

INPUT INTO THE INFRA-RED/ULTRA-VIOLET THEORY

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As readers will know, in FSR 29/1 (1983) and again in FSR 33/3 (1988) Editor Gordon Creighton, published his article *A Brief Account of the True Nature of the UFO Entities*.

This fruit of Mr. Creighton's many years of pondering and research into the more abstruse levels of Islamic religion and philosophy was greeted – and quite predictably, he says – with total silence, only three or four Western investigators daring to tell him *privately* that they thought he “might have something”.

Mr. Creighton comments that, given the abysmal ignorance in the West about the other religions of the world and about the great cultures and civilizations of the East, this general Western attitude of “*don't want to know*” must be accepted as totally normal.

Mr. Chris Line, a thoughtful young member of the FSR team of Consultants, subsequently produced a highly original piece of speculation, *The Jinn - From a Scientific (?) Viewpoint*⁽¹⁾ (published in FSR 34/4, 1989). This article was supported by very copious explanatory Footnotes, to illuminate Chris Line's points, and it is right to emphasise that these Footnotes had come from the Editor, Mr. Creighton, himself, for, as one might well ask, who else has displayed sufficient broad knowledge of the Arcane Traditions of both East and West to have undertaken the task?

Personally, I found the article by Chris Line extremely valuable and stimulating, and it prompts me to offer the following material, gathered from my own 30+ years of experience in UFO research.

These data may possibly support Mr. Line's theory, namely that the type(s) of harassing intelligences responsible for most UFO close encounters *dwelt normally in the Infra-Red*, and that, conversely, *Higher Spiritual Intelligences which might also belong in the “ufological” category, might exist in the Ultra-Violet*.

Mr. Line also theorizes that intruding UFO entities might exist normally in planes close to, and even under, the Earth, where Infra-Red predominates, while the higher beings exist high above the Earth, where Ultra-Violet prevails.

He quotes Mr. Creighton's references to the

Koran, which describes the Order of Creation known as the “JINNS”, which, unlike men (who have bodies “made from soil” – i.e. bodies made of the elements of our Periodic Table), possess bodies made of “*smokeless fire*” or “*smokeless flame*” – an enigmatic term which at once struck Mr. Line as possibly being a very close description of the Infra-Red portion of the electro-magnetic spectrum.

The *Koran* also describes the higher Order of Creation known as “ANGELS”, which possess “bodies of light”, and Chris Line speculates, in conjunction with his theory, that this can possibly be equated to the Ultra-Violet. However Line does not equate any kind of UFO entity as being synonymous with the ordinary meaning of “Angels”, which all major religions define as spiritual beings whose essential nature is unclear *but who “serve God” and who sometimes act as messengers to the human race*.

Line also offers the assumption that the two types of energy, that is, Infra-red (IR) and Ultra-violet (UV) are associated with two differing types of beings, and that the terms “dark” and “light” might aptly be applied to the two separate groups. Data which I have gathered also tends to support this. If need be, the reader can refer back to Mr. Line's original article for the observational, philosophical, and scientific reasons behind his theory. My purpose here is to give information which might support his theory.

The *Koran's* ideas of angels and jinns having bodies of, respectively, “light” and “smokeless fire” is difficult to accept in terms of ordinary earth physics, since the term “body” ordinarily denotes a visible, physical mass. Engineers to whom I offered my article for review pointed out that they found it hard to accept that a species of being could have a “body” made of Infra-red, or a “body” made of light⁽²⁾. Therefore, perhaps the phrase “existing in the Infra-red” or “existing in the Ultra-violet” should be used, as Mr. Line uses it, instead of referring to “bodies” in relation to jinns and higher spiritual beings.

The jinn theory, which Editor Gordon Creighton



first advances in FSR's pages, seems logical and well worthy of exploration⁽³⁾. This theory tends to regard jinns as existing in another dimension, separate from our ordinary space-time, while assigning to them the ability to interpenetrate into our physical universe at will⁽⁴⁾. The term intradimensional, as used in UFO research, also seems to give trouble to technical types like physicists and engineers, since there is as yet no hard evidence that other dimensions, in the sense of alternate realities, parallel universes, etc. really exist. There is, to be sure, *mathematical* evidence pointing to the existence of other dimensions, but as yet no solid, physical proof.

