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"It's a very dangerous thing to believe in nonsense." — James Randi

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Probing Exosemination

by Martin S. Kottmeyer

I don't know if what soon follows counts as a 'discovery' within proper scientific definitions, but it certainly had an electrifying quality when I first learned of it. It was not something I dug up or was really looking for and, in truth, I was not even the first person to find it and realize there was significance to this piece of information. I learned of it from a draft of an article a colleague was writing on the Hill abduction case. (1) He had acquired in his research a copy of a report by Walter Webb on his investigation into the case dated August 30, 1965. He was of course employing sound historiography in his investigation. One should ideally confer with the earliest possible documents to minimize the distortions that inevitably arise as people retell stories about the case. His eye landed on a detail that only a handful of people knew about. It was something that never made it into *The Interrupted Journey*, for it was of a sexual nature. It was inappropriate for a mass market book — particularly so in the Sixties, which was still something of a too genteel age for an item of this nature. Had it been revealed, there would inevitably be jokes about it, as later UFO history could be pointed to in proof.

I read *The Interrupted Journey* when it first came out in the Sixties in paperback and I have read it many times since—not only because it is an important work in the history of ufology, but it is a good read. It is an exciting little tale of horror. I followed developments in the story like the identification of Zeta Reticuli on Betty's star map drawing with the same interest other people watch sequels. One notable development came in the Eighties as it became known that a line in the book that mentioned a cup being placed over the groin had been a veiled reference to the taking of sperm. (2) One student of abduction mythology, Terry Matheson, recently raised a doubt about this development and was suspicious that neither Hopkins, Jacobs, nor Mack gave their ultimate source for this information. Matheson twice remarks that he has been unable to verify the existence of a source for the claim that that Barney Hill had a sperm sample taken. He charges they are accepting "uncorroborated statements on faith." (3) In fact, however, the Webb report does confirm the fact that Barney claimed it. Barney openly spoke of sperm being withdrawn in the hypnosis sessions; the detail was felt to be too much a matter of bad taste to include it in the book. This is not the discovery.

The secret though is in the same paragraph of the Webb report. I was surprised enough by it that I had to ask another ufologist, Karl Pflock, for a copy of the Webb report to see with my own eyes than this was no joke. Also, I wanted to see the context to make sure I had all the relevant facts before coming forward with my suspicions of what it meant. This is the passage under consideration:

"He felt a cup-like device placed around his genitals and believed a sperm specimen was somehow withdrawn. His left arm was scraped for skin cells, and his ears and throat were checked. He was rolled over on his stomach. A cylindrical object was inserted up his rectum, and once again the witness believed something was extracted." (4)

Now, it is no secret to anybody that rectal probes are a procedure used by UFO aliens. Whitley Strieber's best seller *Communion* (1987) made the procedure notorious and it has been the butt of popular humor. (5) But it is news that it appeared anywhere before Strieber's book and even more that it was part of the Hill case, the canonical abduction case.

It has been a recurring puzzle to those thinking about abductions why aliens would put probes up anybody's anal orifice. (6) The passage in Webb's report clicked on the proverbial light bulb above my head. Seeing the talk of something being withdrawn "once again" as the cylindrical probe is inserted a couple lines after there is talk of a sperm specimen being "somehow with-

drawn" from Barney immediately brought to my mind a procedure I knew about because I live in a farming community. The sperm used in the artificial insemination of cattle is acquired by a handler inserting an electrical probe in the rectum of a prize bull and zapping him to induce release. Rather than haul bulls around in trailers to various farms to mount and mate with females, the sperm is collected through this procedure, divided up, processed, and shipped. It is mainly a matter of good economics, since a single bull can be used to impregnate literally hundreds of females this way in a short time with none of

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From the Chairman

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There is one aspect of being Chairman that I don't like and never have—that is the portion of the job in which I have to try to get others involved and helping out more. Part of it is that I know that I don't like to be pushed into doing things, but another part is that I often come off sounding preachy or whiny—neither of which is terribly attractive nor conducive to getting more people to help.

