

# PSYCHIC SURGERY AND HEALING BY UFOs

Is there a link?—The question is ours after a close look at 'Beyond the Senses', a new book

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DURING the last ten years a growing number of people have been considering the possibility that UFO phenomena may be closely linked with psychic phenomena. It is suggested by some that UFOs are but one small part of the overall scene of paranormal, psychic events, and that these events are triggered by "ultraterrestrial", or elemental denizens of this planet. Others propose that UFOs are either straightforward visitations by extraterrestrial craft, or effects *created* (by induction) by such visitors, who may also be responsible for much of what falls in the category of psychic phenomena. There are others who feel that the UFO picture could be an admixture of each of these, with the two "sides" locked in what is to us an incomprehensible struggle for possession of this planet, with human observers occasionally catching a glimpse of the participants, or perhaps being deluded by their imitations, deceptions and hoaxes.

Such speculative essays are all very well, but until our collections of data have taught us more we can only ponder these possibilities. However, in both UFO and psychic realms it does seem that we humans are the target for both good and evil forces, and that many features in both realms are very similar; even, perhaps, common to both realms. One of these is in the field of healing, where there have been many UFO-caused instances—one of the most recent being the affair of the French doctor who, in one weird UFO encounter, was cured of both a partial paralysis and an ugly flesh wound (described in FSR Special Issue No. 3, *UFO Percipients*). All of which prompts the suggestion that serious UFO researchers should remain ever mindful of the remarkable "breakthrough" events reported in the field of psychic surgery.

A book published in June this year introduces the subject of psychic surgery—as well as psychic healing and other matters—and it should be of great interest to FSR readers not only because of the possibility of a link, but also because Gordon Creighton features prominently, and sensationally, in its pages. Another friend who is involved is Mrs. Anne Dooley, a lady who has given invaluable assistance both to the late Waveney Girvan, and to the present editor of *Flying Saucer Review*.

The book is the first of the new series (edited by Dr. Paul Tabori) "Frontiers of the Unknown—A Library of Psychic knowledge," and is entitled *Beyond the Senses*. By Paul Tabori and Phyllis Raphael, it is a report, in 218 pages, on psychical research and occult phenomena, and is published by Souvenir Press Ltd., at £2.00. The book is highly recommended.

The authors tell how Mr. Creighton underwent psychic surgery, without anaesthetic, in the presence of a large group of people. Brazilian taxi driver Lourival

de Freitas was the medium, and with a penknife and a spoon handle he removed a growth about the size of a marble from the back of one of Mr. Creighton's eyes. Lourival said the growth would have caused blindness in a couple of years, and would ultimately have proved fatal. Gordon, who had only asked for treatment for chronic sinusitis, was totally unaware of the presence of the growth. During the operation he said he felt discomfort, but no pain.

I did not witness the first operation, but was present a few days later, together with my daughters Pauline and Elizabeth, other members of the FSR team and scores of other observers, when Lourival de Freitas performed an exploratory operation on Gordon Creighton's other eye and discovered nothing untoward. It was a staggering experience to see our old friend with the blade of a penknife inserted between eyeball and eyelid while he translated observations made by Lourival in Portuguese!

The authors also refer briefly to a film of that other remarkable psychic surgeon, Zé Arigo, while at work. A group from FSR, namely R. H. B. Winder, G. Creighton and myself, were invited to Dr. Andrija Puharich's presentation of this film, when B.M.A. members and a number of journalists were present. Dr. Puharich has been leader of a team of N.A.S.A. scientists who have been in Brazil searching for leads to E.S.P.: one of the fascinating things they found was Arigo, who had a following about as large as that of the footballer Pele.

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We must not forget that the connection between UFO phenomena and psychic phenomena is purely hypothetical. However, we know from first-hand experience that psychic healing and surgery is not done by trickery, and we know that it works. The stories of UFO-caused healings are powerful ones, and we know that in some cases the intervention of UFO entities has been reported.