Referring to Chris Line's contribution to the jinn theory, there is also the difficulty that the Infra-red and Ultra-violet portions of the spectrum are very much a part of our physical world's makeup, and do not belong to a vague "other dimension" or "alternate reality." I've come to think, along with others, that very close-up sightings, and particularly those which involve paralysis, abduction, and other unpleasant experiences, might be from an intradimensional source, co-existing with our earth plane. According to the intradimensional theory, this dimension is normally invisible, but the entities are able to penetrate our space-time, becoming temporarily physical.

Perhaps the words "other dimensions" should be clarified, as used in UFO research. It may well be that UFO entities, which *seem* to be from other dimensions by reason of their apparent ability to materialise and de-materialise, are in reality a part of one continuous whole, existing in portions of the electromagnetic spectrum which are normally invisible to human beings but which are very much a part of the physical universe in which our earth exists. It is in this context, it seems, that Chris Line hypothesizes about them.

If the Infra-red portion was at one *end* of our known EM spectrum and nothing known to us existed beyond it, it might be feasible to say that jinns with their "bodies of smokeless flame" were truly in another dimension. However, the frequencies of microwave, radar, TV and FM radio, short wave and Am radio, etc. lie beyond IR. The same difficulty exists when speculating that "angels", that is, higher spiritual entities, exist in the Ultra-violet. X-rays, gamma rays, and cosmic photons lie beyond Ultra-violet, also part of our physical world. The UV part of the electromagnetic spectrum is very broad, with not much known about large portions of it, but it is still a continuous part of our EM spectrum and does not constitute an unknown, separate dimension.

My Evidence For Presence Of The "Benevolents"

My research has tended to show that large,

orbiting UFO-type objects, termed "carrier craft" in the literature, which are seen normally beyond the earth's atmosphere, and therefore in the region of the Ultra-violet, as defined by Line's theory, are *not* the source of harassing entities but might, instead, be "vehicles" associated with higher-type intelligences conducting non-interfering surveillance activities over the Earth. It is assumed that these higher type(s) have the best interests of humans at heart or, at the very least, are objective toward us and seldom, if ever, interact closely with human beings.

In other words, like Chris Line, I tend to divide the UFO phenomena into "the dark" and "the light", that is, those who are intrusive and harassing (dark) and those who seem to have favourable motivations toward us (light). This distinction between "two types" of UFO phenomena is seldom mentioned by the media, which equate all UFOs and their occupants with extraterrestrials. Actually, however, since UFO means only "unidentified flying object", presumably controlled by unknown but intelligent beings, there is no logical reason why "UFO entities" and their craft cannot be from more than one source.

Sighting In 1945

My conviction that large, far-off UFOs constitute a different breed from pesky grey abductors began with a personal experience in 1945, although at the time it happened I attached no otherworldly or ufological significance to it. I was a schoolgirl at the time, on summer vacation. Shortly after 5.00 p.m. on an early summer afternoon, I was riding east on a bus in Long Beach, California when I saw, out of the left-hand window, a bright yellowish object in the north-northeast, at about 60 degrees elevation. It seemed to be glowing, but with a solid, rounded shape.

It was early summer at 34 degrees North latitude, and still broad daylight. The sky was very blue and cloudless; this was in the days before "smog", that layer of dirty air which now frequently covers large cities in California and elsewhere. Our coastal city of Long Beach was swept by a brisk south-southwesterly breeze from the ocean which came up each day about 3.00 p.m., making the air crystal clear. It is important to emphasize the good visibility; the object was clearly seen by young 20/20 vision.

From an early age, I was acquainted with ordinary celestial phenomena, having read most of the juvenile books in our city library on astronomy and (then theoretical) space travel. The appearance of the glowing object fitted nothing astronomical and, being stationary, was not a reflection from an airplane. It looked more like a daytime Venus than anything else, but was at least two times as large and bright and more yellow in color. Its

position in the north-northeast was entirely wrong for that planet. Recently I checked an ephemeris and learned that, in summer 1945, Venus was a morning object, setting well before the Sun.