With that said, however, this is exactly what I'm about to do in this column. Now wait a minute—don't turn the page yet! I know you'd rather read about aliens taking sperm samples, but the article in this issue is actually a good example of what I need to discuss.

After last month's issue, we were left with absolutely no backlog of articles. We were stumped. I jokingly thought to myself, "Well, when this has happened before, I've gotten an article from Martin Kottmeyer and that took care of at least one issue." When I next checked the post office box, lo and behold, there it was! Thank you, Martin! But we can't count on that kind of psychic power working on a regular basis (indeed, if it did, we'd have quite a lot to write about!).

Similarly, you may have noticed that we have been kind of lacking in the meeting department lately. I mean, we've had meetings, but they have generally been discussions or videos. And that's what we're having again this month. Nothing wrong with that, but we tend to get more attendance and interest with speakers.

What is the cause for these issues? Well, mostly it's that I, as chairman, have historically done almost all of these things and lately I have simply not had the time. I am the most frequent contributor to this newsletter (not even counting this monthly column). I also seek out new articles from other group newsletters and do most of the actual copyediting (grammar and

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spelling) for the other articles that appear here. I also organize almost all of the meetings, including tracking down speakers (or videotapes) and setting everything up. I've been doing this for over nine years now and have enjoyed it, but the fact is that things change.

I have a family, including two young sons. I have a full-time job. And, as many of you already know, I also do freelance writing on the side. Indeed, while this works out well when I review a book for the newspaper and can later reprint it here, more often than not there is no overlap. Included in my freelance work is not just the book review you see every two weeks in the *State Journal-Register*, but other articles and reviews for magazines as well. Plus I run two websites to boot! And when time permits, I help at Skeptic News and The Straight Dope (though the "Face on Mars" article from last month was the final backlogged Straight Dope Staff Report I had left as well, because I went from being the most prolific Staff Report writers in 2000 to among the least in 2001—for pretty much the same reasons as I'm discussing here).

So as you can see, my time for REALL has definitely decreased right at the moment.

But my point here is not to talk about me (though that may be hard to tell), but to talk about everybody. Specifically, I think everybody reading this has something to offer to REALL, and we need to take advantage of that. First, we need to fill out the REALL Board, which has been one person short for a year now. I should take this opportunity to point out that I'm certainly not the only person who does work with REALL—the Board definitely deserves thanks for all the work they do! But we need more people like them. We will be holding elections next month (see below), and I would like to see some new faces and names. OK, well, at least *one* new face and name would be nice!

I know many people don't want to get into something where they are actually an officer. That's fine—we're willing to take any volunteers to do just about anything! Want to help us organize meetings? Heck, do you just have an idea for a meeting or want to talk to the group? Do you want to write something up for the newsletter? Any of these things would be greatly appreciated! And don't think that you have to be a super-expert, either. If you want to lead a REALL discussion about some topic that has interested you, or just write about it, please let me know! We've done both things before and had great results. Even if you just read a book that you think is appropriate to discuss with REALL members, we can do that as well (again, either at a meeting or in the newsletter as a review).

One thing I've found in talking to many of the other local skeptics group leaders is that one or two people do almost everything, and eventually those people get burned out and the group goes comatose. That's what happened in Chicago—and they still haven't recovered. I could run down a list of similar cases across the U.S. I certainly don't plan on leaving REALL, but we need some new blood to get the circulation going again. So if you'd like to volunteer to do anything, please feel free to give me a call on the REALL hotline (726-5354) or, better yet, send me an e-mail at chairman@reall.org.

March Meeting

This month we will be meeting at our usual time and

place—Tuesday, March 5, 7:00, in the Lincoln Library's Carnegie South Room. We will be having a roundtable discussion meeting. Have a topic you've wanted to talk about or a question you've wanted to ask? Come to the meeting and we'll have a grand old time! Even though we all enjoy speakers, the roundtable discussions have been some of our most enjoyable meetings in the past, so I hope to see you there!

