

# ANOMALIES

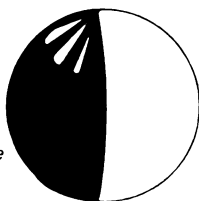
Anomalies are things that don't fit --- like the "m" above. The Sourcebook Project sifts 200 years of literature and retrieves records of strange events and curious discoveries, our heritage of scientific anomalies and the clues to tomorrow's science.

## EXAMPLES OF SCIENTIFIC ANOMALIES

Scientific journals are full of anomalies: ball lightning, mountain-top glows, the Yellowstone Lake whispers, earthquake lights, the Carolina Bays, musical sands, precolumbian contacts, intramercutrial planets, and thousands more.

Scientific anomalies beg for explanations. They are so common that they suggest that science is far from complete, that exciting frontiers remain. These data must be amassed and evaluated.

Peculiar fingers of light  
seen during lunar eclipse



## A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH

The objective of the Sourcebook Project is to collect, organize, and reprint anomalous data extracted primarily from the scientific literature. *Nature*, *Science*, *Scientific American*, *Meteorological Magazine*, and the *American Antiquarian* are typical contributors to the sourcebooks. The older literature is a special target because few have access to it. The sourcebooks beat no drums and promote no wild hypotheses. However, they are strongly biased toward the strange and unusual aspects of the universe because there lie the frontiers.

## A LIBRARY OF FUTURE SCIENCE?

The sciences of tomorrow, whatever they may be, are not in our current textbooks anymore than quasars, mascons, charmed quarks, Stonehenge astronomy, or tectonic plates were in the schoolbooks 20 years ago. The sourcebooks are no final answer, of course; they provide only starting points. They are intriguing, mind-expanding, and sometimes infuriating because no dogma, scientific or pseudoscientific, is sacred.

The sourcebooks appear in several series; one series for each major branch of science; Within each series, entries are separated into such categories as ball lightning, megalithic circles, boulder trains, and whatever logic demands. A ringbinder format permits like categories to be interfiled as new material is published. Each volume is indexed. The colorful hard-cover binders are specially printed and make handsome additions to any library.

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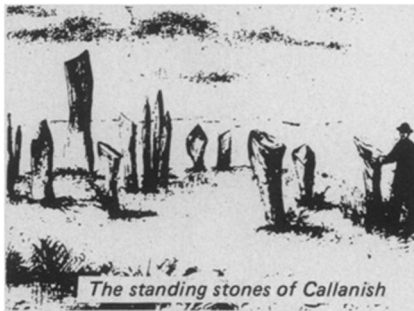
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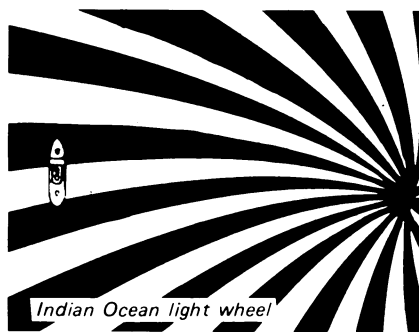
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