

UFOs — NO, THEY'RE NOT SIMPLY VISITORS FROM ANOTHER PLANET. IT'S WORSE THAN THAT, SAYS DR VALLÉE IN HIS NEW BOOK

A review of "Dimensions", by FSR Consultant Paul Whitehead

"Dimensions", by Jacques Vallée, is at once intriguing and yet also slightly disappointing. The book initially promises to broaden our mental vistas, but then melts into a long-running catalogue of historical sightings of objects, meetings with fairies and demons, *et al.*

For the newcomer to the subject of UFOs, the book is a fine starting point; but even the newcomer might tire at the "anthology of cases" nature of the book. One problem with "UFO books" is that they often contain large numbers of cases. Individually these are fascinating, but together — simply because there are so many of them — they seem to lose some of their value. Perhaps we just become complacent.

And so it is with a considerable portion of Vallée's new book, published by Souvenir Press (£12.95 hard-back). However, there are revealing insights into the author's understanding of the phenomena.

For example, the 1954 case of a farmer in Libya (page 160-161). He sees an egg-shaped object land nearby, the top part transparent and flooded with very white light, the bottom half of a metallic nature. The technology of the UFO is very mid-20th century. Outside there are wheels supporting the UFO and two antennae, inside a "cockpit", and a "kind of radio set" complete with wires and operated by a man wearing earphones.

Hardly advanced technology!

Vallée believes that what the farmer saw was a three-dimensional hologram *with mass* projected through time (by whom?). Many of the apparitions — including some religious miracles — which he details in his book could be explained this way, he says.

Rather than witnessing an interplanetary machine, the farmer was exposed to a scene which he could absorb and then recount.

There may be a pattern in it all, Vallée admits later, but man is not well equipped to see the pattern.

"The proposition that the Universe might contain intelligent creatures exhibiting such an organisation that no model of it could be constructed on the basis

of current human concepts is... theoretically possible," says Vallée.

The entire mystery, he argues, contains all the elements of a myth that could be used "to serve long-term social manipulation purposes."

I shall not reveal what those purposes are — buy the book and find out.

"Dimensions" leaves us with a sharp awareness of the extraordinary complexity of the whole UFO problem and of the problem of the close encounter phenomena, including of course its element of total absurdity. ("Am I in Italy or in Germany?", one UFO pilot once asked).

The picture of UFOs as mere interplanetary visitors, says Vallée, may mask the "real, infinitely more complex nature of the technology that gives rise to the sightings".

The most interesting part of his argument is contained within the last chapter ("*The Control System*", and *The Conclusion*). For those of us who have pushed (or attempted to push) our knowledge and understanding to new limits, the final stages of the book are truly fascinating.

It is we who had maybe wished for more. Perhaps Dr Vallée will oblige with another work.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

On pages 122-125 of "*Dimensions*", Dr Vallée describes an extraordinary and alarming close encounter case from the banks of the River Loire and in introducing it he makes the following statement which we really cannot permit to pass without comment:-

"It has never appeared in English UFO literature, and therefore cannot have influenced American UFO lore."

The fact of the matter is that it has appeared in the English UFO literature. Because I translated it, in full, into English from Lumières Dans La Nuit No. 6, 86 (January-February 1967) as long ago as April 1967, and it was printed on pages 16 and 18 of FSR Volume 23, No. 5 (February 1978) under the following title:-

"A French Parallel to the Vila Velha Attempted Abduction", by Gordon Creighton.

SIGHTING ALERT IN OHIO

By Thomas M. Olsen (Phoenix, Arizona)

Site: Rt. 113 and Gore Orphanage Rd, Lorraine County, Ohio, U.S.A.

Time: 10.30 p.m. EDT, Sunday, September 25, 1988.

Mr Stanley R. Decker, a furloughed welder currently seeking employment, was travelling on unpaved Rt. 113 when his car stalled. He knew he was overdue for a new battery but was surprised to see two other cars also stalled, on the other side of the road. He got out of his vehicle and joined the other four people, whom he had never seen before. "It was a clear night

with stars, but this wasn't a spot to be out alone at night, walking on the road." He noticed one of the other stalled cars was a new Ford Escort. The five witnesses talked for a few minutes before they realized there were lights nearby in the woods. Lights which appeared to be on a triangular, silvery object — red and yellow ones on the sides, with a big red one on the bottom. "It was so close I could have spat at it." Decker said he thought the treetops over the object were moving, although there was no wind at ground level.

The object seemed to have a structure like an I-beam around the periphery and it appeared more rounded toward the bottom. They watched it for 15-20 minutes. It wobbled occasionally and finally rose at an angle and went towards a nearby camping area, going out of sight behind the trees.

