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UFO OBSERVATIONS (pp. 34-39)

On 16 May 2009, a woman observed "two parallel green lines" in the night sky over Leipzig. They were experimental laser beams projected by the Leibniz-Institut.

Still ongoing is a case at Hohenmölsen where the witness believes he is the ambassador (and the only contactee of extraterrestrials on earth) for Cassiopeia. To substantiate these claim, he takes pictures of cloud formations and interprets lens flares as motherships. GEP classes these events as fantasy.

UFOs, ABDUCTIONS, AND THE UNIVERSITY (pp. 40-41)

An interview with Italian psychologist Enrico Baccarini, who investigates close encounter vases and apparitions in Italy. While he thinks that 95 % of the reports have conventional explanations, the remaining 5 % still puzzle him. There is no academic research into UFOs in Italy, all is done by private investigation groups.

'THIS LOOKS LIKE' - METHODOLOGY IN ANCIENT ASTRONAUTICS (pp. 42-47)

In ancient astronaut research, one of the methods used is that, if an ancient image or tale resembles modern technology, it must be a record of technology. Also, it is claimed that contact between higher civilisations and more primitive people will without exception lead to so called cargo cults where the more primitive people will ape the more advanced ones. The author shows that this is not the case and that cargo cults are actually an exception, and that no image interpretation must take place without considering the relevant cultures context.

FALSE MEMORIES AND UFO ABDUCTIONS (pp. 48-58)

Thomas Bollard's study of the false memory syndrome and UFO abductions, outlining similarities and pointing out differences, taken from the Journal of UFO Studies 8, 2003, part 2.

'BETWEEN TWO WORLDS' (pp. 59-62)

This year's DEGUFO meeting hosted talks on Ken Wilber's integral theory applied to Ufology, analysing UFO photos with divining rods, UFO detectors at Knittelfeld (where there is an ongoing series of repeater sightings) which resulted in pictures which may only show birds, post-WW II UFO press reports, abductions, and exopolitics. The second day hosted a think tank of all major German UFO organisations who discussed how to better cooperate.