I got off the bus at Cerritos Avenue and walked toward my home, frequently turning to watch the object. It remained an unblinking blob of light, with distinct edges and apparently very high above the earth. It was intriguing, though entirely foreign to anything I had ever seen. World War II was still raging in the Pacific, and our beach city had major harbor, drydock, and aircraft facilities, but the object did not seem war-related in any way. My mother, Mrs. Aileen (William) McElroy, came out of the house and viewed it also. She had excellent far vision and agreed that the object was unlike anything she'd ever seen. Being a practical person, she suggested it might be some kind of a military device, perhaps a balloon associated with Coastal Defenses. However, Long Beach, even in the fear-filled early days of the war, never had any balloon defense systems. She went back into the house to prepare dinner but I continued to watch it fascinated.

By now, I was aware that the object was not stationary but was moving very slowly toward the northwest, maintaining its elevation of about 60 degrees. I watched it until well after 6.00 p.m. while it moved approximately 30 degrees from north-northeast to north-northwest in a steady straight path.

Suddenly, slowly moving particles of light, approximately the same color as the object, began separating from it. My instantaneous thought was, "Maybe it is a balloon. It's breaking up!" The "particles", however, did not fall down toward the earth; they took slow, deliberate paths out, up, and away from the main object on both sides. They were numerous, at least fifteen and possibly more. Each "particle's" path differed from the others, and none came straight down toward the earth.

Each "particle" was about 20-30 times smaller than the main object, and the main object was in no way diminished in size by their departure. Each of the smaller objects faded from view after they reached a distance approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ degree to 1 degree of arc from the bright "blob". I had the impression that I could see the smaller objects only because they reflected the light of the Sun.

This bizarre "activity" greatly frightened me. I rushed indoors and tried to get my mother to come out and look at the object again, trying to explain but stumbling over the words, that "pieces were coming off but they weren't acting as if gravity was acting the right way on them." I didn't know much about gravity or any aspect of physics at the time; my astronomical knowledge was simplistic and completely self-taught.

My mother was absorbed in cooking dinner; traditional in her thinking, strange occurrences

held no fascination for her. I was so frightened I couldn't go back into the yard. Looking back on it, the fear was irrational; the activity in the sky plainly had nothing to do with warfare, or coastal defences, nor did it apparently present any harm to humans far below. The frightened feeling lasted several hours. Later, I tried telling some of my friends about the object, and looked in the next day's paper to see if anything had been printed about it. My friends laughed at me, and the newspapers didn't mention anything that would explain it.

Several days later, perhaps as much as two weeks, the first atomic bomb against Japan was detonated over Hiroshima. Although I understood virtually nothing of the technical implications of the event, I tried to read the newspaper articles about it, but was overwhelmed with awe and fear. Strangely, it was an identical feeling to that which I felt while watching the separation of "pieces" from the unidentified object. Why the two separate events should produce identical reactions was beyond my comprehension.

The First Atom Bomb

Years later, information about the building of the atomic bomb was declassified and published. I gradually began to realize that the initial, experimental, atomic explosion near Alamogordo, New Mexico, of which the public was uninformed, took place in the general time period that I saw the unidentified object in the sky. Although I had almost forgotten the 1945 event, and certainly attached no otherworldly significance to it at the time it happened, when I began active UFO investigation in 1957, I slowly realized that the main brilliant object and its "pieces" resembled, in many respects, reports of UFO "carrier craft". I began to wonder if the object, the source of which was God knows where, could have been drawn to the earth by the explosion of the first experimental atom bomb, to survey and monitor our planet's entrance into an atomic age?

The idea also occurred that the object may have been a Japanese fugo balloon — large, free-flying balloons which were released from Japan and which travelled in high windstreams toward the American continent. Their purpose was not only for propaganda; many carried explosive devices. But this explanation was unlikely. The jetstream which carried the Fugo balloons blows generally from west to east and the object we viewed was travelling in the opposite direction.

If the object actually was high above earth's atmosphere (and its appearance justified this assumption), its angular speed was such that it might have been in a stationary or near-stationary orbit above the earth. It travelled approximately 30

degrees in about an hour and one-half.

