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Editorial

After years of being ignored and mocked by the scientific community, as well as various government agencies, there are signs that the study of Ufology is finally gaining respectability.

At a recent gathering of members of *The American Astronomy Society* in Stanford, California, Professor Peter A. Sturrock, a Stanford University astrophysicist, remarked that 53 percent of the 1,356 members of the society who have responded to a survey, believe that the UFO mystery should certainly be investigated further.

This is a dramatic change over the views expressed in the past.

Sixty two members of the society said that they had seen UFOs and had made instrument recording of events they could not identify but were sure were related in some way to the UFO mystery. Professor Sturrock further stated that over 80 percent of the members of this prestigious organization would be willing to help solve the UFO enigma if some way could be found.

One astronomer at the gathering said he had seen a UFO in Florida, "It had a bright aluminum hue and the familiar disc shape. When it was approached it faded from sight leaving only a thin cloud layer. The object had seemed solid and sharply outlined." Two other astronomers volunteered to tell about their sightings which they feel involve electromagnetic effects, a source which many UFO researchers feel is the key to the mystery. They related how lights on both their cars went off instantly and their motors went dead when a large, disc shaped object hovered overhead. Reports like these coming from the scientific world only proves that UFOs are not to be passed over lightly. Lets hope that the government takes a cue from this sudden change in the scientific world and releases what information would be useful to the scientists as well as the privately funded UFO organizations who are trying to get to the bottom of the UFO mystery.

Again, at Acapulco, Mexico, researchers attending the First International Congress on the UFO Phenomenon, stated that more and more scientists have taken an interest in Ufology. Among the scientists present was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, Northwestern University. Dr. Hynek has spent over 30 years in UFO research and is respected as a foremost authority. He has been receiving many requests from astronomers, physicists, and engineers asking to participate in UFO research.

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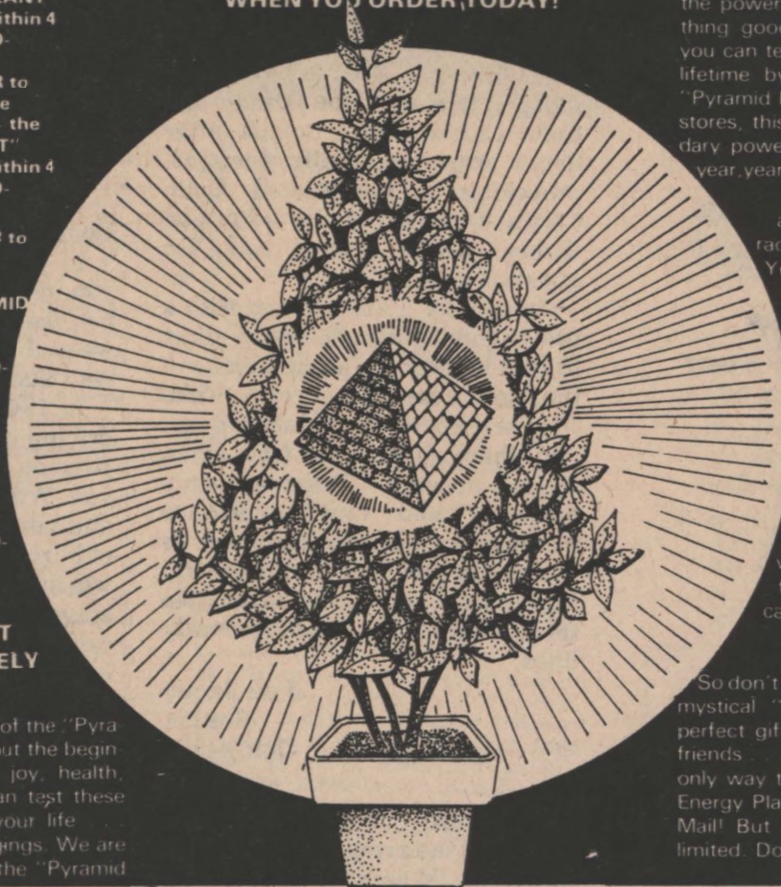
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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I just came across my first copy of *Beyond Reality* and find it extremely interesting. I find that it has much more substance and depth than other magazines in the field. In the January issue I thought Lee Walsh's column and Colin Clift's article on life after death were especially thought-provoking. I appreciated Colin Clift's criticism of the evolution theory, which I have come to question myself.

Personally, I am working with a few friends in a philosophic effort to find answers to what I feel are the key questions in life, like "Where do we go when we die and where do we come from when we are born?" "What is man's purpose?" and "Can man achieve a higher state of consciousness or being and how?" I would greatly appreciate any communication from people thinking along similar lines.

Jake Jaqua
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Dear Editor:

I applaud the article by Paul Hugli entitled "Where Von Daniken Went Wrong"—May 1977. I have waited a long time to see someone rap Mr. Von Daniken across the proverbial knuckles and slash his "Ancient Astronaut" theories, not because I disagree with them but because of his continued verbal assaults on scholars who have expended a great deal of time and effort learning their various professions. Mr. Von Daniken's facts are fascinating and have genuine merit, but it seems very impertinent to lash out at

scholars simply because one does not accept their ideas. It is extremely pretentious of him to assume that his theories are the only ones acceptable.

Again, for myself and others of like opinion, "Bravo, Mr. Hugli."

John E. Nance
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Dear Editor:

In your September 1976 issue you carried a story on a giant bat-like bird that inhabits the Midwest. I have had an experience with such birds.

In 1948, my friend and I were driving in a jeep from San Simon, Arizona towards Doughtful Canyon. We were riding through sage and cactus country and found an old road near Steens Canyon which may have been an old stage coach road. Surrounding the canyon were two high peaks and on one of those peaks was a giant nest.

At this point I took for granted that it was an eagle's nest, yet admittedly I had never seen one that big. I dropped my friend off about a mile from that spot because he wanted to do some prospecting. I drove about a mile or so away and sat in my jeep scanning the mountains with binoculars. After 15 minutes or so, I got out and walked about 300 feet toward the peaks, and to my utter shock, two large, man-like birds started to hover over and around me.

They were too large to be either condors or eagles and they didn't quite look like birds at all. I had to keep turning around and around because these two fantastic bird-

BY THE READERS

like creatures looked like they were ready to attack. They swooped down within ten feet of me. I could easily have shot them, but instead I got in my jeep and drove a few miles further into the canyon and then turned around and went to pick up my friend.

It was, to say the least, a very interesting experience. Don't let anyone tell you that cactus and dry earth are the only things you'll find in the deserts of Arizona.

Herbert E. Riehl
San Simon, Arizona

Dear Editor:

My compliments to you on your last issue of *Beyond Reality*. It was one of your best. Concerning the article on Mr Tanous: Is there any way I can get his address or otherwise communicate with him? I would like to know more about him and would appreciate any assistance you could possibly give me.

Earl Pederson
Gordon, Wisconsin

We have received much mail for Mr. Tanous. Readers who wish to reach Mr. Tanous can do so by writing to him in care of Beyond Reality Magazine. —Editor

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter signed by James Oberg, Astronomy Magazine, the readers of *Beyond Reality* should realize that is not Oberg's real hat. Oberg, who has emerged in the last year as the arch critic of UFOs, is really a U.S. Air Force Captain who is on "special" assignment at the Johnson Space Center. Everyone who knows the role of the Air Force in the great UFO coverup need search no further for Captain

Oberg's persistent attacks on UFOs and those who try to open-mindedly present any research related to this field.

Captain Oberg is pouring out tons of anti-UFO material all bent on one direction—to try to shatter the public's ever growing conviction and concern that UFOs *are real*. So, Oberg has been attacking everyone and anyone on the UFO scene who takes such a position. Often his crude attacks have bordered on the maniacal.

No one—not even the big guns in the UFO field—are immune to Oberg's vitriolic invective. Dr. J. Allen Hynek is a top investigator in the field having worked as a consultant on UFOs for the Air Force for almost twenty years. Dr. Hynek, former head of the astronomy department of Northwestern University and now head of the Center for UFO studies has exposed the U.S. government and Air Force's coverup program and policy to write them all off. He has since called for serious open minded investigation of UFOs in such books as his *The UFO Experience* and *The Edge of Reality*.

This, of course, has incurred the ire of Captain Oberg who attacks Hynek in following crude comparison: "I've had a chance to read the Hervey book *UFOs: The American Scene*, and I barely avoided puking. Now I see why Ufologists praised Hynek's 'Edge' so highly. It does have a wit and a vision and a modicum of scientific lip service that is so terribly lacking in these other abortions. It's still a lousy book, however, with an appalling irresponsible attitude toward rules of evidence

—I guess you can prefer 'Edge' to 'Ufology' and 'Scene' just as you would prefer dandruff to diptheria and dysentery."

The fact that Oberg has not stooped to such dastardly attacks in his letter to *Beyond Reality* is a kind of backhanded compliment to the readers and to the quality of the magazine. He realizes, of course, you are a more sophisticated breed and would not consider guttersnipe remarks of this ilk.

Pushing aside his uncalled for invective against me, which makes this researcher look like Jack the Ripper, let us try to answer some of his objections.

First of all Oberg tries to play down all encounters of astronauts with UFOs (there have been 26 alleged such encounters, admittedly not all of them unexplainable). He tries to explain away all the strange lunar lights and inexplicable happenings (such as changes) on the moon saying that no "serious scientist" has claimed that these indicate the possible existence of alien life there. Apparently Oberg's memory must be getting rusty, for anyone conversant with the UFO field knows of the work of the late astronomer Dr. Morris Jessup of the University of Michigan who indeed carried out an intensive study of the thousands of such strange lights and activities on the moon as reported in scientific and astronomical journals. He concluded that alien beings were indeed occupying the moon and have been for several centuries, *if not longer*. He devoted over a hundred pages to this in his intriguing book *The Case for the UFO*. Of course,

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Erich Von Daniken's reply to: WHERE VON DANIKEN WENT WRONG



Erich von Daniken

The following is a reply to an article which was published in May/June 1977 *Beyond Reality* magazine (Where Von Daniken Went Wrong).

Although we did point out several errors which were recorded in his books "Chariots of the Gods?" and "Gods From Outer Space", we also acknowledge the fact that Mr. Von Daniken's many books dealing with his views on ancient astronauts, has helped to open many minds and guide researchers in new directions in search of the mysteries still to found on our planet. —Editor

In response to my different books, I have indeed, come across quite a number of attacking articles but, rarely any as illogical as the one published in your magazine. My book, *Chariots of the Gods?* was written in 1966, i.e. —a good 11 years ago.

After *Chariots of the Gods*, there was a series of other books in which errors of the first book have been corrected. Critics therefore should no longer occupy themselves with my first book but, rather with the subsequent books and in particular with *In Search of Ancient Gods*.

My statement that the Sumerian culture has developed out of nothing is absolutely correct. No other culture has dwelled on this planet where you can find such early signs of technical, mathematical, and astronomical developments as the Sumerians. The Sumerian mythology also repeatedly refers to Gods from outer space.

With regard to the attacks on the "crystal lens" or the "electrical battery," I can only say that my facts are real. You simply have to take the trouble to see my film

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If I show cave paintings with men in astronaut-like suits or with helmets on, I really mean it, and I am not at all referring to reproductions as shown in *Beyond Reality*. Again, I refer you to my film and book *In Search of Ancient Gods*.

Another reproach is that I state that the extraterrestrials have had sexual intercourse with the "earth daughters." You say that this would be impossible from the biological point of view. Quite obviously one important thing has been overlooked. I have always assured that these different cross-breeds between the extraterrestrials and the terrestrials are mentioned in a great number of mythologies, even in the genesis. I also clearly refer to the fact that the number of chromosomes of the extraterrestrials must have been identical to the number of chromosomes of the terrestrials: thus they had to—and I have mentioned this repeatedly—initiate a controlled artificial mutation.

As far as the Easter Islands are concerned, not only has Heyerdahl spoken to the natives but also myself. The question I have raised in my book was not: How have the Easter Island statues been transported? My question was: How and out of what sort of material have they been made? The fact that Heyerdahl has transported the smallest of the statues (incidentally with the help of ropes and not without as claimed by the critics) is also known to me. Before somebody imputes to me such nonsense they really should first read what I have actually written in this connection (see *Gods from Outer Space* or *In*

Search of Ancient Gods).

Equally absurd, is the statement that I have said with regard to the plains of Nazca, that space ships had landed there. In my books, I have made two things absolutely clear: that the plains of Nazca look like a gigantic airport, and not a mother space ship but at best some auxiliary space vehicles have landed there.

With regard to the construction of the great pyramid, the critics are again implying ideas that I've never even said in my books. I am fully aware that in the Egyptian museums one can also find ropes. These ropes, however, do not originate from the period of Pharaoh Khufu, the builder of the great pyramid. Also the various tablets which can be seen in the Egyptian museum in Cairo and which describe the construction methods of the old Egyptians originate from much earlier times.

True, that in *Chariots of the Gods* I have raised the question from where the old Egyptians might have taken the idea of mummification. And I have speculated that this idea might possibly have arisen out of some old faith, a tradition of a practical rebirth.

The traditional explanation that mummification is connected with spiritual palin-genesis sounds reasonable enough. However, as to its source, it is in no way probable. Every idea has its starting-point. Perhaps the old

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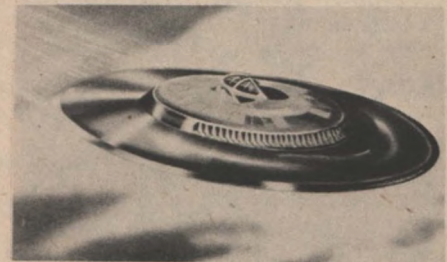
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THE GALACTIC CLUB

BY S. B. MILCARTZ

Many science fiction writers have dwelt upon the idea of a "Galactic Club," an interstellar community comprised of a myriad of advanced technological civilizations. The word "club" immediately suggests some kind of exclusivity, as indeed it is meant to; for only those civilizations which have achieved, not only a technological, but an ethical maturity would be admitted. Does such a galactic club exist? If so, how does it tie in with the question of UFOs?

Researchers have been unable to find a reason why UFO occupants usually do not contact us. Within this mass of negative information, the important clues that we need might be found.

A large number of reports of UFO landings tell of humanoid aliens behaving as if human beings were to be feared or ignored. These landings do not in the least appear to be missions of exploration. For logistical reasons they cannot be. The scenes have all the appearances of being

staged to convey a brief but concrete picture.

People report UFO occupants seeming to repair their craft, or seeming to gather samples of leaves and stones, or just being outside the craft. In most cases the occupants leave hurriedly, or even in panic when they notice the witness. In other instances, they paralyze the witness, hurriedly complete their activities and leave. In no proper sense do these scenes involve exchange between the occupants and the witness. If UFO occupants are alien visitors, they are making it painfully obvious that they do not care for us. What would be the point of coming all the way here, just to tell us that? The question can be put in a way that raises the real issue. How many superior alien peoples would be concerned about humanity at this moment, and why?

Stars that can support life on their planets generally do so for an average of 15 billion years. Depending on how (*turn page*)

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old most of these stars might be, their planets could be at any stage in a long period of evolution. It is very unlikely that two worlds of different stars are at approximately the same stage of evolution or anywhere near it. We then could say that *our* critical period is from 1900 A.D. to 2100 A.D. During this time we either do or do not take our wars and intolerance into the alien sphere. It need not be more than another hundred years before we reach the same limits their technology has reached. Our threat to them in the meantime could be grave.

The critical period on other worlds might also be about 200 years. Either the inhabitants acquire the means to travel quickly to the stars in that period, or they fail to do so and exhaust their physical resources, so that they are no longer a threat to anyone.

We can say that on the average, one out of every 25 million or more worlds is at this critical stage of development. It could be that as many as 100 worlds inhabited by superior aliens are concerned by our potential threat to them right at this moment. They will be fervently hoping that we will stay on our own world until we learn to mend our ways. Their very number would allow as many as 10 thousand different designs of UFOs to be seen in any one year, with no repetition from year to year. It would also mean that the variety of UFO occupants would be enormous. This is exactly the case of reported UFO encounters. If superior aliens have achieved the technology to reduce the mass and inertia of their ships to zero, they can travel at the speed of light. This reduces the problems of travel time greatly. Such an

achievement seems to be within the reach of our modern physics. Reported UFO maneuvers fit this theory. We can grant, then, that superior aliens can come here in great numbers, and easily.

It remains for us to deduce their motives. This can be done only if human social problems are taken into account. Superior alien intelligence must begin its history with exactly these same problems. There are many reasons why it cannot be otherwise.

In short, we have obtained our present technology and knowledge precisely *because* of the pressures our faults have put upon us. Now, however, this is no longer safe or desirable. Our planet is divided into nations, between some of which there is a perilous and continuous state of hostility. Within each nation there are mutually hostile classes, factions, cliques, communities, and subcultures. Even mutually hostile religions have themselves split into mutually hostile sects. Efforts to reunite are generally futile.

In both the Third World and the west, proper distinctions are not made among technological advance, social liberation, and cultural values. This makes westerners, especially, unduly chauvinistic. Among most nations there is generally no mutual appreciations of cultural values.

We are therefore not at all in a very good position to appreciate alien cultural values. We are not at all likely to think that the superior alien view of our society is reasonable. Many of us can of course easily guess what they will think of us, but being actually confronted with alien judgment is quite a different matter. Between the anticipation and the

situation, there is a wide mental and emotional gap.

As adults, human beings maintain very rigid ideas and are hardly aware of doing so. We do not fully know how to deal with this situation because our respect for individual beliefs trips us up. That is but one of the many reasons why our response to UFO reports has been so hopeless. Instead of searching for practical responses to UFO reports, disbelievers, cultists, and serious investigators have been irrelevantly at loggerheads. In this sort of situation our rigidities, rivalries, and monopolies would prevent the truth from penetrating our society, regardless of what the truth about UFOs might be.

If aliens desiring maturity wanted to have a pleasant and peaceful future, they would have to overcome their own racism, senseless conformism, cultural chauvinism, nationalism, ideological intolerance, greed for status, incapacity for love, and most important of all, their inability to face the reality of their own limitations. These awful failings stand in the way of the true liberation of the individual and society. They trample over the wise use of resources that this liberation requires. These faults are due partly to history and partly to the original animal nature of an intelligent people. In a world at the stage of our earth's evolution, mechanization and over population are completely out of step with biological evolution.

Animal nature is useful for a very primitive society. Indeed, it is essential to survival. In an industrial and heavily populated world, our crude animal nature is no longer helpful. It threatens to

become a terrible hindrance and a hazard. The most dangerous way in which our animal nature works against us is when we believe what we want to believe instead of facing facts. In order to survive, even an intelligent extraterrestrial would have to realize that there is a path to an intelligent and happy future, a path which requires that the nature of the people be changed altogether. If UFO occupants were highly intelligent aliens who had not changed their natures for the better, we would have been exploited and enslaved long ago. If they had exploited and enslaved us they would sit on our heads instead of diverting great energy to breeze in and out of our atmosphere like fugitives and ghosts. In addition, our planet would be a continuous battlefield between rival alien factions—which it is not. If UFO occupants are real aliens, they must be ethically superior to us.

