

Speculative Realms

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The Damage: Shadow of the Satan Shrinks, Part II

by Gary Haden

Dr. August Piper Jr., author of [Hoax and Reality: The Bizarre World of Multiple Personality Disorder](#), writing in the *Skeptical Inquirer*, Volume 22.3, May/June of 1998, had this to say about the consequences of being diagnosed with Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD):

MPD patients often significantly deteriorate during treatment [references omitted]. One of the disorder's leading adherents acknowledges that MPD psychotherapy "causes significant disruption in a patient's life outside the treatment setting" and that suicide attempts may occur in the weeks following the diagnosis [reference omitted]. As MPD psychotherapy progresses, patients may become more dissociative, more anxious, or more depressed [reference omitted]; the longer they remain in treatment, the more florid, elaborate, and unlikely their stories about their alleged childhood maltreatment tend to become [references omitted]. This worsening contributes to the lengthy hospitalizations — some costing millions of dollars [references omitted] — that often occur when MPD patients who are well-insured are treated by the disorder's enthusiasts. Hospitalizations occur more frequently after the MPD diagnosis is made [references omitted].

MPD-focused therapists have struggled mightily to explain these rather embarrassing results of their interventions. Examining these explanations is beyond the scope of this article.[1] [References omitted.] However, several recent malpractice juries have found the explanations unimpressive. The juries have preferred a simple and logical explanation for the worsening status of these patients: patients worsen after beginning MPD-focused therapy because therapists cause them to do so — by, among other things, encouraging ever-more-dramatic displays of "alters."
 [1](Emphases added.)

How grossly negligent can practitioners get when they play around with this psychological explosive? Piper lets us in on yet another horror story:

[A] woman in Chicago consulted a psychiatrist for depression (Frontline 1995). He concluded that she suffered from MPD, that she had abused her own children, and that she had gleefully participated in Satan-worshipping cult orgies where pregnant women were eviscerated and their babies eaten. Her failure to recall these events was attributed to alters that blocked her awareness. No one had produced any evidence for the truth of any of this, no one had seen her do anything unusual, no one had come forward to say they had participated in satanic activities with her. But no matter.

The doctor notified the state that the woman was a child molester. Then, after convincing her that she had killed several adults because she had been told to do so by satanists, he threatened to notify the police about these "criminal activities."

The woman's husband believed the doctor's claims. He divorced her. And, of course, because she was a "child molester," she lost custody of her children. (Emphases added.)[2]

"[P]atients have an inalienable right," says Martin T. Orne and Nancy K. Bauer-Manley, "to expect that the therapist is committed to staying grounded in reality, as well as the right to expect that they will be respected and taken seriously. To honor and meet both of these legitimate expectations, the therapist can afford neither to mistake metaphor for reality, nor to become trapped into abandoning a serious interest in the patient's self-reports.[3]"

The ability of a therapist, or for that matter, an amateur hypnotist, to stay grounded seems an especially challenging task when the practitioner is seeking to confirm his or her own paranormal belief system through the use of psychological explosives such as MPD and hypnosis, often in combination.

In *Tyo v. Ash, et al and Colin Ross*,[4] another Texas satanic abuse case, the plaintiff sued four former therapists, and two Texas hospitals. The plaintiff details in the complaint that she was seeking help for depression and marital problems. She had never been diagnosed with any kind of dissociative disorder.

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The defendant the plaintiff originally consulted “[u]sed suggestive and hypnotic techniques”[5] and regressed the plaintiff to a childlike state where memories of abuse were allegedly recovered. This was just the first stop on the plaintiff’s journey down the rabbit hole.

The plaintiff was referred out to another defendant who was a “cult specialist.” Using the **Rorschach Test**, the Specialist deduced, using analytical skill rivaling Sherlock Holmes, that the plaintiff had MPD.

The Complaint describes suggestive and coercive techniques, including hypnosis, that led [plaintiff] to believe horrendous “memories” of sexual abuse, ritual murders, and torture by members of her family. [The Specialist], however, allegedly never attempted to independently verify the “repressed memories” and he never obtained any consultation regarding his diagnosis, despite the fact that [plaintiff]’s condition only worsened under his care. [The Specialist] explained to [plaintiff] that her family was trying to draw her back into the cult, using “triggers” that included greeting cards displaying colored flowers. In an effort to “free” [plaintiff] from the cult and rid her of her “demon personalities,” [the Specialist] allegedly performed exorcisms.

