

through their eyes and discovered all my secrets. The two men by my side didn't seem to intervene, they were simply looking at me.

"A step behind them was the woman. For a minute I felt completely faint. I couldn't estimate the precise time when I came to. But the woman was there by my side. She bent over me and passed her hands over my face and over all my body, caressing it but keeping her hands at a distance of some 30 cm (11 inches). She didn't touch my body but I could feel the caresses and the warmth of her hands. *A few minutes later I felt a sexual contact with that woman in spite of her being apart from me and her never having touched me.*

"I again felt faint" - Ricardo went on at the peak of his story - "and once again I heard the intense humming of the wasp until it became slower and quieter."

DREAM OR REALITY?

"When I woke up next morning I felt great. I tried

to analyze what had happened and asked my mother if she heard anything. *"Pondering about it I searched for a more logical explanation of the matter and thought it had simply been a dream, until some years later I verified it hadn't been so. But that is another story, another event that happened to me afterwards, which I will tell you about."*

RICARDO'S THOUGHTS

"I believe that I really had an encounter with people from other galaxies. I was studied like a guinea pig - Ricardo Ali ends his thoughts - But I assure you that they know us better than what you think. I lived it and can assure you it's so"

Journalistic research: J.C.V. and D.O.S.

Based on an account made by Mr. Ricardo Alí about an event that happened in the city of Lanús in 1976, classified as a "Close Encounter of the Third Kind".

(Translation from French. G.C.)

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BOOK REVIEW

By French Astronomer DR. PIERRE GUERIN

Subject: The new French book, ENQUETE SUR LES OVNI: VOYAGE AUX FRONTIERES DE LA SCIENCE", ("AN ENQUIRY INTO UFOS: JOURNEY TO THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE"), by FSR Consultant Dr. Jean-Pierre Petit, Maître de Recherche in the C.N.R.S. (French National Council For Scientific Research). Published in 1990 by ALBIN MICHEL, Paris, price 120 French Francs.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

This extremely important new French book has already been advertised by us in FSR 35/3 (Autumn 1990). Its distinguished author, one of France's eminent physicists, Dr. Jean-Pierre Petit, is already known to FSR readers for his long and courageous battle to expose the "Cover-Up" conducted for years past by the notorious French Government organisation G.E.P.A.N., as well as for his own notable work in the crucially important field of Magnetohydrodynamics.

The equally distinguished author of this Review, Dr. Pierre Guérin, one of France's very top astronomers, is also a friend of FSR - indeed a very old friend and supporter. I recall how he came to Britain to visit us at FSR, many years ago, and how he spent an entire day with Editor Charles Bowen and FSR Consultant Professor Bryan Winder and myself, and we took him around to visit Windsor Castle and various other notable places. Dr. Guérin was sending articles on UFOs to FSR at a very early date, though in those days we had to call him not "Dr. Pierre Guérin" but "Jacques Lemaître"! Then I

recall one interesting day, when he wrote to tell us that in his view "the UFO position" was now so strong, because intellectually the battle had been won in France. So he said he no longer had any objection to our using his real name, and from then onwards we did so.

(Alas, I doubt now whether the "intellectual battle" had ended in so clear a victory as he had once hoped. For - as he shows clearly in this book review - there are still mighty few French scientists who are courageous enough to stand up and be counted, as he has done!)

This remarkable work from the pen of a top-rank professional physicist (Director of Research in the C.N.R.S.) grapples with so many questions and reveals such a wealth of content that to many folk its depth will only become apparent after a second reading.

Were it necessary to sum up in a few words what the author has researched (and what he has achieved) one might say that, via this objective account of his personal disputes, both with his scientific colleagues and with members of the Military, he has demonstrated the profound nature of the incredible "cover-up" by the scientific "Establishment" and the double game of the military authorities in the face of the UFO phenomenon, and at the same time he provides the proof that the phenomenon merits a scientific study along several lines of attack: (1) by means of analysis of its effects on the environment; (2) by means of MHD (the physics of ionised gaseous media) in connection with the passage of UFOs in continuous trajectory through the atmosphere; (3) by means of the progress that we shall

make in the future in theoretical physics providing grounds for hope that, within an enlarged space-time framework, we shall be able to find a solution whereby we will achieve, and at an early date, those interstellar voyages hitherto considered “impossible” - bearing in mind the relativistic limitations that are, and that will remain, inviolate in the four-dimensional space of our physics as we know it at present.

