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Anthropology 121

Quiz #5
Kidnapped by UFO's

1. What impact has Whitley Strieber's book, *Communion* had on the UFO abduction phenomenon?
Popularized it...made it seem viable

2. T/F Books on abductions outnumber all other subjects in the field of ufology.
True – compelling subject
3. Who were Betty and Barney Hill?
First Americans to report being abducted by aliens

4. How has hypnosis been used to explore the abduction experience?
Recovered memory – plus support groups and media facilitate the believing...

5. T/F It is rare for a UFO abduction investigator to use leading questions during a hypnosis session.
False – have an agenda of establishing contact/abduction
6. T/F Abductions often begin with the perception of very bright light.
True –and can be “created” in a lab using such light
7. T/F The visions of abductees are analogous to the experiences of religious ecstasies who reported seeing angels, demons and devils.
True – reflective of concerns of our modern era
8. Why do so many abductions involve the probing of the genitals?
Concern with reproduction – need human sperm/eggs to further their species

9. What kinds of gospel have alien abductions offered?
Peace, acceptance, reverence

10. T/F The body can remember things that the conscious mind cannot.
False – only through hallucination
11. In regards to the causes of alien abduction, contrast the views of Carl Sagan with those of John Mack and Bud Hopkins.
Sagan tried to contact other aliens sending signals into outerspace...but considers current reports to be shared hallucinations.
Mack and Hopkins see commonality in the reports and have been supportive of abductees stories

12. What is *recovered memory*? Why is it so controversial?

Memories can be created when nothing of the sort actually happened...certainly the case for child abuse and alien abduction.

13. Who is Elizabeth Loftus and what did her studies on recovered memory establish?

Psychologist at University of Washington – girl in the shopping mall story. She contends that these false memories should not be believed.

14. Why were there virtually no reports of flying saucers prior to the 20th century?

a. the technologies of aliens had not yet advanced to that level b. humans were not aware of what flying saucers were and thus were unlikely to recognize them c. the media was very skeptical at the time and downplayed sightings d. society wasn't technologically evolved enough for such images to seep into the human unconscious

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Close Encounters of the Facial Kind

1. What does the archetypical alien face look like?

Large eyes – small chin – how a newborn might view it's mother

2. Most aliens are reported to have: (select those that apply)

a. double-slit nostrils b. open mouths c. diagonally oriented eyes d. humanoid in shape

A,C,D

3. T/F Most alien encounters are reported under hypnotic regression.

True – require encouragement from hypnotist

4. T/F Human facial recognition appears to be prewired before birth.

True

5. T/F Newborns are able to see in color.

False

6. Prosopagnosia refers to: (select those that apply)

a. inability to recognize faces b. perception of alien faces c. perception of faces that aren't there d. inability to recognize gender

A,C

7. T/F Due to the newborn's undeveloped perceptual abilities, their recognition of human faces may resemble those of archetypical aliens.

True – earliest vision of faces...

8. T/F It's possible that the template for a female UFO-type face is preprogrammed into the human brain.

True – fascinating..