

TRANSCRIPT

Wikipedia page for Orion Metaphysical Institute

In the late 1950s, at the height of the [Cold War](#), the [UK Government](#) initiated a number of low-profile research institutes into all manner of conventional and unconventional research endeavours that could turn the tide of the ColdmWar. Such institutes investigated the possibility of producing high amounts of energy from little to no input (i.e. [perpetual motion](#) machines), as well as fuels for space travel and efficient weapons. Various [conspiracy theorists](#) have even suggested that [time travel](#) and [teleportation](#) were also close to becoming reality. In all cases, this research was guided by findings from 'unusual' areas, usually called [pseudoscience](#)^[1] or esoteric anomalies. One such government-funded research institute was called the Orion Metaphysical Institute. Unfortunately, little is known about what actually went on behind the doors of the institute. Even its location is unclear. It was affiliated with the [University of Leicester](#), but to this day, no known building housing the institute has been discovered. Rumours of a number of documents describing a top secret series of experiments called The Filia Project were uncovered in 1966 by an investigative journalist, [Justin Reynolds](#), but he mysteriously disappeared in December 1966 and hasn't been seen of since. The supposed documents were never found.

A local newspaper article^[2] written by Reynolds in December 1965 hinted that the Orion Institute was involved in investigating the [Barwell Meteorite](#) (the so-called Christmas Meteorite) that crashed into the village of Barwell, Leicestershire on Christmas Eve, but that has never been confirmed. The article suggested that a number of disappearances across the country were linked to the research of the institute.

1. [Sieveking, P.](#) (1983). How pseudoscience is driving innovations in traditional scientific research. [Fortean Times](#), 39, 25-30.
2. Reynolds, J. (July 1966). Disappearances linked to local scientific institute. [Leicester Mercury](#).