WEIRD FACULTIES

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The BBC recently carried reports about a Russian woman who has developed some unusual powers after suffering a massive electrical shock. The story was in the highly authoritative and official Soviet newspaper *Izvestiya*, and was picked up and reproduced in *The Sun* (June 16, 1987) and other British papers, as follows:—

Wonder-Woman's X-ray Eyesight

A woman has developed X-ray vision after suffering an electric shock, it was reported yesterday.

Yulia Vorobyeva can now diagnose people's illnesses — and also tell them what they ate for lunch, it was said.

The 37-year-old Soviet wonder-woman was declared dead, and spent two nights in a morgue after getting a 380-volt shock.

She discovered her amazing new power after regaining consciousness, according to the Government newspaper *Izvestiya* in Moscow.

Yuliya said: "I went shopping one morning. A woman was at the bus stop — and suddenly I was struck by horror. I could see right through her like a television screen".

Two doctors have testified that Yuliya can now diagnose the most obscure illnesses.

And she correctly told a reporter who interviewed her at Donetsk in the Ukraine that he had eaten jelly — because she could see it in his stomach.

Ithat certain individuals, whom today we call "mediums" or "psychics", or "sensitives", possess powers of this kind, and in various parts of the world I myself have met several such people. In Australia I knew a woman (also a Russian, incidentally) who could see the human aura with great clarity and was able to detect disease unfailingly, often long before any symptoms had started in the physical body. She confirmed to me what occultists have long known, namely that most diseases have their origins not in the physical body at all, but in what is variously known as the astral body, spirit body, etheric body, subtle body, or radiant body. (The Lingaśarîra1 of the Sanskrit; the Yid-kyi-lus2 of the Tibetans, the Augéoides,3 radiant body, of the Greek Neoplatonists.) She told me that the really embarrassing and troublesome part was that she was also able to tell, infallibly, when someone was going to succumb to illness and die in the near future.

Years later, when I was the British Consul-General in New Orleans during World War II, I had on my staff, as my Security and Anti-Sabotage Officer, a Canadian who had been a major in the British Army in the trenches on the Western Front in World War I. He told me that all his life he had had a similar unwelcome faculty, and that, in the trenches, he always knew which of his men would be the next to die "when he went over the top". (These soldiers being in the prime of health, this was clearly not a case of detecting illness in the aura, as the lady in Australia had done, but must have been a matter of direct precognition of coming events.)

This Officer's daughter, a trained nurse who was working in one of America's biggest hospitals during World War II, had inherited something of these same

gifts from her father, for she told me that, when on duty in the hospital operating theatre, she often saw the astral or spirit body of the patient, driven out of the physical body by the anaesthetic, and floating in the air above the operating table, just like one of the captive-balloons of the London Defence Barrage. She also confirmed to me that in such cases the famous "silver cord" (see Ecclesiastes 12, verse 6, "Or ever the silver cord be loosed") was clearly visible.

All those who have experienced out-of-the-body excursions will know that sudden or violent re-entry often is accompanied by serious symptoms of shock, and the "post-operative shock" known to surgeons is connected with this. (That is why the Chinese art of Acupuncture has such a future, for patients who have had open-heart surgery etc. with acupuncture do not suffer from postoperative shock.)

Inevitably the discussion of these extraordinary "special faculties" (as the Chinese Communists prefer to call them) brings to mind the names of two of the most remarkable psychics whom we have had in the world in recent years, namely the late Gérard Croiset of the Netherlands, and Peter Hurkos - also, as chance would have it, a Dutchman. I believe that Croiset was either born with, or developed his remarkable faculties gradually. And, as is known, he was able to assist the police authorities of many countries in solving crimes. Peter Hurkos, now living in America, has also helped the police in catching many criminals and solving many crimes, and it was interesting to read recently (June 1987) that he is an old friend of President Reagan and a very frequent guest in Reagan's California homes.