—**Professional Negligence Charges Filed Against Well-Known Psychiatrist.**

“At this time,” the False Memory Syndrome Foundation reports, noting the decline in the plaintiff’s mental health, “according to the Complaint, [plaintiff] became increasingly distraught, depressed, and suicidal as a result of the therapy she had received. [Plaintiff] was hospitalized at Charter Hospital in Dallas but her physical condition continued to deteriorate; she had not eaten solid foods for about two weeks. While hospitalized, [plaintiff] was introduced to [Defendant Ross], who was the head of the MPD Unit at Charter and [The Specialist’s] supervisor. [Plaintiff] asked Ross for his help in determining whether or not she had MPD and expressed her concern regarding [The Specialist’s] exorcisms.”[6]

The plaintiff in *Tyo* does what Emma Woods does: she complains, ineffectually, to her practitioner about what is being done to her. The Defendant Ross does not put much stock in her resistance and recruits a “Christian” therapist to aid in the plaintiff’s treatment. The Christian Therapist divines that, among the 200 something “alters” comprising the plaintiff’s personality are God, the Archangel Michael, and other ministering angels assisting in the battle against Satan. Other “alters” in this psychological holy war were operatives of the cult. The resulting confusion from the rampage of all these alters was what was dissuading the plaintiff, Defendant Ross and the Christian Therapist contended, from believing she had MPD.

Both [Defendant Ross and the Christian Therapist] allegedly conferred with the alters, even with the alleged Satanists. In fact, the Complaint states, these alters did not exist, and the *false beliefs were the product of the coercion and suggestion resulting from the improper techniques employed* by [Defendant Ross and the Christian Therapist]. According to the Complaint, [Defendant Ross and the Christian Therapist] used these techniques without advising [plaintiff] that they were capable of causing false beliefs and memories of events which never occurred. Neither [defendant] consulted with [plaintiff] about the fact that MPD and SRA [satanic ritual abuse] were a subject of controversy within the therapeutic community. Further, [defendants] never obtained any consultation regarding her diagnosis, despite the fact that [plaintiff]’s condition only worsened under their care. They constantly reinforced the validity of her “memories” of abuse at the hands of her family and the Satanic cult. [Defendants] told [plaintiff] that since she had already left the cult once, she would most likely be *sacrificed* if she returned. Throughout [defendant’s] therapy with [the Christian Therapist], [the Christian Therapist] attributed [the defendant’s] denial of having been reprogrammed as due to “reprogramming.” (Emphases added.)

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Both David Jacobs and the Satan Shrinks of Texas were not above threatening their clients, the one with public humiliation over her reputed “mental illness,” and the other, in the case of *Tyo*, with ritual sacrifice in some nonexistent satanic ritual. Both Jacobs and the Satan Shrinks doggedly stuck to their paranormal belief systems.

It is not surprising that, in the Bible Belt, where the apocalypse and the rapture are prized communal delusions, psychologists interested in making money would tool their treatment programs to cater to religious motifs that flatter the beliefs of the locals. Using hypnosis allowed the Satan Shrinks to create a fictional metanarrative around satanic cults to generate notoriety and patronage. They also, through the use of the psychological explosive known as MPD, destroyed the psyches of many of their victims in the process.

Arguably, Jacobs used hypnosis in the same way. While he may not have piggybacked the abduction narrative on the mental illnesses of his clients, he did self-select people with parasomnia-type disorders and he used hypnosis, wittingly or no, to piggyback alien abduction on the hypnagogic and hypnopompic hallucinations that accompany parasomnias and sleep disorders. His use of the MPD diagnosis in Emma’s case, like the Christian Therapist’s identification of some of the alters in *Tyo* as God, the Archangel Michael, and various angels and demons, was infiltrated by his belief system.

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The needs of his client were secondary to his need to adhere to that belief system, even if it meant the deterioration of his client's condition. Indeed, the signs of bipolar disorder Jacobs says he detects in Emma Woods could be the direct result of his diagnosing her with MPD to avoid his own apprehension by aliens.

Actions have consequences. Especially actions one is not licensed to perform.

Both Jacobs and the Satan Shrinks were not above subjecting their clients to tremendous psychological risk, if not damage, to protect their financial bottomlines and, in Jacobs's case, to prevent capture by aliens. Both were professionally insulated from criticism, the Satan Shrinks by virtue of their complete control of the therapeutic milieu, and David Jacobs, by virtue of the complete lack of professional oversight of the hypnosis industry in the State of Pennsylvania.

Make no mistake. David Jacobs's application of the Multiple Personality Diagnosis to Emma Woods was fraught with peril and could have psychologically damaged her for life.

Notes

[1] August Piper, Jr. "Multiple Personality Disorder: Witchcraft Survives in the Twentieth Century." *Skeptical Inquirer*, Vol. 22.3, May/June, 1998.

[2] Ibid.

[3] Martin T. Ome and Nancy K. Bauer-Manley. "Disorders of Self: Myths, Metaphors, and the Demand Characteristics of Treatment." In J. Strauss and G.R. Goethals (Eds.) *The Self: Interdisciplinary Approaches*. New York: Springer-Verlag, (1991), pp. 93-106.