A world of mature people could plan its life for billions of years into the future. Although the vast space around a star with planets, we believe, contains many sunless planetary bodies, the resources available from these would still require a reduction of population on the home world. Only then could resources be used no faster than nature replaced them. An alien planet could support as many as fifty million people in palatial comfort for billions of years. To grow beyond this in population will mean problems. The limits to growth of agriculture are but one factor.

We have no justification for our childish belief that resources are unlimited or that sources of energy unknown to us exist to support more people. To suppose that

psychic powers can make something out of nothing is not justified. There is no evidence that science could go beyond Einstein's Unified Field Theory. The real barrier to our further advance in science is increasing vagueness of data. This is why technically superior aliens need not be more than 200 years in advance of ourselves, if that much. That they may be billions of years ahead of us as people is another matter.

Billions of years of static but mature civilization would be mostly rural. Intelligent, sophisticated beings would have all their amenities in the countryside. The real pleasures of life are in the very web of life itself, and never in a city. We have not yet learned how to transplant urban amenities into the backwoods. We seem to prefer automobile exhaust to clean air.

One of the major epochs in any alien existence is precisely when their planet reaches the stage which earth has reached. Our planet is absurdly overpopulated and driven by a mad greed for resources. It is choked by alienating cities, intolerance, and hostility. No superior aliens would dare allow us anywhere near them. How, then, are we to be reconciled with them?

Pleasant life on a mature world is safe only if all other intelligent beings are themselves mature. Exchange between these mature beings separated by vast distances is possible because of openness to alien values. Safety is assured only when no beings capable of interstellar travel are still at the stage of being aggressive in nature.

If the Galactic Club is a real thing, then membership in it is

based upon three requirements. An intelligent people must reduce its population drastically, use its resources wisely, and develop a truly civilized disposition. Any new planet (such as our earth) which does not fulfill these requirements is a menace to all the others. But if we were regarded as a menace, it would be very likely that we would have been destroyed by now.

Could it be that the superior aliens have selfish motives? Why else would they leave their home planets to spend time around the disheartening human scene instead of getting rid of it and going back home? The only possible explanation is that in a galactic community, every civilization is capable of contributing unique talents which could enrich and diversify all the other cultures. Thus, it is to the advantage of the superior aliens if we manage somehow to mend our ways.

Many scientist now believe that there must be an enormous number of worlds that can support intelligent beings. Evidence from many sciences support this idea. We must therefore look upon the Galactic community as a very real possibility. Any objection to this view would if the aliens wanted us to develop to maturity, why would they not intervene now to prevent us from failing. There are several valid reasons why their interference should be minimal. Alien advice to us would not be readily followed. Many of us would refuse to understand it. It would be suspected of being a way to fatten us for the kill. Those of us who prefer simple lies to the complex truth would happily listen to irresponsible fanatics and false messiahs. Our civilization would

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THE KENTUCKY ABDUCTION


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BY JIM MILLER



The night of January 6, 1976 will forever remain in the minds of Louise Smith, Mona Stafford and Elaine Thomas—at least *some* of it will. None of the three women can consciously recall what had happened to them in the hour and twenty-five minutes following their terrifying encounter with a strange luminous object while driving home along a dark highway in Kentucky.

Their description of the encounter, as well as what subsequently came to light under hypnosis, has continued to intrigue both UFO experts and lay people alike.

The three women had spent a pleasant evening at the Redwood Restaurant which is located near Stanford, Kentucky, celebrating Mona Stafford's birthday. At about eleven o'clock they all got into the front seat of Louise Smith's car for the 29-mile drive back to their hometown of Liberty.

Still in a spirited mood after the birthday party, the women laughed and joked as they drove along the dark winding, but not unfamiliar road.

Suddenly, there was a flash in the sky, and a brilliant red light appeared above the treetops to their left.

The luminous object seemed to be keeping pace with them as they sped along the highway. Louise gripped the wheel, struggling to keep the car under control. They watched in terror as the object grew in brightness through the flickering treetops.

Now the mysterious interloper appeared as a huge, disc-shaped object with red and yellow rotating lights on its underside. It was very close now, almost on top of them. Still keeping slightly apace, the object slowly undulated to the other side of the road. Then it seemed to fall behind. Louise was

having extreme difficulty keeping the car under control.

Both outside the car and within, everything was now awash in a strange blue light. The interior of the car suddenly became exceedingly hot. Elaine panicked, threw open the car door on her side, and attempted to leap out. Mona managed to restrain her.

Louise could hardly keep the car under control. The steering wheel was locked rigidly in place, and there was no response when she applied the gas or the brakes. Outside, the highway had suddenly disappeared in front of them, as had the trees to either side along the roadbed. The women could discern nothing in the strange sea of blue light which now completely enveloped them.

The car was being pulled by some mysterious and powerful force. The car was actually traveling through space! The women's panic gave way to a sort of drowsiness, and a numbness of sensation. All three felt as if they were in a trance.

The blue light outside slowly subsided and a dirt road materialized ahead of them in the darkness. The dirt road led toward a low stone wall with an opening. They were being pulled toward the opening.

At this point, all three women underwent a wave of nausea. Their heads ached, and they felt a burning sensation in their eyes and lungs. The heat inside the car was nearly unbearable, and they could hardly breathe.

Suddenly the car began to shake violently as though it were passing over a heavily potholed and gutted road. The generator light on the dash came on momentarily, and flickered out. Then the darkened scene outside dissolved into that of a wide, illuminated highway. The women now

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found themselves back on state road number 78, just a few miles from the cutoff for Liberty. Louise had complete control of the car, and the speedometer registered an even 40 miles per hour.

When the women arrived in Liberty they drove immediately to Louise Smith's mobile home. As they walked inside, Louise asked Mona and Elaine to look at her neck, which, she claimed, was throbbing with pain. Upon doing so, the other two women saw a long red mark, as if the result of a recent burn, running from her hairline down along her back. Mona and Elaine noticed similar marks on each other as well, and when Mona took off her ring, she noticed that the skin on her finger where the ring had been was also very red.

Equally as curious as the weird marks on their bodies was the fact that none of the women could explain why the kitchen clock now read 1:25—they should easily have been home by midnight. In

no way could they account for this missing hour-and-twenty-five-minute gap; they simply had no idea what they had been doing during this space of time.

Subsequent probing by UFO investigators and hypnotists helped the women to recover some of the missing pieces of that January night, but because of the traumatic nature of the experience and the pain endured by all three, those pieces only came very gradually to light.

Under hypnosis, all three women recalled that they had been in a strange chamber, an operating room of sorts, and that they were being subjected to a kind of physical examination. All three remembered having been laid out on tables and being covered with some kind of material which was fitted very close to their skin. It seemed as though molds were being made of their bodies. They recalled that their arms and legs were being rigidly held down, as though by some mysterious en-

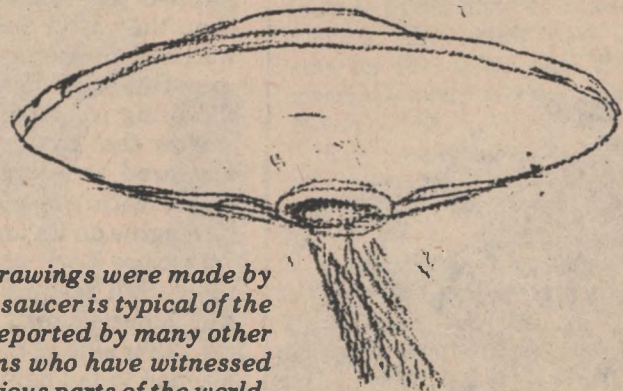
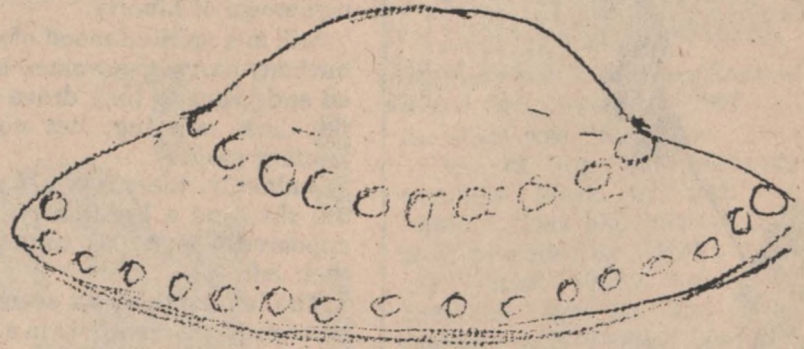
ergy or force field. Louise remembers having a bullet-shaped object held against her neck. All three women seemed to recall seeing figures dressed in white gowns moving back and forth.

Louise Smith seems to have the clearest recollection of the three, regarding the abductors' appearance. A drawing that she made shows the type of appendages the beings had; they looked something like the end of a bird's wing. All three women recall having seen the beings only from the waist up.

As stated earlier, the experience was most traumatic for the three women, and so the facts are only coming slowly to the surface. But investigators are patiently and painstakingly helping the women to find the missing pieces. Hopefully, some day soon, they will be able to explain a little more of the mystery which has altered the lives of these three women—the mystery of their encounter with beings from another world. □



Louise, Elaine, and Mona. It was Louise who was able to remember enough details of their strange encounter, as to give some insight as to what had happened.



These drawings were made by Louise. The saucer is typical of the type reported by many other persons who have witnessed UFOs in various parts of the world.

Soviet Jets Chase UFOs...

UFO REPORT FROM RUSSIA

BY LARRY McNEIL

In 1976 a burst of UFO sightings occurred over the Soviet Union. Strange lights and unidentified objects were seen hovering over such major population centers as Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, as well as over more remote villages and hamlets in the Ural Mountains, the Caucasus and in Siberia. These sightings have puzzled both Soviet government officials and citizens alike. But it remains to be seen who is more frightened—the government, or the people.

In the Caucasus Mountains of southern Russia, a mysterious "spot of light" hovered over a town for nearly 36 hours. An Aeroflot jetliner bound for Siberia was trailed by a strange object over the course of half its flight; when Soviet Air Force jets appeared on the scene to investigate, the object vanished. At a railroad crossing on the outskirts of Moscow, a waiting line of motorists had their engines turned off by an unidentified craft that hovered overhead for nearly 45 minutes. Two Soviet cosmonauts returned to earth with film shot from their Soyuz spacecraft showing several saucer-like objects orbiting alongside their space craft. The film, of course, was suppressed.

A wheat farmer in Georgia reported numerous sightings of strange lights in the sky during



mid-summer of last year; so did many of his neighbors. Bathers at the Black Sea resort of Odessa also reported mysterious objects flashing in the sky.

The official line taken by the Soviet Government is to deny the existence of UFOs. In Russia, when the denials come from high places, very often the rumor mills start churning, and this is precisely what happened during the latest Soviet UFO flap. This comes about because the government there treats even the most mundane information as secret. Unapproved subjects, therefore, generally gain widest interest. And that is why many Soviet citizens believe that their government is trying to conceal any such information about alien visitors from outer space.

Reports of UFOs, like the communication that is carried on among political dissidents within the Soviet Union, must, of necessity, travel underground. One such recent report, a transcript of a lecture given by Professor Feliks G. Zeigel Of Moscow Aviation Institute, clandestinely circulated around Moscow last year. The six-page document reported the landing of two flying saucers near Volgograd in mid-1975 and went on to claim the confirmation of more than 300 sightings in the Soviet Union since that time. □

Could the so called "space warps" be the answer to space travel?

TIME TUNNELS TO OTHER WORLDS

BY PAUL HUGLI

Since the beginning of time, man has wanted to reach out for the stars. Now, he is finally taking steps toward that goal. Maybe this is one of the reasons that the extra-terrestrial origin for UFOs is popular. The supporters of this theory point out the fact that astronomers estimate that more than a million earth-like planets may exist in our galaxy. And those who oppose the theory argue that the immense distances between the stars make interstellar travel all but impossible.

The opposition comes from belief that nothing can travel faster than the speed of light which is estimated as being 186,282 miles per second. They argue that a spaceship traveling from another solar system as close to ours as 20 light years (a short distance in astronomical terms), at a speed 75 percent that of light,

would spend over 26 years getting here. Could you really expect someone to spend 52 years (26 to get here, and 26 to get back) of their life for something that would amount to nothing more than a scientific exploratory mission? Probably not.

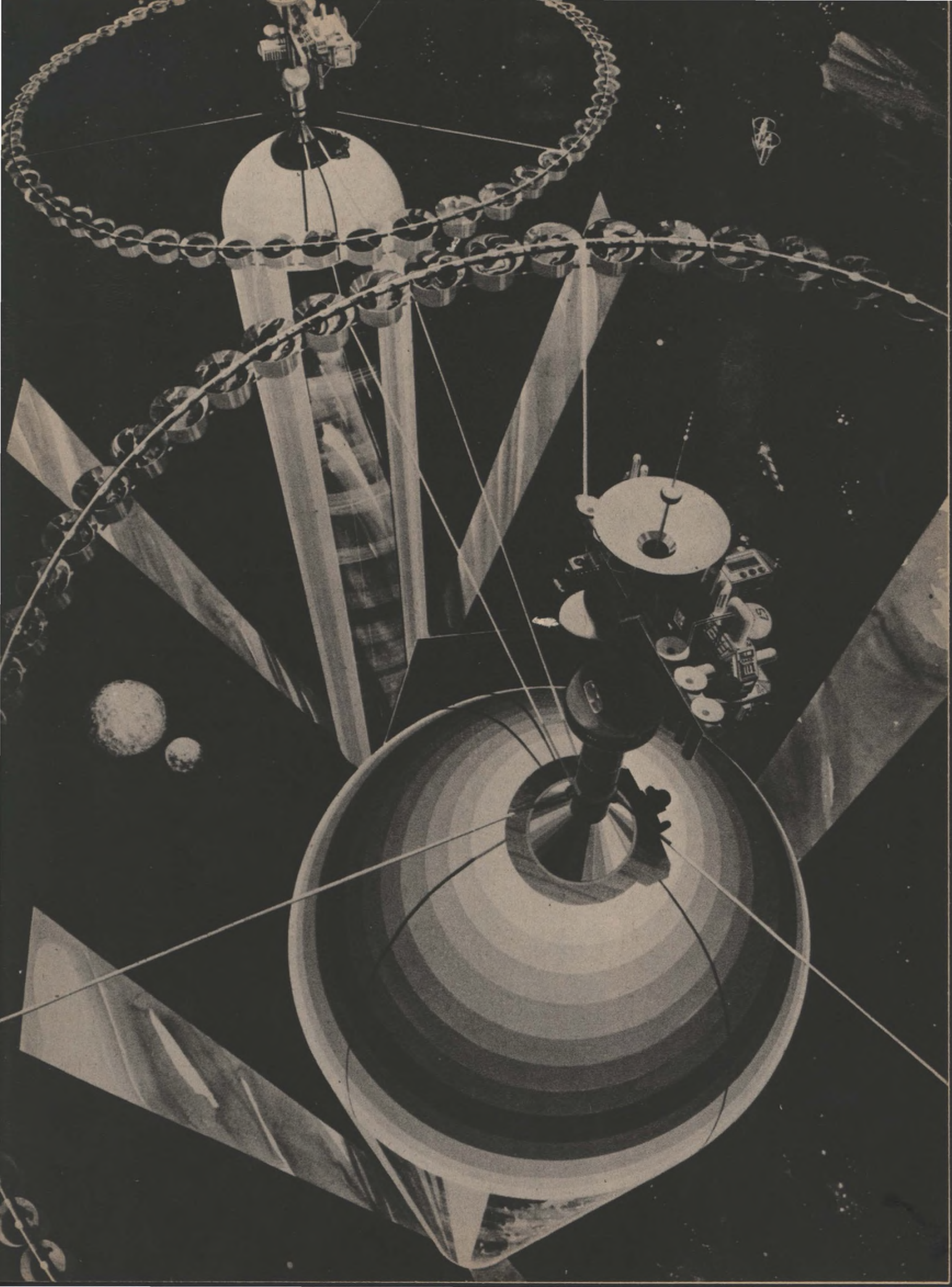
It has been suggested that the speed of light is not really the finite limit it has previously been believed to be. This may in fact be so, especially when we consider that nowhere in Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity (from which this limit is derived) is it stated that nothing can pass the limits set by light. But a discussion of the validity of faster-than-light speeds is beyond the scope of this article, and rather than trying to prove that faster-than-light speed is possible, I want to talk instead about a way to get around this problem.

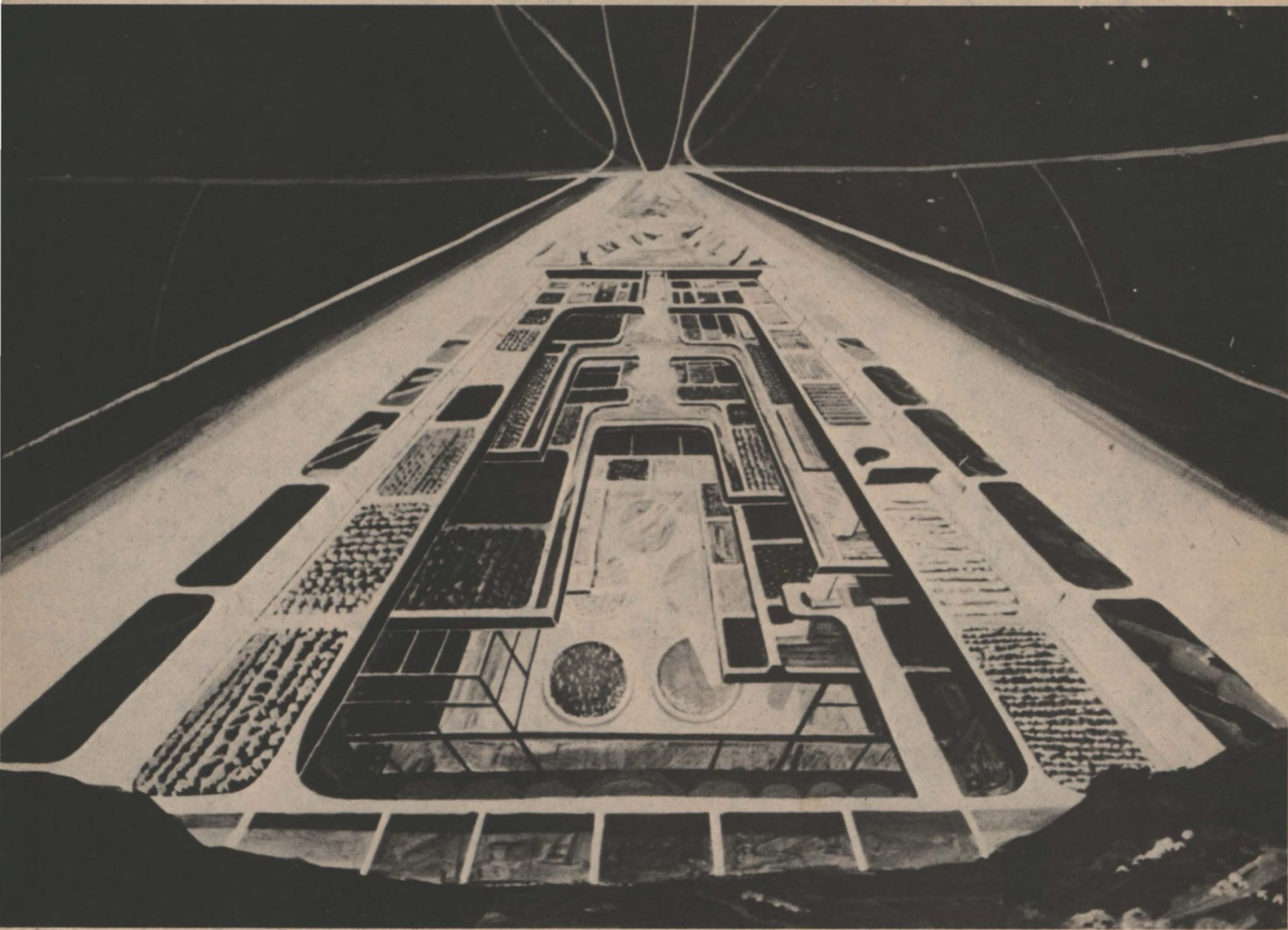
If we look to the works of certain science fiction writers we find that they have been solving the problem of interstellar travel by having their ships journey through a "space warp." Such terms as "space warp," "stargate," "interdimensional space," as well as numerous other similar words and phrases, all suggest the same thing to the science fiction writer and reader—a short cut through space. A way to get around the immense distances in space. But what exactly is a "space warp"?

