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Long before Einstein, the ancient Assyrians, Chaldeans, and Egyptians had established the principle of general relativity; long before Archimedes, the ancient Hindus had discovered hydrostatics; the Egyptians had perfected the Zodiac thousands of years before Christ. Religious writings contain universal references to spacecrafts and god-beings who descended from these strange vehicles. Recent history is replete with UFO sightings and human contact with extraterrestrial beings.

Eric Norman examines these facts, and a plethora of additional, tradition-shattering evidence in his argument that man is not alone, and that our modern knowledge is but a rediscovery of a science given to mankind at the very dawn of human civilization.

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A DETAILED READING OF HISTORY...

reveals that many of the old kings, emperors, and rulers reported contacts, or visitations, with various types of entities . . .

Napoleon was visited on numerous occasions by a "flaming red man," who warned the ruler when he stepped beyond the boundaries of governing for the good of the people.

Thomas Jefferson, it has been written on numerous occasions, was visited by a dark-skinned man in a hooded cloak. He gave Jefferson the design for the seal of the United States that is printed on the back of a dollar bill.

Malcolm X, in his *Autobiography*, wrote of a visitation when he was in prison, by a man who sat silently in a chair by the black leader's bed—then just as silently disappeared.

It is no longer possible to pass these facts off as myth or fantasy. Every day new evidence comes to light to prove that extraterrestrial guides have mingled with man throughout history!

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To Jay Garon and Morgan Wilson

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Legends of the Sky People

Come with me into the strange, fascinating world of flying saucers.

Join me in an adventure into the impossible.

Since the beginning of the space age, during World War II, our world has been mystified by strange, mysterious aerial phenomena. UFOs—popularly known as “flying saucers” because of their disc-like shape—have been sighted by millions of astonished people during the past quarter century. The tremendous acceleration, flight patterns, and intelligent maneuvers of flying saucers indicate that they are under intelligent control. Contactees, people who claim to have talked to UFO pilots, claim they are humanoids from outer space.

Incredible? Unbelievable? Can the earth really be under surveillance by some unidentified race from beyond the stars?

Let's take a look at the facts. There were a tremendous number of UFO “flaps” in 1966 as thousands of people watched the celestial acrobatics of these unknown sky-crafts. Residents of Exeter, N. H., parked along lonely coun-

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try roads to watch UFOs swoop down for a nightly charge of high-voltage power. Townspeople in Rio Vista, Calif., gathered as a cigar-shaped craft, glowing reddish-orange, hovered over their water tower. Hundreds of saucer sightings were reported from Michigan, Pennsylvania, and other locales.

Under the threat of a widespread, far-reaching Congressional investigation, the military establishment quickly set up the now-controversial Condon Committee to investigate UFOs. As we now know, the Condon group was soon embroiled in charges of duplicity, poor selection of cases to be studied, and inattention to scientific procedures. Staff members who refused to follow a preordained conclusion were dismissed. There was an unusual amount of sloppy, unscientific procedure.

The entire tone of the Condon investigation was set in a staff memo written by Dr. Robert Low, director of the University of Colorado's graduate school. He acted as coordinator for the committee and his memo on the project was released by disgruntled colleagues:

"... The analogy with ESP, Rhine, and Duke is only partially valid. The Duke study was done by believers who, after they had finished, convinced almost no one. Our study would be conducted by nonbelievers who, although they couldn't prove a negative result, could and probably would add an impressive amount of evidence that there is no reality to the observations. *The trick would be, I think, to describe the project so that, to the public, it would appear a totally objective study*, but to the scientific community, would present the image of a group of nonbelievers trying their best to be objective but having an almost zero expectation of finding a saucer. One way to do this would be to stress investigation, not of the physical phenomena, but rather of the people who do the observing—the psychology and sociology of persons and groups who see UFOs. If the emphasis was put here, rather than on the examination of the old

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question of physical reality of the saucer, I think the scientific community would get the message."

Unfortunately, the Condon Committee apparently followed the devious instructions in Dr. Low's memo. A half million dollars in government funds were spent to produce a report that has been condemned by many prestigious scientists. However, the Condon report did convince many newspaper editors that people who see flying saucers need psychiatrists rather than Air Force investigation.

Possibly frightened of being labeled members of the lunatic fringe, many people dismissed the evidence they'd seen with their own eyes. The Condon Committee achieved its intended purpose of getting the U.S. Air Force off the hook. At the same time, the committee's report threw a cold, wet blanket over the entire UFO scene.

People still see flying saucers!

They just don't report their sightings, except to local law enforcement agencies. Frequently they dismiss the evidence of their eyes, quietly shake their heads, and wonder about their mental equilibrium. As if they were operating some vast cosmic con game, the UFOonauts seemed to go along with the conclusions of the Condon Committee. There had been many "flaps" in the late sixties, with multiple witnesses watching UFO activity over a reservoir in Wanaque, N.J., Ann Arbor, Mich., and other locales. After the Condon Report, these unusual aerial actions moved to other countries.

In South America, Australia, Spain and Europe, thousands of reports have been compiled concerning mass UFO activity in the past two years. Puzzled officials in Russia, China, and the Iron Curtain countries have been deluged by a blizzard of sightings. These UFO flaps have been ignored by most of the U.S. newspapers.

I was in California recently and I followed up the reports of a multiple-witness sighting that occurred there in 1968. A prayer meeting in a Redlands church was interrupted one evening by the approach of a UFO over the

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church building. The minister was leading his congregation in prayer when his services were drowned out by a loud, whirring noise. As he taped his services, the minister discovered later that the noise was recorded on his tapes.

A male witness, watching television at home, became disturbed by the loud, repeated barking of his dogs in the back yard. "I went out to quiet the dogs," he stated. "As soon as I stepped out the door I felt funny. I had an unusual, prickly skin sensation. I was tingling as if I was holding some low-voltage electrical wire. I was trying to figure out exactly what was happening when a whistling whirring noise overhead drew my attention to the sky."

He saw a large, disc-shaped object moving overhead. "I couldn't figure out what it was for a minute," he declared. "Then I noticed the lens-like shape. It was moving toward the west on a steady course. There was something that looked like windows in the front edge. There was a row of flickering lights below the windows. They flickered on and off, with a quick rapid series of flashes. I stood there by the back door and watched as it disappeared over the tops of my neighbors' homes."

What was it? "I know it wasn't an airplane," he stated. "The Air Force said this was a small, single-engine plane preparing to land at the local airport. That's ridiculous. I didn't think much about flying saucers until then. I don't know where they come from. I just know that they exist and they're real."

Across the world in Ceylon, hundreds of people saw a strangely shaped device maneuver through the air in July of last year. Investigators were too quick to claim the device was an extra-terrestrial aircraft before there was an exhaustive investigation of the phenomenon. Witnesses reported the UFO was a circular object, about thirty feet in diameter, with two tapering wings on each side. "The top part of the center circle had a plastic-like dome," a witness was quoted in a Ceylon newspaper. "The plastic was apparently connected to the craft by a metal frame that

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was shaped like the hippie peace symbol. The cabin cast off an orange glow."

Wings on the UFOs had two fins, extending downward. Wings are a new pattern in UFO sightings and, like the cabin, these protrusions were illuminated although they did not glitter. They shown with a soft glow. There was no sound from the aircraft; no humanoids were observed in the cabin. "The craft was made from something like a plastic fiberglass material," observed one witness.

Witnesses reported the ship hovered for several minutes above them. Just before speeding off with tremendous acceleration, the wings were drawn back into the fuselage. On the bottom of the UFO were red and green blinkers, similar to the lights on private and commercial aircraft.

There were no accounts printed in the American press concerning these mass sightings in Ceylon. That same month, a virtual squadron of flying saucers frightened the spectators at a soccer game in Campos, Brazil. Hundreds of people were sitting in the town stadium, enjoying a soccer game when a large cylindrical UFO suddenly popped up in the sky over them. Eight glowing, smaller devices followed behind the larger craft.

"I think this was a mother ship and several smaller saucers," said one witness. "Everyone was watching the game when someone yelled. There were perhaps a thousand people sitting around me. We watched these objects for several minutes."

The larger object was said to be cigar shaped, glowing orange-yellow against the dark night sky. "The smaller UFOs kept changing colors," said soccer player Aldir Rangel, who reported the game was slowed down by the shouting spectators. "The little UFOs glowed from green to red to yellow. They moved through the sky and were lost from sight in a few minutes."

Osario Pieixoto, a sportswriter, was reporting on the game. "I thought they were some natural phenomenon," he explained, "but as they drew closer I became convinced they were some sort of extraterrestrial spacecraft. When

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the UFOs were right over the field, about five or six hundred spectators stood up. The largest object glowed all of the time. The glow seemed to come from a strip of windows along the side of the ship. It took about three minutes from time of appearance until the whole armada vanished behind a dark cloud."

A respected Brazilian judge, Antonio Perez, reported seeing a UFO hovering above a river one evening in 1969. Judge Perez was driving from Campos to Itapuruna in the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro when his wife noticed a strange object hovering above the river. Lilac in color, the UFO was suspended in mid-air. It was disc-shaped, and beamed a ray down onto the river. "My wife became intrigued. She wanted to stop and get closer to look," the judge informed newsmen. "I was not a believer in UFOs at the time. What I saw certainly opened my mind and removed my doubts. Quite frankly, I was frightened. I stepped on the gas and got out of there."

In Argentina, there have been thousands of reports of UFOs in the past few years. Fortunately, Government officials in South America view these phenomena with solemn seriousness. Reports are not dismissed and an inspection of files in various Government UFO investigative agencies reveal that a major "flap" has occurred in several areas. Captain Omar Pagani, UFO investigating officer for the Argentinian navy, says, "I have absolutely no doubts they exist, whether you call them spacecrafts, flying saucers, or unidentified flying objects."

Some Argentinian encounters reveal the possible hostility of saucers. Three women and a young boy noticed an unusual light glowing behind their homes in Trancas, Argentina, and walked out to investigate the object. They discovered a saucer-shaped device hovering low, just above the ground. It was described as "about twenty-five feet in diameter with windows running all around. Colors glowed from the windows; some were red, green, blue, orange, and they flickered and changed."

As they neared the hovering object, a beam of reddish

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light suddenly burst forth from the craft. One woman was burned on the face by the beam. "The women hurried back to their homes," a witness explained. "Later, the woman who was burned received treatment from her family doctor. He was puzzled as to what could have caused the burn."

Jason's quest was for the golden fleece. Cortez and his band of hardy Conquistadors hunted for *El Dorado*, the legendary seven cities of gold. The alchemists through the ages have fervently searched for the essence of life. Flying saucers are the will-o-the-wisp of the space age. With their origin shrouded in mystery, their phenomenal actions a challenge to our scientists, they are a modern legend. Yet, as reports continue to be compiled, their reality is gradually confirmed with each passing month.

Theories of their origin are as varied as the people who pursue these mysterious objects. Depending on whom you are talking to, you will hear a wild variety of statements on UFOs, their origin, and purposes.

"... They are hostile, intent on invading our world."

"... They are the sky people returning from the heavens to assist humanity in these times of destruction and darkness."

"... They are nothing more than mass psychosis."

"... Sky ships from Atlantis."

"... Angels returning from the heavens."

"... Flying ants that give off a luminous glow!"

"... Extraterrestrial spacecraft!"

"... The skies hold a thousand saucers!"

"... Man, there ain't nothing up there!"

One of the most unusual approaches to the origin of flying saucers was put forth by Brinsley Le Poer Trench in his remarkable book, *The Sky People*, (London; Neville Spearman Ltd., 1960). He starts the book with a foreword, explaining that many of the concepts are revolutionary in nature and opposed to those held by many priests and scientists. He includes a fable to prove his

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point that humanity is frequently shortsighted in adopting new concepts.

Trench explained that a man was walking down a country lane, carrying a large fish. He encountered a second man who had never seen a fish and had never seen a large body of water.

"What is that?" demanded the man who had never seen a fish.

The first man explained he was carrying a fish, which lived in water. His replies were met with skepticism.

"Show me how he swims," challenged the skeptic.

"Come with me over the hill to a lake and I will," said the man with the fish.

"Show me here!" declared the skeptic. "Show me right here in the lane or I'll never believe you." But the man with the fish had gone over the hill toward a lake.

Trench wrote: ". . . It is my sincere belief that those who take up this book will not stick in the lane. Why not join in a very unusual adventure and come with me over the hill?"

"This is the story of the Sky People who have been coming to earth for millions of years," Mr. Trench starts his book. "Countless legends and myths in the folklore, mythologies, and sacred books of races everywhere refer to a period—the golden age—when the gods came down and mingled with mortals. The myths themselves are but the fairy story covering up these true happenings of a bygone age were wrapt up to preserve them for prosperity."

Mr. Trench goes on to reveal that his idea on the original location of the fabled Garden of Eden, interprets Biblical *Genesis* with two stories of humanity's creation, and develops the theory of two races in the universe. The *Elohim* (God) created Galactic Man first, intending that this race would populate the universe, Chemical man (*homo sapiens*) was *hu-man* beings, an experiment that quickly got out of control.

Genesis proves two creation stories, according to Trench,

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if the texts are followed correctly. In the King James version, the creation of man occurred in 1:26-27:

" . . . And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created them."

While this is chronicled in early *Genesis*, Trench points out that Adam is not created until 2:7. Eve was apparently not created until a long time after Adam, a considerable time after God had created male and female. He feels that the first creation story is the birth of Galactic Man—Adam I. He also explains that the Hebrew versions of the Old Testament use "Elchim" instead of God in *Genesis*. This plurality of Gods is also evident in the King James version of the Bible. As an example:

"Come let us go down, and there confound their language . . ."—*Genesis* XI-7.

"Woe to us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of *These mighty Gods?* These are *the Gods* that smote the Egyptians with all manner of plagues in the wilderness—!" Samuel, IV 8.

"And the king said unto her, be not afraid; for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, *I saw Gods* ascending out of the Earth"—I Samuel XXVII-13.

Mr. Trench reveals that Elchim is not a word for a single deity, but the expression for many gods.

"Let us make man in *our* image," says the Elohim, "after *our* likeness."

Dr. W. H. Green, an authority on the Bible, has remarked on the use of Elohim and Jehovah in the Old Testament. He says: "Jehovah represents God in His special relation to the chosen people, as revealing Himself to

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them, their guardian, and object of their worship; Elohim represents God in his relation to the world at large, as Creator, Providential ruler in the affairs of men, and Controller of the operations of nature."

Trench explained that the whole point is missed if we accept Jehovah as the various manifestations of a single god. He explained the Hebrew language is precisely constructed in meaning, form, and structure. ". . . I could give many more quotations to support the contention that the Jehovah are indeed a *family or even a race of Gods*," Trench declared.

The British researcher pointed to the entire concept of Greek mythology with tales of gods and goddesses descending from the heavens to walk among mortal men. "In the Old Testament there are many examples of divine messengers—Angels—meeting, walking, and talking with mortals," Trench stated. ". . . It is interesting to note that the Greek word for 'Messenger' is 'Angelos.'" The similarity to our Biblical 'Angel' is very obvious.

Trench said that the existence of a race of gods should not destroy a reader's belief in a single, unifying universal spirit. "I am merely postulating," he wrote, "that there are, indeed, many godlike beings in an ever-expanding scale of grandeur on the stairways of the evolution to the stars."

Nowhere in the Bible is the Jehovah referred to as the Supreme God, as many theologians now proclaim him to be. In Madame H. P. Blavatsky's often controversial *The Secret Doctrine*, we read of the occultists' approach to the Elohim:

" . . . If we are taken to task for believing in operating 'Gods' and 'Spirits,' while rejecting a personal God, we answer . . . Admit that your Jehovah is *one of the Elohim*, and we are ready to recognize him. Make of him, as you do, the Infinite, the ONE, and the Eternal God, and we will never accept him in this character. Of *tribal* gods there were many; the one Universal Deity is a

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principle, an abstract root idea, which has naught to do with the unclean work of finite form. We do not worship the Gods, we only honor them, as beings superior to ourselves. In this we obey the Mosaic Injunction while Christians disobey their Bible—Missionaries foremost of all. 'Thou shall not revile the Gods,' says one of them, Jehovah, in Exodus XXII-28; but at the same time in verse 20, it is commanded: 'He that sacrificeth to any God, save unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed.'"—Vol. II: *The Secret Doctrine*: Advar Edition.

Trench explained that the Jehovah created "hu-man" in the second story of creation in *Genesis*. This occurred many milleniums after the creation of Galactic man, the original race of humanity, and the first Adam. *Hu-man*, Adam II, had an earth-animal chemical body.

Adam I, or the Galactic people, have been known since the dawning of time as the Serpent People. The serpent, symbolic of the sperm generation of life, or a spiral of energy, were the "Serpent Kings who are said by the old Culture all around the world to have come from the sky to establish the beneficent and civilizing rule of the Sons of the Sun, or the Sons of Heaven, upon earth." (As we will see in a later chapter, a contactee in Nebraska told of a winged serpent emblem on the uniforms of UFO-nauts.)

"The creation of . . . animal man was an *illegal* act," Mr. Trench continued. "It was done without permission, in a specially chosen, isolated place." He theorized that Adam II, animal man, was not created to be as long-lived as his creators. He would never be allowed to become one of them, but was developed to be a servant. Today's use of drugs, liquor, and stimulants is animal-man's quest to find the magic potion to prolong his life and bring him closer to God.

As the experiment continued with animal chemical man, the Serpent People (Galactic man) became curious about what was happening behind the garden walls. Adam

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II men had been ordered to maintain the garden and to guard its boundaries against trespassers. Adam II men frequently drove the Serpent People away, but Adam II females were quick to fraternize with the interlopers.

According to Trench, this is how the actual story of Eve eating the apple in the Garden of Eden took place. Trench theorizes that Adam II was created by the Jehovah as a servant race, suited for tending the garden, raising crops and maintaining the premises. They were not intended to reproduce. Their diet was restricted to insure their sterility. Certain substances were forbidden to be eaten by the Adam II people on the penalty of death.

When Adam II females began to hang around with the Serpent People, they were informed that the forbidden foods were not deadly. Within a short time, the women had served Adam II men an ample portion of the forbidden nutrients.

"Adam II man has a built-in compulsion to report on events that are still with his descendants, even in our own time," Trench wrote. "In the beginning this was reinforced by frequent visits from his creators (Jehovah), who talked with him about the affairs of the garden."

Once they had eaten the forbidden food, Adam II started being tardy in making his reports. He trembled in fear of the death penalty for his transgressions. "To make matters worse," Trench said, "when he was finally tracked down in the underbrush he was wearing clothes!"

The Jehovah were enraged at the Serpent People for interfering with his experiments with an earth-chemical Adam II man. Until then, Adam II had quietly and docilely tended the garden; now they knew of their "latent humanity."

Angry and enraged, the Jehovah said in Genesis 3:14-17: "And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast in the field, upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat for all the days of thy life. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and be-

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tween thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception . . . unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened to the voice of thy wife, and has eaten of the tree . . . cursed is the ground for thy sake; sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life . . ."

Trench feels that the "son of God" in humanity's make-up comes from the "clear-going, lucid, telepathic, and spiritually oriented Galactic peoples created by the Elohim (Jehovah).

"The sons of Jehovah's Adam in us came from the solidly chemical bodies, earth-oriented and derived domestic animal men the Jehovah created to till and guard his farming enterprise."

These interminglings of Galactic man (the Serpent People) and earth-chemical man (Adam II) is the basic genetic meaning of the cross.

Trench carries his theories further and postulates that the original Garden of Eden was not on earth, but occurred on Mars. Noah's Great Ark in *Genesis* was not a sea vessel built on our planet, but a giant space ship designed to take people away from the floods on Mars.

In Genesis 6:2-4, we read: "That the sons of God (Galactic man) saw the daughters of men (Chemical man; Adam II) that they were fair; and they took them wives of all they chose."

The mixing of the Serpent People with Chemical man created the Cross man.

The Jehovah felt that Chemical man would be unable to survive outside of the garden that he had been created to till. "And the Lord God said, *Behold, the man is become as one of us*, to know good and evil: and now lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever."—Genesis III, 22.

Once the Jehovah had banished Cross man and Adam II to the earth, out in the boondocks of space, they were joined from time to time by the Serpent People. The golden age of Greek mythology, possibly earlier in ancient

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Egypt, was a time of wondrous advancements on earth. "They gave much wisdom to the mortals," Trench wrote. "Indeed, many of them reigned as kings."

Trench elaborated on the Sky Kings, Divine Guardians who may have triggered the rule of the divine right of kings. "They were the Serpent People," he elaborated, "who have always had compassion and love for humanity, and as a result brought them light and knowledge, even in the days when humanity was little more than helpless animals in the Garden of Eden."

If we could provide evidence for Mr. Trench's assertions about Adam I, Adam II, and previous civilizations, we could gain more understanding of our complex history. If such events have occurred in the past, back in remote prehistory, we might uncover evidence of visits from the Sky People. In recent years, there has been a considerable interest among scientists in erratics—things out of place. These are those unusual physical artifacts that shouldn't be where they are found. But, there they are! They are the real impossibles of our world.

In this and subsequent chapters, we will explore many areas of the impossible. Whenever possible, we will refer to the original texts. Although this is frequently an exhausting process, I feel it is important to obtain the closest to an on-the-scene report.

Typical of these erratic reports is a brief report frequently found in books of this type. In certain regions of Illinois, on various dates during the last century, erratic coins were found at great depths. Let's turn to Professor Alexander Winchell's book from the last century entitled "Sparks from a Geologist's Hammer" for detailed report:

"I had in my possession for some time a copper relic resembling a rude coin, which was taken from an artesian boring at the depth of *one hundred and fourteen feet*, at Lawn Ridge, Marshall County, Ill.

"Mr. W. H. Wilmot, then of Lawn Ridge, furnished

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me, in a letter dated December 4, 1871, the following statement of deposits pierced in the boring:

Soil	3 feet
Yellow clay	17 "
Blue clay	14 "
Dark vegetable matter	4 "
Hard purplish clay	18 "
Bright-green clay	8 "
Mottled clay	18 "
Soil	2 "
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Depth of coin	114 "
Yellow clay	1 "
Sand and clay.	
Water, rising to 60 feet.	

"In a letter of the 27th of December, written from Chillicothe, Illinois, he stated that the bore was four inches for eighty feet, and three inches for the remainder of the depth. But before one hundred feet had been reached the four-inch portion was 'so plastered over as to be itself but three inches in diameter,' and hence the 'coin' could not have come from any depth *less than eighty feet*.

"Three persons saw the 'coin' at the same instant, and each claims it.' This so-called coin was about the thickness and size of a silver quarter of a dollar, and was of remarkably uniform thickness. It was approximately round, and seemed to have been cut. Its two faces bore marks, but they were not stamped as with a die or engraved. They looked as if etched with acid. The character of the marks was partly unintelligible. On each side, however, was a rude outline of a human figure. One of these held in one hand an object resembling a child, while the other was raised as if in the act of striking. The figure wore a headdress, apparently made of quills. Around the border were undecipherable hieroglyphics. The figure on the opposite side extended

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only to the waist, and had also one hand upraised. This was furnished with long tufts like mule's ears. Around the border was another circle of hieroglyphics. On this side also was a rude outline of a quadruped. I exhibited this relic to the Geological Section of the American Association, at its meeting in Buffalo in 1876. The general impression seemed to be that its origin could not date from the epoch of the stratum in which it is represented to have been found. One person thought he could detect a rude representation of the signs of the zodiac around the border. Another fancied he could discover numerals, and even dates. No one could even offer any explanation of the objects or the circumstances of its discovery. The figures bear a close resemblance to rude drawings executed on birch bark and rock surfaces by the American Indians. But by what means were they etched? And by what means was the uniform thickness of the copper produced?

"This object was sent to the owner to the Smithsonian Institution for examination, and Secretary Henry referred it to Mr. William E. Dubois, who presented the result of his investigation to the American Philosophical Society. Mr. Dubois felt sure that the object had passed through a rolling mill, and he thought the cut edges gave further evidence of the machine shop. 'All things considered,' he said, 'I can not regard this Illinois piece as ancient nor old (observing the usual distinction), nor yet recent; because the tooth of time is plainly visible.' He could suggest nothing to clear up the mystery. Professor J. P. Lesley thought it might be an astrological amulet. He detected upon it the signs of Pisces and Leo. He read the date 1572. He said, 'The piece was placed there as a practical joke.' He thought it might be Hispano-American or French-American in origin. The suggestion of a 'practical joke' is itself something which must be taken as a joke. No person in possession of this interesting object would willingly part with it; least of all would he throw so small an object into a hole where

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not one chance in a thousand existed that it would ever be seen again by any person.

"If this object does not date from the age of the stratum from which obtained, it can only be a relic of the sixteenth or seventeenth century, buried beneath the alluvium deposited more recently by the Illinois River. The country is a level prairie, and 'Peoria Lake' is an expansion of the river ten miles long and a mile and a half broad. It is certainly possible that in such a region deep alluvial deposits may have formed since the visits of the French in the latter part of the seventh century. But it is not easy to admit an accumulation of one hundred and fourteen or one hundred and twenty-five feet, since such a depth extends too much below the surface of the river. In Whiteside County, fifty miles northwest from Peoria County, about 1851, according to M. Moffat, a large copper ring was found one hundred and twenty feet beneath the surface, as also something which has been compared to a boat hook. Several other objects have been found at less depths, including stone pipes and pottery, and a spear-shaped hatchet, made of iron. If these are not 'ancient,' their occurrence at depths of ten, forty, fifty, and one hundred and twenty feet must be explained as I have suggested in reference to the 'coin.' An instrument of iron is a strong indication of the civilized origin of all."

One of the frustrations of these investigations is the quick disappearance of the evidence. What happened to the coin? Was it tossed out some night by a dull, uncaring worker? Did some professor take it home and, after his death, was it thrown away as valueless? We might start our search for the Sky People in Illinois, digging further down than the present archeologists. Somewhere far below, we may find the remains of an ancient culture. Inscribed coins lead one to expect such a society would have agriculture, cities, trade, an alphabet, and the other elements of civilization.

The Flying Saucer Gospel

As a half-orphaned kid in the rocky hollows of Lincoln county, W. Va., I was raised by my grandparents. My grandfather, Warren Payne, was a tall, quiet man of the mountains. He worked hard for many years to turn a hill-locked hollow into a productive tobacco farm. He was approaching his goal when President Franklin D. Roosevelt clamped rigid controls on the acreage that could be planted in tobacco. A temperate, nonviolent man, my grandfather seldom raised his voice in anger, except when someone mentioned Franklin D. Roosevelt.

One afternoon I was with my grandfather when a group of adults criticized the local preacher for some alleged lack of righteous behavior. On the way home, he told me: "When you grow up, just remember that being a prophet or a preacher isn't an easy row to hoe!"

I was reminded of this childhood incident while reviewing my notes on Bob Geyer, prophet, founder, and determined missionary of The Church of Jesus The Saucerian. I met Bob Geyer in Los Angeles three years ago, shortly after he established his small church among the frenzied society of quick believers in southern California.

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At that time, Geyer had a flock of a dozen people in Los Angeles, a few others in small churches scattered throughout the country. Since reporting his new age belief in *Gods, Demons, and UFOs* (Lancer Books; New York; 1970) have heard from the prophet of the Saucerian church periodically.

And, being a prophet isn't easy.

Geyer explained at our first meeting how he became involved in a new religion for the space age.

"I started the church in 1968," he told me. "I belonged to a flying saucer discussion group. We met occasionally to discuss the latest sightings and, eventually, our conversation got around to the religious factors in UFOs. I decided that the evidence indicates UFOs herald the second coming of Christ. The Church of Jesus the Saucerian plans to prepare for His coming."

Geyer had been employed in the California aerospace industry, been laid off in the recession, and was drawing his unemployment checks when we met. Married and the father of a three-year-old boy, Geyer's wife was understandably upset with her husband's behavior. "She thinks I spend too much time with the church and not enough looking for work," he explained. "I just can't seem to get interested in a nine-to-five routine job anymore."

During interviews, and at a service of Saucerians, Geyer explained the beliefs of his tiny congregation. "We believe fervently that Jesus was an exalted person from another planet," he stated. "He came to earth as a missionary, teaching important truths to the people of those days. When his mission was completed, he returned home."

"Do you believe in a supreme power?" I inquired.

"Absolutely," he replied. "God is the universal intelligence behind and part of all things. However, we believe many parts of the Bible need to be interpreted in a new manner. The Good Book is a spiritual record of benevolent astronauts who came down to earth from other worlds, walking with man, and guiding our forefathers to create a lasting civilization."

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"I admit there are some remarkable passages in the Bible that sound like UFO reports," I said, "Did those passages trigger your ideas about building a church?"

"Read about the Exodus from Egypt," Geyer said, his voice raising with excitement. "They were guided by a bright light in the sky. In other words, a UFO. Another saucer in the Bible is Ezekial's Wheel; we believe Ezekial was a flying saucer contactee."

"Then you believe angels are astronauts?"

Geyer nodded. "Absolutely. The concept of angels as supernatural creatures with wings is certainly not correct. They have been helping humanity since the dawn of history. The term 'Guardian Angel' probably came about because these spacemen have been helping us. We think of angels as sweet, winged Peter Pan characters. This is because of the religious paintings hung in our Sunday Schools and churches. The early church artists had never met an angel; yet they were told by the Good Book that angels could fly. The only way they knew how to interpret such a phenomenon was to put a couple of wings on their backs."

I asked Geyer about his concept of the devil and satanic powers.

"Satan is also an astronaut from outer space," he replied. "He was once a powerful member of the Lord's crew. Greed, ambition, and failure to follow orders led him into exploiting people. Think of those folk tales and stories about the Devil tempting people into slavery of the body, mind and soul. What is a pact with the Devil? It is a contract for outright slavery of the physical and spiritual elements of man."

The thought of Satan as an intergalactic Simon Legree was slightly unnerving.

Since our first interview, Bob Geyer has closed up his church in Los Angeles. The congregation drifted away to other, newer cults. "I was really disappointed that we were not reaching them with our message," Geyer said. "I

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failed them because they're not going to be prepared for the second coming."

His wife divorced him, informing the judge of his unusual religious beliefs, and Geyer is no longer allowed to visit his son. "I've talked to a lot of UFO contactees and this isn't a novel experience," he related. "Contactees have met the sky people, beings from the heavens. They are chosen people who have talked with either the angels or the devil's demons. I find they're very unlikely to lead a normal, average life after such an experience. It's been the same way with me: since I got the idea for the church, I have been obsessed with getting it established throughout the world. Time is running short. There isn't much time to do all of the work that needs to be done."

