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An Saoghal Annasach
Freagarlean

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1 Leugh

Faclan

annasach	strange/ unusual	fathannan	rumours
àraid	peculiar/odd	fianais	evidence
beul-aithris	oral tradition/ folklore	fìrinn	truth
creutair	creature	manadh	apparition/ sign/omen (usually of death)
cunntas oifigeil	official account	nèamh	heaven
an dà-shealladh	second sight/ precognition	neo-àbhaisteach	unusual
dearbhadh	proof	neònach	strange/weird/ odd/queer
diomhaireachd	mystery/ secrecy	os-nàdarra	supernatural
faileas	shadow/ phantom	spiorad	spirit
faoinsgeul	legend/myth	taibhs	ghost/ apparition/ spectre
		uilebheist	monster

2. Smaoinich

Hamlet

A phrase used by the title character in the play Hamlet, by William Shakespeare. Hamlet suggests that human knowledge is limited; that there are some things that cannot be explained:

“There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy [science].”

3c Leugh

Alba Annasach 2

The Loch Ness Monster

Thousands visit Loch Ness every year in hope to catch glimpse of monster.

Live webcam on loch 24/7

Many claim to have seen monster.

St Columba saw Nessie 565AD

1933 1st photo of Nessie taken by Englishman. Not clear. Some say it's a dog swimming with stick in its mouth.

2017 lots of official sightings

Some believe Nessie is dinosaur, others say she's a big cat fish or sturgeon.

Nessie generates about 30 million pounds every year

Loch Ness 270m deep — one of deepest in Britain

Scientists from university of Otago in NZ studying loch DNA. Hoped they find DNA of many unusual species — possibly even Nessie DNA!

Mull plane mystery

24th Dec 1975

English businessman Peter Gibbs went missing in small plane in Mull.

40yrs later, mystery still unsolved.

Gibbs visiting Mull with girlfriend. Staying at hotel in Glen Forsa. Wanting to buy hotel in islands. Hired plane. Wanted to see if possible to land it in dark. Took off, girlfriend stood on runway with 2 torches as guide.

Plane didn't return.

Christmas Day, locals & rescue team search. No sign. Sonar search by helicopter of sea, no sign.

Gibbs rumoured to have faked death to avoid debts.

4 months later, a shepherd finds Gibbs' body.

No injuries apart from small wound on leg. No plane found.

Some believe plane crashed in sea & Gibbs swam ashore. Unlikely in winter & would have had to climb steep rock face to get where he was found.

Body wasn't as decomposed as expected after 4 months open to elements.

Why was he not found before? Area had been searched. Shepherds & walkers often on land.

Believed someone else might have been hiding in plane, murdered Gibbs, placed body there & escaped with plane.

Case remains unsolved.

Benbecula mermaid

Oral tradition tells of mermaid found in Nunton, Benbecula.

1830

Locals on shore harvesting seaweed. Woman sees creature in sea near shore. People try to catch it. Boy throws stone, hits creature, creature disappears.

2 days later creature's body found 2 miles away in Culla Bay.

Said to be half woman half fish. Small as 3yr old child. Long dark hair, long shiny tail.

People covered body in shroud & gave burial. Many attended funeral.

Geological search carried out recently on beach and graveyard. No evidence of grave found.

Second sight or a leap forward in time?

1935 Air Marshal Sir Robert Victor Goddard flying over Drem airfield, near Edinburgh.

Carrying out RAF survey of disused airfield.

Airfield last used in WW1. Now abandoned, buildings falling down, sheep and cattle grazing on land.



Plane hit by storm & unusual thick yellow clouds. Plane starts to fall. Just as plane nearly crashes, storm and clouds break. Goddard v close to ground. Sees Drem below him. Airfield totally different. New buildings, new tarmac, lots of yellow planes and engineers in blue overalls (in 1935 RAF planes were grey and engineers wore brown overalls). None of engineers noticed Goddard's plane although only 50 feet above them.

Goddard regains control of plane & brings it back up into the clouds. Reaches England safely. Tells people what he experienced. Not many believe him.

