

The Amazing UFO Discoveries Of Peter Hurkos

A world famous psychic investigates the flying saucer phenomenon and predicts the date and location these alien craft and their occupants will reveal themselves to Mankind.

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John Keel, well-known UFO writer and researcher recently stated, "Ufology should be reduced to a peripheral branch of parapsychology. It should be divested of all propaganda such as the dogged selling of the extraterrestrial hypothesis to the public."

At the other extreme of the flying saucer opinion spectrum, UFO lecturer and physicist Stanton Friedman takes a more materialistic view: "I believe the scientific study of UFOs could lead to more new knowledge about how our universe operates than any other research effort. It should provide us with new information about the physics of space, time and matter, new methods of propulsion, and new ways to produce and use energy."

Thus the pendulum of opinion concerning this controversial subject swings in a sharply defined arc. The authors, having investigated flying saucers for more than 10 years (interviewing witnesses, collecting and photographing physical traces, taking measurements, etc.) decided to combine the best of both theories. It's true that UFO research has suffered a perpetual absence of progress in spite of growing enthusiasm within the scientific community. This stagnation has been blamed on everything from bad management to government cloak and dagger secrecy. But the simple truth is that flying saucers refuse to stay on the ground long enough for examination by

qualified experts. We wondered, could the application of extrasensory perception be used in an attempt to break this impasse?

Outer and inner space were first successfully combined by one of our men in space, astronaut Edgar Mitchell, who performed a series of telepathic experiments with psychic Olaf Johnsson during the flight of Apollo 14. These experiments were designed to give psychic phenomena a new measure of public acceptance and the research a much needed boost, to encourage practical, scientific study.

We called the editors of UFO Report, inquiring who was the best psychic they knew who might be agreeable to an experiment of this type. They suggested Dutch psychic Peter Hurkos, who received worldwide publicity for his ESP detective work on the infamous Boston Strangler murder case, the more recent Ann Arbor coed murders, and dozens of others.

Hurkos's specialty is psychometry—the ability to handle and touch an object about which little or nothing is known and psychically glean knowledge about the persons or conditions connected with the object. He acquired this talent after suffering a brain injury as the result of a bad fall from a four-story building in Holland in 1941. He lay unconscious several days at Zuidoost Hospital in The Hague. When he

awoke, the burly Dutchman was astonished to realize he had acquired the ability to see into the past, present and future; a faculty that would later earn him the title as "the man with the crystal brain."

In 1956, Andrija Puharich, M.D., brought Hurkos to this country to be tested at his laboratories and the Round Table Foundation in Glendale, Me. There, Dr. Puharich extensively tested the psychic for nearly two years and became convinced that Hurkos's abilities were astounding and real.

The authors made an agreement with Peter Hurkos for early April 1975. We set out to collect every known UFO-related evidence available from our own files and from other researchers from many long excursions across the country. When we arrived at the psychic's home in San Jose City, Calif., to keep that appointment, we were loaded down with tape recorders, notebooks, cameras, and over 20 sealed manila envelopes of uncoded envelopes containing various UFO-related items: bits of metal, discolored glass, soil samples, chemical compounds, and an assortment of photographs.

We hadn't included any objects or objects not connected with UFOs as our purpose was not to test Hurkos's ability but rather to gain information

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Samples of the UFO evidence "psychometrized" by Peter Hurkos.

the gaps in existing cases where practical investigation had reached its limit. We also hoped for another objective. While John Keel feels, "The majority of the hardcore UFO enthusiasts are still . . . sitting on windy hilltops waiting for the wonderful space people to arrive," we were optimistic, considering the psychic's many successes in dealing with the unknown, that he might be able to predict the arrival of other world craft on some *specific* windy hill at some *definite* time.

Because some of the UFO evidence came into our possession just minutes before the meeting, items which the authors knew little or nothing about, this introduces a rather good control, to eliminate mind-reading or telepathy during the psychic readings of those particular articles.

Juggling all our equipment and en-

velopes, we were ushered into the Hurkos home by his secretary. Rather unceremoniously, we plopped our materials onto the oversized den table where Peter and his wife, Stephany, awaited us. Suddenly the situation became rather tense.

