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BLOOD-SUCKING CHUPACABRA Goes on Rampage in Russian Villages

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In Russia the first evidence has appeared of a half mythical creature which sucks blood from animals, even large ones. Abroad it is known under the name *chupacabra*.

No one knows for certain what it looks like, but in 2005 a farmer in Texas caught in a trap something looking like a cross between a bald dog, a rat, and a kangaroo, which was sucking blood out of his chickens and turkeys.

And now a mystery bloodsucker has appeared around Orenburg. The worries began at the end of March 2005 not far from the regional centre of Saraktash. On the Sapreka farm two farming families suddenly lost 32 turkeys. The bodies of the birds, found in the morning, had been completely drained of blood. None of the farmers either saw or heard the beast that killed them.

Then in the village of Gavrilovka sheep fell victim to the night-time vampire. The unknown animal was also in the hamlets of Vozdvizhenka and Shishma. In the course of the night 3-4 sheep or goats perished. All together the losses in the region amounted to 30 small horned cattle.

The vampire distinguishes itself through its high intelligence. The farmer had just propped the door to the stable, where 8 sheep were housed, shut using an iron bar. The beast threw off the prop and gnawed on four sheep. In the villages people have begun to be afraid of going out into the yard late in the evening and even more so onto the street.

The bravest people have kept watch during the night in the hope of picking off the animal.

According to testimonies from villagers, they found traces of bite marks on the throats of the dismembered animals which looked like bullet wounds. Suggestions that it may have been a wolf or a lynx have been refuted. First of all, wolves and dogs eat the meat, gnaw on the carcass, but the mysterious creature merely drank the blood of its prey. A regional specialist for hunting surveillance team, Vasilii Nechaev, says that lynxes are too cautious, do not approach humans, that even in the winter they are unlikely to enter the village.

“Furthermore they attack from behind, whereas there were wounds on the side of the sheep under their lower jaw,” he reasons.

Nevertheless there is some evidence about the baffling creature. As Erbulat Isbasov recalls, he came into contact with it when he was guarding the sheep's enclosure. “I heard the sheep start to bleat loudly. I run up to them and see a black shadow. It looked like a enormous dog that had stood up on its hind legs. And jumped like a kangaroo. The beast sensed my presence and ran away. It squeezed through an opening in the panels of the fence.”

A few days later Erbulat saw the animal again, after it had left behind a half-meter long ram. This time, when it was running away from the man, the creature easily jumped over the fence of the compound. The young men managed to glimpse that the animal is about 1.2 meters tall (nearly 4 ft.), and has something like a hump on its back. In the daytime Isbasov discovered some deep claw marks and a clump of ginger-grey fur on the fence.

Alfiya Makasheva who lost two sheep talked of a whole pack of bloodsuckers: “One large creature was reddish, the other dark grey, and behind them a brood of puppies. In the middle of the enclosure the ‘red’ one was turning its head, and was standing on its hind legs, as if it was thinking about something.”

Dmitriy Madinovskii from Orenburg found out about the vampire from his relatives living in Vozdvizhenka. He suspected that the sheep were killed by an animal similar to the legendary South American *chupacabra*, and decided to track down the animal.

In September 2005 Dmitriy was sailing on the Sakmara river with his friends. About 30-40 kilometers from Vozdvizhenka he noticed two rows of tracks, leading down to the water on the sandy bank. Judging by the depth of the impressions, the creature weighed 30-35 kg. On the pentadactyl paw there were 2-centimetre long claws and membranes. Its tail was dragging in between its paws. The distance between the impressions was about one meter. They photographed the tracks just in case, but neither hunters nor zoologists could say what animal had left them.

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**WE STILL
DON'T KNOW**

- Ray Cecot

One of the questions that gnaws at me is where did we humans come from. Those of you who are regular readers of *The Messenger* know that I keep returning to this theme. To confess, I haven't given this much thought for a little while now, but I came across a recent article on the *LA Times* web site (May 14, 2006) which brought me back to my "wonderings." The article titled "Celestial Find at Ancient Andes Site" was written by Thomas H. Maugh II, a staff writer for the Times. Before going into my comments regarding this archeological find, the following information from the article might be helpful.

Archeologists working in the Peruvian Andes have found what they believe to be the "oldest known celestial observatory in the Americas." The structure is reportedly 4,200 years old and marks the winter and summer solstices. This would make the structure as old as Stonehenge and constructed about 400 years after the first pyramid was built in Egypt. It would be in existence three millenniums before the emergence of the Incas.

Quoting from the article:

"The observatory was built on the top of a 33-foot-tall pyramid with precise alignments and sightlines that provide an astronomical calendar for agriculture, archeologist Robert Benfer of the University of Missouri said. The people who built the observatory ... are a mystery, but they achieved a level of art and science that archeologists say they did not know existed in the region until at least 800 years later.

"Among the most impressive finds was a massive clay sculpture - an ancient version of the modern frowning 'sad Face' icon flanked by two animals. The disk ... marked the position of the winter solstice.

