

Unexplained Force Occurrence

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I must first preface this article with the fact that UFO or “unidentified flying object” investigation is not my forte. I have always been interested in all paranormal phenomenon from ghosts to crypto zoology to UFO’s but the ghost phenomenon is where I have put all my energy of research and investigation. I felt compelled to write this article due to some similarities I have personally observed between paranormal phenomenon i.e. –“ghosts” and UFO reports as it relates to a personal experience I had several years ago that was UFO related. These similarities are too compelling to ignore and have prompted me to discuss an experience I have pretty much kept private until now. I guess the best place to start is to recount my UFO experience to the best of my recollection.

First of all, as a result of my age or from personal suppression of the experience, I do not remember the exact date. The reason I mention personal suppression is that when this experience first happened, I started telling people about it and I was met with the typical reaction that someone that just escaped from an asylum would receive. I found that it was better just to keep it to myself and let it go lest the men in white coats show up at my door to take me away.

What I can recollect that it was approximately 6 years ago and it was in the spring of the year. The experience occurred at around 9:30 p.m. The time is memorable to me because at that point in time I worked until 9 o'clock most nights and I was on my way home. I was traveling west bound on State Highway 10 about 12 miles west of Little Rock, AR. Generally speaking, this is a fairly rural area with sparse populations of homes every mile or so. On an average night I would not meet more than 5-10 vehicles on my 40 mile commute.

I was driving along pondering my day and my schedule for the following day while listening to the radio. I rounded a corner and got quite a shock and a scare. My 2000 GMC Sierra I was driving not only died but everything went out. My headlights, radio, interior lights were all gone. I quickly recovered from this surprise and managed to coast my vehicle on to the shoulder of the road. As I was cursing under my breath and trying to restart my dead truck, something caught my attention out of the corner of my eye. As I looked to my left I saw a sight that to this day still gives me a mixture of chills and wonder. Approximately 30 yards off the road and just about 20 feet over the tree tops I saw an object hovering motionless. I had never seen anything like it prior to this experience or since, but I will do my best to attempt to describe it. It was triangle shaped with slightly rounded corners. Each corner had a dome shaped light underneath that I can only describe as luminescent. There was a fourth dome shaped light in the center of the triangle that appeared basically the same as the other lights but slightly larger. I could not see any other visible lights but I suspect there may have been a light source on the top of the craft due to a faint glow I could see emanating from the top. I stared at this object in understandable astonishment for what was probably 10-15 seconds. Suddenly my insatiably curious side kicked in and I decided I had to check this out. I opened

my door and got out of my truck, all the while keeping my eyes on the object. I gently closed the door and took about 4-5 steps towards the object when unexpectedly to my astonishment, it vanished. I could almost describe the disappearance as someone quickly turning off a light with a dimmer switch. At almost the same moment I got another surprise, there were all of a sudden lights behind me. I quickly turned around to discover that my headlights on my truck had abruptly sprung back to life. I stood in the road for a good minute or two scanning the sky for any signs of what I had just seen but to no avail. I got back in my truck, turned the key and it started back up like nothing had happened. I drove straight home and promptly told my wife about what I had experienced. I also scanned all the local television and newspaper media for the next couple of weeks to see if there were any other reported incidents of what I experienced. There were no other reports.

Well now that all that is on the table let me clear about one thing, I make no assumptions about what I saw. Just as I do in the field of ghost investigation, I never make the leap straight to ghosts no matter what type of personal experience I have or data I collect. I always look for the prosaic explanation first because in most cases it is the correct one. As compelling as it would be, I cannot say that what I saw was a spacecraft from another planet. I suppose that is a possibility that is still under debate but it is not the most likely. One possible banal theory of UFO phenomenon is that they are experimental military aircraft. The Little Rock Air Force Base, which is one of the largest air bases in the country, is roughly 20 miles as the crow flies from where I had this experience. I could continue to speculate on what I saw for pages and pages but it would be just that, speculation. Instead I would like to explore a commonality

between the ghost and UFO phenomenon which I believe may hold answers for both areas of study. The phenomenon I speak of is that of battery draining.

I have experienced this on a smaller scale on ghost investigations where I have had a flashlight, digital recorder or camera with fresh batteries suddenly die. Then when you go outside the place you are investigating they suddenly have full power again. I think in both the UFO and ghosts phenomenon to say your battery was “drained” is a misnomer. If it were truly drained the battery would remain completely dead until it is recharged. This phenomenon appears to be more of a “short circuit” of the battery than anything else. Since we don’t really have a term for this phenomenon, I would like to tongue in cheek call it “Unexplained Force Occurrence” or UFO. Not to confuse it with “unidentified flying object”. This is a phenomenon that is more and more commonplace in ghost and UFO investigation and may provide a causable link between the two fields. The explanation of this phenomenon may lie in electromagnetic field (EMF) influence. EMF meters are a common tool in paranormal investigation. They are probably more useful for “debunking” purposes in detecting naturally occurring or manmade EMF fields that may have adverse physiological effects on individuals experiencing alleged paranormal phenomenon. They have also become a common tool in UFO investigation to check for residual EMF at alleged UFO landing sites. That having been said, there also seems to be a correlation between high unexplained EMF levels and paranormal phenomenon. There is no evidence as of yet to proclaim that a high unexplained EMF reading correlates to a ghost being present, just as a high EMF level at an alleged UFO landing site don’t necessarily correlate to extra-terrestrial visitors. The two fields of ghost and UFO investigation would on the surface seem to be autonomous of one another

were it not for a handful of similarities. Let's look at the affects of EMF fields on batteries and attempt to draw a parallel.