But Hurkos was not born with these faculties, but acquired them — like Yulia Vorobyeva — as the result of a violent and traumatic experience! He was

working on the scaffolding of a house that was under construction, in Holland, during World War II, when he suffered a very serious fall, of 43 ft. And when he recovered, from a fractured skull, he had all these weird psychic powers. It is on record that he had been a member of the Dutch Underground Resistance, or something of the sort, and was therefore on the Gestapo's "Wanted List". When the Gestapo caught up with him, they found him convalescing in a hospital bed. When they started to question him, he responded with such a torrent of nasty details about their own past lives and personal habits, and about the future fate awaiting Hitler, that they turned tail and fled and thereafter left him severely alone. (It is recorded that something extremely similar happened to the famous German seeress Theresa Neumann when the Gestapo tried to tackle her. Her comments and revelations regarding both Past and Future, public and private, were so terrifying that they left her severely alone too!)

To conclude these notes, I will mention a case of similarly acquired powers which appear to have been the direct result of the activities of UFOs and/or UFO beings.* (See full story on page 14 of this issue.)

On March 23, 1974, at Markim, a few miles north of Stockholm, the Capital of Sweden, Mr "Harald Andersson" (nom de plume) was involved in a fight with four tall alien beings (lm.80-lm.90) and eventually "sucked up" aloft into a UFO. In the struggle, he received a severe and deep wound on his forehead, and his cheek was burned. After applying various instruments to him, they put him down again in a semi-conscious state near his home, having first warned him not to seek any medical help for his injuries and having put a posthypnotic block on him so that he would not reveal the main details of what had happened to him inside the UFO.

"Harald Andersson" was subsequently studied by Arne Groth, and by Dr Ture Arvidsson, a well-known specialist in hypnotism from the Danderyd Hospital. Dr Ture Arvidsson hypnotised "Andersson" twice, but it proved impossible to recover most of the details.

According to the findings of the researcher Arne Gros, "Harald Andersson" has developed some very strange and peculiar gifts, these undoubtedly being due to his experience. He now has a general increase in certain psychical sensitivities. When he was preparing some electro-stencils at his work, these became totally black, a thing which never happened when a work-mate took over. This indicates that there were very strong electrical fields around "Harald Andersson". Moreover, prior to his UFO episode, he had been long-sighted, needing eyeglasses. After the affair, he found he no longer required them!

He had also become intensely sensitive to certain types of radiation. If one held a rock-crystal over the wound on his forehead, he experienced a tingling or, as he called it, a "sucking" in his head. He could detect a large piece of rock-crystal at a distance of several hundred meters.

After the incident, "Harald Andersson" also had premonitions when a UFO was in the vicinity. He said he felt, as it were, a "suction", almost as though he was about to "take off from the ground", and he could also sense from what direction the UFOs were going to arrive.

"THEY ARE INSIDE OF US", he said on one occasion. Those who have read Budd Hopkins' two epochmaking books, MISSING TIME, and INTRUDERS, will have perceived that this may turn out to be only too terribly true.

Finally, what possible link there may be between the cases of Yulia Vorobyeva, Peter Hurkos, "Harald Andersson", the Russian lady whom I knew in Australia, and the Canadian officer who worked with me in the USA, I naturally have not a clue, and I am not attempting to speculate.

Obviously, of course, electricity (whatever that is!) plays a great role in it all. We all know how frequently electrical equipment seems to be affected by UFOs, hauntings, poltergeists, etc. And it seems that the subtle bodies of Man (he possesses more than one body) are very much related to electricity and maybe to other even more subtle cosmic forces that are not yet known to us.