[4] *Professional Negligence Charges Filed Against Well-Known Psychiatrist*. FMS Foundation Newsletter, October 1998, Vol. 7, No. 8.

[5] Ibid.

[6] Ibid.

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Posted by Gary Haden at 7:01 AM 

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 **ChristChild said...**

Gary,

You do brilliant research, unlike 99.9% of those involved in paranormal study (where the unwritten rule seems to be that you must dumb it down so the listening and/or reading audience don't feel offended by any need to forge new complex neural pathways. To be a success today in the book/podcast/blog universe, you must help masturbate peoples' existing neural nets, not inconvenience them with a need to create new ones. Construction costs are high, and there are no federal funds to assist you!).

Seriously, have you considered contacting Jeremy Vaeni and perhaps presenting some of this material on his "community access" Paratopia-of-the-future?

Have you considered dropping a url link to your site in appropriate venues (such as a certain unmentionable forum?) yet again to draw some interest? I do not know how large your readership is, or if you are pretty much dancing with your shadow here. Your blog deserves some publicity. Neural pathway

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laziness be damned!

Have you heard of Russ Dizdar? He is a righteous "man of god (copyright pending) specializing in exposing the massive satanic MPD conspiracy. You might want to google him if you're seeking proof that this cottage industry is going strong. Dizdar is the darling of the Christian fringe right wing, an eloquent speaker who claims that any moment now a BLACK AWAKENING will occur, when millions of liberal Americans (who have been secretly programmed with MPD by their dentists, doctors and social workers) will receive a code signal and begin murdering "true" Christians (the ones who do NOT believe in this socialist "social justice" commie crap), Glenn Beck fans, and the other usual suspects. Then after their bloody murderous rampage against all that is pure and good is completed, another signal will trigger them all to commit mass suicide. Into the chaos that ensues will come the New World Order with Al Gore at its head to force Americans to recycle, have socialized health care and infringe on free market capitalism with (gasp) regulations!

You get the idea....other popular names in this fear based genre are Steve Quayle (the darling of Coast to Coast when the theme is "paranoia night") and Zeph Daniels (a fringe New Mexico minister who claims to come from a wealthy NWO Satanic LA family, but who escaped to now share his message of fundamentalist Christianity with the world. Everyone in the world is a satanist except him. It isn't easy living in the land of the living dead).

As you noted, David Jacobs is but another cog in a long line. You don't buy the Christian conspiracy? No problem. How about trying on the alien hybrid conspiracy for size?

Gary, don't answer the phone! It could be the NWO signal tone that activates your inner-assassin! Be very afraid, my friend. As Saint Cher said decades ago "And the Beat goes on". Either you discover that alien hybrids are stealing your jockey shorts off the clothes line, or you discover yourself surrounded by MPD victims in the marital aids aisle at Walmart. Play safe the old fashioned way: wear garlic around your neck at all times!

May 3, 2010 9:49 AM



Secret Rapture said..

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May 3, 2010 9:57 AM

Gary Haden, a.k.a Daktari Impossible said..

Cc, I think I'm going to keep a low profile. I am going to keep tabs on Jeremy.

I think I've covered about all the ground there is to cover about David Jacobs. At least, the area in which I can contribute something.

I don't know how many people read this blog. Around 10 or so. But I'll see if I can stick a widget in to measure. Google analytics just slows things down too much for me.

May 5, 2010 7:50 AM



Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said..

Gary, thank you for all your posts on this issue. I really appreciate it.

The effort that it took to have this issue register within ufology was enormous. It took years, literally. It was only when three established people in the field, Kim Carlsberg, Jeremy Vaeni and Jeff Ritzmann, made it public, that people looked at it. It is thanks to the efforts of people such as yourself who have helped to consolidate it.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the people who have commented on the issue, who recognized the serious ethical implications involved and contributed to the debate on it, and who recognized the personal distress that it caused me and offered me support. It has meant a lot.

I will continue to pursue the matter through the Office for Human Research Protections, and investigate the possibility of legal action. Once those courses of action have concluded, whatever the outcomes, I will have done all that I can.

I hope that this issue, as painful as it has been, has helped to raise awareness of the importance of the protections of human research subjects in "abduction" research.

Thank you again. It has meant a lot.

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May 5, 2010 3:08 PM

ChristChild said...

Emma, I don't know how else to reach you. But I want to say that your appearance on Paratopia, and your subsequent posts on forums has totally changed by view of ufology. In fact, your testimony and evidence, along with Jeremy Vaeni and Jeff Ritzmann's input, have convinced me to drop the entire subject.