As can be seen, the subject broached in this book is a vast one. Even if certain passages of the book may be found difficult (I am thinking in particular of the scientific appendix at the end of it), its tone and style are on the other hand direct and brisk and pleasing. The author has a masterly hand for caustic humour. The various portraits - the Astrophysicist-Grand Inquisitor, with his hard, clear eyes and his wildly unruly hair; the mafioso-like specialist in MHD (though he has now shaved off his moustache so as not to be recognised on the TV); the *éminence grise* who is a habitué of all the best tables - all these are more real than life. (And I know every one of them personally!)

Certain readers have already taken Jean-Pierre Petit to task for having lapsed into autobiography, which isn't considered good form. But I can testify to his objectivity, and I want to emphasise that, in thus relating his own personal experiences, the author does succeed admirably in helping the reader to get the feeling of the grotesque nature of the “anti-UFO mental block” of those who resolutely refuse to hear any talk of flying saucers.

According to Jean-Pierre Petit, the origin of this “mental block” is fear, and it is connected with the immune defensive mechanism present in all living organisms.

Having said that, it is true that like any committed book, this one suffers from one or two defects which nevertheless do not diminish its quality as a whole.

Clearly the author is less “at home” in the study of eyewitness accounts and UFO photos than he is in the psychological analysis of those who are opposed to the reality of such objects, or than he is in the realm of the calculations of theoretical physics. For example, let us recall that, in his testimony, the famous “Dr. X”* had indicated that the vertical luminous beams emanating from the two UFOs that he observed from his window, lit up in great detail all features of the ground of the valley below - proof enough that there were indeed two of the objects, and that they were at a good distance from him.

Another point on which Jean-Pierre Petit lays himself open to criticism is when he makes such a savage attack, and with so much bias, against Dr. Jacques Vallée whom he accuses of being one of those who desire to “explain away UFOs as falling within the field of parapsychology”, Jacques Vallée's latest book, *Confrontations*, disposes of *that* accusation ...

Finally, it may be found surprising that Jean-Pierre Petit, having dissected in so masterly a fashion the process by which the “mental block” operates, should then start dreaming and imagining that *he himself* might perhaps somehow put an end to it, thanks to the assistance of a Support Committee composed of a number of eminent scientists who would lend their patronage to a privately sponsored body which would be charged with the task of making a scientific study of UFO landing ground-traces.

In the mental climate prevailing at present, such a support committee will never attract many folk. The vast majority of the scientific “dear colleagues” have always avoided - and will long continue to avoid - getting themselves involved in the UFO business. It's far too bad for your career!

And, as for the sponsors, money rules their world ...

So it is difficult to see how a biochemist studying the changes in the lucerne at a UFO landing site could achieve any effective publicity.

No scientist is going to change his white overalls for a tee-shirt advertising X's canned goods or Y's sporting footwear.

My personal feeling is that the Ufologist will never secure official recognition by the Establishment until our own Theoretical Physics has progressed sufficiently for us to visualise, quite rationally, the possibility of temporal-spatial short-cuts such as would permit almost instantaneous interstellar travel.

When that day comes, they will all be shouting: “I'VE ALWAYS TOLD YOU SO — THE UFOs ARE REAL!”

But I fear we are still a long way from that.

If, one day, we can get that far (and *nobody* visualises it at present), then it will surely be thanks to the genius of theoretical physicists of the calibre of J-P. Petit, who possess sufficient mental freedom to be able to challenge certain unwarranted postulates of Generalised Relativity and are intellectually powerful enough to be able to create a new synthesis capable of fruitful realisation. That's how Science advances.

SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES ON J-P. PETIT'S WORK AND ON HIS “ENQUETE SUR LES OVNI”

By Gordon Creighton

Because it sums up the situation so succinctly, I thought I would also translate the following “blurb”, taken from the rear dust-cover of Dr. Jean-Pierre's book, which is assuredly so important that

we can only hope that somebody with enough translating ability plus sufficient knowledge of advanced physics will come forward and perform a great service by giving us an English-language version of the work.