Other terms for space warps are "Einstein-Rosen Bridges," or "worm-holes." Such bridges or holes in space may allow a traveller to get from one place to another by cutting into the "fabric" of space. This is based upon the theory that space is curved and, therefore, were you to travel from one star to another you

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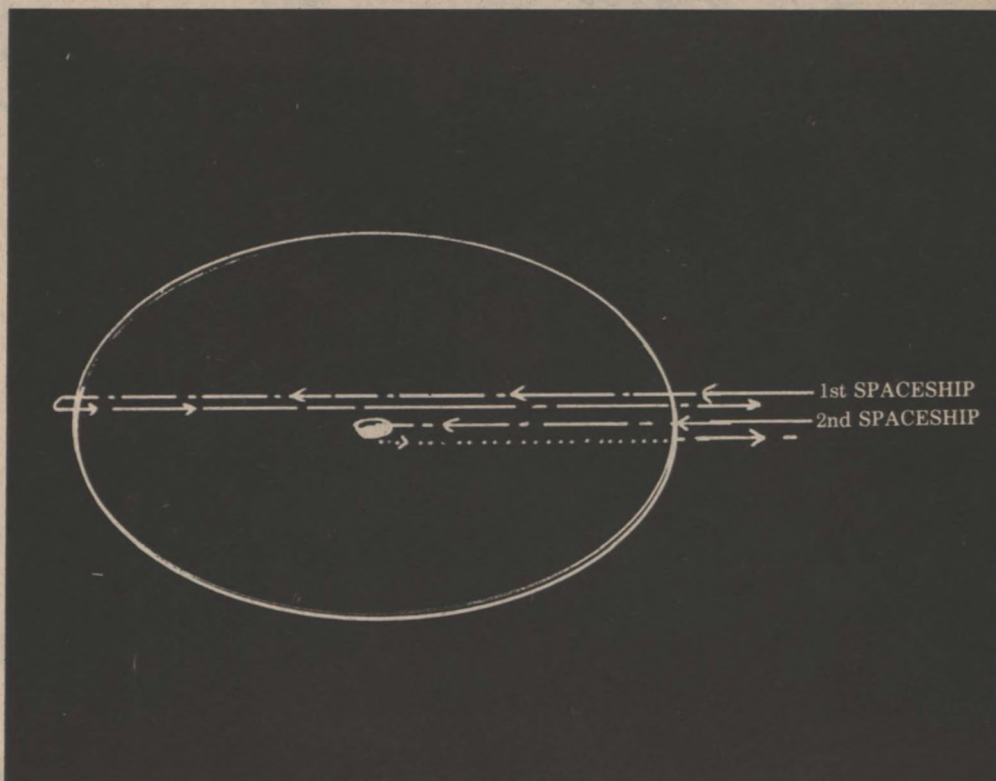
This NASA photo shows an artists concept of a 21st century space colony. Perhaps some day soon, mankind will be able to travel to the far reaches of the universe.





An artist's concept of an agricultural area of a space colony. The half-mile long farm will be inhabited by live stock. NASA is planning three of these agricultural areas which will cover about 110 acres.

To illustrate how a black hole works, spaceship #1 and spaceship #2 leave earth at the same time. Spaceship #1 must go around the curvature of space while spaceship #2 enters a black hole and makes the journey in one-half the time it takes spaceship #1.



No one is sure if black holes exist, however, they would be the most likely candidate for a space warp.

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would be moving with the curvature of space. But the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, and a journey over the curvature of space is *not* a straight line. A space warp would allow a space traveller to journey from one planet to another planet in a straight line, in effect, by-passing the curvature of space. Let's look at an example.

Suppose two airplanes are going to race half-way around the world, from Los Angeles to Peking, over the Pacific Ocean. Both planes take off at the same time and travel at a speed of 100 miles per hour. The first plane makes the trip over a semi-circular sweep of the globe, taking 125 hours to cover the 12,500 miles. Now suppose that the second plane travelled via an imaginary hole through the center of the earth; it would take only 80 hours to reach its destination, fully one-and-one-half times faster! They both started from the same place and ended up in the same place, but the second plane arrived two days before the first. The second plane had taken a short-cut that by-passed the curvature of the earth. This is similar to what would happen if a spaceship were to travel through a space warp; it would by-pass the curvature of normal space, where the speed of light is the maximum speed that can be attained. It would seem as though the ship had travelled faster than light, but in reality, it only took a short cut.

Let's look at another example. Imagine a flat disc with a hole in its center, something like an old 10-inch phonograph record, and a ship that wants to travel the disc's length. The ship takes off and travels the length of the disc, dips

over the edge and travels back to its starting place. This represents the curvature of space and the manner in which it bends back upon itself. Now a second ship wants to traverse the same distance, but this ship's pilot knows about the hole in the middle of the disc and travels through it. The second ship arrives at its destination more than 150 times faster than the first ship.

From these two examples we can see that the amount of time saved by travelling through a worm-hole is determined by the shape of space, how much curvature it has, and whether or not it bends back upon itself.

Professor John Wheeler, the man who coined the phrase "worm-hole," is quite involved in geometrodynamics—the study of the pattern and movement of space. He compares our view of space to that of the ocean as seen from an altitude of 40,000 feet. The ocean, from this height, would appear to be very calm. But as we descended toward the surface we would see the rough and choppy nature of the water. Finally, if we came face-to-face with the ocean surface we see waves, foam and bubbles. Professor Wheeler believes that normal space is very much like the sea, complete with bubbles. He theorizes that one of these bubbles could be large as a star or as small as a pea. As with the ocean surface, these "outer-space bubbles" would interrupt the true and normal texture of the medium. In other words, the bubbles would tear into the "tapestry" or fabric of space. And through these interruptions in the normality of space we could actually enter the "worm-holes" and traverse light

years in the wink of an eye. We would be travelling thousands of times faster than light, which must travel over the curvature of normal space.

Nobody knows for sure if space warps exist, however, the most likely candidate for a star-gate, an opening into a hyperspace, a space warp or a worm-hole is the so called "black hole." A black hole is a dead star with a powerful gravitational field which is thought to tear the fabric of normal space. This is a very simple definition of the phenomenon. To fully understand what a black hole is, we must first talk a little about the evolution of stars.

Like everything else in the universe, stars are born, grow old and eventually die. There are many ways in which the death of a star can come about; from simply burning out to exploding in a supernova. Another way is to become a "neutron star." A neutron star is created when the atoms of a normal-sized star, about 800 thousand miles in diameter collapses and the electrons are brought closer to the nucleus. An atom is composed of mostly empty space in its normal state; like a miniature solar system. Bringing the electrons closer to the nucleus would be like bringing the planets closer to the sun and leaving no empty space. There is so much space in the atom that a normal star, after atomic collapse, would only be between ten and twenty miles in diameter! These collapsed stars are called neutron stars.

Because the atoms are still present in the neutron star it still has the same mass as it had before. This is because certain particles which comprise the atom contain

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Unusual Universe

By Curt Sutherly



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UNLOCKING THE UFO MYSTERY

In late March 1977, law enforcement officers in the Los Angeles area began reporting observations of unusual lights-in-the skies. In early April, residents of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania noticed an increase in sightings of unexplained aerial objects, some of these being the "classic" disc-shape complete with flashing lights. These events made small print in only a handful of newspapers despite the fact that at least one major wire service picked up and distributed copy on same. Not surprisingly, public reaction to these sightings was...big deal.

Today's public needs more than a constant revolution of stories of funny sky lights to whet their UFO appetite, if for no other reason than that such tales are, after a time, exceedingly boring. Virtually everytime someone sees a UFO, it's actually a replay of an occurrence that has taken place during the past twenty years. The size of the UFO, along with shape, lighting, and color may vary, as does the witness and location, but the incident itself is always the same. Even in the extreme contactee cases (where an individual claims to have been "abducted" or contacted by aliens) the situation seldom varies from past such cases.

Rather than worrying over the

**Can UFOs travel
faster than light?
Are they arriving
here on Earth
through inter-
dimensional travel?
Researchers are
working on a theory
that may explain
how UFOs are able
to travel
billions of miles to
Earth in relatively
short periods of
time. The theory is
labeled "Alternate
Universe."**

size and shape of each flying saucer, many modern Ufologists are thinking along more abstract lines, searching the UFO scenerio for signs of deeper significance to the appearance of "spaceships" that, perhaps, really aren't from outer space at all.

As most anyone who has ever studied flying saucer literature, can point out, the "modern era" of UFOlogy began with Kenneth Arnold's sighting of silver discs over Mt. Rainier, Washington state in 1947—30 years ago. Today we are still running in circles, wondering why the space aliens haven't openly contacted us.

Probably the reason we haven't been contacted is simply because the spacemen don't exist—at least not in the way and manner in which we would like to believe in them, and which we keep hearing about in the popular media. True, there are many reports of humanoid characters digging soil samples in rural areas, or silver-suited weirdos being chased along lonely country roads, but these apparitions have a nasty tendency to vanish as easily and rapidly as do the UFOs themselves.

In the late 1940's and early 1950's the spaceship/little alien syndrome was especially popular; this in an era of Buck Rogers and Rocky Jones pulp science fiction. Today the same syndrome is being maintained in the public eye by an establishment which generally pretends to find the entire UFO problem of little substance. In other words, people continue to believe in visiting spacecraft because few, if anyone, bother to tell them any differently.

The fact that UFOs—whatever they are—are being seen is almost beyond question. However, the



news media, while showing occasional signs of open-mindedness, for the most part tend to debunk the entire matter. A recent example of this was CBS's news special *Flying Saucers From Outer Space*, (see Aug. 1977 *Beyond Reality*) in which the network openly and liberally twisted facts to suit someone's preconceived notion of what UFOs are and what it is people are seeing.

Many of America's outstanding scientists are also guilty of this same close-mindedness insofar as unidentified aerial objects are concerned. Rather than digging into the matter in an objective, first-handed manner, they prefer to close their eyes completely or at best, explain to their cohorts that "there probably isn't anything to it at all." The few scientists who have ventured into the gray area of UFOdom have had to put up with terrible abuse for their bravery, a sad reflection on the state of modern science.

But despite the non-efforts of science and a usually misguided media, the UFO phenomenon will not go away, die, or be pushed under the rug. Rather, it has snowballed over the years to the point of explosion, giving rise to one alternative theory of explanation after another. These alternatives are many and complex, just as the UFO phenomenon itself appears highly complex. In fact, chances are very good that no single explanation for the flying saucer mystery will ever solve the puzzle.

We've already discussed one of these theories, that of the extra-terrestrial—spaceship concept. In recent years another theory has come from the back woods to gain popularity; this being the *alternate reality* concept.

The notion of an alternate reality—or other dimensional

origin for UFO's has in recent years been presented by many individuals. Well-known Fortean writers such as John Keel and Brad Steiger have documented their belief that this explanation may form a partial answer to the source of flying saucers. However, twelve years ago in a New York City hotel room, two young men, Gene Steinberg and Allen Greenfield, both student of the UFO enigma, hammered out a theory that alternate worlds or universes may exist, and that it seemed much more reasonable to believe flying saucers could, in fact, "pop" from dimension to dimension than to expect them to constantly visit here (Earth) from the far corners of the cosmos.

Greenfield and Steinberg based their dimensional notion on a science fiction work, *The Incomplete Enchanter*, by L. Sprague de Camp and Fletcher Pratt—a book which displays the other-dimensional theme in a handsomely appealing way; enough so at any rate, to set two young minds to working.

In his own several books, John Keel has utilized a variant of the above theory by suggesting that perhaps UFOs are not *physical* devices from an alternate dimension, but are instead, representative of a pure energy that exists "elsewhere" and makes its presence felt here, shaping its appearance to the social culture of the period. This, Keel says, may account for the "wee folk" lore of yesteryear (a parallel with our accounts of modern UFO-nauts), the appearance of strange "phantom airships" in the late 1800's (years before dirigible flight was founded in this country), and the advent of spaceship-like flying saucers in an era immediately before manned spaceflight became a reality.

Unfortunately, the UFO puzzle

doesn't stop even here. In recent months there has been increasing evidence linking accounts of UFOs to the appearance of various "strange creatures," such as the hairy, smelly bigfoot-types now being seen all around the world. Like UFOs, these strange "para-creatures" have an alarming ability to appear and later, dematerialize, sometimes, seemingly in mid-stride.

Another aspect of the UFO scene which has many Fortean worried is the persistence of strange flying objects in the regions of mysterious cattle mutilations. The mutilations themselves have gone on for years with no explanation forthcoming despite various agencies and private investigators at work, and vast sums of money being offered for information leading to the apprehension of the mutilators. This, however, is *not* to say that aliens in spaceships are killing the cattle, as too many people are being led to believe. One must remember that the UFOs themselves are not known to be spacecraft, and may not even be physical objects in any sense of human understanding.

When one considers all of these aspects—UFOs, weird creatures, cattle mutilations, and encounters with aliens, it seems apparent that we, as rational thinking beings, are probably very naive regarding our understanding of the true reality. After all, do we know *anything* about reality, what it is, what its limitations are, what it can do to and how it interacts with the human mind?

The only thing that's certain is we know almost nothing about anything. This, then, leads us to yet another theory regarding the origin of UFOs; the idea that *flying saucers may be the product of the collective human unconscious in-*

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Like most UFO witnesses, Irwin was not prepared for what he saw

The Strange Case of: **GERRY IRWIN!**

BY S.B. MILCARTZ

If superior aliens from another world immediately made their presence known to us here on earth it would probably lead to large scale fear and panic, causing untold stress to the people of our world. If alien visitors wanted to accustom us to their existence, they would have to do so very gradually. The slightest false step or misreading of intentions could spell disaster.

The case of Private Gerry Irwin suggests the subtlety of the alien approach. This story has been seen as utterly mysterious.

Late on February 28th, 1959, Private First Class Gerry Irwin was driving about 10 kilometers southeast of Cedar City, Utah. He had been on military leave at Nampa, Idaho, and was returning to his barracks at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was a Nike missile technician.

Like most UFO witnesses, Irwin was not prepared for what he saw. A glowing object lighted the scenery and crossed the sky from west to east. He thought it was an airplane about to crash. As he watched, it disappeared behind a ridge. Irwin pulled his car over to

the side of the road, got out and scribbled a note which he left on the steering wheel. The note said he was going to investigate the crash and that the reader should call the police. With shoe polish, he wrote "stop" on the side of his car and then headed toward the ridge where the strange object had disappeared.

About half hour later a fish and game inspector noticed the car with the word stop written in shoe polish, found the note and, after reading it, took it to the Cedar City Sheriff, Otto Pfief. With a party of volunteers, the sheriff returned to the site. About an hour and a half after Irwin had seen the object, he was found unconscious and taken to Cedar City hospital. The party did not find any evidence of an airplane crash.

Irwin's temperature and breathing were normal. Though still unconscious, from time to time he mumbled incoherently about a jacket on a bush. He could not be awakened until some 23 hours after he had been found. When he awoke, he asked if there were any survivors, and wondered where his jacket had gone. The search party

had not found it.

Irwin was flown back to Fort Bliss and placed under observation for several days at William Beaumont Army Hospital. He was then returned to duty without any security clearance.

Some days later he fainted while walking but he recovered rapidly. On March 1st he fainted again, this time on a street in El Paso. He remained in a seemingly unconscious state until early the next day. When he awoke he thought it was still February 28th, and asked if there were any survivors.

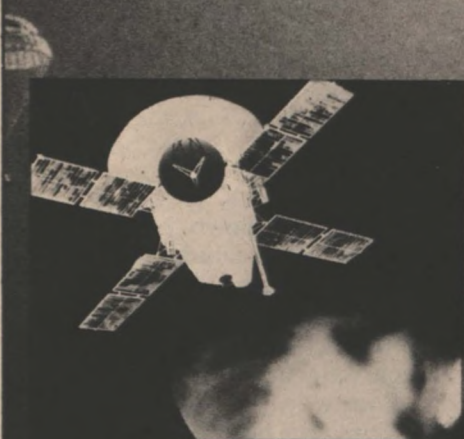
For more than one month, psychiatrists observed him at William Beaumont Hospital. They found nothing out of the ordinary and discharged him.

The next day a powerful and unexplainable urge induced him to go out of the fort without leave and catch a bus back to Cedar City. He arrived there on the 19th of April. Somehow, he made it back to the site where he thought the plane had crashed and found his jacket on a bush. He took from a button hole a pencil held there with a piece of paper wrapped around it. On an impulse he burned the piece

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If the instruments on Viking 1 and 2 are saying anything, the information is not being passed on to the public...we want to know why!

LIFE ON MARS!



Top, Viking spacecraft in Mars orbit. The four-ton Viking divided into an orbiter and a lander. Center, a view of the Martian surface, one of the first photos to be released by NASA. Bottom, Viking at work scooping up soil samples which were delivered to the biology instruments for evaluation of the Martian soil.

BY FRED STECKLING

For centuries, man has wondered whether or not *life* existed elsewhere on the distant planets that he could see passing through the heavens at night. Mars, the fourth planet from the sun, together with Venus our second closest neighbor, would be the most logical places to assume that there is life similar to that of the earth.