"My God, how much stuff did you bring?" Stephany asked, somewhat taken aback.

"That's three days' work if I have to do them all!" Hurkos said, his dark eyes surveying the envelopes in amazement.

There was a short but uncomfortable few seconds as the authors looked at each other, recalling the small fortune in phone calls and the hours of sweat and exasperation it took to gather this small but carefully amassed pile of

UFO-related oddities. After a hasty assessment of the rather humorous situation, including the fact that we had not taken into consideration the time and strain on the psychic doing the readings, we began selecting those envelopes which contained items of the most well-investigated cases.

Then we learned an important lesson when dealing with a psychic. You don't tell them. They tell you.

"Let Peter choose the ones you wants," Stephany said.

We'd also originally drafted a set of carefully worded questions providing reasonable control over the situation and which would, we believed, put Hurkos into those areas we wanted to know more about. This, however, did not happen as planned and the results were simple.



Legitimate psychics are extremely sensitive, responding in various degrees to different objects. You don't shove something under their noses and launch into a cross-examination. They must be allowed to "feel" their way through an assortment of things, selecting those items from which they receive the most powerful sensations. Then, as the mental images come to them, they tell you what they "see." Thus Stephary's request not to interrupt or tell her husband anything about what the envelopes contained, was in order.

Although such a procedure—or lack of it—might at first seem arbitrary, it allows the psychometrist to demonstrate his accuracy by not being verbally guided. Further, if what Peter Hurkos "saw" was correct in the particular case as far as our knowledge

went, then statements about what we didn't know could prove equally valid.

The two-hour interview is presented in its entirety with only nonessential dialogue deleted. For the reader's comprehension, the specific UFO incident is presented prior to the psychic reading.

Case 1: UFO landing near Delphos, Kans., Nov. 2, 1972.

On that evening, at around seven p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Durel Johnson were in the kitchen of their farmhouse preparing for dinner. Mrs. Johnson, a nurse, called through the back door to their 16-year-old son Ronald to tell him supper was ready. Ronald answered that he was almost finished with the chores and would be in in a moment. His parents waited a short time and then began eating without him.

Had they looked into the back yard at that time, they would have seen their son transfixed, watching a glowing object hovering two feet off the ground near the sheep pen. Brilliant colors of blue, red, and orange sparkled across the surface of the 10-foot-high, domed object. The lights were so intense that the ground between the boy and the UFO was illuminated as if by daylight.

Both Ronald and his dog seemed rooted to the spot, unable to move, as if the craft was exerting some type of paralyzing force. The dog, trained to warn the family of any intruders, was strangely silent. For five minutes the alien object shimmered in its position just off the ground, emitting a sound which the boy described as "something like an airplane engine machine vibrating loudly."

Suddenly, the UFO brightened at the base and took off, angling over a shed and climbing into the sky. As it increased speed, the noise changed into a high-pitched whine like the sound of an accelerating jet. At this point the boy discovered he was temporarily blind. After a few moments his eyesight returned and he ran into the house to tell his parents what had occurred. As they followed him outside, they all saw the bright light moving rapidly through the sky into the distance. But there was much more evidence to support Ronald's story.

On the ground was an eerie, glowing circle (about eight feet in diameter) shining in the darkness. The lower portions of the nearby trees also glowed, as if having been sprayed with luminous paint. Mrs. Johnson bent to touch the gray-white substance that formed the ring and her fingertips went numb instantly. This condition, much like the effect of a local anaesthetic, lasted for two weeks and it prevented her from taking the pulse of her patients.

As the frightened family stared at the strange, ghostly circle, the farmer was especially baffled that the ring was dry, as if having been baked in a giant oven, while the rest of the ground around it was still wet and muddy from the previous day's rain. When water was poured over the blistered circle, it ran off like a liquid poured on glass. No radiation was detected in the area.

Ted Phillips of Missouri, a UFO investigator specializing in cases involving physical evidence, gathered soil from the circle as well as normal soil nearby. In the lab, seeds placed in the ring soil did not germinate while healthy plants grew in the unaffected dirt in only 12 days.

