

THE GREAT SHAKING

An Aborigine Legend from Western Australia, collected by Oscar and Ernestine Little

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Dear Gordon

You might be interested in this story. It is clearly from memory of what must have been some sort of major world-disaster. perhaps a comet crash? Movement of the Poles? I have heard that similar stories come from somewhere in South America and also elsewhere in the world.

With my best wishes to you and Mrs. Creighton,

Yours sincerely, Hannah Wondy Wolfe.
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Aboriginal people have lived in the southwest of Western Australia for a very long time, many thousands of years. Long ago, they had plenty to eat, they shared with each other and lived happily.

One day the earth began to tremble and shake. This great shaking continued all day and night. When it stopped and morning came the terrified people saw that all the land had changed.

It seemed as if the earth had turned round. The hills had moved. Where there used to be hills now there were plains and where there used to be plains there were now hills. Great rocks had risen along the coast.

Powerful winds sprang up. The air was full of smoke and dust. This continued so long that many people died.

Finally, fresh air began to blow. There was thunder and torrents of water rushed across the low-lying lands. Now the people who had survived ran to the higher ground.

The strangest thing was that after the great shaking it seemed as if the earth had turned and the Sun was rising in a different place. Just as the hills had moved, so now the Sun that used to come up in the north and set in the south was rising in the east and setting in the west.

After this time the people divided into bands or tribes and moved into different areas, and they also developed different languages. The medicine men were respected and could travel between the different tribal areas.

Nothing was ever the same after the Great Shaking.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR. The mental, folkloric, and dream world of the Australian Aboriginal Peoples is well known as one of the most fascinating and enchanting lines of research into which one can delve. This tale may well be, as Hannah Wondy Wolfe says, an age-old folk-memory, handed down by one of the oldest peoples now on Earth, of the last great geophysical, geological upheaval on our Planet, and comes from a delightful little paperback book (ISBN 0-85905-, no price shown) NYOONGAR YORGAS REMEMBER: EARLY DAYS OF MOORE RIVER SETTLEMENT, written by Wondy Wolfe herself along with Hazel Anderson and Ernestine Little, and published by Hannah Wondy's own enterprise, GREEN RIVER BOOKS, P.O. Box 63, Yinnar, Victoria 3869.

Hannah, who is an anthropologist (we have already published one of her reports, *Australia's Aborigines Have Long Known About UFOs*, in FSR 39/3) explains that *Yorga* means 'wife' or 'woman' in the language of the *Nyoongars*, an aboriginal tribe of the Mogumber and Moore River region to the north of Perth, in Western Australia.

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As will be noted, both photos (intended to show night-scenes from a high spot in Budapest) show the UFO and also, below, a woman's face, which Monsieur Gheorghita has investigated. It turns out to be part of an illuminated advertisement on top of a building in Budapest.

The time when the photographs were taken was 8.30 pm on February 23, 1995.

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THE TRUTH IN THE LIGHT: AN INVESTIGATION OF OVER 300 NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCES.

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THE TRUTH IN THE LIGHT. By Dr. Peter Fenwick
and Mrs. Elizabeth Fenwick.

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Ever since man has been able to walk upright he has always been thinking about his own demise. This is exemplified by the ways in which he has disposed of his cadavers and by the contents of his graves, mounds, pyramids, temples and tombs, in which we find various implements and devices and foods provided for sustaining the body of the departed on its journey to a new existence. These ideas are supported by the *Bible*, and when a holy man or a messiah has appeared it has been thought that he had been born to rule the kingdom.

All this gave the idea of going to another world, and these sentiments appear in the *Bible* and in other sacred texts, and in wall-paintings and drawings throughout history.

So is there life after death?

Many folk nowadays live in turmoil, wondering whether they are doomed to suffer for eternity or to enter a paradise. The religions may all vary in details, but all of them assure the living that the "dead" do go on to some kind of eternal reward. Christians and also followers of other faiths believe that we humans have eternal souls and will dwell in another world after "death". (On the other hand vast numbers of people stubbornly continued to believe that all life - including human life - just evolved *naturally and without purpose*, and that what we term "consciousness" is merely the result of neurological activity in the human brain.)

My own first ponderings about the possibility of an existence beyond death occurred after I had just read a short story by H.G. Wells, *Under the Knife*, (published in 1912). It describes the NDE (near-death experience) of a man undergoing an appendectomy under chloroform. He dies, *and then looks down and sees his own body lying on the bed!*

Since the day when H.G. Wells wrote that, several hundreds of books and articles have been published on this same theme. Most of them have been published in the USA, in the fifty years since the end of World War II, and *it is amazing to see that the great majority of them have been written by doctors.*

In April of this year came another such book - a

British one, and in my opinion the most remarkable of all so far, written by the psychiatrist Dr. Peter Fenwick and his wife Elizabeth Fenwick. Dr. Fenwick is of "international repute" as a top British neuropsychologist and a world expert on the subject of survival evidence, and the book covers more than 300 recent near-death experiences all of which he has investigated personally.

This book is an absolute classic of its kind and well researched and scientifically grounded, and I recommend it as a "must" for everyone. It has 17 chapters, with an index and an extremely valuable bibliography. Each chapter enlarges on the many accounts of the folk who experience NDEs, and gives the various possible interpretations and explanations.

Most of the subjects appear to have travelled (floated) along through a dark tunnel towards a bright light (rather like looking down through inverted binoculars) and to be attracted towards the light as moths are towards a candle.

Many doctors and scientists still theorize nowadays and conclude that the NDE provides no evidence of an after-life. They suggest instead that connections inside the brain are such that these so-called "NDE effects" are simply the result of the death process of the brain that is taking place. But, if the brain cells were engaged in dying, then *memory ought to be altered and diminished, and this emphatically does not occur. Therefore, as Dr. Fenwick argues, the mind must be something quite separate from the physical brain.*

I agree completely with Dr. Fenwick, and indeed would even go further. For recent work with the Quantum Theory has shown that there are many more dimensions than the three of "our" conventional model hitherto. *It has been shown that there could be about twenty universes in all*, and the recent work on subatomic particles has demonstrated that the smallest denomination is a *vibrating string* that is partly in another dimension. Hence all the atoms of "our" world may possess duplicates in another dimension. From this it would follow that the atoms of our physical brain could, themselves possess "projections" into another dimension or another universe.

For myself I will say this: having read *The Truth in the Light*, I now know for a certainty that "death has no sting" and I know that, when it comes, I am not going to want to "stay behind".

COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR

In recent issues we have referred a number of times to the work of Dr. Peter Fenwick.

In our article *The Mind and Brain Dilemma of Our Poor Scientists* (see FSR 40/1, early this year) we reported on his activity in setting up secret signs and markings in hospitals, at spots and at heights where patients experiencing NDEs might see them, and also on the recent Fifth Mind and Brain Symposium held at the British Institute of Psychiatry itself where Dr. Fenwick is based.

See also the note *Strong Support for ESP* on page 19 of FSR 39/4, and the Editorial in FSR 40/1.

With regard to the success and impact of Dr. & Mrs. Fenwick's book. I should also add that it received a very fair review and reception in the *British Medical Journal* of May 6, 1995 and in several other professional journals. Highlights and main cases from it were also serialized in many full pages of the *Daily Mail* (*Is there Life After Death?*) running from February 27 to March 2 of this year. ■