"It's really quite a shock to everyone ... to see sculptures of that sophistication coming out of a building of that time period," said archeologist Richard L. Berger of Yale's University Peabody Museum of Natural History.

"The find adds strong evidence to support the recent idea that a sophisticated civilization developed in South America in the pre-ceramic era, before the development of fired pottery sometime after 1500 BC."

The discovery is on a 20-acre site called Buena Vista and is about 25 miles inland in the Rio Chillon Valley just north of Lima. The name of the people who inhabited the region during that time is unknown. Many are simply referring to them as "Andeans." Interestingly, the site contains ruins dating back to 10,000 BC.

In essence, this is the information that rekindled my thinking on the history of mankind. Note that the article states that the observatory was used to mark the winter and summer solstices. Like Stonehenge, there had to be a reason of major importance for any civilization to do so. Of course, an agrarian society would certainly like to know the dates of these important celestial events; however, as I stated before, there seems to be two things that are not quite fitting into the picture. We would like to believe that a civilization that is 4,200 years old was not all that sophisticated and probably had its hands full just eking out a living on a daily basis.

The people who built Stonehenge, for example, most likely had a short life span and devoted a large portion of their day working at surviving the winter in the British Isles. Energy had to be put to good use, whether it be for hunting, building structures, or perhaps farming and/or gathering edible vegetation. Yet, these people found the time and the means to not only

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New Study Supports Human Hybrid

by Marian Ross
IRAAP Secretary

Researchers from the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard have conducted a DNA study using 800 times more DNA than used in previous studies to reveal a rather ambiguous origin of early man. Research has shown that man and chimpanzees are a sister species that split off from a common ancestor seven million years ago.

Eric Lander, one of the study's collaborators, says the DNA tells us that "the human-chimp speciation was very unusual." The chimp human lines became two distinct animal groups and had nothing to do with each other for four million years. For some unknown reason the two populations decided to mate and a third hybrid man-chimpanzee population was created. What happened to the hybrid population is unknown as the two animal populations then changed back to two separate populations, one man, one chimp.

Some researchers have problems with the study, however. Daniel Lieberman, anthropology professor at Harvard, can't image why a bipedal hominid would want to mate with a small chimp. And technically speaking how was the hybrid population created?

Humans and chimps have some genes in common but are they enough to create life?

Authors of the study suggest that the genes in both species were able to "join" or evolve on their own to create this third hybrid population. It is hard to swallow this scenario, however. Usually hybridization implies some sort of technical intervention especially when the two populations share only some genes.

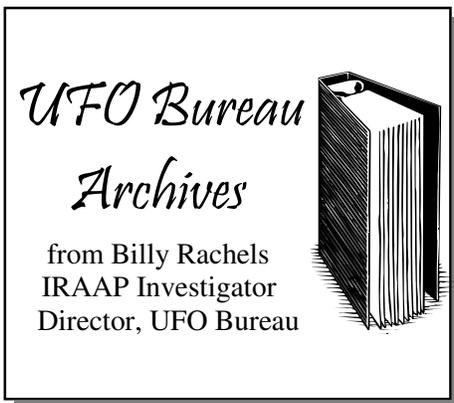
I don't dismiss the hybridization theory. I believe there is ample scientific evidence to suggest that man was genetically manipulated during his millions of years on Earth. I dismiss that a primitive man and a wild chimp could create a hybrid race on their own.

To me, this study only adds to the evidence supporting the theories of Zecharia Sitchin. For more on hybridization and genetic

manipulation of man check out Zecharia Sitchin's books on the Sumerian legends.

Gee, I feel like eating a banana. (1)

(1) Crenson, Matt, The Associated Press, June 2006



Celebrities and UFOs

This article will be a little out of the ordinary, but still within the subject matter of UFOs.

Some of you may follow the lives of celebrities and some of you may not. Regardless of where you stand on this matter, we are going to take a look at ten of the biggest celebrities in their respective fields, and their connection with UFOs. Most of these celebrities are of the older generation, but you younger UFO followers will, no doubt, recognize the names.

1. We lead off with award winning actor Glen Ford, maker of over sixty outstanding movies. At his California beach house in 1974, Ford reported seeing a large saucer-shaped UFO out over the ocean. The time was around 10 P.M. The UFO was described as being about 500 feet in diameter with blue and green lights. Around its rotating rim he saw, what appeared to be, illuminated windows. The object hovered in the sky for ten minutes, wobbling slightly. It also danced around in the sky, and eventually left the area at a high rate of speed. Ford served in the Navy and was familiar with most aircraft. After watching this object, however, Ford was convinced that what he saw was an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

2. Elvis Presley - perhaps the greatest entertainer of the 20th century - reportedly saw (with two witnesses) a yellow-white,

ball-shaped UFO hovering over his Blair, California mansion in 1966. The object made no sound. Putting his country boy image aside, Presley was well informed on many topics, including religion and space travel. He said he believed that one day space beings would make contact with Earth people.

