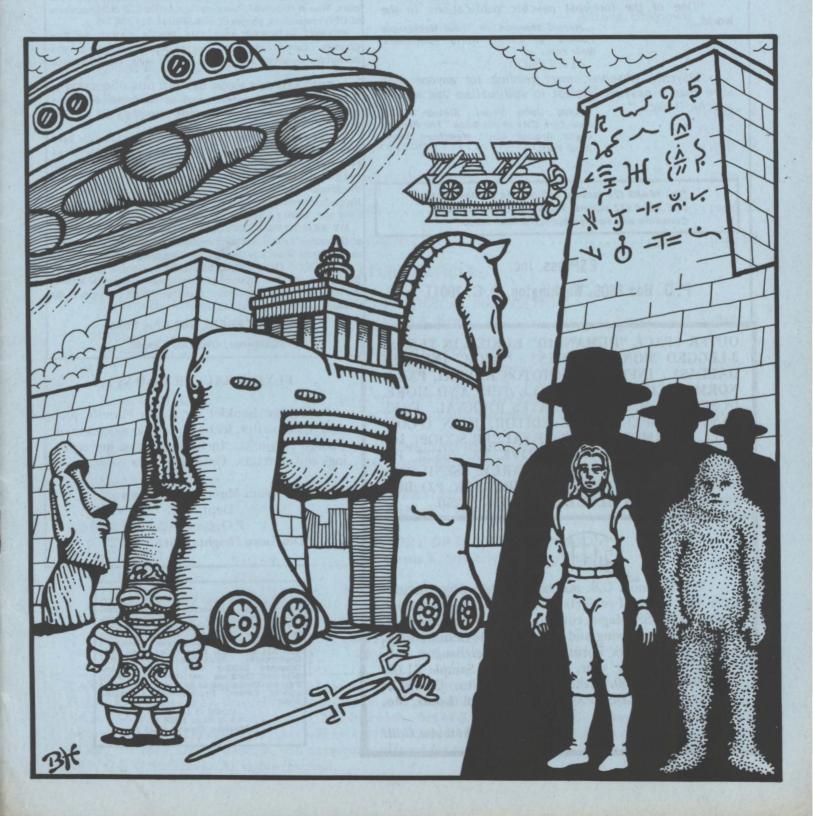
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# EDITORIAL

### By Eugene Steinberg

16 years ago, Wilhelm Reich died in ignominy. He was incarcerated in a Federal jail, his life's work confiscated and presumed destroyed by government agents.

Perhaps to his dying day, he felt betrayed by a vast conspiracy. It is said he believed communists in the upper echelons of American government were out to get him, and that they succeeded, but not completely.

As the years passed, interest in Reich's work was rekindled. There are many reasons why this is so.

People these days are lost in a maze of complex problems without solutions. There are pollution, inflation, the energy crisis, endless Southeast Asian war (despite the so-called "peace agreement"), and a host of other nagging difficulties that no one seems able to cope with.

New directions are sought, new ways to find the road out of the mess we have created for ourselves.

And many feel that Wilhelm Reich had some kind of answer.

Such a man is Jerome Eden, who has devoted much of his life to seeing that the works of Reich gain public acceptance at last.

As Geneva Steinberg wrote in the Summer, 1973 issue of Caveat Emptor, Reich discovered what he called "Orgone Energy," which he believed to be the fundamental force of life that could be harnassed to do good beyond our wildest dreams – or, in the form of deadly Oranur energy, do untold harm.

In the book, Orgone Energy – The Answer to Atomic Suicide (Exposition Press, 30 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, N.Y. 11753, 6.00), Eden suggests that Orgone is the only way to combat creeping atomic pollution that is already contaminating many of us with forms of radioactive poisoning. Eden says the symptoms range from such things as strange cases of "flu," to a general feeling of listlessness and fatigue that nearly everyone feels these days.

By the same token, Eden pictures UFOs as bearers of further misfortunes for mankind.

In his article this issue, Eden sharply dismisses any possible comparison of the studies of Reich with Richard Shaver's writings of "deros" and "teros," and wondrous achievements of a long-gone Elder technology.

Yet both Eden and Shaver are one as to the impact of the age of UFOs: Both agree they are harmful.

Shaver doesn't mince words about the implications of flying saucers in his book *The Vermin* from Space. He says the pilots of these craft "bring us evil, and only a helpless and simpleton world would accept them!"

As for Reich, Eden's book demonstrates to me at least that the late scientist was the victim of the "reflective factor" talked about by John Keel and others.

His work into Orgone Energy sowed the seeds of his own destruction.

When the Food and Drug Administration charged that his concepts were false, and his Orgone Energy Accumulators and other devices were fake, Reich looked down upon them with disdain.

When faced with court orders, he ignored them and went on with work as usual.

So, like the man who ignores a traffic ticket, Reich was found guilty by default.

Maybe he would have lost a court battle. Maybe he would have spent the remainder of his days in jail.

But by ignoring the axiom that the refusal to defend oneself is an admission of guilt, Reich destroyed himself!

And today his work is only slowly emerging from the aura of a "fringe" or pseudoscience. Only now are his works gradually coming into print again.

Too late to be of any help to the author.

But with Reich's books becoming popular again, it is important that competent scientists test Orgone devices soon and find out whether they work or not.

For if a vast source of power is indeed involved, it better be dealt with properly - or we'll be in an even worse predicament than we are now.