Hypnotic Regression

In an attempt to recover the exact date of my sighting, W.C. McCall, M.D. used hypnotic regression on June 15, 1977. Dr. McCall at the time practised in Anaheim, California and had twenty years experience in clinical hypnosis. Although a skeptic, he was interested in UFO phenomena. The regression session confirmed that the sighting occurred near the end of a month in early summer. In view of my conscious recall that the Hiroshima bomb occurred several days to two weeks after the sighting, it is logical to place the sighting at the end of June. The date of the Hiroshima bombing was August 6, 1945, whereas the first experimental atomic explosion in New Mexico occurred at 5.30 a.m. on July 16, 1945. At the time of the regression I had no knowledge of the date of the New Mexico test explosion. If the Long Beach sighting indicates that a huge, otherworldly vehicle came to monitor our planet's entry into an atomic age, the June date fits nicely.

Dr. McCall, at the time, was involved in the "imaginary abductee" study with Dr. Alvin Lawson and John de Herrera⁽⁵⁾. During the regression, as an experiment, he suggested that I "go up" to the object to obtain a better view. I followed out his suggestion, obtaining vivid aerial views of Long Beach to the east and west, but found that I could not "enter" the object, even though I perceived an opening in the bottom, similar to a bomb bay on an aircraft, but with only one door. There seemed to be, at least to my hypnotized mind, some sort of "field" around the object which blurred the view a little and prevented close approach. This, of course, is completely unverifiable, and I am not claiming that this hypnotic "recall" is valid information. It is interesting, however, that during the suggested "trip" I was prevented from entering the vehicle, instead of describing an imaginary "abduction scenario", as I am sure Dr. McCall expected.

Now, how does this 1945 sighting give input into Chris Line's theory? He speaks of "higher spiritual beings" existing in the Ultra-violet, that is, high above the earth and, in essence, interplanetary⁽⁶⁾. The carrier craft-type UFO I witnessed fits into his theory of the Ultra-violet.

Another Huge Craft Seen In 1962

In early September 1962, I viewed another huge object high over the ocean off Long Beach in broad daylight. Another adult, Mrs. Aileen (James) Cummings, and five children witnessed it also. It was a huge, cloud-shrouded object which retained an oval shape, hovering stationary thousands of feet above the ocean. The great "cloud cigar" –

French researcher Aimé Michel's term for this type of carrier-craft – stayed cohesive and stationary for over 3½ hours⁽⁷⁾. At one point in the sighting, the cloud emitted a number of cone-shaped flashes of light. Shortly after the flashes, an immense amount of military jet activity, in the form of jet trails crisscrossing the southerly sky, was seen over or near San Clemente Island, a military-controlled facility about forty miles off the coastline. I suggest that the cone-shaped flashes were possibly surveillance craft, materializing as they emerged from the cloud. Their mission – to monitor military activity over the skies of San Clemente. And was the jet activity over the ocean an attempt by our government to monitor the UFOs?

There are numerous well-documented cases of so-called "carrier-craft" which typically release, and receive back, smaller discs. However, there is, to my knowledge, no solid evidence that these smaller discs carry occupants. Logically, they could just as well be unmanned or robot-piloted. Likewise, no well-documented cases describe "surveillance ships" emerging from a carrier craft, as coming close to and abducting a witness. All cases known to me describe the surveillance discs from carrier craft as flying over earth terrain at considerable heights.

Very seldom, if ever, do pilots report humanoids aboard these possibly unmanned disks. "Craft" or "rooms" associated with intruding bedroom visitors have never, to my knowledge, been directly linked with "scout ships" seen in conjunction with a carrier-craft. They seem to be of a different type altogether. The widespread assumption that the two types of smaller UFOs are one and the same is simply that – *an assumption*. If the carrier-craft type UFOs I saw were connected with higher spiritual intelligences, it is logical to think that huge, possibly orbiting, UFOs stay in the regions of high-level Ultra-violet, that is, above the ionosphere, and that the intelligences associated with them do not usually descend into the Infra-red regions where the lower-level denizens thrive (although their unmanned scout-ships might.)

