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# The Orange Orb

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## Orange Orbs and Bigfoot: Valley of the Skookum



I've just finished Sali Sheppard-Wolford's *Valley of the Skookum*, and I couldn't put it down. I stayed up until 3:30 a.m. reading it, almost getting to the end but not quite, finishing it the next day.

Sali Sheppard-Wolford is mother to Bigfoot researcher Autumn Williams (who lives here in Eugene, Oregon. Must be the trees.)

I expected to find the book interesting, but had no idea I would be so drawn to it. And I'm not sure why; I felt a connection, a familiarity, as I was reading the book. It's not a badly written book, but it isn't great literature either. Of course, it isn't supposed to be, or even should be, since it isn't fiction; it's a personal narrative of one woman's very strange encounters.

Sali writes about her years living in a remote place in Washington, with her young children, including Autumn, who was the youngest, staying at home with her mother during the day. Sali (and eventually the entire family) encounter Bigfoot, along with many other high strangeness events, including UFOs and orbs of light.

There's a beauty to this story and I can't put my finger on it. As I said, there was an echo of something that kept tugging at me. That aside, her experiences, while unique, do parallel other 'LTW" (long term witnesses, as Autumn Williams calls them) of 'paranormal' Bigfoot encounters.

I said that the story isn't fiction, and it isn't. This could be seen as a bold statement, a rash, brash, and outrageous statement; after all, all this supernatural bigfoot stuff causes so many researchers to gnash their teeth at the very thought of such things. But there are only two possibilities: one, she's lying. Or two, she's not. I don't think she's lying, so she's telling the truth. Still sounds pretty bold, doesn't' it?

The point isn't whether or not "it's true" as in, literally true. That's a hard one for the majority of people to get, but that's where I am these days with just about all of it: Bigfoot, UFOs, ghosts, all the psychic, Fortean, high strangeness goings on around us.

I'm not going to analyze that any further; not today anyway. It's sort of like a Great Cosmic Joke: if you didn't get it the first time, or the first couple of times, explaining it more slowly and breaking it down won't help. And since the Trickster is everywhere in all this stuff, it is a Great Cosmic Joke. And that's okay.

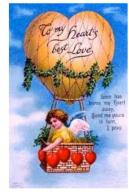
One of the things Sali writes about are orange orbs seen by herself and witnesses in the area. At times they're described as "basket ball sized" and when I read that, I almost fell off the bed. I've been collecting sighting reports of orange orbs for some time, and often they're orange "orbs" that are really pinpoints, or star sized, orange lights. The orange orb I saw so many years ago here in Oregon can be described as "basket ball sized."

Impossible to know if these were the same kind of lights, or if the orbs in Sali Shepherd-Woolford's book have anything to do with Bigfoot. It's possible they do, it's possible the area is full of energy that caused these things to occur. Keep in mind that when I say "UFO" it doesn't mean flying saucer (necessarily.) In this context, I don't think they were. Of course, I wasn't there.

It is a fantastic story. And it may all seem a little much; psychic traits, psychic vampirism or energy drains, UFOs, MIBS, and Bigfoot. Sounds like a cheesy sci fi movie. As impossible as it may sound to some, there are people who've experienced these things. They're not just saying they have: they do. I know, because I know some of these people myself, and I've experienced a lot of these things myself. It's a hard thing to get, I realize, and I still have a hard time myself with some things. It's a fine, thin, invisible line to walk, between telling your truth and being a complete dip who believes anything and everything. (Then again, remember what I said about "true.")

And finally, why would someone put themselves out there with stories like this? (Yes, we can all picture the snarly skeptoids at the ready with their sneers, I mean the rest of us good people.) Why do writers,

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### Welcome to the Orb



### Why the name Orange Orb?

I have had many UFO sightings and experiences, which began in childhood. One sighting in particular was dramatic enough -- it was the one that started me on this path -- and was the inspiration for the title of this blog:

In the 1980s I and my husband observed a craft, lit from within. It appeared to follow us for some time; it, in fact, appeared to be waiting for us and responded to my thoughts. It was intelligent; intelligently controlled. Whether that control came from within or without, I don't know. I don't know if the orb itself was sentient (I had a feeling it was, somehow) or the orb was just a tool used by other entities. Possibly those entities were human; that I don't know. Missing time accompanied this sighting, as did dreams that followed that were very scary — so much so I sought out a therapist to deal with the severe anxiety caused by the dreams. The dreams:

> I'm standing in a brilliant beam of white light, so blinding I can almost see through things. I can't move, no matter how hard I try, and I *am* trying with every single cell, every nerve, all my will, but no use. Above me is something metallic, dome or round shaped, covering much of the sky. I am furious for my husband is up there, and I demand of "them" to tell me where he is, let me see him,

inside this beam.

and, answers! I want answers! But

they don't care, and keep me frozen

bloggers and witnesses come right out with their stories, using their own names? Statistically, we can't *all* be nuts.

