

has it been proved that they are not. If Boyce *et al.* find the behaviour of UFO entities unbelievable and refuse to consider such reports, do they ignore everything strange? If so, they'll miss the arrival of extraterrestrials if they do come, as the visitors are unlikely to appear in a form and

manner acceptable to earthlings. In the light of Boyce's attitude towards UFOs, we can hardly take seriously his unrealistic discussion on other aspects of contact with extraterrestrial intelligences.

# GHOSTS OR MACHINES?

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THE "psychic projection" theory of UFOs has not gained much support and this may be, I suspect, because many people do not understand the concept. Its acceptance also depends on a belief in the reality of psychic phenomena. Today's climate of denial means that psychic phenomena are widely scorned, despite strong evidence in their favour, and often it seems that closed-mindedness is masquerading as "a scientific attitude."

However, assuming that psychic phenomena can and do exist, then the "psychic projection" theory of UFOs, briefly stated, is that the "UFO" is non-physical, a projection from the brain/mind/unconscious/psyche of the witness, the mechanism as yet not being understood. It has been suggested by John Rimmer\* that the UFO is not even externalised, but remains "an internal projection from the unconscious to the conscious mind." This idea is perhaps acceptable for some single-witness sightings, but less likely in cases of multiple-witness sightings, unless we fall back on the idea of telepathic transmission of the image from the main witness to the others.

Experiments in telepathy show that it is usually a general impression of the target that is received, rather than a detailed picture. But UFO witnesses usually present closely coinciding descriptions of the events described, and I have never come across a case where the testimony of one witness sounded as though it was a telepathic impression of another witness's experience. So I am inclined to feel that the internal projection theory is unlikely to account for multi-witness UFO sightings.

But if we can believe the evidence presented in a recently published book, there can be little doubt that projections, be they internal or external, *are* feasible. **The Story of Ruth** by Morton Schatzman\*\* describes the extraordinary ability of Ruth to cause apparitions to materialise. Plagued by the ghost of her still-living father, she sought psychiatric help from Dr. Schatzman, who eventually realised that the apparition was conjured up by Ruth herself, and could also be dissipated by her. Once she realised that, she began to experiment with her ability and found she could materialise other people, like Dr. Schatzman — in the same room with the real Dr. Schatzman! Dr. Schatzman could not see his materialised double, and indeed most of the apparitions could be seen only by Ruth. There were exceptions to this, but the evidence does not indicate whether those people who saw the apparitions were seeing externalised images or were picking up Ruth's internal projections telepathically. All attempts to photograph the apparitions were unsuccessful.

I believe that this book has important implications for ufology. It demonstrates that it is possible for people to

bring about vivid materialisations, either involuntarily as Ruth was in the beginning, or voluntarily as when Ruth later learned to control her talent. It is therefore feasible that *some* "UFOs" could be materialisations. This theory could explain the great variety in the appearance of UFO entities — they appear as imagined by their creators. Also the same theory can be used to account for other unexpected sightings — for example, black dogs, some man-beast sightings, the Little People, ghosts — all could be materialisations from the unknown depths of that miracle of existence, the human being.

The psychic projection theory raises as many questions as it answers. How is it that so many people possess a hitherto unknown and extraordinary talent? Why is it suddenly triggered off? Why do the materialisations often take the form of spacecraft and alien beings? I will duck out of attempting answers to these complex questions. There is also another aspect to the "psychic projection" theory which I have not mentioned: that the projections may emanate from the so-called "Collective Unconscious" rather than from the individual witness. Since this brings in yet another "unknown," the Collective Unconscious, which I feel makes it a less likely solution to the UFO mystery, I will confine this article to the theory that the *witness* triggers the projection. At least there is some factual evidence to support this theory.

I will end by describing another clue to the apparitional nature of some UFO experiences: that they seem personal to one witness. How many accounts have you read of a huge UFO seen somewhere where logically it could be expected to attract great attention, but only being seen by *one* witness? And accounts of people being alerted to the presence of a UFO by a compulsion; or feeling that a UFO was watching them? Compare this with a report of a wolf-like animal ghost (looking "as real and solid as anything I have ever seen") recently sent to me, the witness stating that it was looking at her with an intensity, and that "there was a sense of communication." In such cases, be the subject animal or entity or spacecraft, I suggest that the witness is seeing a personally initiated psychic projection — and indeed, that such psychic projections can account for quite a number of sightings of UFOs and allied phenomena. But not all.