3. William Shatner - known worldwide as Cpt. James T. Kirk of Star Trek fame - was riding with friends on motorcycles in the Mojave Desert back in the early 1970s when he became separated from the rest of the group. He had engine trouble and could not restart his bike. After some time in the 130 degree heat and using up his water supply, he collapsed. It was at that time that he saw a beautiful, silver, streamlined UFO overhead and "heard" a telepathic voice saying to follow the craft and he would be lead to safety. Shatner says he credits the unknown object with saving his life.

4. Muhammad Ali - the greatest heavy-weight boxing champ - reported seeing UFOs on seven different occasions, once while taking an early morning jog through Central Park in New York City. There were ten witnesses, including newspaper reporters. A cigar-shaped object flew over the group, then stopped and hovered some distance away, making no sound. The champ said he felt that UFOs were flown by space visitors.

5. John Lennon - of the world famous "Beatles" - was having a picnic with his wife on the roof of his New York townhouse one night in 1973 when they saw a silver disk fly by at low level. Lennon said that he believed that there is intelligent life in outer space and that life could be coming here to Earth.

6. Arthur Godfrey - one of the most loved and listened to daytime entertainers of his era - reported that a long UFO almost hit his airplane in the early '60s, while flying from his fame in Virginia to do his show in New York City. He was an experienced pilot and was sure of what he saw. That day he told his live studio audience (CBS TV) and listeners of his radio program about the strange incident, concluding that the object had to be under intelligent control.

7. Jamie Farr - Emmy winning actor on the long running TV show *MASH* - was driving with his wife in the desert near

Yuma, Arizona in 1961 around midnight when an object paced their car while they drove along at 60 mph. The object was dome-shaped and silver with very bright lights. His wife had read many books about UFOs and wanted Jamie to stop the car, but he would not. Farr said that before that incident he never believed in UFOs.

8. Jackie Gleason - one of TV's biggest stars - had a lifelong interest in UFOs and saw them twice. Once was in the 1970s near his Florida home. On that night while walking his dog he saw a brilliantly lit UFO zig-zagging all over the sky. Gleason's personal library on the UFO subject was reported to be one of the largest. It was Gleason's belief that mankind was being studied by beings from other planets.

9. Elton John - one of the biggest singer/song writers in the entire world - wrote about his sightings on one of his early albums in 1974. The track was called "I Saw the Saucers."

10. Paul Harvey - hall of fame broadcaster and America's most listened to newsman - has a big interest in UFOs. Harvey has reported more sightings and encounters with UFOs on his daily ABC news program than any other person in the world.

There are, of course, many other celebrities who have seen UFOs that are not listed here. I hope you enjoyed this little trip down "Memory Lane." If nothing else, it let's us "believers" know who stands behind us. As Paul Harvey would say ... "Good Day !"

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First Knights Templar Discovered

According to a brief article from *The Daily Telegraph* (April 10, 2006) in Australia, the first bodies of the Knights Templar have been found by archaeologists near the River Jordan in northern Israel.

Citing the article: "British historian Tom Asbridge hailed the find as the first provable example of actual Knights Templar. The remains were found beneath the ruined walls of Jacob's Ford, an overthrown castle dating back to the Crusades. They can be dated to the exact date — August 29, 1179 — that they were killed by Saladin, the

feared Muslim leader who captured the fortress.

"Never before has it been possible to trace their remains to such an exact time in history," Mr. Asbridge said. "This discovery is the equivalent of the Holy Grail to archaeologists and historians. It is unparalleled."

Softball Size Ice Chunks Fall in California

Twice in one week, huge ice chunks have inexplicably fallen out of the California sky. On April 18, a chunk of ice the size of a microwave oven came crashing through the roof of a recreation center in Loma Linda, according to a report in the *San Francisco Chronicle*. No one was injured in the incident. April 8, a similar ice ball plunged to earth in a field at a park making a two-foot crater in the ground. This event took place in Oakland, California.

"I've been in the fire service for 31 years. I've heard and read about these things, but I've never seen this in person," said Roland Crawford, division chief of the Loma Linda Fire Department.

One explanation for the large ice chunks might be that they are generated by a leak from an airplane's lavatory. But these kinds of leaks would cause the ice to be blue in color. The recent ice chunks were pure white. Many reasons for the chunks have been offered, but, so far, none has proven to be satisfactory. The FAA began an investigation to see if there might be any link to commercial aircraft, but this has proven to be more difficult than first realized.

According to the article in *World Net Daily*, "Jesus Martinez-Frias of the Planetary Geology Laboratory in Madrid, Spain, co-wrote an article with eleven other colleagues that discusses 40 causes of falling ice - or 'megacryometeors' - since 1999.

He believes they could be caused by a process in the upper atmosphere similar to how hail is formed in which a formation of ice is repeatedly forced up into colder air, thus building up several layers. Martinez-Frias suggests global warming has caused a new. Steeper temperature difference between warm and cold air in the upper atmosphere that generates turbulent up-and-down winds, repeating the hail-formation process,

even without thunderstorm." (Source: worldnetdaily.com 4/19/06)



From our readers

Hi Ray.
Just got the Messenger today.

