

ARE PSYCHIC PEOPLE MORE LIKELY TO SEE UFOs?

A case history, in the witness's own words with commentary

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Our grateful thanks to Lucius Farish for introducing us to the story and claims of Charlie Jones. At our suggestion Mrs. Bord corresponded with Mr. Jones and obtained much additional information. Recently married, our contributor was well-known to readers as Miss Janet Gregory.

NOW that more and more UFO researchers are beginning to consider the possibility of a link between UFOs and a whole range of occult phenomena, it is interesting that deeper investigation of UFO witnesses quite often reveals that a witness has had more than one UFO sighting, and has also experienced what are generally termed psychic phenomena. It would appear that a certain "sensitivity" is in operation, and those who have it are likely to see all manner of strange things invisible to most human eyes.

One man who comes into this category is Charles Jones. He lives in a pleasant, rural area of Indiana, U.S.A., and has seen UFOs fairly frequently during the last twenty-four years. "My first observation of UFOs was early in 1947, which was a huge, dark orange-coloured sphere which flew around Indianapolis, Indiana, three times before it began to turn red and quickly sped off to the south-east. From then up into 1952 I watched several bluish-white UFO light streaks in the western sky flying south. I did not pay much attention then until sometime in 1964 . . . During 1966 and 1967, several UFOs flew by our house over our neighbour's field (to the east) to around 1,000 feet. At

the north end of our woods, they would turn west. The turns which I observed were of a high degree radius turn, never sudden 90 degree angle turns. Once in a while one would have trouble and zigzag some before proceeding on west."

During the 1960s, Charlie took some photographs of the lights he saw at night. The area was especially rich in sightings during that decade, with a flap lasting from the end of 1965 until 1969. Several different types of UFO were seen, including the frequently observed disc-shaped craft, one of which flew over Charlie's house just above tree-top height, on November 13, 1965.

UFO and humanoid sighting near Sheridan

It was only a month later that Charlie had his most spectacular sighting. He saw a UFO at close quarters, and a "man" sitting inside it. It was Saturday, December 11, 1965, shortly after 1.00 p.m. Charlie was driving home from Sheridan where he had been Christmas shopping, and was travelling south along the Lamong Road. The weather was overcast with a white cloud cover at the time, and it had rained before noon. "What caught my attention," he said, "was a small white light

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pointed toward the earth. A similar object was observed twice over Cruz Alta, Brazil, in December of the same year. When it reappeared in July 1937, its "head" had become a ball of fire.

Then there was the great scare of 1857-58, when in the late dusk one evening a giant serpent hovered above a steamboat slowing for a landing along the Missouri River in Nebraska. It seemed to be breathing fire, say accounts, and it had "lighted streaks" along its sides. Sightings must have continued, for some years later a song passed into local folk tradition:

When we was layin' steel.

We seen a flyin' engine come
Without no wing or wheel

It came a-roarin' in the sky
With lights along the side . . .

And scales like a serpent's hide.

By the turn of the century Nebraskans were no longer confusing serpents and UFOs. In February 1897 "airships" started flying over the state and in the years ahead stories of a giant creature in Alkali Lake near Hay Springs, first told by Indians to the first white settlers in the area, were revived. One alleged observer said

that "its head was like an oil barrel, shiny black in the moonlight. Its flashing green eyes were spitting fire."

With incidents like those recounted above, we are moving into new and uncharted territory, where the line between "machines" and "animals" becomes blurred; so does the line that divides the various types of Fortean phenomena. The moral may be that research which concentrates on UFOs alone, ignoring the other mysteries of the physical world, is pointless. Perhaps what we need in the meantime is a report of a UFO dumping large, moving objects into the waters of Loch Ness!

'Twas a dark night in Sixty-six

at the bottom of a low patch of fog-like cloud. The light was only approximately 60 feet above the ground travelling north. It was approximately 150-200 feet west of the road at first notice." The light began a gradual descent through the turbulent, swirling fog. At this point, Charlie slowed down so that he could keep an eye on it. It was getting closer, and two "landing protrusions" began to show. Two other pointed protrusions were already visible to either side of the light. As it came closer, Charlie saw a solid object. His description continues:

"The diameter of the craft was 7 or 8 feet. It was about as long as my car so it must have been 18 to 21 feet long. The complete front was of a transparent material. . . The surface of the fuselage of the craft was dull and of a coarse texture. The colour, to me, was green-brown. I could see both colours as I looked at it, blended together. It was strange. The bottom of the craft was horizontal. The top, after 4 or 5 feet behind the transparent front part, was tapered down to a point at the rear. I don't recall any protrusions of any kind at the rear. Midway of the tapered top portion, there was a short tripod with a red light flashing to the rear. . .