To begin to have an understanding of this phenomenon, we must first understand how a battery works. A battery is a device that converts chemical energy directly to electrical energy. It consists of one or more voltaic cells. Each voltaic cell consists of two half cells connected in series by a conductive electrolyte containing anions and cations. One half-cell includes electrolyte and the electrode to which anions (negatively-charged ions) migrate. This is known as the anode or negative electrode. The other half-cell includes electrolyte and the electrode to which cations (positively-charged ions) migrate. This is known as the cathode or positive electrode. In the redox reaction that powers the battery, reduction (addition of electrons) occurs to cations at the cathode, while oxidation (removal of electrons) occurs to anions at the anode. The electrodes do not touch each other but are electrically connected by the electrolyte, which can be either solid or liquid. Many cells use two half-cells with different electrolytes. In that case each half-cell is enclosed in a container, and a separator that is porous to ions but not the bulk of the electrolytes prevents mixing. The electrical potential difference across the terminals of batteries is known as terminal voltage and is measured in volts. The voltage developed across a cell's terminals depends on the energy release of the chemical reactions of its electrodes and electrolyte.

All of that fancy talk is just another way of saying that a chemical reaction occurs in a battery that produces the flow of electrons which are an electrical current that powers our battery operated devices. There are two types of current that deliver electrical power to better our

lives, AC (alternating current) and DC (direct current). AC current mainly applies to our household electrical power that runs our TV's, refrigerators, lights and electrical outlets. AC current is a time varying electric field which means its flow cyclically changes direction. This flow is regulated by transformers. DC is the current that we want to focus on because this is the current produced in battery operated equipment which can include everything from flashlight batteries to car batteries. DC is an electric current flowing in one direction only. In any battery-powered appliance the current flows from the battery to the appliance and then back to the battery. It will create a static magnetic field. The Earth's magnetic field is also a static field, as well as the magnetic field around a bar magnet. As you can see, AC/DC is not just a rock band from Australia. Putting my poor attempt at humor aside, for the sake of our discussion we will focus our attention on DC current as it applies to batteries. So how can this current flow be interrupted by an unseen force? The most likely answer lies with electromagnetic field impact.

First, an electromagnetic field is a physical field produced by electrically charged objects. It affects the behavior of charged objects in the vicinity of the field.

The electromagnetic field extends indefinitely throughout space and describes the electromagnetic interaction. The field propagates by electromagnetic interaction; in order of increasing energy or decreasing wavelength. Electromagnetic radiation encompasses: radio waves, microwaves, infrared, visible light, ultraviolet, X-rays, and gamma rays.

To better understand EMF we must first be conscious that wavelength and frequency determine another important characteristic of electromagnetic fields. Electromagnetic waves

are carried by particles called quanta. Quanta of higher frequency fields, which have shorter wavelength, carry more energy than lower frequency fields which have a longer wavelength. Some electromagnetic waves carry so much energy per quantum that they have the ability to break bonds between molecules. In the electromagnetic spectrum, gamma rays given off by radioactive materials, cosmic rays and X-rays carry this property and are called 'ionizing radiation'. Fields whose quanta are insufficient to break molecular bonds are called 'non-ionizing radiation'. Man-made sources of electromagnetic fields that form a major part of industrialized life - electricity, microwaves and radiofrequency fields – are found at the relatively long wavelength and low frequency end of the electromagnetic spectrum and their quanta are unable to break chemical bonds. So what does all this have to do with messing up a battery? Intense electromagnetic fields produce a phenomenon called electromagnetic interference or EMI.

Electromagnetic interference is an unwanted disturbance that affects an electrical circuit due to electromagnetic radiation emitted from an external source. The disturbance may interrupt, obstruct, or otherwise degrade or limit the effective performance of the circuit. The source may be any object; artificial, natural or theoretically paranormal, that carries rapidly changing electrical currents. To relate this to our battery short phenomenon, electromagnetic interference (EMI) is defined as an adverse change in the normal function of a device caused by electromagnetic energy, either radiated or conducted. In other words, the current flow that we discussed earlier in battery powered devices is interrupted by electromagnetic interference. This flow will remain interrupted until the source of the EMI is removed from the vicinity of the battery. Remember the warning signs we used to see on doors of

convenience stores that microwave ovens are in use? Early microwave ovens used to emit a high level of electromagnetic radiation. Such EMI has previously been shown to inhibit batteries in demand pacemakers. At one time you basically had a choice when entering a 7-11 of having a heart attack from the high cholesterol food or from the microwave shorting out your pacemaker. Not very appealing prospects. In theory, high EMI also impedes the equipment batteries of unsuspecting paranormal investigators or the car battery of a credulous individual driving down a dark country highway.

Hopefully this gives a little better understanding of how a battery can be short circuited by electromagnetic interference. The million dollar question, however; is what source is this EMI coming from? Is it the power signature from an alleged UFO? Perhaps a spirit attempting to manifest? Maybe radiation from an interdimensional rift? Possibly a naturally occurring or manmade source of EMF that we have not isolated? The answer to this question could go a long way to enhancing our knowledge from both fields of study.

This phenomenon is currently being researched by ARPAST and ParaExplorers. With continued effort, perhaps, in the near future we will have some solid research for this "Unexplained Force Occurrence" phenomenon that could be colossal in providing answers for both fields.