April Meeting

As indicated above, we will have Elections at our April meeting, which will be Tuesday, April 2, 7:00, also at the Lincoln Library's Carnegie South Room. In the past we've had elections a bit later, but we get our paperwork from the Secretary of State's Office in April, so we figured we should put down the most current officers instead of the ones that only have one more month left. If you would like to run, please let me know ahead of time so I can be prepared—this is especially the case if you won't be able to attend the actual meeting for some reason. Again, e-mail me at chairman@reall.org. ☠

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the risks and costs associated with travel and acclimation to a new herd.

Electro-ejaculation—the formal name for this procedure—works on other animals and has been used in work with endangered species. It also works on humans. We know this from, among other places, its use in cases where people made impotent by spinal cord injuries wish to acquire sperm for impregnation of their mate. It is the procedure of choice for it consistently succeeds where attempted alternatives like vibrators fail. (7) We can also add there is some evidence it has been used recreationally. (8)

Strict textual inerrantists will object that the passage in Webb is obviously not electro-ejaculation and must be something sublimely and incomprehensibly alien. After all, Webb nowhere says that the alien zapped him to release the sperm and it also puts getting the sperm specimen before Barney is rolled over onto his stomach and inserted with the probe. These are perfectly valid points. Still, the coincidence of sperm acquisition and rectal probing so close together in the account begs careful consideration. The problem with simple dismissal is that the passage speaks of the sperm specimen being withdrawn "somehow." Does this register as a matter of plausible mystery or does this instead indicate confusion on somebody's part. By this I mean that one does not really expect it to be mysterious to Barney himself how a sperm specimen is taken. This is surely a matter of intimate body sensations that would be the least likely detail of the experience to be forgotten. Run through the possibilities that spring to the imagination: hand job, blow job, rubbing, squeezing, tickling, vacuum suction, vibration, surgery, catheters, needles, mechanical pump. Wouldn't any manner of sperm extraction be too vivid an experience to be a matter of 'somehow?' Recall a passage of more recent vintage written by John Mack, "In *Abduction* I wrote of the bitter humiliation for men of having their penises stimulated, ejaculation induced, and sperm taken against their will." (9) There seems to be an implication that such things are the hardest things for aliens to erase from memory.

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There are at least two ways to interpret the 'somehow.' The first is that Webb was confused by what he heard during the regressions and did not have the background to straighten out or resolve the fragments of what he picked up. The second is that Barney's mind first came up with the notion of sperm extraction, perhaps as the gender correct converse to Betty's 'pregnancy test,' and filled in the detail of the rectal probe after it searched for a few moments how it could be accomplished. That this material took a moment or two to find would resolve upon the fact that it was acquired when Barney was a youth. It is a matter of the historical record that Barney's uncle owned a farm and took care of Barney for a time. (10) His exposure to knowledge of artificial breeding back then is thus not exactly a stretch. Access to the tapes or full transcripts of the regressions of Barney by Dr. Simon could in principle clarify the source of the ambiguity, but I'll gladly leave that to other experts assuming anybody really cares. For my purposes, it does not really matter, for, to paraphrase a certain orator, I come not bury Barney, but to praise him.

Frankly, if Barney did have electro-ejaculation in mind, I consider this a big plus for the credibility of his account. If aliens really wanted to extract sperm from a human, there is no doubt in my mind that this is the best way to do it. Electro-ejaculation works. It does not oblige any subtle knowledge about the history of the person's sexuality. It does not require the selection of ideal females. It does not require the cooperation of the specimen or his consent. It is cheap. It is simple. It is reliable. If you accept the premises of the major abductologists that aliens just want the genetic materials and are indifferent workers getting the job done, then it makes sense that they use the same procedure we use on cattle and other animals.