1939

Drem is rebuilt and reinstated as an RAF airfield for WW2. RAF changed the colour of their planes to yellow and engineer uniforms were changed to blue — just as Goddard had glimpsed that day back in 1935.

Is it possible that Goddard fell momentarily through a rip forward in time? Or did he have a vision of the future?

The Big Grey Man of Ben MacDui— The Highland Yeti

Climbers in Cairngorms tell stories of strange & terrifying creature that appears out of the mist on Ben MacDui. Creature known as The Big Grey Man. Approx 3m tall, very long arms and legs.

First official account of creature from Prof Norman Coillie, 1891. Coillie heard footsteps on Ben MacDui & experienced an unnatural feeling of terror. Sure he was being chased by monster. Ran 4 or 5 miles escaping in terror.

Lots of strange similar accounts. All witnesses describe the same sight and same unnerving feeling that almost chokes them. Some talk of hearing singing and strange laughter.

Scientists believe climbers are experiencing a phenomenon called Brocken Spectre*; an optical illusion created in certain weather conditions.

Faigh a-mach

*A Brocken spectre (German: Brockengespenst), also called Brocken bow or mountain spectre, is the magnified (and apparently enormous) shadow of an observer cast upon clouds opposite of the Sun's direction. The figure's head is often surrounded by the halo-like rings of coloured light forming a glory, which appears opposite of the sun's direction when uniformly-sized water droplets in clouds refract and backscatter sunlight.

The phenomenon can appear on any misty mountainside or cloud bank, even when seen from an aeroplane, but the frequent fogs and low-altitude accessibility of the Brocken, a peak in the Harz Mountains in Germany, have created a local legend from which the phenomenon draws its name. The Brocken spectre was observed and described by Johann Silberschlag in 1780, and has since been recorded often in literature about the region.



The "spectre" appears when the sun shines from behind the observer, who is looking down from a ridge or peak into mist or fog. The light projects their shadow through the mist, often in a triangular shape due to perspective. The apparent magnification of size of the shadow is an optical illusion that occurs when the observer judges his or her shadow on relatively nearby clouds to be at the same distance as faraway land objects seen through gaps in the clouds, or when there are no reference points by which to judge its size. The shadow also falls on water droplets of varying distances from the eye, confusing depth perception. The ghost can appear to move (sometimes suddenly) because of the movement of the cloud layer and variations in density within the cloud.

(Definition and explanation taken from Wikipedia)

4c Leugh Geàrr-chunntas agus ceistean

NB: Pupils should complete this summary to make sense, using whatever words they choose. Gaps may represent more than one word and, where this is the case, they are not intended to be filled with direct translations of the Gaelic text.

In the autumn of 2000, Finlay was staying in an old B&B in New England with his friend, Catrìona. It was a cold, frosty, snowy night and a full moon shone through the bedroom window.

During the night, Finlay woke and saw the ghosts of two children in the corner. They were wearing long, white nightgowns and were staring at him. At first he thought he was dreaming/half-asleep.

He hid under the blankets but every time he peeked out they were still there.

He was so scared he lost his strength/energy and couldn't speak or move.

The next time he looked, the girl was smiling and beckoning to him. He felt sure that he was about to die. Finally, at day break the ghosts disappeared.

In the morning he told his friend what had happened. She couldn't believe it.

At breakfast, they discovered there had been three tragic deaths in the house in the past — a man and his young son and daughter.

Ceistean

1. Really scared
2. Finlay felt he would never get over the fear if he didn't go back.
3. He decided to practise the custom of 'a' gabhail an leabhair' (he read the Bible and prayed).
4. The fear subsided to an extent
5. We went to sleep but we woke up during the night to the sound of a door banging. The noise was downstairs. We went down and there was a small room with a window left open. We closed the window and didn't hear anything more after that. I was glad I stayed the second night because it

helped me to get over the fear. But, we were so happy to leave the house the next morning!