Truly, "We now see through a glass, darkly;"

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FOOTNOTES BY EDITOR, FSR

"THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS"

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I'may be recalled that in FSR 29/1, in my article "A Brief Account of the True Nature of the 'UFO Entities'", I wrote:—

"... maybe the best way in which we can begin to start to visualize these matters is by thinking of the Jinns as being very close indeed to us and yet at the same time somehow very far from us. In other words, on some other dimension, or in some other Space/Time framework, 'right here', or maybe in a world of anti-matter right here, or occupying as it were some other Universe that is here, behind Alice's mirror: "a mirror-universe on the other side of the Space-Time Continuum, as it has been neatly put by some investigators".

In recent issues (FSR 31/1, 31/2, 31/4, 31/6, 32/3) Paul Whitehead has given us an excellent series of articles about the "new physics" and the exciting new concepts of "parallel worlds" or "parallel universes."

The latest item along these lines to catch our eye is a brief but splendid report, "Through the Looking Glass", by the Daily Telegraph's Science Correspondent, Adrian Berry, in their issue for May 25, 1987, in which he says:—

"Readers of 'Alice in Wonderland' often feel disappointed by the story's climax, in which Alice wakes up to discover that the trial of the Knave of Hearts was only a dream. But for physicists the universe of the trial is just as real as the one in which she dozed on the river bank.

"The theory of the existence of an infinite number of parallel universes, in which everything that can happen does, is gaining overwhelming acceptance among physicists. Much of 20th century physics sounds equally crazy. We find it hard to believe, for example, in Einstein's theory that an astronaut who travels sufficiently fast can return to Earth and find himself younger than his own children. But experiments have shown that this is likely to be true. What is exciting about the 'multiple universes' theory is that experiments will soon be possible to prove that it also is true.

"The experimenters' tools will be the new supercomputers. The newest and fastest one, unveiled last week, performs no fewer than 10,000 million calculations per second. A future version of such a machine would have a sensitivity far beyond that of the human mind. It would be able to detect the existence of another universe, a world, let us say, in which Napoleon won the Battle of Waterloo. In the opinion of Dr David Deutsch, of the Mathematical Institute of Oxford, such an experiment may be only 'decades away'.

"The idea behind this theory is that in every

micro-second of time, reality branches into a different state. We live in a reality in which Wellington did win at Waterloo. But there must be another reality, just as real as our own, in which Bonaparte was the victor. There is yet another reality in which the battle of Waterloo was never fought, and there are fourth, fifth and sixth realities which we would find progressively stranger and less recognizable.

"There is, theoretically, an infinite number of realities. Somewhere, everything that is physically possible comes true. It is futile to assert that our reality is 'true' and that the others are 'false'. All are equally true. It all depends on which of them you happen to live in."*

Adrian Berry goes on to explain that he recently interviewed Dr David Deutsch (whom British TV viewers will have seen in a very recent and excellent BBC "Horizon" programme about these ideas). Adrian Berry says that when he asked Dr Deutsch what evidence there is for these fantastic propositions, Dr Deutsch replied: "We are driven to it by our observations of the behaviour of atoms. In particular, there is an experiment in which a very weak beam of light, one photon, a particle of light at a time, is made to pass through two slits. There is a moment when the same photon passes through both slits. In other words, this photon is in two different places at the same time".

Dr Deutsch went on then to explain that this photon experiment shows that the universes interact with each other. They split, but they can merge again. He said: "What we hope to prove is the existence of a universe very close to our own; one, for example, in which everything would be the same except that a book on a table would be in a different place."

Dr David Deutsch concluded:-

"The way to do this will be to detect those random branchings that create new universes. The theory has one thing in common with Galileo's discovery that the Earth moves. The Inquisition said that this was nonsense, because they couldn't *feel* it move.... Some people may think the multiple universes theory is also nonsense because they can't feel their presence. In neither case could one rely on human senses. Sensitive instruments are needed to detect what is really happening".

*One of our readers, who also spotted this report, writes to tell me that he is deeply worried by the implications. He says he has in mind a certain distinguished astronomer, and confesses: "The thought of an infinite number of —————s is quite horrifying!" — EDITOR

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