"Apparently there was a seat beneath the rear part of the top half because there was a very stocky-built occupant which had his right foot up on something which I could not see and was holding himself behind the solid part of the fuselage so that I could not make out his face. I would just begin to see it and he would push himself back more. He did this two times. I remember putting my foot on the brake pedal but I don't remember if I got stopped or not. . . As the craft began passing from view, I pulled myself up by the steering wheel and put my forehead against the windshield. The occupant was sitting on the spot where he had had his right foot before. I should add here that while his foot was on the seat, I could not see it but saw most of his foreleg, his knee, upper leg and much of his body trunk.

"The first feature that I noticed was his right eye looking at the front part of my car, not at me. His eye dominated the upper part of his head. It was a most stern eye and also seemed very intelligent. I couldn't immediately make out the features of his face. I was much surprised when I did because I was looking at the side profile of his face. The one large eye which I could see was where we of Earth have a temple in our skull. The eyeball was huge and elongated. It was at least three times the size of mine. I did not see an iris. I did see an elongated pupil. His nose was not prominent. It was wide and the nostrils flared. His lips were quite protruded but did not protrude out beyond his chin. The lower part of his face was very much jowl-shaped—and was very large and fleshy. From the front of his chin there was a lot of slant back to the front of his forehead.

"Through the transparent front of the craft, the skin of the occupant looked dark bronze. His huge eyeball was tinted bronze or brown and the pupil was a solid brown. I don't know how much influence the tinted transparent front of the craft had on my vision, but the white light looked white without any discoloration. I did not see his ears because he was wearing what looked

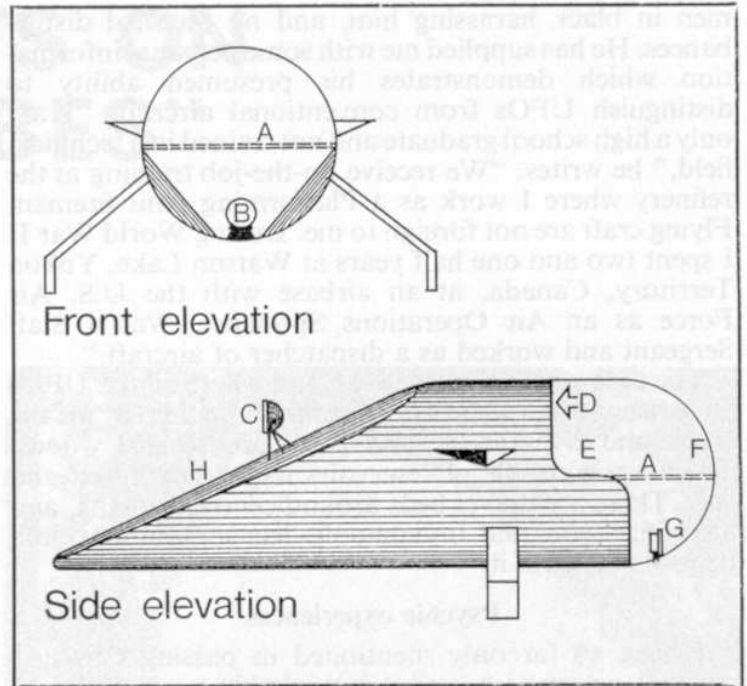


Diagram of the object.

Key: A. Possible structural support.

B. White light.

C. Red, flashing light. Hemispherical case.

D. Occupant hid face here.

E. Occupant sat here.

F. Transparent nose section.

G. White light.

H. Surface of wrinkled appearance.

like a one-piece coverall-type heavy or sturdy textured brown flight suit which was closed tight, apparently somewhere under his fleshy jaws and covered his ears (at least I did not see an ear), and his hair, if any, and the upper part of his forehead. I think this man weighed 250 pounds at least. I judged him to be no less than 6 feet tall too.

"All of my view of his facial features was from his right-hand side and after I realised that the fact to go with that huge unusual eye was a profile view, I was looking as quickly as I could to see as much as possible before he was out of sight. There was no second chance and apprehensive fear had kept me from stopping to get out for a better look when I first began to see all this. He never moved his head the whole time. At least not backward or forward. When he was looking at my car, his general countenance was of a person with their head slightly tilted to the right for a better look. His countenance during the final moments as we looked at each other showed apprehension.

"Even as strange as all this was, I tried to make it out to be normal. Even when I looked back through my rear window and saw the flashing red light and the wingless craft, I gave it a chance for being normal because of the red light. As I drove into my driveway a few minutes later and five miles of driving, it struck me like a light that I had seen a UFO. No sound, no props front, top or back, no jet exhaust and a jet couldn't go that slow anyway."