Regarding **Street Light Interference**, I observed exactly that about 10 years ago when I lived on Woods Rd. in Marcy, but I didn't know there was a name for it. This was during my peak of UFO sighting investigating.

There was a streetlight at the end of Woods Road that I swear went out every time I drove by it. The obvious invalid assumption was that it didn't go out at OTHER times.

After about the 5th time I observed this, I drove well past it and parked and watched it go on and off at regular intervals, it paying no attention to whomever was driving by at the time. As you describe, these sodium or mercury vapor lights go into an oscillation that causes them to shut off, then come back on, first dimly, then bright.

Another light phenomenon Carol and I observe occasionally are the touch lamps we have in our bedroom, one on each nightstand. I can easily cause them both to ratchet up and down by keying my ham radio transmitter, but there are times when I'm not doing that and HER light comes on by itself, just up one notch to the low level. This happened yesterday afternoon. I went into the bedroom and found it on, and turned it off, then during the night she saw it come on again and she turned it off. My touch lamp doesn't turn on except with my ham radio.

My explanation is our close proximity to a truck route, allowing truck CB radios to activate her lamp which may be slightly more sensitive to radio waves than mine in the same room.

- Keith

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Interpretations of an Alien Star Map

Book Review - Ray Cecot

Are you a bit confused when you look up into the night sky, wondering what it is you are looking at? Sure, you may know the Big Dipper or even the constellation Orion when it is visible during the winter months. But what of the rest of the night sky?

William McBride has written an interesting work titled *Interpretations of an Alien Star Map* (©2005). The basis for the book is the star map which Betty Hill drew after her and Barney's alien abduction back in 1961.

Whether you are an avid UFO follower or a total skeptic, *Interpretations* will not only enlighten you, but give you a few things to consider. As is my usual approach to any new book I read, especially one that is dealing with an older topic like Betty and Barney Hill (their story has been in the UFO circle for longer than many UFO buffs have been alive), I tried not to let any preconceived notions cloud my reading. I wanted to see what the book had to say, and how it was going to approach a topic that has been beaten up quite a bit in UFO literature.

To begin with, McBride gives a concise overview of the Hill event of 1961. A nice refresher for someone who is not inclined to re-read John G. Fuller's book *The Interrupted Journey*. But this is only the beginning. We are then treated to a brief, but fairly thorough, lesson in basic star gazing in the chapter titled "Astronomy 101." I am not an amateur astronomer by any stretch of the imagination, although I thought I had a pretty good handle on what I was looking at when I looked at the night sky. Not so. McBride taught me quite a bit in this chapter, and if one is not interested in reading a book because of the UFO "thing," then I suggest reading it for the astronomy lesson you will be given.

After your night sky overview, the reader is then treated to the interpretations of the star map that Betty Hill was able to recall after being given a post-hypnotic suggestion. The many interpretations are given their fair allotment, those of Marjorie Fish (sun-like stars being the focus), James Randi (constellations Leo and Cancer or just about any constellation), Charles Atterberg (limited to stars close to our sun), Joachim Koch and Hans-Juergen Kyborg (Jupiter, Saturn, and asteroids), until McBride has his say. This is not the place to go into what McBride's interpretation may be. One will have to read the book to get to that.

And if you are at all interested in the Giza pyramids and the Sphinx, well, so is McBride, and he goes into some of his opinions on this topic toward the end of the book. I must say that when I read his section on the possible Egypt connection and his reaction to Robert Bauval and Graham Hancock, I knew I found an author whose thinking is not much different from my own.

Notwithstanding my fascination with McBrides' subject matter, I was very impressed with McBride's presentation, and encourage anyone to give it a read, whether from a UFO perspective or as a

learning experience for what one is observing when looking up on a clear night.

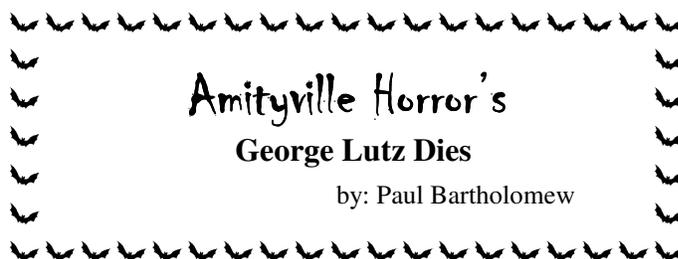
As McBride, himself, states toward the end of his book:

"With every new theory, there will always be some critics and skeptics who do not accept it and offer opposing views. Various astronomers refute the work of Robert Bauval and Graham Hancock. E.C. Krupp and others say that the Sphinx should be on the other side of the Nile. Leo faces the Milky Way in the night sky and the Sphinx faces the Nile on the ground. The skeptics say the belt stars in Orion are upside down and don't match the Giza pyramids now and wouldn't have in 10,500 BC. Mr. Bauval now gives the date of 11,500 BC for the structure's construction. The cynics say that Virgo, not Leo, appeared at the vernal equinox in 10,500 BC. It is up to the reader to decide who is right in this debate."

