

Interview with Andy Thomas

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Andy Thomas is a leading crop circle researcher and author of five books on the subject (including "Vital Signs", described by many as one of the most interesting books on the phenomenon). As well as being editor of the website "Swirled News" and founder of the Southern Circular Research Group, Andy widely writes and lectures in England and other countries and has made numerous radio and TV appearances across the world.

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Andy Thomas' individual interview below:

◆ **How you would explain what a "crop circles" is, using few simple words?**

Crop circles are huge, complex and beautiful patterns found swirled into crop fields around the world every year. Their origin and purpose remains a complete mystery. Wherever they come from, these spectacular designs often display very clear symbolism, scientific, esoteric and astronomical, and demonstrate some extraordinary unexplained effects.

◆ **In your opinion, which are the most interesting (specific) cases of crop circles in the world (and why)?**

It would be easy to try to pick out the grandest or most complex formations as ones to mention here, and there have indeed been many designs which have been breathtakingly fantastic in their visual sweep, but the astronomical patterns of 1994 and 1995 intrigue me the most. Several of them showed dates and times using clear charts of planetary alignments.

As good examples, the 'galaxy' formations of 1994 clearly displayed Mars, Saturn, Jupiter and the Moon in the constellation Cetus - exactly as they would be at midnight GMT on 6/7 April 2000 - six years later. When that date finally arrived, the Earth encountered a very powerful solar flare and the aurora borealis (northern lights) was seen across many European and American countries much further south than would normally be seen. There were other strange effects across the globe too, and some wonder whether the crop circles were trying to tell us that something important was happening to our star that night. It seems beyond coincidence. It also seems to show that the forces behind the circles have the power of premonition.

Another formation that sticks with me the most is a smaller, personal one: In 1995, a group from our team (Southern Circular Research) carried out an experiment in which we tried (as several other groups have successfully done) to influence the creation of a certain crop pattern using the power of our minds. We gathered on an old ancient hilltop in Sussex and focused our thoughts on a particular shape we had chosen, visualising it appearing as a crop circle. Incredibly, that very night, exactly that shape appeared in the Sussex fields as a crop formation - a line of rings and circles in a particular configuration. No-one outside our group knew what we had chosen, so there was no question of trickery going on. We were amazed - and yet there have been several instances of this apparent interaction with people's minds and the circle phenomenon over the years, which raises many important questions.

- ◆ **There are many theories about the crop circles origins: the “nature” hypothesis (atmospheric agents, water and sound, solar wind, terrestrial magnetic fields, etc); the “ufologic” hypothesis (alien’s intelligence, Balls of light, etc); the “human” hypothesis (“jokers”, land-artists, circle-makers, military-scientific organizations and so on...). Could one of these hypothesis correspond to your views (if yes, which one) or do you have an original and personal idea about that?**

The truth is that no-one knows for sure what is behind this mystery. Many believe there is an intelligent impetus behind it, which seems highly likely, but whether that intelligence is some kind of extra-terrestrial force, or our own minds working collectively together (as our experiment suggested), or what, is simply unknown. Certainly, natural forces also seem to be involved (crop circles seem to cluster over areas of underground water, for instance), so the ultimate solution to this is probably going to be an amalgamation of many of the different theories.

One thing I feel for sure - crop circles are not all man-made. The media has often written off much, if not all, of the phenomenon as being a human prank, but the evidence simply does not support this view. Man-made circles have consistently failed to reproduce the beauty and qualities which have been found in so many crop circles, and we know many formations have appeared in circumstances that simply do not allow for human involvement. With biological anomalies occurring in circle-affected plants, strange lights being seen coming down into fields where circles are subsequently found, and actual eye-witness reports of formations appearing within seconds in front of people, it is clear there is a mystery going on here that demands a better explanation than the one routinely offered by sceptics.

- ◆ **Sometimes strange bright spheres have been observed and photographed near a crop circle. What is your opinion about the “Balls of Light” (BOLs)? Do you think there could be any link between crop circles and BOLs?**

Whatever the lights are, they are a part of the crop circle mystery. I witnessed them myself back in 1993 at Alton Barnes, Wiltshire with a group of friends. It is not clear whether the circles are making the lights or the lights are making the circles, but there is a connection. I am not sure if the lights are intelligent, as some say they are, or whether they are a natural effect created by ‘earth energies’. Similar lights sometimes get seen in geologically unstable areas, which suggests a more natural source.

- ◆ **In several crop circles, interesting anomalies have been observed: burnt or cooked ears, dead flies inside plants, background sounds and noises, “genetic modification” of some ears or seeds, and so on. What do you think about it? Which is the reason for this kind of anomalies?**

To my knowledge, no known man-made formation has ever shown the biological anomalies reported by the likes of biophysicist W C Levenson and BLT Research in the USA. In usual circumstances, everything is indicative of heat having been applied for a very brief time, probably microwave in origin. Test formations and control flattenings have been carried out in all sorts of conditions, and these effects have never been reproduced in that way. Where the heat is coming from, and what the exact mechanism is, is still unknown, but the biological changes in circle-affected crop deserve far more attention than they have received.