### THE UFOLOGICAL POPULATION By John A. Keel

How many UFOlogists are active in the world today? This may seem a trivial and irrelevant question, but it is important to those who publish magazines and books devoted to the subject, and can provide an important statistic for those journalists and scientists maintaining a peripheral interest.

For our purposes, a UFOlogist is defined as a person who maintains a continuing interest in the subject and is willing to lay out his or her hardearned money for UFO publications, tickets to UFO conventions, etc. This "armchair" UFOlogist does not often have an opportunity to actually investigate a sighting first-hand, and is mainly concerned with indulging in debate and correspondence.

The UFOlogical population in the United States has always been extremely small. Until the 1966 flap, APRO [Aerial Phenomena Research Organization] maintained a membership of 800. Employees of NICAP [National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena] in Washington, D.C. claimed a total membership of between 6,000 and 12,000 at the end of 1966. The NICAP figures are highly suspect.

After nine years of publication, Ray Palmer's magazine *Flying Saucers* had a total circulation of 14,597 in 1966. He had nationwide distribution at the time. Newsstand sales amounted to about 11,402 copies per issue, hardly an impressive figure. Paid circulation (subscriptions) was 3,195.

In 1972, the same magazine had a total circulation of 2,861, including 600 newsstand sales and 2,261 subscribers. A decline of 80% from the 1966 figure.

A 1971 financial statement issued by NICAP indicated their actual membership was about 900. That same year, APRO was claiming "450 investigators" on their rolls. It is probable that the combined membership of both organizations today totals less than 1,000. (In our 1968-69 poll of 250 UFOlogists, we found that 40% of those who belonged to one organization also belonged to the other — so there is a large overlap.)

The 1960's saw an explosion of regional UFO



newsletters and magazines. Most of these were mimeographed and were produced by teenagers or housewives. Their average circulation was 40 copies per issue. Their average paid circulation was 15-20. The majority of these publications faded away by 1969. Of the survivors, *Skylook*, a mimeographed effort produced by a woman in Missouri, had a circulation of 225 in 1971. (By way of contrast, a newsletter aimed at the fans of the Wizard of Oz books has a circulation of 600.)

Gray Barker of West Virginia has published a number of UFO books and pamphlets over the years. Experience taught him to restrict his press runs to 2,000 copies. He could rarely sell more than that, even though he advertised his wares in national newsstand periodicals.

The late Frank Edwards produced his book, *Flying Saucers – Serious Business*, in the spring of 1966 in six quick weeks. It was published by Lyle Stuart, an aggressive, promotion-minded company specializing in sex books. Since it appeared at the height of the 1966 flap, it broke all records by selling about 80,000 copies in hardcover. John Fuller's two UFO books soon followed, but did not do nearly as well.

The general public has a short attention span and the UFO market was quickly saturated. The Dell Publishing Company attempted to publish a slick quarterly UFO magazine in 1967, but abandoned the project after four issues. It had to sell 75,000-100,000 copies per issue to break even. The third and fourth issues fell far short of this mark.

The average paperback on any subject (except sex – the market for hardcore sex books is only about 20,000) sells from 60,000 to 100,000 copies. However, when Bantam optimistically printed 200,000 copies of the report of the Colorado University UFO study in 1969, only about 40,000 were sold. Some of the other UFO paperbacks published in 1969-1970 sold even less.

Interestingly, nearly every other major country in the world – Japan, Sweden, Spain, England, France, etc. – manages to support at least one well-edited, professionally printed UFO magazine. The United States has only Palmer's Flying Saucers, and it is cursed by very uneven quality and a steadily shrinking circulation. The best magazine now available in North America is Canada's UFO Reports, which is published by a journalist named John Magor, has some newsstand distribution, and is professionally printed. (We do not have circulation figures for it.)

Obviously the total UFOlogical population of the U.S. is very small, fewer than 3,000 people at present. The quality of American research has been marred by excessive crankism, rampant egoism, paranoid causes, and a generally low level both psychologically and educationally. The only major contributions to the subject in this country have been made by Forteans (such as Sanderson, Gaddis, Steiger) rather than UFOlogists.

In recent years, UFO conventions have attracted fewer and fewer people. The contacteeoriented annual affair at Giant Rock, California, which has been running successfully since the early 1950's, may not be held this year at all. Meanwhile, conventions for such fringe movements as science-fiction, rock hounding, etc., continue to draw huge crowds.

Even comic book collectors far outnumber UFOlogists these days.

All this indicates that UFOlogy is a dying movement in the United States. This is partly because the field has always been essentially leaderless, and the rantings of the extremists have driven away the saner persons attracted to the subject.

Science-fiction fandom, like UFOlogy, is populated largely by teenagers. But sci-fi "fanzines" are far more literate and much better designed than UFOzines. Many of today's leading science-fiction writers began as fans. On the other hand, the UFO fandom of the 1950's and 1960's failed entirely to produce any significant new professional writers. Only three of the teenaged enthusiasts of the '60's have gone on to write for national magazines – Jerome Clark, Hayden Hewes and Timothy Green Beckley. Beckley has moved into Witchcraft and the occult. Hewes has shown an obvious penchant for self-promotion and self-aggrandizement, often at the expense of accuracy and logic. Clark is the only writer of real promise from that period.

When the American UFOlogical movement is viewed in retrospect, with cold objectivity, it appears to have no future. If the current trends continue, Palmer's magazine may be forced to fold by the end of 1974. England's *Flying Saucer Review* now dominates the field, both in quality and circulation.