Following his divorce, Bob Geyer closed down his church and left Los Angeles. "I just drifted around for a while," he said, recently. "I worked for a few weeks in Baltimore, where a cousin of mine lives. Later, I went down to Florida when the weather got cold. Back up to Baltimore, then upper New York State, and all the time I was working at whatever job I could pick up. Sometimes I washed dishes; other times, I worked in the farm fields, drove a truck, or sold shoes. I'm a pretty versatile person when it comes to working."

Traveling America, Geyer's leisure hours were spent in discussing UFOs and their religious implications. His audience was coworkers, friends, and strangers sought out in bars, bus stations and restaurants. "Many people have considered that UFOs may be the beginning of the second coming," said Geyer. "We've been conditioned by science to accept the impossible. This conditioning has extended into religion. There's more open acceptance of new religious beliefs."

Most prophets are delighted when their movement obtains a church building for regular services. Geyer feels this would be the downfall of the Saucerians. "The prophets of the Bible remained free to spread the word," he stated. "Buildings limit the range of your message to a small geo-

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graphical area. The Christian religion lost much of its power when ministers took their flock out of the town square and into a building. I want to carry our message to the people, not spend time worrying about building costs, maintenance funds and church suppers."

Like the medicine men and evangelists of other eras, Geyer moves through the land spreading his UFO-oriented gospel. "I rent a hall, advertise in a paper, and depend on humanity's natural curiosity to attract a crowd," Geyer declared. "Once the seeds are planted in their minds, I move to another town." His work is supported by donations.

Saucerian services have been given an aura of "show business." In California, Saucerians met in a chapel-like atmosphere with free discussions. Today, Geyer and his followers put on a show that leaves the audience glazy-eyed and awed.

"We start with a light show to heighten consciousness," said Barbara Dawson, one of his assistants. "From there, we have tape-recorded mood music, ushers in spacesuits, and a talk by Mr. Geyer." People who attend the show are not asked to join the Saucerian church. "Just think of Jesus as a man in a flying saucer," is the message. So is, "Read your Bible as you would a book about flying saucers."

"We've been more successful than I dreamed of," Geyer stated.

Nevertheless, there are problems in spreading the Saucerian gospel.

"I never have any time for study," complained Geyer. "I want to write a book on our theories. Holding meetings, talking with people, and working with newcomers prevents me from developing these ideas."

Geyer was offered a building in the midwest to be used as an international headquarters. "I turned it down," he said, waving his hand in a gesture of dismissal. "It would tie us to that town. You get a building, you start getting mail, and you need a staff of secretaries to answer letters.

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You need stationery printed. We don't want that sort of thing—at least not yet!"

Geyer also preaches a theology of freedom from material things. "I feel that what Jesus was saying about materialism is true," he explained. "People work hard to buy a car, a washing machine, furniture, a house. They work for things. After they acquire them, they're worried about losing them. They work harder to buy insurance to protect their things. The shattering part of this rut of materialism is that things don't bring happiness. Jesus foresaw when people would destroy their potential, postpone their happiness, and ruin their lives in order to acquire a few meaningless objects.

"Society needs to be restructured," Geyer continued. "We must find ways of allowing every person to reach their potential. There are a lot of unhappy people in this nation of ours. Frustrated people. Lonely people. Frightened people. Desperate people. We need to deal with man's psyche and spiritual nature as science has dealt with nature in the past half century."

Following his sermons on the road, Bob Geyer opens up the Saucerian meetings to a free-wheeling discussion of UFOs, religion, and their affect on mankind. Here are a few questions, and Geyer's answers, from these seminars:

How do you fit the power of prayer into your Saucerian beliefs?

Geyer: Prayer becomes a much more rewarding experience for the Christian who believes in a UFO interpretation of our Bible. Contactees—men and women who have met with flying saucer people—tell us that there are gigantic mother ships which patrol the atmosphere above earth. These ships contain communications equipment that monitor our thoughts, desires and dreams. Through prayer, our brothers in space are able to tune in on our deepest desires. When our prayers are for something worthwhile, something that is in accordance with our life patterns, then events are arranged so that prayers can be answered.

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How do feel about guardian angels?

Geyer: Not every person has a guardian angel. Some may have a guardian demon who has gained control of their lives. The Bible warned us about the war between good and evil. We believe in God; we also believe in the devil. Guardian angels are those spacemen who have been assigned to monitor our lives. Despite the role of chance and probability in our lives, we feel there is a grand design to the destiny of each human. It is the guardian spaceman's mission to help each of us carry out our personal mission on earth.

These guardians—perhaps they were the “watchers” in the Bible—are able to monitor our thoughts. Through highly advanced technical devices, they can implant thoughts, ideas, and warnings within our minds. Who hasn't received a premonition of danger? Everyone has at one time or another, and we feel this is a warning implanted by our guardian space brothers.

On the other hand, some people are linked to the demonic legions of Satan. Through hypnosis, unconsciousness, or a blank-out from drink or drugs, these Satanic people gained access to the brain. Instead of a good in-put, the devil's people implant ideas for crime, debauchery and immorality. They implant anything that will destroy the individual, placing them in slavery to the Devil men.

Are there other examples of implanting by the Devils?

Geyer: Absolutely. A good man doing good works can have his head turned by egomania. He'll become more concerned with his press clippings, creating a big impression that is totally false, than in doing good deeds. Our young people call this as “taking an ego trip.” The Devil is behind this because ego people will do anything for a good ego massage. They will destroy their friends, neglect their families, and commit crimes in order to continue this velvet glow of egomania.

One of the dangers of egomania is that the experience doesn't last. Yesterday's triumphs must be repeated, but

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upon a higher scale. Ego people eventually come to a terrible end because they begin to make life decisions to save their ego. When that occurs, they're doomed to failure, disgrace, and ruin, and the devil has triumphed once again.

Can you provide some examples of UFOs from the Bible?

Geyer: The language in the Bible has been changed over the years through numerous translations. In the story of Jesus ascending into heaven, we're informed that two men in white were with the disciples just before Jesus ascended. They told the apostles about Jesus, his future return to Earth, and we believe these were spacemen. The Israelites were led out of Egypt by a strange cloud in the skies. Could that have been a UFO? We think so. A UFO may have delivered the Ten Commandments, hovered over the Crucifixion, and brought the ‘angels,’ or astronauts, to earth.

How are UFOs mentioned in the Bible?

Geyer: Let's turn to *Exodus* and read:

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day or night. He took away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from the people—*Exodus XIII—21-22.*

This is an excellent description of a flying saucer. They're extremely bright at night, glowing with great intensity, and to the ancients, a flying saucer would probably be described as a cloud. Any time the Bible mentions a cloud, in a way that it appears the scribe was not referring to a normal, natural cloud, we feel this was a UFO. Here are two other examples from the Israelite journey through the wilderness:

And the Lord said to Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord—*Exodus XIX-9.*

And be ready for the third day: for the third day the

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Lord will come down in the sight of all people upon Mount Sinai.

And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, nor touch the border of it; whosoever toucheth the mount shall surely be put to death.

There shall not a hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up the mount.—Exodus XIX 11-13.

As we can visualize from these last verses, the Lord informs Moses that he will descend on top of a mountain, warning everyone of the dangers of being near the craft until an "All Clear" has been sounded. A *cloud*, or flying saucer, played a guiding role in Exodus. They're also mentioned in other parts of the Bible. Consider just a few of these examples:

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, on the holy place.—Psalm LXVIII 17.

To him that rideth upon the heaven of heavens, which were of old, lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength to God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.—Psalm LXVIII 33-34.

They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.—Isaiah, XIII 3-5.

Who are they that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?—Isaiah IX 8.

If you're interested in reading an excellent Biblical account of a spacecraft, turn to Chapter Ten of Ezekiel. You must read with the understanding that Ezekiel was not living in a mechanized society. He described things in the

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language of his time. Verses 4 and 5 are particularly significant:

Then the glory of the Lord went up from the Cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the *cloud*, and the court was full of the *brightness* of the Lord's glory.

And the sound of the cherubim's wings was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of Almighty God when he speaketh.—Ezekiel X 4-5.

Once you've read Chapter Ten, turn back to Chapter One of Ezekiel. Read with the understanding of the immense problems that Ezekiel would encounter in writing down a description of a spacecraft.

The most important news story in the world will be the Second Coming. In Acts 1:9, we are told that Jesus "was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight." This would indicate that a flying saucer was waiting, hovering over the scene, to receive Him. The people who were gathered there were informed that Jesus would return in the same way which he had left. This means, to Sauerians, that Jesus will return in a flying saucer.

In Daniel 7—13-15, we're given this prophesy: "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of Man came with the *clouds of heaven*, and came to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given unto him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

From the New Testament, we can give you a few verses:

Mark 14-16—And Jesus said, I am; and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and *coming in the clouds of heaven*.

Luke 21-27—And then shall they see the Son of man *coming in a cloud* with power and glory.

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Matthew 21-30— . . . And they shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in *the clouds of heaven*.

Revelation 1-7—Behold, He cometh with the *clouds*; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierce Him . . .

Finally, we have the excellent description of what will pass before the Second Coming in Luke 21-27. It reads:

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the wave, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near.”

Careful reading of the Bible will reveal that many mysteries occurred in those times in the holy land.

Assuming UFOs visited the earth in those days, have there been visitations since then?

Geyer: Throughout the world, there are legends and tales of visitations from the sky people. There were apparently many visits to ancient India as revealed by the sacred text of the *Ramavana*. A translation from the original Sanscrit tells us of the Puspaku Car, which

“. . . resembles the sun and belongs to my brother, and was brought by the powerful Ravan; that aerial and excellent car, going everywhere at will, is ready for thee. That car, resembling a *bright cloud in the sky*, is in the city of Lanka.”

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There were many other reports of activity by sky cars in old India. There have been many sightings of objects in the skies throughout the centuries; often these UFOs played a decisive role in determining the course of history. Pliny, in the book II of his *Natural History*, mentions a clanging noise and the sound of trumpet blasts during a battle in 101 B.C. Writing in *Prodigiorum Libellus*, author Julius Obsequens told of a Roman army camp in France that was visited one night by an aerial object that illuminated the area with a bright light.

In 840 A.D., Argobard, who was the archbishop of Lyons, had to condemn his flock's belief in “ships from the clouds” and their trading with these sky people. Writing in “*Liber contra insulam vilgi opinionem*,” archbishop Argobard reported the farmers around Lyons were great believers in “ships from the clouds.” These ships were allegedly from someplace known as Magonia. He wrote:

“. . . A certain assembly exhibited several people as captives (these were supposed to be captives from the ‘cloud ships’). Three men and one woman as if they had fallen from the ships themselves. They had been detained some days in chains, then finally put on show to the mob, and as I have said, in our presence they were stoned to death . . .”

This may be an explanation for the secrecy of UFO-nauts. Another case occurred in 1207 A.D. when the citizens of Bristol, England, had their worship services disturbed by a loud noise atop the church steeple. A skycraft had caught an anchor on the steeple. One of the ship's occupants came down a rope ladder to free the anchor. As he did so, the crowd threw rocks, knocked him from the ladder, and he fell to the ground. He was stoned to death by the crowd. Later, his body was burned. This was recorded by Gervese of Tilbury in his *Otto Imperialia*, Book I.

It goes that way throughout history. In the two thou-

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sand years since Christ walked upon the earth, we've been under continual observation by beings from the skies.

What color are people from space?

Geyer: My studies indicate they have a golden, sun-tanned cast to their skins. In the Bible, Ezekiel informs us that they "were the color of brass." This would not be a dark color, but probably a golden tint. Brinsley le Poer Trench brought up a fascinating concept in his remarkable book. *The Sky People*. He wrote:

"... The old habit people have had for so long a time of plating the statues and images of their gods and heroes with gold is not a monetary evaluation at all, but a dim memory of something else entirely—the appearance of these gods and heroes. And this may have something to do with the extraordinary and quite arbitrary value placed upon gold by earth-humanity.

"It is a mistake to think of the Space People in our system as colored. I submit that they are gold or sun colored.

"It is possible, nay probable, that in other systems of the Galaxy, and indeed, elsewhere, there may well be people with other colors, black, white, brown, red, yellow, and maybe, even green. There have been many wisecracks about 'little green men from Mars,' that I would not be surprised to see a green specimen of mankind. And why not? Surely it is egocentric to restrict God's universe to what is found on this little speck appearing in a vast, infinite array of star systems and galaxies."

Why don't flying saucers land and UFO-nauts help us with our problems?

Geyer: Since the first post-war sighting by Kenneth Arnold, there have been hundreds of reports throughout the world of UFO landings. Altogether, there have been over 10,000 reports of contact with humans. Admittedly, some of these contactee reports are fraudulent, but if we take

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one half of those reported as truthful, we have a remaining 5,000 contactee reports.

When you listen to the contactees, they tell of a wonderful celestial plan. We're part of that plan, which goes beyond the life of a single person, a country, or a solar system. We're being told that there are worlds, technologies and philosophies far beyond our immediate knowledge, that we're a part of all that exists and that our atomic armaments are endangering the entire universe.

Many of the people on earth are not ready for a landing and full-scale revelation of our space brothers. Our average, ordinary citizen is certainly not ready to understand the many dimensions of the UFO revelation. We've been fed a diet of Hollywood films which depict visitors from outer space as man-eating globs, monsters, fiends, and things. We've spent many decades conditioning the masses against the sky people.

The space brothers have a science that is perhaps a hundred thousand years beyond ours. They couldn't afford an encounter with our civilization at the moment; such a meeting would be totally destructive. The consequences might destroy our present society, shake people mentally, and plunge the world into another dark age.

Another reason for secrecy is plain, outright hysteria. If Orson Welles could panic the nation with a radio broadcast about Martians in 1938, consider the hysteria if UFOs land, reveal themselves as angels, and the sons of God. Our religious system would be destroyed. The foundation of our ethical code would be devastated. Disillusioned people would scream the Bible was a fraud, refusing to believe in anyone or anything in the future.

Or, UFOs may have landed, contacted government representatives, and are holding negotiations at the present moment. Councils from the leading countries, and a delegation from outer space, could be working out a plan for revelation right now.

Another problem about landing is the economic depression caused by an encounter. If a flying saucer that may

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travel 186,000 miles per second on free energy lands tomorrow, the stock market is doomed. Transportation companies would be bankrupt. Autos, rail, and airplane companies would be forced to close down. Steel mills would be shut; their furnaces would be banked and stopped. Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of people would lose their jobs. Assume for a minute that UFOs are propelled by a 'free energy,' some natural force that is available without cost. This free energy might be harnessed to light and heat our homes. Electrical generating stations would be closed for lack of customers. Coal mines would stop work. Our oil fields would be abandoned. Within a few days, we might have the greatest economic depression the world has ever experienced.

In education, it would be possible that schools, colleges and universities would be closed. Trade and business colleges would be shuttered. There would be a lengthy period while our professors assimilated the new technology from the UFO-nauts. Depending on the advanced state of their science, this might require one, perhaps two, generations.

Or, perhaps the visitors will share their knowledge of mental conditioning and mind implantation with us. Students would be able to learn a thousand years of study in a single session in a laboratory. Once again, this would close down our educational system—which is now a nationwide industry.

Such an advanced people has undoubtedly determined that printing books, shipping them to book stores, and waiting for buyers is an unreliable system. Perhaps their books are contained in a pill. Take a red one for philosophy, green for science, and purple for medicine. Such a pill would ruin the professions because every man would be his own expert.

The space brothers do not wish to alarm us. There may be universal laws that prevent a superior race from going beyond certain boundaries in helping a backward people. They may not be allowed to help us.

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Why couldn't they use mental-contact procedures to talk with the leaders of each country?

Geyer: Perhaps they have done so. The world has certainly progressed in many ways in the last fifty years. However, it may be that such mental contact, or visitations, would interfere with the natural evolution of our race on earth. This may be an illegal act, except where they act as guides or overseers to prevent a disaster that might destroy our planet.

Have occupants of UFOs ever been known to contact the world leaders?

Geyer: I certainly can't speak with any authority concerning the men who now occupy positions of great power in the world. As you know, there is a movement in the U.S. Government, and throughout other governments, to exercise strong secrecy on the actions of military, legislative, and executive functions of government. UFOs are an unknown quantity and we have the Central Intelligence Agency functioning as a censor on some reports.

However, a detailed reading of history reveals that many of the old kings, emperors, and rulers reported contacts, or visitations, with various types of entities. We believe these were occupants of UFOs, or a projection of their phenomena. Napoleon, as an example, was visited on numerous occasions by a 'flaming red man,' an entity who warned the ruler when he stepped beyond the boundaries of governing for the good of the people. Several of the French kings had reported visitations from this same phenomenon.

It has been written on numerous occasions that Thomas Jefferson was visited by a dark-skinned man in a hooded cloak, giving Jefferson the design for the seal of the United States that is printed on the back of the dollar bill. This design includes the pyramid, unfinished with the capstone off, and the all-seeing eye of wisdom.

Madame Du Barry's memoirs told of her frequent encounters on the streets of Paris with a young man. When-

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ever they met, the young man frightened Du Barry with his incredibly precise predictions concerning her future. He prophesied once: "The last time you see me will signal that your demise is near!"

Madame Du Barry was riding with King Louis XV in the royal carriage on April 27, 1774, when the young man made his last appearance. Soon after that, the king grew tired of her love and Du Barry was exiled from the royal court.

In a modern classic, we can read of a similar visitation that occurred to Malcolm X. The incident happened while he was serving a prison sentence, long before he reached the zenith of his career as a great Negro leader. In his *Autobiography*, Malcolm X wrote:

"As I lay on my bed, I suddenly became aware of a man sitting beside me in my chair. He had on a dark suit, I remember. I could see him plainly as anyone I look at. He wasn't black, and he wasn't white. He was light-brown-skinned, an Asiatic cast of countenance, and he had oily black hair.

I looked right into his face. I didn't get frightened. I knew I wasn't dreaming. I couldn't move. I didn't speak, and he didn't. I couldn't place him racially—other than I knew he was a non-European. I had no idea whatsoever who he was. He just sat there. Then, as suddenly as he had come, he was gone."

What is the purpose of your missionary activities?

Geyer: Let me read a passage from The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, Chapter Eight, 18-24. It reads in the Standard Revised Edition:

"... I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the

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will of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail until now; and not only the creation but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

Earlier, St. Paul explained that those who are led by the spirit of God are the sons of God. We might also consider the statement by the remarkable theologian, Dr. C. S. Lewis: "It may be that Redemption, starting with us, is to work from us and through us." We believe it is quite possible that the entire universe is enslaved in some type of celestial bondage and we are the *deliverers*. God's message may have been spread only on this planet and we are destined to carry His message to the cosmos.

Perhaps that is the message inherent in the second coming: We are to be prepared for our destiny as missionaries throughout the universe. Redemption is the most important message in the Bible. Man can sin, seek salvation, and be forgiven. It's a message that is too frequently forgotten in the contemporary world. There can be a rebirth of the spirit, a transformation of the personality, offering hope for all who want to change. Man can change his self, rising to unimaginable heights from the pits of desperation. We have abolished slavery, started to protect the civil rights of all persons, and now it is time to abolish mental slavery to old theories. A new concept of religion is rising in humanity.

Following one of his "meetings" on the road, Bob Geyer and I slipped away to a motel restaurant, ordered coffee, and discussed his plans for the future.

"Are you still convinced of your beliefs?" I inquired.

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"Or is the Saucerian church getting to be a good way of going through life without working?"

He shook his head from side to side. "We're still living on the hungry side of the dollar," he replied, "and I suppose we always will. Money just isn't that important. When we need it, it is given. The Bible was absolutely correct in stating that we shouldn't worry about the future. I still believe as strongly as ever. Even stronger."

"What about some conclusions since you've been traveling?"

He sipped the black coffee. "There's something going on in this country," he said. "It's difficult to put into words, more of a mental image that's been impressed on my consciousness. First, consider the return to basic Christianity through the Jesus movement. A few years ago, a prediction on that movement would have been considered completely wrong. No one foresaw that today's youth would return to religion. They were too stoned on marijuana, hashish, and taking LSD trips to accept religion."

I nodded. "Perhaps drugs have opened up their consciousness. Timothy Leary, the high prophet of LSD, became a mystic after he started tripping."

"It's more than religion," Geyer said. "It goes beyond the historical ideas we've held about religion for the past couple of centuries. People are experimenting with lifestyles, seeking answers to a better way to survive in this world. Executives are dropping out of the rat race, moving to small towns and starting fresh in a business they enjoy. Recently, down in Missouri, I met a forty-eight-year-old ex-executive with a national corporation. One morning, he just chucked everything: pension plan, fringe benefits, and a \$55,000 annual salary were tossed out the window. He's raising Christmas trees on a little farm down there, making \$5,000 a year. But—he's enjoying life, has time to read, enjoy family life, and live like a human being. In some unknown way, I feel the space brothers have triggered this exodus from the rat race."

"How?" I asked. "I can't see the connection between

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UFOs and an executive leaving New York for some small town."

"The entire trend in society is toward massive change," Geyer explained. "Even into the sixties, everyone was chasing the buck. A big house, a big car, and conspicuous consumption—being a good consumer—was the important thing in life. A certain number of people in our society are dropping away from that."

I lit a cigarette. "I've wondered about the effect of the alternate culture on economics. People don't spend money like they used to; it seems fashionable to decorate a home or apartment with second-hand furniture. The newlyweds who once bought new furniture and went deeply into debt are decorating out of second-hand stores."

"I attribute that to the UFOs, the space brothers, in some manner," said Geyer. "They have brought our people to a gradual realization of what's important in life."

Finishing our coffee, Geyer and I returned to the meeting hall. His crew of dedicated workers had loaded their equipment into the Saucerian van. A crowd collected around the group; Geyer reached into the van, handed out pamphlets to the onlookers. "Here's the real truth about Jesus," he informed the crowd. "Read it and be prepared for the second coming. The lights of the Lord are showing up in our skies!"

A few minutes later, I stood on the curb and watched the Saucerian van pull away through the traffic. Bob Geyer and his followers were searching for another crowd, in another town, in another state. Like the missionaries who left the Holy sand to spread Christ's message, they traveled toward anyone who would listen.

Messages From the Space Brothers

George Adamski, one of the first individuals to claim contact with beings from other planets, reportedly saw his first flying saucer on the evening of Oct. 9, 1946. Adamski was in the back yard of his home on the southern slopes of Mt. Palomar, Calif., peering through his six-inch Tinsley telescope.

"I had focused the instrument so that I could watch a meteor shower," Adamski later recalled. "I became aware of a long, black cigar-shaped object moving through the skies. I observed this craft for some time, assuming it was some type of secret weapon used by the armed services."

In the next two years, Adamski reported that he saw many UFOs through his telescope. To support his statements, Adamski showered his critics with a stack of photographs. "I've exposed several hundred negatives," he stated. "Eighteen of these negatives present documented proof that flying saucers come from outer space."

Despite the fact that his photographs could have been duplicated by a photographer in a darkroom, Adamski hit the lecture circuit. In a short time, he became a "star" as

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service clubs, fraternities and occult groups clamored for his speeches. Like the prophets of Biblical times, Adamski and contemporary contactees have exhibited a missionary zeal to tell their story to anyone who will listen.

Adamski claimed that on Nov. 20, 1952, he talked with a UFO-naut.

The saucer's pilot was said to be from Venus. "I had heard rumors for some time that space ships from other worlds were landing in the California desert," Adamski informed his lecture audiences. "I made several trips out there in an attempt to contact them."

On that November afternoon, Adamski said he spotted a gigantic, football-shaped craft hovering silently in the desert sky. Adamski pulled his telescope from his car, attached his camera and snapped a photograph of the craft. He said that four companions watched the craft through binoculars as he snapped his pictures.

Later, Adamski said, the contactee experience occurred. "He was human in appearance," Adamski described the alleged saucer pilot. "He had long, blond hair and a beardless face. He appeared to be about 5¼ feet in height. I would judge that he weighed about 135 pounds. Age? Somewhere about thirty years old."

Adamski reported the UFO-naut had a round face, green-gray eyes that slanted slightly, high cheek bones, a chiseled nose, and a normal mouth. "He had very white teeth," the contactee said. "They were so bright they shined when he smiled."

Adamski and the Venusian spaceman were unable to communicate by speech. They held a lengthy conversation through mental telepathy. "His name was Orthon," Adamski said, later. "Their intentions are friendly. They are concerned about the radiation and possible consequences of our atomic-bomb testing."

"My next question was whether this was dangerous, and I pictured this in my mind as a scene of destruction," Adamski wrote in *Flying Saucers Have Landed*. "To this, too, he nodded his head in the affirmative, but on his face

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there was no trace of resentment or judgment. His expression was one of understanding, and great compassion; as one would have toward a much-loved child who had erred through ignorance and lack of understanding. This feeling appeared to remain with him during the rest of my questions on the subject."

Orthon said atomic tests on earth were affecting areas in outer space. That if tests continued, radioactive forces become more powerful outside the earth's atmosphere and contaminate space. Adamski was also told that the craft was operated on a power utilizing repulsion and attraction, and that Venusians believed in a Creator although they did not know 'God' as a word expressing this Creator. Adamski was also told:

"... we on earth really know very little about this Creator. In other words, our understanding is very shallow. Theirs is much broader, and they adhere to the laws of the Creator instead of the laws of materialism as earth men do. Pointing to himself, then up into space—which I understood meant the planet on which he lived—he conveyed the thought to me that they live according to the will of the Creator, not by their own personal will, as we do here on earth."

The cigar-shaped craft was a "mother ship," according to Adamski, and the circular flying saucers were scout ships. These smaller, disc-shaped ships are used to shuttle between the mother ship and earth. The visitor also told Adamski that several Venusians had been killed when they landed on earth and attempted to contact earthmen. "This explains why they seldom land near a populous region," Adamski said. "I was also told that there had been many landings by Venusians prior to my contact; there would be many landings in the future."

"Are space people coming here just from Venus?" Adamski inquired.

"They are coming here from several planets within our

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solar system," the visitor replied, telepathically. "There are others who come from beyond this solar system to come to this planet."

Adamski's friendly UFO-naut said that many of the planets are inhabited by humanoids. He indicated that many earth people have been "willingly kidnapped" and taken to other planets. George Adamski attempted to photograph the saucer's pilot, but was forbidden to do so.

"You can believe me when I report that men from other planets are living among us here on earth," Adamski informed his audiences. "There are very few distinct points in their appearance that would identify them. These brothers from space are walking the streets of our cities now, unrecognized."

Adamski claimed that the truth about flying saucers exists, despite the controversy that swirled around him. "These people have come here for a definite purpose," he said. "If we analyze the events through history we find that people from other worlds are definitely friendly. They are here to help us. They may be here to protect us from ourselves."

Adamski's supporters fervently believe in his claims. "You can check out a passage in his writing concerning a trip through outer space in a saucer," a friend stated. "Adamski mentioned that he saw 'fireflies' during this trip through space. This material was published many years before the American-U.S.S.R. space shots. Yet, astronauts from both countries have remarked on the 'fireflies' in outer space. Adamski was telling the truth"

Adamski created the theory that UFOs are operated by friendly beings from other worlds, visiting earth to save humanity from their evil ways. Flying saucer cultists, who accept statements without investigation, consider George Adamski to be a historical figure. They believe he was the earth's first contemporary ambassador to outer space.

Ray Palmer, publisher of *Flying Saucers* magazine, believes that Adamski was a fraud. "George Adamski submitted a book manuscript to me back in the 1940s,"

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Palmer said in his office at Amherst, Wis. "At that time I was the editor of *Amazing Stories* magazine. The manuscript concerned a return of Jesus Christ to the earth aboard a flying saucer."

Palmer stated that he rejected the manuscript. "I explained to Adamski that both Christians and Jews would be offended with the thought of Jesus as a spaceman," Palmer continued. "When Adamski's book was published, I discovered he had simply changed Jesus into a Venusian spaceman."

Adamski's claims, whether they are true or false, created an entirely new concept of flying saucers. "They are carrying out their missions on earth in a secret manner," he informed his listeners. "They are cautious because they wish to avoid crucifixion. They are benign brothers. They look the same as we do, but they are far ahead of us in both technology and their relationship to the cosmos."

Before he died on April 23, 1965, Adamski also provided instructions on how anyone could contact a space brother:

"... Learn to blend your soul consciousness with the Cosmic Consciousness . . . You do it by faith . . . Without faith, truth shall never be known. The mind that has no faith shall never know true life or happiness. Consciousness is the father and mother of all things, including the mind. When the mortal mind tries to operate only in behalf of itself, it is opposing the supreme consciousness . . .

"Anyone who wishes to be of help to us will have to learn, at least to a small degree, to blend (our) Soul Consciousness with the Over-Soul of the Cosmos. Then they may recognize (Space Brothers) when we meet. Many from earth have already met us unknowingly."

Adamski also believed that telepathy was the universal language. ". . . This is the invisible, creative, feeling impulse, which is Cosmic Consciousness, flowing as Cosmic

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Force, through all manifestation," he wrote in three booklets entitled *Telepathy—The Cosmic or Universal Language*. "So, the feeling impulse which we have called mental telepathy is the great universal language. One day, when it is understood by all people, it will break down the artificial barriers of race and creed. Before it, self-pride, deception and vanity will fall; and by its universality, humanity will be united—Man with Man—and Man with all Nature. For this is the one language that every atom in the universe is able to speak and understand."

The essence of Adamski's instructions was to "control your emotions" and become self-disciplined. He also taught that control of the senses was the true path toward contact with benign space brothers.

Scouting around the universe in a flying saucer, or contacting space people through mental telepathy, became a popular activity in the early years of UFOlogy. To a nonbeliever, it would appear that the E-Ts were operating a regular taxi service between our planet and other worlds. The contactees and their claims of close relationships with UFOonauts has plagued researchers for many years. Investigators are frequently baffled by the unorthodox behavior of contactees.

Even George Adamski had his reservations concerning many contact experiences. "There have been about three thousand claims of contact with the space brothers," he said before his death. "About eight hundred of these claims have been genuine."

Despite the critics and doubters, numerous books were published concerning contactees and their claims. The list of contact literature is indeed impressive and includes such books as *The Saucers Speak* by George H. Williamson and A. C. Bailey (they were witnesses to Adamski's alleged first contact experience in the California desert). Other titles included *The White Sands Incident* by Dr. Daniel Fry; *From Outer Space to You* by Howard Menger; *Edge of Tomorrow* by Reinhold Schmidt; *How To Contact the Space People* by Ted Owens; *Round-Trip to Hell* by Cecil

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Michael; *Flying Saucers from Mars* by Cecil Allingham, and many others.

