strange animal land on the hook holding the streetlight, bending it. The watchman managed to see "something" with wings, measuring about 3 feet, red eyes and completely covered in fur. (Editor's Note: Angol is a notorious UFO hotspot. A couple had an alien encounter there in 2000. See UFO Roundup, volume 6, number 10 for March 8, 2001, "Chilean couple's first date turns into an encounter with aliens," page 2.)

According to Erasmo Mela, president of IFOV (Spanish acronym for Victoria UFO Phenomena Research--J.T.), "We have had at least five cases attributable to the Chupacabras, and the same incisions were found on the wings. Other characteristics of these attacks are the absence of spilled blood. If you see an animal killing another, the killer shakes it, spilling blood everywhere. There were no traces of blood on the floor," he stressed.

What is strange about the events in Victoria and neighboring communities is that the animal, which allegedly attacks rural areas, is now active in densely-populated areas, including backyards about 1,300 feet from the central area of any city, such as its Plaza Mayor.

(See the Chilean newspaper El Austral for January 24, 2005, "Chupacabras behind avian deaths?" Muchas gracias a Scott Corrales y Liliana Nunez Orellana por esto articulo de diario.)

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UFOs SEEN IN ANDAMANS PRIOR TO THE TSUNAMI

Was it a coincidence? Lots of people ran from the tsunami and the earthquake that ravaged the Indian Ocean on Sunday, December 26, 2004, but areas are reporting that strange Unidentified Flying Objects flew over the Andaman Islands a few days before the tsunami.

People in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, as well

as many in Indonesia, had been reporting for some time about strange objects in the sky. The local residents did not know what to do with these reported sightings. But it seems from the reports that many UFOs were in the sky and were trying to communicate something.

Complicating these reports are the startling news stories from the Andamans. Many of the tribes in the low-lying jungled islands, who were thought to have been killed, were discovered to have miraculously survived.

In Port Blair, the capital city of the Andaman Islands of India, during the week before the tsunami, some tourists saw strange flying objects. In Indonesia, remote islands also had similar experiences at that time.

According to some UFO experts, UFOs have already appeared at the epicenter of major calamities. Some believe they are trying to communicate with us to warn us. India, especially in the Himalayas, China and Indonesia experienced many UFO sightings in recent days leading up to the tsunami. Remote areas of Bangladesh, Myanmar (formerly Burma--J.T.), the Andaman Islands and Sri Lanka also recently reported such sightings. In a really puzzling development, five isolated tribes living on the remote Andaman and Nicobar Islands appear to have survived the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami, although a more numerous group suffered a great loss of life, a British-based charity said Tuesday, January 4, 2005.

Survival International, which campaigns on behalf of tribal peoples, said Tuesday that none of the five Indian island tribes had been wiped out by the Dec. 26 disaster. The tribes' populations range in size from dozens to hundreds.

Of the tribes on the Indian-ruled Andaman Islands, the 270-strong Jarawa, who lived in isolation until recently, seemed to have escaped unharmed, the group said. And most of the Onge, of whom only about 100 remain, fled to high ground.

Pilots flying over Sentinel Island, home of the most isolated of all the tribes, the Sentinelese, witnessed people standing on beaches. It was not known how many, if

any, had died, Survival International said. The group said it had no reports on the 41 Great Andamanese, but early indications are that they have survived more or less intact.

The hunter-gatherer Shompen tribe on Great Nicobar Island would have survived as they live primarily in (rain) forests. In contrast to these five isolated and tiny communities, the more assimilated Nicobarese, of whom there are about 30,000, had suffered much more, with all 12 villages on one island washed away, Survival International said.

