

GIGANTIC "BAT-SHAPED UFO" OVER LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT(1996)

For years past we have been receiving a stream of rumours and hear-say stories about mystery craft which seem to hang around and haunt such places as Britain's two big airports at Heathrow and Gatwick (and also, needless to say, other airports around the world.)

The British newspaper *The People* of July 7, 1996, carried such a report, about a giant "bat-shaped" UFO that was apparently watching as passenger aircraft were landing at Heathrow. The mystery craft was reportedly spotted by a London man and his wife as it passed over their home at Hammersmith.

Chris Rowe, aged 31, and his wife Leisa, 33, a trained nurse, told how they had watched with amazement as the UFO hovered beneath the principal glide-path of planes about to land at one of the world's busiest airports. They also claimed that they subsequently saw several military helicopters flying to and fro over the course followed by the big UFO.

The sighting allegedly had occurred as long ago as an evening in May, 1996. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe said that the "bat" was also seen by some of their friends.

Mr. Rowe said: "There was no engine noise from it; no flashing lights; nothing. It was a clear night, so

we got an excellent view of it. It was about 30 or 40 metres in length, and was surrounded by a bright white light. I telephoned to a friend who lives near the airport, and he and a colleague of his saw it more closely. It looked circular, but on closer inspection it had a bit missing... like the "Batman" symbol on TV. The Rowes made a video recording of the "bat", and watched it for about half an hour.

After that, they saw two more objects appear, one of them seemingly a smaller version of the "bat". Chris Rowe's friend said: "The smaller of these two other craft was performing aerobatics at an enormous speed. It was "looping the loop", and going from side to side and up and down, and was amazing. Then suddenly the other smaller object appeared, with two single flashing red lights. We thought it was a plane, until we realized it was going in the opposite direction to the flight-path."

The total sighting had lasted some 40 minutes. Was the "bat" simply another huge "FT"? (See the review of Omar Fowler's new Booklet, on Page 22) ■

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far as the top ecclesiastical hierarchy in Rome are concerned, all potential miracles must always be viewed with maximum prudence. They assert that about 90% of the phenomena reported as miraculous are either due to collective hysteria or have their origins in lies. In order to assess the veracity of those phenomena that they do regard as sacred the Church have established a commission which gives its verdict on each case. Obviously this has to pass through the sieve of various priests, bishops, and cardinals of the Vatican.

In Brazil, ours being a very "mystical" country, the phenomenon is interpreted in various ways. In the North-West, where the apparitions take place before thousands of poor, simple, uneducated folk, the religious myth prevails.

Nevertheless, there is intensive investigative work going on — performed by the UFO research groups sent there — most particularly our own CPU (Centre for UFO Research) - who report on the delicate shifts or changes in attitude of the local populations. The CPU is performing an important job by this sort of monitoring in the Serra de Baturité area of Ceará, just as another investigation group, the G-PAZ (Zenith Aerospace Research Group), are doing on the Chapada Diamantina (Diamantina Plateau) in the State of Bahia. Both groups are engaged in recording UFO phenomena and gathering statements from eyewitnesses ■

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“NOW THE BAD NEWS: THIS IS UTOPIA!”

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Such was the theme of an eye-catching article in the *Guardian* on August 20, 1993, by their Science Editor Tim Radford.

The main points of the article are as follows:-

Utopia may already have arrived, and human evolution may now be heading towards its end.

The forces of mutation and natural selection which have changed species over aeons of time may possibly no longer be acting upon us humans, according to an address given on August 19, 1993 by one of Britain's top biologists to the International Congress of Geneticists being held in Birmingham.

The speaker was of course our famous Professor Steve Jones of University College, London, author, Reith lecturer, and visiting professor at many universities including Santa Barbara, Harvard, Flinders (Australia) and several others.

He said that the authors of several well-known “*Utopias*” - Aldous Huxley, H.G. Wells, George Bernard Shaw - had all been either related to or close friends of geneticists, and all three of these authors had been concerned that “something terrible and biological” was going to affect the future of mankind.

Professor Jones said that we humans are a great curiosity for the zoologists. **For example, we are the only species in our group.** (the only other mammal having this distinction being the aardvark!).

But, he went on, evolution is a machine that has generated diversity by means of mutation and natural selection. Useful mutations are preserved, and bad ones deleted by the environment. All sorts of factors, including radiation and chemical poisoning, cause mutations in cells, inevitably engendering fears that man may now be poisoning his own environment. But, he added, nuclear power workers show fewer blood cell mutations than do coal miners!

He explained that the environment contains many of these ‘mutagenic’ chemicals, *but the most dangerous of all is in lettuce!* “So, all these food freaks are doing the wrong thing. The first artificial chemical on the list is about number 30!”

He said that most natural selection is effected by disease and that basically mankind had won the battle against disease. *

Two people out of three die because of the genes they are carrying, but those genes kill them now only after they have passed them on, so natural selection doesn't apply.

A third force working for mutation, he said, was

inbreeding. A thousand centuries ago, when the world held a smaller population than London does today, people lived in small communities and intermarried. This too he said had come to an end.

He concluded with a take-home message: namely that, through social change every force of evolution had now lost much of its power. *Utopia is already here.*

* NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR

Phew — what a ‘clanger’ about defeating disease — and from a top biologist too! In the three years that this piece has been lying in my in-tray awaiting a slot in FSR, the newspapers of the world have been filled with terrifying reports about the massive “come-back” of tuberculosis and malaria and meningitis, the spreading of AIDS and Lassa fever and Ebola fever due to rapid air transport — and the emerging immunity against antibiotics of several of the commonest bacteria such as *Staphylococcus Aureus*.

Not to mention, of course, the awful flesh-eating bacterium, mad-cow disease (BSE), CJD, scrapie, and Heaven knows what else. And yet, right up to now, we are apparently still filling animals and fowls with hormones and antibiotics, feeding ground-up diseased cattle carcasses to other cattle despite the fact that cattle are herbivores, tampering with our own genetic system with which Providence — or whatever you like to call it — has endowed us, breeding mice with human ears sticking out of their backs, and finally, to cap it all, **talking of plans to produce human sperm through animals in order to compensate for the rapidly falling sperm-count which is itself (if not due to *aliens*, as some folk think!), far more likely to be due to our own chemical pollution of the entire Planet.**

Professor Jones, by the way, is a staunch materialist - atheist. He says that when you're dead and on the slab, you're dead and on the slab. And that's that!

An inspiring mentor for our rising generation, most of whom long ago ceased to have anything to believe in. Except, perhaps, drugs, sexual excess or unnatural sex, and their own mad, wild, pop “songs” and pop “music”

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