

Biological Anomalies: Humans (Catalog of Biological Anomalies)

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ANOTHER ONE OF CORLISS'S "SOURCEBOOKS" OF CURIOUS THINGS By Steven H Propp William R. Corliss (1926-2011) was an American physicist and writer who was known for his interest in collecting data regarding anomalous phenomena in astronomy, geophysics, geology, archaeology, biology, etc., which he published in books such as Handbook of Unusual Natural Phenomena, Ancient Man: A Handbook of Puzzling Artifacts, Biological Anomalies, Mammals I: A Catalog of Biological Anomalies, Science Frontiers: Some Anomalies and Curiosities of Nature, etc. He wrote in the Preface to this 1992 book, "It is at least as important to realize what is anomalous as it is to recognize the well-explained facts of nature... here is the twelfth volume... It is largely the product of one person's library research... for every anomaly that can be legitimately demolished, a trip to the library will replace it with ten more from impeccable sources. In sum, Nature is VERY anomalous or, equivalently, Nature is not yet well-understood. Much remains to be done." For example, concerning the "Apparent nonexistence of Pygmies in the fossil record," he writes, "W. Ley muses about the seeming absence of fossil skeletons... He could not point to a single fossil Pygmy. Ley's book was published in 1966, so this gap in the fossil record may now be filled; but we have seen nothing

further. Without fossils we cannot determine when Pygmies originated and just how they are related to modern humans of normal stature." (Pg. 33) Concern the CSICOP challenges of Gauquelin's "Mars Effect," he wrote that "the CSICOP-associated replications of the Gaquelins' findings were accompanied by considerable internal and external discord. In retrospect, this discord weakened the impact of the CSICOP-associated results. Even the key players in the CSICOP drama (Abell, Kurtz, Zelen) acknowledged mistakes and shortcomings in a 1983 'reappraisal'..." (Pg. 203-204) All of Corliss's "Sourcebooks" are stimulating and thought-provoking---the more so, since most of them are taken directly from "respectable" mainstream scientific journals.

BIOLOGICAL ANOMALIES - HUMANS I is one of 22 volumes in the Catalog of Anomalies published by The Sourcebook Project. The catalog provides an objective, unsensationalized compilation of anomalous phenomena, difficult to explain observations, and curiosities of nature in the fields of astronomy, biology, archeology, geophysics, and geology. This is the first of three volumes devoted to human biological anomalies, looking at the "external" attributes of humans: their physical appearance, their anomalous behavior, and their unusual talents and faculties. Some of the topics covered include Mirror-Image Twins * The Sacral Spot * The Supposed Human Aura * Baldness among Musicians * Human Tails and Horns * Human Behavior and Solar Activity * Cycles of Religiousness * Cycles of Violent Human Behavior * Handedness and Longevity * Wolf-Children * The "Mars Effect" * Telescopic Vision * Dermo-Optical Perception * Hearing under Anesthesia * The Human Navigation Sense * Asymmetry in Locomotion * and Sex-Ratio Variations. BIOLOGICAL ANOMALIES - HUMANS I contains 52 illustrations and intriguing accounts collected from the archives of references including English Mechanic, New Scientist, Nature, Science, Science News Letter, American Journal of Psychiatry, Skeptical Inquirer, and Scientific American to name a few. Over 500 citations are referenced and indexed three ways, by First Author, Source, and Subject. The indexes are cross-referenced to each entry in the book to aid the reader in locating original source materials and conducting independent research.