Thanks to Gordon Creighton and Anne Dooley, and to Dr. Puharich, as well as to the book *Beyond the Senses*, we know that both Lourival, and Arigo (who was killed, tragically, in a road accident in January this year), claim that they are guided by entities, the spirits of long-since-dead "physicians".

Arigo's guide was of particular interest, for it was stated that he was a "German doctor, killed in 1918"—a Dr. Fritz. Now Arigo, a man of small learning, knew only his native Portuguese, but when Dr. Puharich contrived to get him to repeat word for word the instructions that he received from his "Dr. Fritz", the tape-recorded results were found to be in German!

The question remains: are these "guides" the same entities who sometimes manifest themselves in certain UFO incidents?

# UFOs IN WALES IN 1905

Roger Sandell

EARLY in the year 1905 Wales was in the grip of a religious revival accompanied by mass hysterical behaviour. One of the centres of this revival was Egryn, Merionethshire, where a woman named Mary Jones had a series of ecstatic visions. As she was later to describe them to the local newspaper, they consisted chiefly of dreams of angelic beings. However, on one occasion while walking home, she had encountered a sinister black-clad man whom she identified with Satan. When she sung a hymn the figure vanished (*Barmouth Advertiser*, March 30, 1905).

As Mary Jones, inspired by her visions, began to preach at local chapels, a strange rumour started to circulate. Her meetings, so it was said, were accompanied by strange lights in the sky. When an interview between Mrs. Jones and a clergyman, the Rev. E. Lewis, was published in the *Barmouth Advertiser* for February 2, 1905, Mrs. Jones described these lights and claimed to receive guidance from them in much the same manner as do members of modern UFO contactee cults:

"She answered that she had seen, almost from the first, each evening, a light between her and the hills. It had revealed to her what to expect at the meetings. One evening she had interpreted the sign to mean four converts. But only three responded in the chapel. 'But there must be four,' she said. No fourth could be found until the door was opened and one stood there, halting between two opinions. The opening of the door brought the stranger in. The four were complete."

The Rev. Mr. Lewis was impressed by Mrs. Jones' sincerity. He also noted:

"That some mysterious lights have been seen on the shore in the past few weeks is beyond doubt. Nor is this the first time for this bay to be visited. They have been reported before, especially one winter in 1649."

Mrs. Jones was interviewed by the *Barmouth Advertiser* again shortly afterwards. However this time the reporter, whose account appears in the paper's February 16th issue, was more fortunate. He was actually present at Mrs. Jones' house when one of the lights appeared. He described it thus:

"Apparently a couple of miles away flashed a brilliant white light in the form of an enormous star. The sky was overshadowed with clouds, no other star being visible."

The same report also noted that several other witnesses had seen the lights at different times:

"The lights were seen by dozens at Portmadoc as the Rev. Llewelyn Morgan will testify. At Aberdovey the lights were seen by a group accompanying Mrs. Jones to the chapel."

An even stranger phenomenon accompanied another of Mrs. Jones' meetings according to the February 23, 1905, *Barmouth Advertiser*.

"After the meeting a gentleman saw a gigantic human figure rising over a hedgerow. Then a ball of fire appeared above and a long ray of light pierced the

figure which vanished. This extraordinary manifestation was witnessed by a prominent farmer from another standpoint."

The ray of light from the fireball, and the sudden disappearance of the strange being, are both very reminiscent of a large number of UFO and occupant cases previously covered in FSR.<sup>1</sup> These features have led to suggestions that some, at least, of the occupants are, in fact, some form of projection from the UFO.

Meanwhile the Egryn manifestations had come to the attention of the national press. The February 13th issue of the *Daily Mail* carried a story by a reporter who visited the village in search of the lights. After a brief description of some of the previous reports, he tells how he decided to stay for an evening to see for himself. His patience was soon rewarded.

"At twenty past eight I saw what appeared to be a ball of fire above the roof of the chapel. It came from nowhere and sprang into existence instantaneously. It seemed to be about twice the height of the chapel, about 50 feet. Suddenly it disappeared, after having lasted a minute and a half."

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