It is erroneous to blame the largely-ignored Condon Report for the demise of UFOlogy in the U.S. The field was not murdered by the Air Force's negative stance. It committed suicide.

– John A. Keel

(Editor's Note: I'll leave it to the readers to decide the validity of Keel's disparaging remarks about the state of mind of UFO buffs.

However, I will quibble with some of his facts!

First of all, NICAP's financial statement does not show a membership of 900! This statement actually shows a membership income of over \$32,500! At ten bucks a head, we can assume NICAP has in the neighborhood of 3,250 members - which sounds reasonable in light of their operating expenses. This information is based on a report prepared by an outside auditing firm, and I see no reason to doubt it.

Skylook is now an offset magazine and is regarded as the official voice of the Midwest UFO Network, which consists of a lot more than one woman. I know nothing of their circulation.

As to UFO Reports, I've never seen a copy and am in no position to say anything about it.

Keel ignores such publications as Pursuit – which, while not primarily a UFO magazine, is very much involved in UFOlogy. It is professionally printed, and according to some SITU members, has a circulation of over 1,000.

Also, Keel doesn't say anything about Caveat Emptor. Though we're largely Fortean and occult oriented, we do publish quite a bit of saucer material. We're professionally printed and typeset, and our press run is now at 1,500 copies. It's still too early to give you any sales figures for our last issue, but I'll venture to say we sold about 1,000 copies. If Keel disputes this, he is welcome to come on over to our headquarters and check the receipts.

Public interest in UFOs hasn't died – witness the quick reaction to the recent Pennsylvania sighting flap, which made the wire services, at least regionally.

And our mail box, here in 1973, is still filled with small UFO newsletters. So I can hardly agree that it's a "dying movement."

UFOlogy seems a pretty lively corpse indeed. – ERS)

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#### THE MIDWEST UFO SYMPOSIUM

By Lucius Farish



Stanton Friedman, auclear physicist, one of the lecturers at the Midwest UFO Symposium.

"We wowed 'cm in Kansas City!" That must have been the general feeling of MUFON members as they journeyed homeward on June 17th.

The fourth annual Midwest UFO Network Symposium was held at the Plaza Inn in Kansas City, Mo. on June 16, 1973. Featured speakers included Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Stanton T. Friedman, John F. Schuessler, Ted Phillips and Adrian Vance. Subjects covered by the speakers included flight characteristics of UFOs, the physical evidence left by landed UFOs, the role of human vision and photography in the UFO enigma, the link between UFOlogy and the search for extraterrestrial life, and the volume of UFO evidence that constitutes an "embarrassment of riches." The 1956 documentary film, *UFO*, was also shown to the audience.

The symposium was divided into three sessions and attendance for all sessions was very good. The 500 seats in the Plaza Inn ballroom were filled for the morning program. Severe weather warnings during the afternoon and evening cut attendance somewhat for the remaining sessions, but perhaps 300 braved the elements and came.

It is doubtful that any better collection of UFOlogical "talent" could be assembled than the speakers at the MUFON gathering. Dr. Hynek spoke of the need for a centrally-located research center and clearing-house for the study of the UFO phenomena. He mentioned his plans to devote full time to UFO research upon his retirement from his astronomy post.

Stanton Friedman has drawn capacity and overflow crowds to his lectures in all parts of the country. It is not hard to understand his appeal to "the masses" when one sees him in action. No "apologist UFOlogist" he! Friedman says what he thinks and lets the chips fall where they may.

John Schuessler and Ted Phillips are wellknown to those who have attended past MUFON conferences, so it comes as no surprise that they did their usual excellent jobs in presenting their material.

MUFON's Photography Consultant, Adrian Vance, is somewhat of a newcomer to the scene, but his presentation to the symposium audience was highly professional. In private conversations, the scope of Vance's UFO knowledge is clearly evident.

Although Kansas City has no organized UFO group, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Nicholl took it upon themselves to do the symposium pre-planning (with an able assist from Ted Phillips). They are to be commended for their efforts, as everything seemingly went without a hitch throughout the day.

A meeting for MUFON members only was held on the morning of June 17th. Among the matters discussed was the imminent change of name to *Mutual* UFO Network. The Network has outgrown its regional (midwest) coverage, currently having members in 31 states, as well as Canadian members and representatives in foreign countries. The change will allow the organization to retain its now-well-known acronym, MUFON.

Judging by sales of MUFON's official "voice,"

*Skylook*, as well as the symposium *Proceedings* (\$3.25 per copy from: MUFON, 40 Christopher Court, Quincy, Ill. 62301), the Kansas City meeting was a success from a financial point of view also. The "UFO hungry" people of the area were treated to a diet of varied and well-balanced information, presented from a scientific viewpoint.

– Lucius Farish

#### HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION (including 10th Annual National UFO Conference)

By Geneva Steinberg



Tim Zell (left) and Steve Erdmann. (Notice the body language!)

After our 14-hour drive to St. Louis, Mo., Gene and I were too tired to be much surprised by the two arm-length alligators we found swimming in Tim Zell's bathtub. Unfortunately, his boa constrictor Histah had died several months earlier before we had a chance to meet her.

Right now you're probably asking yourself: "Who the hell is Tim Zell?" Well, among other things, Tim is Primate and founding member (he denies being the founding member, but I don't believe him!) of a Neo-Pagan religion called the Church of All Worlds, which is loosely based on the ideas set forth in Robert Heinlein's novel *Stranger in a Strange Land*. Tim's Nest is complete with a "Did you remember to dress?" sign on the front door.

