

CROP CIRCLE LECTURE PRESENTED AT MENSA'S 2014 "NATIONAL GATHERING" IN BOSTON

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*Crop Circle Lecture w/Nancy Talbott
(Sheraton Boston - July 4 @ 4:30 pm)*

Sometime early in 2014 I got a call from a man who said he was phoning on behalf of the committee organizing the 2014 "National Gathering" of MENSA members, scheduled to occur in Boston over the July 4th weekend – and he wanted to know if I'd present a lecture on crop circles. I was nearly as startled as when, years ago, Laurance Rockefeller's office called to ask if I'd come to New York to give Mr. Rockefeller an "overview" of the BLT Research Team's work-- but this time I didn't hang up, not certain that it was just my kid brother (or some other fool) having fun.

After agreeing to do the lecture I *did* call the National MENSA offices to make sure this man was who he said he was...because my lectures takes a lot of time and work, since each is designed for each specific audience, depending on their level of previous knowledge.

But Mr. Berger was "for real" and so was the "Gathering," and so on July 4th I and a BLT fieldworker, Mark Archambault, taxied across the Charles River to Boston's Back Bay Sheraton. The lecture focused primarily on the peer-reviewed science and the XRD Study and the audience, although small (maybe 50 people we guessed), seemed attentive. I did include, toward the end, some of the Robbert van den Broeke material and was quite amazed to see that—when the next-to-the-last slide came up with both the links to BLT's "Robbert" page and his own website—everybody's phones came out to **take photos of that slide**. I think they were genuinely interested in the scientific results, but suspect it was the Robbert material that intrigued them most.



July 4, 2014 – The slide that everybody took photos of toward the end of the MENSA lecture.



July 4, 2014 – Nancy delivering the MENSAs crop circle lecture at the Back Bay Sheraton in Boston.

The most interesting tid-bit, though, occurred after my lecture when a man I don't know told me he'd also attended a lecture by "debunker-of-all-things-anomalous" Joe Nickell, earlier that day--and said he'd asked if Mr. Nickell would accompany him to *hear my lecture* a few hours later? But it seems Joe found it necessary

to stretch the truth a bit, because he replied that he wouldn't come to my lecture because he and I had had some sort of disagreeable altercation in the past.

In fact, I've never met or spoken to Joe Nickell—we've never even exchanged emails. So I don't quite know what "disagreeable altercation" he was referring to....unless he can read minds....which of course he can't....right? Since his avowed raison d'être is to deny all things even vaguely "anomalous"?



July 4, 2012 – Nancy & Mark Archambault in the Back Bay Sheraton's lobby after the crop circle lecture.

Another interesting result was that BLT picked up two new fieldworkers in parts of the U.S. where we need them—both smart men wanting to learn more about the circle phenomenon.

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