Indeed, it is up to the readers, that is those with inquiring minds and seekers of truth, to gather as much information as they can and reach their own conclusions. McBride certainly gives us plenty to chew on in his book. *Interpretations* certainly deserves a place on an UFO bookshelf.

(You can purchase a copy of *Interpretations of an Alien Star Map* through Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, or through the publisher Publish America. Retail price \$16.95. You can also contact William McBride by snail mail at 1004 Trinity Road, Conshohocken, PA 19428 or by email at billysmagicshop@yahoo.com. Mr. McBride says that if you contact him directly, he will sell the book to IRAAP members and readers for \$15, and he will pay the shipping. Not a bad deal. Tell him IRAAP sent you.)

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Amityville Horror's George Lutz Dies

by: Paul Bartholomew

Another chapter in the controversial "Amityville Horror" saga ended on My 8, 2006 with the sudden death of George "Lee" Lutz. Lutz and his ex-wife, Kathleen, were the focus of Jay Anson's 1977 best seller.

The Lutz family lived in America's most famous haunted house for twenty-eight days before fleeing - leaving most of their possessions behind. They claimed a demonic infestation had driven them out of their Long Island home.

The highly dramatized movie, "The Amityville Horror," was released in 1979 and spawned a cottage-industry of sequels. In 2005 a remake introduced a whole new generation to the case.

Lutz died of heart disease in Las Vegas at the age of 59. An active member of his church and father of five children, Lutz was known to help out at a homeless shelter, but never really escaped the shadow of the Amityville affair.

"It was a subject that was very troubling for him," said a friend and film-maker, Dan Farrands. Farrands came to know Lutz while filming a History Channel documentary on the subject. (1)

While the "Amityville Horror" franchise raked in millions of dollars for the movie industry, the case was always surrounded in controversy and lawsuits. After thirty years of scrutiny, Lutz said he made only \$300,000 and was under constant media pressure and attacks by skeptics.

Many of the principal characters in the saga have now passed away. Kathleen Lutz, George's ex-wife, died of respiratory disease in 2004. Author, Jay Anson, died of a heart attack a couple of years after he wrote the book. The priest who claimed to have been slapped in the face and told to "Get Out!" of the home while delivering a house blessing is dead. And a leading skeptic of the case, Stephen Kaplan, also died of a heart attack.

NOTES:

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The Flying Sun of Ancient Japan

In the bulletin, *News from Amamiya UFO Study Office*, No. 28, April 2006, there is a reprint of main sections of an investigation report, "The Ship of the Sun:" *the Ancient Culture of the Kii Peninsula as seen from a UFOLOGICAL perspective*. The original article (published in 1971) was written by three young CBA activists, including Mr.

Kiyoshi Amamiya.

The Kii Peninsula is large and heavily wooded, situated in the center of Japan proper. It has many old, sacred sites, for instance, Ise Jingu (Holy Shrine of Ise), the shrine of the great sun goddess Amaterasu, an ancestor of the Imperial Family of Japan.

At Izawa no Miya (Shrine of Izawa), a high ranking shrine belonging to *Ise Jingu*, the authors of the article observed a festival during the month of June in which a very long bamboo pole fitted with two huge fans is raised at the side of a sacred paddy field. The round, upper fan has a design of the sun along with other designs, and the lower, inverted triangular fan has a design of a sailing ship on it. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun went by ship into the air, and the ancient Japanese may have also held the same belief !!! Indeed, a thunderbolt god of Kyoto City, north of Kii, is believed to come to a big rock on the top of his mountain, "*Ama no Iwa-fune* (Rock Ship of the Sky)."

There is *Mt. Aomine* (336 meters above sea level) about 3, 500 meters from *Izawa no Miya*. On the mountain is *Shofuku-ji*, an old Buddhist temple. This temple has been a guardian for sailors for a very long time. A large rock in the area of the temple is believed to shoot a light into the sky to guide a distressed ship safely in the dark.

The authors were also told by a woman who lives at the foot of Mt. Aomine that local people traditionally see a flying, luminous body called "Hiyori Dama (Fine-weather Ball)." This is sighted frequently. It appears during a spell of fine weather (hiyori). In the woman's case, one day at dusk, the object she sighted was orange in color with a triangular tail flying low at high speed. "Fine weather" may be a reference to the sun on a fair weather day.

Around 120 kilometers from *Izawa no Miya*, in the southern part of the Kii peninsula is the Great Shrine of Kumano Nachi. During its dynamic fire festival in July twelve red "mikoshi" appear. Mikoshi means "palanquin for god/goddess," and is usually in the shape of a house ("palanquin" meaning an enclosed litter borne on the shoulders by men by means of poles). However, in the festival, the mikoshi is a long board. Each mikoshi has several ornaments mostly made of folding fans. Many of these fans resemble the

Winged Sun Disk of ancient the Middle and Near East. What is the meaning of this "sun?"

