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AREA BUSINESS INVESTIGATION - by JDW

Recently, Kelly and I were asked to investigate an area business (name which we shall not reveal) where the owner has observed some unusual activity. The referral came through one of our long time SSP members who has been a customer of the shop.

Background: Nothing negative has been observed in this 1880s Victorian building, but the owner has witnessed several events of a mischievous nature: Some tools have been moved around, a plate was found shattered, a hand was ‘popped’ off a clock, and a securely-mounted framed poster fell from the wall. He also notes having heard unexplained sounds while upstairs (where he lives) when no one is in the business. (There is a comprehensive camera surveillance system and alarms in place but he reports nothing has been documented on this, at least from what he has seen). He senses things most regularly in the basement, (seen below) which serves as additional work space, specifically the sense of feeling watched.

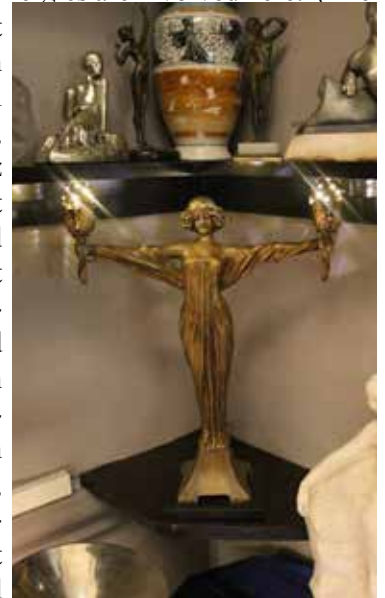


My findings: Using the Tri-Field Natural EM Meter, there were no anomalies detected on the first floor. However, the basement – with a myriad of exposed wiring – yielded higher (3-4 mg ave.) readings throughout. This suggests the elevated EM fields may act as a conduit for spirit energy, or perhaps even have an effect on the mind of someone spending considerable time in that environment. I did make some attempts at EVP contact in selected areas, with no results observed.

Kelly’s observations: During her solitary walk-through, she sensed a female presence. She got the name Sarah Jane Reinhold, who lived near this property when it was once an open lot. As a youngster, the woman played with her neighbor here - a boy who died in an accident at age 8 near the current train station in town. Kelly got that this woman died in 1898 around age 67.

She was artistic – a seamstress – and at times likes to seek attention. (Given the owner’s artistic creativity, it’s understandable why such a spirit may be attracted to this location.) I subsequently did some research on local graveyards, and did not find an exact match, but some similar surnames – such as Reinhart – that fit the time frame.

Conclusion: While the female Kelly sensed was the dominant presence, the presence of numerous antiques throughout the business may mean other energies are involved here. (The owner is passionate about Art Deco – a style Kelly and I both love - and this offered a visual treat for us.) Over the years, folks such as Ed Oconowicz and John Zaffis have brought the concept of ‘possessed possessions’ to the forefront of paranormal theory. In contacting us, the owner seemed



much more curious than upset, and I suspect just wanted

some validation about what he has experienced. We assured him there was nothing to worry about but to contact us should anything (such as this creepy nun) get ‘out of hand’.

Recent Note Received by Kelly: Hi Ms Weaver, My Girl Scout Troop and myself wanted to say thank you for your page, www.spiritsocietyofpa.com Our troop has decided to take advantage of the time of year and work on our Storytelling badges while learning about spooky stories and hauntings and you have a ton of info! Thanks so much!

The girls would also like to suggest another page, as a thank you for being such a big help: www.halloweencostumes.com/americas-famous-haunted-houses-and-hotels.html They thought that other people would find it as helpful and interesting as they did! I was hesitant to email at first, but the girls have been asking me if I have emailed you about it yet.