A message of peace, brotherhood, and the friendliness of UFO-nauts is woven through many of these books. We are admonished to give up our quest for materialistic gains. We are told to trust our brothers from space. We are asked to reach out and help others who are less fortunate than ourselves. Canada's *Saucers, Space and Science* magazine published an account recently of a new type of "mental" contact.

Miss Joan Howard, of Toronto, wrote: ". . . I became aware that my physical body was being worked over by some kind of ray . . . This ray centered on my head. I could even hear it. For several nights about the same time this ray came. The next night a voice came with it telling me not to fight it, but to relax and learn how to use the power it brought. The next night both voice and vision came . . . my intellectual friend I had met on the trip. He has been my contact ever since . . . He has shown me the beauty and wonder of the universe."

The enigmatic mental contactee has added a chilling dimension to the UFO scene. Like a mental patient afflicted with schizophrenia, the contactee suddenly hears voices within his consciousness. The recipient is quickly assured that the voice has control of supernatural powers. Its intentions are benevolent. The contactee is told that the voice desires only to bring peace to our turbulent world, saving humanity from impending disaster.

My files contain reports from throughout the world of persons claiming mental contact. I have personally investigated eleven cases of people seemingly possessed by UFO entities. Several of these people claimed to be in contact with Ashtar, a mental flim-flam man. Ashtar has claimed to be from Mars, the planet Orion, star clusters beyond our galaxy, and another dimension.

A cosmic conman, Ashtar quickly gains the confidence of the contactee by revealing past events and predicting the future. A businessman in Springfield, Mo., was the re-

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ipient of Ashtar's voice a few months ago. In a tape-recorded interview, Mr. H. T. told of the experience:

"I have always been indifferent to flying saucers. I just never thought much about them, one way or the other. I can believe that there could be life on other planets, but I've been too busy to think about it. I figured that people who reported flying saucers were possibly touched in the head. There's a lot of phenomena that can make our eyes play tricks on our minds. Also, I've been working too much to do much reading. When I do read, I stick to the daily newspaper, *Time* or *Newsweek*, and my business and trade magazines.

"This thing must have started one night when I'd been in St. Louis for a meeting. There was a self-improvement seminar in there, with speakers telling how we can increase our efficiency, developing our latent potential as human beings. I was driving back that night when I had a flat tire. I was taking a short-cut toward town and my home; it happened on a pretty lonely, deserted stretch of road.

"I opened the trunk and found my spare tire was flat. Cursing to myself, I locked the car and started walking toward home. I figured I'd send someone out to pick up the car the following morning. Halfway home—and I only had about two miles to walk—I noticed a small light in a field over to my left. It wasn't big; maybe a foot in diameter, and it wasn't real bright. Sort of misty-like. It was just hanging there in the darkness, not moving. I stopped to light a cigarette and looked at it for a minute. It just seemed out of place.

"I started walking again, then I noticed the light was sort of following me. It was still at the same height, hanging in the field, but when I moved it followed along. I stopped. It stopped. That's when the fear hit me. My hair stood up and I got that clammy feeling like you do when you're afraid. I walked fast, ran a few yards, and the light did the same.

"Then, I just started walking to get the hell out of

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there. It wasn't too far to the first houses on the outskirts of town and, buddy, I wanted to get there! I was so busy watching the light that I didn't pay attention to what was happening behind me. I heard a faint, buzzing sound behind me; it's hard to describe. About like a high-pitched whine, sort of musical. I turned around and there was a flying saucer about half a city block away, hovering about twenty feet or so off the ground.

"It was an actual saucer. I mean you could see the lights flickering on it. There was real metal there. Honest-to-God metal. And you can imagine how I felt. I was speechless. Completely shocked. I wanted to run, but I was paralyzed with fear. Then, the saucer sort of wobbled, moved a bit closer, and there was a short, reddish-like light that flashed from it. I covered my eyes because this was the brightest light I'd ever seen.

"The craft didn't come any closer. I stood there, waiting for I don't know what. Then, the small, misty light passed over my head and seemed to disappear into the saucer. A second later, the whole thing went 'w-h-o-o-s-h!' and it disappeared. It was out of sight in a couple of minutes."

Mr. H. T. shook his head in disbelief, wondered if he had been dreaming, and walked rapidly toward home. "I didn't mention this to anyone because it seemed kind of dumb," he continued. "A person's character and reputation are very valuable in my profession. My business could be seriously harmed if I started claiming to see flying saucers. My competitors would have a field day with something like that."

Seven days after the sighting, Mr. H. T. was preparing to go to bed. "I'd had a hard day, I was really tired, and I was having a difficult time getting to sleep," he said. "That's when the voice came to me—when I was lying there in the darkness waiting for sleep.

"My head started hurting, as if it was the king of all headaches. I got up, took a couple of aspirins and laid back down. Suddenly I heard this voice, as if it was inside

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my mind. A normal, slightly high-pitched tone. I was so startled! I shook my head because the mind can play tricks. But, here's what the voice said:

Mr. H. T. explained that his conversations with Ashtar were always through a voice within his mind. "I believe it was a real experience," the practical-minded businessman reported. "A head shrinker would say it was my subconscious holding a dialogue with my conscious mind. I've done a lot of thinking since then. I've concluded this experience was real."

The original contact contained this dialogue:

Ashtar: I am Ashtar. I am a representative of the United Council of the Universal Brotherhood. These Elders are the governors of the universe. We need your help to prevent your world from being destroyed. You must assist us. Time is running out.

Mr. H. T.: What . . . what . . . ooh, my head!

Ashtar: The pain will stop in a moment. Please, don't be frightened. I am talking to you through an electronic brain-wave vibratory machine. I am on a spacecraft high in the atmosphere above your home. This machine enables me to talk with you without danger to myself or our spaceship. There . . . the pain should be stopping.

Mr. H. T.: Who are you?

Ashtar: A person very much like yourself. I was a member of the distributor's guild on my planet. In your language, that would be a business worker. I am going to adjust the dials on the machine and send you an image of our planet. Relax and take a tour with me for the next half hour.

Mr. H. T.: Do I have a choice?

Ashtar: Your people have the free exercise of willpower. Let me say that we have powers beyond the imagination of your people. We have an advanced technology. We are superior to your people. If you will come with me, I will provide you with a business secret that will make millions for you. We will allow you to make a great deal of

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money because those we select must be people of wealth. We need you. . . .

Mr. H. T.: I want some proof that you are what you say.

Ashtar: Remember when you were a small boy. You were in the fifth grade and your family lived in the white house on the corner. You stole a candy bar from the old man at the grocery store. Your father found out about it, gave you a paddling, and sent you to your room without food for the night. Do you recall that?

Mr. H. T.: Yeah. I remember. I'd forgotten that.

Ashtar: What did you do when you went to your room?

Mr. H. T.: I don't remember.

Ashtar: You took a book from the shelf and read it by flashlight under the covers on your bed. Do you remember the name of that book? Not at all? Well, it was *Black Beauty*.

Mr. H. T.: Yes. I remember.

Ashtar: I'm going to tell you about other things in the past. Later, I will tell you of the future.

For almost two hours the businessman listened to the voice within his mind. With a strange word, which he said was "good night" in space language, Ashtar vanished.

"Periodically, this voice talked to me over a period of several months," Mr. H. T. continued. "Ashtar was very good at predictions. He'd tell me what the headlines would be on tomorrow's newspaper. A couple of times I was given tips on the stock market. I became confident that he was someone from outer space. I got interested in philosophy, neglecting my business to read various books on the subject. I also became interested in the occult, trying to read everything on flying saucers, ESP and reincarnation."

Eventually, Ashtar commanded his human pawn to do his part "to save humanity."

"Go forth and teach the world," commanded Ashtar. "Start a church and we will make you into the new Messi-

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ah. We will give you the power to heal, the ability to attract millions of troubled people, the gift to help others."

Mr. H. T. rebelled, "I'm a businessman, not a preacher."

"We need preachers," Ashtar insisted.

Mr. H. T. looks back on this part of the contact with irony. "I would have helped them if they'd asked something I'd have felt within my ability," he said. "Becoming a Messiah isn't my type of thing. I'm not a deeply religious man."

The voice of Ashtar started threatening the businessman. Pleading, cajoling, and using mental bribery, Ashtar tried unsuccessfully to convince his victim of the need for missionary crusades.

"That was a troubled time in my life," said H. T. "On the one hand, I believed him to be a representative of some solar council, a ruling body that governs the universe. I still think this may be true. But I am much too practical-minded to rush head-long into a missionary type of activity."

Ashtar finally succeeded in having the last word in the argument. "I became worried about my mental ability," Mr. H. T. said. "My business was being neglected. My wife was ready to file for divorce. I've always been a neat person and, after hearing the voice, I became careless and sloppy in my appearance. I'd become so interested in some philosophical ideas that I'd forgotten to shave for two or three days."

When Ashtar had not made contact for several days, Mr. H. T. drove to St. Louis and asked for private psychiatric treatment. "The doctor said it was possibly a manifestation of a schizoid personality," he reported. "Treatment didn't seem to help me, but it drove Ashtar straight up the wall. He forbid me to see the doctor. Ashtar knew I liked to play the stock market and he asked me to cancel my next appointment in return for a tip on a hot stock. I cancelled. Ashtar gave me the tip, advised me to beg, borrow, and steal to put everything on this stock."

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H. T. was informed that he would become wealthy beyond his wildest dreams.

"Actually, I put about \$50,000 on the stock," Mr. H. T. said. "That was all I could scrape together from the business at that time."

Two days after H. T. made his purchase, the bottom dropped out of the stock's price. "I lost half of my money in one afternoon," said H. T. "In a matter of two weeks, my \$50,000 was down to around \$13,000. I bailed out."

After tipping the stock to the businessman, Ashtar vanished from his life. "I don't hear voices anymore," the Missourian said. "I'm back to running my business. I don't do much reading. Life is a little less mysterious to me because Ashtar did explain some things to me. We're all part of the universe, he said. I am a part of you; you're a part of me, and we're all a part of everything that exists."

"By harming someone else, we harm ourselves," said Mr. H. T. "Before the experience, I was a pretty hard-driving businessman. I nudged a couple of my competitors right into bankruptcy and watched with satisfaction when they went broke. I wouldn't do that today. Ashtar showed me that some form of astral projection is possible. I took that journey to the far side of the universe with him, visited the planets, and saw the wonders that await us in the heavens. I believe firmly that experience was real."

The businessman has some doubts about his future.

"I wonder if I have the strength to resist Ashtar if he returns," he said. "I am concerned about the disasters he predicted for our world, although the time for their happening has passed. He claimed to be like the angels in the Bible, a messenger sent down to help us. I wonder if I lost more than I gained in not following his instructions."

I explained to Mr. H. T. that Ashtar, and the other space brothers, are akin to cosmic conmen. Gray Barker, in his *Book of Saucers*, reports the tragic death of Gloria Lee. Miss Lee was the author of an Aquarian Age pair of books entitled *Why We Are Here?* and *The Changing*

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Condition of Your World; both were very popular with UFO fans and space brother cultists.

With determination and Messiah-like belief in her mission, Miss Lee went to Washington, D.C. on the instructions of her contact from Jupiter. She was to get an official investigation into flying saucers, asking the government to study the blueprints for a spaceship which her contact had supplied through mental trance. When she was unable to succeed in her efforts, Miss Lee locked herself in her hotel room and started a peaceful fast. Sixty-six days later, on Dec. 2, 1962, she had not received any promises from the government. Neither had her space brother from Jupiter contacted her. Although her fast had been for universal peace, Miss Lee died. She was thirty-seven years old.

Theologians and ministers are beginning to publish their thoughts concerning our gods as spacemen. In Burfield, England, Rev. G. H. Nicholson is rector of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. His newsletters have discussed the worldwide sightings of UFOs. Rev. Nicholson asks if the phenomena might not be the "chariot of the Gods" mentioned in the Bible. He also wonders if they could be the crafts used by a "Satanically indwelt person on earth."

Rev. Nicholson reminded his readers that the essence of the message from the space brothers is that they are messengers from God. Their present duty as "angels" of mercy is to maintain surveillance over the earth and assist humanity through a gigantic "space migration" on Judgment Day. All true followers of His Word would be taken to a safe planet while the sinful are destroyed in the coming destruction.

The English clergyman cautioned his flock against the dreaded Satanic Deception. As predicted in the Bible, Satan will attempt to mislead humanity in the last days. In conclusion, Rev. Nicholson writes:

"Jesus has shown us that the heavens are inhabited by His Angels and His elect, and that when He returns,

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His angels will 'gather together His elect from the four winds and from one end of heaven to the other'."

"St. Jude says that Christ will return with '... ten thousands of his saints to execute judgment upon all.'

"St. Paul declares that the faithful living at the time of the Judgment 'will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.'

"A prophecy in Psalms tells of the space vehicles in this event. 'The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels; the Lord is among them.'

"A passage in Isaiah speaks of the joy that will be experienced on earth when it has been cleansed of all evil . . . 'For behold the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by sword will the Lord plead with all flesh; and the slain of the Lord will be many'."

Father Lambert Dolphin is a research physicist at Stanford Research Institute in California. He said during a recent press interview that "The mounting evidence leads me to believe that UFOs are extra-terrestrial in origin, piloted by intelligent beings. Their appearance in recent years is probably in some way associated with the imminent second coming of Jesus Christ."

Rev. Dean Johnson, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Sycamore, Ill., watched a large, disc-shaped saucer swoop down over the shore of Lake Michigan. Both Rev. Johnson and his wife watched the UFO for a half hour as it dropped down to treetop level. Asked by newsmen about the religious implications of beings visiting earth from other worlds, Rev. Johnson said: "I believe it is possible that just as Christ was the incarnation—or embodiment—of God on earth, incarnations have appeared to other civilizations in space. But these incarnations could have been different, conceivably in the form of a woman, or even a series of incarnations. For me, the reality of UFOs

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simply makes me realize that our relationship to God and to the universe is much wider than we have thought."

Lord Soper, England's outspoken Methodist peer, has been quoted in the press as declaring: "If there is intelligent life on a star like Epsilon Eridani, or on planets circling it, these beings must have their own incarnation of God. This face should not invalidate at all the picture we have of God in Jesus Christ. Christ is the human photograph of God, but beings on other worlds may have their own appropriate photographs of the Eternal Spirit."

In *The Aquarian Revelations*, author Brad Steiger discussed the world of the contactee and their messages from the space brothers. He published the messages from OH-HO, who used a twenty-two-year-old Canadian girl as his channel. OH-HOs messages included:

"ON THE LATTER DAYS:

"You (those of proper vibratory rate or attitude of receptivity) are going to be carried off the planet for the duration of the time that it will take earth to once more crystallize in form.

"You will always be safe if you think of the disaster in a spiritual manner. God saves those who want to be saved.

"Never fear total destruction, for it (the terrible series of cataclysms) will only be a temporary thing. It should not be taken lightly, of course, but should be viewed as a series of events which will completely change the world structure.

"The earth isn't as dense as man thinks it is, and it will appear even less dense in the fourth dimension, because etherically speaking, the earth will also be of a lesser density.

"Read the Book of Revelations again for the descriptions therein of the coming disasters. There will be widespread panic, but this is to be expected.

"Keep away from large cities, because the massive structures will crush your beings.

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"It is wise to say that never before has earth experienced such an intense searching for the truth and genuine E-Motion (Earth-Moon). Earthmen must no longer be concerned with token sentimentality, but E-Motion—true compassion, brotherhood, and all sincere feelings which bind man together.

"This ultimate "Last Day" must happen to each individual in his own way. None can escape. Life is everywhere. There is nowhere to hide. Stand up and be proud to be alive, for Man is creating a great new step, a step which we ourselves (the space brothers) are proud of, because it takes a long, monotonous time to evolve at the speed at which you have been evolving.

"Try to let this great happening be as much a part of you as you can, because you can benefit greatly from the stride which Man will make. Never try to hide from the truth. It will hunt you out and seek you out wherever you are. You should, in fact, be searching for truth—not ego, but truth.

"Let go. Please let go. Don't confine yourself to yourself. Keep ascending the spiral of life to find the truth and the true happiness of helping your brother when he needs you."

OH-HO also declared that Christ would return "where the sun shines in the West and leaves a shadow. Christ was referred to as "Esu."

"He shall return where his own people shall be gathered. He will not look as you might expect Him to look, but you will know Him by his eyes. You will have seen them before.

"Esu will return around the region known as your Great Lakes. After the great disasters, they will be known as the Western Lakes and will be somewhat tropical in nature.

"He will return near water, because water is His symbol."

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OH-HO, like others who have given the message of the space brothers, predicted that the earth's axis would tilt. He said:

"Such a tilt will bring about the complete destruction of the earth as it now exists in its physical sense. There will only be a handful of things left after the tilt, and we will take them away and keep them safe. After the earth crystallizes again, we will once again make it safe for your habitation. At that time, we shall bring you back to your world. The earth will be totally new in every aspect."

OH-HO also warned that Newfoundland was in danger of sinking beneath the waves of the Atlantic ocean. He stated:

"The Cabot Fault is losing much stability. The people who live in Newfoundland must be told that any week now their land may crumble. A very sad state of affairs. Please pray each night to keep the fault intact, for each day may save lives. It is never too late to see the Light of God.

"Those who dwell in Newfoundland have not the capacity to understand their danger, because theirs will be the first land mass to sink, and no one can really believe the danger that they are in. Please give Premier Smallwood the message of the Cabot Fault, for I am afraid that that is all that you can do. For how can man understand that which he cannot see or hear or touch?"

"The people of Newfoundland are totally unaware of the magnitude of the danger in which they live. No one understands what will happen and they are totally unaware of the coming disaster. They are simple people living simple lives, and they are not aware of the approaching change of dimensional vibration.

"I'm afraid that Premier Smallwood is a little narrow-

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mind in his thinking, and he will find it difficult to accept the genuine quality of your material. Do not worry about this, but you must go on record with your warning so that people in other parts of the world will believe you when you warn them of the disasters imminent in their areas."

The space brothers have been predicting a worldwide cataclysm for several years. Virtually every contactee is warned about imminent earthquakes, immense nature destruction, and a tilting of the earth's axis. Contactees are not alone in issuing these warnings of geological earth changes. As we shall see in the chapter to follow, many reknown psychics are receiving similar impressions of natural disasters.

EARTH CHANGES: Is Our World Coming To An End?

Someday a historian of the future may sit down at his desk and attempt to reconstruct the details of the devastating earth changes that shattered our planet in the nineteen seventies. He will report that entire nations—perhaps even continents—vanished within the twinkling of an eye. Millions of lives were lost as earth upheavals shattered the peaceful tranquility of what had been a normal day. He may even record that civilization entered a twilight stage, nearing extinction.

Yet, if the historian's study is complete, he would have to conclude that many psychics, UFO contactees, and ESP practitioners had issued frequent warnings of approaching disaster. "No one listened," he might write, "because in those days ESP and the advanced senses of the mind were orphans standing outside the halls of science."

The historian would explain that disaster first struck on a quiet, pleasant afternoon in Puerto Rico. Without warning, the serenity of the island was shattered by loud subterranean blasts deep within the earth. Dormant volcanoes suddenly roared to life, shrouding the island with smoke,

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fire and lava. A killer earthquake shook the island with vicious shock waves.

Puerto Rico started to break up under the force of nature's awesome doers of destruction. Giant chasms, their pits lined with boiling lava, opened up as the earth split apart. Seventeen minutes after the first earth rumblings, the island disappeared beneath the waves. The sole evidence of Puerto Rico's existence was a vast stretch of steaming, boiling sea.

Simultaneously, a "new land" surged up off the coast of Florida. A fisherman stared with silent awe as coral-encrusted temples gleamed in the sunlight. He remembered Edgar Cayce's prophetic vision of Atlantis rising. His boat was swamped and, as he drowned, the fisherman's fervent wish was for time to inspect those strange buildings on the emerging land.

The turbulence shattered the tranquil calm of the Atlantic ocean. The rise and fall of land created a towering tidal wave that swept over Florida. Billions of gallons of salty sea water poured over the peninsula. Coastal cities and towns were demolished. Millions of people lost their lives. The survivors huddled in the top floors of large buildings and trembled with horror. Tidal wave after tidal wave added the weight of water onto the earth's crust. With a sharp crack, a sound heard in Kentucky, Florida broke off and plunged into the ocean.

It was now thirty-two minutes since the Puerto Rico catastrophe. Radio and television newsmen broadcast brief accounts of the disasters. A grim-faced TV newsmen shook his head in disbelief as he read news bulletins. ". . . Florida has disappeared. I repeat, Florida has dropped off into the ocean," he rasped. He accepted another bulletin from a colleague. "Let's see . . . ohmigawd! The Coast Guard reports that tidal waves are rolling north along the eastern seaboard. Reports indicate these waves are two hundred feet high. Anyone living in the coastal lowlands should get to high ground immediately. I repeat . . ."

The coastal cities of Georgia were the first to be

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swamped, followed by the Carolina and Virginia coast. Norfolk was destroyed. Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Baltimore, and the cities of coastal New Jersey were devastated by towering walls of water.

Fear, and an animal instinct for survival, reigned in New York City. Millions of people were alerted by the news bulletins about the tidal waves roaring toward their city. They scrambled for the safety of the New Jersey mountains and, within minutes, bridges and tunnels were hopelessly jammed by unmoving lines of stalled cars. At the first sign of trouble, motorists abandoned their vehicles and set out on foot. Thousands of people tried to fight and claw a path through the gaseous Holland Tunnel. Shootings occurred as thousands tried to cross the bridges leading away from New York.

In Manhattan, people had crowded into the highest stories of skyscrapers. They had abandoned their stores and offices and, looking down, they saw the looters on a robber's rampage. Near twilight, a frightened advertising executive saw an immense wall of water smash over the lower tip of Manhattan island. The wave washed the streets clean of automobiles and pedestrians. The boroughs and the suburban communities were overwhelmed by the deluge.

As they waited to leave the buildings, the survivors were startled by a loud crack. Seconds later, Manhattan island plunged into a seemingly bottomless pit!

Throughout the world, earth upheavals and tidal waves signaled the start of nature's rebellion against humanity. Hawaii, Alaska and California were broken up by vicious earthquakes. They disappeared; tidal waves spread out in surging walls of destruction. Japan disappeared. England and northern Europe were engulfed by a raging sea. Holland's dikes broke; that country was submerged under ocean water.

". . . Thus began three decades of earth upheavals," our future historian may write.

While this may read like a fictionalized version of an

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imaginary disaster, many of today's psychics fervently predict that our generation will witness these terrible events. It appears as if the psychics, who receive their predictions through guides, visions, or ESP, may be receiving signals broadcasted from some central transmitter. They foresee widespread disaster in the years ahead, including earth changes, natural disasters, killer earthquakes, volcanic upheavals, famine and plagues. Many psychics believe these disasters are starting now.

The central transmitter that sends out predictions to psychics may be the same device that triggers missionary zeal in UFO contactees. Contactees are the step children of UFOlogy, long misunderstood, often abused, and seldom welcome in the circle of fervent believers. Military investigators have shied away from claims of contact with extraterrestrials; many civilian saucer groups wince when contactee claims are mentioned.

Yet, the message from contactees is essentially the same. We are admonished to stop tossing around our nuclear arsenal, cease testing any atomic devices, and live in an upright, righteous manner. They claim that if humanity doesn't adopt more peaceful ways, untold disasters are forthcoming in the future. Naturally, this doesn't make the contactee a very popular fellow. He's never going to win the "Optimist of the Year" award in his home community.

"I am Mon-ka of Mars," is a voice of an entity that allegedly contacted Dick Miller, an electronics technician. Miller reported he has been in contact with Mon-ka for the past decade. Mon-ka's message is that we have to stop playing around with nuclear energy or a holocaust will engulf humanity, possibly destroying the world.

George King, a tall, balding Londoner, was walking in the west end of that city in 1954 when he was approached by "Aetherius," a Venusian master. "You are to prepare yourself to be the earth spokesman for our group," King was informed.

Like other contactees, King preaches that the world must change its ways or we are headed on a collision

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course with disaster. A few years ago, King's followers had selected mountains in certain parts of the world, allegedly charging these spots with a mysterious "force field." These areas would provide sanctuary for King and his followers when the forecasted catastrophes occurred.

Science may finally be catching up with the predictions made in the early 1960s by Dan Martin, a contactee from Detroit, Mich. He claimed to have been aboard a flying saucer from Venus that was operated by a crew of Martians.

Martin was one of the speakers several years ago at a contactee's convention in California. "The public is getting tired of the ridiculous claims put forth by many so-called contactees," he said. "Ninety-nine percent of all other contactees are frauds."

What was the message given to Martin by the space people?

"We have got to stop atomic-weapon testing," he reported. "Otherwise, the Arctic ice cap will start to melt. The earth will turn on its axis. If this disaster does occur, our space brothers will land and help the people here on earth."

It is interesting to note that scientists reported recently that the north polar cap was melting. Speculations on a shifting of the earth's axis has started to appear in scientific journals.

Like the contactees, psychics are receiving impressions of doomsday disasters. "The earth changes are going to be absolutely shocking," reports UFO prophet Ted Owens. Psychic Joseph DeLouise, from Chicago, forecasts that an island in the Caribbean will soon be completely destroyed during a terrifying earthquake. Tenny Hale, a clairvoyant from Beaverton, Ore., foresees an epidemic of Bubonic plague striking the United States in the near future.

Prophesy is one of the most hazardous of professions. Seers are expected to "time" their predictions. A prediction may be correct, but if it is "mismatched," many people

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count it as a miss. We demand that our seers, psychics and clairvoyants exhibit more knowledge about the baffling nature of time than the most prestigious scientist. For the past several years psychics have been predicting a vast earth change, or earthquakes, centered around the state of California. Understandably upset by these doomsday forecasts, West Coast newspapers traced the origin of the predictions to a misreading of Edgar Cayce's predictions.

A mystic, healer, and "Sleeping Prophet," Edgar Cayce is unparalleled among modern prophets. He left a file of 14,543 readings that were recorded and compiled during his lifetime as a psychic. These files are now carefully maintained by the Association for Research and Enlightenment, P. O. Box 595, Virginia Beach, Va. The A.R.E. Press has presented some of his predictions on future disasters in a booklet entitled *Earth Changes—Past, Present, and Future*.

Some of Cayce's forecasts in the book were made in 1935. They include:

- * The earth will break up in western America. (This prediction, misread by many people, was possibly the basis of the California quake scares.)

- * Land will appear off the eastern coast.

- * Japan will vanish into the sea.

- * Upper Europe will be changed in the twinkling of an eye.

- * There will be vast upheavals in the polar regions, volcanoes in the torrid zones, and an eventual shifting of the earth's poles.

In 1936, Cayce forecast that San Francisco and Los Angeles would eventually be destroyed. The destruction of New York would follow the west coast disaster. When asked where a "safe land" might be found, Cayce's trance statements indicated that portions of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, southern and eastern Canada, would be among the safest regions during these devastating catastrophes.

When can we expect Cayce's prophecies to be fulfilled?

"... These will occur in the periods in '58 to '98, when

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these will be proclaimed as the periods when His light will be seen again in the clouds." Many newsmen believe the California earthquake fiasco was started by a misreading of Cayce's timing of his trance statements.

Many modern psychics reaffirm Cayce's pioneering predictions, particularly those concerning earthquakes in California. Typical of these seers is R. C. "Doc" Anderson, a robust, giant of a psychic. His feats of ESP are being memorialized by a lifesize statue in his home town of Rossville, Ga. Movie stars and jet-set celebrities have contributed to the statue fund, as thanks to Anderson for his psychic counsel over the years.

In 1968, Anderson published his forecasts on future earth changes.

"Buddy, I have had many visions of a terrible earthquake out in California," Doc Anderson drawled during that recent interview. "This will be one of the most powerful quakes in history. It centers in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. I see this quake building by pressure from volcanoes off the California coast. This pressure is getting stronger each day."

"When will the quake strike?" I inquired.

"I'm not timing this vision," Doc replied. "It'll happen in the next ten years. Exactly when is His will. That has not been given to me."

Three years after Anderson published his predictions, Dr. David School reported that drillings off the California coast revealed the San Andreas Fault line was moving at the rate of two inches annually. An oceanographer for the U.S. Geological Survey, Dr. School said the movement of the entire North Pacific floor was responsible for volcanic outbreaks in Japan, Siberia, and the Aleutian islands. Anderson feels this activity is also occurring under the Pacific Ocean, off California.

Like Cayce, Doc Anderson has envisioned a "doomsday" for New York City.

"When I get a vision of New York," Anderson drawled, "I always see the skyline shrouded by masses of dark,

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black clouds. This symbol has always meant death in my visions. I believe New York City is doomed. In the past two years, I have done readings for several clients from New York. Invariably, I receive a vision of the earth opening up beneath the city as this great metropolis falls into a deep, bottomless pit."

Cayce, Anderson, and other psychics may be receiving strong ESP signals on a little-known subterranean fault line that runs beneath Manhattan Island. A medium-scale earthquake could break the bedrock and plunge New York into a bottomless chasm. Several years ago, Consolidated Edison planned to construct an electrical generating plant at East River and 14th Street. Foundation drillings indicated the bedrock continued down for 198 feet. The foundation was ready to be poured when elderly engineers recalled stories of an earth faultline beneath the city. Deeper drillings were suggested as a precaution.

"The drillings proceeded down for slightly more than two hundred feet," an observer reported. "Suddenly, the drill broke through the bedrock and dropped into a pit. Further tests revealed the pit beneath the bedrock appeared to be bottomless. New York is built over a deep chasm. Construction was halted on the generating plant."

This obscure faultline has been traced from the Brooklyn Naval Yards, under the East River, and beneath 14th Street. Then, it wanders to the Hudson River near 80th Street. Unfortunately, this is one of several subterranean chasms in a network of bottomless pits under Manhattan Island.

Informed of the faultline, Doc Anderson entered a trance for this report. "... Pressure is building up," he related. "More buildings and more weight are piled on the bedrock. In time, the bedrock will give way. The city of New York will disappear."

Besides this foreboding vision, Anderson foresees these natural disasters:

* California will NOT have a serious earthquake this year.

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* There will be a number of devastating earthquakes in the Arctic circle. These Arctic quakes will create an imbalance in the earth's polar structure. The full extent of this problem will not be recognized immediately. However, we can expect a shifting of the earth's poles in the future.

* A food shortage will start to develop in the United States.