In contrast to "appearances in the light", most UFO abductee reports involve objects and entities which are associated with *darkness*. Jacques Vallée found in one study, for instance, that one peak of close-encounter occupant sightings was around 3 a.m. In many such reports, glowing orbs harass scared motorists, thoroughly frightening them, and time-lapse reports or abduction-scenarios often result. In addition to this outdoor type of "dark" UFO, the type(s) of UFO entities which dominate the literature at present – the sneaky "bedroom visitors" or "greys", as they are commonly called – carry out their nefarious activities under cover of night, perceived only by their terrorized victims, who ordinarily are awakened from

sleep. The behavior of these types of "dark" creatures is similar to other unsavory "creatures of the night" such as "the Old Hag"⁽⁸⁾ and other folklore predators⁽⁹⁾.

Are entities who harass, or who drag off paralyzed witnesses in the middle of the night to "rooms" and "craft", merely posing as extraterrestrial beings⁽¹⁰⁾? Are their "craft", which are usually viewed only after the abduction occurs, merely mental constructs or projections, which are intended to place the victims in a deeper state of compliance?

Photographic Evidence

There are at least two UFO photo cases in the literature which involve the idea of Infra-red, as being associated with close-up sightings. A photograph of a huge, low-flying UFO taken by Monsieur Patrick Ferryn during the recent Belgian sightings, as described recently in FSR⁽¹¹⁾, failed to show its triangular shape and showed its large lights only as a blur, yet both lights and shape were clearly visible to the eyes of three reliable witnesses. The FSR article recounts how Professor Meessen, acting on the scientific fact that simple irradiation with Infra-red can prevent images from showing up on a film, proved through experimentation that, when a color-spectrum is projected onto a negative color film and photographed, the Infra-red portion of the spectrum is very considerably reduced, if not totally annihilated. Can we speculate that the closeup Belgian sightings are manifestations of lower-level intelligences which exist in the Infra-red and are not of higher-level, "interplanetary" origin?

Another photo case points up the possibility that close encounters represent visits from intelligences existing in the Infra-red. On Jan 24, 1976, in the foothill town of Yorba Linda, California, a 14-year-old witness, Tom X., photographed a strange, hat-shaped object which was hovering outside a window in his home. Photogrammetric analysis of the black-and-white photo revealed that the object was about three feet in diameter, free-flying, and 100 feet from the camera⁽¹²⁾.

Tom X. perceived the object as black, but densitometer readings made at Jet Propulsion Laboratory revealed that it had "photographed blacker than black." This mystery was clarified when scientists at a Southern California geodetic survey company studied the photo and concluded that the object was probably red in color. Red objects often produce images on film which are blacker than black objects would be, and this would be especially true since the Yorba Linda photo was filmed through a window.

Ordinary window glass made of silicon-dioxide is a very efficient filter, shutting out perhaps 80% of Infra-red radiation which might be coming from an object. From our experience with the

surprising Belgian sighting photo, we might surmise that the closeup Yorba Linda object might not have photographed so clearly if Tom X. had not photographed it through the window. Was it, also, an example of a "dark" visitor, temporarily visible but existing normally in the Infra-red, in line with Chris Line's theory?

Summary

In my opinion, huge, high-flying UFOs, with accompanying smaller satellite disks, might be manifestations of higher level intelligence(s) from interplanetary source(s) which are monitoring the Earth, observing us from afar, without interfering directly in our affairs. Since they are seen very high above the Earth, ostensibly above the ozone level, Chris Line's theory that they normally exist in the Ultra-violet end of the electromagnetic spectrum seems logical.

Conversely, unidentified creatures who materialize and dematerialize and are commonly regarded also as "UFO beings", traumatize and harass human witnesses. Because they seem so closely tied to the Earth, it might be, as Chris Line hypothesizes, that these types exist in the Infra-red, a type of radiation which predominates close to the Earth and even within it. Their "dark" activities seem to be completely separate from those of the high-level (the light.)

The awed impressions left upon witnesses by majestic, far-off "carrier-craft" do not equate with the terror caused by close-encounter visitors. The common assumption, however, is that "carrier-craft" contain "scout-ships", and that these scout-ships carry the so-called "greys" or bedroom visitors. To our knowledge, there is little or no evidence to suggest that this sequence of action occurs, even though the physical description of these disc-shaped craft closely matches descriptions of so-called "scout-ships", viewed departing from and returning to the huge carriers. The activities of the two types of smaller craft are completely different – one seemingly a monitoring device and the other a receptacle within which mysterious, traumatizing interaction between "humanoids" and humans occurs.