It probably all started with the Italian astronomer, Giovanni Schiaparelli, who in 1877, had reported the famous *Cannali*, or canals, on Mars. Only intelligent beings could have built such structures, it was suggested by Schiaparelli.

Later, about the turn of the century, other prominent men such as the American astronomer Percival Lowell, who, from his observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona in 1906, became the ranking expert on Mars observations. Percival Lowell also reported and supported Schiaparelli's *Canali*.

Still later, the world renowned newscaster and actor, Orson Wells, scared the wits out of millions of Americans with his famous radio broadcast of 1938, "War of the Worlds," portraying it as a real-life invasion by beings from Mars landing in New Jersey.

Decades later, during the 1960's, Soviet astronomers announced to an astonished scientific world that their close studies of the planet Mars had revealed that both moons of the Red Planet could very well be artificial man-made satellites. Their observations, based on several very puzzling facts, led to these conclusions. Both of the strange Martian "moons" were orbiting too close to the planet, only 3700 miles. Normally they should crash into the planet in time. Also, both moons reflected too much light to be natural objects. Probably the most puzzling fact of all was that both are orbiting the planet in a clockwise direction. All other known planetary bodies and satellites whirl in a *counterclock-*


wise direction. Even the entire Milky Way galaxy with its countless number of stars turns counterclockwise, but *not* the two little moons of Mars. Granted, the idea of two orbiting bodies, one five miles in diameter and the other ten miles being artificial is a bit controversial and does stretch the imagination.

On November 16, 1969 the eminent space scientist and astronomer, Dr. Harold C. Urey, stated some things just as startling as his Soviet colleagues. Dr. Urey, speaking at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas said, "We should be very careful in sending manned spacecraft to the planet Mars as the 'life' there may be hostile and could prevent the astronauts from returning to earth." Dr. Urey is a Nobel prize winner in chemistry. And in the same article, he also defended the space program, stating that we can afford it, for it costs only one-half of one percent of the gross national product.

Turning back the pages to 1976 and our recent Viking Missions to the Red Planet, it seems that we have certainly proven all these men wrong, or *have* we? It may surprise some of you, but after endless hours of study and investigation into our two missions to Mars, I must say *No* we have *Not* proven these men wrong at all. In the following pages I shall endeavor to explain my findings for your own evaluation in the most logical way possible.

The reaction of the general public can be broken down as follows: 40 percent are disappointed in the Viking Missions' totally negative viewpoint and 50 percent definitely believe that intelligent life does exist on Mars and that the officials in charge of the program are covering up for some reason. And 10 percent think that the Viking probes were not sent to Mars at all, but rather to the moon! These findings reveal public mistrust of our officials and their ethics. Un-

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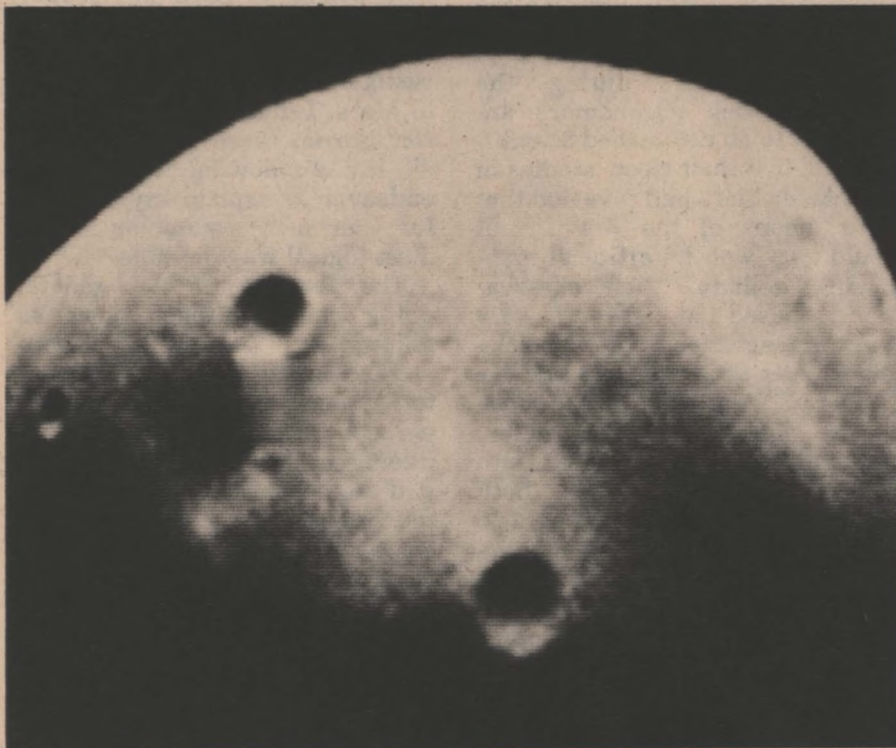


The Viking Mars Lander as it heads for a touch-down on the martian surface to begin its work.

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Probably the most puzzling fact of all was that both moons of Mars are orbiting in a clock-wise direction while all other known planetary bodies and satellites whirl in a counter-clock-wise direction.



doubtedly, some mistrust is present due to the past cover-ups and accusations that have come forth from some of our government agencies such as the CIA and the FBI, one against the other. The great UFO coverup is also to be taken into consideration. The UFOs that are sighted every year by more than five thousand professionals, pilots, scientists, not to mention countless men and women in all walks of life, simply do not exist, according to the official outlook.

I do feel that we managed to land these two probes on the planet Mars, but that their true findings and most pictures are classified material which to this day have not been shown.

My research has resulted in the following findings:

We were told that Mars is about one-half the size of the earth, with a surface gravity of about 40 percent in relation to our own earth and that the atmospheric pressure is some 7.7 milibars in comparison to about one thousand milibars on earth. The Martian atmospheric density is reported to be less than one percent of that of earth. We were also told that the Martian temperatures in Fahrenheit ranged from 22° below zero at early afternoon to -122° below zero at night. Viking One, which landed close to the Martian equator, recorded a colder temperature than Viking Two, which touched down some one thousand miles further north, closer to the polar caps.

The amazed scientists discovered a 100 percent mistake during atmospheric measurements. The argon content of the Martian atmosphere was not 30 percent as they had thought but only 3 percent. A mistake of the same magnitude was admitted when a much higher water vapor reading was received than we had thought possible from earth measurements.

Dr. George Sands, of Mission Control, stated, "It is obviously wetter than we anticipated. There is *ground fog* at the landing site

during part of the day. Thirty microns of water have been found in the atmosphere, enough to cause not only ground fog but also frost and snow."

I am not a scientist, but I have studied enough meteorology to be able to say that the evidence of ground fog on Mars proves that temperatures there are much warmer than we are told by the official reports. Ground fog is a product of warm moist air moving across cool land masses or water. Ground fog, as with any type of fog, is a product of temperatures above the freezing level of 32° Fahrenheit.

It is also interesting to note that evaporating clouds have been photographed at an estimated altitude of fifteen hundred feet AGL (above ground level). I can assure you that condensation clouds, or any other clouds including simple ground fog, cannot exist at the reported atmospheric pressure of only 7.7 milibars. Evaporation clouds on earth may reach up to forty thousand feet, but even at that altitude our atmospheric pressure is still two hundred milibars, enough to support such clouds.

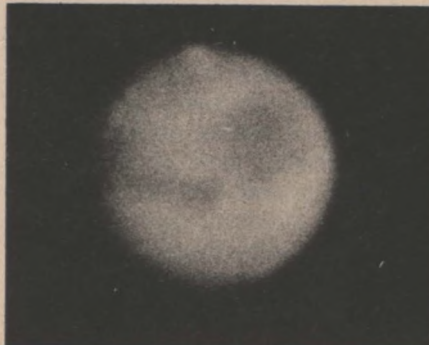
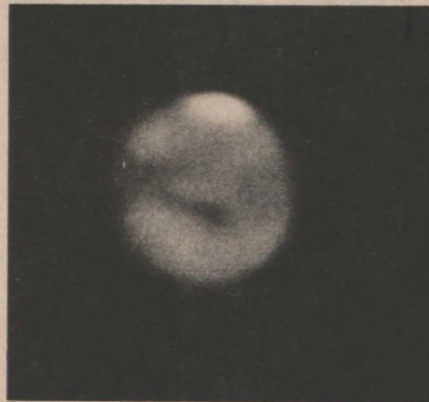
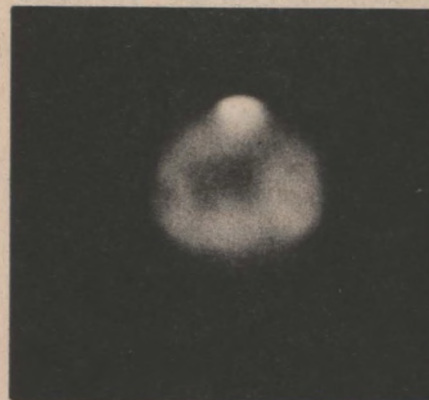
We are told that evaporation clouds exist up to fifteen thousand feet on Mars. The temperatures, therefore, must be *above* the freezing point of 32°F up to at least fifteen thousand feet. When rising moist air moves upward, it condenses at a given altitude and forms clouds at given altitudes depending upon the temperature. This we call the dewpoint level. One must note at this point, that low temperatures such as the reported -122°F on Mars may exist in some zones, but not everywhere. We have recorded temperatures of -127°F here on earth at the Antarctic Zones, and we know that life exists here on this planet.

The Viking landers were reported to have an earth weight of 1200 pounds. According to our reports of the Martian gravity the landers would weigh approximately 480 pounds. The parachute

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This photo shows a close-up of the Martian surface. First color photos showed that the soil consists mainly of reddish fine-grained material. However, small patches of black and blue soil are found deposited around many of the foreground rocks. The horizon is about three kilometers from the Viking's camera. The scene, covers about 60 degrees from left to right.



Instruments aboard Viking 2, reveals that the polar caps of Mars are made up of snow and, that it snows often. Instruments also verified the fact that the atmosphere above the Martian poles is saturated with water. These photos show the Martian ice caps as the red planet goes through the various seasons.

was 50 feet in diameter. A 50-foot parachute with a weight of 480 pounds dangling from it would slow that payload down sufficiently in the earth's atmosphere for a proper adjustment in velocity at retro-rocket firing. However, in the low density of the Martian atmosphere, as we are told (less than one percent of ours) a 50-foot parachute would have no slowing effect at all. It is even doubtful that in the legendary atmosphere there exists enough air molecules to open the chute. Calculating the size of the parachute needed in such a thin atmosphere, the Mars canopy would have to be some 7500 feet in diameter. The question then arises where would such a piece of equipment be stored and what would such a load weigh? Certainly at least 2000 pounds. It would take up about two hundred square feet of space to store it. That is more cubic space and weight than the entire lander itself. So, since they did use a 50-foot chute, the air on Mars is much more dense than they tell us. I would say a density more close to that of earth, a density able to support life.

The lander on the 50-foot chute separated at 4000 feet AGL (above ground level) and activated its three descent rockets, which, like gigantic blow torches, slowed down the craft to a successful soft landing. However, the three rocket engines develop not only thousands of degrees of heat but immense thrust. These two factors not only completely sterilized the landing site before touch-down, but blew away all the soil of biological value for at least 100 feet surrounding the lander. We should question the ability to find any signs of life in such soil. The scientists should have questioned this. Maybe they did. In the meantime that little shovel keeps on digging and searching in the sterilized soil.

Scientific American had this to say in a recent article on Mars: "The Martian environment is by

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“Our biology instruments on Mars have received positive signs of life in forms of biology, even though we cannot find organics.”

—Dr. Martin,
Pasadena Viking Control

no means so hostile as to exclude 'Life.' Our hopes for obtaining a definitive answer from the Viking mission should not be too high.”

Other interesting points are to be found. For example, sand dunes on Mars photographed by the “orbiter” have the same height and the same dune-to-dune spacing as those found on earth in the Sangre de Cristo mountains of Colorado. In a Martian atmosphere less than one percent of ours, these sand dunes could under no circumstances be there!

It has been suggested that hurricane-like winds of 200 miles per hour or better are needed to move the grains of sand on Mars, but up to now there has been no logical explanation as to where such winds could originate in a total sub-zero type environment. Again, Mars must be warmer in at least some regions to create winds of any speed in the first place. As we know, wind is created by warm air rising from the ground to be replaced by colder air masses filling in the gap. The Viking lander only recorded winds up to 40 miles per hour, not 200. So how did the dunes get there? Moreover, how did such winds originate in an atmosphere that is only one percent that of earth's and at a temperature of -120°F?

I think that we have to be sensible about all of this, for it can be seen that too many things just don't seem to make logical sense. Certainly if we can figure this out, the scientists and others working on the project can. Some double talk does indeed seem to be taking place.

Viking Two reveals that the polar caps of Mars are comprised of snow. In other words, its frozen water. Also, it snows often, and that the atmosphere above the poles is saturated with water vapor. A NASA article reports that the poles of Mars are all frozen water with temperatures of -90°F to -120°F. The article continues by saying, “The North Pole is now going through its

summer, so the ice cap is about as small as it ever gets." I would like to know how ice in sub-zero temperatures as reported above can melt!

Dr. Martin, who has just recently resigned his position with Pasadena Viking Control, said at the International Academy of Astronautics, "Our biology instruments on Mars have received positive signs of LIFE in forms of biology, even though we cannot find organics." It is amazing that they have found even those little signs at such a blow-torched landing site.

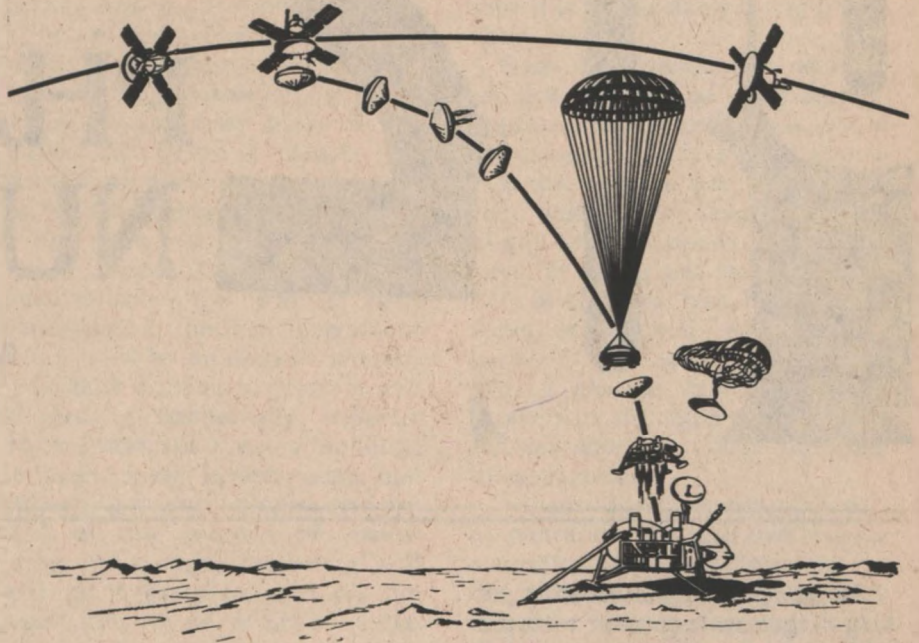
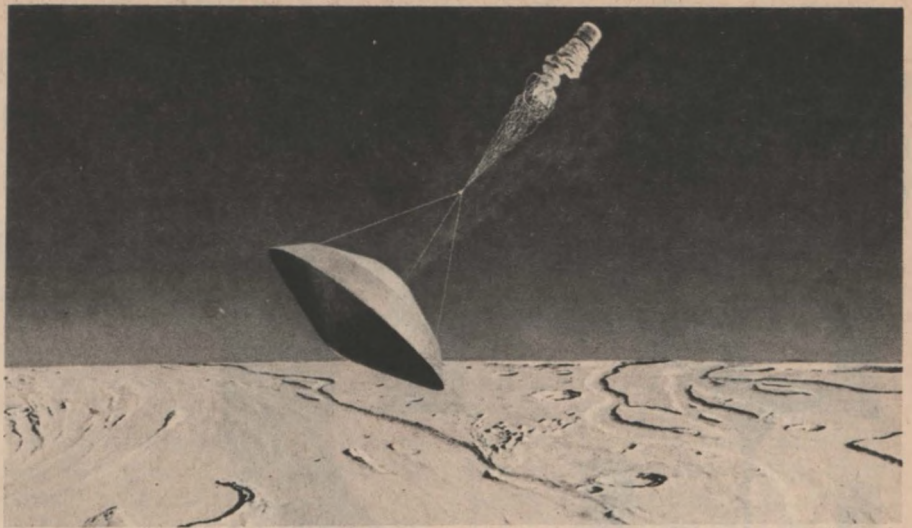
Analysis of the Martian environment has so far shown that there is carbon, nitrogen, oxygen and sufficient amounts of water vapor. Are not these the basic ingredients for "life"?

Quoting NASA from Pasadena, "If we would have placed the Viking landers in our Pasadena parking lot and received the same chemical and biological readings from there as we are now receiving from Mars, we would have called it a definite sign of life." I leave it to you to figure out what that might mean.

I feel that as long as we are going to send probes out to other worlds with our assumptions that life is unique only to our little earth, instead of being able to see that all worlds are basically made up of the same "stuff," we will have hard times yet to conquer.

Planets do not only receive warmth from their sun in forms of friction by rays striking their atmospheres, but also by the same process, warmth from the planet is drawn out of its body, radiating and warming up the atmosphere. All planets need an atmosphere simply to equalize the pressures set up from within. No planet could exist without air, for it would disintegrate otherwise in a given time.

The water quantity on Mars has been analyzed to be sufficient to cover their whole planet with an ocean of *one mile* in depth, should



The above sequence of events shows what took place just prior to the landing of Viking 1 and 2. After parachute deployment, the lander detaches from the areoshell and proceeds to a soft landing on the surface using small rockets for braking and for maneuvering.

all its water now in and under the ground be released! The polar caps themselves show a thickness measuring one-half mile.

Perhaps the Italian astronomer Schiaparelli's earlier reports of the Martian channels do not at all seem so impossible when they are compared with Dr. Daniel J. Milton's recent findings. Dr. Milton, a geologist, stated in *Science Newsfront*:

We have photographed the Martian mystery channels. They resemble huge flood channels some twenty four miles wide and several hundred miles long, shaped by sudden discharges of water that dwarf the flow of the Amazon River."

As you can see, one must look for TRUTH. It has been said that if you seek you shall find. Finally, here is a report from the wires of

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UFOs AND THE PHANTOM NUMBERS

BY GEORGE WAGNER

An exceptionally interesting yet long-forgotten encounter with the UFO phenomena took place on the evening of February 5th, 1948. The date was right in the middle of a minor "dry spell" in UFO history.

Except for the adventure of February 5th, there were no major UFO reports from Captain Thomas Mantell's fatal flight of January 8th, 1948, until a strange and mysterious craft was spied over Emmet, Idaho, on February 20th. The episode was an oasis in a dry spell of over 40 days.