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# HUMANOIDS AT SOUTH MIDDLETON — Part 1

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**A report from Massachusetts, U.S.A., based on investigations by the author, and Raymond E. Fowler, conducted in 1978. Some of the witnesses have requested to remain anonymous, a wish that has been respected — although it has posed editorial problems.**

**T**HIS is a report of the investigation of a complex series of incidents which occurred in and around the home of the Gould family in South Middleton, Mass, a rural community located about 15 miles north of Boston. These incidents included sightings dating back to 1962 of two kinds of beings and several types of UFOs. A surge of activity began in the autumn of 1977 and continued through the spring of 1978. Scattered incidents have been reported up to the date of this account. During the period of high activity different people reported seeing one or more types of small, white-suited, helmeted figures. During 4 days from January 9 to 12, 1978 the main sightings of a UFO(s) occurred on the Gould property. It is possible that a single UFO landed on the property the night of January 9, and remained for 2 days before departing on the morning of January 12. However, the exact dates, times and sequence of events are confused. On January 9 and 10 there were two observations of a white suited figure in the vicinity of a UFO; therefore this sighting is Type C in the Humanoid Study Group system.

The January series of encounters are highlighted in this report because they involved specific UFO-related humanoid sightings, and were more recent and more easily documented. The other incidents were not directly UFO-related and/or were too vague or brief to provide much useful data except in support of the January incidents. These related events are reviewed in chronological order in Section 3.

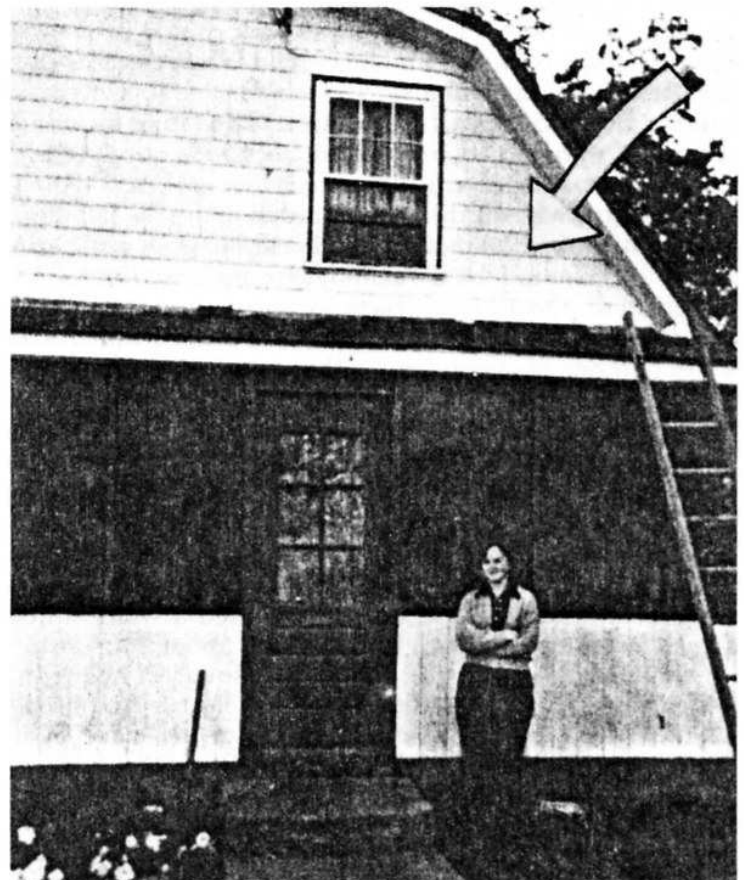
## Synopsis of the January events

In the Gould family are Theresa (50) and Thomas (52), their three children, Allan (21), Nancy (20) and Douglas (14). Thomas is a self-employed carpenter who is an emigrant from Canada. He served in the RCAF for 4 years as a medic. Theresa was born in and lived in her parents' home for 42 years before she and Tom built the house in 1967 on River Street where they now live. They recently sold the house and will be moving to Maine soon.

On the evening of Monday, January 9, 1978, Douglas was staying with relatives nearby. The other Goulds were at home at River Street. Doug and the relatives' children were put to bed between 7.30 and 8.0 p.m. At about 7.30 Nancy and Theresa Gould were sitting in their living room when through the dining room window to the east, Theresa saw a large, yellowish-white light angling toward the ground. The main light may have had a small light in the rear (Theresa later described seeing 3 round lights). The light(s) seemed to be approaching from the NE and was in view at least 15 seconds. Nancy, who saw the object when it was closer, described a yellow-orange ball

of light. She ran out the back door in time to see the object disappear behind trees some distance behind the house (azimuth: 15-30°). She said the light seemed to wink out as it went behind the trees. No glow was seen; total observation time was about 20 seconds. She returned to the house, recorded the time in her diary as 7.37 p.m., and called a friend on the phone. Five minutes later, when she tried the phone again, it was dead and didn't work for 20 minutes. During this period a relative tried calling the Goulds from her home, but to no avail.

In the relatives' house the children had been in bed for about 10 to 15 minutes when one of them called out: "Daddy, there's a man over there. And he was trying to touch me." The boy reported seeing a white figure in the room at the foot of the bed. His father naturally assumed the boy had been dreaming, and told him to go back to sleep.



**Figure 1: Looking West. Nancy Gould standing by the porch from which the helmeted figure was seen on the roof (arrowed) on 9 January, 1978.**