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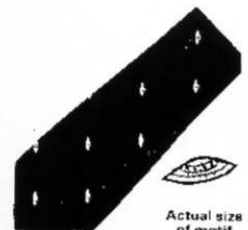
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AN ASTONISHING NEW TURN: ARE THESE CLAIMS TRUE?

Over the years since the “eruption” of the UFO Phenomenon in 1947, the evidence for its parapsychical and parapsychological aspects has continued to accumulate and is now massive.

Once we humans had begun to be aware of the so-called “abduction feature” in the situation, it was naturally not long before investigators here and there were starting to compare the statements of “abductees” with the already voluminous body of declarations received from individuals who had

no “UFO story” or “abduction story” to tell, but who simply claimed to have undergone “out-of-the-body experiences” (OBEs) or “near-death experiences” (NDEs), and the investigators were astonished by the similarities.

Today — believe it or not — Raymond Fowler, one of America’s absolutely “top-notch” investigators - and not only he, but also Whitley Strieber and some others — have begun quite seriously to postulate that the abduction stories and the OBEs and the NDEs are indeed all one — all part of some gigantic new prospect which is being unfolded for us.

Personally I must admit that at first I didn’t want to contemplate such a suggestion at all. It is going to raise a lot of questions and of course it plainly indicates that (*as I have always surmised*) the UFO beings are “not all out of the same biscuit barrel”. Though many of them - maybe most of them — seem patently to be *devils*, it begins to look as though others are definitely “not of that ilk”.

We must have much, much more to say about these questions in future issues of FSR. ■

A SAUCER OVER FLORENCE (1978)

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In mid-July of 1978 an Italian physician, Dr. La Magna, and his wife Rita and daughter Liliana, were on vacation in Florence (Firenze), from their home on the Island of Sicily, and in their holiday party with them were their friends, another married couple, Signor Angelo Scammacca and wife, plus their two children.

On one particular day (nobody any longer recalls precisely *which* day) they had all been out to Fiesole for lunch, and were back in Florence at about 3.30pm and were taking photographs at a spot on one of the several bridges over the River Arno.

In order to secure a picture showing their whole party, Dr. La Magna did what so many folk do: he asked a passer-by to help by taking the snap. The man did so, but Dr. La Magna did not feel confident that the camera setting had been right (in fact it was), so he asked the man to hand the camera to him for a moment so that he could check, and then gave it back to him and asked him to make sure by taking a second photograph. During this interval, which can have been only of the briefest duration, some of the party changed their positions slightly.

Two weeks later, when they were all back home again in Sicily, Dr. La Magna asked his uncle to develop the photos. When the uncle had done this, he asked Dr. La Magna whether any member of the party had seen the UFO on one of the photos?

Of course neither the doctor nor any of the others could have seen a UFO, since they all had their backs turned towards it, and at first Dr. La Magna thought his uncle was joking. (Had the passer-by seen it, surely he would have cried out!).

In October 1993, a colour print of the second photograph - with the UFO - was brought to me at my house by an Italian reader of FSR, Signor C. Pennisi, also a Sicilian, who is resident and working in London, and is a friend of the La Magna family.

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