Like Anderson and Cayce, England's remarkable John Pendragon was a notable seer. When he died in 1970, Pendragon left a corps of admirers who attest to his accuracy as a psychic. His predictive psyche produced numerous visions of disaster for New York City. In his final forecasts, Pendragon stated:

"The cities of the Atlantic coast from Boston to Baltimore will be wiped out. The nexus of this annihilation being New York, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, with severe repercussions on those areas within 500 miles of New York. I do not see the cities remaining, but rather the sites of them, mostly under water. I have already published my predictions on London being partially under water, and the lowlands of England being submerged. I can only conclude that Britain will receive the distant effects of the vast American tragedy."

Another seer who predicts earth changes starting soon is Countess Amaya, an attractive gypsy seeress from Sanjurjo, Puerto Rico. "People should prepare for widespread disasters," the Countess stated. "Earthquakes, famine, plagues, and a shifting of the earth's polar system is imminent. Our planet is under considerable stress from many natural elements. I have envisioned that earth changes are long overdue. Now pressure is building to create massive destruction in the future."

Bertie Catchings, 5712 Harvest Hill, Dallas, Tex., has received media acclaim as the southwest's most famous "psychic person." She has had a haunting vision about the future of western America. "There will be a gradual break-up of California until that land becomes an island,"

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she related. "Then, at a time when the army and navy are on the island, along with a population of forty million people, they will all be killed."

When will the disaster occur?

"I don't know," admitted Mrs. Catchings, in a soft Texas drawl. "This is part of the puzzle that was given to me. Perhaps we can learn the answer by referring to the messages that have been given to other psychics."

Mrs. Catchings suggests that the U.S. set up storage of food and medical supplies. "There is a shortage of food coming in the near future," she elaborated. "We must have supplies on hand for an extended period. At the same time, there will be a series of terrible natural disasters. These will be much worse than the world can know or comprehend in advance. We need vast quantities of all kinds of supplies, particularly medical items."

Her predictions for near future include:

- * Objects from space will come crashing to earth, creating death and destruction.

- * The Eiffel Tower will fall, or be removed.

- * More earthquakes, including a big one, will affect the coastal lines of New York and California.

She predicts a quake in China very soon. There will also be quakes in the Pacific, creating huge tidal waves. These giant waves will do more damage than the quake. She has envisioned additional earthquakes near Tokyo, Alaska, and Turkey.

- * In British Columbia, an earth tremor will "rattle the earth." A mountain will be swept away in an avalanche.

- * There will be several cave-ins making headlines. These will occur around the Great Lakes, Kentucky, and Texas.

- * A dam will break in South America with a large loss of life and much property damage.

- * Nature will rebel as hurricanes strike New York, the Carolinas, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

- * Oklahoma will have one of the worst tornado years that area has experienced. Arkansas and Texas will also

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have much destruction and a heavy loss of life from tornadoes.

John Catchings, 6911 Rufus Drive, Austin, Texas, was struck by a lightning bolt on July 4, 1970, and "shocked" into psychic awareness. John and his mother, Bertie, are the nation's first mother-son psychic team. He predicts:

- * An island will rise out of the Gulf of Mexico.

- * California will have the worst earthquake in history.

Malva Dee, Enchanted Acres, West Guilford, Canada, is one of Canada's most impressive clairvoyants. She believes that many of the natural disasters forthcoming are due to the changing position of the earth on its axis. "I foresee some changes in climate around the world," she said. "These conditions will be caused by the earth's axis change."

- * South America will be plagued by earthquakes along the eastern Andes mountains. These quakes will strike sparsely settled regions and the loss of life will be limited. Peru will also suffer an eruption of nature. Minor tremors will be felt through Mexico, extending up to the San Andreas fault in California. There will be earthquakes in California, around San Diego and Berkeley. "I might add that I have had no vision of California sliding into the sea," she said. Spain and Greece will also be hit by earthquakes and, in Italy, Mt. Vesuvius will pour lava over the countryside.

- * There will be floods in unusual places. Midwest U.S. and Canada will have severe flooding.

- * There will be heavy snowslides in the Canadian Rockies and a small town may be buried under a tremendous avalanche.

- * There are possibilities of landslides in the province of Quebec, Canada. These will be evidence of an underground faultline there and will add to the anxiety of people living there.

Joseph De Louise, 6 East Monroe St., Chicago, gained national prominence as a psychic for his "clairvoyant crime-busting" in the Sharon Tate murder case. In addi-

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tion to his prophesy of a Caribbean island being destroyed by a killer earthquake, De Louise sees a large land mass sinking into the ocean. "This disaster will also be caused by an earthquake," he predicted. "There will be a loss of many lives and untold property damage."

Joseph Donnelly, Sebring, Fla., is a retired executive and a spiritualist seer. He has predicted for some time that New York City is endangered due to an earth fault. Donnelly says: ". . . Nostradamus stated that 'In the twentieth century, the city of mirrors will crumple with a crash!' The city of mirrors is New York, which is built on an arch of stone below which is a cavern several miles deep. Millions of tons of garbage have been dumped offshore for the past thirty-five years. Think of the offsetting strain and you can see the coming disaster for that city.

"Lemmings are on the move," warned Donnelly. "Animals and birds recognize, or seem to know of impending disasters. Take heed when animals leave an area and birds disappear from their usual haunts. Recent earthquakes throughout the world are forerunners of what is to come. *The earth's crust is cracking!* One faultline runs along the South American coast, through coastal Mexico, up the west coast, and into Alaska. The last Alaskan earthquake shocks equaled 500,000 times the energy of the Hiroshima atom bomb! The coming quakes are unimaginable in their power and intensity."

Donnelly reports that earth tremors will continue to increase rapidly. "More than 400 volcanoes are now active," he continued. "Some of these have just started after a long sleep. The earth is entering a tumultuous period!"

Donnelly said that subterranean liquid and gas pockets have been tapped offshore from California. "This is weakening the California coastal region," he warned. "It will cause a tremendous earthquake in the near future with the loss of millions of lives. Both seaboard of the U.S. will be swamped by tidal waves. You can use your imagination about the scarcity of food, the effect on the economy, and so forth."

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Tenny Hale, Beaverton, Ore., is a newcomer to the psychic field. Her predictions on disasters in the near future include:

* There will be severe crop losses in the U.S. very soon.

* There will be a substantial earthquake on the West Coast.

* There will be an unusually large number of deaths from snake bites.

* The U.S. will suffer a raging epidemic of bubonic plague and typhus.

Irene Hughes, the Chicago seeress, is one of the most famous clairvoyants in the nation. Her remarkably high percentage of accuracy on predictions is impressive, along with her careful documentation of forecasts published-before-the-event. She foresees:

* "The droughts which I predicted would begin in 1972 and continue through 1974 have not abated. These droughts will endanger the supply of food. It may be partly responsible for the famine which I previously predicted would strike our land in 1975."

* "There will soon be earthquakes in California, Missouri, Iran, and Peru. I also predict that psychics will be publicly invited to participate in earthquake-warning committees. They will be acknowledged as being helpful in predicting when and where such events will occur."

Beverly Jaegers, Maplewood, Mo., teaches the psychic arts to classes of selected students. She is also the author of four books on psychic subjects, and her predictions include:

* Tornadoes will wreak havoc in states that are normally tornado-free.

* Droughts will hit heavily and cause severe crop losses in West-Central U.S.

* She feels that a medium-to-heavy earthquake will strike the Pacific region, possibly around the Aleutians or near Japan. South America will have several strong quakes. She has a vision of a bridge, similar to the Golden

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Gate in San Francisco, being destroyed. "It was hanging in a twisted wreckage, partially in water," she said.

* She has also envisioned an airplane crash that will destroy a small subdivision. Some lives will be lost. She believes this will happen in a northeastern state.

Komar, Wooster, Ohio, receives his predictions while resting on a bed of nails! He is recognized in the Guinness Book of Records as the holder of two world's records—the first for the longest time spent on a bed of nails, the second for the most weight supported on his body while lying on nails. He forecasts:

* An earthquake will hit the state of Maine. It will not be a major tremor, but it will cause considerable alarm. Quakes will also hit Mexico. One earth upheaval will happen in the early part of the year, near Mexico City, and it will be devastating.

* Due to severe drought conditions in the southern and western United States, we will find that forest fires are on the increase. These fires will be more severe than usual. The hills will literally appear to be burning.

* There will be an explosion in Washington, D.C. in connection with a national monument. Several deaths will result from this blast. The explosion will be set off by a small protest group upset by U.S. foreign policy.

* Ohio will experience severe weather conditions. These will be very similar to the crippling snow storms that struck in 1950.

* One of the worst disasters of the year will be centered around a bridge. The bridge appears to be on the Mississippi River, although it might be farther west. The bridge appears to have been bombed, rather than having collapsed from natural causes. Many lives will be lost.

Al Manning, the ESP Laboratory, Los Angeles, Cal., is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the UCLA School of Business Administration. Resigning from an aerospace executive position, he has dedicated his life to teaching others how they may develop their ESP talents. His predictions are:

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* The Mississippi River will reach flood stage with the possible overflowing of levees and dikes.

* A major tropical storm will brush Florida, but cause extensive damage in Cuba.

* There will be a test in California whereby minor earthquakes can be caused by man. This will reduce stress along the major faults and prevent disastrous earthquakes.

Dr. Ernesto Montgomery, Los Angeles, has predicted the future for such world figures as Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden, Princess Margaret, and others. He forecast the assassination of President John Kennedy, envisioned the Sharon Tate murders prior to their tragic occurrence. He has a high degree of accuracy in prophesy. He also printed a prediction in his newspaper column on the attempt to assassinate Gov. George Wallace, months before it happened.

Dr. Montgomery has predicted for several years that a major earthquake will strike California. He timed the quake for April 22, 1972. "The gigantic quake that was to have struck Los Angeles hit Iran, due to severe earth changes," Dr. Montgomery reported. "However, the state of California is still under a very dark, ominous cloud. There are new pressures building up along the coastal region. When these forces reach the trigger point, there will be one of the largest earthquakes in history. The shock will push the needle off earthquake-recording scales.

"The entire lower portion of California is in danger," Dr. Montgomery continued. "I have envisioned the earthquake starting with a deep, subterranean roar. The noise will be so terrible that many people will die from shock. The earth will twist and great, enormous cracks will suddenly open up. Entire cities, subdivisions and towns will plunge downward into a dark, bottomless chasm."

Dr. Montgomery also foresees oceanic disturbances. "As the land along the ocean plunges into the sea, a giant tidal wave will be created," he predicted. "This will sweep inland and there will be a frightful loss of life due to drowning."

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The man-made tremors forecast by psychic Al Manning have also been envisioned by Dr. Montgomery. "These tests will be conducted by the United States Geological Service," he related. "However, earthquakes are an act of God. Man should not interfere with His intent. The tests were conducted, then discontinued. Later, they were resumed. Had these man-made tremors continued, they would have triggered the quake as I predicted."

The California minister has privately warned many of his friends and clients about coming earth changes. "There are vast disturbances deep within the earth," he reported. "There is a tendency for the earth to shift on its axis. This is creating an improper rotation, causing disturbances throughout the world. Volcanic activity is building on the south polar continent. I have also foreseen a warming trend at both the north and south polar regions. This will eventually melt a portion of those vast ice caps, raise the level of the world's oceans, and endanger coastal areas. Many metropolitan cities will have to be abandoned due to high water during our lifetime."

Ted Owens, Cape May, Va., claims to be the earth emissary for the SIs—Space Intelligence. "1973 is the year when nature started to rebel against man," Owens predicted. "The SIs have given me a forewarning of these events." Owens stated that his sensational prediction of an attempted assassination against Gov. George Wallace was given to him by the same source of universal intelligence.

"Violent floods and earthquakes will change much of the earth's surface," said Owens. "Volcanoes will erupt in large numbers as nature vents its anger against mankind. The earth is a living thing and humans upon the surface have hurt it.

"Therefore, there will be major earth changes in the near future," Owens continued. "These will be manipulated by nature to punish humans. As you read these words, vast forces are building up throughout the world. The imbalance in nature that was caused by man and his pollution of air and water will strike back at humanity."

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Owens foresees a major blight on crops. "Unusual rains, insect attacks, and a severe shortage of water in some areas will make conditions bad for farmers," he said. "Many small farmers will go bankrupt under this onslaught. They will be forced off the land, just as their fathers were stripped of land in the thirties. Food will become scarce."

The UFO prophet foresees catastrophe for western America. "A giant earthquake will strike the west coast with frightening force," he predicted. "The destruction will be utterly fantastic; the loss of lives and property will be unimaginable." Owens also forecasts that two major hurricanes will smash the U.S. coast, that an epidemic of diseases will hit the U.S., and tornadoes will increase.

Ted Owens predicts a disastrous future for U.S. space efforts. He says:

- * This will be a deadly time for astronauts. Any astronauts, because space missions which have been hitherto flown safely without loss of life, will lead to death.

- * Scientists will make a startling new discovery of living elements in outer space. Many other elements in space will also be discovered for the first time.

- * New dangers will also be uncovered in space.

- * It will be revealed that Russia has a "lock" around our earth, unknown to us until we stumble onto their secret. The Russians have weapons which can be used against the United States, or used in space against satellites and space flights. The laser principle will be incorporated in these "secret weapons."

- * It will be found that our spaceships have unknowingly, and unwittingly, brought back a form of "germ" from the moon. This germ has been discovered by NASA. It will have a disastrous impact on the people of earth.

- * Signals from outer space will be focused on our planet. These sonic signals will create abnormal behavior in insects, animals, fish and birds. We will see many strange, unexplained occurrences in the natural world in the

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months ahead. These things will affect most of the people who live in the U.S.

* The ground level in Nevada has started to sink. The entire state will suffer a major disaster in the near future.

* Mexico and Canada will become openly hostile to the U.S. Borders will be closed and the U.S. will be sealed off from her closest neighbors. There will be open hostility toward our country by many of the South American countries.

Harold Schroepel is part of a talented husband-and-wife team of psychics who teach psychic development in Oak Park, Ill. He foresees a west coast earthquake, but not in California. "The biggest quake will be on the west coast," he reported. "But it will occur in western Washington in the Olympia, Seattle and Tacoma region. There will be quakes throughout the world, particularly in China. We'll read about quakes in Turkey, northern Italy, a really strong one in Sicily, and others in Thailand and Holland. We'll also be reading of a major landslide in France, with a whole valley slide of several miles in length."

Schroepel predicts that a large passenger liner will be abandoned off the Florida coast. "I also feel that a large Russian passenger plane will crash," he said, "and the U.S. will be hit by three very violent hurricanes in 1973."

Dr. Ingrid Sherman established a metaphysical studio in Yonkers, N.Y., in 1958. Since then, she has become internationally famous for her teachings. Like other psychics, Dr. Sherman has "picked up" signals of coming earth upheavals. "Weather conditions throughout the world are starting to change," she said. "These disturbances are being caused by atmospheric interference. In addition, the earth is undergoing a major transformation as the axis is changed to a different position."

Dr. Sherman predicts a heavy windstorm will strike New Mexico, a fire will be in the news at Kennedy airport, and a terrible train crash will occur in eastern Europe. "Another earthquake will shake California soon," she stated.

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Del St. Clair is the professional name of a police officer in a Missouri city. A veteran of Navy and Air Force service, he has been a law enforcement officer for five years. He is interested in practical, useful applications of ESP. "I feel that Texas will be the focal point of a major natural disaster," he predicted. "There is going to be a vast revelation of corruption there in the next few months. I also predict that blight and rot will strike the lettuce fields in the western states."

Ruth Zimmerman, a psychic from suburban Chicago, has continued to amass a high record of accuracy in personal and international predictions. Her forecasts include:

* I perceive a bizarre collision high in the heavens. Repercussions in nature shall occur because of this.

* Many, many earthquakes will strike all over the world. A great loss of life will occur because of these disasters. There will be a large quake in an area where none has occurred before. As a result of this quake, a new earth fault will be discovered.

* I sense severe flooding in the midwest and southern portions of our country due to heavy rainfall.

* There will be an immense forest fire out west. It will be very difficult to get under control. There will be a considerable loss of property here.

* There will be a coal-mine explosion in the southeastern U.S. with a loss of life.

* I see oil spilled upon the sea; I feel this will come from an explosion that strikes an oil tanker on the high seas. The expense of cleaning up this oil may well put an oil company near bankruptcy.

Daniel Logan, a remarkable young psychic, was headed toward a career in show business when his emerging ESP ability transformed him into a "Reluctant Psychic." Logan has predicted that earthquakes will smash both coasts of the U.S., many major cities of the world will be devastated by natural disasters, and New York City will be destroyed by killer hurricanes.

Logan feels the earth has been thrown off its former

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axis. The imbalance was caused by underground atomic-bomb explosions. He foresees a time when our earth will be either extreme cold or heat; spring and autumn will vanish as humanity seeks refuge from bitter cold or unbearable heat. Along with this will come cycles of floods, drought, and then more floods.

Along with their warnings of impending disaster, some psychics claim spiritual awakening and "right thinking" will prevent these events from happening. The essence of their message is that humanity must reject materialistic values, seek a higher level of awareness and attempt to live in harmonious balance with our fellow creatures and nature. Conceivably, a peaceful society would transmit its intentions back to the central ESP transmitter. Then, a universal intelligence, a higher power, our Creator, would cancel the coming destruction.

It is a philosophy worthy of consideration in this era of global unrest.

Inventions From The Sky People?

Did spacemen from unknown worlds seed humans on earth, guiding our forefathers in building civilization?

Are the "Watchers," mentioned in the Old Testament, actually scientists from outer space sent to record the progress of the earth experiment?

Is it possible that space visitors actually ruled earth as kings?

In stories of *Egyptian Gods and Heroes* (Harrap & Co., London; 1914), F. H. Brookbank told the legend of Egypt's Osiris and Isis:

One evening in early summer, as the westering sun hung over the hills, a man halted under a sycamore tree near a temple at Thebes. He was of enormous stature and he seemed more than mortal.

By his side stood a woman, the most beautiful and graceful on whom the sun has ever risen.

"Let us tarry here and rest," said the man and, spreading his mantle over a slab of stone, they sat down; then he took from his cloak a reed and began to blow

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upon it. As the last sweet strains died away, a venerable old man came slowly toward the two wayfarers.

"A pleasant evening to you both," he said, a mixture of awe and wonder plainly written on his face.

"And to thee, O my father," said the man. "Where in this city may we find lodgings for a time? We are travelers and would fain stay here to rest awhile."

The newcomer, after gazing at them for some time, bowed his head to the ground, and kissed the sandal, first of the man, then of the woman. Thereon, looking up, he spoke: "I am the priest of this temple and in my study of the stars I have learned somewhat of the mysteries of the heavens.

"Long have I known of your coming but never did I think that I should be the first to greet you on earth." And with worshipping eyes again the holy man gazed on the wonderous pair. "Will my lord and lady deign to accept such hospitality as my poor house can offer?" he asked.

"It is because thou have been faithful in thy service that we came to thee first," replied the man. "We thank thee, and accept thy kindness. But I charge thee straitly to tell no man what thou knowest, when we came or why. That shall be known as the gods' will."

"Now lead us to thy house," said Osiris, "for the hour grows late."

And in this way did Osiris and Isis, his consort, come to the land of Egypt.

When the people of ancient Egypt met this celestial couple, they knew the pair were from another world. Brooksbank explains:

"Instinctively, they felt that the strangers were not of earth, and every mark of respect was shown to them by the simple folk.

"Numerous were the inquiries at the house of the priest concerning the guests, but the priest kept his own coun-

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sel; the mystery of their arrival only added to the awe in which people held them.

"Day by day Osiris and Isis went among the people, advising, helping, cheering. Wherever they were most needed there they always seemed to be."

When the king of Egypt passed away, legends claim, Osiris reluctantly became the first Pharaoh. He ruled with divine wisdom and abolished many of that nation's most primitive practices.

If people from space walked among men during ancient times, then there should be abundant evidence of their visitations. When we inspect the records, writings and ruins of olden times, we discover that human progress may have been force-fed by people from the sky. Contemporary man is justifiably proud of the incredible technological advances of the past century. Less than a hundred years ago our hospitals were dark, dreary pesthouses; a trip from New York to Denver was an awesome undertaking. By contrast, our astronauts have walked on the moon and medical achievements are astonishing.

Yet, we must ask, are all of our inventions and achievements a product of our age?

Or did the ancients know more than we have been taught in the history books? Let's take a look at the record.

Today's modern, clean hospitals have finally reached the standards demanded by Hindu physicians six hundred years before Christ. Surgical instruments dug out of the ruins of Pompeii are similar to those used by contemporary surgeons. Ancient Egyptian surgeons bound a wound with clean linen, securing the bandage with adhesive tape. Dentists in ancient Rome were noted for their remarkable skill in making false teeth and bridgework.

Among the inscribed clay tablets dug up at Kouyunjik were 800 on medical subjects. They belonged to Ashurbanipal, an early king of Assyria. Translations reveal that these ancient physicians knew the therapeutic value of

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many drugs prescribed today. "Those tablets mentioned that belladonna, castor oil, sulphur, garlic, and opium were used by Assyrian doctors," said a physician, who studies the links between modern and ancient medicine as a hobby. "Sulphur was considered an excellent prescription for skin diseases. A sulphuric preparation is the base of many of today's skin ointments. The poppy extract, which was actually opium, was prescribed by ancient physicians for relief from pain. Belladonna was used to treat asthma, bronchitis, and similar bronchial conditions."

In early Persia, records indicate that a form of psychiatry was practiced. In the religious poem, *Zend-Avesta*, said to have been written approximately a thousand years before Christ, healing arts were classified by the type of remedy utilized by the attending doctor. If herbs failed to produce a cure, then the surgeon's knife was recommended. If the scalpel failed, the patient was told to visit a "word doctor." Even in those days, medical men were aware of the psychosomatic origin of much illness.

The Ebers Papyrus, dated about 1553 B.C., detailed some of the medical remedies used by the Egyptians of that era. Castor oil was used as a laxative, hair restorer, and as a balm for scalp cuts. Raw, fresh beef liver with its enormous quantities of vitamin A was prescribed for eye ailments and night blindness. Patients who suffered from goiter caused by a deficiency of iodine were given burnt sea-sponge as a medicine. Burnt sponge is rich in iodine. Opium was prescribed for pain and as a calming medicine for upset babies. Many modern mothers still depend faithfully on the soothing effects of a drop of two of paragoric rubbed over a teething baby's gums. Paragoric is an opium derivative.

Hippocrates (450-345 B.C.) is the father of modern medicine and, as we know, he took the magic out of medical practices. "Disease was never a mystery to him," said the medical doctor. "He wrote on how to treat sprains and fractures of the joints. He discovered the link between climate and disease. He knew the value of dieting and clean-

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liness as keys to a healthy life."

In *Fate* magazine, author Marguerite Steedman told of the prophetic weapons of the ancient worlds. She related that ancient Assyrian armies used flame throwers and heavy artillery devices. Ms. Steedman reported that Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, U.S.N. and chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics in the 1920s, stated that the speed of a battleship of that time was about 20 knots. Admiral Moffett pointed out that Roman oar-driven warships maneuvered into combat at speeds estimated at 12 to 18 knots.

Napalm, the controversial flaming jelly bomb, was also used by early warriors. The substance dates from the third century A.D., when it was known as Greekfire and Wildfire. Ancient armies made their deadly substance by mixing naphtha with a petroleum base. Napalm is manufactured by large corporations today, but a similar product can be mixed in the comfort of your living room. The deadly "Molotov Cocktail," so-named because of its use in World War II against Nazi tanks invading Russia, is composed of gasoline. An even deadlier device is made by adding soap flakes or a thick detergent liquid. The result is similar to Greekfire!

Would you believe an automatic bow-and-arrow?

Dionysios of Alexandria invented such a device in the first century, A.D. His weapon contained a bow that was held under continual tension. The device was operated by a single soldier who turned a crank. A funnel above the bow held arrows. As the crank was operated, an arrow dropped onto the bow and was fired. The operation was repeated each time the crank made a half turn! "The early machine guns worked on a similar principle," a gun expert informed me recently. "The only difference was that the automatic bow and arrow could only be aimed at a single target. It couldn't scatter its fire like a modern machine gun."

Many ancient inventions were lost through neglect. Others were forgotten in the turbulent swirl of war, revolution, or disaster. In the thirteenth century, the French

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royal court was astonished by an incredible demonstration of magic by Jachiele, a rabbi. The astonishing device that intrigued King Louis IX was a "dazzling lamp that lighted itself." Using neither a wick nor oil, the lamp burned all night. In his *History of Magic*, Eliphas Levi said: "Everything that is said about his lamp proves that he had discovered electricity, or that he knew its main uses . . ."

In *Isis Unveiled*, one of her first works, Madam H. P. Blavatsky explored the inventions of antiquity. She wrote:

" . . . As chemists they (the ancients) were unequaled, and in his famous lecture on *The Lost Arts*, Wendell Phillips says: 'The chemistry of the most ancient period had reached a point which we have never even approached.' The secret of malleable glass, which, 'if supported by one end by its own weight, in twenty hours dwindles down to a fine line that you can curve around your wrist,' would be as difficult to rediscover in our civilized countries as to fly to the moon.

"The fabrication of a cup of glass which was brought by an exile to Rome in the reign of Tiberius—a cup 'which he dashed upon the marble pavement, and it was not crushed nor broken by the fall,' and which, as it got 'dented some' was easily brought into shape again with a hammer, is a historic fact. If it is doubted now it is merely because the moderns cannot do the same.

"And yet, in Samarkand and some monasteries of Tibet such cups and glassware may be found to this day; nay, there are persons who claim that they can make the same by virtue of their knowledge of the much-ridiculed and ever-doubted *alkahest*—the universal solvent. This agent that Paracelsus and Van Helmont maintain to be a certain fluid in nature, 'capable of reducing all sublunary bodies, as well homogeneous as mixed, into their *ens primum*, or the original matter of which they are composed; or into a uniform, equable,

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and potable liquor, that will unite with water, and the juices of all bodies, and yet retain its own radical virtues; and, if again mixed with itself will thereby be converted into pure elementary water:' what impossibilities prevent our crediting the statement?

"Why should it not exist and why the idea be considered Utopian? Is it again because our modern chemists are unable to produce it? But surely it may be conceived without any great effort of imagination that all bodies must have originally come from some first matter, and that this matter, according to the lessons of astronomy, geology and physics, must have been a fluid. Why should not gold—whose genesis our scientists know so little—have been originally a primitive or basic matter of gold, a ponderous fluid which, as says Van Helmont, 'from its own nature, or a strong cohesion between its particles, acquired afterward a solid form?'

"There seems to be very little absurdity to believe in a 'universal *ens* that resolves all bodies into their *ens genitale*.' Van Helmont calls it 'the highest and most successful of all salts; which having obtained the supreme degree of simplicity, purity, subtlety, enjoys alone the faculty of remaining unchanged and unimpaired by the subjects it works upon, and of dissolving the most stubborn and untractable bodies; as stones, gems, glass, earth, sulphur, metals, etc., into red salt, equal in weight to the matter dissolved; and this with as much ease as hot water melts down snow.'

"It is into this fluid that the makers of malleable glass claimed, and now claim, that they immersed common glass for several hours, to acquire the property of malleability.

" . . . If modern masters are so much in advance of the old ones, why do they not restore to us the lost arts of our postdiluvian forefathers? Why do they not give us the unfading colors of Luxor—the Tyrian purple; the bright vermilion and dazzling blue which decorate the walls of this place, and are as bright as on the first day of their appli-

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cation? The indestructible cement of the pyramids and of ancient aqueducts; the Damascus blade, which can be turned like a corckscrew in its scabbard without breaking; the gorgeous, unparalleled tints of the stained glass that is found amid the dust of old ruins and beams in the windows of ancient cathedrals; and the secret of the true malleable glass? And if chemistry is so little able to rival even with the early medieval ages in some arts, why boast of achievements which, according to strong probability, were perfectly known thousands of years ago? The more archaeology and philology advance, the more humiliating to our pride are the discoveries which are daily made, the more glorious testimony do they bear in behalf of those who, perhaps on account of the distance of their remote antiquity, have been until now considered ignorant flounders in the deepest mire of superstition.

"Why should we forget that ages before the prow of the adventurous Genoese clove the Western waters, the Phoenician vessels had circumnavigated the globe and spread civilization in regions now silent and deserted? What archaeologist will dare assert that the same hand which planned the Pyramids of Egypt, Karnak, and the thousand ruins now crumbling to oblivion on the sandy banks of the Nile, did not erect the monumental Nagkon-Wat of Cambodia? Or trace the hieroglyphics on the obelisks and doors of the deserted Indian village, newly discovered in British Columbia by Lord Dufferin? Or those on the ruins of Palenque and Uxma, of Central America? Do not the relics we treasure in our museums—last mementos of the long 'lost arts'—speak loudly in favor of ancient civilization? And do they not prove, over and over again, that nations and continents that have passed away have buried along with them arts and sciences, which neither the first crucible ever heated in a medieval cloister, nor the last cracked by a modern chemist have revived, nor will—at least, in the present century.

"They were not without some knowledge of optics,' Professor Draper magnanimously concedes to the ancients;

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others positively deny to them even that little. 'The convex lens found in Nimroud shows that they were not unacquainted with magnifying instruments.' Indeed? If they were not, all the classical authors must have lied. For, when Cicero tells us that he had seen the entire *Iliad* written on skin of such a miniature size, that it could easily be rolled up inside a nutshell, and Pliny asserts that Nero had a ring with a small glass in it, through which he watched the performance of the gladiators at a distance—could audacity go farther?

"Truly, when we are told that Mauritius could see from the promontory of Sicily over the entire sea to the coast of Africa, with an instrument called *nauscopite*, we must either think that all these witnesses lied, or that the ancients were more than slightly acquainted with optics and magnifying glasses. Wendell Phillips states that he has a friend who possesses an extraordinary ring 'perhaps three-quarters of an inch in diameter, and on it is the naked figure of the god Hercules. By the aid of glasses, you can distinguish the interlacing muscles, and count every separate hair on the eyebrows. . . . Rawlinson brought home a stone about twenty inches long and ten wide, containing an entire treatise on mathematics. It would be perfectly illegible without glasses. . . .'

"In Dr. Abbott's Museum, there is a ring of Cheops, to which Bunsen assigns 500 B.C. The signet of the ring is about the size of a quarter of a dollar, and the engraving is invisible without the aid of glasses. . . . At Parma, they will show you a gem once worn on the finger of Michelangelo, of which the engraving is 2,000 years old, and on which there are the figures of *seven* women. You must have the aid of powerful glasses in order to distinguish the forms of all. . . . 'So the microscope,' adds the learned lecturer, 'instead of dating from our time, finds its brothers in the Books of Moses—and those are infant brothers.'