We also met Michael Hurley, who was just leaving Tim's place on an emergency trip to rescue two friends stranded someplace in Canada. Hearing this made us feel a little better about the driving



Richard Shaver explains his amazing method of reproducing rock pictures.

still ahead of us.

After resting, on Saturday afternoon (June 16th), we went with Tim to the home of Steve & Barbara Erdmann, whom we were also meeting in person for the first time. The Erdmann household seemed a little more conventional, but we were impressed by their two 4-year-old turtles (you know – the little painted ones that you buy in the dimestores, that usually die within a few weeks). Steve showed us some of his latest writing projects, and we marvelled over how he found time to do so much in addition to his regular full-time job.

In the case of Tim and Steve, it was the Irrestable Force versus the Immovable Object, and



Stanton Friedman (left) and Allen & Barbara Greenfield. Too bad the general public had to miss all the excitement of the closed session!



We couldn't wait to settle down to some serious UFO research.

we sat back to enjoy the debate between a Neo-Pagan and a fundamentalist. The tension eased up toward the end of our visit, as everybody started telling their favorite Polish jokes.

Later that night we went with Tim Zell to a gathering of the local Pagan Way group.

Next morning we left for Summit, Ark., to see Richard Shaver. He is much the same in person as he is in his letters. He showed us around his rock shop, and his wife Dorothy gave us a lovely pitcher she had made in her ceramics shop. Mr. Shaver is an extraordinarily talented man, and we were astonished when he described the technique he devised to reproduce his rock pictures on canvas without resorting to photography. And as for those rocks – yes, there *are* pictures in them, quite clear and detailed – once you learn how to look. You have to regard the rock surface as a sort of out-of-focus, multiply-exposed photograph.

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Gene tape recorded an interview with Shaver, which will be printed in our next issue.

After leaving the Shavers, we spent a couple of nights at my parents' home in Alabama, and thence proceeded to Atlanta, Ga., for the 10th Annual National UFO Conference, being sponsored by Allen Greenfield. On Thursday night (June 21st) a large crowd packed into the Greenfields' room at the Rodeway Inn, for a showing of *Earth Vs. the Flying Saucers* – a film supposedly based



The Greenfield family appeared to be Doing quite well.

on one of Major Keyhoe's books, although he was quick to disown it. I found the whole movie very relaxing, except when I was momentarily awakened by cheering from the audience as the Creatures toppled the Washington monument.

As the festivities began to die down that night, Jim Moseley tried to add some life by making a hoax phone call, pretending to be the motel manager complaining about the noise. Later he encountered two delegates returning from the front office, where they had gone to argue about that unreasonable complaint.

On Friday afternoon, Gray Barker made a surprise appearance and demanded to know who had been spreading those rumors that he wouldn't be



Len Yarosevich looks over the remains of his road.

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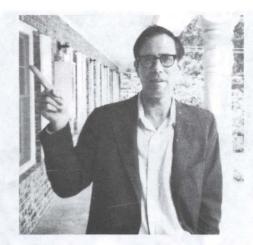
James W. Moseley, circa 1963.

attending the convention this year.

It is not known whether Mr. Barker ever made it to the competing Billy Graham revival.

The closed session on Friday was attended by Gray Barker, Stanton Friedman, Allen & Barbara Greenfield, Jim Moseley, Jim Rhule, Curt Sutherly, and of course G & G Steinberg. Curt Sutherly gave a report on a UFO sighting made by his friend Jim Rhule. (We are publishing a short summary about that in this issue, and a complete article will appear in a future issue.) The delegates approved our bid to sponsor the 11th Annual National UFO Conference, with the help of the Aerial Phenomena Squad – so stand ready to mark your calendars, as soon as we decide on a date! Curt Sutherly was made a member of the Permanent Organizing Committee.

Jim Moseley won the Robert Loftin award for this year, leaving Rick Hilberg as the only member of the original Permanent Organizing Committee (formed in the early 1960's) who has not yet received an award. I guess Rick can be rehearsing his acceptance speech for next year.



James W. Moseley, 1973

Allen Greenfield summarized the happenings into his tape recorder, since nobody else wanted to take notes in the temporary absence of Barbara Greenfield, who would otherwise have been stuck with that task. (I thought it peculiar that, as the only other female present, I should be suggested as a replacement, so I declined on general principles. And now that I think of it, how come it was only last year that any female members were included on the Committee? The UFO field is extremely male-chauvinistic. The vast majority of UFO "researchers" are male; and how come all the women who sight UFOs are described as "housewives"? And what has UFOlogy done lately for the Equal Rights Amendment, huh?)

The Open Session was held later that night. Main attraction was nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, who gave a general-audience-type lecture on UFOs-from-outer-space, with many sharp comments on the Air Force's UFO investigation program. The lecture hall was filled to capacity (over 300), with a number of people standing in the rear. *(continued on page 19)* 



Rick Hilberg (left), Gene Steinberg and Allen Greenfield, circa 1965.



Rick Hilberg (left), Gene Steinberg and Allen Greenfield, 1973.