Thanks again and please let me know if you include it...they would be delighted to see it up! - Tabtitha

Not “Nessiesarily” A Plesiosaur by Nick Redfern

Well, after significant time away from Mysterious Universe, it's time to get back to it. I figured that for my first article in a while I would focus on something that provokes endless arguments and even rage. I'm talking about belief systems. In this case, one belief system in particular. Namely, the idea that the strange creatures of Loch Ness, Scotland are surviving examples of long-extinct plesiosaurs; marine reptiles that became extinct millions of years ago. Give me a break: Loch Ness is not teeming with plesiosaurs. Not even one. The plesiosaur theory is filled with holes that are simply too big to ever be successfully plugged. They were, after all, reptiles – meaning they surfaced to take in oxygen.

If the Nessies are plesiosaurs, then let's say that at any given time there are around twenty of them in the loch, ranging from (a) young and small to (b) large and old. That would be a reasonable figure to ensure the continuation of a healthy herd. Let's also say they, like crocodiles, can stay submerged, and without taking in oxygen, for a considerable amount of time. This means that in any one-day, each plesiosaur would have to surface around – let us say – twelve times. Twenty plesiosaurs, surfacing twelve times a day (at a minimum, I should stress), would equate to 240 surfacing events every single twenty-four-hour-long period. Multiply that by a week and the figure is elevated to 1,680. Then, multiply that by fifty-two weeks in a year and the figure becomes a massive 87,360 surfacing events annually.

That the number of sightings per year is actually extremely low suggests strongly that they are not plesiosaurs. If they are, we should be seeing them much more than we do. It really is that simple. There is a specific reason why I mention all of this: I have a new book out right now titled *Nessie: Exploring the Supernatural Origins of the Loch Ness Monster*. As the title of the book demonstrates, the theories presented in its pages to explain the Nessies are far removed from the likes of plesiosaurs and giant eels. We're talking about the Aleister Crowley connection, shape-shifters, odd synchronicities, UFOs, Men in Black, portals, and much more that either intrigues or infuriates people. There is very little middle ground. In fact, as I see it, there is none at all.

But, what really interests me is not just the nature of the Nessies: it's the way in which certain characters allow their stress levels to reach “danger zone” levels when dealing with the subject. Something which has certainly happened since the book was published earlier this month. As interested as I am in the Nessie controversy, and although I engage in more than a few very argumentative and heated debates online, it's not like we're talking about finding the cure for cancer, or trying my best to help ensure that the Democratic Party stays in power. Those are very important issues. Nessie? Very interesting, yes, but hardly world-changing. Maybe it's just me, but practically hyperventilating, merely because someone suggests Nessie may not be what you think it is, is very, very stupid. And pointless,



because it achieves absolutely nothing. But I have seen it time and again. I actually saw it (or, rather, heard it) earlier today!

I have also seen the same thing with Bigfoot and Roswell. As anyone who has read my articles and books will know, I am far from convinced that the Bigfoot phenomenon revolves around nothing but unknown, unclassified apes. There is, as I see it, something much weirder to Bigfoot than meets the eye. But, again, when I start talking about Tulpas, portals, and multi-dimensions – all in relation to Bigfoot – it's not just eyebrows that raise significantly. It's blood-pressure, too. The same thing happens when I admit I am far from convinced that ET crashed at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947.

If the Bigfoot creatures and the Nessies are, one day, proven to exist, then it will be an amazing day. Just the same as if Roswell is conclusively shown to have been an extraterrestrial event. And if certain people spent more time and energy investigating, rather than upholding personal belief systems, then maybe we would get somewhere. But, as I see it, upholding a belief system at all costs – probably because the person in question has invested so much time, money and effort in promoting that specific belief – is a case of crossing the line.

If the Nessies are shown to be giant eels, if Bigfoot is found to be a primitive type of human, and if it is proved that the Roswell aliens were actually crash-test dummies, after all, we should be pleased. Not because certain, personal beliefs were vindicated (or were not), but because the mystery was solved. Indeed, when it come to each and every aspect of what I scientifically refer to as “weird shit,” solving is far more important than believing ever could be. - *Some very good observations by Nick here... supporting the theory (which Kelly and I subscribe to) that cryptids such as Nessie and Bigfoot are more likely to be something interdimensional.* - JDW



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