5 Èist *Solas neònach*

- off the west coast
- big, green, travelling at an unnatural speed through sky
- that it was a UFO
- the light was travelling much faster than a plane
- meteors were not expected in the area / no evidence of a fallen meteor
- not willing to confirm or deny they were working in the area last night
- pupils' own theories

7a Firinn no breug?

- true — although exact figures are hard to discern, there are said to be on average 3 trillion trees on earth and 100 billion stars in The Milky Way.
- false — most bats have excellent night vision
- true — snails and other molluscs have a radular ribbon on which there are, on average, 1400 miniscule teeth.
- false — earliest bagpipes thought to originate from Egypt and Middle East
- true — underneath their white fur, a polar bear's skin is in fact black.
- true — according to scientific research, rats and apes are the only creatures proven to respond to tickles with laughter.
- false — SOS doesn't stand for anything. SOS is a morse code distress signal designed to be simple and easy to transmit: 3 dots, 3 dashes, 3 dots.
- true — In 2008 Switzerland introduced animal rights laws which granted social rights to pets that tend to get lonely. Guinea pigs are herd animals and so should never be kept on their own. The law also protects goldfish!
- true — according to a report by Conde Nast Traveler in 2015 there were 8 confirmed shark attack deaths in that year; but dozens of selfie-related deaths. According to a global study conducted in 2018, the quest for extreme selfies killed 259 people between 2011 and 2017 (on average 37 deaths per year). The global average of shark related deaths is 6 per year.
- false — Adam and Eve were said to have eaten "forbidden fruit"; there is actually no mention of 'apple' in Genesis.
- false — bulls can only see in blues and yellows. They react only to the movement of the red cape flapped by the matador.
- true — a combination of factors; its acidity, its lack of water and the presence of hydrogen peroxide work in perfect harmony, allowing honey to last forever without going off.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/the-science-behind-honeys-eternal-shelf-life-1218690/#r2CzqtjBVjSLizv9.99>

13. false — this is a common misconception; no such rule actually exists.
14. false — bananas actually grow on massive herb plants that look like trees.
15. true — technically the British monarch owns all unmarked mute swans in open water in the UK, although the Queen only exercises ownership on certain stretches and tributaries of the River Thames around Windsor.

7c Leugh Seanfhacal

"Is fheàrr an fhirinn na an t-òr"

Something along the lines of:

The truth is worth more than gold/The truth is better than gold/Better truth than gold

8a Leugh Murt Asainte

1. in a loch in Assynt
2. thought to have taken his own life
3. that he was murdered
4. merchant / travelling salesman
5. that something so evil would happen in their small, quiet community
6. Hugh Macleod, young local man who had been a school teacher
7. drinker gambler educated spendthrift
cunning womaniser thief
8. money
9. told him he wanted to buy stuff from him
10. with a hammer
11. under a cairn on moor
12. "Chaidh na mìosan seachad"
13. *Kenneth The Dreamer was MacLeod's friend. He had the unusual gift of second sight. One night he dreamt about Grant's murder and he saw the dead man's suitcase hidden under the cairn on the moor. He told the authorities and they searched and found it. On the basis of this evidence, MacLeod was arrested and sent to prison in Dornoch. He was held there for more than a year. When he was tried he still denied he was guilty.*
14. First trial is Scottish legal history that a Judge accepted evidence based on second sight.
15. Macleod found guilty and sentenced to hang.

16. Body sent to Edinburgh University to be used in medical research.

Prògram mu Mhurt Asainte

Bha prògram mu Mhurt Asainte air a' BhBC (Bruadar a' Bhàis). Dh'fhaodadh e a bhith gum bi e ri fhaodainn air cluicheadair-i an-dràst' is a-rithist.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b072z802/bruadar-a-bhaisa-dream-of-death?suggid=b072z802>

8b Èist Naidheachd bàis

	Fiosrachadh	Ceart	Ceàrr
a	A man's body has been found in a loch in Caithness.	X	
b	Police have confirmed the identity of the dead man.		X
c	Two men have been questioned.	X	
d	Two men have been arrested.		X
e	A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.		X