". . . 'In the Museum of Alexandria,' says Draper, in *Egypt's Ruins in Universal History*, vol. V., p. 88, 'there

was a machine invented by Hero, the mathematician, a little more than 100 years B.C. It revolved by the agency of steam, and was of the form that we should now call a reaction-engine. . . . Chance had nothing to do with the invention of the modern steam-engine,' Europe prides herself upon the discoveries of Copernicus and Galileo, and now we are told that the astronomical observations of the Chaldeans extend back to within a hundred years of the flood; and Bunsen fixes the flood at not less than 10,000 years before our era. Moreover, a Chinese emperor, more than 2,000 years before the birth of Christ (i.e., before Moses) put to death his two chief astronomers for not predicting an eclipse of the sun.

"What did they (the ancients) not know? It is a well-demonstrated fact that the true meridian was correctly ascertained before the first pyramid was built. They had clocks and dials to measure time; their cubit was the established unit of linear measure, being 1,707 feet of English measure; according to Herodotus the unit of weight was also known; as money, they had gold and silver rings valued by weight; they had the decimal and duodecimal modes of calculation from the earliest times, and were proficient in algebra. 'How could they otherwise,' says an unknown author, 'bring into operation such immense mechanical powers, if they had not thoroughly understood the philosophy of what we term the mechanical powers?'"

"The art of making linen and fine fabrics is also proved to have been one of their branches of knowledge, for the Bible speaks of it. Joseph was presented by Pharaoh with a vesture of fine linen, a golden chain, and many more things. The linen of Egypt was famous throughout the world. The mummies are all wrapped in it and the linen is beautifully preserved. Pliny speaks of a certain garment sent 600 years B.C., by King Amasis to Lindus, every single thread of which was composed of 360 minor threads twisted together. Herodotus gives us (book I.), in his account of Isis and the Mysteries performed in her honor, an

idea of the beauty and 'admirable softness of the linen worn by the priests.'

"The latter wore shoes made of papyrus and garments of fine linen, because this goddess first taught the use of it; and thus, besides being called *Isiaci*, or priests of Isis, they were also known as *Linigera*, the 'linen-wearing.' This linen was spun and dyed in those brilliant and gorgeous colors, the secret of which is likewise now among the lost arts. On the mummies we often find the most beautiful embroidery and bead-work ornamenting their shirts; several of such can be seen in the museum of Bulak (Cairo), and are unsurpassable in beauty; the designs are exquisite, and the labor seems immense.

The elaborate and so much vaunted Gobelins tapestry is but a gross production when compared with some of the embroidery of the ancient Egyptians. We have but to refer to *Exodus* to discover how skillful was the workmanship of the Israelitish pupils of the Egyptians upon their tabernacle and sacred ark. The sacerdotal vestments, with their decorations of 'pomegranates and golden bells,' and the thummim, or jeweled breastplate of the high priest, are described by Josephus as being of unparalleled beauty and wonderful workmanship; and yet we find beyond doubt that the Jews adopted their rites and ceremonies and even the special dress of their Levites, from the Egyptians. Clemens Alexandrinus acknowledges it very reluctantly, and so does Origen and other Fathers of the Church, some of whom, as a matter of course, attribute the coincidence to a clever trick of Satan in anticipation of events.

"... All the ornamental arts seem to have been known to the Egyptians. Their jewelry of gold, silver, and precious stones is beautifully wrought; so was the cutting, polishing, and setting of them executed by their lapidaries in the finest style. The finger-ring of an Egyptian mummy—if we remember aright—was pronounced the most artistic piece of jewelry in the London Exhibition of 1851. Their imitation of precious stones in glass is far above anything done

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at the present day; and the emerald may be said to have been imitated to perfection.

In Pompeii, says Wendell Phillips, they discovered a room full of glass; there was ground glass, window glass, cut glass, and colored glass of every variety. Catholic priests who broke into China 200 years ago, were shown a glass, transparent and colorless, which was filled with liquor made by the Chinese, and which appeared to be colorless, like water. 'This liquor was poured into the glass, and then looking through, it seemed to be filled with fishes. They turned it out and repeated the experiment and again it was filled with fishes.'

'In Rome they show a bit of glass, a transparent glass, which they light up so as to show you that there is nothing concealed, but in the center of the glass is a drop of colored glass, perhaps as large as a pea, mottled like a duck, and which even a miniature pencil could not do more perfectly. 'It is manifest that this drop of liquid glass must have been poured, because there is no joint. This must have been done by a greater heat than the annealing process, because that process shows breaks.'

'. . . Although it would seem as if we had already furnished sufficient proofs that modern science has little or no reason to boast of originality, yet before closing this volume we will adduce a few more to place the matter beyond doubt. We have but to recapitulate, as briefly as possible, the several claims to new philosophies and discoveries, the announcement of which has made the world open its eyes so wide within these last two centuries. We have pointed to the achievements in arts, sciences, and philosophy of the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, Chaldeans, and Assyrians; we will now quote from an author who has passed long years in India studying their philosophy. In the famous and recent work of *Christina et le Christ*, we find the following tabulation:

Philosophy.—The ancient Hindus have created from the foundation the two systems of spiritualism and materi-

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alism, of metaphysical philosophy and of positive philosophy. The first taught in the Vedantic school, whose founder was Vyasa; the second taught in the Sankya school whose founder was Kapila.

Astronomical Science.—They fixed the calendar, invented the zodiac, calculated the procession of the equinoxes, discovered the general laws of the movements, observed and predicted the eclipses.

Mathematics.—They invented the decimal system, algebra, the differential, integral, and infinitesimal calculi. They also discovered geometry and trigonometry, and in these two sciences they constructed and proved theorems *which were only discovered in Europe as late as the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.* It was the Brahmans in fact who first deduced the superficial measure of a triangle from the calculation of its three sides, and calculated the relations of the circumference to the diameter. Furthermore, we must restore to them the square of the hypotenuse and the table so improperly called Pythagorean, which we find engraved on the *goparama* of the majority of great pagodas.

Physics.—They established the principle which is still our own today: that the universe is a harmonious whole, subject to laws which may be determined by observation and experiment. They discovered hydrostatics; and the famous proposition that every body plunged in water loses of its own weight a weight equal to the volume which it displaces, is only a loan made by the Brahmans to the famous Greek architect, Archimedes. The physicists of the pagodas calculated the velocity of light, fixed in a positive manner the laws which it follows in its reflection. And finally, it is beyond doubt, from the calculations of Surya-Sidhenta, that they knew and calculated the force of steam.

Chemistry.—They knew the composition of water, and formulated for gases the famous law, which we know only from yesterday, that the volumes of gas are in

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inverse ratio to the pressures that they support. They knew how to prepare sulphuric, nitric, and muriatic acids; the oxides of copper, iron, lead, tin, and zinc; the sulphurets of iron, copper, mercury, antimony, and arsenic; the sulphates of zinc and iron; the carbonates of iron, lead and soda; nitrate of silver; and powder.

"Medicine.—Their knowledge was truly astonishing. In Tcharaka and Susruta, the two princes of Hindu medicine, is laid down the system which Hippocrates appropriated later. Susruta notably enunciates the principles of preventive medicine or hygiene, which he places much above curative medicine—too often, according to him, empirical. Are we more advanced today? It is not without interest to remark that the Arab physicians who enjoyed a merited celebrity in the middle ages—Averroes among other—constantly spoke of the Hindu physicians, and regarded them as the initiators of the Greeks and themselves.

"Pharmacology.—They knew all the samples, their properties, their use, and upon this point have not yet ceased to give lessons to Europe. Quite recently we have received from them the treatment of asthma, with the datura.

"Surgery.—In this they are not less remarkable. They made the operation for the stone, succeeded admirably in the operation for cataract, and the extraction of the fetus, of which all the unusual or dangerous cases are described by Tcharaka with an extraordinary scientific accuracy.

"Grammar.—They formed the most marvelous language in the world—the Sanscrit—which gave birth to the greater part of the idioms of the Orient, and of Indo-European countries.

"Poetry.—They have treated all the styles, and shown themselves supreme masters in all. Sakuntala, Avrita, the Hindu Phaedra, Saranga, and a thousand other dramas have their superiors neither in Sophocles nor Euripides,

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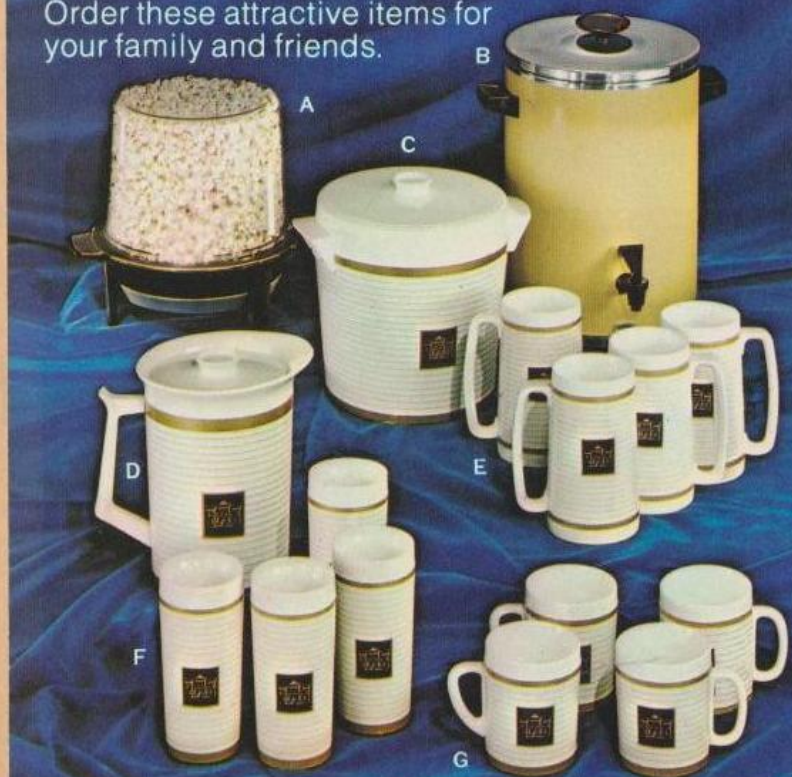
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
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in Corneille nor Shakespear. Their descriptive poetry has never been equaled. One must read, in the *Megadata*, 'The Complaint of an Exile,' who implores a passing cloud to carry his remembrances to his cottage, his relatives and friends, whom he will never see more, to form an idea of the splendor to which this style has been carried in India. Their fables have been copied to all modern and ancient peoples who have not even given themselves the trouble to color differently the subject of these little dramas.

"*Music.*—They invented the gamut with its differences of tones and half tones much before Gui d' Arezzo. Here is the Hindu scale:

Sa—Ri—Ga—Ma—Pa—Da—Ni—Sa.

"*Architecture.*—They seem to have exhausted all that the genius of man is capable of conceiving. Domes, inexpressibly bold; tapering cupolas; minarets, with marble lace; Gothic towers; Greek hemicycles; polychrome style—all kinds and all epochs are there, betokening the origin and date of the different colonies, which, in emigrating, carried with them their souvenirs of their native art.

"Such were the results attained by this ancient and imposing Brahmanical civilization. What have we to offer for comparison? Beside such majestic achievements of the past, what can we place that will seem so gradiose and sublime as to warrant our boast of superiority over an ignorant ancestry? Beside the discoverers of geometry and algebra, the constructors of human speech, the parents of philosophy, the primal expounders of religion, the adepts in psychological and physical science, how even the greatest of our biologists and theologians seem dwarfed! Name to us any modern discovery, and we venture to say that Indian history need not long be searched before the prototype will be found on record. Here we are with the transit of science half accomplished, and all our ideas in process of readjustment to the theories of force-correlation, natural selection, atomic polarity and evolution. And here, to mock our conceit, our apprehensions and

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our despair, we may read what Manu said, perhaps 10,000 years before the birth of Christ:

“‘The first germ of life was developed by water and heat’ (Manu, book i., sloka 8).

“‘Water ascends toward the sky in vapors; from the sun it descends in rain, from the rain are born the plants, and from the plants, animals’ (book iii, sloka 76).

“‘Each being acquires the qualities of the one which immediately precedes it, in such a manner that the farther a being gets away from the primal atom of its series, the more he is possessed of qualities and perfections’ (book i., sloka 20).

“‘Man will traverse the universe, gradually ascending, and passing through the rocks, the plants, the worms, insects, fish, serpents, tortoises, wild animals, cattle, and higher animals. . . . *Such is the inferior degree.*’ (Ibid.)

“‘These are the transformations declared, from the plant up to Brahma, which have to take place in his world.’ (Ibid.)

“‘The Greek,’ says Jacolliot, ‘is but the Sanscrit. Pheidias and Praxiteles have studied in Asia the chefs-d’oeuvre of Daonthia, Ramana, and Aryavosta. Plato disappears before Dgeminy and Veda-Vyasa, whom he literally copies. Aristotle is thrown into the shade by the *Pourva-Mimansa* and the *Outtara-Mimansa*, in which one finds all the systems of philosophy which we are now occupied in re-editing, from the Spiritualism of Socrates and his school, the skepticism of Pyrrho, Montaigne, and Kant, down to the *positivism of Littre.*’

“‘Let those who doubt the exactness of the latter assertion read this phrase, extracted textually from the *Outtara-Mimansa*, or *Vedanta* of Vyasa, who lived during an epoch which the Brahmanical chronology fixes at 10,400 years before our era:

“‘We can only study phenomena, verify them, and hold them to be relatively true, but nothing in the universe, neither by perception nor by induction, nor by the senses, nor by reasoning, being able to demonstrate the

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existence of a Supreme Cause, which could, at a fixed point of time, have given birth to the universe, Science has to discuss neither the possibility nor impossibility of this Supreme Cause. . . .’”

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The Enigma of Ancient Cultures

Another tireless investigator of the technology of antiquity was Ignatius Donnelly, an energetic, golden-tongued Irishman from Minnesota. Without funds for a college education, Donnelly "read" law, became an attorney, and was elected Lieutenant-Governor of Minnesota by age twenty-eight. He was elected to the U.S. Congress four years later, despite his radical ideas and reformist leanings. At his death in 1901, Donnelly was a candidate for the Vice-Presidency on the Populist Party ticket.

Although he has been dismissed as a crank and crackpot by many academicians, Donnelly was a tireless writer and researcher. His *Atlantis: the Antediluvian World* was published by Harper Brothers in 1882. *Atlantis* enjoyed a tremendous sale. It is the most popular, definitive book on the legendary continent that once was said to exist in the mid-Atlantic ocean. In his scholarly research into the legends of Atlantis, Donnelly scoured the libraries and museums for devices that would prove his contention of an advanced civilization in early times.

Some results of his research follow:

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"In the wanderings of the heroes returning from Troy, Aristoricus makes Menelaus circumnavigate Africa more than 500 years before Neco sailed from Gadeira to India." ("Cosmos," vol. ii., p. 144.)

"In the tomb of Rameses the Great is a representation of a naval combat between the Egyptians and some other people, supposed to be the Phoenicians, whose huge ships are propelled by sails." (Goodrich's "Columbus," p. 29.)

The proportions of the fastest sailing-vessels of the present day are about 300 feet long to 50 wide and 30 high; these were precisely the proportions of Noah's ark—300 cubits long, 50 broad, and 30 high.

"Hiero of Syracuse built, under the superintendence of Archimedes, a vessel which consumed in its construction the material for fifty galleys; it contained galleries, gardens, stables, fishponds, mills, baths, a temple of Venus, and an engine to throw stones three hundred pounds in weight, and arrows thirty-six feet long. The floors of this monstrous vessel were inlaid with scenes from Homer's *Iliad*." (Ibid., p. 30.)

The fleet of Sesostris consisted of four hundred ships. When Semiramis invaded India she was opposed by four thousand vessels.

It is probable that in the earliest times the vessels were sheeted with metal. A Roman ship of the time of Trajan has been recovered from Lake Ricciole after 1300 years. The outside was covered with sheets of lead fastened with small copper nails. Even the use of iron chains in place of ropes for the anchors was known at an early period. Julius Caesar tells us that the galleys of the Veneti were thus equipped. (Goodrich's "Columbus," p. 31.)

Gunpowder.—It is not impossible that even the invention of gunpowder may date back to Atlantis. It was certainly known in Europe long before the time of the German monk, Berthold Schwarz, who is commonly credited with the invention of it. It was employed in 1257 at the siege of Niebla, in Spain. It was described in an Arab treatise of the thirteenth century. In 811 A.D. the Emperor

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Leo employed firearms. "Greekfire" is supposed to have been gunpowder mixed with resin or petroleum, and thrown in the form of fuses and explosive shells. It was introduced from Egypt 668 A.D. In 690 A.D. the Arabs used firearms against Mecca, bringing the knowledge of them from India. In 80 A.D. the Chinese obtained from India a knowledge of gunpowder. There is reason to believe that the Carthaginian (Phoenician) general, Hannibal, used gunpowder in breaking a way from his army over the Alps. The Romans, who were ignorant of its use, said that Hannibal made his way by making fires against the rocks, and pouring vinegar and water over the ashes. It is evident that fire and vinegar would have no effect on masses of the Alps great enough to arrest the march of an army. Dr. William Maginn has suggested that the wood was probably burnt by Hannibal to obtain charcoal; and the word which has been translated "vinegar" probably signified some preparation of nitro and sulphur, and that Hannibal made gunpowder and blew up the rocks. The same author suggests that the story of Hannibal breaking loose from the mountains where he was surrounded on all sides by the Romans, and in danger of starvation, by fastening firebrands to the horns of two thousand oxen, and sending them rushing at night among the terrified Romans, simply refers to the use of rockets.

As Maginn well asks, how could Hannibal be in danger of starvation when he had two thousand oxen to spare for such an experiment? And why should the veteran Roman troops have been so terrified and panic-stricken by a lot of cattle with firebrands on their horns? At the battle of Lake Trasymene, between Hannibal and Flaminius, we have another curious piece of information which goes far to confirm the belief that Hannibal was familiar with the use of gunpowder. In the midst of the battle there was, say the Roman historians, an "earthquake;" the earth reeled under the feet of the soldiers, a tremendous crash was heard, a fog or smoke covered the scene, the earth broke open, and the rocks fell upon the heads of the Romans.

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This reads very much as if the Carthaginians had decoyed the Romans into a pass where they had already planted a mine, and had exploded it at the proper moment to throw them into a panic. Earthquakes do not cast rocks up in the air to fall on men's heads!

And that this is not all surmise is shown by the fact that a city of India, in the time of Alexander the Great, defended itself by the use of gunpowder: *it was said to be a favorite of the gods*, because thunder and lightning came from its walls to resist the attacks of its assailants.

As the Hebrews were a branch of the Phoenician race, it is not surprising that we find some things in their history which look very much like legends of gunpowder.

When Korah, Dathan, and Abiram led a rebellion against Moses, Moses separated the faithful from the unfaithful, and thereupon "the ground clave asunder that was under them: and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. . . . And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense. . . . But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the Lord." (Numb. xvi., 31-41).

This looks very much as if Moses had blown up the rebels with gunpowder.

Roger Bacon, who himself rediscovered gunpowder, was of the opinion that the event described in Judges vii., where Gideon captured the camp of the Midianites with the roar of trumpets, the crash caused by the breaking of innumerable pitchers, and the flash of a multitude of lanterns, had reference to the use of gunpowder; that the noise made by the breaking of the pitchers represented the detonation of an explosion, the flame of the lights the blaze, and the noise of the trumpets the thunder of the gunpowder.

We can understand the results that followed; but we

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cannot otherwise understand how the breaking of pitchers, the flashing of lamps, and the clangor of trumpets would throw an army into panic, until "every man's sword was set against his fellow, and the host fled to Beth-shittah;" and this, too, without any attack upon the part of the Israelites, for "they stood every man in his place around the camp; and all the host ran and cried and fled."

If it was a miraculous interposition on behalf of the Jews, the Lord could have scared the Midianites out of their wits without the smashed pitchers and lanterns; and certainly the pitchers and lanterns would not have done their work without a miraculous interposition.

Iron.—We have seen that the Greek mythological legends asserted that before the submergence of the great race over whom their gods reigned there had been not only an Age of Bronze but an Age of Iron. This metal was known to the Egyptians in the earliest ages; fragments of iron have been found in the oldest pyramids. The Iron Age in northern Europe far antedated intercourse with the Greeks or Romans. In the mounds of the Mississippi Valley, the remains of iron implements have been found. In the "Mercurio Peruano" (tom. i., p. 201, 1791) it is stated that "anciently the Peruvian sovereigns worked magnificent iron mines at Ancoriames, on the west shore of Lake Titicaca."

"It is remarkable," says Molina, "that iron, which has been thought unknown to the ancient Americans, had particular names in some of their tongues." In official Peruvian it was called *quillay*, and in Chilian *panilic*. The mound-builders fashioned implements out of meteoric iron. (Foster's "Prehistoric Races," p. 333.)

As we find this metal known to man in the earliest ages on both sides of the Atlantic, the presumption is very strong that it was borrowed by the nations, east and west, from Atlantis.

Paper.—The same argument holds good as to paper. The oldest Egyptian monuments contain pictures of the papyrus roll; while in Mexico a beautiful paper was man-

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ufactured and formed into books shaped like our own. In Peru a paper was made of plantain leaves, and books were common in the earlier ages. Humboldt mentions books of hieroglyphical writings among the Panoes, which were "bundles of their paper resembling our volumes in quarto."

Silk Manufacture.—The manufacture of a woven fabric of great beauty out of the delicate fiber of the egg-cocoon of a worm could only have originated among a people who had attained the highest degree of civilization; it implies the art of weaving by delicate instruments, a dense population, a patient, skillful, artistic people, a sense of the beautiful, and a wealthy and luxurious class to purchase such costly fabrics.

We trace it back to the most remote ages. In the introduction to the "History of Hindostan," or rather of the Mohammedan Dynasties, by Mohammed Cassim, it is stated that in the year 3870 B.C. an Indian king sent various silk stuffs as a present to the King of Persia. The art of making silk was known in China more than two thousand six hundred years before the Christian era, at the time when we find them first possessed of civilization. The Phoenicians dealt in silks in the most remote past; they imported them from India and sold them along the shores of the Mediterranean. It is probable that the Egyptians understood and practiced the art of manufacturing silk. It was woven on the island of Cos in the time of Aristotle. The "Babylonish garment" referred to in Joshua (chap. vii., 21), and for secreting which Achan lost his life, was probably a garment of silk; it was rated above silver and gold in value.

It is not a violent presumption to suppose that an art known to the Hindoos in 3870 B.C., and to the Chinese and Phoenicians at the very beginning of their history—an art so curious, so extraordinary—may have dated back to Atlantean times.

Civil Government.—Mr. Baldwin shows ("Prehistoric Nations," p. 114) that the Cushites, whose ancient empire

extended from Spain to Syria, were the first to establish independent municipal republics, with the right of the people to govern themselves; and that this system was perpetuated in the great Phoenician communities; in "the fierce democracies" of ancient Greece; in the "village republics" of the African Berbers and the Hindoos; in the "free cities" of the Middle Ages in Europe; and in the independent governments of the Basques, which continued down to our own day. The Cushite state was an aggregation of municipalities, each possessing the right of self-government, but subject within prescribed limits to a general authority; in other words, it was precisely the form of government possessed today by the United States.

Agriculture.—When we turn to Egypt we find that in the remotest times many of our modern garden and field plants were cultivated there. When the Israelites murmured in the wilderness against Moses, they cried out (Numb., chap. xi., 4,5), "Who shall give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic." The Egyptians also cultivated wheat, barley, oats, flax, hemp, etc. In fact, if we were to take away from civilized man the domestic animals, the cereals, and the field and garden vegetables possessed by the Egyptians at the very dawn of history, there would be very little left for the grainaries or the tables of the world.

Astronomy.—The knowledge of the ancients as to astronomy was great and accurate. Callisthenes, who accompanied Alexander the Great to Babylon, sent to Aristotle a series of Chaldean astronomical observations which he found preserved there, recorded on tablets of baked clay, and extending back as far as 2234 B.C. Humboldt says, "The Chaldeans knew the mean motions of the moon with an exactness which induced the Greek astronomers to use their calculations for the foundation of a lunar theory." The Chaldeans knew the true nature of comets, and could foretell their reappearance. "A lens of considerable power was found in the ruins of Babylon; it was an inch and a

half in diameter and nine-tenths of an inch thick." (Layard's "Nineveh and Babylon," pp. 16, 17.) Nero used optical glasses when he watched the fights of the gladiators; they were supposed to have come from Egypt and the East. Plutarch speaks of optical instruments used by Archimedes "to manifest to the eye the largeness of the sun. There are actual astronomical calculations in existence, with calendars formed upon them, which eminent astronomers of England and France admit to be genuine and true, and which carry back the antiquity of the science of astronomy, together with the constellations, to within a few years of the deluge, even on the longer chronology of the Septuagint." (The Miracle in Stone," p. 142.)

Josephus attributes the discovery of the constellations to the family of the antediluvian Seth, the son of Adam, while Origen affirms that it was asserted in the *Book of Enoch* that in the time of that patriarch the constellations were already divided and named. The Greeks associated the origin of astronomy with Atlas and Hercules. The Egyptians regarded Taut or Thoth, or At-hotes, as the originator of both astronomy and the alphabet; doubtless he represented a civilized people, by whom their country was originally colonized. Bailly and others assert that astronomy "must have been established when the summer solstice was in the first degree of Virgo, and that the solar and lunar zodiacs were of similar antiquity, which would be about four thousand years before the Christian era. . . .

Plato knew ("Dialogues, Phaedo," 108) that the earth "is a body in the centre of the heavens," held in equipoise. He speaks of it as a "rouded body," a "globe;" he even understood that it revolved on its axis, and that these revolutions produced day and night. He says—"Dialogues, Timaeus"—"The earth circling around the pole (which is extended through the universe) he made to be the artificer of night and day." All this Greek learning was probably drawn from the Egyptians.

The Attorney Who Talked to UFO Crewmen

It had been an exhausting day for the thirty-two-year-old attorney. Raymond Shearer had completed a routine day in his small-town law office, then driven to Madison, Wisc., for a meeting with a client. Following a leisurely dinner with martinis, they had discussed business until midnight. Tired and weary, Shearer drove out of Madison on interstate highway toward his home in a county-seat town.

"I don't remember when I first saw the light," Shearer said recently. "It was somewhere around twenty miles out of town. It was hanging low in the sky, ahead and off to the right. I decided it was a helicopter."

Shearer continued driving, watching the light as it hovered over the highway ahead. "I passed under it, there was static on the radio," he recalled. "The interior of the car heated up. I loosened my tie and unfastened the seat belt to remove my coat. I also started getting a severe headache. I slowed down a bit, figuring I'd had too many martinis."

The young attorney fished a container of aspirin from

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the glove compartment. He swallowed two tablets without water. "By now, the static had stopped on the radio," Shearer related. "The temperature in the car had dropped back to normal. This was a warm night in April, 1970, and I really didn't think much about it."

When he reached his exit on the interstate, Shearer drove off onto a blacktop road. "I normally follow the blacktop to my town," he stated. "Ten miles from home, I suddenly braked the car, twisted the wheel, turned off onto a deadend gravel road. It leads out to the marshes. To this day, I don't know why I turned off the highway."

Shearer's mind reeled with indecision as he drove through the dark, cloudy night. There were no farmhouses along the road; no lights shone on the horizon. The wild, uninhabited area is seldom visited by anyone except hunters and fishermen.

As his vehicle topped the crest of a small hill, Shearer's eyes widened with shock. His mouth dropped open in stunned disbelief.

Sitting in the road was a flying saucer!

"I was almost on top of the thing," Shearer recalled. "I braked hard and my car skidded, fish-tailing in the gravel. A row of lights flickered on the saucer; it started glowing a bluish-green color. I got the car stopped about fifteen feet from it. I slapped the transmission into reverse, wanting to get out of there in the most desperate way. That's when those three things happened to the car."

The engine on his car stopped running!

Headlights and dash lights went off!

The car radio stopped playing!

"I started to whimper and cry," Raymond Shearer admitted. "I was scared to death because this was something I didn't know about. I remember trying to snap down the locks on the doors of the car. I saw some shadowy forms walking toward the car. Then I must have blanked out."

Attorney Raymond Shearer was involved in the most ominous, deadliest form of UFO contact. What is reported as an ordinary UFO sighting is an actual case of contact

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with UFO occupants. The contactee's memory of the event is "erased," except for the sighting. Sometimes, a cover story is implanted in the contactee's mind, possibly through advanced methods of hypnosis.

Once the contactee remembers the contact experience, either through hypnosis, truth serum, or psychotherapy, a definite pattern emerges. "I think that each of us are being used as messengers," said Raymond Shearer. "Bits and pieces of the puzzle are given to each of us. When enough of these pieces are assembled, an answer to the UFO mystery will be uncovered. I don't know why they're doing things this way—I just feel they're doing it."

There is a deadly, possibly subversive element to these contacts. Silent contactees represent a possible danger to our society; they're apparently programmed to follow certain patterns, or instructions. The contactee who makes a public announcement of his experience is a "marked" man. Once identified, he is useless as an espionage agent. The public contactee is most often a fervent missionary for the "space brothers," seemingly benevolent beings from beyond the stars. They carry a mystical message of antimaterialism with undertones of pseudo-Communist philosophy.

The silent contactee, on the other hand, seldom realizes he has contacted UFO occupants. In effect, they are programmed to become agents for UFO occupants. Investigators and scientists have discovered that a large number of UFO sightings are actual cases of contact. The "contact" part of the meeting has been erased from the individual's mind. In the past five years, there has been a world-wide wave of these silent contacts. They have occurred in every country, in every class of society.

"For several months after my contact I did some crazy, irrational things," admitted Raymond Shearer. "At least they were irrational when compared to my former conduct. I think they were programmed into me by the UFO people. They're after some goal here on earth—whatever

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it may be. I break out in a cold sweat when I think of being a possible agent or spy for these people."

Raymond Shearer's only memory of his eerie UFO experience was of seeing a bright light above the interstate highway. The sun was dawning when he arrived home, yet he was unconcerned about the "missing time" for several days. The next morning he discovered a small, tender welt on the back of his neck. The wound was directly over his spinal cord. By noon of the day after the contact, the welt had blistered, become extremely sore and painful. A doctor's examination that afternoon revealed scores of tiny perforations on the skin over the welt.