While research swirls all around us with arguments and dissections there are the folk, the witnesses, the experiencers, who continue to tell their stories. They are what they are.

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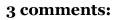
Autumn Williams has written an interesting piece on what she thinks of this "paranormal bigfoot" relationship: OrangeOrb:

http://orangeorb.blogspot.com/2007/03/autumn-williams-on-weird-bigfoot.html

Sali Sheppard-Wolford has written other books, including a children's book about Bigfoot. She currently lives in central Oregon. http://www.oregonbigfoot.com/artists/sali\_sw.php

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Posted by Regan Lee at 12:51 AM Labels: Autumn Williams, Bigfoot-UFO relationship, orange balls/lights, Oregon UFOs, Sali Sheppard-Wolford, sex and ufos





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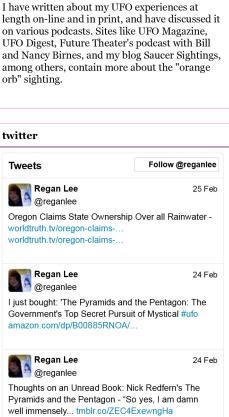
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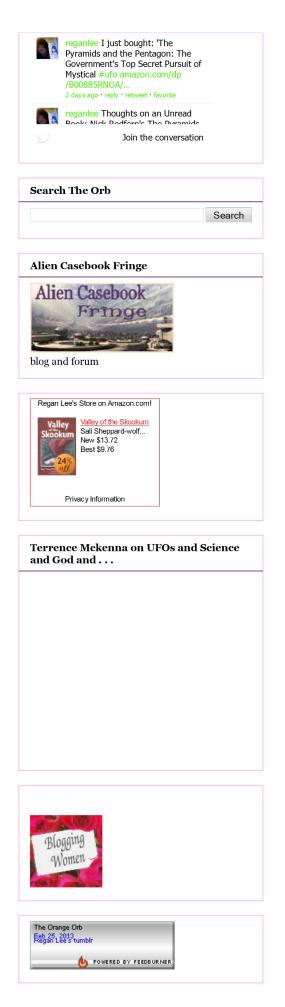
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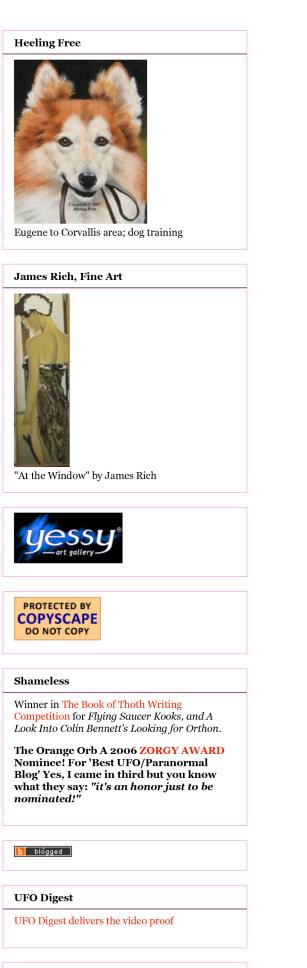


