

BOOK REVIEWS

IN THE BLOOD, GOD, GENES AND DESTINY

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By Eve

Professor Steve Jones addresses problems which preoccupy many of our discerning FSR readers: good and evil, crime, free will and original sin, although not of course extraterrestrial! His book is full of interesting information. Here are some examples:

The blood, it seems, carries no DNA and therefore no genes. The greatest data base we have for genetic information was built up by the Mormons, because they wanted to convert past generations to their faith!

The Jews have genes so rare that their movements can be traced across the world.

There is a full discussion of the genetics of melanin, and the politics of race, discussing new claims.

Prince Charles has a connection with William the Conqueror, but then, probably, so do you!

Mutations produce children with up to eight chromosomes with only a single Y which means their sex-life will be confused. I know of a Jack Russell terrier who had a complete set of both organs, a very muddled dog indeed.

As late as 1992 the Red Indian tribe of Pequots expanded their gambling business and began to spend their profits on helping poorer Indians. This set off millions of claims to Indian ancestry. Since they are all blood group O and have a small change in the mitochondria, this could be quite easy.

So how did I come to have a son with blood Group O?

BOOK REVIEW: OMAR FOWLER'S 'THE FLYING TRIANGLE'

By Paul Whitehead

Omar Fowler has gained a reputation for dogged and thoughtful research since he founded SIGAP (THE SURREY INVESTIGATION GROUP INTO AERIAL PHENOMENA) in 1967, and as a result has unearthed many unusual and fascinating UFO cases. Since moving to Derbyshire in 1990 and founding his new Phenomenon Research Association there, he has continued his work; little did he know that that area was to become the focus of a new and deepening mystery.

Flying Triangles were first observed over the eastern seaboard of the United States in 1983.* Then they made several dramatic appearances over Belgium in 1989-90. In 1991 and 1992 they were observed over Japan. Meanwhile, in 1990, they were seen over Russia,

and began re-appearing in the USA a little later.

Then reports began to reach UFO research groups in the UK that huge flying triangles were being reported over Britain. Specifically, sightings have become concentrated around Derbyshire.

What can the triangles be? In his 24 page report, entitled *The Flying Triangle Mystery*, Omar Fowler gives a history of the subject before detailing many cases local to Derbyshire, and several cases from other parts of the country.

After analysing witnesses' observations, Omar lists typical characteristics of these "craft". They can, for example, hover motionless and then accelerate away at hundreds of miles an hour within seconds. They may apparently observe an area and shine beams of light down to the ground. They can be silent, or emit a low hum or drone. They may appear immediately after a flash in the sky similar to "sheet" lightning. **They may not be what some people think they are — secret terrestrial military craft — says Omar.**

The craft can be huge; "gi-normous" is a typical comment. (A term much used by the younger generation in Britain today.)

For those who want to gain a greater insight into what Flying Triangles ("FTs") might be, or simply wish to read the many cases covered by Omar, his report is recommended reading.

Priced at £3.50, including p & p, for U.K. readers, the Report includes colour simulations of sightings.

For USA and elsewhere overseas, the price is £4.50, including cost of airmail.

Send cheque or money-order (made out to Phenomenon Research Association) to Omar Fowler, 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9HR, England.

Reports of UFOs — particularly of "FTs" — can also go to the same address.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

* I feel very certain that a survey of the earlier issues of FSR, which date from 1955, will turn up a few cases of big "FTs" seen long before 1983.

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THE "MONTY PYTHON FOOT".

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[I give below a few disconnected 'snippets', from the distant and also from the very recent past (not so very disconnected if you study them carefully) which I imagine cannot fail to be of some interest to readers of FSR, because they "throw quite a lot of light here and there".....

Friends and readers have of course frequently remarked on the fact that never, anywhere in the entire British media — newspapers, TV or radio — will you normally ever see so much as the slightest mention of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW or of its editor, whereas pretty well everyone else gets plenty of mention. And the more ridiculous the organization or the person the more often it is usually mentioned. All of which has been carefully arranged.