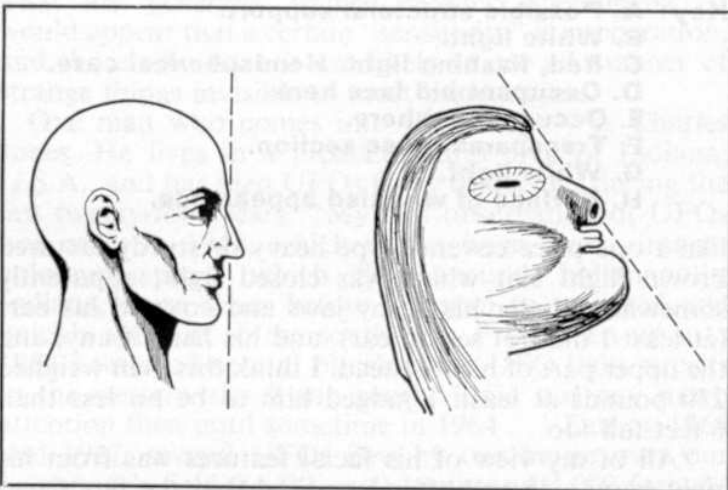
Charlie seems to have experienced no ill-effects after his unusual sighting, no mysterious telephone calls, no

men in black harassing him, and no physical disturbances. He has supplied me with some personal information which demonstrates his presumed ability to distinguish UFOs from conventional aircraft. "I am only a high school graduate and not trained in a technical field," he writes. "We receive on-the-job training at the refinery where I work as a Platforming Unit fireman. Flying craft are not foreign to me. During World War II I spent two and one half years at Watson Lake, Yukon Territory, Canada, at an airbase with the U.S. Air Force as an Air Operations Specialist. Was a Staff Sergeant and worked as a dispatcher of aircraft."

The area where Charlie lives, and where all the UFOs have been seen, is generally flat farmland, except for the creek and river areas, and there are several woods. There are a couple of reservoirs to the north-east and east. There are gravel beds around central Indiana, and also limestone, and Indianapolis has some minor gold deposits beneath it.

Psychic experiences

I have so far only mentioned in passing Charlie's psychic experiences, and it is probably a good idea to



Comparison diagram of a typical human head with the head of the occupant of UFO. The broken line indicates the angle of plane of the face in each case. The heads are not to scale with each other.

describe them more fully, for the benefit of those who are investigating the connections between UFOs and psychic phenomena. As Charlie says of himself, "I am some psychic." He continues: "Could write much on experiences that I have had. I have had ghostly experiences also. Our home is somewhat haunted. Footsteps, wall knocks, shadows, and visible images of dead."

After his father's death, Charlie had a strange experience while sitting with the body. "His eyes were open and very glassy. While looking at them, a very brilliant, narrow white light, which showed a blue-green tint, formed over both his eyes and the bridge of his nose. At the same time, a sensation of closeness and recognition travelled from the light to my chest. I involuntarily said 'Dad' and was aware that his spirit was reaching me through the light over his eyes. The light then faded away. On two different dates after that, I observed this

same light at eye level with me here at home.

"Mother moved into their smaller home after that, and moved most of the fixtures of one bedroom into a bedroom of ours, to keep. (I still get "goose bumps" in that room. Bothers no one else.) For a long time, our little house dog would bark down the hall towards that bedroom door, when we would hear a light noise, like someone was there. One night when we were here alone and I was letting him follow me to the study here, he began barking at the door when we entered the hallway. I walked over and opened the door and he looked really puzzled for a while but did quit barking after a fresh burst as I opened the door."

Charlie's mother-in-law and father-in-law lived with them, and shortly after the death of the former, both were heard talking together, on at least three occasions. After Charlie's father-in-law died, they were both heard walking around the house.

One night, Charlie's sister-in-law, who was dead, came into his bedroom and walked around the foot of the bed to the east door. "There was some scratching noises like fingernails on the door. I saw her take the door knob and turn it at the same time that she just seemed to walk through the door because I did not see it open. After she disappeared, the latch snapped back into place."

Shortly after the sudden death, in an accident, of his brother and two little boys, Charlie saw them. "Just after daylight, I heard the smallest boy saying 'There's Uncle Charlie,' and when I opened my eyes, my brother was standing beside our bed holding his two sons. The boys were pointing at me and saying something but I could not hear anything they said and then they vanished."

Green fireball

Now to return to the UFOs and come right up-to-date, Charlie's latest sighting took place in October 1971: "I observed another one of those green fireballs at 9.50 p.m. on Sunday, October 10. It was close and low this time. I heard it above the noise of the refinery and it was only about 250 feet high when I first was attracted by a snap in the air and a glint of light. The thing snapped three times as I watched and a piece would fly off it to the rear and then a small explosion would flash out from the rear of the fireball. Lasted about four seconds before it went out about one half, or three quarters of mile south of me. Came from the north east by north."

Charlie's attitude towards his experiences is perhaps not unusual. Although he is prepared to tell of what he has seen to anyone who is interested, he realises that he is locally considered to be, in his own words, a "windy kook", and says, "I get depressed at times because of being such a 'loner' among people." He knows something about UFOs elsewhere in the world, for he reads UFO magazines and books occasionally, and would really like a widespread knowledge and acceptance of the existence of UFOs, whatever they may be. To leave the last word with Charlie: "My most worry about UFOs is how the public is being lied to about them. This is hard to take when you have seen so much as I have. Really gets my blood hot to read debunking by some nut who has not even observed one."