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Sign language

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It's a sign of the times. Everyone's talking about crop circles.

This weekend the top movie at the box office was "Signs," the story of one man's search for faith in the mysterious crop circles that appear on his Pennsylvania farm.

The Mel Gibson movie has introduced the general populace to the concept of crop circles, and the ancient phenomenon has gone from the realms of the Art Bell show to mainstream America seemingly overnight. According to legend, crop circles have been appearing since ancient times, but the secret of how they are made has eluded everyone. They have appeared in ancient China, showed up in Europe in the middle ages, appeared in Native American legends, and in the last two weeks popped up in rural Oregon. The circles are made in fields of wheat, barley, and corn in the middle of the night, and they appear as either plain circular patterns or intricate geometric designs.

But the question of who

makes the crop circles is what's peaking everybody's interest. The movie "Signs" alludes to the idea that either aliens or God creates crop circles. Others believe that crop circles are made by other-dimensional beings (angels, fairies), thought forms, earth energy forces — or even the military.

There are also those who believe humans are behind the crop circle phenomenon. They claim all the space-age theories are hoaxes, and that people make the crop circles simply using boards and a rope.

Boulder has one crop circle expert who believes that combining all the theories tells the real truth about the crop circle mystery: Author/lecturer Dr. Simeon Hein is the head of the Mt. Baldy Institute for Resonant Viewing. An expert in remote viewing and crop circle research, he has been seen on local TV news programs and has taped over 60 national interviews for radio this week. Though he didn't plan the coincidence, Dr. Hein's new book "Opening Minds: A Journey of

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...Who makes crop circles?

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Extraordinary Encounters, Crop Circles, and Resonance," came out the same week as the movie "Signs." But as the movie says, there's no such thing as coincidences.

made the designs to attract aliens.

"I've stood in these crop circle formations and seen every-

sped off at incredible speeds. NORAD in Colorado confirmed in the story that they did send the fighters up because they "had a track of interest."

Heins said that strange burn marks have also been found at the sight of the man-made crop circles and photographs of UFOs have been taken near the circle sites. However, Heins is most fascinated with the subtle energies created by the crop circle formations.

able. In the film there's a pivotal scene where Jodie Foster's character lands in outer space and asks an alien why earth was being contacted. He replies, "You contacted us, we were just listening." Maybe the work of all the crop-circle hoaxers is paying off.

You can see "Signs" at the United Village Theatre in Boulder daily, and you can get a copy of Dr. Hein's book "Opening Minds" from Atlas Books at 1-800-247-6553.

Opening Minds

A Journey of Extraordinary Encounters, Crop Circles, and Resonance
Simeon Hein, Ph.D.

"There are even descriptions of crop circles in the (Dead Sea Scrolls)," says Hein, "and for ages people have been saying that wheat has magically layed down in fields."

But most interesting of all, Hein says, are accounts by eyewitnesses of strange lights seen hovering around the circles. Although he says he believes the small circles discovered years ago were made by unknown forces — maybe UFO's — all the large complex patterns have been made by people.

"I've been there, and have seen them making the circles," says Hein.

Hein said there are actually large groups of hoaxers that go out to fields in England and the United States to make crop circles in the middle of the night.

body have the batteries of their equipment drained," says Hein. "I've also seen camcorders get burnt out and the BBC cameras get fried by one Celtic earth pattern. I still don't know what does that, but it does feel really strange inside the circle.

In addition to the strange feelings visitors to a crop circle

makes them act like liquid crystals. They operate like a computers flat-screen monitor, and we may have discovered a natural energy source in these circles. There is new technology to be discovered here, and it would all be generated by the shape of the circles and the subtle energy of the plants."

To prove his point, Hein just started a non-profit company that will go around the country building crop circles for farmers. He said their research has discovered that crop circle formations increase the fertility of the soil, increases seed size, and re-mineralizes the depleted soil.

And to add to all the intrigue, Hein said that the timing is right for getting out the news on crop circles. In fact, he said that it's no accident that "Signs" was released this summer and that he's been getting this much press for his book.

"No one wants to rock the boat, but look at how much the topic of crop circles is showing up. You have to realize that 'they're' getting ready for disclosure about UFOs, and higher levels of consciousness. Look at the interest in "Signs." It's getting people talking and they are really ready to connect to another reality. I believe that crop circles could be the umbilical cord that connects our universe to other realities and dimensions," said Hein.

TBS showed the movie "Contact" last weekend on

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- DR. SIMEON HEIN

He said they are pros, and that within five hours they can create the crop circles using boards and rope. Hein said the groups are so refined, that they map out the patterns on a computer, and then construct the designs in silence, only using rope pulls as discreet signals.

However, there's some phenomenon in these man made circles that even Hein can't explain. This may be due to the fact that many of Hein's crop circle building buddies have

often get, there have been reports of other strange goings on, according to Hein.

"They attract these weird balls of light," he says. "I've seen them. They're the size of a beach ball, and go 180 miles an hour."

Interestingly enough, on July 26 the Washington Post ran a story about the Air Force chasing some strange lights with F-16 fighter planes. It seems the lights were blue, quickly changed direction, and

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