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Man in Life and Space

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IN THIS column this past year, we have surveyed in a kind of exploratory way various perspectives and views pertaining to one of the themes which so much interest us in these times, that of Man in Life.

We here serve an unorganised undogmatic programme of Peace and Brotherhood for all Mankind. We hold that this age of unrest and mutual distrust not only has ample room for the exercise of the opposite qualities but actually is in dire need of all the noblest virtues which are still alive in the conscience of Man. Every reasonably and sensibly thinking mind will agree that, were nobody left to throw his weight into THIS balance of the scale of values the fate of Man on our planet would immediately be sealed! Fortunately enough, mankind is still far removed from that depressing spectre!

For there are millions of men & women in all nations whose very aspiring is directed toward holding the balance. The thoughts and feelings which they emanate, combine; and the most unassuming deeds which they succeed in doing toward the enhancement of man's treasure of a Common and Moral Good yet add up to ever greater sums. In this fact we may take a certain comfort. We are not alone, and there must be plenty of that essential substance around without which Hope would lose its meaning: the endeavour to lead a better life.

How much a virtuous life might grace a nation and how much in fact it would be the salvation of all mankind, its manifestation still lies with the individual. A nation after all exists in its members and mankind as a whole is made up of individual persons. Therefore the oft-heard question: What must I do? How can I be of use in these decisive times? answers itself. Make the best out of yourself - not, of course, in terms of social position or business acumen, but in terms of health, simpleness and naturalness, of moral character & mental agility! To personify the choice before us every day: there are two creatures entombed in our heart, the one, almost dead, is that miserable, weak and timid part of us which always looks for the easier way out and which strives to only gratify itself; the other one, constantly excited to raise itself from the darkness of inner misery, from the vault of impotence, goes on to act in selflessness - not asking: What do I earn? How much will I deserve? but well considering: Where can I do better now than I did times before?

"HUNDREDS TURNED AWAY"

Things begin to look exciting! An airliner with 35 passengers aboard was accompanied by 3 shining discs for 45 min. recently, on a night flight to Detroit. A similar object, hovering above London Airport for 20 min., had a lot of people from ground radar crews to Air Ministry officials thoroughly perplexed. We have a first report from New Zealand saying that "space ships have been seen following George Adamski between cities"!

These news items give the impression as if the space people are stepping up somewhat a programme of accustoming earthman to their presence.

It is against this background that the London "Flying Saucer Review" has launched an appeal to all interested in the UFO subject and in the coming of Man's brothers from space, to hold a first International Contact Day on Whitsuntide weekend, May 16 to 18. As this is an advance over the Sighting Days as hitherto organised the step has our full support. The idea is not only to watch for UFOs but to get as many people on Earth as possible to attune themselves to the thought of a glad ACCEPTANCE OF THE VISITORS FROM SPACE! Whether these then deem it opportune to actually grant contacts or not, is immaterial.

It is the release of a new spiritual wave that counts!

IN A GRAPHIC letter, Henk Hinfelaar, New Zealand liaison man, gives a preliminary report on what happened during GA's tour.

"WE are very happy to tell you that George Adamski's tour has been a most outstanding success. Halls and theatres were packed to capacity at every lecture. He gave 9 of them in the North, 3 in the South Island and an equal number of members only' talks.... The largest available halls were used, biggest audiences being 2200. At our largest cities, Auckland & Wellington, the main town hall was overflowing with many hundreds turned away as was the case at all lectures. The public interest was really terrific, more than any of us had anticipated. GA cer-

tainly made headlines wherever he went!.. We are still missing him now very much, as we will do for a long time to come. His visit has been a time of great joy and enlightenment. He is a wonderful person and there is a great treat in store for all who will be privileged to be with him. He has so much to give and gives it gladly to all who seek to learn. His great sense of humour ensures a lot of fun... We feel sure that you will all love him as we do when your time comes to meet him..."

We certainly will, Henk! Let's try and bring it about, friends!

Night Session Dialogue:

PSYCHICISM IN UFOLOGY

IT IS obvious from many questions asked as well as points made in letters from APPROACH's readers that there still exists an undercurrent of doubt, anxiety and even resentment in regard to our attitude toward the problem of psychicism in the subject of the coming of the space people.

We shall have untiring patience in trying to dispell any doubts and to relieve anxiety. We are unimpressed by resentment and totally unafraid of criticism. We shall not budge an inch from our position to which we have attained after study, work and experience - unless it be an inch forward and higher up.