It is now, I estimate, roughly about 15 years since I was last permitted to participate in any TV or radio programme. (Whereas, previously to that, I had been in more than 40.) The sole exception involving a mention of FSR appears to have been the recent item in the *New Statesman* described at length below, and you can see for yourselves how that one ended!

It was evidently due to a grave blunder on the part of an enthusiastic journalist (maybe a freelancer?) and he will presumably have received a severe wiggling for it. However it would be entirely wrong for you to imagine that this state of affairs is seen by us as 'sad' or 'unsatisfactory' or depressing'. Far from it! For it looks, quite patently, as though *somebody, somewhere*, greatly dislikes what we are doing and saying *and what it is that we stand for*.

As Ann Druffel wrote to me ten years ago: "IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT TO HAVE MERITED SUCH VITUPERATION!"

As regards the scene outside Britain, it is seemingly no different, for as Salvador Freixedo recently told us (FSR 40/3, page 26) when he sought biographical and other details about me in the UFO year books and reference books he found that there were none. In other words, like certain proscribed individuals in the former Soviet Union, I am an "un-person", or a "non-person". (This technique has also been applied with some success by the authorities in the USA in at least two cases known to me, and I feel sure that the idea is not exactly unknown over here in Britain.)

In my case, the ban on any reference to me also extends to any letter I might write to a newspaper about such matters as Communism or the situations in Russia and China, on which I can claim to have specialized knowledge and some expertise.]

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I. Right at the very outset of FSR's existence, on page 8 of its third issue (July/August 1955), our Founding

Editor, Derek Dempster, published this extraordinary piece of news:

DUKE OF EDINBURGH ASKS FOR SAUCER DETAILS

According to *Sunday Express* columnist Ephraim Hardcastle, the Duke of Edinburgh has asked that all flying saucer reports received by the Air Ministry in London should be duplicated and sent to him. Surprised, Hardcastle said: "I had not realized that the Duke of Edinburgh's interest in mechanical contraptions extended as far as flying saucers".

Whether by accident or intention, Hardcastle has elevated the status of saucers from the usual run of explanations to that of 'mechanical contraptions.' Such is the power of Royal patronage. The Duke's interest in unidentified flying objects is not recent. When young Stephen Darbishire visited London after photographing a saucer near his home at Coniston, Lancashire (February 15, 1954. Editor), he was summoned to report his experience to one of the Duke's aides at Buckingham Palace.

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II. All this, as our older readers will remember, was 'quite especially extraordinary' because, in his Editorial in issue No. 2 of FSR (May/June 1955) Derek Dempster had also just said this:

Government statements on Flying Saucers have always been confusing, and the general consensus of opinion has been that officialdom was just as anxious to know the answer to the riddle as anyone else. But last month something happened to give rise to the belief that Whitehall did in fact have the UFO answer. The Air Ministry announced that the results of a five-year probe into Flying Saucers by the Royal Air Force had been submitted to high-ranking officers, but that it was never to be revealed to the public for security reasons.

(N.B. Derek Dempster, FSR's first Editor, had himself recently been a Pilot Officer in the RAF).

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III. The next item that we would like to highlight today is a report on page 24 of FSR Volume 9, No. 5 (September/October 1963), in which the FSR Editor (by then Waveney Girvan, a publisher) revealed something else very interesting about the Duke of Edinburgh:

The well-known U.S. family magazine *McCalls*, for June 22 1962, had carried an article entitled "HOW QUEEN ELIZABETH II ENTERTAINS HER FRIENDS", and the article had also discussed Prince Philip's interests. It said this: "He (Prince Philip) talks animatedly of new inventions, argues farming techniques with Lord Dorchester, yarns about sport — hunting, polo, yachting, cricket - discusses sputniks, atom bombs, space