Indian officials on Tuesday said 6,010 people are missing on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The news of UFOs in the Andamans has heightened debate in New Delhi, India's capital, over whether the government should go public with its knowledge of an alien presence in the subcontinent. Strange sightings continue in the Himalayas. The newspaper *India Daily* reported, in Ladakh, for example, the locals clearly point out the every day phenomenon of large triangular spacecraft coming out from beneath the ground and Indian security forces protecting them. The current debate is focused on whether to keep it quiet as other countries are doing, or, in the tradition of a total transparent society, come out and tell the world. India is so open and democratic it is very difficult to keep a secret for long. If this information comes out as unofficial claims first, and the authorities are pressed against the wall to confess, two bad things can happen. First, it could really cause a panic in the country. Second, the way Indian politics is run, the ruling party would be thrown out of office if it was ever found out that the Government had withheld such information from the public.

(See *India Daily* for December 31, 2004, "An enormous number of UFO sightings preceded the tsunami and earthquake in South and Southeast Asia," and for January 6, 2005, "India may be the first country to explain about extraterrestrial and UFO contacts." Also *USA Today* for January 5, 2005, "Isolated tribes on islands fared better than expected," page 8A. Many thanks to Prashant Solomon of UFO India and Elaine Douglass for these newspaper articles.)

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China Lake Object

A personal observation
by Taylor Wind Set

[Taylor Wind Set tells IRAAP that he worked for, and retired in 1999, from the Kingdom of Nepal after a 17 year career. He worked directly for the royal family of that government. During this time he was responsible for direct dealings with foreigners in matters of state, and was sent to many different countries in the service to the Nepalese.

Taylor has a Masters degree in physics from Ecole Suisse Scientifique in Lucerne; he is a licensed amateur radio operator, a licensed pilot, and claims to be an absolute authority on internal security of South-Central Asian countries.

Taylor is also a paranormal researcher, using instrument-generated data to establish baselines and parameters, then looking at anomalous data for analysis.]

Taylor Wind Set sent IRAAP a personal story he would like to share which took place at China Lake during the 1990s. For those of you who may be unfamiliar, China Lake is a Naval Weapons Station, the high desert home of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division. According to the *globalsecurity.org* web site, this is where “the Navy and Marine Corps have developed and tested nearly every significant airborne weapon system in the past five decades.”

China Lake is located 150 miles northeast of Los Angeles on the western edge of California’s Mojave Desert. China Lake “carries out the complete weapon-development process - from basic and applied research through prototype hardware fabrication, test and evaluation, documentation, and Fleet and production support.” It is “home to approximately 4,400 civilian employees and about 1,000 military personnel. The Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS), China Lake, encompasses 1.1 million acres of land, ranging in altitude from 2,100 to 8,900 feet.”

With this background, what follows is quoted from Taylor’s story to IRAAP:

“In the 1990s, I worked in Nepal seven months out of the year. The other five months I would travel, spend time out doors, especially on the Pacific Crest Trail, a foot trail running from Campo, Mexico to Braniff Park, Canada. It is

2,650 miles long. I am considered an authority on the trail, and am mentioned in the 1996 edition of the Pacific Crest Trail, by Dennis Schaeffer.

“One spring day, I was in the Panamint Mountain Range east of China Lake Naval Weapons Research Facility, near Ridgecrest, California. Admittedly, I was snooping. I was carrying a 65 pound backpack jammed with electronics and was intent on crossing the dry lake bed of China Lake in order to gain easy access to the Sierra Wilderness, which is slightly northwest of the Research area. I was on foot, accompanied by a Belgian sheepdog named Kate.

“In the Panamints I set up an observation post on a high vantage point, and set up my electronics. My initial goal was to ‘capture’ various satellites within range of my equipment, find out their capabilities, possibly download data from them, etc, more or less get on a first-name basis with them.

“A couple of hours went by, and my attention was drawn to some of my instruments, mainly my frequency counter and my signal analyzer which had started to indicate an electronic ‘pulse.’ As I looked at this anomaly in my instruments, I looked up and noticed some activity coming from China Lake on the far side of the Research Base, close to the Sierra Nevada foothills and Highway 395.

“I was miles away from that area, but I was carrying a Balvar telescope with a small tripod. I set it up under my nylon canopy to prevent glare in either direction.

