

UFO-OBSERVATIONS (pp. 2-5)

On 16 Oktober 2007, a Bad Salzuflen couple observed a hat-like black object moving slowly across the sky. It had an indentation on its ring which showed it was rotating regularly. Although it went with the wind, the regular movement makes a balloon as explanation difficult, the case is therefore classed as PROBLEMATIC UFO.

On 25 May 1995, a man observed a large object with a trail of light at Naberezhnyy Chelny, Russia. His observation correlates with a Soviet rocket launch at Plesetsk. On 15 August 2007, a man took a picture of a scenic landscape at Reichenau, Austria. He later discovered an unidentified flying object in the picture: round and with two wings – certainly an insect flying through the frame.

THE UFO FAITH AS AN EXAMPLE OF A NEW RELIGIOUS PHENOMENON (pp. 6-17)

Dr Michael Blume gives a short outline of UFO centred belief systems, starting with Blavatsky's theosophy, to today's cults. He describes the mechanism of self immunisation against counter arguments which directly leads towards conspiracy theories. He thinks that UFO cults have never reached mainstream, as they – in contrast to traditional religions – pretend to be science, therefore can be scientifically falsificated.

I BELIEVE IN WATER BALLS IN OUTER SPACE (p. 18)

Robert Fleischer, of the German Exopolitik Initiative, explains why a purely sociological interpretation of the UFO phenomenon, such as Blume's, is incomplete as it does not take into account the many military disclosures of UFO reality.

UFOS IN LEIPZIG (pp. 19-21)

In January 2008, the Institute of Religious Studies of the University of Leipzig held a talk on UFOs. The affirmative part, outlining UFOs through history, was taken by Martin Bamert, while Dr Michael Blume spoke on UFO cults and his sociological interpretation of the UFO phenomenon.

SCIENCE OF THE UFOs, PART 3 (pp. 22-27)

In this part of his article, Richard Hall speaks of aggressive encounters with UFOs which he thinks force us to investigate the mystery to find out what is behind it. Cases quoted are, among others, the 15 March 1965 Everglades encounter, the 1976 Teheran case, and the famous Cash-Landrum-sighting.

BRIEF NOTE (p. 28)

A description of the internet UFO data files which contain most cases by groups MUFON-CES, GEP, and CENAP; as well as the possibility to enter own sightings.

REVIEWS (pp. 29-32)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.