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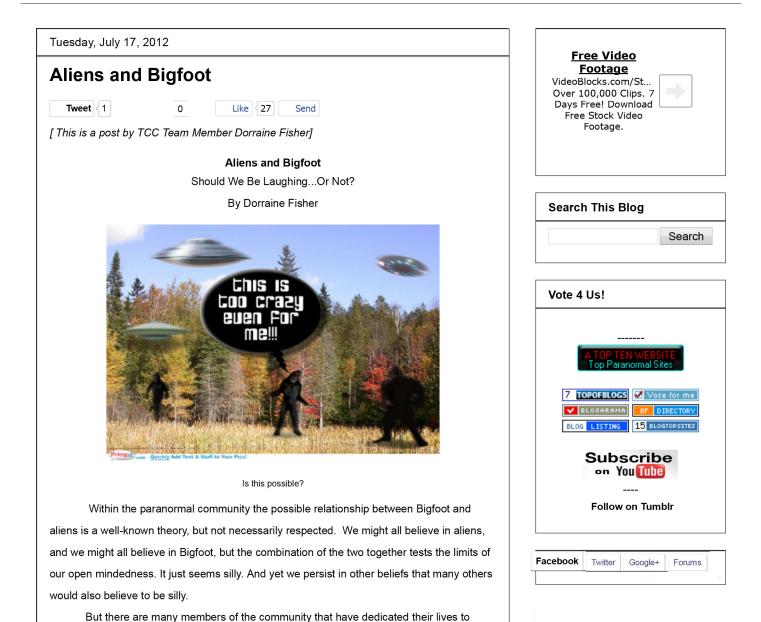
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studying the elusive creatures known as bigfoot. Through their day to day observations, many of them believe the creature to have almost mystical or magical powers. The seeming ability to disappear into thin air among the most prominent traits they observe, sometimes even disappearing in a flash of light. There are endless reports of the creature exhibiting almost ghost-like abilities and telepathy.

So why is this? Is bigfoot just an animal with super intelligence, or is it much more? Bigfoot sightings have also often been linked to UFO sightings in the same areas at the same times. Strange lights appear in the sky or in the forests, and bigfoot is seen wandering across the highways on the very same nights. With all the supernatural phenomena surrounding the creature, should we wonder if the creature himself is not some kind of extraterrestrial being? If you believe in UFO's, aliens, and bigfoot too, is it that much of a stretch?

Ancients believed extra-terrestrials to be visitors from the spirit world. And in many of the same cultures, bigfoot was said to be a product of the spirit world also. And some ancient primitive cultures believe that bigfoot was brought to earth by the "star people." And all these cultures around the world have existed independently and with no knowledge of the others. So where did this idea come from?

Many speculate that bigfoot escapes from humans so effectively by hiding underground in caves. The Oregon Caves in the Siskiyou Mountains of south-central Oregon are a hotspot for the focus of this theory. And some even theorize that the strong sulfur-type smell associated with close encounters with bigfoot is due largely to their supposed occupation of these caves. Oregon is among the top five states for Bigfoot/ UFO correlated sightings. But there are caves all over the country, and largely where bigfoot sightings take place. And there are large, connected cave systems all over the Pacific Northwest from Mt. Shasta, California all the way north through Oregon into Washington State. Could these actually not be caves at all but tunnel systems created by extra-terrestrial beings?

And what about the thousands of stick or rock structures and broken trees found by researchers who believe they're are a form of communication the creatures use? Are these creatures attempting to communicate to each other... or someone else?

One thoughtful skeptic asked, "If bigfoot is alien in origin, why is it not more advanced technologically?" And the answer may be simple. It may not have been intended to be. What if the animals were created to perform some specific, basic function that required it to be elusive and avoid humans? And let's remember we only define the word technology by our own terms and understanding of it. But what if alien technology has another definition? What if alien technology is so far advanced that we have no grasp of it? So far advanced as to utilize, or even possibly create an animal for its own use.

And then there's the idea of aliens conducting a big science experiment. What if bigfoots (and possibly humans) are merely products of a huge, ongoing research project being conducted by these highly advanced creatures from another world?

There are many links missing in the chain of human evolution. Until more evidence is presented from the scientific community about where we and Bigfoot came from, we're left to speculate.