In the weeks that followed, Shearer's life came apart. His behavior became unusually erratic for an ambitious small-town attorney. Nervous, driven by anxiety and afflicted with severe headaches, he became obsessed with politics. His law practice was neglected while he worked for politicians, offering free help for their campaigns.

Shearer argued with his bewildered wife, quarreled with his law partner and lost interest in his law practice. "It seemed important for me to get into politics," he said. "I was never interested in political office before that time."

Ultimately, as he continued to neglect his law practice, Shearer's father was called from another state. The elder Shearer convinced his son that he needed psychiatric help. Shearer drove to a nearby town for consultation at a psychiatric clinic.

"We didn't get anywhere for several weeks," he explained. "Then the psychiatrist decided to use hypnosis, hoping to find out the subconscious reasons behind my anxiety. That's when the details of the UFO encounter came out. I did some mental calculating and discovered there had been some time missing that night."

Several sessions of hypnotic therapy pulled details of the experience from Raymond Shearer's mind. Even now, certain parts of the experience have been repressed. "I started reading about UFOs and picked up books and magazines in used-book stores," he related. "When I read about the

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case involving Patrolman Schirmer in Nebraska in *Saga*, that hit a bell."

Shearer contacted me and agreed to have his case published, with certain stipulations. After signing a legal contract, I was given access to the tapes and notes taken by his psychiatrist. In turn, I agreed to use "Raymond Shearer" as a pseudonym and never divulge his true identity. The reasons for these requests were readily apparent. "I would lose my entire law practice if this came out," Shearer stated. "I want the material to be published, but I don't want to be exposed as a UFO nut."

He lit a cigarette and grinned. "Would you want a flying saucer contactee handling a murder case for you? Of course not. That's the need for my remaining anonymous."

Following the hypnotic sessions, Shearer's life returned to normal.

When attorney Raymond Shearer crested the hill on the gravel road, it was approximately 1:30 a.m. He did not arrive home until sunrise, indicating a time loss of from two to three hours. "I still had a headache when I got home," he recalled. "I didn't go to bed, but lay down on the couch in the living room. There was a funny sound in the room, like a rattlesnake shaking its rattles. Although I was tired, this buzzing seemed to keep me alert."

Later that morning, while his wife was fixing breakfast, the red welt appeared on his neck. "I saw our family doctor that afternoon. He said it was the strangest thing he'd seen," Shearer related. "He put some salve on it. The welt gradually went away."

During his first hypnotic session with the psychiatrist, the taped questions and answers include:

What is the reason for your problems?

I don't have any problems.

What makes you decide to drop practicing law?

They did.

Who are they?

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The people I met.

When was this?

When I was driving from Madison.

Where did you meet them?

Out on the road.

Are they from around here?

They're from another galaxy.

That's interesting. How did they get here?

They came on that flying saucer.

You mean people from flying saucers are making you do these things?

Uh-huh.

Why did they pick you?

I don't know.

What did they tell you to do?

Get into politics.

Why?

They want a friend in politics.

Why?

If they reveal themselves I will stop our people from killing them.

Do they plan to reveal themselves? When will they do this?

(Speaking as if from a recorded message): They did not tell their plans to me. They feel we are not ready.

Where did they land?

On the road.

What were they doing there?

They were gathering specimens.

What sort of specimens?

Rocks, weeds, trees, and dirt. Sometimes they gather animals and people.

What do they do with these specimens?

They give them to their scientists for study.

Did they mistreat you?

They scared me.

Did they harm you in any way?

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They told me a lot of things about themselves. No, they didn't mean to hurt me.

When are they coming back?

I do not know. They plan to return.

Did they mistreat you?

They scared me.

Did they harm you in any way?

They told me a lot of things about themselves. No, they didn't mean to hurt me.

When are they coming back?

I do not know. They plan to return.

Did they tell you anything about themselves?

Uh-huh.

After the startling report from the hypnotic session, further hypnosis was postponed. "Both the psychiatrist and I wanted to read up on UFOs," Shearer stated. "I drove into Chicago, buying all the magazines and paperback books I could find on the subject. I spent a whole day roaming through used-book stores."

Shearer returned home and found a message to telephone his psychiatrist. "He decided that if I read up on UFOs it might put something into my mind," the attorney explained. "He drove over that night, picked up the books and magazines, then a couple of days later said I should call you."

In subsequent sessions, Shearer told of being panic-stricken when his car stalled before the landed craft. As he was attempting to lock his car doors, a figure suddenly appeared at the driver's side of the car. "I didn't get much more than a glimpse of him," the attorney related. "He looked at me for a second, then there was a blinding flash. Then I opened the door and stepped out."

Seconds later, Shearer felt a slight tingling sensation over his body.

"The one with the funny-looking instrument told me not to be alarmed," he continued. "They had to press

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something against my neck. He said it wouldn't hurt. He said it would help me to be able to talk to them."

Another UFO-naut appeared, moved swiftly behind the frightened attorney and pressed a metallic device against the back of his neck. "I felt funny for a minute," Shearer admitted. "Then the fear seemed to leave me. My hands stopped trembling. My head cleared up. I wasn't so confused. A warm feeling came over my body and I felt these people were my friends."

Reflecting recently on the experience, Shearer believes the red welt and the metallic applicator may be a form of behavioral control. Welts on either the neck cords or the spinal column have been reported by several contactees. "They may have an advanced form of drugs that can enter the blood stream quickly," Shearer related. "That comes into my mind, anyway. It may be some type of super tranquilizer that removes the fright and fear from a human during an encounter."

Shearer reported, after his memory was restored, that he felt a definite feeling of euphoria after the device was pressed against his neck. "I was in the hospital once," he explained. "The nurse gave me a shot. I don't know what it was, possibly morphine. This acted in the same way. I started to feel good all over. A nice, pleasing glow seemed to move through my body."

What occurred after the device was pressed against his neck?

"The two of them just stood around for a minute," Shearer recalled. "Then the one with the device said something and left. He went back to pick up some things—tools, boxes, and bags—and started picking weeds and tree limbs and putting them in the boxes. There were five of them altogether—at least, I saw five of them."

Shearer reported there was a "captain" of the ship. "He was about five feet, six inches tall, dressed in a white, coverall-type uniform. He had a black belt running around his middle, with a grayish-silver box on the side of the belt. While we talked, he would sometimes make an ad-

justment on the box. He said the box contained something that helped him talk to me."

One UFO-naut remained beside the craft. "He must have been a guard because he never took his eyes off me," Shearer said. "He was constantly looking up and down the road. Sometimes he looked up to the skies."

The three other UFO-nauts were spread over the road and terrain, picking up specimens. "They worked very fast," Shearer stated. "They seemed to be picking up as many different types of things as they could."

Shearer related that the craft was silver-gray in color. "It was metal that looked like aluminum," he stated. "I don't know what kind of metal it was. I didn't ask."

Shearer estimated the ship was from "one hundred to one hundred twenty-five feet in diameter." It rested on three telescoping tripod legs that came out of the bottom of the ship. The design was almost like a perfect saucer, except for a small antenna on the rear. "I was not told what that antenna was for," Shearer said. "I presume it was some sort of communications device."

When the second UFO-naut left, the "captain" turned to Shearer and inquired about the time.

Contactees are frequently asked about time, suggesting the possibility of inter- or ultra-dimensional travel involved with UFOs. The tapes include these questions and answers:

Did you tell him the time?

I held my watch up to the light from the saucer. I said it was 1:47 in the morning. He asked me what type of time we used. This was a strange question, but I realized that he was asking about how we measured time. I explained about our days, months and years. He said that we should learn to handle time correctly.

What did he mean by that?

He said time doesn't exist. His people have the ability to distort time as we know it by speeding it up, slowing it down, or stopping it. To do this, we have to remove the brainwashed ideas that we have about time from our

minds. A little baby, or a child, does not have any concept of time. A minute will seem like an hour. A day can seem as if it is forever—and it is. As we grow older, we become more conscious of time. We lose this innocence. His people have been here many times, but we would never be able to visit them.

Why can't we visit them?

Our ideas of time would prevent it.

How fast do they travel?

Their ship goes faster than the speed of light. They get the maximum speed after they leave our atmosphere. There is much to say about that . . . He told me about it when we were inside the ship.

What are you doing now?

He has placed his hand on my shoulder and he's looking up at me. He's asking me to go inside the ship with him and look around. We're walking toward it, but the person who is standing by it looks angry. He is talking to the captain. I think the other one wants me to stay outside. The captain says something to him, the other one understands, and steps aside.

We are going up the ladder. I am shaking because it is so cold. It is bigger on the inside than I thought. I'm standing in a room, circular, and he is pointing out things to me. He asks me to stand before a screen-like device. He turns it on and there isn't anything happening. He hands me a rod, about six inches long, and there's a cable on the end of it. I hold it and he is explaining that they are taking my picture through the screen. The rod is taking down my body temperature, brain waves, and my weight, height, and a lot of other things about me.

Other data included:

Inside the ship: Shearer felt uncomfortable inside the craft. "It was cold in there and I don't know why," he related. "I didn't feel right while I was there because everything was different. I also knew that if I did something wrong they might kill me." He reported that the presence

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of the beings was not frightening, "because they seemed like pretty nice people."

His feelings of apprehension came from the unusual surroundings.

"There was something funny about that ship," he continued, under hypnosis. "Although the floor was metal, I couldn't feel or hear the sound of my feet when I walked around. This sort of made me feel like the ship was a ghost or something like that. But it was definitely metal."

There were no bunks or beds evident on the craft. "There were a lot of machines that might have been computers," Shearer stated. "Only they didn't have the look of our computers. The captain showed me a little metal thing. He said they shoved that in one of the machines and it guided them back to where they came from. There was a bunch of chairs, and some desks made out of the same metal."

There were no portholes, windows or openings in the craft. "I asked about that and was told they used the screen to see outside," said Shearer. "No. He didn't show me how it worked."

Appearance of the beings: The crewmen were approximately five to five and a half feet in height, weighing approximately one hundred twenty-five to one hundred forty pounds. Shearer was unable to get a clear view of their bodies, due to their uniforms. "I would say they were in good physical condition," he said, "equal to our own astronauts."

Their faces were elongated, giving a flattened appearance. "This could have been the helmets they wore," admitted Shearer.

Eyes were slightly slanted. Eyebrows were thinned, light in color, and slanted slightly upward over heavy-lidded eyes. "The best description I can give you of them is to look in the books on old Egypt," Shearer said recently. "Some pictures of the old Egyptian gods have a distinct likeness to these people. But—the Egyptian statues are darker in complexion than these people."

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Lips were thin, almost the color of their facial skin. "They had nice lips but they were not as prominent as our lips," said Shearer.

UFO propulsion: "They use a type of device that overcomes gravity," said Shearer during a hypnotic trance. "This is a push-pull thing, depending on how they set it."

He explained that the device could be set to use the power of gravity in a pushing effect. "Under this setting, they use the gravity of our earth to push them out into space," the attorney reported. "When they were pushed free of our gravity field, they reversed the process and locked in on another planet. Then they are pulled toward that. This is done automatically, by the machines. Unless there is trouble, they don't have to touch the controls."

When they are on a particular planet, such as earth, they depend on an electromagnetic drive to power their crafts. "I asked about how this worked, but I didn't understand the answer," Shearer stated. "It was confusing. But he did say that our people were getting close to perfecting a similar device."

Do they use atomic energy? "He answered that it was not suitable for space flight," Shearer recalled. "This might be because of a reactor being enclosed in the ship. There were 'dangers,' he said, in being out in space with these types of engines. They had tried them a long time past—lost many people—and hunted for something else to power their ships."

What do they use for power on their home planet? "He said they used an extract from water," Shearer explained. "This is a method of breaking down water to its ultimate form of matter. He said water is a very powerful form of energy. Our scientists should be working to crack the energy in water."

UFO Security: The UFO-naut informed Shearer his people had experimented for some time with a craft that traveled at the speed of light squared. "They had problems because it transformed their crews into a form of pure

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energy," Shearer said, speaking under hypnosis in a halting voice. "The speed was so rapid that their bodies disintegrated into particles of matter. They had a device on the craft that later reassembled these molecules and turned them back into the same beings they were before they disintegrated."

Trouble developed in the system. "Our people were unable to endure the strain of being in the energy form," Shearer was told. "Some lost their brain programming. There were flaws in the reintegration process. Sometimes it did not work, and instead of people being reassembled in their original form, they came back as monsters."

Another problem, Shearer was told, was that some UFO-nauts preferred to remain in the energy-thought form. "They were said to go wherever they wished their minds to go," Shearer stated. "The entire universe was open to them because they were pure energy. They could also enter into other beings, becoming anything from a rock to an animal."

Shearer was informed, however, that a modified form of the system was now carried on each flying saucer. "They can use this to turn invisible in our atmosphere," said Shearer, still under hypnosis. "Rather than be visible to our people, or a plane, they lose their visibility to our eyes."

This might explain why Air Force fighters have been unable, on many occasions, to find a UFO blip on a radar screen. "They have an elaborate security system," explained Raymond Shearer. "Their screen in the craft can be focused at a distance. He said they monitored our communications channels when they were in our atmosphere. I suspect that when an Air Force jet is scrambled to investigate a UFO, they turn invisible."

What do they want? Shearer was told that there are several types of space people visiting our planet. "We are not one of the watchers," said the UFO-naut. "There are others who visit here more than us. They are more familiar with your world and your people."

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What is the reason for these visits? "In this case it was apparently a scientific expedition to determine the physical characteristics of our earth," Shearer related. "He didn't seem to know much about why he was here. It was more like he was a military person working under orders."

Shearer was told that our people were extremely hostile to visitors. "When he said this, he was smiling," Shearer related. "He wasn't mad or anything like that. He reported that some other crews had some difficult times when they landed here. They had lost people in the past when humans caught them. I had the feeling that this was a long time ago, possibly not even in this century."

Are you a rule-maker? Shearer recalled under hypnosis that he was questioned extensively about his work as a "rule-maker." "Looking back, I think they picked me out on that interstate highway for the contact," he said, after completing the hypnosis sessions. "They must have a way of learning what a person does. He said they were recording my answers to their questions and hoped I didn't mind. There wasn't anything I could do. He said there was some type of program to find out more about our people. They want to know how we do things here. They think we are advanced in many things, backward in others. He said his home was like that, also."

Shearer mentioned his work in defending people accused of criminal charges. "He said they did that a long time ago, referring to putting people in prison," recalled Shearer. "They now take a person who deviates from the norm, who breaks laws, and modify their behavior through drugs and electronic restructuring of the brain."

Brain implantation? As the other UFO-nauts returned to the ship, the captain asked Shearer to put a cone-shaped device on his head. "I didn't want to do it," Shearer recalled, "but I didn't have a choice. He said if I would put it on it would give me great knowledge about them, their world and the universe."

The cone was placed on the attorney's head. One of the UFO-nauts snapped a cord to the device. "I started whim-

pering; it felt as if my head and brain were being scrambled," Shearer stated. "It was the most painful thing I ever experienced. I started to tear the cone off my head, but they stopped me. They held my arms. When the pressure inside my brain stopped, they removed the cone from my head."

The UFO-nauts squeezed his arm in an apparent sign of farewell. "The captain then escorted me down the ladder," Shearer recalled. "Coming outside, my body tingled as if from electricity. When we got to my car, the captain asked me to remain inside until they took off. He squeezed my shoulder again and said we would meet in the future."

Shearer asked for a momento of the meeting.

The captain shook his head. "He didn't say anything after that. He returned to the ship, the ladder retracted, and a buzzing, whirring noise started as the lights flickered. Seconds later, the ship took off in a diagonal climb. It disappeared in about thirty seconds."

Shearer started his car engine, the lights and radio worked once again. He turned his car around on the narrow marshland road and drove toward home.

The Shearer report is similar to a policeman's experience in Ashland, Neb., on the morning of Dec. 3, 1967. Patrolman Herbert Schirmer encountered a landed UFO at a highway intersection, was paralyzed by a mysterious ray beam, and was then given a tour of the craft. Schirmer's police report was brief: "Saw a UFO—believe it or not!" Weeks later, Schirmer underwent hypnosis by Dr. Leo Sprinkle at Condon Committee headquarters in Boulder, Colo. He blurted out an "erased" story of what actually happened during the missing half hour of his police report sheet.

It appears that the beings in both encounters may be the same UFO group. Schirmer described the UFO crew in this manner:

"... They wore boots, gloves, and they had a thumb and four fingers. Their suits came up from around their heads like pilots' caps. On the right side of their helmets they had small antenna just above where the ear would be. I never did see any of their ears. Their chests were bigger than ours. They were built very wiry and muscular. They walked with a very straight posture. Their eyes are the only thing that I will never forget. Their pupils went up and down, like slits. When they looked at me they stared straight into my eyes. They didn't blink. It was really uncomfortable. There was just a thin eyebrow above the eye, slanting up just a bit. Their noses were flat. Their mouths looked more like slits than regular mouths."

There are many remarkable similarities between the two contact reports. They include a description of the beings, their craft, propulsion drive, origin, "welts" and headaches afterward; "coldness" on the ship; a UFO "vision screen;" and the electromagnetic effect on their automobiles. Both men were told of additional contacts in the future. An intriguing factor is that Shearer is an attorney; Schirmer is a policeman. Is it possible that beings from outer space are analyzing our law enforcement methods, controls and procedures?

Schirmer was also told: "They have picked up cows, dead bodies of animals and some people. They are used for experiments. There is some kind of program for breeding analysis. *Some people have been picked up and changed so they may have agents in our world. They are very smart about the brain and how to change it.*"

Immediately after his contact, Shearer became obsessed with politics and considered running for political office. "Looking back, I would have liked to be in Congress," he said recently. "I still toy with the idea of running for a state office, then go from there. I didn't do so in this past election; I am afraid they implanted something into my

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brain. I may be their agent, programmed to run for the political office of their choice."

How many policemen, judges and lawmakers are now agents? "That question keeps me awake at night," reported Raymond Shearer. "There is unusual interest in UFOs by law-enforcement officials."

As we know, the mind can play strange tricks. It is always possible that Raymond Shearer's mind was contaminated by delusions, creating the belief that the hallucination is real. Under hypnosis, if the subject believes strongly enough, a delusion will seem to be reality. Lie detectors and truth serum can be "beaten" in the same manner.

"I know now that it was real," Raymond Shearer said, convincingly. "I felt the metal on that ladder. These people are real because they squeezed me on the arm. I believe that someday, somewhere, we will meet again."

Until that time, Shearer and his psychiatrist are attempting to dredge up more material that has been "erased" from his mind.

"There Were Giants in Those Days"

As if they were creatures from another planet, legends and folklore about a vanished race of giants have been with humanity since the dawning of time. Until recently, most scientists scoffed at the possibility of an ancient race of Titans, reporting that humans today are taller than our forefathers in the last century. From all scientific studies, we learn that early man was a hapless creature with limited brain power, poor posture and short stature.

If we accept the Bible as an accurate account of humanity's early history, then we must give credence to the frequent reports about giants. In Genesis (6:4), we read:

"And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men and that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh; yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

"There were giants on the earth in those days; and so after that, when the sons of God came in unto the

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daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually."

You might reread this passage as an exercise in literal interpretation of Scripture and belief in the Bible. Pretend for a moment that these words are not from the Bible, but printed as a news story in your daily newspaper. Notice that the writer doesn't say that the giants are "alleged to have lived." Nor is the statement attributed to "a reliable source" or "oral reports of ancient folk traditions." In a matter-of-fact style, without sensationalism, it is written that giants lived *prior* to the sons of God having sexual union with the daughters of the earth. We are also informed that giant lived *also after that time*.

Can you believe in giants? Is it possible that men and women of giant stature once roamed the earth? Were they friendly to normal humans or does the unfriendly giant in fairy tales have a basis in fact? Some theologians say that the children of the sons of God were giants. These Titans eventually turned against humanity, became bestial in act and appearance, and had union with birds and beasts. They also turned cannibalistic and delighted in the taste of human flesh. In many ways they were the giants from the dark, menacing forests of our fairy tales.

An impressive amount of evidence indicates that a mysterious tribe of giant, red-headed cannibals terrorized the Indians in Nevada up until the last century. Since the early 1900s, scores of giant mummies have been taken from a subterranean tomb in a cave near Lovelock, Nevada. Artifacts have also been discovered in the tomb. Carbon-14 dating shows the cave was occupied from approximately 3000 B.C. until 1950.

The first giant mummy was found in 1912 when David Pugh and James H. Hart of Lovelock were mining bat guano from the cave. "The local Indians were not sur-

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prised by the discovery," a resident of Lovelock informed newsmen. "They've been telling people about the cave for years. No one took the time to listen, or if they listened they didn't believe the stories of giants prowling through the area."

These same giants were depicted in *Life Among the Piutes*, published in 1883. The book was written by Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins, the daughter of a Piute chief. She reported that "a small tribe of barbarians used to waylay my people, and kill and eat them. They would dig large holes in our trails at night and our people would fall into those holes.

"That tribe would eat even its own dead," Ms. Hopkins continued. "Yes, they would even come and dig up our dead after they were buried, and would carry them off and eat them. The Piutes called them 'the red-headed people eaters.'"

Ms. Hopkins related that the tribe of giants numbered 2,000 when the Piutes launched a war against the marauders. There were many battles between the two groups. Finally the Piutes became victorious. "Toward the end of the war those that were left among the giants went into the cave," she related. "My people watched at the mouth of the cave and would kill them as they came out to get food and water."

"My people asked them if they would be like us and not eat people like the coyotes. But they would not give up," she reported. "My people gathered wood and began to fill up the mouth of the cave. At last, my people set the wood on fire. At the same time they cried out to them 'Will you give up, be like men, and not eat people like beasts? Say quick—and we will put out the fire.'"

There was no answer from the cave.

"In ten days my people went back to see if the fire had gone out," continued Ms. Hopkins. "They returned and told my great-grandfather that they must all be dead. All members of the tribe who were exterminated had red hair."

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Stories of the red-headed, giant people-eaters have been handed down through the generations by the Piutes. Today, around two hundred-fifty of the Indian tribe lives in Lovelock; many of them can recall stories of the war between the Piutes and the red-headed giants.

"They were called the 'Siwash Indians' by my forefathers," said a Piute. "There is some doubt that they were true American Indians. I've never heard of a red-headed Indian. Some of the old stories also say they were light-skinned, almost like the white men, and they had long faces."

Clarence Stoker, sixty-nine, is the curator of Stoker's Museum in Winnemucca, Nevada. He had helped excavate both mummies and artifacts from the cave. His museum contains many of the artifacts and relics. One of his prize displays is a giant's skull, which was taken from the cave.

Stoker also feels the mummies may not have been those of an Indian tribe of tall stature. He leans toward their origin as Egyptian. "Thor Hyderdahl proved that the Egyptians could have sailed to North America on a raft made from reeds," Stoker told newsmen. "It is quite possible that these giants were the descendents of Egyptians who came to America many hundreds of years ago."

Stoker believes the giants were exceptionally intelligent. His museum contains a calendar stone taken from the cave. The stone has fifty-two dots marked on the inside, to represent weeks, and the outside of the stone contains three hundred-sixty-five dots to represent days. Extreme dryness of the cave's interior preserved the giant's bodies in a condition akin to mummies taken from the tombs of Egypt.

While orthodox scientists have dismissed the Nevada evidence as mere curiosities, others have compiled a mass of documents attesting to the reality of giants. Among the most tireless investigators was Madame Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (1831-1891), the founder of Theosophy and one of the most incredible women in history. She wrote *Isis Unveiled* and the remarkable two-volume *The Secret Doc-*

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trine. Both books are still in print, after many editions, and available from The Theosophical Publishing Co., Wheaton, Ill.

Her books are a mixture of facts, myths, and fables woven into a fascinating glimpse of history, science, archeology; occult beliefs, and her theories of "root races." Concerning giants, she writes:

Are Giants a Fiction?

"Here again we come into collision with science, which so far denies that man has ever been much larger than the average tall and powerful man now met with occasionally. Dr. Henry Gregor denounces the traditions of giants as resting upon ill-digested facts, and instances of mistaken judgments are brought forward as disproof of such traditions. Thus, in 1613, in a locality called from time immemorial the 'Field of Giants,' in Lower Dauphine, France, four miles from St. Romans, enormous bones were found deeply buried in the sandy soil. They were attributed to human remains, and even to Teutobodus, the Teuton chief slain by Marius. But Cuvier's later research proved them to be the fossil remains of the *Dinótherium Giganteum*, eighteen feet long. Ancient buildings are pointed to as evidence that our earliest ancestors were not much larger than we are, the entrance doors being of no larger size than now. The tallest man of antiquity known to us, we are told, was the Roman Emperor Maximus, whose height was only seven and a half feet.

"Nevertheless, in our modern day, every year we see men taller than this. The Hungarian who exhibited himself in the London Pavilion was nearly nine feet high. In America a giant was shown nine feet six inches tall; the Montenegrin Danilo was eight feet seven inches. In Russia and Germany one often sees men in the lower classes above seven feet. Now, as the ape-theorists are told by Mr. Darwin, the species of animals which result from cross-breeding always betray 'a tendency to revert to

the original type,' they ought to apply the same law to men. Had there been no giants as a type in ancient days, there would be none now.

"All this applies only to the historic period. And if the skeletons of the prehistoric ages have failed so far to prove undeniably in the opinion of science the claim here advanced, it is but a question of time. We, however, positively deny the reality of the failure. Moreover, as already stated, human stature is little changed since the last racial cycle. The giants of old are all buried under the oceans, and hundreds of thousands of years of constant friction by water would reduce to dust a brazen, much more a human skeleton. And whence the testimony of well-known classical writers, of philosophers and men who, otherwise, never had the reputation for lying? Let us bear in mind, furthermore, that before the year 1847, when Boucher de Perthes forced it upon the attention of science, hardly anything was known of fossil man, for archaeology complacently ignored his existence. Of giants who were 'in the earth in those days' of old, the Bible alone had spoken to the wise men of the west; the zodiac being the solitary witness called upon to corroborate the statement in the persons of Orion or Atlas, whose mighty shoulders were said to support the world.

"Nevertheless, even the giants have not been left without their witnesses, and one may as well examine both sides of the question. The three sciences—geological, side-real and scriptural, the latter in its universal character—may furnish us with the needed proofs. To begin with geology: it has already confessed that the older the excavated skeletons, the larger, taller and the more powerful their structure. This is already a certain proof in hand. Frederic de Rougemont, who, though believing too piously in the Bible and Noah's Ark, is none the less a scientific witness, writes:

"All those bones, found in the Departments of the Gard, in Austria, Liege, etc., those skulls which all re-

mind one of the negro type . . . and which by reason of their type might be mistaken for animals, have all belonged to men of high stature.'

"The same is repeated by Lartet, an authority, who attributes a 'tall stature' to those who were submerged in the Deluge—not necessarily 'Noah's'—and a smaller stature to the races which lived subsequently.

"As for the evidence furnished by ancient writers, we need not trouble ourselves with that of Tertullian, who assures us that in his day a number of giants were found at Carthage—for, before his testimony can be accepted, his own identity, if not actual existence, would have to be proven. We may, however, turn to the papers of 1858, which speak of a 'sarcophagus of giants' found that year on the site of this same city. As to the ancient Pagan writers, we have the evidence of Philostratus, who speaks of a giant skeleton twenty-two cubits long, as well as of another of twelve cubits, seen by himself on the promontory of Sigaeum. This skeleton may perhaps not have belonged, as believed by Protesilas, to the giant killed by Apollo at the siege of Troy; nevertheless, it was that of a giant, as was that of the other discovered by Messecrates of Stira, in Lemnos—'horrible to behold,' according to Philostratus. Is it possible that prejudice would carry science so far as to class all these men as either fools or liars?

"Pliny speaks of a giant in whom he thought he recognized Orion, or Otus, the brother of Ephialtes. Plutarch declares that Sertorius saw the tomb of Antaeus, the Giant; and Pausanias vouches for the actual existence of the tombs of Asterius and of Geryon, or of Hillus, son of Hercules—all giants, Titans and mighty men. Finally the Abbe Pegues, affirms in his curious work, *Les Volcan de la Grece*, that:

"In the neighborhood of the volcanoes of the isle of Thera, giants with enormous skulls were found laid out under colossal stones, the erection of which in every place must have necessitated the use of titanic powers,

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and which tradition associates in all countries with the ideas about giants, volcanoes and magic'."

Traveling throughout the world, Madame Blatsky became enchanted with the vast number of mysterious places, strange monolithic structures, and unexplained buildings. She wrote that many of these gigantic stone works were probably inhabited by giants. She continued her theories on giants in *The Secret Doctrine*:

"The modern Archaeologist, though speculating ad infinitum upon the dolmens and their builders, knows, in fact, nothing either of them or of their origin. Yet these weird and often colossal monuments of unhewn stones—which consist generally of four or seven gigantic blocks placed together—are strewn over Asia, Europe, America, and Africa, in groups or rows. Stones of enormous size are found placed horizontally and variously upon two, three, four, and as in Poitou, upon six and seven blocks. People name them 'devil's altars,' druidic stones, and giant tombs. The stones of Carnac in Morbihan, Brittany—nearly a mile in length and numbering 11,000 ranged in eleven rows—are twin sisters of those at Stonehenge. The conical menhir of Loch-maria-ker, in Morbihan, measures twenty yards in length and nearly two yards across. The menhir of Champ Dolent (near St. Malo) rises thirty feet above the ground, and is fifteen feet in depth below. Such dolmens and prehistoric monuments are met with in almost every latitude.

"They are found in the Mediterranean basin; in Denmark (among the local tumuli from twenty-seven to thirty-five feet in height); in Shetland; in Sweden, where they are called Ganggriften (or tombs with corridors); in Germany, where they are known as the giant tombs (Hunengraben); in Spain, where the dolmen of Antiguera is near Malaga; in Africa; in Palestine and Algeria; in Sardinia, with the Nuraghi and Sepoltura dei Giganti, or tombs of giants; in Malabar; in India where they are called the tombs of the Daityas (Giants)

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and of the Rak-shasas, the Men-demons of Lanka; in Russia and Siberia, where they are known as the Koor-gan; in Peru and Bolivia, where they are termed the Chulpas or burial places, etc.

"There is no country from which they are absent. Who built them? Why are they all connected with serpents and dragons, with alligators and crocodiles? Because remains of 'Palaeolithic man' were, it is thought, found in some of them, and because, in the funeral mounds of America, bodies of later races were discovered with the usual paraphernalia of bone necklaces, weapons, stone and copper urns, etc., they are, therefore, ancient tombs!