- ◆ **What do you think about the perfect symbology created or reproduced in such a perfect way inside some crop circles?**

They are clearly the products of either very focused intent, or an astonishing natural process like fractals and snowflakes. But some, like the astronomical designs, clearly show intelligence. What the symbols are saying to us may always remain mysterious, but perhaps that’s the whole point - the mystery inspires people to new thinking and evolves our minds by NOT giving us direct answers.

When you see the very short time-frames in which some of these shapes have appeared, and then compare them to man-made formations which have taken many hours to construct, it’s not possible that all of them could be of human origin.

- ◆ According to someone, the “Leylines” (energetic or force lines) are virtual energetic lines that would wrap the Planet, and along them it could be found out archaeological and monumental sites, as well as (sometimes) crop circles. Does it really happen? Do those “Leys” have some empiric basis or they are a purely philosophical-esoteric subject?

Many cultures throughout history have believed in a planetary grid of energy, and there seems no reason why this should not be. The majority of crop formations appear on rocks that contain a lot of water, and it may be that this water contributes to the existence of the energy grid. The feeling you get at crop circles is often the same as that found at stone circles and other ancient sites - it's possible that the ancients built their monuments where they did to tap into this effect, and if crop circles are being generated by the same forces, that would explain why they tend to appear near these old sacred sites so often. At the moment it's largely dowsers who are able to find these energy patterns, but I believe in time that science will find a way to detect them too.

- ◆ How much the science and the soil-analyses are able to establish, in the examination of a crop circle?

Work by W C Levengood has shown notable biological changes taking place inside circle-laid stalks, which could be attributable to some kind of microwave energy. No man-made test formation has ever produced these results, yet 90% of the hundreds of crop circles sampled have proved positive in this regard. Levengood's papers have been published in scientific journals. In 1995, tests on crop formation soil samples were conducted by ADAS, a division of the English Ministry of Agriculture. Although preliminary, they showed distinct anomalies in the nitrogen/nitrate ratios which could not be explained. There have been other scientific tests carried out by different bodies over the years which have produced peculiar unexplained qualities, and I believe the science of crop circles is far more important than some have allowed for.

- ◆ For some years it has been noticed, especially in the English formations, a change in the geometry of the crop circles: the amount of crop circles is diminished, while they tend to have more and more complex and three-dimensional shapes (especially when they are observed from above). Do You agree with this assumption? If yes, on what can it depend and what meaning could it assume?

It is clear that the complexity has evolved over the years, and one can only assume from this that a) either there is an intelligence gradually introducing us to new themes and lessons, or that b) there is an incredible natural phenomenon or human psychic interaction which is on an upward curve of development. Either way, we have something of great significance that cannot be ignored. Some say it's all just human circlemakers getting more ambitious, but the evidence really doesn't support this as a whole answer.

- ◆ In your opinion why a final truth about the crop circles hasn't been found out yet?

Maybe we are dealing with something that doesn't WANT us to know the ultimate truth about it. Perhaps that would defeat the purpose, as so many people have developed their minds and grown in wisdom and imagination because of the very mystery of the phenomenon. Otherwise, it may be that we just don't yet have enough facts at our disposal to be able to draw a firm conclusion in any one direction. We may be dealing with something that is so utterly strange and so far beyond previous human experience that we will never grasp its origin or purpose.

- ◆ **Quite apart from who or what creates the crop circles, what is - in your opinion - the message that is going to be communicated?**

Again, this is a complete unknown. If the crop circles are from an intelligent source, they could speak more clearly than they do - it's almost as if they want to keep them as ambiguous as they can so that the symbols are inclusive to all, reaching out to as many people as possible, stimulating the expansion of people's minds by the simple process of questioning.

Whatever they really mean, it seems to me that most people feel that the crop circles are heralds of a time of big change for our world. So there may be no one 'message,' beyond, perhaps, "WAKE UP".

- ◆ **Do you think the media reporting the crop circles phenomena, are objective and exhaustive?**

Absolutely not. The media are closed-minded and have been filled with sceptic propaganda for so long that they no longer ever present a genuinely balanced view, in the UK at least. Either this is because they are simply dumb and too lazy to do proper journalistic research, or because there is a general directive somewhere which says that they MUSTN'T give too much credence to the phenomenon. Personally I think it's the first answer. Men crunching around the fields with planks are entertaining and an easy and fun solution. As far as the media are concerned, people speculating about higher intelligences or unknown forces, with no firm visual hook, are boring.

But we should be used to that by now!

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