There are many roads to Samarkand and we are compelling no one to walk ours. We are not infallible, but are dependable in our presentation of what we have acquired and which we hope to be of benefit toward gaining insight and forming character. Those who are prepared to listen and to follow, will find unwav-

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ering leadership in our pages. And where someone should regain the innermost support which is so much missing in these our times of trouble, of groping, searching, claiming and failing, we all have cause to rejoice.

Before answering questions let us first say that by psychicism we understand the adherence to and indulgence in unwarranted psychic theories & practices & their application to any field whatsoever, be it self-improvement, religion - OR Fl. Saucers! In discussing our points in this or subsequent numbers we ask the forbearance of those who may be more inclined for instance toward the technical or any other side in UFOlogy. They too will get their chance one day! The present questions are important to all. They are bound to come up in every mind, as it develops. Now then!

Question: "Do I notice an element of warning in this stand against psychicism?"

Answer: Correct. - "Why is that?" - Because of its intrinsic illusiveness. The warning accordingly restricts itself to the fact that psychic practices are fraught with illusion, deception & danger - which still leaves everyone free to do what he or she likes, of course. - "But are we not learning by experience?" - We are. Yet only at a disadvantage where we skip respective intermediate steps of experience. Go, pilot an aircraft unprepared. You CAN learn from that experience - if you're still alive! Before we do not learn more about Man's mind & its functioning we can not free ourselves from the veil of Maya, the illusiveness of what we call our "real world" - but which includes the things unseen as well.

"Still I cannot see why there should be so much concern about this 'psychic invasion'?"

This 'invasion' is one of fog beclouding the issue! Illusion is equal to ignorance & both are direct causes to loss in substance! Say, you work under an illusion of receiving a certain salary end of the month, the contract having been misinterpreted to you by someone else, while various clauses have come into operation actually reduc-

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ing it. Wouldn't the anticlimax be shattering? This is a crude example. The loss in substance is more incisive where you build up a whole life's deceptive ideology, confused political belief or illusive religious worship. You need not feel it now, nor in the next lifespan, but maybe in three lifespans hence! Now, where UFOlogy, i.e. the re-introduction into our awareness of the cosmic relationship, is interpreted in terms of the piffle coming from psychic sources (see "The Answer is Simple", APPROACH I, No. 11), should we not be very much concerned? The minds of innocent inquirers are drenched, and moneys drawn out of their pockets! Our American readers can tell you what is going on there in THIS respect!

"Is the point then one of guard and care?"

Definitely so! Man in this age has lost so much spiritual knowledge that he lives a dangerously exposed mental life! We must guard ourselves not only against a complete loss of that right knowledge we still have but have to shy away from desperate though honest attempts at retrieving cosmic wisdom under erroneous approaches and unfounded teachings. We must make ourselves not only resistant to the fashion of recklessness and money-grabbing, sexual libertinism and armament psychoses, but also to the psychic & occult appetites tickling the brains of people now-a-days.

"You say tickling? Aren't we supposed then to follow any of these occult urges or to try and develop our psychic faculties as so many people tell us to do, pointing ahead to the New Age?"

Decidedly not! And all the so-called New Agers are the least in a position to tell you what the "new" Age exactly will look like! In our conviction it is one of the greatest fallacies today to think we must, for our salvation private or in toto, develop any occult or super-psychological faculties. They are as unessential to man in his present stage as modern schoolbuses are to the educational aim of a Std. X-class. Being mere tools, more acute senses, techniques, mechanics, functions, they are of no use and propose where

Birthday in the Air

George Adamski will turn 68 on 17th April, and probably celebrate - as planning stands - up in the air on his way to England! His friends in Africa join in wishing him many happy returns, good health and a rich harvest to the seeds he is sowing! May God bless this planet!

the basic ideal, plan, aim, material AND control is missing! We need a purified mind first! It will then take care of any necessary new function itself. The Lost God cannot be regained by making yourself clairaudient as little as were possible through H-bombs, supermarkets or 200 m.p.h. trains.

The Inner Man with his task of developing the outer proceeds in proper order. He sticks to the image of what is once to be. Then the tools are developed at the time when they are needed.

"But why shouldn't we start forging the tool now in order to have it ready one day?"