I had a large collection of ufo related books dating back 25 years, including the original COMMUNION by Whitley Streiber, and the original hardcovers by Budd Hopkins, John Mack, and David Jacobs.

After all I've learned in the last several months, I did not want them in my house any longer. In a sense, it was like the old REM song "Losing My Religion". While I was never a fanatic ufologist, I was interested and lazily accepted a lot of the dogma.

No longer. I could no longer tolerate even having such materials in my home any longer so I dumped them all in a trash can, feeling a great relief afterwards. A friend said "Why didn't you sell them on EBAY?" Well, I did not want to pass on this drivel (THE THREAT) to anyone else. That would not have given me any sense of closure to be pimping this stuff to other unsuspecting fools. If I could have set fire to the trash can, I would have. I had to settle for watching the garbage collection truck dump the contents of my trash bin into the truck's bowels. That was my closure.

I can no longer stomach even listening to the ufo dogma queens (Gene Steinberg et al) in podcasts anymore. It seem so dead to me.

In a sense, you in combination with Jeff and Jeremy did that for me. I also must commend Gene Steinberg. His mule headed obstinacy against your case acted as a classic metaphor for how the field of ufology acts when confronted. The Vatican is no more defensive when it comes to child molestation in the ranks!

Thank you, Emma. Now I can put this mythology behind me, and join the larger world again, focusing my remaining years and mental faculties on subjects of more charm and relevance.

God Bless you.
Will (IndigoEyes on the Paracast Forum).

May 5, 2010 6:07 PM

ChristChild said...

Gary, My point about stats on your website is just that you put a lot of effort and thought into your blog entries. It just seems a shame if only a few folks even know they exist! Meanwhile, you see the daily schlock that passes for intelligent dialogue on a forum like Paracast. Of course, again I must admit that I may be dealing with 13 year olds who have just discovered the ufo/paranormal subject and have very unrefined views on the subject. Your views just seem seasoned and well tempered, and I wish more people knew they existed. Nonetheless, this is your avenue of self-expression, and so be it.

May 5, 2010 9:26 PM

Gary Haden, a.k.a Daktari Impossible said...

CC, thanks. I sent you something on back channel.

Emma, you're quite welcome. I sent you something on back channel as well.

May 6, 2010 7:28 AM



Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

Will, thank you for your support. I really appreciate it.

I understand about losing faith. I have been through that myself. Someone said to me that they thought that all of Dr. Jacobs' research had to be done again from scratch, and I agree with that.

However, there are other researchers who do good work in the field. I think that what I have got out of this situation is that all research should be subjected to open scrutiny.

I hope that the subjects that you move on to are interesting and fulfilling. You really deserve it.

PS. I finally joined the ranks of people banned on the Paracast forum. Gene said that I was banned until I disclosed my identity.

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Of course, that is one thing guaranteed to stop most "abductees" in their tracks. Dr. Jacobs knew that, and that is why he threatened to reveal my identity if I talked in public about the warning that he recieved from a "hyrid" (a.k.a. Elizabeth) on instant messenger about working with me.

It seems as though people who want an "abductee" to keep quiet, for whatever reason, know the vulnerable area to go for. It is sad, but I suppose that is the way it is.

May 7, 2010 11:01 PM



Emma@ufoalienabductee.com said...

Brownie, as I know you read this blog as well, I also wanted to thank you for your support. I have enjoyed reading your posts, and I appreciate it. It has been heartening to know how many people in the UFO community do have a concern for ethics in research, as well as humanity.

May 7, 2010 11:06 PM

Gary Haden said...

I can't believe Steinberg wanted you to reveal your identity.

May 10, 2010 8:53 AM

ChristChild said...

Emma, What an astonishing revelation, that you were banned by Gene steinberg from discussing your story until you reveal your true identity. I could let this make my blood boil, but who needs boiled blood (perhaps a gourmet vampire?).

The man is a piece-of-work. I am repeating myself, but it is the least denunciatory remark I can make at this point. I suspect that was just Gene's excuse for getting rid of you, since he has not wanted your story revealed or discussed. That's funny - as I recall he and David Biedny had a Paracast podcast episode that featured "Doug" (not his real name), one of Budd Hopkin's hypnosis-enhanced subjects who described an encounter in the desert. Gene let "Doug" on the air using a fake name? Gasp!

Well, take care. Your time is well spent elsewhere. Remember the old admonishment from the Bible (I think...) to not cast pearls before swine.

May 10, 2010 5:59 PM



Brownie said...

Emma - You're very welcome for the support!:-)

May 19, 2010 3:23 AM

Brownie said...

CC - I suspected you were IndigoEyes on Paracast Forum. I enjoyed your posts and even went back when I had the time to read more of them and tic the 'thanks' button.

May 19, 2010 3:27 AM

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