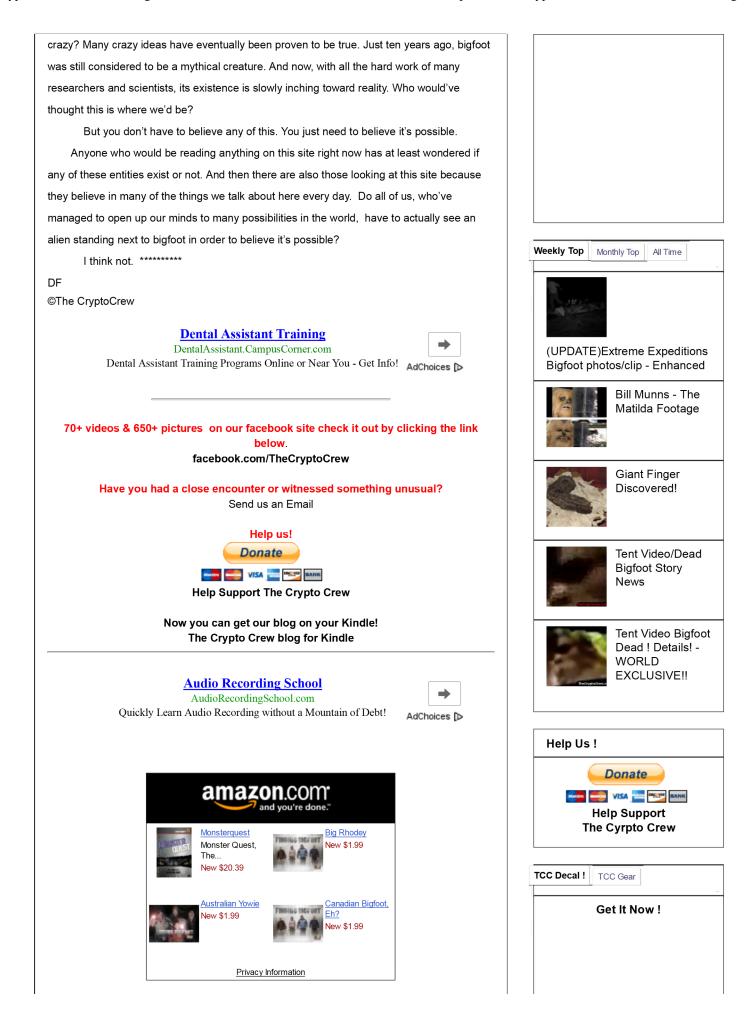
But if we believe in something because we see it right in front of our eyes, does that mean we shouldn't at least keep our minds open to the next idea...even if it seems a little

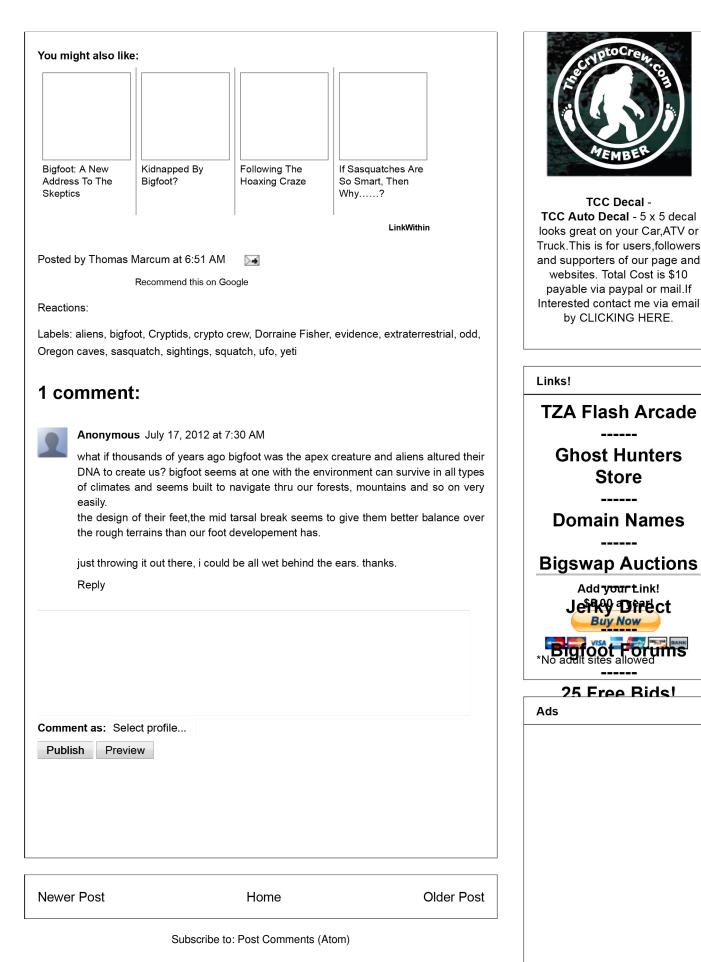


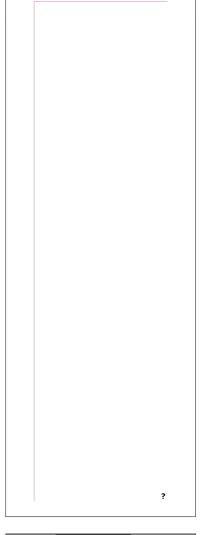


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