## WITCHCRAFT: WHO, WHAT & WHY? (no.4) By Dr. Leo Louis Martello



The old ways and olden days are not a nostalgic return to the past, or an attempt to escape the present, or fear of the future. Modern Witches aren't eliminating all the comforts and conveniences made possible by modern science. Everything has its place and its purpose. Today's true Witch encapsulates the values of the past in a jetage setting. Very few of them live in or near forests, mountains, streams. Father Time runs a close race with Mother Nature. Metropolitan Magi must "make do" with whatever parks that exist. Their living rooms become the "sacred groves" of the past. Once the Magick Circle is drawn, and the Initiated Witches admitted, they step into another world. This becomes a psychic time-machine. Another time . . . another place . . . another dimension.

Past and present are united by a Pagan umbilical cord. It's not the geographical site that's important but the soul of the Witch. A true High Priestess and High Priest can function just as effectively in a high rise apartment house as in the "Holy of Holies."

More important than the Magic Mountain is the Magickal Mind. A blessed buttercup growing out of a cement sidewalk in isolated splendor captures the essence of the Witch-soul just as effectively as a field of flowers. The glow of one lit candle in an otherwise darkened room can rival the splendor of any Cathredral. Incantations and burning incense, your own altar, the sense of Oneness with the Ancient Gods and Goddesses, the power in individual priesthood, the awareness that you are a "Child of the Universe" and that there need be no intermediary between yourself and your God(desses) — no amount of intellectual cynicism can erase this. It is not something taught or learned. It is something *experienced*.

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Many have asked me, "What's the difference between Witchcraft and the Eastern religions?"

Outside of theological specifics, I think the one big difference is that Witchcraft enables one to have a sense of personal power in his own life. He or she can actively do something about conditions. The Eastern philosophies stress *ego-less-ness*, passivity, meditation, etc.

Passivity and meditation have their place. But an ego-less individual is a soul-less individual, like a car without a motor! The concept of selflessness is taught by most major religions. It breeds a sense of worthlessness. A true Witch must have a sense of his or her own value as a human being. One either thinks of himself as a victim or a victor — as a loser or a winner — but it can't be both. Power is not that which is used to dominate others. It is that self-sustaining quality that enables one to live his own life in his own way on his own terms (substitute "her" if you're a woman).

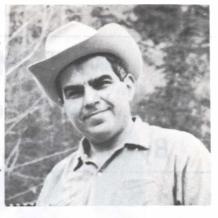
Witches may be quiet, secretive, even underground. But when it comes to life, they're all activists. This doesn't mean actual participation in causes — in fact, they've found it generally unwise to identify themselves politically, as the climate is always subject to change — but activism in their worship, meetings with other Witches, rites and rituals practiced either alone or with the coven, and complete identification with the old Gods and Goddesses. Such identification precludes any feelings of worthlessness, egolessness, or failure (which in themselves would be contradictions of their stated beliefs). — Dr. Leo Louis Martello

(Editor's Note: Dr. Martello is ready and waiting to answer your questions about Witchcraft. Just drop us a line, and we'll see that your questions go directly to Dr. Martello for an answer in a forthcoming issue of Caveat Emptor. Write to: Witchcraft, Caveat Emptor, P.O. Box 688, Coatesville, Pa. 19320.

And we'd also like to hear from the Witches we know to be in our audience. We want your comments and articles too.

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### THE STUMBLING-BLOCK IN MYSTICISM By Jerome Eden



(Editor's Note: Mr. Eden holds an M.A. degree in education. He is the author of the book, Orgone Energy – The Answer to Atomic Suicide. [See the Editorial on page 4.]

He is also the translator of the basic works of Dr. F.A. Mesmer.)

For thousands of years, various thinkers and researchers have postulated the existence of some "quickening" or "enlivening" influence in our universe that is responsible for Life. This pervasive, subtle "agent" has been called by many names: vis naturalis, Cosmic Consciousness, Prana, elan vital (by the French philosopher, Henri Bergson), the "Odic Force" (by Baron von Reichenbach), and the Universal Fluid (by Dr. F.A. Mesmer). In the 19th century, mechanistic physicists postulated the existence of a static substratum called "Ether."

No one, however, was able to objectively verify the existence of such a universally-present agent until the late Dr. Wilhelm Reich began to work on the problem. Reich, a medical doctor and an associate of Freud, discovered this long-suspected energy after prolonged clinical investigation of the sexual functions of his patients. What is the energy, he asked, behind neurotic or psychotic behavior? Why is it that some patients become well and others relapse into illness?

Reich discovered that the basic biological energy of the human organism is identical with the sexual energy – the Life energy of the body and sexual energy are one and the same. He named it "Orgone" energy, after "organismic" and "orgastic." This monumental finding brought the walls of ridicule down upon Reich's head, since back then in the 1930's, the whole subject of human sexuality was generally taboo. It would have been far easier for Reich and his research had the biological energy been identical with, say, the "liver energy," or "pancreatic energy." One may talk about the human liver or pancreas with little fear of social ostracism, but human sexuality is still a subject for ridicule and bad jokes.

Clinical research demonstrated beyond any doubt that the neurotic or psychotic patient is one who cannot fully discharge his excess biological energy during the sexual embrace. It is precisely this suppressed, undischarged Orgone energy that is the motive power behind neurotic and psychotic behavior and sensations, as well as all pathological behavior of the species homo sapiens. In other words, Reich's clinical investigations uncovered the fact that because of unhealthy attitudes on the part of parents and teachers, as well as society in general, infants and children become muscularly "armored" - that is, they develop chronic muscular rigidities that preclude full orgastic satisfaction later in life. (See Reich's The Function of the Orgasm.)