In early 1948, hypnotist and psychic researcher Harold S. W. Chibbett worked with the well known Meade Layne's experimental group, a forum later to be known as the Borderland Science Research Association. Chibbett was experimenting with hypno-

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tically induced astral projections. The goal was to send a hypnotized psyche from the Los Angeles area to San Diego, California. There the projected spirit would, hopefully, "possess" the body of a waiting, entranced medium.

Shortly before the hour of 8 p.m., Thursday, February 5th, Chibbett hypnotized his subject—a woman he later referred to in his published account (*Mystic*, 1955) only as "Mrs. X." He instructed her to project her liberated spirit to San Diego.

Things went awry almost from the start. By eight p.m. Chibbett realized something terribly weird was developing. Mrs. X. felt herself "going higher" than in their previous experiments.

The entranced woman saw a huge, roundish UFO, part of which was elongated into a cone.

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Mrs. X was "sucked" into the strange craft. She saw a helmeted human at a control panel full of dials and instruments. There was a second human nearby—both seemed to be males.

The two humans seemed to be in command of a number of egg-shaped creatures which were smaller than the men (who were about 5' 8"). These creatures had large eyes and webbed hands. These eggish beings seemed to be loading some type of fuel into the ship's engines.

"Operator control," Mrs. X. called to Chibbett. "Operator 236." Two minutes later she mentioned "operator 50." Another minute passed, and she referred to "contact 356."

Chibbett, disturbed at the unexpected twist the experiment was taking, awakened Mrs. X. from



her trance at eight minutes past the hour. She immediately elaborated on what she'd seen.

The most important part of her information, she thought, was that "operator 50" was trying to contact "operator 356." Operator 356 seems related to a weird series of numbers which were heard in October 1971. Bruce Sonders, writing in *UFO Report*, August, 1976, claimed that his friend "Sally" heard nine two-digit numbers on her Iowa farm.

Two of these numbers—delivered by a disembodied voice that terrorized Sally's farm dogs—were both "56."

Sonders also reported the case of T.M.C. of Wiston-Salem, N.C. One night in January, 1972, TMC and a friend looked out his window while listening to the radio. They saw a three-foot disc hovering near

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There is a growing bulk of evidence to set minds thinking. Did civilizations exist on earth in past ages?

THE ANCIENT ASTRONAUT ENIGMA!



Much evidence is being gathered from around the world to prove that extraterrestrials have visited the earth many times throughout the ages. Quite often this evidence gives the impression that some of the past civilizations sprang suddenly into being. Almost overnight, cultures seem to have progressed to a high state of development without any intervening stages of growth. The answer to this puzzle, according to some UFO investigators, is a simple one: humanoids from outer space arrived to impart the knowledge of astronomy, mathematics, and chemistry which enabled these past civilizations to leap centuries ahead.

As proof of extraterrestrial involvement, we are offered the numerous records from these early periods which indicate that UFOs were quite prevalent in the skies. Also, contacts with UFO beings seem to have occurred regularly whereby instructions were issued to humans, and there is further evidence which suggests that some of these early people may even have been taken on trips to the stars.

Viewed in this way, it would

seem that early civilizations may very well have been on the receiving end of some sort of "galactic aid program." However, in light of the records being gathered from this age, it is equally possible that the roles may have been reversed.

Over the past twenty years, filing cabinets have been filled to overflowing with reports of sightings and contacts, yet none of these has ever resulted in any meaningful information being received by humans. In fact, the very opposite is the case. It is the UFO beings who seem to wind up with the information while the people involved wind up with evidence or photographs which just fall short of even proving that UFOs or extraterrestrials exist.

What we are left with now is the question of whether these extraterrestrials were actually responsible for the sudden developments in early times or if these "Ancient Astronauts" were then, as now, simply bystanders who helped themselves to what they needed. We are told they were fond of the daughters of men; then they went on their way without offering anything in return.

This question has gone unresolved for years, and there is still no answer in sight. In the meantime, other investigators are gathering evidence to counter any such claim of an intergalactic welfare program. Evidence emerging from these investigations seem to indicate that past societies showing a sudden burst in development received their technical knowledge, not from outer space, but from records of other highly advanced civilizations which had at one time existed right here on earth!

There is a growing bulk of evidence to prove that such highly advanced civilizations did exist on this earth in past ages. Four separate "Ages" existed. Each reached a high state of development, then were wiped from the face of the earth in a cataclysmic event which swept practically every trace of them away. Left behind were the remnants of records and fragments of information in the collective memories of the few who survived to continue the human race.

Consider the following. In the ancient writings of Etrusia are the records of seven elapsed ages;

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An Olmec head. Many researchers believe these ancient Americans had some contact with a higher civilization.



The great pyramids remain a mystery today as they have for countless centuries.



Are the mysterious heads of Easter Island all that remains of a civilization from some past age?

BY HUGH COCHRANE

Are UFOs dimensional phenomena—an event occurring in the future which is somehow “reflected” back through time and space to appear in our skies?

THE ANCIENT ASTRONAUT ENIGMA/continued

Heraclitus, an ancient teacher, taught that the earth is destroyed by fire every 10,800 years; Aristarchus, another early teacher, taught that during a period of 2,484 years the earth undergoes two destructions; Hesiod - four ages have passed, this is the fifth.

Traditions in the Bengal Sea and in Tebet hold that four ages have passed; India's sacred books—four ages have passed; Hindu teaching—again four ages have passed; Chinese—ten ages with the time span between two catastrophes being one Great Year; Inca, Mayan, Aztec—four ‘Suns’ have passed, this is the fifth. In Sibylline books there will be nine Suns all told, the present is the seventh; In Borneo six Suns have already perished, this is the seventh; Egyptians tell of the stars changing their positions four times in the past ages, and that the sun has twice set in the position where it now rises. This is the fifth change.

Is all this just the mythology of primitive peoples? Or is it an indication of what we too will face in the future?

In his books, Immanuel Velikovsky lays out documented evidence that such cataclysms have overtaken civilizations during past ages. He records reversals of the earth's magnetic field 2,700 years ago followed by climactic cataclysms. Others are listed for 4,400 and 4,500 years ago.

Velikovsky is a scientist of renown, yet much of his theories are still rejected in scientific circles. His evidence of violent upheavals in past ages runs counter to established beliefs of a stable unchanging earth. Even so, times and ideas are changing, and more scientists are coming to Velikovsky's defense as evidence to support his theories mounts.

With this evidence as a back-

ground it now appears that what some have come to believe, to be evidence of contact with highly developed extraterrestrials, may in fact, be proof that higher forms of human civilization have existed here on earth during past ages. Thus it would be the discovery of the achievements of more ancient peoples which enabled later civilizations to take supposed leaps forward in development.

An example of the technological base gained by some of these peoples can be seen in an examination of a few of the pieces of evidence used to support the “Ancient Astronaut” theory. One in particular is the tomb cover from Palenque, Mexico. In examining the carvings on this cover many of the Russian and Western writers have interpreted the glyphs as representing an astronaut seated in a spaceship as he journeys to the heavens. Archaeologists, however, take a somewhat different view. Their studies point to the carvings as a death symbol, a portrayal of the soul in its flight to the heavens. Other experts offer similar symbolism, yet most agree that the tomb contained the body of a person identified as an astronomer. Support for this theory is found in many of the other carvings in the tomb. Again, these relate to the science of astronomy.

Interpreting ancient art is no mean task, even for experts on the subject. However, stripping away the decorations and embellishments from this cover leaves an impression that the figure portrayed here is one of a man seated at some sort of astronomical instrument which he is manipulating as he views the stars. In this simplified version it would appear that the device was capable of tracking stars by means of rotating or balancing in the mechanism. Further, it has what appears

to be a three-lens arrangement for sighting through while two of them are aimed at adjustable arms which may have held concave mirrors as a sort of range-finder.

If this explanation is correct, most Ancient Astronaut investigators will point out that again it represents the intervention of extraterrestrials who supplied the technology for constructing the mechanism. On the other hand, archaeologists will quickly point out that it is doubtful if such an instrument could ever have existed in ancient times simply because they have never uncovered the remains of such a device in or around any of these Mayan ruins.

Here again, little or no consideration is given to the possibility that the Mayan “inventors” of this instrument might have got their knowledge through access to more ancient records which described the construction and use of such a mechanism. Of particular note here is the fact that the Mayan people did possess an accurate calendar, and they did have a sound knowledge of the movements of the stars and planets. In fact, their time keeping was more accurate than the Julian or Gregorian year (the Gregorian Calendar is the one in use today). Topping this is their recorded knowledge of past ages referred to as the Water Sun, Earthquake Sun, Hurricane Sun, and Fire Sun. Each describing the catastrophe that ended the particular age.

The Piri Reis maps are open to similar reasoning. These maps, copies from more ancient ones, confound historians and cartographers. They show the Atlantic Ocean and the Antarctic in a scale and projection that could only be achieved from a high point above

Why would superior aliens leave their home planets to spend time around the disheartening human scene instead of getting rid of it and going home?

the earth. More strange is that this map shows the Antarctic at a time when it was free of ice. It is only in the last decade or so that modern map makers using the latest in airborne radar have been able to determine the contours of the land under this thick blanket of ice.

While the Piri Reis maps suggest a people with flight capability, ancient writings come right out and state that early people did have such a technology. These tell of ages past when men flew in the skies in everything from carpets to strange flaming chariots—even golden saucers raised aloft by soundwaves. In ancient Egyptian writings there are descriptions of huge blocks of stone which were levitated by priests who struck the stones with rods to make them fly through the air. Certainly, if our ancient ancestors had learned how to control gravity, then the next logical step would be to apply the technology to flight. If so, then accurate maps would soon become available.

Allowing that ancient peoples had acquired a high degree of development, then it follows that much of this advanced knowledge would be lost if their world underwent a major catastrophe as proposed by Velikovsky and others. Immediately after such an event and possibly for years after, survivors of the holocaust would be too involved with the day to day struggle to concern themselves with the preservation of such things as mathematics, astronomy, or any other science. Their prime needs would be food to sustain themselves a few days longer, and their horizons would be limited by these simple needs.

Assuming that this explanation holds up at least as well as that proposed by the Ancient Astronaut investigators, then we are

still confronted with the evidence of UFOs flitting about our skies. To this some have a ready solution. These explain the phenomena as being due to some "interdimensional" event or that it is due to an as yet unexplained psychic element in nature.

Are UFOs dimensional phenomena? Are they, as some believe, an event occurring in the future which is somehow "reflected" back through time to appear in our skies? Or are they ideas in the minds of humans which are finding expression in our reality as material things?

The answer to these questions would be more difficult to come by than to solve the problem of a sophisticated optical instrument being used by an ancient Mayan.

Equally difficult to prove is why a race of supposedly superior extraterrestrials spend a thousand or more years investigating and surveying a single planet, and are still in the process of examining its beings, collecting soil and plant samples, and all the while making no effort to make positive contact with those who could provide them with a backlog of information on these things. Considering that we humans have been able to assemble a mass of information about this planet in the relatively short few hundred years of science, one wonders, then, who the superior beings are!

All of this should make it obvious that there is no simple solution as to what UFOs really represent, or how early peoples suddenly acquired superior knowledge. However, it does seem more reasonable to assume that there were human civilizations on the planet in ancient times who were technically advanced enough to produce craft for space flight, optical mechanisms for viewing the heavens, even a mechanical

computer such as was indicated by the remains which were found in 1900 in the waters off Greece.

If the above assumptions are correct, then we are faced with a pressing need to know how and why such advanced people were wiped from the face of the earth. For if it has happened in the past, then it is just as likely to happen in the future.

Such an investigation will require a serious and open minded approach to all possible sources of information. It is a well known fact that science has in the past cast aside new theories which might tend to upset established laws, or dilute pet theories. It is only after those who have established or "proved" such laws or theories that science has been open to change. In the matter of cataclysms the time may already be too short to allow for such idiosyncrasies.

Yet given such leeway there is no guarantee that the task will be a simple one. In fact from here on the plot will become even more complex. This is due to the fact that the records of past cataclysms are laced with religious overtones. In most cases the civilization wiped out was definitely up to no good, it had reached a point of moral decline, and was already in a state of decay.

Any suggestion of the existence of forces which might be loosed by higher powers in order to cleanse the earth, brings an immediate reaction from science. Such things as "sins" are relegated to the realm of myth, folk-lore, and superstition.

Yet ancient accounts abound with evidence to "prove" that wholesale destructions were carried out for just that purpose. Retribution was at the root of the cataclysm.

Often these old accounts will

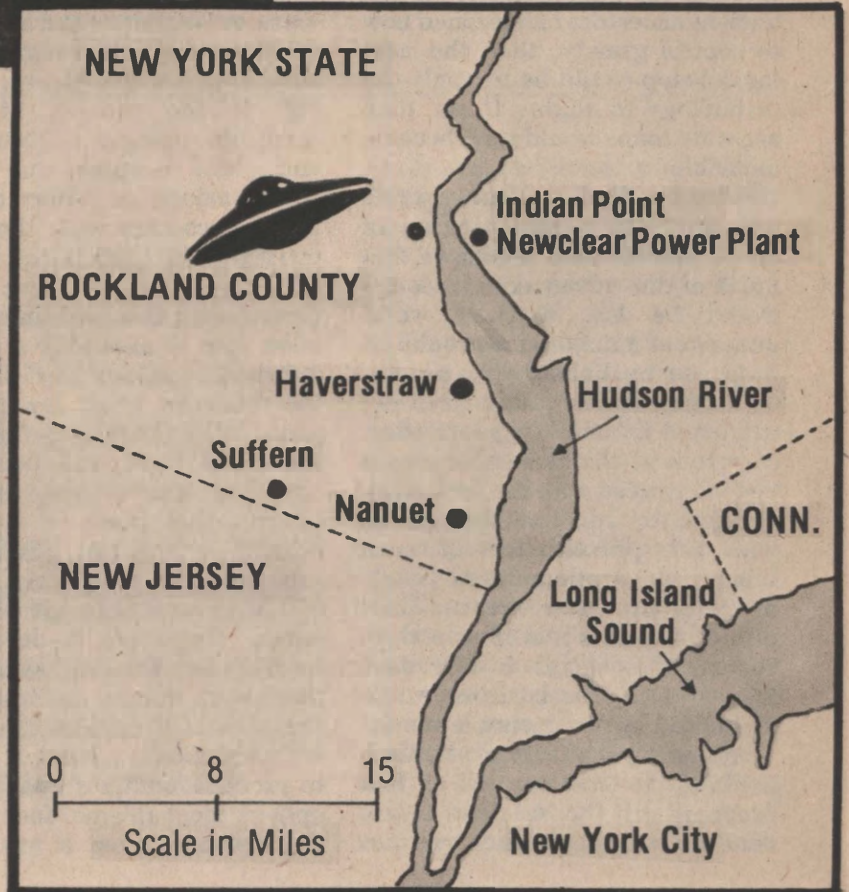
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THE UFOs OF ROCKLAND COUNTY



Credit: Al Witt

Four persons who reported the UFOs to the local police said they just couldn't believe what they saw. One said, "it was traveling west so fast that it could probably reach California in an hour."



Map art by Aaron ben Samuel

This map of Rockland County shows the towns and hamlets where UFOs were spotted. UFOs are known to be active near bodies of water. Rockland has many lakes and many of its towns and villages border on the Hudson River.

UFOs are not new to the residents of Rockland County, New York, the rather small county which lies sandwiched between the Ramapo Mountains on the west and the Hudson River on the east. I saw them there myself in the skies during late October of last year.

In the following month, November, the front page of the afternoon *Rockland Journal News* carried a headline which read, "Multi-Colored Flying Object Mystifies Hillcrest Residents." The news-headline which read, "Multi-colored, glowing unidentified flying object was reported by 30 to 40 persons, perhaps more, in the area known as Hillcrest. It was estimated to have been at an altitude of approximately 2,500 feet. The strange object caused quite a stir, according to the story, as for nearly an hour it hovered over the community; then it suddenly sped away toward the west.

One of those who reported the sighting, Art Bernadette, exclaimed, "It looked like a very brilliant star. It left at a tremendous speed toward the west, and at the speed it was going, could probably get to California inside of an hour."

Another witness, Steve Laub, who owns a polygraph laboratory, remarked, "I find it hard to believe; I saw it through my friend's telescope. It was round, and seemed to come down or get larger; its color changed from green to blue, and to white." Mr. Laub had made similar sightings in October, but had not told anyone of them at the time. This is the same month that I had spotted UFOs myself, while driving towards Peekskill from Nanuet, a hamlet located in the heart of Rockland County.

When news of the Hillcrest sighting was telephoned to the Ramapo Police, officers were immediately dispatched to the scene. One of the officers remark-

ed, "There's something up there all right. It's standing still and looks like some kind of flashing light."

Residents of neighboring counties, to the north and to the west of Rockland, have also seen UFOs. During the same month there were numerous sightings. In late November UFOs were spotted hovering over the power lines

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at Stony Point. And during the first week of December UFO sightings occurred in Orangeburg. On the same evening sightings were also reported in the communities of Haverstraw and Ramapo.

In Harriman State Park, a heavily wooded area dotted with lakes which runs the length of Rockland County's northwestern boundary, hikers reported seeing

strange lights, which, on investigation, vanish! Pilots from nearby Ramapo Airport in Spring Valley have turned in similar reports.

Many Ufologists are curious as to why there is so much UFO activity near lakes and rivers. Ivan T. Sanderson and Brad Steiger have written books exploring this very question. It is interesting to note that the majority of villages and hamlets of Rockland County either contain lakes or border on the Hudson River.

In late November two unidentified flying objects appeared over the town of Suffern, in western Rockland County. Warren Berbit, an attorney, was driving through the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains near Suffern when he spotted the two objects, one hovering vertically, the other horizontally. Berbit, a former flight computer operator and designer of navigational equipment, was well qualified to estimate their distances; he said they were about a mile-and-a-half away and about 200 to 300 feet in diameter. As Berbit recalls, "The objects were hovering over a dip in the mountain range about seven miles from the big nuclear power plant at Indian Point. They were made of metal and shaped like gigantic soup bowls turned upside down. The evening sun was directly behind the UFOs, and I could see that they were silver in color. What I saw was not an ordinary phenomena." Berbit went on to explain that there is nothing in our technology that could have produced these objects. "They were totally alien," he said.

And so, the question remains: What is happening out there? We may know the answer within a decade—or we may never know. But there is one thing I am certain of: many of my neighbors in Rockland and Orange Counties are spending more time these days watching the sky. □

Scientists are taking another look at the remarkable space map drawn by Betty Hill—a map she claims was on the wall of a spaceship which abducted her and her husband while driving through New Hampshire.

THE ZETA RETICULI CONNECTION

BY PROF. J.M. FERGUSON

The publication in the December 1974, issue of *Astronomy* magazine of an article by Terence Dickinson called "The Zeta Reticuli Incident," has caused reverberations in the scientific community which are still being felt to this day.