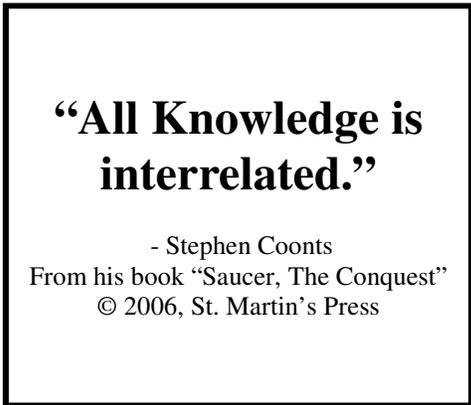
The Great Shrine of Kumano is one of the three shrines called *Kumano Three Mountains*. Their Lords are called *Kumano Gongen*, gongen meaning that these three gods are the Buddhas in disguise. According to a legend, the gongen appeared at a big tree in the form of "three moons."

An old document in the custody of the Kashima Shrine in the town of Manabe tells of an event which took place in 1707: a white, round luminous body in a great tsunami protected the town by means of dividing the tsunami into two waves and carrying the bigger wave away from Manabe! The object in the wave eventually flew away into the holy island Kashima.

As a footnote, Mr. Kinkichi stated in his book *Jishin Namazu* (Earthquake Catfish) published in 1957 that the 1707 story was, indeed, fact. He arrived at this conclusion because one night in 1933 people saw round lights in or on a tsunami that attacked Northern Japan. Mr. Musha supposes that each light was a group of some luminous creatures. However, according to the Kashima Jinja document written by a survivor of the tsunami (he is not a witness of the luminous object), the 1707 object was seen in the daytime. Light of any luminous object is hard to see by human eyes during the day, so it is difficult to say if this story is true.

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Boy comes back from the dead

BACCAY, Albay

A story in the Manila Times, written by correspondent Rhaydz B. Barcia, reports that a 10 year-old boy actually came back to life after he was pronounced dead by doctors just 17 hours before.

The boy's name is Dante "Jun-Jun" Cardel, Jr. He was pronounced dead by physicians at the Philippine General Hospital in Manila on June 21. The following day at his wake he suddenly woke up and hugged his father, asking for food and water.

After this incident, Jun-Jun's parents and Dr. Al Abainza took him to see Father Efren "Momoy" Borromeo of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. Jun-Jun was barely able to communicate, but he related his out-of-this-world experience as best he could.

Quoting Jun-Jun from the article in the Manila Times:

"It was a nightmare at first, then I saw angels singing in a beautiful church," he said. He also recalled being told to wake up "by Jesus Christ, who had a beard and long blond hair." Jun-Jun said that when he woke up in his father's arms, he looked up into the sky where Jesus was, but the holy figure was no longer there.

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Jun-Jun after his "resurrection"

British MoD Claims No UFOs

Although the British Ministry of Defense says that there are UFOs in the skies over Great Britain, they are quick to add that these unidentified objects are not extraterrestrial spacecraft, but examples of a "bizarre and little-understood atmospheric phenomenon." This, according to a posting on the telegraph.co.uk on May 8, 2006 in an article by Robert Colville.

There is a secret report studying all the UFO sightings across Britain (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defense Region) which was compiled over four years ago by the MoD's Defense Intelligence Staff. This reports states that the glowing lights in the sky are "buoyant plasmas," created by charges of electricity. How this takes place is still a mystery.

[Editor's Comment - This new British stand has a familiar ring to me. It sounds very much like our Air Force's Project Mogul, in explaining away the Roswell crash back in 1947.

Admittedly, there could be misunderstood aerial phenomena that is naturally occurring due to "whatever" in our atmosphere. However, not all of the British sightings are of the luminous flying object kind.

I still am baffled by the case presented in Peter Robbins' book, *Left at East Gate*, and the events that took place around the Rendelsham Forest area.

Using this case as an example, there seems to be far more going on than a mere atmospheric phenomenon caused by electricity. I will let you readers be the judge and form your own opinions. If anyone would care to comment further on this, please write IRAAP and let us know. Your comment will appear in a future issue (anonymously, of course, unless permission to use your name is given.) Thanks. - RC]

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Mojave Desert to see Retro-UFO Convention

In a *USA Today* story appearing on April 27, 2006, it was reported that true believers

of extraterrestrials would be gathering in a section of the Mojave Desert that looks quite a bit like the surface of the moon.

Many UFO followers are familiar with the name George Van Tassel, but for those of you who need a bit of a refresher, George was born on March 12, 1910 and spent his childhood and much of his youth in Ashtabula County, California. His fascination was with airplanes, and he eventually obtained a pilot's license. Eventually, he took a job at the Cleveland Municipal Airport and stayed in northeast Ohio until 1930. It was at this point that he returned to California.

While working at his uncle's garage in Santa Monica he met Frank Critzer, a German immigrant who was trying to make a living as a desert prospector. Critzer and Van Tassel became friends and eventually Critzer invited him to the area he had been mining.

Van Tassel and his uncle drove to the location where they found Critzer living under "Giant Rock," supposedly the largest boulder in the world. The seven-story high granite boulder and the surrounding area was held sacred by the Native Americans. The boulder occupied an area of about 5,800 square feet of ground, and Critzer had excavated 400 square feet under the rock, living in the cool ground underneath.

