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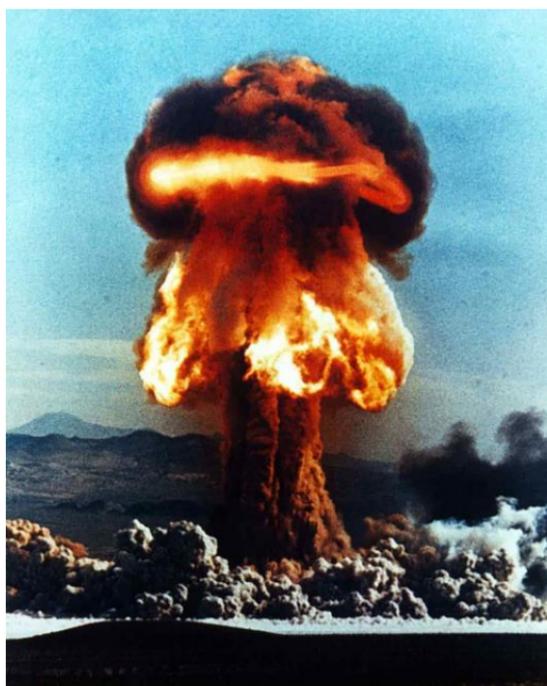
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Ancient Nuclear Warfare?

The Tunguska Riddle: a new theory.

The Mother and the Father of the BOMB!

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Introduction

What really reported some old Indian texts: ancient nuclear war between space-faring alien civilizations, between gods, or atomic warfare of long forgotten human civilizations like Atlantis that discovered the nuclear technology and air flight thousands of years before our contemporary science, or something else? Some ufologists claim that the nuclear weapons were given to the Indian warriors by extraterrestrials. Did indeed some ancient people suffer radiation sickness as a result of nuclear explosions?



The Mahabharata tells a story of the long war between the Kauravas and the Pandavas.

The Mahabharata, Book 7, says,

“The valiant Açwatthāman ... invoked the *Agneya* weapon incapable of being resisted by the very gods. Aiming at all his visible and invisible foes, the preceptor's son, that slayer of hostile heroes, inspired with *mantras* a blazing shaft possessed of the effulgence of a smokeless fire, and let it off on all sides, filled with rage. Dense showers of arrows then issued from it in the welkin. Endued with fiery flames, those arrows encompassed Partha on all sides. Meteors flashed down from the firmament. A thick gloom suddenly shrouded the (Pandava) host. All the points of the compass also were enveloped by that darkness. [...] Inauspicious winds began to blow. The sun himself no longer gave any heat. Ravens fiercely croaked on all sides. Clouds roared in the welkin, showering blood. Birds and beasts and kine, and *Munis* of high vows and souls under complete control, became exceedingly uneasy. The very elements seemed to be perturbed. The Sun seemed to turn round. The universe, scorched with heat, seemed to be in a fever. The elephants and other creatures of the land, scorched by the energy of that weapon, ran in fright, breathing heavily and desirous of protection against that terrible force. The very waters being

heated, the creatures residing in that element, O Bharata, became exceedingly uneasy and seemed to burn. From all the points of the compass, cardinal and subsidiary, from the firmament and the very Earth, showers of sharp and fierce arrows fell and issued, with the impetuosity of Garuda or the wind. Struck and burnt by those shafts of Aṣwatthāman that were all endued with the impetuosity of the thunder, the hostile warriors fell down like trees burnt down by a raging fire. Huge elephants, burnt by that weapon, fell down on the Earth all around, uttering fierce cries loud as those of the clouds. Other huge elephants, scorched by that fire, ran hither and thither, and roared aloud in fear, as if in the midst of a forest conflagration. The steeds, O king, and the cars also, burnt by the energy of that weapon, looked, O sire, like the tops of trees burnt in a forest fire. [...] Burnt by the energy of Aṣwatthāman's weapon, the forms of the slain could not be distinguished.” (translation by Kisari Mohan Ganguili)

Is this ancient Indian text telling us just thousands-years-old fantasies or it is reflecting some real events in the past?

Is it possible powerful scorching pillars of light, fiery columns, dazzling arrows and spears, or blazing vertical

fountains to appear in the skies, devastating trees, animals, and human beings? What were the light arrows of different colors high in the skies that made the animals to run and burn?

What celestial weapon could cause the earth to tremble, knocking people off their feet?

Were there possible airborne objects like huge trees, soil, huts, cars, clothes, etc.? Could large waves appear in the rivers against the current, and water suddenly to disappear from riverbeds? Could rivers and ponds start boiling, and hot geysers erupt as a result of the mysterious blasts?

Was it possible the skies to glow at nights, turning them into days? What was the glowing red haze at nights?

What was the strange fire on the tops of the trees, causing trees to be burned from the top to the roots, including the roots of uprooted trees?

What were those catastrophic events that could turn hills into lakes and swamps?

Could entire families and large amounts of animals become sick and die of radiation sickness?

How could people die from radiation caused by an explosion for thousands of years before the discovery of the atomic bomb?