“The telescope revealed that a large object was hovering over some small buildings and personnel on the far side of the base. It was about 300 feet off the ground and its size was rather vast compared to the people I saw underneath it who appeared to be examining it. Using the buildings and vehicles for scale, it appeared that the object was approximately 550-600 feet in length with a thickness of, perhaps, only 15 feet, as edge-on, it was very thin by comparison to length. It was shaped like an equilateral triangle, and it was dark in color. The color wasn’t what you would call black. It was dark, but it seemed like it simply absorbed all visible wavelength light that it was exposed to.

“Despite its size, it was in plain view from my vantage point for quite some time, since I watched it for two hours until it started to get dark outside. The object was generating a huge envelope of electronic interference. I had previously set up a radio signal repeater that was well within my line of sight, but my radio would not actuate the repeater. The next day, the object was not there, and I could actuate the repeater without any problem.

“One thing I established quickly as fact, not speculation: Whatever the object was, it was up-linked to a military satellite using a tone-burst transmission mode. I have recordings of the bursts being exchanged. It was using a frequency well within microwave ranges and the burst outputs were exceptionally rapid.

“I refuse to speculate on the origin of the object, but it made no audible noise, though it’s an academic point since I was miles away. But electronically and interference-wise, it was very “dirty.”

“It was capable of maneuvering by itself.

“It had no external markings or lights.

“At least 30 people were underneath it, observing it.

“It was most unusual”

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“There is something inconsistent about our past, that past which lies thousands and millions of years behind us. The past teemed with unknown gods who visited the primeval earth in manned spaceships. Incredible technical achievements existed in the past. There is a mass of know-how which we have only partially rediscovered today.”

Erich von Däniken
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“Ape” Sighting Draws Interest

by Gary White

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If the Green Swamp ape actually does exist, its ears must be burning.

Lakeland resident Jennifer Ward went public in November, sharing her description and drawings of a hairy, human-shaped creature she claimed to have seen on the edge of the Green Swamp in August. Ward's tale has reverberated through cyberspace, with links to the original Ledger story and a subsequent Orlando Sentinel article showing up on such sites as Paranormal News, Dr. Mysterian and American Monsters.

Ward has drawn attention from groups that probe the existence of unconfirmed creatures, and she has appeared on three radio shows to discuss what she saw.

“I’m not real surprised people are interested in it,” Ward says.

Ward, 30, has discussed her experience with radio hosts at stations in West Palm Beach, Iowa and Jacksonville. She was joined by Scott Marlowe, an instructor with the Winter Haven-based Pangea Institute, which offers classes in archaeology and other areas. The mother of two says disc jockeys at one station treated her story as comedy, and one at the Iowa station questioned her sanity.

“I’d probably think it was real funny, too, if I just heard about it,” Ward says. “I just said I can’t help what I saw and I can’t help what other people think, either.”

Marlowe says the disc jockeys seemed prepared to ridicule Ward but seemed impressed by the obvious sincerity in her voice.

“When Jennifer begins to talk, you can tell she’s not fabricating this,” Marlowe says.

Ward was driving along Tom Moore Road north of Lakeland a few days after Hurricane Charley in August when she saw something in a ditch beside the road. She describes a two-legged creature about eight feet tall and covered in dark fur with light rings around its eyes. She says it seemed to be foraging. Ward, who had her two daughters in her car, says she watched the creature for 30 seconds or so before driving on. She examined the scene later but found no conclusive evidence of any beast’s presence.

Since Ward’s story appeared, several neighbors have told her they have seen or heard something strange in the Green Swamp, and she has learned people living along Rock Ridge Road talk about a “gray ape.” But none were willing to speak publicly about their experiences.

Several readers also contacted *The Ledger* with descriptions of unfamiliar creatures, though only one agreed to be identified. Carol Gill of Davenport says reading about Ward’s experience evoked memories of a night nearly two decades ago when she

and her ex-husband were fishing and rabbit hunting at night in northeast Polk County. Driving in their truck, they came across what Gill recalls as a fleshtoned animal about 5 feet long that raced before them at great speed. Gill, 48, says she first thought it was a hog but noticed it loped more like a kangaroo.