Anyone may who is in complete unison with his Inner Man! But who is? Who knows his Inner Man's image correctly? Who has the correct idea of the nature of the tools? In other words: who, with the ideologies, religions, educational systems rampant in the West today, properly KNOWS HIMSELF? Starting without that knowledge will bring you at cross-purposes with your Inner Man in no time - with the consequence of the outer personality risking balance, health and sanity! The psychic tools you think you developed for a New Age may turn upon you and crush you! Nature's forces & powers are no child's play, don't forget!

Remember too, not he is the greater personality who is an expert at love-MAKING but he who first abounds in love! Not he is the greater soul who is an expert psychic, medium, sensitive, sitter, occultist, clairvoyant, hypnotist, faith healer, etc., but he who leads the more SELFLESS LIFE. Jesus didn't say you must develop clairvoyance; nor Buddha: enhance your mediumistic talent; nor

Zoroaster: fall in trance; nor Hermes: call the dead ones! They said quite different things! Such as could be followed by EVERYONE without having to turn to intricate practices, to some cult, church, worship, spiritistic circle or anywhere else except stay and start with himself RIGHT WHERE HE IS!.. It's just the other way round: he who leads the simple, natural, selfless life first will in time grow into the use of his "super"-natural capacities with the same matter-of-factness as he uses his hands and eyes now. First lead the moral life, that is what they said, then the Greater Things which we shall be able one day to do will take care of themselves.

Thus advancement is NOT marked by your "super"-senses, psychic faculties or occult power but by your greater compassion, greater understanding of life and the universe, & greater control over your mind! By the same logic the advanced space people do not come to teach us Yogi practices or supernatural tricks. They cannot but reiterate what your parents already have taught you: be good and be even better still to-morrow! They can not but repeat the simple but ever so great moral laws which have been told Man by all the Wise Teachers he has had; their simple appeals do not talk of tools or faculties but of attitudes and actions: LOVE GOD and be as kind to your FELLOW-BEING as you would have it be toward you, be it a Spider, a Black Man or an Angel!

Consequently, our Brothers from space - or as Biblical times called them - the angels, having even more knowledge of the in's and out's of things than we can have at the moment, do not, cannot and will not come on the basis of forging or bringing mere incidental tools, be it psychical inwardly or technical-scientific ones outwardly. They come on the basis of Man's need to regain the correct picture of himself! For this, this very reason, it is absolutely inconceivable that their contact-making and -seeking should be by any other method than face-to-face appearances & oral communication, all others, especially

those of psychic nature, being open to misunderstanding & mis-interpretation on the part of present-day earthman. Consequently again, no person from Venus, Mars or anywhere else in our system would establish contact by voices, visions, on astral flights or dreams, in trances OR via a third siter or medium or person whatever!

"I must say, this comes as a shock to me!"

I am terribly sorry.- Thus if this reasoning is correct they will not use any means of psychic or occult order for the purpose of establishing contact with just anyone on this planet.

"But in Biblical time, as the angels, they well did!?"

I wouldn't be so sure about

that! We rather hold that the actual contact man - from Enoch to Mose, from Isaiah, Ezekiel to Paul - very well knew what it was all about but that it was Man again, i.e. lesser men and followers in these instances, who put things down according to their own measure of understanding when it came to writing the stories & memorials. For the rest of it, the obscuration was deliberate with concessions made to the audience, as is evident from Paul's parentheses in II Cor. 12: 2 & 3.

No. All those who claim 'contacts' today and who are recognizably psychic by way of their means employed and other factors, are no initiates as some of the men in Biblical times have been. Therefore they would not qualify even for a face-to-face contact let alone one on a genuine occult level. What they have had may be anything from some sub-conscious imagination or psychopathic dream to a brush with a re-magnetized decaying corpse or the tomfoolery of a lesser developed occasional space traveller. In the astral world many forms hover, all devoid of higher reason, but which can acquire and appear in any 'higher' mental vestige you or someone else wishes to lend.

"But what of George Adamski's telepathic contacts with them?"

Ah, you were dying to put the question! Well, we're running out of space, so let's see next time!

Space Ship Field News

THE PANIC ANGLE, NO DOUBT, IS AN ARGUMENT!

WE have had our good share of sightings in February. It began with sightings over the OFS Gold Fields area, on the 3rd. The town clerk of Odendaalsrus, says Die Transvaler, described the object as "half-a-crown in size moving from south to north very high up, leaving a trail like a cloud". With cold and humid air coming in at the time, conditions were favourable for vapour and ionic trails. They featured in further reports from Allanridge and Hennenman.