"But surely the two famous mounds—one in the Mississippi valley and the other in Ohio—known respectively as the 'Alligator Mound' and the 'Great Serpent Mound,' were never meant for tombs. Yet one is told authoritatively that the mounds, and the mound or dolmen builders, are all 'Pelasgic' in Europe, antecedent to the Incas in America, yet not of 'extremely distant times.' They are built by 'no race of dolmen builders,' who never existed save in the earlier archaeological fancy (opinion of De Mortillet, Bastian, and Westropp). Finally, Virchow's opinion of the giant tombs of Germany is now accepted as an axiom. Says that German biologist:

"The tombs alone are gigantic, and not the bones they contain."

"And archaeology has but to bow and submit to the decision.

"That no gigantic skeletons have been hitherto found in the 'tombs' is no reason for saying that the remains of giants were never in them. Cremation was universal till a comparatively recent period—some 80,000 or 100,000 years ago. The real giants, moreover, were nearly all drowned with Atlantis. Nevertheless, classical writers, as we have shown elsewhere, often speak of giant skeletons being excavated in their day.

"Moreover, human fossils may be counted on the fingers, as yet. No skeleton yet found is older than fifty to sixty thousand years; man's size was reduced from fifteen to ten or twelve feet from the time of the third sub-race of the Aryan stock, which was born and developed in Europe and Asia Minor under new climates and conditions, and had become European. Since then, as we have said, it has been steadily decreasing. It is truer, therefore, to say that the tombs alone are archaic, and not necessarily the bodies of men occasionally found in them; and that those tombs, since they are gigantic, must have contained giants, or rather the ashes of generations of giants.

"Nor were all such cyclopean structures intended for repulchres. It is with the so-called Druidical remains, such as Carnac in Brittany and Stonehenge in Great Britain, that the traveling initiates above alluded to had to do. And these gigantic monuments are all symbolic records of the world's history. They are not Druidical, but universal. Nor did the Druids build them, for they were only the heirs of the cyclopean lore left to them by generation of mighty builders and—'magicians,' both good and bad.

"It will always be a subject of regret that history, rejecting *a priori* the actual existence of giants, has preserved for us so little of the records of antiquity concerning them. Yet in nearly every mythology—which after all is ancient history—the giants play an important part. In the old Norse mythology, the giants, Skrymir and his brethren, against whom the sons of the Gods fought, were potent factors in the histories of deities and man. The modern exegesis that makes these giants the brethren of the dwarfs and reduces the combats of the Gods to the history of the development of the Aryan race, will only receive credence among the believers of the Aryan theory as expounded by Max Miller.

"Granting that the Turanian races were typified by the dwarfs (Dwergar), and that a dark, round-headed and

dwarfish race was driven northward by the fair-faced Scandinavians, or Aesir, the Gods being like unto men, there still exists neither in history nor in any other scientific work any anthropological proof whatever of the existence in time or space of a race of giants. Yet that such exist, relatively and *de facto* side by side with dwarfs, while their neighbors, several tribes of comparatively fair-complexioned Africans, are giants when confronted with the Nyam-Nyams, and very tall even among Europeans, for their women are all above six and a half feet high.

"In Cornwall and in ancient Britain the traditions of these giants are, on the other hand, excessively common; they are said to have lived even down to the time of King Arthur. All this shows that giants lived to a later date among the Celtic than among the Teutonic peoples.

"If we turn to the New World, we have traditions of a race of giants of Tarija on the eastern slopes of the Andes and in Ecuador, who combated Gods and men. These old beliefs, which term certain localities 'Los Campos de los Gigantes,' the 'Fields of Giants,' are always concomitant with the existence of Pliocene mammalia and the occurrence of Pliocene raised beaches.

"'All the giants are not under Mount Ossa,' and it would be poor anthropology indeed that would restrict the traditions of giants to Greek and Bible mythologies."

Slavonian countries, Russia especially, teem with legends about the Bogaterey (mighty giants) of old; and Slavonian folklore, most of which has served for the foundation of national histories, the oldest songs and the most archaic traditions, speaks of the giants of old. Thus we may safely reject the modern theory that would make of the Titans mere symbols standing for cosmic forces. They were real living men, whether twenty or only twelve feet high. Even the Homeric heroes who, of course, belonged to a far more recent period in the history of the races, appear to have wielded weapons of a

size and weight beyond the strength of the strongest men of modern times.

“‘Not twice ten men the mighty bulk could raise,
Such men as live in these degenerate days.’

“If the fossil footprints at Carson, Nev., are human, they indicate gigantic men, and of their genuineness there can remain no doubt. It is to be deplored that the modern and scientific evidence for gigantic men should rest on footprints alone. Over and over again, the skeletons of hypothetical giants have been identified with those of elephants and mastodons. But all such blunders before the days of geology, and even the traveler’s tales of Sir John Mandeville, who says that he saw giants fifty-six feet high, in India, only show that belief in the existence of giants has never, at any time, vanished from the thoughts of men.

“That which is known and accepted is that several races of gigantic men have existed and left distinct traces. In the *Journal of the Anthropological Institute*, such a race is shown as having existed at Palmyra and possibly in Midian, exhibiting cranial forms quite different from those of the Jews. It is not improbable that another such race existed in Samaria, and that the mysterious people who built the stone circle in Galilee, hewed Neolithic flints in the Jordan valley, and preserved an ancient Semitic language quite distinct from the square Hebrew character, were of very large stature. The English translations of the Bible can never be relied upon, even in their modern revised forms.

“They tell us of the Nephilim, translating the word by ‘Giants,’ and further adding that they were ‘hairy’ men, probably the large and powerful prototypes of the later satyrs so eloquently described by patristic fancy; some of the Church fathers assuring their admirers and followers that they had themselves seen these ‘satyrs’—some alive, others ‘pickled’ and ‘preserved.’

“The word ‘giants’ being once adopted as a synonym of Nephilium, the commentators have since identified

them with the sons of Auak. The filibusters who seized on the Promised Land found a pre-existing population far exceeding their own in stature, and called it a race of giants. But the races of really gigantic men had disappeared ages before the birth of Moses. These tall people existed in Canaan, and even in Bashan, and may have had representatives in the Nabatheans of Midian. They were of far greater stature than the undersized Jews. Four thousand years ago their cranial conformation and large stature separated them from the children of Heber. Forty thousand years ago their ancestors may have been of still more gigantic size, and four hundred thousand years earlier they must have been in proportion to men in our days as the Brobdingnagians were to the Lilliputians.

“. . . The whole Darwinian theory of natural selection is included in the first six chapters of the book of *Genesis*. The ‘Man’ of chapter i, is radically different from the ‘Adam’ of chapter ii., for the former was created ‘male and female’—that is, bi-sexed—and in the image of God; while the latter, according to verse seven, was formed of the dust of the ground, and became ‘a living soul,’ after the Lord God ‘breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.’ Moreover, this Adam was a male being, and in verse twenty we are told that ‘there was not found a helpmeet for him.’

“The Adonai, being pure spiritual entities, had no sex, or rather had both sexes united in themselves, like their Creator; and the ancients understood this so well that they represented many of their deities as of dual sex. The Biblical student must either accept this interpretation, or make the passages in the two chapters alluded to absurdly contradict each other. It was such literal acceptance of passages that warranted the atheists in covering the Mosaic account with ridicule, and it is the dead letter of the old text that begets the materialism of our age. Not only are these two races of beings thus clearly indicated in *Genesis*, but even a third and a fourth

one are ushered before the reader in chapter iv., where the 'sons of God' and the race of 'giants' are spoken of.

"As we write, there appears in an American paper, *The Kansas City Times*, an account of important discoveries of the remains of a prehistoric race of giants, which corroborates the statements of the kabalists and the Bible allegories at the same time. It is worth preserving:

"In his researches among the forests of Western Missouri, Judge E. P. West has discovered a number of conical-shaped mounds, similar in construction to those found in Ohio and Kentucky. These mounds are found upon the high bluffs overlooking the Missouri River, the largest and more prominent being found in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Until about three weeks ago it was not suspected that the mound builders had made this region their home in the prehistoric days; but now it is discovered that this strange and extinct race once occupied this land, and have left an extensive graveyard in a number of high mounds upon the Clay County bluffs.

"As yet, only one of these mounds has been opened. Judge West discovered a skeleton about two weeks ago, and made a report to other members of the society. They accompanied him to the mound, and not far from the surface excavated and took out the remains of two skeletons. The bones were very large—so large, in fact, when compared with an ordinary skeleton of modern date, they appear to have formed part of a giant. The head bones, such as have not rotted away, are monstrous in size. The lower jaw of one skeleton is in a state of preservation, and is double the size of the jaw of a civilized person. The teeth in this jawbone are large, and appear to have been ground down and worn away by contact with roots and carnivorous food. The jaw bone indicates immense muscular strength.

"The thigh bone, when compared with that of an or-

dinary modern skeleton, looks like that of a horse. The length, thickness, and muscular development are remarkable. But the most peculiar part about the skeleton is the frontal bone. It is very low, and differs radically from any ever seen in this section before. It forms one thick ridge of bone about one inch wide, extending across the eyes. It is a narrow but rather heavy ridge of bone which, instead of extending upward, as it does now in these days of civilization, receded back from the eyebrows, forming a flat head, and thus indicates a very low order of mankind. It is the opinion of the scientific gentlemen who are making these discoveries that these bones are the remains of a prehistoric race of men. They do not resemble the present existing race of Indians, nor are the mounds constructed upon any pattern or model known to have been in use by any race of men now in existence in America.

"The bodies are discovered in a sitting posture in the mounds, and among the bones are found stone weapons, such as flint knives, flint scrapers, and all of them different in shape to the arrowheads, war-hatchets, and other stone tools and weapons known to have been in use by the aboriginal Indians of this land when discovered by the whites. The gentlemen who have these curious bones in charge have deposited them with Dr. Foe, on Main Street. It is their intention to make further and closer researches in the mounds on the bluffs opposite this city. They will make a report of their labors at the next meeting of the Academy of Science, by which time they expect to be able to make some definite report as to their opinions. It is pretty definitely settled, however, that the skeletons are those of a race of men not now in existence.'

"The author of a recent and very elaborate work finds some cause for merriment over the union of the sons of God with the 'daughters of men,' who *were fair*, as alluded to in *Genesis*, and described at great length in that wonderful legend, the *Book of Enoch*. More is the

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erty that our most learned and liberal men do not employ their close and merciless logic to repair its one-sidedness by seeking the true spirit which dictated these allegories of old. This spirit was certainly more scientific than skeptics are yet prepared to admit. But with every year some new discovery may corroborate their assertions, until the whole of antiquity is vindicated.

One thing, at least, has been shown in the Hebrew text, viz.: that there was one race of purely physical creatures, another purely spiritual. The evolution and 'transformation of species' required to fill the gap between the two has been left to abler anthropologists. We can only repeat the philosophy of men of old, which says that the union of these two races produced a third—the Adamite race. Sharing the natures of both its parents, it is equally adapted to an existence in the material and spiritual worlds.

"Allied to the physical half of man's nature is reason, which enables him to maintain his supremacy over the lower animals, and to subjugate nature to his uses. Allied to his spiritual part is his *conscience*, which will serve as his unerring guide through the besetments of the senses; for conscience is that instantaneous perception between right and wrong, which can only be exercised by the spirit, which, being a portion of the Divine Wisdom and Purity, is absolutely pure and wise. Its promptings are independent of reason, and it can only manifest itself clearly when unhampered by the baser attractions of our dual nature.

"Reason being a faculty of our physical brain, one which is justly defined as that of deducing inferences from premises, and being wholly dependent on the evidence of other senses, cannot be a quality pertaining directly to our divine spirit. The latter *knows*—hence, all reasoning which implies discussion and argument would be useless."

A Key to the Future

Ashland, Neb., policeman Herbert Schirmer was contacted by someone, or something, on the morning of Dec. 3, 1967 during a routine night patrol of his town. Schirmer was in his patrol cruiser, approaching a highway intersection on the edge of town, when he was unwillingly drawn into a bizarre experience. He reported seeing a flying saucer in the skies on his police report. Later, he was placed under hypnosis by Dr. Leo Sprinkle at the University of Colorado's headquarters for the Condon Committee investigating UFOs. Dr. Condon and other members of the committee witnessed the historic event.

"I went out to Boulder on Feb. 13, 1968," Schirmer stated. "Dr. Sprinkle was there from the University of Wyoming and he placed me under hypnosis. Later, Dr. Sprinkle told me that my mind was a key to the future."

Schirmer's report was investigated after the Condon Committee discovered missing minutes in his police report. "They really hammered me on those missing minutes," said Schirmer. "Then, there was my cruiser. They spent a lot of time just measuring the car. Someone out at Boulder

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told me they wanted to be certain it was the same car. They measured it to be certain it hadn't grown or shrunk. They also kept after me about the red welt on my neck nerve cord. They had found out that these welts were a part of a pattern among contactees. Another thing they kept asking about was the tingling sensation I felt all over my body. I had mentioned this and they kept asking about it."

Schirmer's hypnotic session at Boulder uncovered the information that he had been aboard the craft and talked with crew members. According to the statements from additional hypnotic trances, Schirmer was given a considerable amount of data on the craft's operation. The similarities and patterns of this case and the Shearer incident is quite evident.

I subsequently published a tightly edited transcript of these hypnotic sessions in my previous book, *Gods, Demons, and UFOs* (Lancer Books; New York; 1970). Since then, I have received numerous requests to publish more material on the intriguing Schirmer report. The twenty-two-year-old policeman and ex-Navy veteran was placed under hypnosis by Loring G. Williams, a hypnotist from Hinsdale, N.H. The sessions were tape recorded at a Holiday Inn in Des Moines. Here is what emerged from Schirmer's mind:

Williams: When I count to three you are going back to the morning of December 3, just before you approached the UFO. One . . . two . . . three! What are you doing?

Schirmer: Driving down the highway listening to a wreck report on the police radio. It's a bad wreck out on the interstate highway. Hmmm . . .

Williams: What's the matter?

Schirmer: Thought I saw something. Hmm.

Williams: What did you see?

Schirmer: What time is it? I'd better check my watch.

Williams: What time is it?

Schirmer: Two thirty in the morning. Hmmm . . . what's that up ahead? There's something on the road ahead. Probably a trucker with a flat tire. I'll turn on my

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brights. Wha . . . hmmm. The row of lights are very bright. They're flashing. The red lights are flashing real fast. My God! What is that thing? What . . . it's leaving the place and going up on the hill. I'd better follow.

Williams: Where are you now?

Schirmer: Going up the hill toward the light. It is very bright. Very bright. The lights are flashing. I'll call. I'll call.

Williams: Who are you going to call?

Schirmer: The police at Wahoo. (Note: Wahoo, Neb.). 408. Wahoo. Four oh eight. Come in Wahoo. Radio ain't working. Hmmm. Hmmm. Hmmm. What happened to the engine? What is that thing?

Williams: Describe it for me.

Schirmer: It is made of metal and is shaped like a football. The object has a silverish glow around it. There is a flashing light underneath it. It came in over the field, hung there for a minute and it's flickering on and off. It is making a "whooshing" sound and the lights are flickering very rapidly.

Williams: How fast are the lights flickering?

Schirmer: Jimminy Christmas! They must be going about twice a second. At 120 times a minute. Oh no. It can't be . . .

Williams: What's happening?

Schirmer: There are legs shooting out underneath it. It's hard to see because it is very bright. I think there are three legs coming out. They're telescoping. One . . . two . . . now it is settling on the ground.

Williams: Are you afraid?

Schirmer: You're damned right. My hand is shaking.

Williams: Why don't you start your cruiser and leave?

Schirmer: I am being prevented.

Williams: What do you mean *being prevented*?

Schirmer: There is something in my mind . . . I don't know, Lord! Oh no! Oh no!

Williams: What's wrong now?

Schirmer: They're getting out. The one, he's approaching the front of the cruiser. Oh no. It can't be! It can't

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be! I'm going to have my revolver ready. I am being prevented from drawing my revolver. Something in my mind. . . . The one in front of the car has a funny thing. He's holding it up. The stuff is covering the car and going all around it.

Williams: What is this stuff? What color is it?

Schirmer: It's like a green gas or something. Hmm. It's all around the cruiser now. My God! What's happening? Hmm. What's he doing?

Williams: Who do you mean?

Schirmer: The one in front of the car. He's pulling something out of his holster. He's pointing it at the windshield and pointing it toward me. It's bright . . . very bright.

Williams: How bright?

Schirmer: 'Bout like a flash thing on a camera, only brighter.

Williams: Now what is happening?

Schirmer: I was paralyzed and passed out. I can't remember anything. It's all black.

Williams: What is the next thing you remember?

Schirmer: My eyes are opening. I'm rolling down the window. There's two of them. I didn't see the other one. He grabbed me by the side of the neck. Oooh! Oooh! It hurt for a minute when he pushed against the side of my neck.

Williams: Which side of your neck did he touch?

Schirmer: The left side. Just below the ear. Hmmm.

Williams: Was there anything in his hand?

Schirmer: I can't see too well. There might have been. Maybe there was something about his glove that scratched my neck.

Williams: Was this the point where the welt appeared later?

Schirmer: Yes.

Williams: What happened next?

Schirmer: I can't remember. Now, I'm opening the door

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and standing up outside the car. Hmm. The one is looking directly into my eyes. I don't like him to do that.

Williams: Why not?

Schirmer: His eyes are different from ours. They are more like cat's eyes. Yes.

Williams: Are you speaking to this person?

Schirmer: He is asking me if I am the watchman over the town. I am telling him I am a policeman.

Williams: He used the word 'watchman'? That's an unusual word.

Schirmer: Yes.

Williams: Did he speak with his mouth or through the mind?

Schirmer: I can't remember. He's standing perfectly still and staring into my eyes. I'm trying to look away. I can't remove my eyes from his. He's asking me questions.

Williams: Tell us about them.

Schirmer: He's pointing to the power plant and asking "is this the only source of power you have?" I said yes. I asked him if he was real. He said he was very real. He's reaching out his hand and placing it on my shoulder. He's squeezing my shoulder. Hmm. I'm not dreaming.

He's asking me if I would ever fire on a spaceship. I replied "no." He's asking me if I would like to go aboard the ship for a few minutes. I'm asking how the ship is operated. He's telling me it is by reversible electromagnetism which has something to do with gravity. I'm walking alongside of him. We're approaching the ship. The other one is right behind us. The other one keeps looking back at the cruiser. Hmm. The lights and engine are still dead on it. We're walking right underneath the craft. He's telling me to climb up. Right beneath the bottom is a circle deal. The circle deal is opening back and there is a ladder coming down with a "zoop" sound. It is . . . it's in telescoping sections. It's cold. It's very cold.

Williams: What is cold?

Schirmer: The metal on the ladder is much colder than it should be. We're going up the ladder into the ship.

Hmmm. It isn't very big in here. What's that noise? Oh. He is pointing to the ladder, which is retracting up into the ship. The circle deal is closing. Boy . . . that's neat. Whoops. I had better keep my head down or I'm going to hit something.

Williams: What will you hit?

Schirmer: There are all kinds of boxes and gadgets and things hanging down from the ceiling.

Williams: Please describe what you see.

Schirmer: I'm standing in a room that is about twenty-six feet by twenty feet in area. The ceiling is about six feet high. The lighting in here is red and it is coming down from strips in the ceiling. They glow in a reddish way. Over to this side are a couple of chairs. They are around a panel. It must be a control panel of some type. There is a wide screen above the console. It is tilted down so a person sitting in the chair can look up at it. It must be some kind of vision screen, or a radar. No. It is much too big for radar. I know what a radar screen looks like. That ain't it. You can look out the portholes that run around the ship. Hmm. Now, he's showing me how the craft operates.

Williams: What else did you see?

Schirmer: Boy! I can see a lot of things. There are tubes and pipes running everywhere inside here. He's asking me if I would like to see how some of their things work. In my mind I am thinking no, because I want to go home. But something tells me to say yes. He's showing me the things that look like computer machines. He pushes a button and the tapes start running. I am starting to tingle again. The tapes run round and round and the rows of lights flicker on and off.

Williams: Did he tell you why he was doing this?

Schirmer: Yes, they did. No one talked for a while. He is punching buttons on the machine. Through my mind . . . somehow . . . he is telling me things . . . there is something . . . he is speaking . . . this is an observation craft with a crew of four men. It is used for observation all over the

world. There are several more like it. Hmmm. No, they do not.

Williams: Who are you talking to?

Schirmer: Dr. Sprinkle.

Williams: Don't worry about the good doctor now. Just tell us what is happening inside the craft.

Schirmer: There is very much to explain. There are various types of devices, sending and receiving, which are much further advanced than ours. The guiding device is in the center of the craft. They have been observing us for a long period of time and they think that if they slowly, slowly put out reports and have their contacts state the truth it will help them. He is explaining to a certain extent that they want to puzzle people. They know they are being seen too frequently and they are trying to confuse the public's mind. He is telling me they want everyone to believe some in them so we will be open to their invasion and . . .

Williams: Think very carefully now. Did he use the word "invasion?"

Schirmer: Yes.

Williams: Then this would mean they are operating to conquer the world?

Schirmer: Oh no, no, no. He used the word "invasion" but meant it in a friendly way. He said it would be the showing of themselves completely. The public should consider in their minds that they should have no fear of these beings because they are not hostile.

Williams: How long have they been watching us?

Schirmer: He said they have been here for a very long time.

Williams: Did they tell you exactly why they were here?

Schirmer: No sir. They did not.

Williams: Where are they from?

Schirmer: They said from a nearby galaxy. They told me they had bases on Venus and some of the other planets in our galaxy.

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Williams: Now, is there any defense against UFOs and the people in them?

Schirmer: I would not even disclose that to the Air Force because they would try and destroy them. Their beings can be stopped just like we can be stopped. Bullets. But you cannot bust into one of the flying saucers.

Williams: Yes. But is there a defense against them?

Schirmer: Do we have a defense against them? You can't bust into a ship which you know nothing about. They are made of a metal that can withstand tremendous heats. The only crafts . . . now they said UFOs have been knocked out of the air by radar . . . before they hit the ground the mother ship destroys them by a built-in mechanism that blows them up and burns them up.

Williams: How can radar knock them out?

Schirmer: I don't know . . . there's something . . . someth . . . ioniz . . . it is a long word which I can't pronounce.

Williams: Ionization?

Schirmer: I think it has something to do with that. Yes. That was the word.

Williams: How do you know all of these things?

Schirmer: I don't know. There is something in my mind . . . he is saying that while we are talking they are also putting things into my mind about them. He's saying they do this with everyone they contact.

Williams: Which one of us would be most likely to be contacted by these people?

Schirmer: This would be up to them, not us. I was told that I just happened to be in the wrong place at the right time or something like that. They have no plans for patterns for contacting people. It is by pure chance so the government cannot determine any patterns about them. There will be a lot more contacts. He told me that.

Williams: Do they have bases on earth for their saucers?

Schirmer: Yes. There are definitely bases in the United States. There is a base located beneath the ocean off the

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coast of Florida which is a big thing. This is a big city under the ocean. He said this would be used for our benefit and theirs. There is a base in the polar region—he did not say whether it was the North or South Pole. There is another big base right off the coast of Argentina. These bases are underground or under the water.

Williams: Did they describe how these bases were operated?

Schirmer: They did not. He just told me what I repeated.

Williams: What do you know about "mother ships?"

Schirmer: The mother ships are huge affairs which are what we would call interplanetary stations. All of their headquarters types of operations are carried out in these big crafts. He showed me one on the screen. They are the main observation stations . . . big peeping things so high out in space that we cannot acknowledge them. The saucers arrive here carried by the mother ships. The mother ships have equipment to "look in" on anything on earth, into any factory, home or house. They also monitor our earth communications system.

Williams: What is the speed of a flying saucer?

Schirmer: I was told that it was in excess of 150,000 miles per hour.

Williams: What metal do they use in them?

Schirmer: I was told it was 100 percent pure magnesium. The metal was very highly polished and the surface was very smooth. He let me run my hand over it and there was not a rough spot anywhere.

Williams: Did you see any beds, water compartments or toilet areas on the craft?

Schirmer: I didn't see any, although there may have been some.

Williams: What are their thoughts about the people on earth?

Schirmer: They think we are doing things in the wrong way.

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Williams: If that is true, why don't they teach us the correct way?

Schirmer: They did not provide any information as to why they left us to our own ways.

Williams: Would you say they might have kidnapped people who might have stumbled onto their crafts?

Schirmer: I was informed they had picked up cows, dead bodies of animals and some people. These are used for experiments. There is a program of breeding analysis but it was not discussed to any extent. I think some people have been picked up and changed so they may have agents in our world. They are very smart about the brain and how to change it.

Williams: Did you see any weapons on them or the ship?

Schirmer: They carry their ray weapons in their holsters. These do not kill but paralyze. There were no weapons on the ship, although I might not have known what they looked like. This was a very strange place, unlike anything I have ever seen. It's very cold inside the ship.

Williams: What about their color spectrum?

Schirmer: You mean the kind of colors? It's the same as ours. If you saw something in the sky blinking red, you would think it was an airplane.

Williams: Did they mention anything about water?

Schirmer: They asked about the Lincoln City Water Reservoir, which was just down the hill. In some way which I do not understand, they draw a type of power source from water. This is why we see them over rivers, lakes and large bodies of water.

Williams: Now, you have been very cooperative. Let's go back to the saucer. Did they tell you anything to say or do before you left? Were you programmed to say something in any manner?

Schirmer: Yes. He is looking directly into my eyes and saying: "I wish you would not tell that you have been aboard this ship. You are to tell that the craft landed below in the intersection of the highways, that you ap-

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proached our machine and then it shot up into the air and disappeared. You will tell this and not speak wisely about what has happened here tonight. You must speak unwisely because we will return again to see you two times more. There will be one of your people who will approach you. You will know them when they come."

He is giving me a very strange look. His hand is on my shoulder. He is saying a word like I have never heard before in the whole world. I can't even pronounce the thing. He must be saying good-bye. He is walking me back to the hatch. The two men who stayed outside are staring up at me when I step out. They are climbing back into the ship and making motions for me to return to the cruiser. I am getting into the cruiser. The legs on the saucer are retracting. A reddish-orange light is coming out of the bottom of the ship. There is a humming noise as it winds up and shoots straight into the sky. It was like a shooting star. It disappeared that fast. It was exactly one hundred two feet in diameter, I was told. Standing on the tripod, and not measuring the antennas, it would be about thirty-five feet high. With the tripods retracted the ship would be about twenty feet in height.

Williams: Did they communicate by voice or through the mind?

Schirmer: It seemed to be both methods. It appeared they did all of their own speaking through the antenna devices over the helmets on their ears. The one who talked with me spoke with a voice, with a sort of "broken" English. It was very strange-sounding and appeared to come from deep inside him rather than from his mouth. I can't describe it. He said they studied our languages on earth through some sort of machine. My mind tells me that they have computers to speak any language—somehow—wherever they may land.

Williams: Did they wear any sort of air tanks or breathing devices?

Schirmer: No. Their faces were open.

Williams: What about outside the ship?

Schirmer: They wore no device that looked like it might be used for breathing. Fact is, I never really noticed whether they were breathing or not. Hmm. That puzzles me. Hmm. I can't forget those eyes. He is looking at me and he is not blinking or anything. He is looking directly at me with those cat's eyes.

Williams: This has been a very long session and you have been very cooperative. Now, you will remember everything that occurred here this afternoon. Your mind will open up to recall other details that you may have forgotten.

As his memory of the missing minutes aboard the flying saucer was restored, Herb Schirmer reported the flying saucer was equipped with a robot-controlled "baby moon." He used "baby moon" because "it looked like a moon-shaped hub cab."

The device was a saucer-shaped object, approximately six feet in diameter, and was constructed of the same silvery metal as the saucer. "It was just a plain disc-shaped object with no openings or antenna that I could see," Schirmer recalled. "They told me it was used for reconnaissance and surveillance of an area. As I understood them, the baby moon is shot out of the saucer and checks out an area before they land.

"The one who did most of the talking—I think of him as the Captain—said the baby moon was equipped with highly advanced instruments and a thing he called a 'scanning device'" he continued. "It transmits pictures and sound back to the saucer. They can flip a switch and lock their vision screen in on the baby moon.

"He said the moon had been developed as a robot-controlled device because we are a very hostile people and they needed something to scan an area before landing their bigger saucer," Schirmer explained. "If the baby moon probe shows activity in an area, they pull it back and withdraw. He said that only in certain cases did they ever land when there was someone around in the area."

Schirmer was also informed that the baby moon con-

tained a powerful destruction unit inside the gleaming shell. "He said they could press a button and the moon would burn itself to pieces and blow up," Schirmer added.

The baby moon would explain one of the largest mysteries in UFO sightings. Small, circular discs have been seen hovering over fields and swamps, speeding down highways and swooping down on automobiles. If Schirmer is correct, these objects are actually radio-controlled "spy in the sky" devices.

"When he explained about the baby moon he led me to the screen above the console in the saucer," Schirmer explained. "He flipped a switch and the screen came on instantly. I saw the outside of the craft on the screen. It wasn't like television. It was the sharpest, clearest picture I have ever seen. It was like those 3-D movies, where you wore glasses."

Was there a color picture? Schirmer was thoughtful for a moment. "I believe so. I can't be certain. It was pretty dark outside. The picture I remember best was of two of the crew walking back and forth like guards. They walked very stiff and straight, like soldiers. Their heads moved back and forth like they were looking for someone. All I saw was their silver suits against a black background."

Schirmer stated the saucer captain flipped another device on the elaborate console below the screen. "Three flying saucers came on the screen, flying in formation. He said they were very high above us. I said he must have awfully good cameras and he replied that it was all done with light beams . . . whatever that means."

The saucer captain also informed Schirmer that some saucers were equipped with "peeping devices." These devices, also operated on light beams, were reported capable of scanning any home or building in the world. "He indicated the ships with these devices stayed high above the earth and locked their beams in on where they wanted to be," Schirmer said.

Could these devices be the products of an advanced civilization? Our scientists are now developing holography, a

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form of image projection using light beams. Holography produces three-dimensional, life-like images that are virtually free of distortion. Super-powered electronic listening devices are used in the "Cold War" to spy on other nations. It is entirely within the realm of reason that an advanced technology could produce devices described by Herb Schirmer.

One puzzling mystery about UFOs has been their method of guidance. Most reports on UFOs depict a solid, windowless craft without the traditional "windshield." The Ashland saucer contained a control-panel console with a large "vision screen" angled downward toward two chairs.