“I just freaked out, telling my husband, ‘Let’s leave,’ “ Gill recalls. “He was just trying to maneuver the truck and get a good spotlight on it. . . . It wasn’t my imagination or anything.”

Gill says she hasn’t told many people about the experience, and her ex-husband now lives out of state. She drew comfort from hearing about Ward’s sighting.

“There’s somebody else that’s seen something too out there,” Gill says.

Ward’s claimed sighting has boosted interest in an online cryptozoology class Marlowe is scheduled to teach next semester for Florida Keys Community College. Marlowe says he has received inquiries from as far away as New Jersey and Australia for the course, which will explore rumored or unconfirmed species.

Not everyone, though, is encouraging Marlowe’s pursuit of what he considers scientific truth. Marlowe says he has received “hate mail” both from creationists and evolutionists who question the existence of an unconfirmed species of hominid.

The story also has drawn attention from the nation’s foremost cryptozoologist, Loren Coleman. The Maine-based author of such books as “Cryptozoology A to Z” has discussed the matter with
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Marlowe and says he hopes to explore the area and interview Ward during a visit next spring.

Coleman says creatures identified as skunk apes or swamp apes have been spotted in Florida at least since 1960. He estimates there are 20 legitimate sightings a year, though he says most remain unreported because the witnesses fear ridicule.

"It certainly sounds like it goes within the context of other stories from Florida," Coleman says of Ward's claim. "I find this a credible story. It needs more investigating. I'm hoping the article will bring forth people who are seeing these things because they fail to report them."

Marlowe prepared a map of swamp ape sightings in Florida since 1982 that shows Polk County among seven counties with three or more observations. He says the map suggests Polk could be the final stop in a southward winter migration for the creature.

While Marlowe hopes to conduct an academic survey of the southern Green Swamp some time next year, he says others have been searching the area in a less rigorous way.

"I've noticed the number of people cruising up and down Moore Road seems to be higher," Marlowe says.

Could the rumor of a swamp ape some day draw people to Polk County just as the legendary Loch Ness monster provides a tourism draw for northern Scotland? Jackie Johnson of the Lakeland Area Chamber of Commerce says she hasn't received any calls about the creature and doesn't anticipate a marketing campaign.

"I don't know that anybody is seriously considering it from a Lakeland standpoint," Johnson says. "The idea of Lakeland being associated with swamps -I'm not sure how we could use it."

[Thanks to Bill Green for alerting us to this article.]

Publications to Consider

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The Gate, P.O. Box 43516,
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(EDITOR from page 5)

We laugh at it as if it were non-existent, and acknowledge it by our "little green men" chuckle.

The same can be true of the industrialized nations when it comes to respecting the environment. We like to think that we are the caretakers of the environment, but compared to simpler peoples, we are no longer connected to Nature. Take the Kogi, Arhuaco, and Wiwa peoples who live in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta mountains of Columbia, as an example. According to an article in *National Geographic* magazine (October 2004), these peoples "remain true to their ancient laws - the

moral, ecological, and spiritual dictates of the primordial creator, as force they identify as the Mother - and are still led and inspired by a ritual priesthood. *In an arduous process of initiation that can take up to 18 years, young acolytes are taught the values of their society, among them the notion that their spiritual work alone maintains the cosmic (or as we might say, ecological) balance.* [Italics mine]

Whether it is an attitude toward the UFO phenomenon or toward our ecological balance, industrialized nations are far less understanding when it comes to either subject, inspite of our superior standardized educational systems.

Education should lead one to an understanding of what is around us, whether it be our relationship to Nature (our environment) or to the UFO phenomenon, something that industrialized nations would rather laugh at and sweep under the rug. Not so with people who are much more in touch with their surroundings and actually teach their young to honor and respect the natural balance of things. They respect and acknowledge their environment, as well as the UFO.

Now, which of the two groups seems more level-headed?