The provocative article concerns a possible visit to earth 15 years ago by extraterrestrials from a binary star system known as Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli. This faint pair of stars, some 37 light years (220 trillion miles) distant from our own solar system, could quite possibly be the home base, according to the article, of the intelligent beings who allegedly landed in New Hampshire and abducted Betty and Barney Hill in the late summer of 1961.

The case of Betty and Barney Hill has been widely circulated in the press and other media. The couple claims to have been taken aboard an alien spacecraft and being subjected to physical ex-

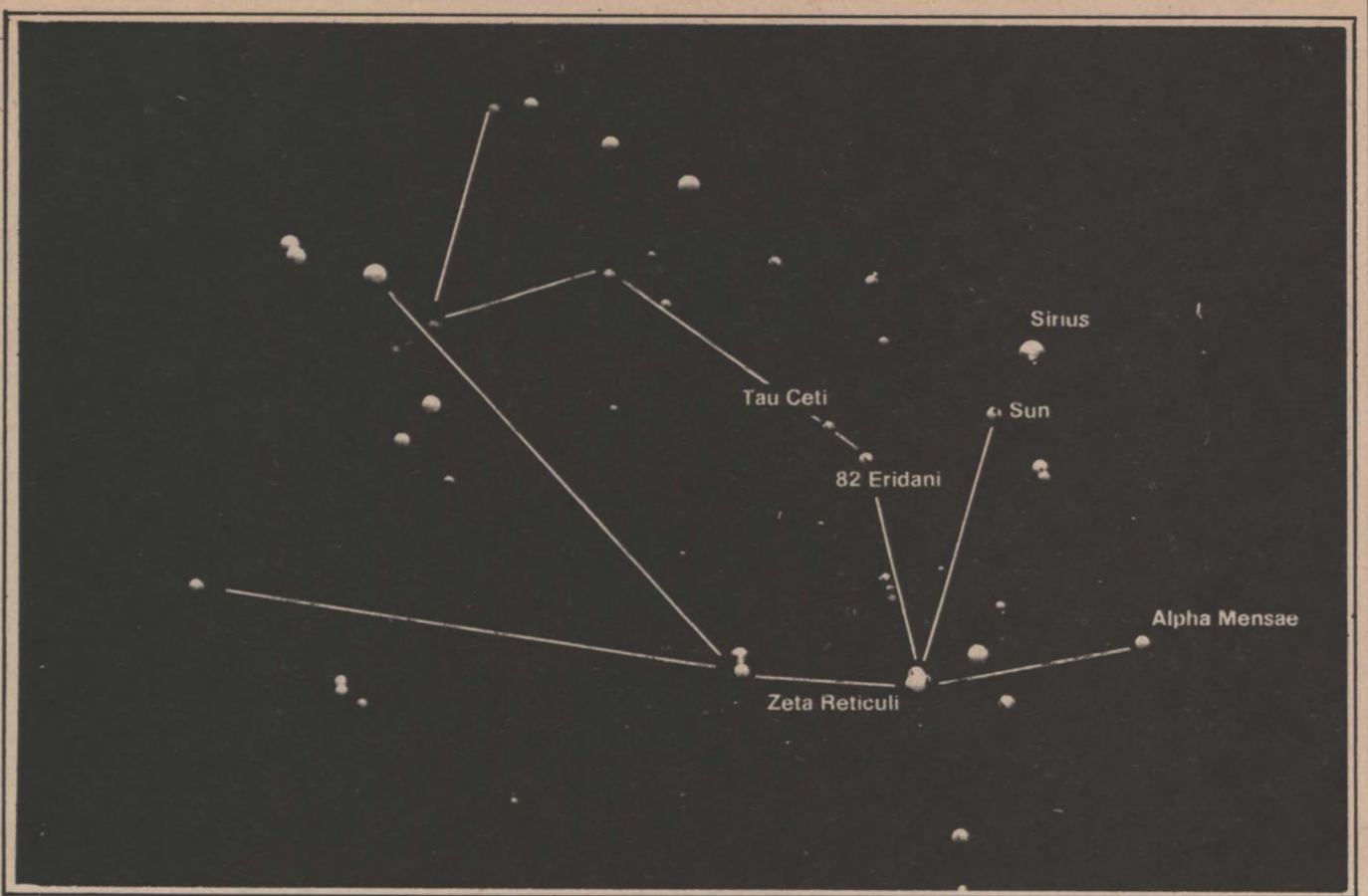
aminations by four-foot-tall humanoids. They were told upon their release that they would not remember anything that had transpired during their abduction. Their memories of the incident, which took place over a period of two hours, were only brought to light under subsequent hypnosis and psychiatric sessions. While under hypnosis, Betty Hill drew a star map, which she claims to have seen on a wall panel within the spacecraft. She says that the spacecraft commander pointed to two stars on the map and somehow gave her the impression that this was the stellar system from which the aliens had come from.

In 1968, Ohio researcher and astronomer Marjorie Fish became intrigued by the Hill map. In the following year, 1969, an astronomical reference book called the *Gliese Catalog of Nearby Stars* was published; it listed all the known stars within a radius of 55-light-years of our solar system,

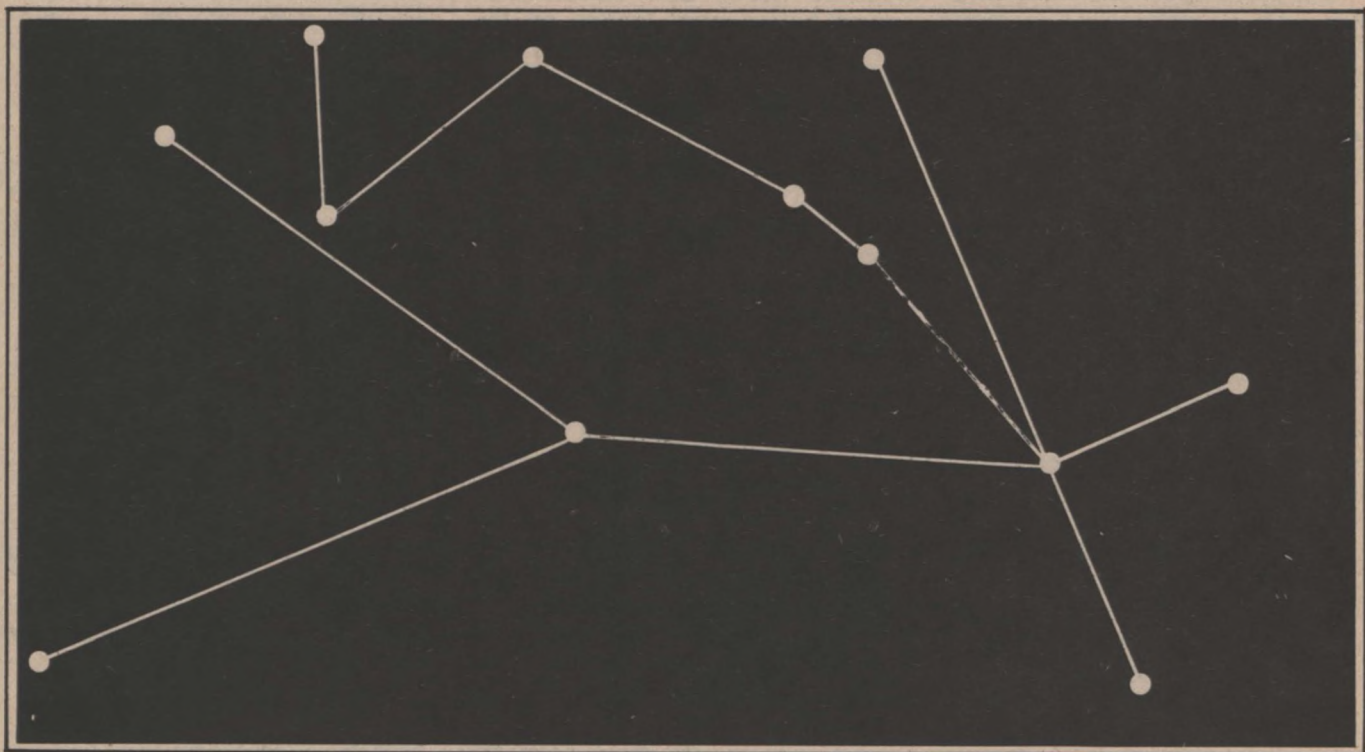
their distances, luminosities, and perhaps most importantly, their spectral types. Using the *Gliese Catalog*, with other sources of data, Ms. Fish painstakingly constructed three-dimensional models of our immediate stellar neighborhood. She employed beads of various color to represent the different spectral classifications of the stars. In this manner, she could immediately determine the locations of those stars most like our sun and hence the ones most likely to harbor life-bearing planets.

The lines on Betty Hill's map were purportedly described to her by the aliens as being trade or expeditionary routes—the aliens would, of course, want to visit only those stars or star systems capable of sustaining life; therefore, they would presumably map out a route consisting only of solar or near-solar type stars close enough to our sun in terms of temperature, luminosity, chemi-

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This model which was made by Majorie Fish, shows all the stars located in a vast volume of space which reaches out to about fifty light years in the direction of Zeta Reticuli. The lines connecting solar type stars are remarkably close to the space map drawn by Betty Hill.



This map was drawn by Betty Hill who claims she saw it aboard a spaceship which abducted her and her husband for a short period of time. The hill map has raised some eyebrows since it bears a striking resemblance to one of the models made by Majorie Fish. (see above)

More and more evidence leads to the
conclusion that our moon is indeed hollow!

MYSTERIOUS MOON: More Puzzling Than Ever

BY DON WILSON

The great Apollo moon missions are over. Undoubtedly they were among the greatest technological feats and exploratory excursions in the history of humanity. However, scientists are still busy trying to figure out what Apollo has taught us about the Moon.

Before man went to the moon many theories had been offered as to its origin and its make-up. Dr. Harold Urey summed it all up when he said "...the origin and history of the moon have remained a mystery despite intensive study by many eminent scientists during the last century." (*Walter Sullivan's America's Race to the Moon, page 97.*)

Most scientists before Apollo thought that the Moon was born out of the same cosmic cloud of dust and gas as the planet Earth. A few clung to the fission-theory that our Moon was pulled out of the side of planet Earth, splitting off at some indeterminate time after our planet was born. A few scientists even thought that perhaps it came out of the great hole where the

Pacific Ocean now stands. But even before man landed on the Moon, this theory was dying a slow death. The laws of celestial mechanics were against it. Furthermore it was too young geologically. So that theory in essence was all but dead even before the Apollo Moon missions were born.

Before Apollo, scientists were essentially at a loss to define just how our satellite came to be circling our planet. They believed that our Moon was in reality a freak of nature.—that is was too big and far out to be in orbit around our earth. Most scientists felt it really shouldn't be there. They also felt that the manned Apollo explorations would unmask the real moon and its true origin.

Unfortunately, it did nothing of the kind. Despite a half a dozen manned landings and numerous unmanned orbital excursions, and after tens of thousands of photographs and reels of magnetic tape reams of lunar data, not to mention over 800 pounds of lunar rock and

soil, the Moon has remained essentially a mystery to man. Hundreds of the world's most knowledgeable scientists have gone over the results of Apollo for years—the planet's top astronomers and astrophysicists, geologists, and geophysicists, chemists and geochemists. Yet, for all their expertise and study, the Moon remains an unsolved puzzle. No one has been able to come up with even a tenable theory to explain its origin. Dr. William K. Hartman, senior scientist at the Planetary Science Institute in Arizona, pointed out recently in an article in *Astronomy magazine* that all three major lunar theories have a "fatal flaw." Some scientists now facetiously suggest that "perhaps the Moon doesn't exist at all, since there is no way to adequately account for its origin."

Now that all theories appear to be out, what is left to explain the presence of this strange satellite in our skies? An intriguing theory entered the picture since man landed on the Moon. This is the



theory proposed by two Russian scientists that the Moon is really not the natural satellite of the Earth, but is in fact a huge hollowed out world with an inner shell of metal, in fact, a "spacecraft" steered into orbit around our planet many eons ago. This theory was first presented in *Sputnik* magazine in July, 1970. Though at first this author considered it to be mere science fiction, we discovered that our Apollo mission evidence and data appeared to support this "crazy" hypothesis. In 1975 we published our findings in a book entitled *Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon*. A number of scientists, including a physicist at a leading midwestern university and an astronomer from a well known observatory, have read the book and find no essential scientific errors. Both hold that the theory is tenable and in fact the physicist tends to believe it could very well be correct. We are convinced that before this presentation is finished you will tend to agree with him.

A retired federal officer recently published a book called *Somebody Else is on the Moon* which reveals inside information given to him by a former NASA scientist. The author, George Leonard, claimed that evidence of strange activity on our Moon impelled both the United States and the Soviet Union to go to the Moon and investigate. In fact it was not so much a race as it was a "desperate co-operation" to land on this strange world and see for ourselves: (1) if the Moon was harboring alien intelligence; (2) to see if the Moon might be a base of operations for UFOs which are constantly being reported here on Earth.

Leonard says that the former NASA scientist informed him that a number of NASA scientists, as well as a British physicist at Oxford and many Soviet scientists are convinced, from the evidence, that our Moon is actually a huge hollow spaceship that at some time in the past was driven into orbit around our Earth.

The evidence shows that the four major contentions of the Soviet spaceship theory are correct: (1) That the Moon is hollow. (2) That it does have a layer of metal or metallic rock underneath its crust. (3) That it does give evidence on its exterior in those strange circular plains, or "seas," of artificial hollowing-out processes. (4) That it gives surprising evidence of artificial construction in its interior apart from the metal shell which enshrouds it.

Let us now focus on some of the evidence that seems to back these major contentions. In fact, so startling are they that without the spaceship theory they are completely unexplainable. We challenge any scientist or scientifically minded individual to unravel and resolve these mysteries. In so doing we are convinced--if they do so open-minded to the truth--they will be compelled to admit that the facts reinforce the artificial Moon theory. Lets us look at the facts and see for ourselves.

*Challenge number 1: How do
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we explain the evidence of unexplainable moving lights and objects reported on the Moon by competent astronomers along with apparent artificial constructions in recent times?

Such strange lunar lights and transient happenings have occurred on the Moon that even our own National Aeronautics and Space Administration made a study the strange and unsatisfactorily explained phenomena.

We are aware of the fact that the lights and glows seen there have been explained as volcanic eruptions (this despite the fact that the Moon has been volcanically dead for at least the last three billion years as the Apollo mission has shown) or some kind of thermoluminescence. Undoubtedly, some of the huge glows and even the smaller ones are the latter, but as lunar investigators themselves admit not all can be explained away in this fashion. Some have been sighted on the dark areas of our waning and waxing Moon. Furthermore, the inexplicable changes and apparent constructions up there cannot be answered in this fashion. Yet competent scientists have over the last several hundred years have reported them in scientific journals and in observatory reports.

Over two decades ago a leading astronomer and astrophysicist, Dr. Morris Jessup, open-mindedly attacked this problem. He made a special study of all these reports and concluded that our Moon was indeed occupied by an alien intelligence and was the center and base of UFOs operating from within the Moon which was con-

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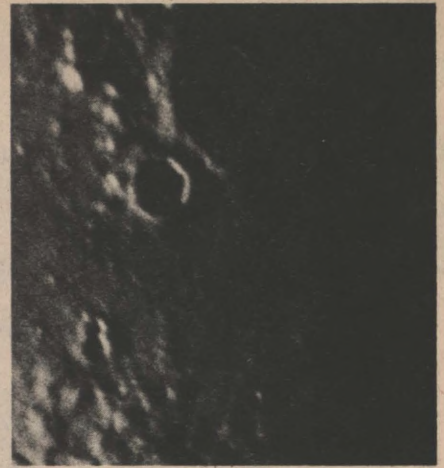
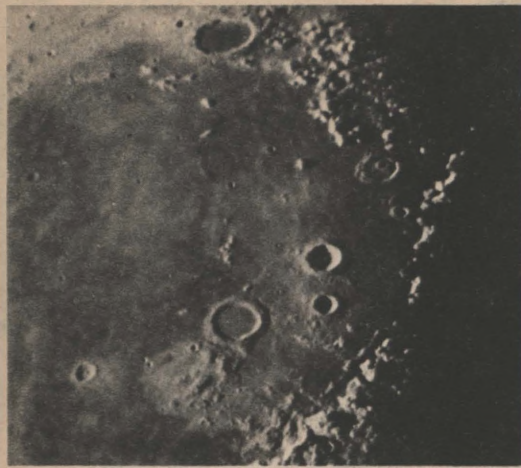
In his book *The Case for the UFO*, and even more pointedly in his *The Expanding Case for the UFO*, this renowned scientist cited hundreds of cases clearly proving UFOs were on the moon. No other scientist has ever explained away this evidence. I challenge any scientific investigator to tackle Jessup's work and refute him.

Challenge #2:

Explain how the many reported UFOs sighted by our astronauts in outer space were actually mistaken objects such as space debris.

Dr. James Harder of the University of California reviewed tape logs of astronaut conversation from outer space and discovered several startling descriptions of UFOs sighted in outer space. He confronted "a member of the space team" with his shocking discovery. A UPI wire service account which was carried nationally claimed that Harder did get a surprising admission from the individual "whom he declined to identify." Harder was also told by this individual, privately, that indeed the astronauts did sight UFOs on their moon trips, but the reports had been covered up. Why? "Because of fear of public panic" was the answer.

Dr. Harder clearly showed that as is the case of Apollo 11 and 12, the standpat answers to explain away sighted "bogeys" did not adequately clear up or explain away the UFOs. The official explanation was that the objects were "part" of the spacecraft trailing behind it. However, this was not supported by the speed observed on NASA instruments,



noted Harder.

A total of 26 "bogeys" have been purportedly seen by astronauts in outer space. Some may be mistaken space debris and such. But clearly not all. Even the notorious "Condon Report" gained a reputation from many scientists as being a government-sponsored attempt to whitewash all UFOs out of the skies, and listed several Gemini space sightings by astronauts as "unexplainable." Add to that the Apollo sightings and it is clear that astronaut reported UFOs can not be wiped out of the history books either.

Challenge #3: Explain the evidence that indicates our Moon is hollow, especially the fact that the moon "rings" like a huge hollow sphere every time some object is crashed into it.

Even before man went to the Moon scientists estimated that the density of the Moon was about half that of our planet Earth. This was puzzling and it suggested that it might possibly indicate that the Moon was hollow or at least had huge hollow areas. The late Dr. H.P. Wilkens, former head of the lunar division of the British Astronomical Association pointed out in his highly regarded book, *Our Moon*, that everything points to a more or less hollow nature of the crust within 20 to 30 miles of the surface. Intriguing? Yes!

Some of our own space agency studies appear to back this up. Dr. George MacDonald of NASA, making an analysis of the Moon's motions, concluded that it was much more dense in its outer parts than in its interior.