Reich went on to discover that the biological Life Energy of the living organism is derived from the *Cosmic* Orgone energy ocean of our universe, thus placing the mystical concepts of this "quickening" and "enlivening" agent on a firm scientific foundation. Proof for the above statements is available to any serious student who wishes to pursue the subject further. I wish to confine myself in this article to the relationship between the biological Orgone energy and its metaphysical distortions in what is called mysticism.

All great mystics were fully aware of the existence of the Orgone energy and realized its connection with their own realms of activity. Nevertheless, since the organ sensations of the mystic are blocked by chronic muscular rigidities, his perception of the Life Energy must necessarily be distorted and "mystified." As Reich stated, the mystic perceives life "as in a mirror."

If we perceive a glass of water in a mirror, then we cannot actually touch this mirror image; we cannot weigh it, drink it, or, in short, objectify its existence. Therefore, no mystic was able to scientifically verify the existence of the Life Energy, because no mystic was able to touch the only scientific approach that led to the verification of the Orgone energy: The orgastic plasma function which is basic to life itself!

What the mystic perceives and longs for as

"salvation" or "oneness with God" is the orgastic gratification which, unfortunately, he cannot obtain. Again, clinical investigation demonstrated that as the patient obtains full orgastic potency, the biological energy that motivates mystical ideas is drained off. Mysticism is no longer possible in an organism capable of full sexual gratification.

Now, I realize that many mystics will resent such statements. They will attempt to refute these important scientific findings by saying that mysticism has "nothing to do with sexuality." It is important to realize that when Reich is discussing orgastic potency he is not referring to what commonly passes for sex — that is, pornographic behavior, licentiousness, or free four-lettering all over the place.

To better understand the connection between mysticism and *distorted* sexual energy, let us examine the writings of a few mystics. In her booklet, *Meditation, Gateway to Light*, Elsie Sechrist discusses some of the writings of Edgar Cayce. (The booklet is published by the Edgar Cayce Foundation, and had gone through eight printings as of 1969.)

Throughout the booklet, Miss Sechrist discusses the "life force," which brings "peace and harmony within." What this "life force" actually is she does not say. Where it comes from, how it gets into the body, she does not know. What she does know is that this "life force" and "God" are somehow closely related.

Edgar Cayce himself stated: "As God's purpose is to glorify the individual man or soul in the Earth; so the highest purpose of an individual soul or entity is to glorify the Creative Energy, or God, in the Earth." (From God's Other Door, page 36.)

And so, although the great mystic Edgar Cayce stated clearly and unequivocally that the Creative Energy is God, how does Miss Sechrist actually handle this biological, creative force of the human body? Can she enjoy it as sexual energy? Can she *affirm* its existence and *approve* its natural, healthy expressions in the human organism? Let us see what Miss Sechrist suggests one do with one's sexual energy:

"The sublimation of purely physical desires must eventually be achieved by all of us, if we are to make it possible for the Holy Ghost to manifest through us, on *another level of expression*, as channels for the Christ Spirit."

The world's insane asylums are filled with unfortunate people who, in attempting to allow "the Holy Ghost" to "manifest in them," have crashed into grave illness through the suppression and chronic frustration of their God-given genitality. Miss Sechrist is advising us that if we wish to reach a "union with God" we must "eventually" sublimate (that is, suppress, frustrate, and block) our genuinely God-given expressions of sexual love.

The mystic is forever seeking and preaching the pathway to "pure" and "perfect" love, which he can never attain, since Nature is never "pure" nor "perfect." Mystical "love," furthermore, is always non-physical, asexual "love" – the student or disciple is continually counselled to "love, but don't touch!" In other words, "express your love to an image in a mirror!"

"Pure love," says Edgar Cayce, is "non-sexual love . . . giving, with no thought of receiving." (Italics supplied by Miss Sechrist.) .111 love, all expressions of rational (healthy) love are basically sexual, physically pleasurable, and always include the genitals. Because the mystic has chronically and consciously blocked and stifled his rational love expressions, such "love" must necessarily degenerate into sadistic and often brutal impulses.

And so at the other end of the spectrum of mysticism we find those who indulge in occultism and Witchcraft, where overt brutality and perverse sexuality are openly approved and practiced, as in the drinking of blood potions and the inclusion of the genitalia in mystical rituals.

The pathway to the discovery of the biological and Cosmic Life Energy (Orgone energy) could only be reached by way of the rational handling and elaboration of human sexuality, by uncovering precisely what is "sick" and what is "healthy" in sexual expressions of infants, youth and adults.

Until the discoveries of Dr. Wilhelm Reich, no scientist, no mystic, no "pure thinker" was able to objectify the existence of the Life Energy of our universe and of our bodies. None before Reich was able to accumulate such a freely-available energy and make it useful for scientific and medical purposes. None before Reich was able to dissolve tumors with it, run electric motors on it, illuminate vacuum tubes with it, or nullify nuclear energy with it! Reich's 30 years of published verification (along with the verification of a score of scientific co-workers) stands out like a giant beacon in an otherwise dank miasma of hopelessness, conjecture, science-fiction nonsense or mystical exhortations.

To compare the scientific achievements of Wilhelm Reich with the fantasies of "dero" and "tero," or with the freedom-peddling of Scientology, or the evasive ruminations of the "Hollow Earth Theory," is like comparing a Beethoven symphony to a solo on the kazoo! It is my hope that the serious reader can distinguish the difference.