No wonder that the people would be stricken with panic after blasts as powerful as 1000 Hiroshima atomic bombs, thinking it was the end of the world.

Was it possible some stones to glow at night as a result of blasts?

Such events are not only possible, but they really did happen and are very well documented. The evenks in Siberia describe strikingly similar story to that one in Mahabharata. The ancient Indian hero invoked the *Agneya* weapon to destroy his enemies, the mighty Siberian shaman Magankan invoked the celestial metal birds **Agdy** to annihilate his foes.

We have hard scientific proof for such events. The last one happened in 1908 in Siberia.

The evenks attributed the Tunguska meteorite blast to a great shaman called Magankan. He was so powerful that he would get people to fire a rifle at him and he could catch the bullet when it came out of his body and show it to the witnesses. Magankan would stab a knife into his chest and no wound could be seen.

For a long time there had been war and feuds between the evenk clans living along the tributaries of the Tunguska River. The rival shamans were sending evil spirits that caused diseases and other troubles.

Magankan called on the iron birds Agdy with fiery eyes. The beating of their wings causes thunder and lightning flashes from their eyes.

In the early morning of the 30th June, 1908, a numerous flock of Agdy was called by the shaman Magankan. They were banging in the skies very loudly. The iron birds Agdy with fiery eyes came down on the lands of the Shanyagir clan and devastated a vast region with their thunders and lightings.

The chooms (huts usually made of animals skins or birch bark) were blown into the air. Many people were hurt. 250 reindeer from the herd of Andrei Onkoul disappeared without trace, other reindeer and dogs were killed.

The mythological interpretation by tribal people of natural events are strikingly similar even divided by thousands of years in time and thousands of kilometers in distance.

And this is what happened. This is an excerpt from the book *Dinosaur Killers*:

“In the bright, sunny morning of June 30, 1908, a fiery celestial body flew over central Siberia. It was described by witnesses as a spherical or cylindrical object; they saw its color as red, yellow, bluish, or white. The heavenly body moved downward for 10 minutes.

But there were some strange events minutes before the locals observed the flying object.

In 1926, I. M. Suslov recorded testimonies from *evenks*, one of the indigenous peoples of the Russian North. A few individuals, sleeping in their *chooms* (huts usually made of animals skins or birch bark) some 30 km from the epicenter, reported that before they saw the bright object in the sky they were awakened by a strong wind, whistling and rustling sounds, sounds like numerous birds flying overhead, sounds of falling trees, and several claps of thunder; something invisible was hitting and pushing the huts and the people, knocking them off their feet, the ground was trembling, and something was thumping the ground. There were many reports that the chooms “were flying like a bird,” and people in their sleeping bags were tossed upward several times.

The people observed strange “fire” on the tops of the trees. Some trees were burned from the top to the roots, including the roots of uprooted trees.

The evenks said that trees were falling down. The pine needles, dry braches on the ground, and their reindeer were burning. It became very hot.

Electrostatic effects can cause pushing, falling, flying (electrostatic levitation), St. Elmo’s fire, etc.

Movement of objects were described by witnesses of other falling meteorites.

When two objects in each other's vicinity have different electrical charges, an electrostatic field exists between them. An electrostatic field also forms around any single object that is electrically charged with respect to its environment.

Rubbing a glass rod with fur or cloth, or a comb through the hair, can build up static electricity. Static electricity from a plastic slide causes the child's hair to stand on end. Static electricity is also generated by the friction of clothing against fabric in vehicles or furniture, and footwear against floor coverings. Most of these items consist of synthetic materials, all known to generate static charges. Many are familiar with the spark or minishock produced by the discharge of static electricity when removing synthetic clothing.

The spark associated with static electricity is caused by electrostatic discharge, or simply static discharge, as excess charge is neutralized by a flow of charges from or to the surroundings. Lightning is a dramatic natural example of static discharge.

The Tunguska witnesses reported airborne objects like trees, chunks of upper layers of soil, chooms (huts),

clothes, etc. Large waves appeared in the rivers against the current. Water suddenly disappeared from riverbeds. They saw St. Elmo's fire: this is a weather phenomenon in which luminous plasma is created by a coronal discharge from a sharp or pointed object in a strong electric field in the atmosphere.

Earth's surface under storms becomes charged when the electric fields of the storm get strong enough. Grass, trees, animals, people, and everything start giving up a charge that flows up into the atmosphere; sometimes it can be seen as St. Elmo's fire. The intrusion of a comet and its coma can cause effects of charging and discharging of the local environment.

A variety of discharges happen all the time. At any given time there are about 2,000 thunderstorms around the globe, producing about 50 lightnings per second.

There are many factors influencing the charging and discharging of the ionosphere and the surface of the Earth.

A safety tip for mariners says, "The glow on a masthead produced by an extreme buildup of electrical charge is known as St. Elmo's Fire. Unprotected mariners should immediately move to shelter when this phenomenon occurs. Lightning may strike the mast within five minutes after it begins to glow."

To sum up, St. Elmo's fire is a signal that there is a powerful buildup of static electrical energy. And that this electrical energy will discharge very soon.