If Barney did not have electro-ejaculation in mind, that fact would be a minus. It is easy to concede that there may be other interpretations. The suggestion has been made that the probe was simply to collect a specimen of feces. Later accounts of alien rectal probes have prompted the suggestion they involve the extracting of monitoring implants. Yet, it then becomes curious why Betty was not subjected to the same procedure as a matter of standardized method. The aliens do scrape skin cells from both of them. They also examine the ears and throat of both Barney and Betty. Why do they do things differently in this matter if it is not because the procedure is for the purpose of exosemination? If students of abductions willingly accept this paradox, the passage then becomes merely serendipitous. Its service was to point the way to structure our thinking about the issue of exosemination. (11) Acquiring sperm is a matter of terrestrial biology and not of remote philosophy or futuristic speculation. We are in a position to judge techniques that are good and those that are not. Aliens **should** be using electro-ejaculation.

Now pops on the light bulb. The problem, as any reader of abduction literature at this instant is realizing, is that the aliens have not been using this procedure. The aliens have used about everything you can imagine **except** this procedure. Budd Hopkins tells of an abductee named Ed Duvall who reported that aliens tried to get sperm from him using a suction device placed over the penis. Ed said the procedure was painful and failed to give him either an erection or an ejaculation. Ed also tells of a different time when a female Gray mounted and rode him till he

orgasmed. Two guys then took little spoons and scraped the leftover semen off to put in a specimen bottle. Hopkins indicated he had investigated four such cases of intercourse with alien females. One is a police officer named J.E. who indicates a thing that looked like a woman, but was not a woman, mounted him as he was in an immobilized state, and thereby induced the "forced taking of a sperm sample." (12) He also writes of Dan Seldin who experiences a clear conical object placed over his genital area that causes a vibrating sensation. (13)

David Jacobs, in *Secret Life*, describes several methods: massage, a pumping machine, a comb gimmick, a distributor cap placed over the penis, and the use of mind-bonding to inject pornographic imagery. (14) In *The Threat*, there is a mind-boggling discussion in which Jacobs reveals that while aliens usually collect sperm using a device attached to the penis, it sometimes fails. Aliens then resort to masturbatory techniques, but this also does not work at times. They then force intercourse between humans and at the moment the man begins to ejaculate they pull the humans apart to collect the sperm. Jacobs remarks that this tricky procedure has accidentally resulted in several pregnancies. He's known abductees who became pregnant without earthbound sexual partners and gave birth to normal healthy children. (15)

Elsewhere, we learn in the Canadian case of Allagash that one twin experiences a black thing with joints on it that flutters down like a butterfly, but the other experiences an alien fiddling with his penis in order to create an erection. (16) Twins and even they don't come up with the same procedure in the same encounter.

Down in South America, Antonio Carlos Ferreira reports he gets an injection that makes him lose all strength and will. Oil is rubbed all over his body and the sexual organs and then he is placed on top of an ugly, big-headed female and made to "consummate a sexual union." (17) Frankly, Ed's version of the female being on top sounds a bit more logical.

David Huggins famously offered a painting of an exosemination procedure in which two women with faces like modern Grays hold him in a standing position and stroke him till he reaches climax. They make soft, purring sounds as he reaches climax and the semen is collected in a bowl. Behind him are present many more women who, he is told by a large mantis alien that watched the procedure, he will all give babies. They are artificially inseminated. (18)

John Mack's subjects add additional variations. One reports a smooth hand-like thing. Another experiences a faucet-like suction thing that has wires leading to the testicles. Yet another gets an incision under a testicle and sperm taken out of the scrotal sac through a needle. (19) One of his subjects, Dave, seems to almost get it right with a quote that juxtaposes the probe with exosemination: "the thing being stuck up my anus... They made me ejaculate." But a close reading introduces problems. He states he was more humiliated by the thing up his anus than by the suction-type device at the end of a tube that was put on his penis. A few pages later we learn the frightening anal probes were "reassuringly explained to him by the aliens as checkups, a kind of health maintenance program." (20) Drawings show a metal cage at the end of the probe that opens and closes and seems clearly designed to remove an implant inserted during a

prior abduction. (21) This seems to remove it as a matter relevant to the Hybrid Program.