UFOs of the light. UFOs of the dark. If a very real distinction exists, as seems very possible, let us not confuse the two.

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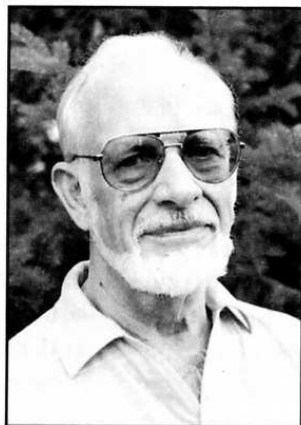
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UFO CRASH/RETRIEVALS: THE CONCEPT OF PROOF

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As I emphasised in my article *Crashed Disc Reports And Dead Crew Reports: The Very Nub Of The UFO Phenomenon* (FSR 36/3), the world expert in the investigation of this aspect of our problem is quite unquestionably the great pioneer Leonard Stringfield who, with such impressive tenacity, has hung on for all these years, constantly attacking the crucial question of the crashed craft and producing so far a total of six Status Reports on his findings. Of these six Reports, FSR was able to reproduce the first two in their entirety and in the days to come we shall do our best to add more. As I have also repeatedly emphasised, had we had the means and the funds and the pages available, we would have reproduced far more by now. Status Report No. VI is still available from Mr. Stringfield, and we have already advertised it on the inside front cover of FSR 36/4. Status Reports Nos. III, IV, and V are also still available from him. (See details below.)

The present article has already appeared, in April 1990, in the U.S. magazine *For The People*, and Mr. Stringfield has also authorised us to reprint it and has sent me this copy. I feel sure that it will serve as a useful introduction to the 'Crashed Disc Problem' for the many newer or younger FSR readers who are still insufficiently aware of the strong case that has been assembled. EDITOR



Proof! In mundane affairs, such as in our judicial system, the word proof may be used flexibly as confirmation for any moot legal issue. Not so in UFOlogy. Proof here, as confirmation that a saucer-like alien craft exists, is highly interpretable and manipulative. In the judgment of the media and most members of the scientific community, testimonial evidence by reliable witnesses, who claim close encounters with unidentified alien craft, is critically challenged as illusory or it is ignored. It is not proof, say the pundits. Well, it's been that way since Ken Arnold who saw nine saucer-like things while flying over Mt. Rainier in 1947. But it was the saucer crash and recovery near Roswell, New Mexico, that same year, that really brought the iron lid of secrecy down on the subject. The incident was officially dismissed, and poof went the proof.

Since Roswell, where an alien craft and dead crew members were retrieved by the military, secrecy has prevailed. Because of this censorship, no one, without a top-secret, "need-to-know" credential, is privileged to see the evidence. Despite secrecy, however, a few of us in research do have the sworn testimony of many credible witnesses who have leaked out bits and pieces of information about the Roswell incident and other covert retrieval operations. I am, proudly, among the privileged to have, at this time of writing, 38 firsthand, independent sources who claim to have been in a key position during retrieval events and to have seen the alien craft and/or the cadavers.

Still other types of evidence — or, proof if you will — are abundant from military pilots, Intelligence personnel and even scientists in-the-know, most of whom will not allow their identities to be known for fear of reprisals. And, there are thousands of others of our responsible citizenry who know from personal experiences that a real UFO exists and that it is a structured craft of probable extraterrestrial origin. Each in his own way is aware of the "proofs" but, when trying to prove it to the media, for instance, their testimony is not proof. Proof, thus, is a much battered word.

Now let's take a look-see at some of the hidden evidence, based on my own investigations. It may not be the proof-positive we all seek, but I feel comfortable knowing that some of it may someday be revealed *as fact* — and backed by proof.

Out of the 38 firsthand witness cases written up in my series of Status Reports, or on file, I believe that five stand out above the rest. They are described briefly as follows:

Case I

Hardly enough can be said in praise for my medical sources cited so often in my Status Reports. Introduced to me through a close research friend who knew the "right" people, a doctor, a noted haematologist, who had allegedly performed an autopsy on an alien body, agreed in due course to share with me, under strict conditions, bits and pieces of its descriptive features.

While the doctor's "authoritative" information was helpful in opening doors to new sources,