During World War II Critzer came under suspicion as a German spy and was killed in a law enforcement raid on his home in 1942.

In 1947 Van Tassel packed up his wife and children and moved to Giant Rock. He claimed to be tired of the rat race in the ever growing California. While Critzer was alive he had built a small airfield near Giant Rock which Van Tassel reopened and constructed a café there. Living near Giant Rock was not easy because money was tight, but Howard Hughes would fly in there on weekends just to have a slice of Mrs. Van Tassel's pie.

Van Tassel believed Giant Rock had special channeling powers due to its crystalline structure. He came to believe that extraterrestrials were contacting him via channeling. He further claimed that aliens from Venus came to him and asked him to visit their space ship, during which he was

given instructions to build a machine which could rejuvenate human cells. He called the machine the "Integraton."

Eventually, he began to build his **Integraton**, claiming it could renew human cells and give people youthful vigor. Aging, to Van Tassel, was the body running out of electrical energy, and his machine could re-energize it, in essence, an electrostatic charger for the body. Hundreds, if not thousands, of people visited Giant Rock over the years, coming to Van Tassel's Space Conventions held there. The first convention was held in 1954. Van Tassel died in 1978.

The *USA Today* article, mentioned earlier, reports that three decades after the last big convention held at Giant Rock, "believers" will be returning there to see the Integraton (or what is left of it), exchange stories of their personal contact with alien beings, see demonstrations of "new" technologies, enjoy a UFO-themed opera, and wander through the many art exhibits. But this is not just about the aliens. Proceeds from the convention will go to a local historical society and help preserve the Integraton, which despite being built without nails, survived a 7.3 magnitude earthquake in 1992. It would seem that one piece of UFO folklore is being preserved for future generations.

(More information on Van Tassel and his "Integraton" can be found on various web sites. Sources for this article were taken from *USA Today*, April 27, 2006, and the Van Tassel Family History Homepage found on the Internet. Special thanks to Dick Aceto for alerting us to this bit of news.)

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Team believes it has found Noah's Ark

Posted on June 30, 2006 by worldnet-daily.com was an article reporting that a 14-man crew believes it has located the site of Noah's Ark. Evangelical apologist Josh McDowell says the team returned from a trek into a mountain in Iran with possible evidence, including petrified wood and marine fossils.

The group was led by explorer Bob Cornuke. He and his team apparently

found an unusual object perched on a slope 13,120 feet above sea level (see picture). Citing the article:

"Cornuke, president of the archeological Base Institute and a veteran of nearly 30 expeditions in search of Bible artifacts and locations, said he is cautiously, but enthusiastically, optimistic about the find. The team returned with video footage of a large black formation about 400 feet long - the length of the ark, according to the Bible - that looks like rock but bears the image of hundreds of massive, wooden, hand-hewn beams."

Arch Bonnema, president of Joshua Financial, stated, "These beams not only look like petrified wood, they are so impressive that they look like real wood - this is an amazing discovery that may be the oldest shipwreck in recorded history."

The article:

"Even more intriguing [is that] some of the wood-like rocks tested ... proved to be petrified wood. It's noteworthy ... that the Bible recounts Noah sealed his ark with pitch, a black substance. When retrieved pieces were cut open, a marine fossil was discovered. In the area around the object, the team found thousands of fossilized sea shells, and Cornuke brought back a one-inch thick slab replete with fossilized clams.

"With the discovery of wood splinters and broken pottery at the remote 15,300-foot

level, the team says it also found evidence that ancients considered it an important worship site for hundreds, if not thousands, of years.

"Cornuke noted that during World War II, an American Army officer and road construction engineer in Iran named Ed Davis said he saw the ark on a high mountain in the country after being led there by Iranian friends. After the war, according to Cornuke, Davis passed a lie detector test affirming he saw timbers from an ark-like object. Before his death, Davis gave Cornuke a map showing the way to the object.

"It was right where Ed said it was in his map,' Cornuke said. 'After seeing it from a distance, I thought it at first unimpressive, but once we stood on the object we were amazed at how it looked just like a huge pile of black and brown stone beams.'"

The picture below is a satellite image of what has become known as the "Ararat Anomaly." Noah's ark, according to the Bible, came to rest on Mt. Ararat. The image was taken by DigitalGlobe's Quick-Bird Satellite in 2003 and made public for the first time in March 2003. The location of the anomaly on the mountain's northwest corner has been under investigation from afar by ark hunters for years, but it has remained relatively unexplored.

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Could this be the remains of Noah's Ark?

Great Pyramid Poll

[Editor - One of the items that is always of interest is the Pyramids, not only in Egypt, but also those throughout the world. How is it that the pyramid shape is found all over the globe by people who were so far removed from each other that common thought and architecture would seem an impossibility? unless...

Anyway, I found this poll on worldnet-daily.com back on June 28 and thought you might find it of interest. Only 888 people replied to the poll, so it may or may not have any degree of accuracy as far as scientific accuracy goes. Keep in mind that worldnetdaily is a news site that has a conservative bent. It is one of the sites I look at in conjunction with a site that is more liberal in its outlook. A balanced picture is always good to have. I wish I could find poll results from a web site that is more liberal, but have not been able to do so. In the meantime, take these results for what they are at face value.]