This borders on ironic, but the absence of insight is driven by the historical context provided by Whitley Strieber. Strieber's story of anal penetration occurs in the absence of any details pointing to the Hybrid Program. Specifically, there is no mention of sperm being taken. He describes an enormous ugly object, narrow and triangular, at least a foot long, that swarmed into him as if it had a life of its own. He speculates its purpose was to collect fecal matter, but at the time he thought he had been raped. Afterwards, they warn him about something as they point to a wire cage on the tip, but he does not know what that warning was about. (22) This is rather reminiscent of dreams and could have a number of interpretations. Showing him the tip might for example be as mundane a matter as indicating they know he has been eating something he knows he should not be eating. Dietary concerns appear elsewhere in his abduction writings, notably fears about his sugar addiction. In *Transformation*, the first sequel to *Communion*, his entities give him a warning he **does** understand, "If you continue to eat sweets, you cannot hope to live long, and if you eat chocolate you will die." (23)

Examples of anal probes in the period since Strieber's book uniformly seem to lack any insight that there is any connection between the probe and exosemination. The most obvious disconnect lies in the fact that there have been cases of women receiving rectal probes. Katharina Wilson lists experiencing a rectal probe in a tally of her physiological experiences involving abductions. (24) Two of Edith Fiore's female abductees, Sandi and Barbara, also reported having the procedure done to them. (25) We should also note that Dave's incongruous connection of rectal probes to implants was corroborated by one of Dolores Cannon's subjects, Janice, who relayed information by a Gray saying the rectum was a common site for their monitoring devices. (26) Would anybody with even a smattering of medical knowledge sincerely think that's a smart place to implant a monitor?

The failure of anyone, apart possibly from Barney, to hit on the idea of electro-ejaculation to induce exosemination is not really any great shock. It is specialist knowledge largely confined to certain groups. Farmers, vets, fertility clinics, and a few sexually disadvantaged people know about it. Most everybody else does not.

We can frame this issue in another interesting manner. A pair of ufologists have indicated that they sometimes hold back certain pieces of information like names used by aliens to test whether other abductees will come up with corroborative testimony at a later date. This is in mimicry of police protocols to withhold from the media important details of cases to trip up copycat criminals and those coming forward with phony confessions. The gentleman's agreement by Fuller and others to hold in silence the details in Barney's regression speaking of sperm samples and rectal probes provides an unintended de facto experiment in whether copycat abductees can come up with the secret details that were left unpublished.

The answer seems a firm No. On the matter of aliens taking sperm samples, the historical record shows the abductees in the first couple decades after the publication of *The Interrupted Journey* did not catch on to what that cup on the groin was

about. In the October 6, 1967, abduction of Eugene Scott of Belfast, Ireland, we get a specific statement by aliens that they want "the seed of earth men and for that purpose had experimented all over the world." But they acquire it the old-fashioned way. They lead the man to a friendly lady nearly identical to the female in the Antonio Villas Boas case and they have a sexual relationship. (27)

Bullard's study of abduction cases in the period up to 1985 clearly indicates this was, initially at least, the preferred method. Under a table of reproductive themes, he gives nine instances of sexual intercourse. Most of these happen in South America and clearly are variants upon the Antonio Villas Boas case. Bullard puts another five instances of reproductive themes as specifically involving sperm samples in this period. (28)

The first he cites is the Villas Boas case. His abduction account pre-dates the Hill case and would probably cause some readers to scratch their heads if they have only read the famous report by Fontes. It only speaks of sexual intercourse. It is listed because, in 1978, AVB resurfaced on Brazilian television and indicated that a detail was withheld: The woman used a container to collect a sperm sample from him at the end of their second union, which Villas Boas presumed was retained. (29)

In October 1979, Julio F. of the Soria province in Spain reported that he experienced a wire that went inside his urethra. He is told that samples have been taken both of his semen and his urine. (30) In January 1981, Jocelino de Mattos, a Brazilian, reports the aliens use hypnotic suggestion to create arousal, then put a soft rubber tube over the penis that produced a gentle suction. Shortly afterwards he is induced to couple with a female, but neither she nor him seem to feel emotions. They do it "without any desire—like a robot." (31) Given the date, these two seem likely to have been inspired by Villas Boas's televised amendment.

