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Abstract

This paper compares two sets of scarcely believable reports: those of satanist abuse survivors and those of people with apparent memories of alien abduction. There are striking parallels between the two phenomena, which are explored in some detail. Whilst the comparison may be unexpected, and will no doubt provoke scepticism in some readers, the similarities are difficult to ignore; and I suggest that they give rise to unavoidable questions about the nature of both kinds of experience. The paper therefore concludes with a sketch of some neurophysiological and psychological research which may help to account for them.

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