"A wrongly interpreted natural phenomenon, a collective hallucination, a simple rumour - however it may be, neither the flying saucers nor the little green men from Mars have got a good press in the official scientific circles. For thirty years past, the voices of Authority, headed by the Academy of Sciences, have never ceased explaining to us that it is highly improbable that an organised civilisation could exist in the vicinity of neighbouring stars and that, as the Theory of Relativity insists, the idea of any so-called "visits" collides violently against the fact that they are a total physical impossibility.

"Jean-Pierre Petit, Director of Research at the CNRS, has already proved that it is possible to visualise how craft of this type can make no supersonic "bang". For thirteen years past he has been in charge of an investigation on this matter. Meanwhile, the obstacles against him multiply ... The official authorities have only one single objective: *to bury the problem.*

"Refusing to give shelter in its bosom to any discussion of the subject, the scientific community leaves the field wide open for hordes of charlatans and cranks.

"Taking scientific logic to its limit, Jean-Pierre Petit carries us along on a journey to the very frontiers of Science. He uncovers the weak points of our Science, and he discloses the disinformation campaign that is being carried on by the political powers, the army, and the scientific world. And why?

For reasons of State?"

As FSR readers will recall, we recently published (In FSR 35/4) our translation of Dr. Jean-Pierre Petit's immensely revealing memorandum "THE TRUTH ABOUT G.E.P.A.N.", and, from it, they will have learned the facts about the "Cover-Up" in France and about the attitudes of the French Government, the French Armed Forces, and the French scientists. And in my *Footnotes* to that article (see top of page iii

- rear inside cover - FSR 35/4) I also mentioned the years of research that Dr. Petit has put in on MHD (*Magnetohydrodynamics*) and his startling evidence, secured in repeated laboratory tests, that it is possible for an aerial craft to crash through the "sound-barrier" without producing any "sonic bang" whatsoever!

- And that is precisely the very thing that recently - over a period of months and months - has been happening with the huge triangular UFOs flying around at chimney-top height over the towns and cities of Belgium, as we have shown in our articles on the *Great Belgian Flap* (FSR 35/2 and FSR 35/4).

The only people who so far seem to have displayed the slightest appreciation of Dr. Petit's work on MHD have been the Russians, and when Dr. Petit went there a few years ago he was praised warmly, particularly by the great Soviet scientist Dr. Andrei Sakharov! In France the authorities have always wanted to push Dr. Petit out of the picture. (*Clearly this wasn't because they are not interested in MHD! They are as interested in MHD as anybody on this planet. BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO SEE MHD RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED BY CHAPS WHO - LIKE DR. J.P. PETIT - ALSO KNOW ALL ABOUT UFOS!*)

Some years ago I have already translated Dr. Petit's lengthy account (which he sent to me) of his battles with the French authorities over MHD and over UFO research, and if I can find a place for it I will publish it before long.

Finally, I might mention once more that Dr. Petit has now set up *his own* organisation of honest French scientists who will do what G.E.P.A.N. never made any attempt to do, namely to let the French public know what they have found out about UFOs. The new body is G.E.S.T.O. (*Groupe d'Etude Scientifique des Traces liées aux Phénomènes OVNI - Group for the scientific Study of Trace-Marks linked to the UFO Phenomenon*), and my translation of his letter about it will be found on pages 21 and 22 of FSR 36/2. G.C.

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ANIMAL MUTILATIONS IN JAPAN?

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Roughly speaking, Japan can be said to be composed of four big islands. The northern-most one is Hokkaido, the next is Honshu, "Japan Proper", (Mainland, with Tokyo approximately in its center), and then Shikoku and Kyushu.

The northern-most "prefecture" of Japan Proper is Aomori, which borders on two neighbouring prefectures, Akita and Iwate.

In a small town, named Takko-cho (cho or machi means town) in Aomori Prefecture near the border to Akita Prefecture, (this town is famous for two products, garlic and cows) a cow was found dead mysteriously with her breasts and ears cut out with

exquisite skill, but without any trace of blood sheddings, in early October, 1989. •

The local livestock breeders were naturally deeply shocked, but were reported to have been assuming the serenity of their mind by pleading that the deceased cow might have been preyed upon by a badger or the like, and that as the blood coagulates after the death, there might have been no sheddings of the blood.

But, the townspeople are said to be wispering with each other, "Was this death also caused by UFO?"

This townspeople's suspicion is natural, because another mysterious death of a cow had occurred only slightly more than one month before, on August