The fourth case listed is the October 1972 Argentine case of Gilberto Ciccioli. He is abducted by humans with "extremely long, slender profiles." They take blood from his fingers, unlike the chin-cupping seen in AVB. The precise manner in which they took sperm from him was not described, but it was indicated they put it carefully into a receptacle. (32)

The fifth on the list was police officer J.E. who we already mentioned as losing it during intercourse with a woman thing. None of this resembles what we saw in Barney Hill's account.

Several years after the death of Barney in 1969, John Fuller revealed in a foreword to a revised edition of *The Interrupted Journey* that the cup over the groin involved exosemination: "In Barney's recall under hypnosis, he had re-lived several painful parts of the purported abduction. In one instance, he had reported that he felt the humanoids placing an instrument on his genitals, ostensibly to draw semen out. He had reacted so violently that Dr. Simon had had to take him temporarily out his trance." (September 1979 Foreword by Fuller to UK Corgi 1981 revised edition of IJ) Upon finding this, Peter Brookesmith commented, "This is what you might call a silent gloss on the episode, since Fuller does not alter his running text, quoting from the hypnosis session transcripts. There was presumably a 1979/80 U.S. edition of this, er, seminal work—so sperm extraction (but not rectal reaming) was out there, well in the public domain before it reached the more specialist litera-

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Creationists Admit to Incorrect Arguments, But...

by David Bloomberg

I was doing some catch-up reading recently, which included the May-August 2001 issue of the National Center for Science Education (NCSE) newsletter, *Reports*. For those of you who don't already know, the NCSE is the primary pro-evolution/anti-creationism group in the U.S. (possibly in the world). On one page of the newsletter, they had an interesting little blurb about the creationist group, Answers in Genesis and a website they have listed 35 anti-evolution arguments they recommend creationists should stop using. I was interested enough to check the site, and further interested enough that I thought I'd write a bit about it here.

The site, found at www.answersingenesis.org/home/area/faq/dont-use.asp/, starts by admitting what I wish more creationists would admit: "The primary authority for Answers in Genesis is the infallible Word of God, the Bible." In other words, this is not a scientific organization (no matter what anybody might claim). They then go on to note that since evolutionists keep revising their theories, it's not surprising that creationists should have to as well. (Nitpick: none of their 35 items is actually a theory.) Some of the arguments they list "are definitely fallacious," according to the site, "while others are merely doubtful or unsubstantiated." They have brief discussions on these and I really wish all creationists would read it because at least it would get rid of so many of the bogus arguments we've heard over and over and over again. I'm not going to go over all of them, but I'll hit some of the high points.

So, which arguments should they definitely not use? "Darwin recanted on his deathbed" is a good lead-off. They note that it's almost certainly not true and even if it were, it would have no bearing on the actual evidence. Wow. What a surprisingly refreshing statement to see from creationists!

Next we have the argument that the thickness (or rather thinness) of the dust layer on the moon proves it must be young, where they admit that the early estimates of moon dust were wrong. Interestingly, when they later discuss the "doubtful" argument that the speed of light has decayed over time, they don't point out that the same thing holds true – early estimates were wrong, which caused the incorrect appearance that light has been slowing down. This helped remind me that while they may be pulling back on some arguments, they are selective in which ones they will admit are wrong.

One that I actually covered in a Straight Dope Staff Report (which was then reprinted in this newsletter) is the question, "If we evolved from apes, why are there still apes today?" Their explanation of this one, like a number of the others, first takes pot-shots at scientists before admitting to being wrong. But they eventually get around to the point that groups can split off without the main bulk of the animals being affected, and thus there is no reason to think apes would have disappeared as humans appeared (of course, all of this is couched in terms about what "many evolutionists believe").

One that I was surprised to see on this list is "There are no

beneficial mutations." However, even as they admit it's incorrect, they move into this bizarre area of "added information" that we have been hearing more about recently and claim, "We have yet to find a mutation that increases genetic information, even in those rare instances where the mutation confers an advantage." In this case it's really just the same old story in a new package.