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– Jerome Eden

MINDS VERSUS COMPUTERS

### By Richard S. Shaver

Computers are electronically-connected memory cells. Minds are electronically-connected grey cells containing memory impressions. There is a distinct likeness between the two.

Computers can be enlarged by making more connections, more relays, more energy flows introduced, and more banks of memory cells with more varied information.

Minds can be enlarged by training, giving more grey cells more information to store, and hence giving the thinking faculties more data from which to compute more possibilities for action to bring rewards. This is what we have universities built to accomplish.

Computers can be broadened in scope by interconnections. A computer in Montreal may call upon a computer in Detroit for information it may lack. In time all computers everywhere *may* interconnect, giving in effect a world-wide computerized data bank from which any information needed may be obtained.

*Minds*, human minds, may also be connected in banks to become in time super-minds, and a mind thinking in Boston may call upon a mind in Baltimore for information on how to do an intricate operation in surgery.

For this purpose we have built a telephone system (which, however, is usually only used to call Mother on Mother's day  $\ldots$  as I understand it – or to call the office to say you won't be in today).

Now, to fully utilize the capabilities of the mind and the computer system, minds have to be interconnected more efficiently. The ancients did this with the *Telaug*, a device that made it possible for a mind to *hear* thought instantaneously without the intervention of a cumbersome telephone and switchboard.

This device was installed all over the world, in ancient times, to interconnect telepathically any number of minds, so that information laboriously obtained in long years in universities could be made available.

The human mind can be banked like memory cells in computers by the use of the *Telaug*. Thus,

if you want to engineer a better rocket or a nonchemical spacedrive, you bank a series of engineers' minds by computer-like techniques of cross-connection, and you have a super-mind capable of almost any complexity of engineering, making the complex simple and the solution inevitable.

You can do the same thing with computers, and the *New Age* will enter when we learn to know these facts – and use computers and minds *together* in banks.

Not to do these things is what we mean by concretions in modern technology: The individuals who see the possibilities are kept from doing these things by people who fear the new and the strange and the *big*.

We call such people "conservative" and we elect them to office, thinking their "conservatism" will keep us out of trouble. Quite the reverse is what they accomplish, for they are in fact negative personalities who have only negative answers for life's problems.

For example, to cut the budget, we discontinue very needed services like the O.E.O. which may save some money initially, but will pile up immense deficits in human values wasted ahead of us. This is conservatism at its worst, discontinuing needed services and operations that actually need only streamlining, computerizing, and banked human minds making the best use of each others capabilities.

Most of the operations of "government" in recent years have consisted of this destructive conservatism, operating in full blindness of all consequence to the nation.

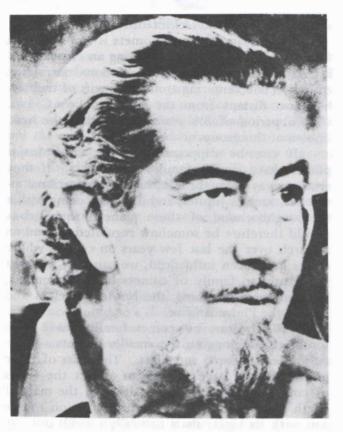
Non-conservatives would be busy streamlining the needed services of government, and in fact, most of the duties they now perform with thousands upon thousands of employees can be done with very few people in control of computer banks.

We need streamlining in all government bureaus. We don't need any of them discontinued. We need them all working efficiently and sensibly.

We don't need our minds disregarded in favor of computers, either. We are not particularly in (continued on page 19)

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### IN MEMORY OF IVAN T. SANDERSON By Curtis K. Sutherly



Ivan T. Sanderson, 1911-1973

(Editor's Note: On February 19, 1973, Ivan Sanderson died of cancer at the age of 62. Although I only knew Sanderson casually – and had not met him personally in over six years – I devoted a portion of one of my morning radio broadcasts to his obituary. For Caveat Emptor, I have asked Curt Sutherly to set down his thoughts about this most unique man. – ERS)

Some long months ago, I had the extreme pleasure of meeting the long-time Fortean and scientist, Ivan Sanderson. A man of character, Ivan wasn't one to attempt anything in half-hearted fashion. He lived with a vigor and energy that left many younger men (myself included) breathless. Life for him was a wonder, a challenge, an avenue into new and uncharted regions of go-thither-see-yon.

I sat with Ivan and friends at his dinner table one evening, and listened as tales of drama and adventure unfolded. He spoke of whale hunting in his youth, of braving tropical storms at sea, of stalking and studying big game in the wilds of foreign lands, and of the never-to-cease search for reason in a world filled with utter insanity and chaos.

Few men of our time can claim the intense desire to understand that was the prodding stick in Ivan Sanderson's life and fewer men can truthfully say that they would willingly have tried to understand, as did he . . .

And now, here are the words of those who knew Ivan Sanderson over the years ...

John A. Keel: Ivan T. Sanderson was a special kind of man with a knowledge and understanding of this universe all too rare in our generation. He was a scientist (though some disputed his claim to that label) who was also the last of the great Forteans. Like Scaramouche, he was born with a gift of laughter and a sense that the world was mad. He will be missed, not only by those who knew him well, but by those many who knew him only as a voice of reason addressing a very unreasonable world. He saw everything from a unique point of view that was singularly his own.

Alma Sanderson died of cancer on January 18, 1972. Thirteen months later, on February 19, 1973, Ivan succumbed to that same disease. His last years were amazingly productive and his passing has left an empty space against the sky. (Reprinted with permission from *Anomaly* number 9, edited by John Keel.)