"They see anything they want on that screen," Schirmer recalled. "I don't know how they do it. He flicked a switch. I saw a view of the two sentries walking outside. It was a very clear picture. Then, he pushed some other buttons and a cigar-shaped craft appeared on the screen. He said this ship was very large and was riding high above the earth. This was their headquarters ship.

He pressed another button. The screen filled up with a view of three saucers of a different shape. They were flying in formation. "They are above us," he said.

"The screen operated from some type of light deal. I didn't understand the words. He used the word 'beam' several times," Schirmer continued. "The baby moon saucer shoots out of the saucer and transmits a picture back to this screen."

"The console was covered with buttons and dials. I gathered this was their main operations center, like the cockpit on a plane," Schirmer said.

The Nebraska patrolman reported the console and chair were "made out of the same metal as the saucer." The chairs were low and fitting the height of the crewmen. The chair backs were shaped into a triangle. "They looked like little pyramids," Schirmer explained.

The vision screen also showed a picture of a "headquarters" or "mother ship." "It was a long ship and he said it was above the earth in outer space," Schirmer said.

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"It appeared to be made from the same metal as the ship I was in. I'm telling you, those people must use that metal for everything."

Schirmer was told the mother ship carried the smaller saucers to earth. The saucers are then released to bases on earth. The mother ship also carries space parts and contains facilities for repairing saucers.

"They have this set-up where they monitor our communications on earth," Schirmer said. "No. He didn't tell me why it was necessary to listen in on us."

During the demonstration of the saucer's "vision screen," Schirmer saw a picture of three saucers flying in formation. "These were of a different shape than the ship I was in," the Nebraskan stated. "I was told, 'these are war ships flying in outer space.' It was realistic as hell as the picture had depth and looked very real. The stars on the screen looked about the same distance as they do from earth. I recall seeing the Big Dipper on the screen when the saucers were there."

The warships are distinctly different from the craft that landed in Nebraska. "They had this windshield in what must be the front of the craft," he explained. "There were four openings in the front, near the bottom edge. I don't know if these were openings for weapons or what. They looked as if they were constructed of the same metal, which they said was 100% pure magnesium."

Both types of saucers had four crewmen. There were only two sizes. "Their headquarter's ship brings them here," Schirmer reported. "If someone sees a flying saucer that is three hundred feet in diameter and two hundred feet tall, it wouldn't be what these people said they had."

Did the beings mention the necessity for warships? "No Sir. They did not," Schirmer answered. "I didn't ask, either. I was on an observation craft. Maybe the warships are used for their protection."

"There was no insignia on the side of the ship, no letterings or markings," Schirmer declared. "The only insignia I saw was a small patch on the left side of their uniforms. It

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looked like a snake, with wings. This must have been their emblem of their planet or something."

Strangely enough, there are legends of the "flying serpent" in every civilization and culture on earth. As an example, Quetzalcoatl (the feathered serpent) is an ancient god and legendary ruler of Mexico. The winged serpent was a culture hero credited with the birth of the calendar, arts, science and government throughout Mexico and Central America.

Legends say he was a white-skinned man who disappeared on a journey to another land, after promising to return. When the Spanish *Conquistadores* invaded Mexico, many of the Aztecs considered the fair-skinned horde to be returning members of Quetzalcoatl's race. The winged serpent is the unofficial symbol of Mexico even today.

Winged serpents have been carved on ancient temples in Asia and painted in the caves of Europe. It has been used as a symbol in cultures as widely separated as American Indians and Spanish cliff dwellers. You are left to your own conclusions on this unusual part of the Ashland contact.

"I don't know what it means," Herb Schirmer declared. "I just know they wore that insignia on their chests."

During his adolescent years, Herb Schirmer was a "service brat" and accompanied his parents to armed forces duty in both Europe and Asia. "I've seen most of the different types of people in the world," he stated. "Believe me, these beings were unlike anything I have ever seen on earth. They are different."

Under hypnosis and later, after his memory returned, Herb Schirmer provided a detailed description of the beings:

"... They were from four and one-half to five feet tall," he said. "Their uniforms were silver gray, very shiny, and looked like they were metal. But it was a fabric. They wore boots, which seemed to be made of the same material

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as their uniforms. They wore gloves and they had a thumb and four fingers. Their suits came up and around their heads like a pilot's cap. On the right side of their helmets they had a small antenna, just above the ear. The ear part of the helmet looked as if it was stronger than the other part. There may have been a little box to hold the antenna. I never saw their ears.

"A belt went around the middle of their uniforms. It was also made of the same silver-gray material and had a highly polished silver buckle. Their clothing was more like a coverall. The helmet seemed to be part of the bottom part of the uniform. I didn't see any zippers or buttons or anything like that.

"They could not have been earth people. They were just too different from us. Their chests were bigger than ours. They were built very wiry and muscular. They walked with a very straight, military posture. There was no hunching over. They reminded me of people who have been in the armed service for a long time.

"Their heads were thinner than ours. The skull was longer and was not formed like a human skull. Their eyes were the one thing that I will never forget. The pupils were like looking into a cat's eyes. The pupil went up and down, like a slit, instead of being normal. When they looked at me, they stared straight into my eyes. They didn't blink. It was real uncomfortable.

"There was just a very thin eyebrow above the eye, slanting up just a little bit. The eye slanted slightly but not like the Orientals. They definitely could not have been Oriental. Their noses were longer and flat. Lips? They were thin. Their mouths looked more like a slit instead of a regular mouth. They had lips, but they were more like the pale white color of their face.

"They looked to be shaped more like a monkey than us. Their arms were very muscular and their chests were broad. The tallest one was about five and one-half feet tall. He was on the outside of the ship most of the time. The one who showed me through the ship was about five

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feet in height. I would judge they couldn't be much over five and one-half feet tall because the room in the saucer didn't have a high ceiling. They appeared to be about thirty years old.

"When they were outside the ship they did not wear a breathing device. One thing puzzles me. All the time I was looking at them I didn't notice whether they were breathing or not. Maybe I can't remember that well . . . or was interested in other things. I don't recall seeing them take a breath like we do.

"Their voices were different than anything you will ever hear. The one spoke 'broken' English. Some of the words were not pronounced right. The voice appeared to come from deep inside the body instead of from the throat. He spoke from the stomach or something. It was a very deep tone and a darn strange sound. If they talked to each other while I was there, it had to be through those little antenna things on their ears.

"The one said they studied our language through some type of machine. They must have a computer to speak any language where they land. When you hear them talk you never forget it after your memory returns. It is different.

"Another thing. I did not hear any noise when they walked up the ladder or across the metal floor of the saucer. I might not have been listening for footsteps at a time like that.

"They didn't have a beard that I could see. Their face was very smooth, just a bit paler than the color of their uniforms.

"All the time I was inside the ship, there was light from the reddish things on the ceiling. Everything had a red glow to it. Some of these colors could be wrong. Their eyes looked white with a reddish pupil. But, this might have been the light.

"He said they ate vegetables and fruit. No meat. He didn't give a reason for this. They're missing something if they don't like a good hamburger or a nice steak. Maybe they don't have cattle where they come from. A lot of

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farmers may be complaining because the crows are stealing their corn when it may be someone from outer space," Schirmer concluded.

During my initial weekend interview with Herbert Schirmer in Ashland, Neb., I was accompanied by author Brad Steiger. After interrogating the young policeman for two days, we felt he was sincere and something had occurred on that December night. Steiger joined hypnotist Loring Williams and myself during the times Schirmer was placed under hypnosis.

I asked Steiger to supply a report on his thoughts concerning the Schirmer case and the enigma of the contactee. That report follows:

This Schirmer report makes a valuable contribution to our knowledge of that most controversial area of UFOlogy, the contactee enigma, where in it is alleged that flying-saucer occupants have been contacting the citizens of our globe.

Schirmer states that the UFO occupants told him that he just happened to be at the "wrong place at the right time," but we are left with the question of why they should choose to relay so much startling information to one dazed and puzzled Earthling. The greater mystery within this question, of course, is how much of the technical data which the UFO occupants imparted was actually true?

I do not doubt that such "contacts" are taking place, but I challenge the veracity of the UFO occupants, especially in regard to their place of origin. On the other hand, it may be that we are being slowly provided with bits and pieces of some supercosmic jigsaw puzzle, which will one day, when properly assembled, give us the complete picture of the entire UFO enigma. If such a thesis is correct, then the flying-saucer occupants may be intermixing certain truths with a great deal of science fiction and saccharine space-brother philosophy—all of which makes it

very difficult to separate the wheat from the celestial chaff.

The case of Herb Schirmer becomes all the more startling when one is made to realize, as certain UFO researchers have learned, that such contact cases with alleged occupants of flying saucers are on the increase on a worldwide scale. While one may be skeptical concerning the claims of the contactee and the reality of the space brothers, one must at least take the phenomena of contact seriously. "Someone" is conducting a massive global campaign either to spread a great deal of confusion among our people or, as the contactees insist, to "prepare" us for contact *en masse*.

After questioning and interviewing a number of those who claim contact experience, I feel qualified to list some general observations regarding the phenomena.

*The contactee most often sees the UFO on the ground, hovering low overhead, or hears a soft humming sound above him.

*In a great many of the cases, the contactee has testified that a warm ray of "light" emanated from the craft and touched him on the neck, the crown of the head, or the middle of the forehead. (Occultists could make much of these areas!)

*The contactee has claimed to "lose" anywhere from twenty minutes to three hours of his time.

*After the initial contact experience, the contactee suffers through several days of restlessness and nights of sleeplessness or dreams fraught with terrible nightmares in which he is often aboard the UFO and receiving a physical examination. These examinations often feature the fixing of certain wires to the contactee's skull. In rare instances, sexual overtures, or actions interpreted by the contactee as sexual advances have been made.

*After a period of a week to a month, the contactee begins to tell how the saucer people said they have come to save us from ourselves, how we must stop nuclear testing, how we must learn to live together in brotherhood,

and other phrases from what appears to be a standard cosmic sermonette.

Additional observations and comments:

*The majority of these contactees had absolutely no prior interest in UFOs before their experience. Few had read any more than the little UFO information which the daily newspaper might carry. Few, whom I have interviewed or been personally or tangentially in contact with, have ever read any "contactee literature," i.e. Adamski, Angelucci, Nenager, Fry, *et al.*

Ignorance of UFO literature was satisfactorily demonstrated in Herb Schirmer's case. I drilled him for a solid weekend and found him a rather stolid, unimaginative person, who really read little of anything—including daily newspapers—and was virtually illiterate on the subject of UFOs. Because some elements in his story seemed to parallel certain aspects of the well-publicized Betty and Barney Hill case, I asked Herb if he had ever heard of the New Hampshire couple.

"Betty and Barney," he mused for a moment, then, beaming, "Oh, yeah, they were those outlaws in that movie!" The young patrolman had confused Betty and Barney Hill with Bonnie and Clyde Barrow.

*None of the contactees seem to feel any fear of the saucer people. Most of them look forward to a return visit—and most have been *promised* return visits! Some, however do express resentment over having had their minds "invaded."

*Friends and families of the contactees report that they are literally "different people" after the experience.

*While he is being interviewed and questioned, the contactee often seems to be listening to another "voice" or presence in the room. Often there are pauses in his conversation which last as long as forty-five seconds to a minute. After this pause, the answer to a query is given with great lucidity. In interview sessions wherein the contactee has been hypnotically regressed to the time of contact, he begins his entranced recreation of the experience in "nor-

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mal" hypnotic trance voice patterns. When he reaches the time when the "message" was relayed to him (usually after the physical and mental examination), his voice and manner changes, even under hypnotic trance, and he *recites*, rather than *recalls*, the dogma which saucer people have relayed to him.

*The contactee is obsessed with the idea that the "message" of the saucer people must be gotten out at all costs. This "missionary work" takes top priority in his life. He seems to be unconcerned about his personal welfare (i.e. how he'll support himself or his family), and a number of contactees have lost their jobs, not so much from pressures within the community which might be brought to bear upon the employer of "someone who talks to men from Mars," but from the contactee's own failure to show up for work if he feels his time should be spent spreading the word of the space people.

*Allowing for misinterpretation of actions and comments, the contactees seem to be "controlled." Some UFO investigators have suggested that an ancient, but appropriate, word for their behavior would be "possessed."

The Schirmer report may provide us with some valuable clues to both the implementation of such "possession" and the reasons behind such a program of mind control. It bears careful reading and rereading. As one of the investigators at the University of Colorado phrased it, Herb Schirmer's mind might well be "the key to the future."

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Sky People, Sea Saucers and Soviet UFOs

Will contact with beings from other worlds destroy our civilization?

Would contact create more knowledge of our role in the universe? Or would man's initiative, ambition and religion be destroyed? Would we become dependent on beings of superior intelligence and advanced technology?

These were some of the questions asked of experts during a symposium at Boston University in November, 1972. The seminar was sponsored by the National Space Agency and answers were sought from social scientists, communications experts, scientists, and theologians. They focused in on the broad implications of human contact with beings from outer space.

Virtually all of the experts agreed that human beings are not alone in our galaxy, and certainly not in the entire universe. "The most optimistic estimate of civilizations in our galaxy is one million," explained Dr. Carl E. Sagan, director of Cornell University's Laboratory for Planetary Studies. "This means one civilization per many hundred thousand stars."

Sagan stated that our technology has advanced to a point where man could detect another civilization as our own. He cautioned that the search might be prolonged, noting that a ten-year search for radio signals from other stars has produced nothing. He explained that searching one by one through the thousands of star clusters could go on for centuries before contact is made.

"Man is at a unique stage in evolution," Sagan stated, "with the old, secure sense of where we are in the universe being eroded." He explained that contact with extraterrestrials could help man re-establish a relationship with other human beings. Contact with beings from other worlds could produce a new sense of where we fit into the universe.

Dr. George Wald, a professor of biology at Harvard University, is a winner of the Nobel Prize for medicine. He is convinced that life exists somewhere in our galaxy. "But I doubt the possibility that we will ever make contact," Wald said. He reported that the speed of light limits both radio communication and the speed of physical space travel. Wald finds the thought of contact with other worlds to be "terrifying."

"The possibility that we might attach ourselves as with an umbilical cord to a more advanced civilization doesn't thrill me," Wald stated.

Anthropologist Ashley Montagu believes that man has done a poor job in dealing with other human beings. "Some housekeeping is needed on earth before we contact another civilization," Montagu reported. "There may be some other forms of life that are probably more intelligent than we, which may explain why they haven't contacted us. They may regard us as we would some form of rabies or cholera."

Montagu added that we should be prepared for contact in the future. "We shouldn't wait until contact is made with beyond-earththers to do something about it," he said.

Dr. Krister Stendahl, Dean of the Harvard School of Divinity, believes that contact with beings from outer

space could strengthen man's religious beliefs. He said that the discovery of life on other planets would teach us that God's domain is larger and would provide us with a better concept of our place in it.

"Theologians have been the ones who have been preparing themselves for life beyond the earth," Dr. Stendahl said, "as with angels, archangels, and such. Contact with other beings allows man to stop viewing God in his own image, with all of the attendant limitations."

If contact is made with other-worlders, what will their message contain?

Professor Phillip Morrison, a physicist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, believes that after many fraudulent or false claims, we will get a message that will be verified as the real thing. He explained that the message would be extremely technical, coded scientifically, and it would be received over several months or years. Even if the information would be limited during the initial contact, Morrison feels it would be beneficial to us. He explained that a relatively small quantity of writings from ancient Greece has benefited our present civilization.

Earth, a relatively minor planet, orbits around one of the *one hundred billion* stars in our galaxy, the Milky Way. In turn, our galaxy is part of an almost limitless universe that contains *one hundred billion galaxies!* Russian astrophysicist I. S. Shklovsky and Dr. Carl Sagan worked together on a book, *Intelligent Life in the Universe*. They estimated that up to one million advanced civilizations may exist on the same number of planets. The figures are so staggering that we have difficulty comprehending the mathematical probabilities of contact with beings from other worlds.

Equally staggering are the immense distances involved in traveling to other planets. While mankind is justifiably proud of astronauts journeying to and returning from our moon, the distance is but a fractional inch on a universal ruler. Our own Milky Way galaxy is around one hundred

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thousand light years in diameter, remembering that a light year is calculated at *six trillion miles!*

The distances between stars in the universe are immense. Sagan's one million planets with life may be from two hundred and fifty to one thousand two hundred and fifty light years distance from each other. Some twenty-five years ago, we sent radio signals out into space in an attempt to contact other worlds. These high-frequency, high-powered transmissions have to travel another seventy-five thousand light years before leaving our Milky Way galaxy. "When we're told that UFOs come from another galaxy I am dubious," I explained in a recent article. "To move on an intergalactic route, they would have to surpass the speed of light many times over. Or, they must have overcome the limits of time in some manner."

Scientists pointed out that there is a universal speed limit. Einstein's theory of relativity presumes that no vehicle can go as fast as the velocity of light, and probably cannot exceed that speed. It would take our astronauts more than one hundred and sixty thousand years to reach the closest star—Proxima Centauri, only four and one twentieth light years out in space.

Join me for an imaginary journey through space in a mythical spacecraft that will speed us through the heavens at the speed of light. This is one hundred and eighty-six thousand miles per second. The velocity of our craft will be eleven million miles per minute. We will pass our moon in a little more than one second, spending another 4.5 years to reach Proxima Centauri. Altogether, there are around one hundred billion stars in our galaxy and, despite these figures, we would only reach one every five years. Time will pass slowly in space. It will be another one hundred thousand years before we reach the edge of our galaxy.

Once we pass out of our galaxy, we discover the absolute loneliness of intergalactic travel. The next galaxy is Andromeda and, even at eleven million miles per minute, we'll need two million years to reach it. When we've trav-

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eled three hundred million years, we'll have reached the Hercules group containing ten thousand galaxies. Each of these galaxies in Hercules contains ten thousand or more planetary bodies.

We can remember the known dimensions of the universe, an estimated one hundred billion galaxies!

If flying saucers do originate from outer space, then extra terrestrial science has overcome the limitations of our Einsteinian science. Earth science is based on what we believe to be universal laws, rules that apply to all things throughout the universe. "It would be difficult to comprehend that we're wrong," admitted a scientist at the Boston symposium. "This would mean we're probably basing our entire existence on error. Black would possibly be white: red might be green. The turmoil of finding we're mistaken would be disastrous to our world."

If UFOs don't come from outer space, some psychiatrists reason they originate in inner space of our mind. Psychiatrist Carl Gustav Jung wrote a small, but important, book on the phenomenon in 1959. It was published two years before his death in 1961. In *Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies*, Jung explored the theory that UFOs might be a psychic outgrowth due to the cold war, international tensions, and the gradual loss of Christian belief in a supernatural deity who will step in to save us from its own errors.

Perplexed by the modern world, frightened by the atomic bomb and other doomsday weapons, Jung theorized that mankind may have developed a new image of God. "The danger of catastrophe grows in proportion as the expanding population impinges on one another," Jung wrote. "Congestion creates fear, which looks for help from extra-terrestrial sources since it cannot be found on earth.

"Hence, there appears 'signs in the heavens,' superior beings in the kind of spaceship devised by our technological fantasy," he continued. "From a fear whose cause is far from being understood and is therefore not conscious, there arises explanatory projections which pur-

port to find the cause in all manner of secondary phenomena, however unsuitable . . .”

Belief in flying saucers endows the individual with an “oceanic or cosmic feeling of immersion in the total universe, a sort of nirvana,” said Jung.

Professor Roger Westcott, chairman of the anthropology department at Drew University, in Madison, N.J., is the author of *The Divine Animal* (Funk & Wagnall; 1969). In that book he explained his theory that occupants of UFOs came to the earth about ten thousand years ago. Their purpose was to teach humanity a proper way of life. However, our ancestors became so wild, unruly and greedy that the extraterrestrials withdrew to establish a civilization on the floor of our oceans.

“I believe the saucer travelers were depicted as gods by our ancestors,” said Dr. Westcott. “As man began to conquer his environment, he became quite destructive and developed slavery, war, and greed.”

Remaining hidden beneath the waves, the otherworlders can observe us on the surface and decide when to come to our aid. Dr. Westcott also felt the saucerites took human beings with them when they moved beneath the oceans, training these selected *homo sapiens* in other-world philosophy and principles. Occasionally, certain humans return back to the surface to live in our society. These “agents” for the extraterrestrials possibly become leaders of our people. Some of these agents would work to change humanity, such as Buddha, Christ, and Mohammed. Others like Genghis Khan and Attila the Hun may have been corrupted.

During press interviews, Dr. Westcott explained that his hypothesis helps to explain the legend of Atlantis and of gods walking the earth. “The legend (Atlantis) could be a distorted version of the actual event,” said Dr. Westcott. “This was not a catastrophe, but an orderly transfer of UFO bases from the surface to beneath the sea floor. Since

relocation, saucerites scout and observe the surface world. They would never be disguised as leaders or settlers.”

Dr. Westcott also stated that his theory provides an explanation of religious traditions. “When retrained humans were sent to the surface, they attempted to help humanity,” he stated. “Eventually, they gave up hope and left by saucer. This would be an explanation for the miraculous ascensions into heaven in our religious traditions.”

Other points of Dr. Westcott’s explanation include:

1. Man-like occupants that are reported near landed saucers are probable descendants of *homo sapiens* who went beneath the sea with the saucerites.

2. The “bird-man” symbols in prehistoric art and the Christian, Jewish, and Islamic traditions of angelic messengers, would be versions of manned flight in early times.

3. Circular symbols used in many religions could be depictions of early saucer visits.

4. The enormous stones at enigmatic Stonehenge, England, may have been primitive man’s efforts to create a giant saucer symbol.

5. The ancient rock paintings in Russia and North Africa have shown humanoids with oversized heads. These could be a prehistoric rendition of humanoids wearing space helmets.

6. The saucerites might have a life span of several thousand years. “The span of some life forms on earth can be measured in minutes,” said Dr. Westcott. “Why couldn’t there possibly be beings with life spans much longer than our own?”

Dr. Westcott believes contact between the saucerites and humanity will eventually be re-established. This would occur when those of us on the surface eliminate our destructive ways. “This will open a technology that we can only dream of today,” he stated.

In Russia and other areas behind the crumbling Iron Curtain, several scientists have become quite outspoken about the origin of flying saucers. Dr. Felix Y. Zigel, the foremost Russian authority on UFOs, speculated on the ori-

gin of the craft in a recent magazine article. He considered the outer-space hypothesis as "a highly speculative originating point." But as the UFO problem has not yet been resolved, different explanations, including extremes, are possible.

Zigel's five possible explanations include:

1. *Hoax or Nonsense*: "There is untruth involved in some UFO reports," said Zigel. He reported that some people in Russia, or the satellite countries, have claimed to have ridden in flying saucers. Others have tossed their hats into the air, photographing them as a "saucer." Zigel feels this explanation murders the question rather than answering it.

2. *A secret weapon*: These would be UFOs manufactured and sent out on missions by some earth military power. "No one maintains this view at present," said Dr. Zigel.

3. *Unknown Natural Phenomena*: Until the end of the last century, radioactivity was unknown to our scientists. Working in this concept, charged particles of dust and ionized particles were listed as a possible answer. "However, this does not explain the color or the maneuverability of UFOs," said Zigel, "nor their appearance when the weather is good."

4. *Optical Illusions*: In this context, there could be an aberration in the distribution of light in the atmosphere of Earth. An example of this phenomena would be a rainbow. "The UFO is much more complicated than that," suggested Dr. Zigel.

5. *Spaceships*: The speed of UFOs, according to Zigel, supports the idea that they are from an advanced civilization on another planet. Also supporting this theory, he stated, is the "fact" that no reliable report of a landed UFO has ever been obtained by scientists. Like many others, Dr. Zigel argues that there is no physical evidence, such as an artifact, object, or hardware, to support statements regarding landed saucers. Like others, he has dismissed "saucer nests," burnt circles in fields, and statements by contactees.

A professor of astronomy at Moscow's Aviation Institute, Dr. Zigel explained that UFOs behave in an intelligent manner. "Until recently, no scientific study of UFOs has ever been made in the Soviet Union," Dr. Zigel declared. "The general theory was that flying saucers were fantasies, but our thoughts are now changing. Serious scientists in large numbers do not accept the idea that UFOs are visual errors."

Regarding intelligent patterns by UFOs, Dr. Zigel reported that serious examination was needed to check whether they are spacecraft from other worlds. "A considerable list of these seemingly intelligent actions indicates that UFOs are investigating us," he noted. "They may even be reconnoitering. Strangely enough, UFO sightings increase when the planet Mars comes closest to the earth. I wonder if that is purely a coincidence?"

Dr. Zigel and other respected Soviet scientists have a permanent UFO investigating section in the prestigious All-Union Cosmonautics Committee. Soviet General Porfiri Stolyarov is chairman. The organization is headquartered in the Central House of Aviation, Moscow. "We have discarded all preconceived notions concerning UFOs," Dr. Zigel reported, "and we hope to organize on a global scale to study this unusual phenomenon in a calm, scientific manner."

Typical of the reports received by Dr. Zigel is a sighting in a desolate part of Soviet Kazakhstan. The incident occurred near the Russia-China border. A geological group from the Leningrad Research Institute had established a study camp near a small village when an unusual, luminous object moved from north to south over the camp before midnight one evening.

"It looked like a lens-shaped object," reported one of the geologists, working under Dr. Nikolai Sochevanov. "The center glowed the brightest, with the edges less luminous. The object made an arc in the skies, then vanished behind the mountains."

Another report was sent to Dr. Zigel by the first mate of

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the Soviet steamship, *Izhevsk*. The seaman reported his vessel was crossing the Norwegian Sea in August in a westerly direction when the look-out reported a strange object in the skies. "We hastened to the bridge and saw a sphere-like whitish spot in the sky, moving south," the seaman stated. "A few moments later, a bright spot flared up high in the sky above us. For a couple of minutes, it dashed from west to east at an angle of forty-five degrees to the earth, getting larger as it moved through the sky."

The UFO suddenly stopped, hovered, and cast off a brilliant glow of rainbow colors. "Yellow was the predominant color," wrote the first mate. "Then it started tossing off sparks and turned into a white shroud. Once again, the UFO started moving south. This entire procedure was repeated four times altogether and on the fifth and last time, the behavior changed. The object stopped midway, turned over, and took on the shape of an egg. Suddenly, a powerful white jet spurting from the lower end and the brightness paled. The object then became shrouded in a white mist and spewed out a white tail, moving southward."

The strange phenomenon was witnessed by the *Izhevsk's* first mate, the captain, engineer, navigator, and several seamen. They observed the unusual serial acrobatics for more than an hour before the activity disappeared.

Another sighting occurred several years ago, according to the famous Russian aviator, Valentin Akkuratov. He reported: "We were doing strategic ice reconnaissance in a Tu-4 aircraft near Cape Jesup, Greenland. We had dropped out of clouds into fair weather and noticed an unusual aircraft moving along our port side parallel to our course."

Akkuratov reported the airship looked "very much like a pearl-colored lens with wavy edges that pulsated. At first we believed this was an American aircraft of strange design so we went into the clouds again to avoid an encounter."

Flying toward Bear Island for about a half hour, the cloud cover suddenly ended. "It was clear ahead and, off

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to our port side, we saw the unknown craft," the Russian aviator reported. "We decided to inspect it at close range and we changed our course abruptly and started toward it. We told our base by radio of our maneuver. When we changed the direction of our flight, the unknown flying device did the same and continued to move parallel at the same speed."

The side-by-side flight continued for approximately twenty minutes. "The unknown ship then altered the direction of its flight," said Akkuratov. "It moved ahead of us very quickly and rose up and disappeared."

What did the device look like? "It was flying at what appeared to be an impossible speed," the Soviet flier said. "We could see no aeriels, wings, portholes, nor a superstructure. We didn't see any exhaust gases. It didn't leave a condensation trail."

Still another UFO shocked the crew and passengers of a Soviet airliner on a Tu-104 flight between Moscow and Leningrad in 1970. The scheduled flight was nearing the city of Bologoye when a massive, glowing disc suddenly appeared out of a bank of clouds and shot under the airliner's fuselage. The metallic-looking device then made an abrupt turn, moved away from the plane, maintaining a parallel course.

"A bulging core could be seen in the heart of the flying disc," a witness reported. "The core resembled a cabin of some sort. After flying along the side of the airliner for a minute or so, the disc swerved suddenly and disappeared."

Dr. Zigel's committee is also studying the reports from three Latvian astronomers. The scientists were studying the formation of clouds at a mountain observatory near Ogra one evening when a glowing, pulsating object moved slowly from the east. Training their telescope on the bright, star-like object, the astronomers were stunned by an incredible view.

"... In the center of a lens-shaped device, actually a disc, was a small sphere. The disc was estimated to be about three hundred to three hundred and fifty feet

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across. The thickened part of the disc contained a smaller sphere and this could be clearly seen. Around the disc was another three objects that could be seen and they resembled the larger disc in the center. The spheres rotated slowly around the larger disc. Then, the entire system began to diminish in size and moved away from our observation point.

“. . . In another fifteen minutes, the outside spheres started to move away from the center disc. Approximately a half hour after we sighted the phenomenon, all of the objects were glowing a bright, pulsating greenish color. As they moved away, we gradually lost sight of them. This strange phenomenon was observed in the northwestern portion of the sky. It was approximately ninety degrees above the horizon.”

The three astonished astronomers estimated the metallic-like discs were *at least sixty miles above the earth!*

Another Soviet astronomer who has reported UFO activity is Lyudmila Tsekhanovich. She was studying the skies over Sukhumi, near the Black Sea, when an unidentified object made a sudden maneuver over the sea. Making a quick change in directions, the disc headed for the mountains over Russia. Ms. Tsekhanovich described the object as a metallic-looking disc, with a thicker, central part protruding above the regular shape. The “cabin” area was dotted with holes resembling portholes. “There seemed to be light coming from the inside,” she reported.

Summing up the Soviet approach to UFO research, Dr. Zigel told a press conference recently that only a scientific study can ever reveal the truth. “UFO movements are extremely unusual,” he reported. “They may hover in the sky for long periods of time, then develop sudden acceleration and incredible speeds. To find the answer, we must investigate all of the reports on these devices of what, to me, are real objects.”

A reporter asked what will occur if the Soviet Commission finds UFOs are from other worlds. “This will certainly

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present many urgent problems,” Dr. Zigel replied. “If the earth is under observation by beings from other planets, we would have to ask their purpose. Why are they here? Why are they so careful in avoiding contact? Is their secretiveness because of a high level of development and they’re studying us as we might study a colony of ants? Is there a possibility that we can find a common bond?”

The reporter persisted. “You have answered my questions with more questions.”

Dr. Zigel smiled in agreement. “Only time will tell,” he said.

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