Another one in that group is the claim that "No new species have been produced." They admit that new species have indeed been observed, but then immediately note that "rapid speciation is an important part of the creation model." Of course, this is speciation "within the kind" (whatever that might be). Same as above – new name, same baloney.

One area where we'd certainly like to see creationists make great strides is in their misuse of out-of-context quotes. And indeed AIG addresses one of them here in saying they should stop using Darwin's quote about eye evolution being absurd. They admit it is "subtly out of context" because he went on to say that it is easy to imagine how the eye could evolve in a step-by-step process. Well, admitting to one out-of-context quote is great. Now they just have to get on the other thousand or so that are routinely used...

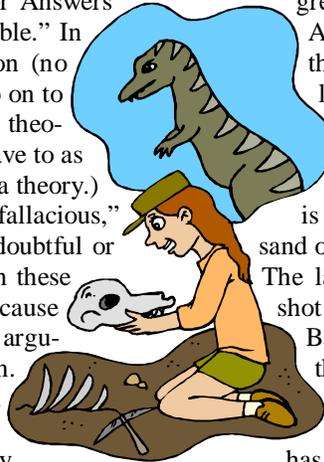
The last of their "definite" arguments not to use takes a shot at other prominent creationists by saying that Carl Baugh should not be relied upon for pretty much anything. They also note that some "talented creationist speakers" continue to rely on him even though they shouldn't, and point to Kent Hovind, whose name has appeared a number of times in this newsletter, as an example.

In the "doubtful" department, we have "Evolution is just a theory." They note that people generally mean, "Evolution is not proven fact, so it should not be promoted dogmatically," and so that's what people should say. They go on to explain how scientists use the word "theory" and suggest instead that creationists call it a "hypothesis" or "conjecture." The problem, of course, is that evolution actually is the "well-substantiated explanation of data" that they explain a "theory" to be. So calling it anything else is incorrect. Not that it would stop them, of course.

In the "missing the point" department, they say creationists should avoid the claim that "there are no transitional forms" because "there are candidates, even though they are highly dubious." They suggest instead pointing out that there are indeed only a handful of disputable possibilities. But they're still wrong. Again, this minor fact won't stop them.

Once again bringing up the whole information bit, they suggest staying away from admitting that "creationists believe in microevolution by not macroevolution." They say the issue distracts from the supposed fact that there has never been an increase in genetic information, just "sorting and loss of information."

Some of the arguments are so obscure (to most people reading this) or just plain ridiculous that I didn't bother to list



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ture. Plenty of time for it to get around before Hopkins started on *Intruders*...” It was subsequently learned that Simon & Schuster did offer a new edition in 1978.(33)

Alerted to the presence of exosemination in this classic, interest by ufology evidently began to focus on the presence of a Breeding Program in abduction narratives, an idea that had been floating around in minor way in the UFO literature in works before Hopkins, e.g. in the writings of Coral Lorenzen, Otto Binder, and Hans Holzer. The precise mechanics of the process were vague, however, and abductees had no clear guide on what was expected to happen to generate exosemination. As the issue is more directly forced, we get an interesting spectrum of creative variations that hit on virtually every way a person with no specialist knowledge can imagine it happening and even a couple ways you probably wouldn't want to. They were guessing wildly and they never hit on what medical and animal husbandry specialists knew worked best from practical experience. We also never encounter a narrative in which both sperm samples and rectal probes pair up in the same paragraph as we saw in the Webb report. Can anyone realistically allege such an observation would be possible had this pairing become high profile by appearing in *The Interrupted Journey*? With the secret safely kept, the copycats did not have information enough to work with. They were forced to improvise.

We can frame our insight in one final way: as a straightforward paradox to the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis. If the passage in the Webb report does truly represent aliens utilizing electroejaculation, why do purportedly business-like aliens subsequently mess around with all these inferior, often clumsier, variations that even the apologists for abduction reality report have repeatedly failed—indeed—*dramatically* failed?