Later findings from Apollo did

yield evidence from a study of the density of lunar rocks that could indicate that the outer portions of the moon were heavier and that this could indicate the moon might be hollow. If true, this would verify an earlier *Science News Journal* report based on earlier findings that the moon is like a hollow sphere. Later, the moon reacted like a hollow sphere when we crashed space debris into it.

Another study conducted by Dr. Sean C. Solomon of M.I.T. claimed that latest data of the gravitational fields of the moon indicated that the lunar sphere could be hollow. Reporting his findings in the technical publication, *The Moon, An International Journal of Lunar Studies*, Solomon concluded that the Lunar Orbiter findings indicated "the frightening possibility that the moon might be hollow."

Frightening? Yes, for if our moon indeed is hollow then it necessarily means that it must have been artificially hollowed out. For as Dr. Josip Shklovskii and Dr. Carl Sagan stated in their co-authored work, *Intelligent Life in the Universe*: "A natural satellite cannot be hollow." It would have had to have been artificially hollowed out.

So, as frightening as it may sound, the moon might just be a spaceship! Beyond the theoretical speculation and supporting evidence, something far more important indicates that these studies are correct, and establishes the shocking fact that our moon is hollow. Every time we crashed anything into the moon, it has caused the moon to reverberate like a huge

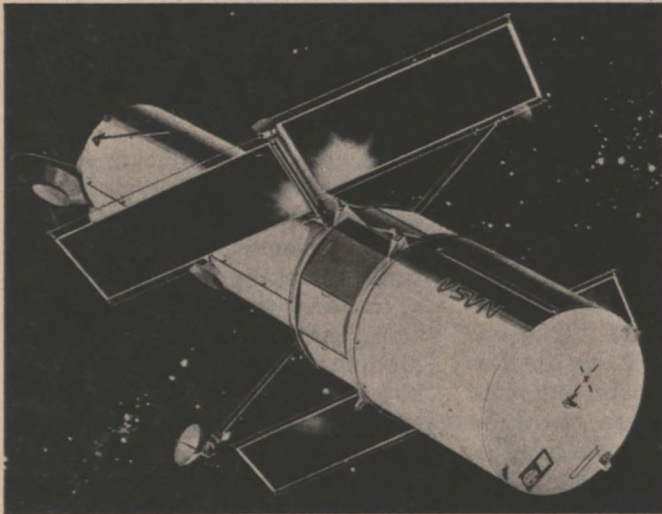
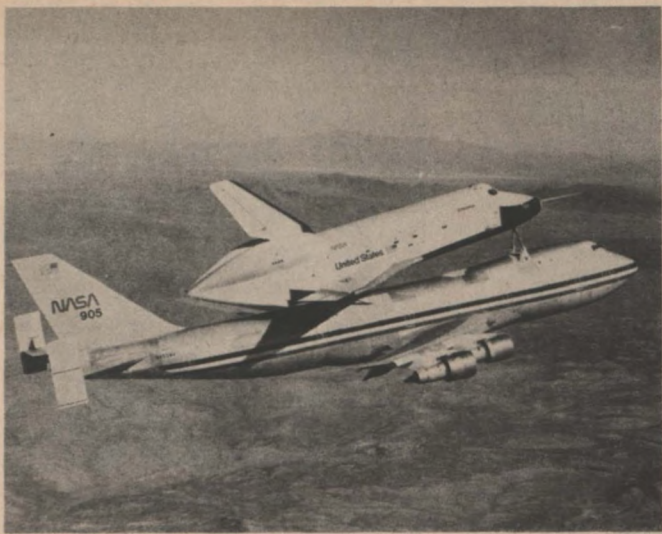
hollow sphere. Scientists started this series of experiments to learn more about the internal make-up of the moon. What they discovered rocked them back on their heels and has sent shock waves throughout the world.

This all came about during the Apollo mission. After setting up sensitive seismometers on the moon, scientists steered out of earth's orbit the spent third stages of rockets (by radio command) along with ascent stages of Lunar Modules. They sent them crashing into the moon. In each and every instance these crashes, as NASA documents attest, caused the moon to "ring like a huge gong or bell" for from one hour to four hours!

Astonishingly, several NASA scientists have come up with a model of the moon in the form of a hollow sphere based on the evidence received (particularly this strange ringing bell phenomenon). A *Science News* report suggested that our "rather bizarre moon" is really a hollow titanium ball (see November 29 1974 issue). Asked to comment on this strange model, Captain Lee Scherer, then director of the Apollo Lunar Exploration Office, admitted that NASA did have such a model of the moon but added that the fact that our moon was actually that—a hollow rock-covered metal sphere—was highly unlikely.

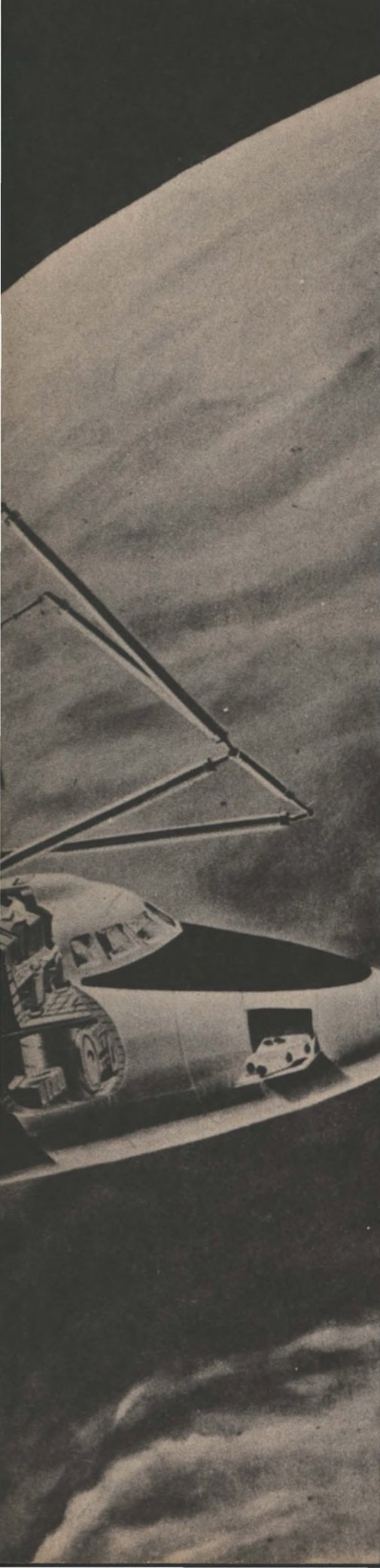
But as we have seen and will continue to see—it is not unlikely at all. It fits the facts. □

In part two of this article, we will look at the startling evidence which suggests that the moon has an inner shell of metal.



Top photo shows how a carrier jet will launch the Space Shuttle Orbiter carrying the space telescope. Below, how the space telescope will look in its orbit.

Photo Credit: NASA



Scientists will at last be able to peer to the edges of the universe and the beginning of time. The United States plans to orbit a telescope half as big as the largest telescope on earth. The launching is planned sometime in 1983.

Before leaving office, President Ford included 435 million dollars for the telescope in his budget for space exploration and research.

The telescope will be flown into orbit by astronauts aboard the space shuttle, which will be fully operational by the beginning of the next decade.

The telescope, weighing about 20,000 pounds, will be unattended more than 300 miles above the surface of our planet. From this vantage point, scientists will be able to marvel at the universe without any interference from the atmosphere. This is a big problem when viewing from the earth because the thickness of our atmosphere blocks out substantial quantities of light, and moving air patterns often cause the objects under observation to "ripple" and become blurred.

"Without the blurring of the atmosphere," said Dr. John Bahcall of Princeton University's Institute for Advanced Study where the idea was conceived, "we will be able to see things that are ten times farther away. It will be like reading the writing on a coin that we could only tell was round before."

Many astronomers agree that the world's largest telescope on Mt. Palomar can see no farther than half way across the universe. Now, with the aid of the space telescope, they will be able to see the most distant stars, those born in the first moments of creation.

The quasars are some of the most distant objects viewed with a telescope from the earth. These mysterious quasars radiate a thousand times more energy than stars of the same size. "We don't know whether quasars are galaxies in birth, dying galaxies or not galaxies at all," said Professor Bahcall, "we don't even know if there are galaxies associated with quasars because we can't see them."

Perhaps the new "Eye in the Sky" will be able to give us the answers to a few mysteries of life and the universe. □

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Charles Hall, Project Manager for the Pioneer Venus mission, stands next to the thermal model of the spacecraft that will carry four probes to the vicinity of Venus. The probes, in concert with a Venus orbiter spacecraft, will carry out a detailed scientific examination of the planet's atmosphere and weather. The unit will be launched in May 1978 and inserted into orbit in December 1978.

BY SAMUEL BELIL



Ms. Michelle Nichols, one of the stars (Lt. Uhura) of the television series "Star Trek", relaxes during a briefing session at NASA's Johnson Space Center. Ms. Nichols was briefed by NASA astronaut Alan Bean prior to a nationwide tour she will take on behalf of NASA to acquaint potential minority applicants with NASA opportunities.

Here, Ms. Nichols is shown during a demonstration on the operation of the Shuttle Procedures Simulator (SPS) in Building 35 at the Johnson Space Center. The SPS supports the development of Shuttle flight procedures, crew procedures, definition of crew/cockpit interface requirements and crew training.




An artist's concept shows the recently discovered rings around the planet Uranus. The discovery was made by a team of astronomers led by Dr. James Elliot of Cornell University. The team, using a 91-centimeter (36-inch) infrared telescope aboard NASA Kuiper Airborne Observatory, discovered the rings while gathering data on the planet's diameter and searching for atmosphere.




A Report From The Readers:

WEIRD LIGHTS IN THE SKY


BY MRS. WALTER BIEGAJ



In the spring of 1976, the area of Spring Valley and Elmwood, Wisconsin had several UFO sightings. My husband and I thought that the possibilities of seeing a UFO were very slim until the evening of May 13th.



It was about 9 p.m. when we heard a soft humming noise. Looking out our front window, we saw two objects, each with four red flashing lights and a central white beam. They were floating about seven or eight feet above the ground and when they came to our fence, floated over it! We rushed outside to investigate the strange objects, and as we watched, they rose to about thirty feet and sped toward Ellsworth.



There were six of the weird lights the next time we saw them, on May 17th at about 9:15 p.m. They were the same type as the first, and they followed the same course, except that this time they flew much higher.

Several days went by before we saw the UFOs again. It was about 10 p.m. when they showed up—about 15 of them! The whole horizon was covered with them. They behaved just as the previous

ones. I rushed to get my camera but when I returned they were gone.

On May 30th, I was outside at about 10:30 p.m. to check on our dog. I happen to notice a light behind the trees across the road. It was unusual for a light to be there. I got closer to investigate and found it to be another one of the mysterious lights. It started to rise and hovered about 30 feet above the ground. Frightened, I wondered what to do. I thought—the camera—get the camera! I ran into the house and grabbed my camera which I left near the door, and called my husband. My husband obviously hadn't heard me and I didn't have time to go up and wake him. Outside again, I shot off several frames. By this time, the UFO had flown higher, but could still be seen. This UFO was larger than the others and it was alone. It had only one flashing white light and seemed to change shape. It shot off in the direction of River Falls.

We haven't seen any UFOs since, but the sightings we did have, along with the photos I took will last us a lifetime. □

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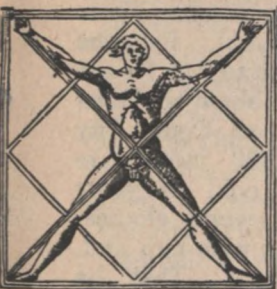
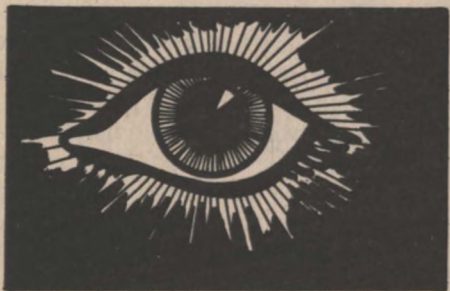
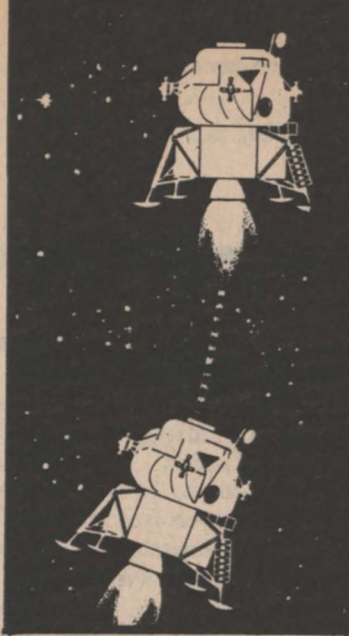
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of paper and then seemed to come out of a trance. He had to search for the road and did not know why he had come there. He made it to town where he presented himself to the sheriff.

Irwin returned to Fort Bliss and was subjected to fresh psychological examinations that were fruitless as the previous ones. It was at this point that Coral and James Lorenzen of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization heard of the story.

Irwin was sent back to the William Beaumont Hospital on July 10th by orders of the Inspector General. On the 1st of August, however, Irwin was missing.

Later listed as a deserter, he was never seen again. Jacques Vallee reproduced this strange case in his *Passport to Magonia*, considering it akin to certain tales about the fairies.

Only now do we have sufficient UFO literature to find what may be the required clues. The cases which researchers have collected and the analyses they have attempted have at last allowed a plausible interpretation of the Irwin case. Because of this, the story could not have been concocted in 1959 with the idea of it making sense only in 1977. A fashionable idea about UFOs is that the phenomenon is psychic, and that physical effects are created by psychic powers. The truth is that this is just one more way to wriggle and squirm out of facing the implications of superior alien visits. All the objections to extraterrestrial intelligence as a cause for UFOs can be countered. A consistent logical and logistical system based on current scientific knowledge exists to support the extraterrestrial hypothesis. This applies to reports that have seemed to be quite absurd, even supernatural.

If we assume that UFO reports

record real events, and that these events are due to the presence of superior aliens, logic leads us inevitably to the conclusion that the aliens are here because of the crisis we have created. Among other activities, they are trying to convey certain ideas to us. A huge number of cases on record indicate clearly that the witnesses were being deliberately shown the UFO. In most cases of UFO occupants, the witness is ignored or pointedly paralyzed, or a seeming exploration party taking what look like samples of soil, flees upon seeing the witness. For logical and especially logistical reasons, these occupants simply cannot be exploration parties. The scenes must be simply scenes, and intended to be transmitted as such by the witness to our society.

In a small proportion of occupant cases, there is an element of communication, sometimes spoken. These affairs are full of trivial, whimsical, and contradictory details. The only possible reason for this is that the occupants are staging a charade, usually one in which the witness is an unsuspecting participant. It is for us to ponder over the meaning of these charades.

In a number of cases the witnesses do not remember what happened. The missing experience can be recovered under hypnosis. It is as if what is recovered under hypnosis is a conversation we are overhearing. For this reason, the aliens would think it appropriate to make a number of witnesses forget what they had seen, just so that later investigators would recover it by hypnosis and feel that they had unearthed a clue of importance. It is not their reasoning that is twisted, it is ours, and hence their method.

The Swedish Ufologist K. Gosta Rehn proposed that the aliens are

able to project sensory impressions, even concrete information upon our nervous system by means of skillful use of electromagnetic radiation. This not only allows them to convey ideas to us, but saves us from the embarrassment of telepathy. It explains why at least one witness was unwilling to confirm that alien communication was by telepathy. It also explains why the witness in many cases thought the UFOs they saw were made here on earth, when nothing of the kind could have been true.

Gerry Irwin's belief that he saw a crashing airplane, is therefore an important detail. Since the searching party found no crashed airplane, it is up to us, and not for Irwin, to say that he saw a UFO. This at once improves the strength of the story. If it had been a meteor, it would have been much faster and would have made a violent and noticeable impact. All the details of the story tell us that psychological effects were imposed upon Irwin by the aliens right from the start. If this was still happening when the fish and game inspector went to fetch the sheriff, then the aliens had as much as an hour in which to work on Irwin before leaving without being seen by the search party.

While Irwin was unconscious at Cedar City Hospital, someone could have gone out to look for the jacket on the bush about which he repeatedly mumbled. Cedar City is just over 1,800 meters in altitude and is cold in early March, requiring warm clothes. Irwin had a jacket with him and, had left it behind. That he mumbled about it during unconsciousness meant it was somehow important. No one went out to look for it. He asked where it was when he awoke and before he was flown to his base, but still no one bothered to look for his jacket. If an account of his experience

was written on a piece of paper wound around the pencil which was stuck in the buttonhole of his jacket, and if someone had gone out and found it, whatever was written on the paper would have been far more convincing than anything Irwin could have directly and consciously related. As time passed without anyone finding the note, it lost its credibility and impact.

There was obviously no airplane crash, and Irwin was unconscious and mumbling and remembered nothing when he awoke. This was an invitation for a hypnotist to unearth what had happened. As far as we know, no effort at hypnotism was made.

Invitations to doctors to apply hypnosis were offered, even to telephone Cedar City about the missing jacket, but, neither invitation was recognized.

Two circumstantial invitations to hypnosis and a search for the missing jacket had failed. Whatever the aliens wanted the human investigators of Irwin to find out will never be known owing to incompetence, lack of imagination, and prejudice of facts. In the meantime, the jacket with its inviting note had become forgotten. As time passed, it had lost its value as evidence and the aliens must have changed their plans.

Irwin drew attention to whatever the note had said and to the need for hypnosis by going away from the base without leave and burning the note, then seemed to come out of a trance, not even remembering the original inci-



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dent. Even at this stage, no story was extracted by hypnosis and then given the publicity that success of the original alien plans would have brought about. The aliens had arranged for a magnificently conceived story. The note could have been found at the beginning and made a sensational impression. Hypnosis could have unearthed the story that had been removed from Irwin's conscious recollection. These two items would have made headlines all over the globe.

This incident could have sneaked into the public limelight, as the aliens must have desired, without either of two things that upset the authorities. One is physical evidence that they would feel obliged to confiscate and then deny, and the other is a great host of witnesses whom they would feel obliged to go to some lengths to silence.

The initial effort failed. The next logical step was to salvage the ruins of the plan by once more drawing attention to the destroyed note and to the trance of the witness. This also failed. There is no reason, after all, why super-intelligent aliens should be able to predict the actions of capricious human society. They certainly did not do so in this case.