Question:

Who do you believe is most responsible for the Great Pyramid of Giza?

29.50% - I honestly have no clue, it's one of the great mysteries of all time

29.28% - Slaves under the direction of an Egyptian pharaoh

16.89% - Egyptians, not necessarily slaves

9.12% - Extraterrestrial beings

8.11% - The Nephilim

2.70% - Enoch of the Bible

2.48% - Other

0.79% - Job of the Bible

0.68% - Shem of the Bible

0.45% - Angels

[It is interesting that nearly 30% of the respondents have no idea who built the pyramid, but only 9% are thinking in terms of extraterrestrial life. Feel free to send IRAAP your thoughts on this question.

- Ray]

(QUESTION ... from page 2)

carve out gargantuan stone megaliths, but transport them to a site for the sole purpose of determining the solstices and equinoxes.

When you place this in some kind of perspective, it seems, to me at least, that there had to be more of a reason than this. There would have been far too much energy wasted in the carving, transporting and building when life was so precious and more important life-sustaining issues were necessary.

Why build a Stonehenge? Why an observatory in Peru? Why the pyramids in Egypt?

Why, indeed.

Getting back to the Peruvian discovery, the article also states that archeologists are "shocked" (to use the word of Richard L. Berger of Yale's University Peabody Museum of Natural History) to see sculptures of such sophistication coming out of the period. Yet, we should also be "shocked" to learn of the knowledge exhibited by the Dogon tribe in Africa regarding the Dog Star, Sirius. And what of Virginia Steen-McIntyre who was "blacklisted" for dating some stone tools found in Hueyatlaco, Mexico at 250,000 years old?

There is something in mankind's ancient past that cries out to us to be discovered. Based on the many discoveries alone, as seen in Stonehenge, Egypt, Mexico, China, and now Peru, it seems to me that mankind did not evolve the way Darwinian thinking would have us believe. I find it difficult to think of us climbing out from a primordial pond and reaching the level we are today .. only because of the pyramids, and all the other discoveries that show us being so sophisticate so very long ago.

Something is missing in our time line. Is that something extraterrestrial? Maybe. But then again it may be that we have had peaks and valleys in our civilizations down through the ages, high peaks that went asunder, only to have us rebuild again to another high civilization. As the ancients say, we might just be in the last civilization peak and discovering some of the things that belonged to prior civilization peaks... and wonder how it is that "primitive man," as we like to call him, could have ever been able to know the things we credit him with knowing... the "displaced knowledge" that makes him appear so smart.

Maybe it is we who aren't as smart as we think we are.

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UFO Sightings Down Slightly

In Gene Duplantier's **DELVE** Report of July 2006, an article states that UFO Sightings in Canada are on the decline. According to the article: "Canadians distressed over the government's apathy toward UFO sightings will be interested to note that Canada is one of a few countries where independent researchers keep track of unknown objects spotted in the sky.

"We get cases from literally everywhere. We also get reports from the Department of National Defense and Transport Canada," said Chris Rutkowski, research coordinator for UFOlogy Research of Manitoba. "People are reporting in greater and greater numbers." Rutkowski is an independent researcher who is not affiliated with any university or museum and compiles an annual survey of Canadian UFO sightings and acts as a liaison between the scientific community and the public.

"The number of UFO sightings has risen steadily each year, to 882 in 2004 from 259 in 1999. Last year the number dipped to 769, an anomaly in an otherwise uninterrupted annual rise in sightings since the 1980s, he said."

[Thanks to Gene Duplantier of Toronto for passing along this information.]

(Chupacabra ... from page 1)

"It's definitely a chupacabra! It has small front and large hind paws. To begin with the animal was walking on four legs, stood on its hind legs at the water, lifting up its long tail, and then started jumping like a kangaroo," he says. In May Dmitry is determined to seek out the Russian chupacabra along with colleagues from the Ural Ufology Monitoring Station.

Chupacabra, a Spanish word meaning "goat bloodsucker" is a phenomenon which first appeared in mid 1995 in the hills of Puerto Rico. Something strange was killing all the cattle in and around the town of Canovanasa, drinking all their blood. When the corpses were discovered, it turned out that the blood had been sucked out of two small entry wounds (like pin-pricks). "The wounds were usually the same diameter as a straw and three-four inches long," said the local vet who examined several of the bodies.

From 1994 onwards in Mexico, Chile, Peru, Nicaragua, and southern USA bodies of domestic cats, cows and birds, which have had all the blood sucked out of them. According to shepherds, the mysterious beast that attacks the birds and animals is 1-1.2 meters in height. Many remark that its front limbs are small, some even see wings, or a ridge on its back. The chupacabra's body is either like a reptile or a dog, its head is elongated, it has membranes between its claws, and has light fur like a bat.

The existence of the chupacabra has not been proven for certain. But among cryptozoologists it has become just as much of an accepted character as the "yeti."

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