Notes

1. Peter Brookesmith, "Of Time and the River: The Hills' Abduction Account as 'Mythic First.' forthcoming.
2. Budd Hopkins, *Intruders*, 1987, p. 81: "Barney Hill recalled that a sperm sample had been taken from him by his captors. This important detail was omitted from John Fuller's book on the Hill case, *The Interrupted Journey*; it was probably considered too sensational to include in what was already an 'unbelievable' account." David Jacobs *Secret Life*, 1992, p.40: "Although John Fuller's 1966 book about the episode, *Interrupted Journey*, described the pregnancy test performed on Betty, he decided not to include the fact that the Beings had extracted a sperm sample from Barney. This was too embarrassing for the Hills and for Fuller in the mid-1960s, and he did not mention it lest it detract from the veracity of the account." Also, John Mack, *Abduction*, Scribner's, 1994, p. 14.
3. Terry Matheson *Alien Abductions: Creating a Modern Phenomenon* Prometheus, 1998, pp. 73, 255.
4. Webb, Walter "A Dramatic Encounter in the White Mountains, New Hampshire: The Hill Case - September 19-20," a document to NICAP dated August 30, 1965, p. 11.
5. Dennis Miller, *Ranting Again* Doubleday, 1998, p. 181: "...please stay out of our asses. Okay? There's nothing in our asses that will help your dying planet... My asshole thanks you. Life is tough enough out there without you proctonauts downing a couple cases of Zima and getting your moon rocks off checking on Jethro's oil."
6. A recent example from an essay by Joel Hoekstra: "(although no one seems to know for sure what the anal probes are for.)" -- "Little Green Men: An Essay about Alien Contact" Mr. Hook's Portfolio Sample #13, 5pp. webdocument accessed circa 2000
7. "Vibratory stimulation and rectal probe electroejaculation as therapy for patients with spinal cord injury: Semen parameters and pregnancy rates" J. Urol. 1996; 155: 554-9 assesses the latter form of semen extraction this way: "This method was extremely effective, working in all but 2 of 34 patients who

elected to try it after failing to achieve success with vibratory stimulation." <http://www.medicconsult.com/mc/mcsite.nsf/condition/spinal-journal+articles~MCOR-47WMGX>

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9. John Mack, *Passport to the Cosmos*, Crown, 1999, p. 119.

10. John Fuller, *The Interrupted Journey* Dell, 1966, p. 74.

11. The term is presumably wordplay alluding to both exo-biology as the science of alien exploration and the effort to acquire sperm out of males as mirror inverse to artificial insemination.

12. Budd Hopkins, "UFO Abductions: The Invisible Epidemic," *1981 MUFON Symposium Proceedings*, pp. 43-58. & Budd Hopkins, *Intruders*, Random House, 1987, pp. 140-53.

13. Budd Hopkins, *Intruders*, Random House, 1987, pp. 140-53.

14. *Secret Life*, pp. 122-31

15. *The Threat*, 1998, pp. 76-80

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28. T.E. Bullard *Abductions: The Measure of a Mystery* FFUFOR, 1987 pp. 99, 102; table VI-4

29. "Brazil: New Light on a Sexual Abduction" *Probe* September, 1980, p. 79.

30. Antonio Ribera "The Soria Abduction: Part 3" *Flying Saucer Review*, 30, #5, (June 1985), pp. 2-4.

31. Prof. A. J. Gevaerd & Wendelle Stevens *UFO Abduction at Maringá: The AGRIPRO Experiment*, UFO Photo Archives, 1984-7, pp. 84-5

32. Gordon Creighton translation, "Buenos Aires Builder Allegedly Kidnapped by Entities" *Flying Saucer Review*, 19, #6, pp. 16-17.

33. "abebooks.com" accessed January 2002. ♡

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them. It's telling that AIG has to list them in order to get creationists to stop using those arguments! And still, trust me, we *will* continue to see these.

I do applaud AIG for trying to set the record straight on some of these, but that applause is rather tempered because they more often than not use the opportunity to instead point people in yet a different incorrect creationist direction rather than simply admitting creationists were/are wrong about the issue at hand. ♡

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