Further specialized analyses of the ring soil indicated that microwaves (perhaps associated with the craft's propulsion) had caused the physical effects. Much like an oven, they had baked the soil without leaving telltale heat marks behind. This same process had evaporated the animal urine in the soil to the point where white phosphorus was produced, a toxic substance. White phosphorus also glows like luminous paint for a brief period.

Microwaves could also be blamed for creating an excess of metallic salts and other elements in the area directly below the hovering craft which would prevent normal plant growth. This same energy can interfere with the brain and produce temporary blindness.

The reading: Peter Hurkos selected a sealed envelope marked "O," containing four ounces of soil from the circle at Delphos, Kan. His fingertips roamed

briefly over the edge of the envelope.

"It has to do with open fields. It's muddy, not exactly swampy but sometimes there is water on the ground. There is an object that was damaged, damaged from a landing. This is not phony. This is real! There was a problem with that object, something wrong... trouble with the gravity that turned out an energy. They weren't there for curiosity but to repair their propulsion.

"No people stepped out of it. They worked inside of that flying object. There was quite a circle there, quite a circle on the ground but no footsteps or anything else, just the circle... It did not leave like a plane but went straight up.

"I see a flat valley and a little road that is made by Jeeps and a farm-type house and the circle is not far from a shack. At that time when the aerial object was getting repaired, there was no snow on the ground, but muddy, swampy..."

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How the psychic reached for sealed envelope marked "K," containing a photograph of Betty and Barney Hill who were kidnapped by aliens from their car while driving through a desolate area in New Hampshire in 1961. After being physically examined in separate rooms aboard a flying saucer, they were released. Neither Barney or Betty remembered the incident as it was blocked out of their minds by some unknown technique. But their subconscious minds were plagued with strange nightmares, and under hypnotic regression by psychiatrist Benjamin Simon in 1964, their terrifying abduction was recalled.

Hurkos put his hand down rather forcefully on the unopened envelope and said: "This did not have a connection with the other one (Delphos, Kans). This man is very sincere. He is not a publicity hunter, let me tell you. This man had no reason to lie. He told the truth. He didn't believe nothing in these objects. He was paralyzed... He didn't have a willpower at all. I tell you

something. If that man had a camera in the flying object and he had a picture inside, it wouldn't have come out. And didn't he tell you that when he came home, he had no flavor or taste for food?"

(Hurkos sometimes spoke of the Hill incident in terms of the present, as if it had occurred only yesterday. Barney passed away several years ago. We called Betty Hill to inquire if indeed Barney had complained about a lack of interest in food during the days following their kidnapping. Betty said she couldn't recall, but Barney had been placed on a bland diet just prior to the UFO episode.)

The Barney and Betty Hill case has been fully documented in John Fuller's book, *The Interrupted Journey*, and while it is conceivable that the Dutch psychic might have been aware of the details, it is extremely doubtful that he read the data. Hurkos does not enjoy reading. As he puts it, "I cannot read books. My mind will not concentrate."

The manuscript for his first book, *The Psychic World Of Peter Hurkos*, by Norma Lee Browning, had to be read to him chapter by chapter for approval. His forthcoming book, *What Is Next Tomorrow*, as told to the same author, is also being read to him.

The psychic was certainly correct about Barney's skeptical attitude toward the existence of flying saucers prior to his experience. Barney Hill thought the subject "ridiculous." Hurkos was again correct when he stated, "They (the aliens) were not big people. It happened at night, not in the house. He (Barney) was out, coming from somewhere or visiting somebody. He had no time to think about it. Quickly, everything stopped. He was not exactly conscious. They blocked out his mind with telepathy."

When the Hills stopped their car on the lonely stretch of road that night in 1961 to get a better look at the bright object overhead, Barney took out his binoculars and focused them on the rows of windows curving around what he called "this pancake." He observed six men in the craft.

Later, under hypnosis, his voice filled with fright and terror, Barney talked about the slanted eyes, which he compared to the Cheshire cat in *Alice In Wonderland*, staring back at him through the binoculars. He said they were eyes which talked to him in his head, telling him to stay there and keep looking; eyes which still pounded in his brain commanding him even after he had returned to the car.

At this point in the interview, the psychic leaned back in his chair to rest

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