Next day what almost seemed to be the same object appeared over the fringes of Johannesburg where it was reported from two independent sources. This was in the evening shortly after 9 p.m. It transpired that the postmaster of Schweizer-Reneke saw it at the same time and so did our friend W. Grobler, Pretoria, and two of his friends while sitting on the stoep. If all this was of the same ship then it had swept Approach - March, 1959

over a wide area within a short time. The ionized air around the ship, of greenish tint, made it appear like a small ball; the trail had a reddish hue. Toward the end of February and middle of March, bluish lights with a trail and hovering, respectively, were seen over Northern Mombambique, and Krugersdorp, Tvl.

A huge "ball of light" settled near them in the field at 3 a.m. in Nov. 1958, writes a lady in the East London Daily Dispatch, while they were driving in the Free State. "There were three shadows inside this orange ball and seemed to be very busy because they were bending & gesticulating madly. Quite frankly I was scared & felt the quicker we got away the better! This went on for about 10 min. As we rode away it suddenly disappeared and left the countryside in Darkness. I am quite convinced that there were 'strangers from space' in our midst that evening."

+ A French translation of GA's "Inside the Space Ships", by L. Marco, is being serialised in Prof. A. Nahon's monthly newspaper, "Le Courrier Interplanétaire".

+ Truman ("Abcard a Fl.Saucer") Bethurum is busy writing a 2nd book, "Facing Reality". At 45/- apiece (our Book Ord. Serv.) it really looks like big business! Out of the press too, a booklet "The Voice of Planet Clarion", (12/6) & two pamphlets - one on tea leaf reading!)PCNL(

+ "UFO-Nachrichten" reports, a young German, H. Klotzbach, of Mainz, came forward with claims he'd been taken up in a spaceship in May 1948. A booklet with his account is in preparation.

+ Gray Barker ("They Knew too much about Fl.S.") & editor of "Saucerian Bulletin" is branching out into publishing fields with Howard Menger's "From Outer Space to You", with 16 pages illustrations. (38/-, Book Ord. Serv.)

+ John Lester writes in Newark "Star Ledger" USA, that 500 radar operators of Civilian Aeronautics Administration said that "they had tracked UFO's"!

Good thoughts and wishes go out to APPROACH's readers & friends, in this the Sacred Easter Season

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IT IS TIME NOW TO RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION if you have not done so yet!

A hearty "Thank You" to all who added a donation toward the publication fund, first fruits of which are the supplements "GA's World Tour" and "Man in Life & Space". Intended as handy information material, extra copies can be had at 2/6 per 25, 4/6 per 50 and 8/- per 100, each.

Please make good use of the pamphlets! Order & distribute as many copies as you can!

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Centre Organiser Pietermaritzburg: Mrs. Kitty MacDonnell, of 15, The Towers, College Road, Tel. 2-3825, has kindly accepted the appointment. Friends are requested to contact her and to lend her their full support.

Plans for our fund raising drive are slowly taking shape. Pretoria is taking the lead with a Monstre Jumble Sale, conducted by Mr & Mrs P. van Staden.

Friends are enjoined not only to look through and sift amongst their own possessions but to enlist the aid of relatives, acquaintances and even that of their neighbours next-door or up and down the street.

Book Review

GRAPHIC CHART

FRED KEZIAH: Flying Saucers. Chart No. 1 (2nd edition) in the Visual Metaphysics series. Arlington, 1958. (10/-, APPROACH's Book Order Service.)

UGO research has already grown into such dimensions in approach as well as in bare material that it becomes more difficult by the day to keep pace and focus. All means therefore which facilitate handling, reference and research are extremely helpful. Keziah's wall charts are definitely serving this purpose.

By way of sketches and summary lists quite a lot of information is made available on one sheet of paper (22" x 34") at a glance. Much reasearch work has gone into the compiling of data about UFO sizes, speeds, colours, explanations, speculated origin, altitudes estimated, important sightings & chronology, literature & periodicals, sensations experienced near saucers, sounds connected with their flight, Bible references, etc. Sketches show dozens of shapes of UFOs as people have described them, and diagrams the manoeuvres & formations hitherto reported. There are superfluous items too (space "people") & slip-ups (ufologic-al). On the whole, however, an asset for saucer enthusiasts.