The electrostatic discharge sounds like the flapping of a ship's sails, the noise of flying birds, muffled reports, the sweeping of sand, a distinct tearing, ripping sound as when thin muslin is ripped or torn apart, swishing or rustle, etc.

This event happened before the witnesses saw the bright object in the sky.

Possibly the events before the appearance of the burning bolide in the sky was caused by the ionized dense coma near the core of the comet fragment and the cometary dust and gases hitting the atmosphere at great speed. The density of the coma near the core of the comet depends how active it is and from the distance to the nucleus. The density of the coma increased significantly when it hit the atmosphere because it was pressed against the atmosphere. Large amounts of ionized cometary material from the coma were ejected at high speed into Earth's atmosphere in a matter of minutes. The comets move at very high speed, about 25 to 60 km/s. The effects were electrical, mechanical, and thermal. The static electricity as a result of pumping of

ionized particles from the coma caused also an atmospheric pulsing, wind, and tremble of the ground.

Very large static charges can accumulate in space bodies and space vehicles due to extremely low humidity in extraterrestrial environments.

The Earth is electrically charged and it acts as a spherical capacitor; Earth has a net negative charge, while positive charge resides in the atmosphere. There is about a 300,000-volt potential difference between the Earth's surface and the ionosphere.

The ionosphere is a shell of electrons and electrically charged atoms and molecules that surrounds the Earth from about 50 km (31 miles) to more than 1,000 km (620 miles). It is charged by the Sun.

The coma, cometary dust, and meteor grains were pumping great amounts of negatively charged particles from the cometary coma into the positively charged ionosphere, changing locally the electrostatic potential between the negatively charged Earth's surface and the positively charged ionosphere, creating a powerful, pulsating electrostatic field. The ionosphere began oscillating (moving up and down), creating local but powerful atmospheric pulses, a strong wind, eerie sounds, etc.

Witnesses reported that they first heard a strong clap of thunder, and after that they saw the fiery ball in the skies.

The Earth's tremors, the reports, the strange sounds like the flying of innumerable birds, something pushing people and their huts: these could only be explained by electrical effects caused by the charged coma and the plasma about the heated core of the cometary fragment.

In the first place, there were thunder sounds and after several minutes the bolide appeared, ergo, the cometary fragment was thousands of kilometers away from Earth's atmosphere. That means that the sounds and the electrostatic effects were not caused by the meteorite but by the coma, because the meteorite still wasn't heated enough in order for the observers to see it and there was still no hot, electrically charged plasma around it. This wasn't electrophonic sounds, too, for the same reason; the fragment did not have an ionized trail in the wake. The sounds were produced by the aurora borealis (but witnesses couldn't see it in the bright sunny morning) and by the electrostatic effects.

The energetic particles that create the dazzling lights high up in Earth's atmosphere (aurora borealis) sometimes also produce strange noises such as claps, crackles, muffled bangs, sputtering, and static sounds.

When an object travels faster than the speed of sound in Earth's atmosphere, a shock wave can be created that can be heard as a sonic boom. This is one of the immense claps of thunder the locals heard.

After the static electricity events, the evenks saw in the sky a bright light, "as bright as a sun." They reported different colors of the object. The bolide moved in the sky for about 10 minutes and exploded. The shock wave knocked people off their feet and broke windows hundreds of kilometers away. There was a strong, hot wind. There was lightning and powerful thunder. It was so hot that people couldn't stand their clothes.

The newspaper *Sibir* reported, "We observed an unusual natural occurrence. In the north Karelinski village the peasants saw to the north west, rather high above the horizon, some strangely bright (impossible to look at) bluish-white heavenly body, which for 10 minutes moved downwards. The body appeared as a 'pipe,' i.e. a cylinder. The sky was cloudless, only a small dark spot was observed in the general direction of the bright body. It was hot and dry. As the body neared the ground (forest), the bright body seemed to smudge, and then turned into a billow of black smoke, and a loud knocking (not thunder) was heard, as if large stones were falling, or artillery was fired. All buildings

shook. At the same time, the cloud started emitting flames of uncertain shapes. All villagers were stricken with panic and took to the streets, women cried, thinking it was the end of the world.”

The majority of the witnesses who were hundreds of kilometers from an epicenter reported three powerful thunderous sounds; after that, they heard something like artillery or gun shooting. People near the epicenter reported a much richer picture of the events. They heard many thunderclaps, reports, and other sounds.

The flight of meteorites through Earth’s atmosphere is accompanied by various electromagnetic phenomena. There is observed a characteristic radio emissions from the ionized meteor trails, deviations of a compass needle, mild electric shocks, etc.”

Because of the large charged coma, the cometary tail, and the large amount of fragments, the events began several day before the airburst.

“Lubor Kresák linked the Tunguska events to the comet 2P/Encke, the parent body of the annual meteor shower Beta Taurids, which peaks in intensity in the last days of June. He suggested that the orbital trajectory of the Tunguska meteorite would have matched a stray fragment from the meteor shower.

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