While passing overhead, it moved very slowly. The rounded bottom was then more visible but they could still see flat spots on the sides, "where its wings came to a point at the corners". It appeared wider than the road, and there was no sound. There were no lights on the back of the object as it moved overhead and forward. "The red light on the bottom now seemed more like a hole in the undersurface, filled with white light and resembling a fluorescent lamp."

Decker said the other witnesses got back into their cars and wouldn't talk to him about what had just happened. He had felt numb while they were watching, and afterwards had the impression that he "wasn't supposed to say anything about it". He is not sure what he had been doing immediately before the event and for how long he sat there in his car afterward; the possibility that an abduction event may have occurred

disturbs him.

Looking for explanations and other witnesses, he telephoned the local weather service and radio station WOBL. His brother-in-law serves in the K-9 section of the local police department but was not a sympathetic listener. He is careful in choosing those whom he tells of the incident.

Decker believes that an airborne object he saw on December 29, 1988, over three months later, is similar if not identical. He was returning home with his wife, between 6.30 and 7.00 p.m., after eating pizza. This time he had binoculars, but the object was not as close and was in view for only 60 to 90 seconds. It appeared bigger than a passenger jet would be at the same distance and was darker than the sky. Fewer lights were visible than in the earlier sighting near the woods. "The object stopped suddenly three times, changing direction, before finally darting out of sight.

Mr Decker has since read in a book of a similar case and is anxious to find other, corroborating witnesses. His home address and telephone are:- 3131 Lexington Ave/Lorraine, OH 44055 (Tel: 216-244-6637).

"BRAVE NEW WORLD"

The British "doctor's paper", *The G.P.* had the following sombre little piece in its issue of July 15, 1988:-

Beware of Genetic 'Hijackers' warns G.P.

A nightmare vision of a world populated by designer children made to order by genetic engineers has been evoked by a Kent G.P.

His "Brave New World" prophecy has so shocked medical authorities that ethical guidelines are to be drawn up to control experiments, screamed the national newspapers.

The Bromley G.P., Dr Ian Jessiman, has been turned into an expert overnight by the media for his grim warning that genetic skills for reducing suffering *could be hijacked to produce a race of supermen.*

"For most of us the idea that we could produce supermen is repugnant", he said. "We could end up with awful results - of men four times normal size, with six toes and hair all over."

What nurtured this fascination with genetics? "I am interested in ethics - *that's* what appealed to me", he explained later.

While accepting the benefits of wiping out some hereditary diseases, he fears that without strict international controls scientists will become too complacent and adventurous. "There is always the danger that a rogue* in an underdeveloped country will carry out all these horrors".

*Yes - we've already got plenty of rogues in underdeveloped countries. And we need no more of them. But what a pity it is that the good Kentish doctor (in common with 99.99999% of mankind) is blissfully unaware that, deep down in our planet, beneath Dulce in New Mexico and under other places in Britain and Australia and probably everywhere else too, we have also already got a fine bunch of *degenerate alien rogues* that are engaged in precisely this sort of thing, as well as engaging in the vilest forms of vivisection against living human beings! *What about some "ethical guidelines" for these Gentry?*

EDITOR

"ANGELS' HAIR", OR - AS THE CRITICS SAY - DETERGENT?

Evening Echo, Bournemouth, 29 Oct '89

Sea Shroud Mystery

AN emergency alert was sparked off when a mystery cloud engulfed two fishing vessels in a "spider's web" off Southborne yesterday.

Fine, clear white fibres, 50-100ft. long, drifted from the middle of the English Channel for at least three hours, according to the skipper of the *Da Calypso*, Les James.

"I have never seen anything like it in 25 years' fishing. It was crawling all over the boat like a fine spider's web", said Mr James, of Kingsbere Avenue, Bournemouth.

Mr James said the fibres covered both his boat, and the nearby vessel *May Seven*, two miles off Southborne.

A team from Christchurch Council's environmental health department went out to sea to investigate.

The four-man squad scoured the waters off Christchurch in a patrol boat and came across a foam-like substance on the surface.

"We simply put some soap on the water, and our results satisfied us that it was a harmless detergent", a spokesman said.

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wizard boat-builder Mikael Mjaaland; and the redoubtable Gunhild Kristiansen, who no doubt rated as the Madame de Staël or the Frau von Stein of the local *Intelligentsia's soirées in the Harbour Café. They all sound like characters straight out of an Ibsen play!* For utter and abyssmal narrowness and stupidity, these cocksure, bumptious folk seem, as we say in Britain, to "take the biscuit". We know, however, alas, that they are merely average, and that the bulk of the human population of our planet are not a whit brighter than these when it comes to matters ufological. G.C.