The final and logical step was to induce Irwin to leave the base once more, but this time, their purpose was to examine him and find out at first hand why their plans had failed so dismally. We should reflect, now upon why the best laid plans of men and aliens often go sadly astray □

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THE TRUTH ABOUT MARS!/continued from page 31

the AP: *New pictures of Mars' northern regions reveal mysterious patterns, resembling contour plowing on the planet's red surface, and scientists say they cannot find a natural explanation. 'We are getting some strange things. It is very puzzling,' said Michael Carr, member of the team interpreting pictures of Mars from the Viking 2 orbiter. Carr stated that the newest pictures of the target zone showed stripped patterns that resemble an aerial photograph of a farmer's field after plowing. 'The stripes are too regular to be of natural causes,' Carr stated. But what caused them? 'I really can't tell you all of the possibilities that were suggested,' Carr responded. 'But many suggestions were that the patterns were man-made.'*

I would like to point out the most important fact that the suggestion of man-made plowing was made *after* Viking I could not find life on Mars as we were

looking for it.

To conclude this article, I would like to give credit where credit is due and report that even as we receive double talk on the extra-terrestrial findings, we have, as a civilization, gained enormous knowledge by venturing out into space. We have learned more about our earth from out there by observation and photography than is presently realized by the general public. Space satellites placed into earth's orbit have revealed our global pollution problems. We have learned about the weather patterns, the ocean currents, mineral deposits, soil analysis, flood control, forestry service, and higher yield agricultural areas, both presently cultivated and those as yet unused.

Through our earth orbiting probes we have also found that we are not always perfect. For in the early days we received reports that life could not exist even on our own planet. Those probes

reported back that there was not enough water vapor or oxygen to support life as we know it on earth! So we know that the probes are not always accurate. Much depends upon the pressures and amounts of magnetism that surround the probes in space when the readings are taken.

As it is yet to be revealed, Man's future on this earth will depend upon outer space research and exploration, for it is from out there that he will be able to better evaluate the small world he now calls "home."

Every dollar spent on the space program is well spent. The program has all the potentials, so thoroughly occupied in the endeavor that there is no time left for foolish wars that only add additional woes and miseries to mankind.

Man calls himself the most intelligent creature on earth. He will soon have the Golden Opportunity to prove it. □

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T.M.C.'s chimney. A voice, seemingly from the disc, recited a series of nine four-digits numbers. One of the numbers was 2637. The first three numerals are a number-anagram of Mrs. X's which are "236."

Certain numbers seem to turn up again and again in "phantom number" reports. Among the most often encountered are "38" and "83."

56-year old Eddie Laxson saw a "fish shaped silver object" which had landed and was blocking Texas Highway 70, eight miles from the city of Temple, on the morning of March 23, 1966. Though the craft took off a few seconds after he first saw it, electronics instructor Laxson recognized letters and numbers painted vertically down the side. They were, he later recollected, either "TL 4138" or "TL 4738." Of the nine sets of two-digit



numbers heard by Bruce Sonder's friend Sally, one was "38" and the other was "83".

One of the nine four-digit numbers heard by TMC was "3801." This had been immediately preceded by "2637."

In June, 1966, the Harkins brothers, age six and seven, together with another boy, eight years old, saw a round white UFO land on a beach at Cape Canaveral, Florida. The craft had a grey star on the side, plus a line of strangely-combined letters: "HU HR PS RED."

The numerological equivalent of "HU" is "83." "H" is the eighth letter of the alphabet. "U" is the twenty-first letter; one and two equal three.

What is the meaning of these phantom numbers? If they are purely hallucinatory, as skeptics insist, why are certain number-patterns beginning to emerge?

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cal composition, and so forth, to be likely candidates for the abodes of life.

Marjorie Fish kept all this in mind while constructing her three-dimensional models. By 1973 her work had finally paid off—she had constructed a model of our galactic neighborhood which, when viewed from a position in space in the vicinity of the Zeta Reticuli system, bore a startling resemblance to the map drawn by Betty Hill.

Ms. Fish's calculations were checked by computer and her models were examined by leading professional astronomers. The consensus was that she had put forth an astonishingly impressive and highly plausible hypothesis to explain the "navigational map" reportedly seen by Betty Hill aboard the alien spacecraft.

Indeed, when the lines were connected on the three-dimensional model to match those on the Hill map, the lines connected only



This coded message was flashed out into space in hope of contacting intelligent alien life.

to solar or near-solar type stars. Within a 55-light-year radius of our solar system are some 16 such stars, all 16 being "main sequence" stars between F5 and K5 spectral classification, the outside parameters for possible life-supporting stars suggested by Schklovskii and Sagan in their book, *Intelligent Life in the Universe*. Our sun is a G2 type star, which falls almost exactly in the middle of that range.

The controversy still continues, some astronomers such as Carl Sagan and Stephen Soter calling for more rigorous interpretation of the data, others, like David R. Saunders, seeing in the data the revelation that our sun belongs to a closed cluster which includes other solar-type stars. But it is agreed among all that Ms. Fish's line of reasoning constitutes an exceedingly insightful and valuable contribution to the unraveling of the question of extraterrestrial intelligence. □

BEYOND THE SPEED OF LIGHT

Because scientists are now speculating on the existence of mysterious particles which travel faster than the speed of light, interstellar space travel may become a reality much sooner than we think.

Until very recently it was thought that nothing could exceed the speed of light, 182,000 miles per second. At that rate, light will travel some six trillion miles per year; and since the nearest star system to our own, Alpha Centauri, is four light years away a round-trip space mission traveling at light-speed would require eight years for its completion. For trips to other nearby stars the time involved would be considerably longer.

But now scientists are taking another look at Einstein's theory of relativity—the theory which seems to "forbid" anything from going faster than the speed of light. And

It is possible that Einstein could have been wrong, since many scientists now believe that travel beyond the speed of light is possible.

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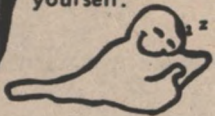
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Gravity is affected by the mass of an object and distance from the center of force. A neutron star would have the same mass it had before, but its gravitational pull would increase immensely because the center of the star is within only a few miles of its surface. The gravitational pull of a neutron star would be over 210 billion times that of earth at its surface.

Now imagine a star fifty or one hundred times as large as our sun collapsing down to only five miles in diameter. The gravitational pull would be so great that even light could not escape. Light is composed of packets of particles called photons, which have mass and are therefore subject to the force of gravity. And since no light would emanate from this "collapsar," as a collapsed star is sometimes called, it would appear black. This is what has become known as a "black hole."

So great is the gravitational pull of these collapsars that they actually rip about the fabric of space. Thus a space ship could enter into the "hyperspace" of such an object, travel immense distances within a very brief period of time and reappear at another point in space. It has been proposed that all matter that is sucked into a black hole reappears through a "white hole." This would seem quite likely, because every force in nature has an opposing force. It is possible then, that these black holes could have corresponding white holes possessing negative gravitational fields. In other words, a white hole would "push" things away from it, completely opposite in effect from black holes.

But one problem presents itself: a spaceship entering such a



If "Black Holes" do create space warps, it is not difficult to envision an advanced civilization utilizing them to travel anywhere in the universe in a matter of split seconds.

tremendous gravitational field would be crushed by its force. Yet this problem can be overcome if the black hole rotates at a high enough speed. The outward centrifugal force caused by a high spin would counteract the inward gravitational force. This would create a semi-forceless field about the center, or equator, of the hole. If travel through the hole were to take place, it would have to be through such a forceless field.

Do black holes, in fact, spin? No one can say for sure, because no one has ever seen a black hole. We can only theorize their existence from secondary information, such as X-rays from seemingly empty parts of space. Given that black holes exist, it is very likely that they spin upon their axes because almost everything else in the universe rotates, including the earth, the sun, our solar system, our galaxy—and the universe itself! So why not black holes? A neutron star spins 33 times per second and from this fact we can conclude that a black hole rotates as fast as, or faster than, a neutron star. If this is true, then our spaceship is safe.

Would a spinning black hole indeed create entry into some kind of space warp? Would it be the opening to a worm-hole, a tunnel from one point in space to another? According to the Kerr-Metric Space Warp Theory, a very dense star, spinning quickly, would have no mass at its center and thus tear in the tapestry of space. A rotating black hole would more than fit the bill; for you won't find anything more dense than a collapsar or black hole.

If black holes do create space warps, it is not difficult to envision an advanced civilization travelling from one black hole to another within a matter of minutes. Who knows, perhaps they have already set up a Black Hole Rapid Transit System and are at this very moment plying the furthest reaches of the galaxy. It is an enticing possibility, to say the least. □



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be given every encouragement to collapse by these opportunists among us. It would be optimistic to suppose that if superior aliens taught us, we could be good pupils. At any rate, it would be almost as difficult to teach some of us to tell the truth, face facts, be fair, be able to love, and to be understanding and tolerant as it would be to teach algebra to a dog or cat. It is for us to recognize these limitations in ourselves rather than to have others point them out.

Superior alien civilization cannot possibly survive for a moment if superior aliens feel any conscience toward people who have as yet failed to mend their ways. In addition to the gentle motives that



allow truly peaceful cultures on a mature world, superior aliens must possess an inbuilt motive for complete self protection against savages. Only in this way can they avoid being cheated at some crucial stage. Only in this way, in our past, could aliens who visited this world have done nothing to prevent war, torture, labor camps, and all the other grim spectacles of history.

Will our planet ever be considered for membership in the Galactic Club? It seems as though we are being watched and prodded and needled with the hope that we will. For the greater part, we are left to do it by ourselves because that is the only way it can be done. □

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the satirical, know-it-all Oberg will dismiss Dr. Jessup's conclusions as being "lunacy" even as he has so peremptorily dismissed the work of another astronomer, Dr. Hynek, or that of Dr. Harder or any other scholar who maintains that UFOs are very real should be open-mindedly investigated. Captain Oberg has even dismissed the fine work of Dr. Roch of the Condon Committee who in the *Condon Report* investigated the strange encounters that early astronauts had with strange "bogeys" or UFOs in outer space. Captain Oberg of the Johnson Space Center and the U.S. Air Force has the audacity to disparage the competency of Dr. Roach by setting himself up as the judge and arbiter of the evidence, claiming that Dr. Roach's conclusion that several UFO sightings by astronauts were "unexplainable" was in error. But then, what should we expect from an Air Force officer on "special" assignment to the Johnson Space Center. He has never and will never

publicly admit that UFOs are real or could possibly exist. Perhaps he believes this sincerely, like some orthodox-blinded scientists who wouldn't believe in a UFO if one landed at the Johnson Space Center itself.

However, aside from this, Captain Oberg claims that there isn't a scientist who takes seriously the possibility that the moon may be hollow and thus a spaceship. Even before the space program began in the fifties, Dr. H.P. Wilkins, head of the Lunar Division of the British Astronomical Association spent a complete chapter in his fine book *Our Moon* dwelling on that question: "is the moon hollow?" Dr. Wilkins admits that many strange lights and glows, as well as other unexplainable mysterious changes and developments on the moon could mean that there is intelligent life there, and he goes on to say; *every indication is that the moon, thirty miles beneath its crust, is hollow.*

Furthermore, George Leonard, a retired federal official, enlight-

ened by an ex-NASA scientist who filled him in on the great government coverup, claimed that our entire moon exploration program was impelled by "suspicion or recognition" of the fact that the moon *is occupied by an intelligent race or races* and the source of UFOs visiting the earth. This triggered the U.S. and Soviet lunar programs—which may not really have been "so much a race as a desperate co-operation".

Further, this ex-NASA scientist claimed that at least one engineer and scientist at the Jet Propulsion Lab in California and a British physicist at Oxford, believe in the theory that the moon is a vast spaceship. Of course, Captain Oberg knows all and has been relentlessly attacking Leonard as well. He will claim that just like all the UFOs that are being photographed and leaving traces on the ground, its all the product of an overworked imagination.

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tell how a leader was selected by the "Gods" to receive advanced information about the impending doom. In each case he is instructed to warn people to mend their ways. In the end the warnings usually went unheeded, the decimation of the race all but complete.

The quick rejection by science of any religious interpretation is equally applied to any psychic interpretation. Yet throughout recorded history there have always been a few chosen humans who had the ability to see accurately, and truthfully, into the future, and to warn of impending doom. Among the most notable in this age are such seers as Nostradamus and Edgar Cayce. Both have predicted that the end of this century would close on drastic and unforeseen events which would completely change this world as we know it. And this seems to be the consensus of opinion held by most psychics today. Most predict that the years ahead until the year 2000 will present mankind with the most unbelievable destruction of his civilization. For Nostradamus the culmination of events was predicted for July 1999, then the great King of Terror would come out of the heavens to destroy the earth: "When the wheel of time shall have come to the seventh millenium there will begin the games of death, not long from the Great Age of a thousand years when those who have entered the tomb will emerge from it."

For Edgar Cayce the changes that he foresaw were equally devastating. He predicted its beginning with the opening of WW II, then deepening even more through the 70's, 80's and 90's. During this period North America would witness inundations of its central heartland, destruction and floods on both east and west coasts, the opening of waters in the Arctic, and the closing of portions of the Antarctic. Northern Europe would experience severe flooding while most of



Japan would sink into the sea. The effects of this destruction would touch every corner of the earth, and few safe places would be left untouched.

If we were to add all of these to the problems already besetting the world due to depleted energy reserves, the growing world famine which has already begun because of the drastic changes in weather around the world, the rising discontent in the nations of the world that have given much yet have received little in return, it presents a grim picture indeed. And it is a picture of whole civilizations plunging into an abyss at an unprecedented pace with leaders who refuse to accept the possibility that the past might hold clues to the future.

The Mayan seated at his "observatory," the ancient Chinese rulers who flew about the skies, the men who were able to make maps from high in the heavens when the Antarctic was fertile land, these seem to back up the theories of men like Velikovsky and others who point to evidence of past cataclysmic destructions. If we are to believe that the world follows a set pattern, then we may

soon find that the psychics were right: a great change is about to overtake humanity....again!

It has been the unintentional result of those investigating "Ancient Astronauts" which has helped to uncover this evidence of past ages. The interpretation of that evidence offered here may be right, or it may be wrong. But one thing is sure. There are changes afoot in this world that are tied in with unrecognized universal forces that control the moon and the planets. These can't help but cause after effects on this planet whose covering is a thin broken shell of rock floating on a ball of molten minerals and gasses. Five years from now, when the so-called Jupiter Effect -the complete alignment of all the planets in our solar system on one side of the sun- occurs in the spring of 1982, we may discover the cause that brought about the end of those other "Ages" or "Suns." But by then it will be too late to do anything to increase the survival potential of the human race.

If these past records seem dark and dismal, where humans were confronted with the anger of the "Gods", then left to struggle up out of the ashes of despair, it should be stated that the future for this "Age" is predicted to be somewhat different. For if we are to believe the predictions of the psychics, then we are on the verge of a whole new era.

When the changes and upheavals are over by the year 2000, then we are to witness the emerging of the greatest society that this world has ever seen. This is to be the Great Age of Nostradamus, the millennium referred to by all the great religious leaders of the past. It is supposed to be an era of unparalleled betterment for all of the peoples of the world that will end poverty and want, war and strife. Maybe by then the beings in the UFO's will consider this a more worthwhile place in which to set up a higher level of communication. □

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teracting with the fabric of reality around us, actually creating physical manifestations. In some cases (the cattle mutilations?) this interaction may have gone completely out of control, reeking havoc instead of subtle creation.

All of this is difficult to understand or to explain and until someone has found a way to comprehend the limitations of the human mind, it's almost certain that mankind will continue to be perplexed by the unexplained,

UFOs included. To solve the mystery, a new kind of UFO study is necessary; a probe not in search of spacecraft, but one into the recesses of the mind—which appears to be the key to unlocking the UFO phenomenon. □

INCIDENT AT FAWN GROOVE

BY STEVE LIEBERMAN

A large ball of fire was witnessed by several persons and all are baffled concerning the "fireballs" origin. Even the most skeptical witnesses refuse to acknowledge the possibility that the object could have been a UFO.

The official report handed in by Captain Douglas of the Citizens Volunteer Fire Company reads as follows: "At approximately 8:15 p.m. there was a fire on the property of Mr. Robert Brown which seemed to have been caused by a meteor. The meteor landed and burnt an area of approximately 50 square feet." But this explanation has been ruled out by other official investigators.

The Fire Chief's report doesn't answer a few basic questions concerning the strange object. First, if it was indeed a landing meteor, what happened to the meteor? All we have here is a circular burnt area of ground.

Also, if a meteor did land it most certainly have left a good size hole. The only marks left on the parched ground were three small holes measuring 2 inches deep and 2 inches in diameter. Secondly, meteors only burn for approximately 16 seconds. This ball of fire was visual for over 5 minutes.

The fact that witnesses stated that it was "standing still" rules out beyond a doubt that it was a meteor.

It seems that the conclusion that the fire was caused by a meteor just doesn't hold up. What other explanation can it be? The investigators reached the conclusion that it was a UFO. Robert Barry, of 20 Century UFO Bureau, believes there are strong indications that the fire was caused by a

departing "air craft". The three small holes which were discovered measured five-and-one-half feet apart. "What ever caused the depression is typical of landings of such kind which are found in fields across the nation," Mr. Barry stated.

Fawn Grove is located near the Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant which could be the reason for UFO activity in this area. It has been reported that UFOs have been seen many times in the areas of nuclear power plants (see UFOs over Rockland County, this issue).

As far as UFOs are concerned, they are a reality and until they will make themselves known to us, we will have to live with the mystery of what they are and, where they come from. □



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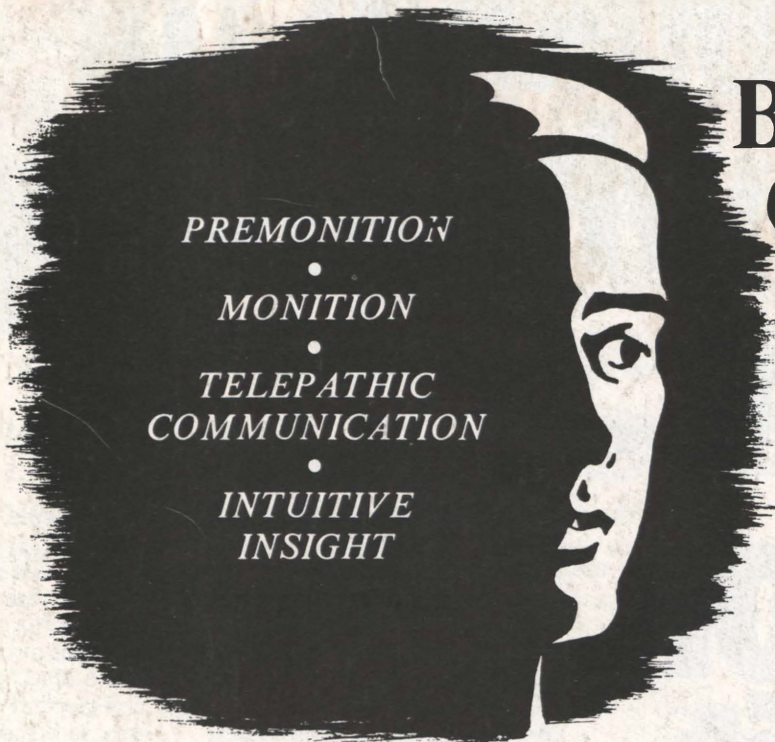
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