Major Donald E. Keyhoe: I was sorry to hear about Ivan Sanderson. We were good friends, and though we did not always agree on certain UFO angles, I always respected his attempts to get the (continued on page 20)

### A TRANSPLUTONIAN PLANET By William Moser



(Editor's Note: Mr. Moser has been wellknown for years in Australian UFO circles. He was also President of the British Astronomical Association, Sydney Observatory, in its 78th session, 1971-72.

A different version of the following article originally appeared in an Australian astronomical journal ten years ago. Reports in the past year of the possible discovery of a tenth planet have made this report all the more timely. We have deleted some technical details for the sake of space. But we will provide a copy of this information to any reader who sends a self-addressed envelope. – ERS)

Contemplating our solar system, we have all probably often wondered if a planet exists closer to the sun than Mercury, or beyond Pluto. Such a planet would be the tenth in our solar system.

On the basis of all scientific achievements of our times, we can dismiss the possibility of a major body inside the orbit of Mercury. The existence of a major planet outside Pluto's orbit looks much more promising.

It is not possible at present to prove the existence of such a celestial body. But a short consideration of observations shows that such a body would be approximately double the distance of Pluto from the sun. That is, roughly 7,000 million miles and of a very low magnitude (brightness). It would be hard to discover, even with our largest telescopes.

As far as we know, Russian astronomers have been trying for a number of years to find such a planet, and they may have discovered it in the constellation of Capricorn (though this hasn't been confirmed). As to be expected, the distance is double that of Pluto.

Besides the Russian astronomers, there are other astronomers in various countries who believe in the existence of the Transplutonian planet. This is because of the existence of a family of comets, consisting of eight members and demonstrating the possibility of a tenth major planet.

The Jovian family of comets is well-known, a family of 25 or so comets having an elliptical orbit, enforced through the gravitational attraction of Jupiter and centering around the part of their orbit most distant from the sun. Encke's Comet, with a period of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, is probably the best-known of this group.

It can be supposed that the other major planets have similar families of comets. If they are far away from the sun, have a gravitational attraction such as Jupiter, and if comets come within the neighborhood of these planets, their orbits should therefore be somehow regulated. Based on research over the last few years on comets whose orbits have been influenced, we can now say that the Saturnian family of comets has six members, Uranian three members, the Neptunian eight and finally, the Plutonian five.

Up till now, no comet families have been found that belong to the smaller planets – Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. The mass of these planets is not large enough to attract the orbits of comets passing nearby. Although the mass of Earth is bigger than Pluto, the attraction of the sun with its bigger mass naturally cancels out any influence that Earth could have in attracting comets. Also, comets tend to disintegrate when approaching the sun!

Since Pluto was discovered, various new periodical comets were also discovered. Professor Karl Scheutte of Munich examined the orbits of comets transversing Neptune's orbit. This research started about 1950.

Professor Scheutte found eight comets thathad their orbits definitely influenced through the existence of a planet outside the orbit of Pluto. The farthest points in their orbits are situated in the same direction as that undiscovered tenth planet. Their orbital revolutions compare to that of a far-outlying member of our solar family.

This family of eight comets can be compared to the five comets comprising the Plutonian family.

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### Paul Braczyk's

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#### THE GRISEIAN CODE

There are no real mysteries; only incomplete knowledge on our part. All individuals who call themselves Forteans are guilty of mystery-making. Ph.D's are our only salvation because there are no mysteries, only incomplete knowledge, and Ph.D's are the only qualified individuals able to complete our knowledge. Everything in the universe is based upon logic; if anything appears illogical it must automatically be discarded. Ph.D's are extremely illogical, therefore they can logically complete incomplete knowledge and solve what appear to be mysteries.

"If all of us lived the Griseian Code, Existence would be a downhill road. Thinking a reminiscence from the past, They would have given us nothing at last."

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Another supporter of the Griseian Code has surfaced his views within the public mind – this time it is Clifford Wilson, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., in his authoritative presentation *Crash Go the Chariots*. It is more than probable that nearly all of you reading these words have had some contact with the theories of Erich von Daeniken, either through his books (including *Chariots of the Gods*) or the recent television "special," *In Search of Ancient Astronauts*. Well, if these theories made you at all uneasy, you can relax, for Clifford Wilson will set you free!

In a nutshell, Wilson tells us that von Daeniken and his theories are pure bunk, and that all the unsolved ancient mysteries to which von Daeniken devoted his research are explainable through orthodox scientific hypotheses. The refuting of *Chariots* of the Gods is the sole apparent motivation for *Crash Go the Chariots*, and it is quite obvious that Mr. Wilson is retaliating in the name of some ar-



chaeologists who find themselves offended by Chariots of the Gods.

In all fairness to Mr. Wilson, I must-admit that some of von Daeniken's conjectures are unreasonable, but notwithstanding this observation, Wilson's "rebuttal" is totally unreasonable, but in the opposite direction. In fact, Crash Go the Chariots is so preposterous, taken in its entirety, that it negates its purpose and tends to reinforce von Daeniken out of sheer frustration, if nothing else. Space does not allow me to elaborate on specifics, but anyone reading Crash Go the Chariots will spot them on nearly every page.

Crash Go the Chariots is published in paperback by Lancer Books, if you're curious, for \$1.25.

John Ernst Worrell Keely spent 25 years of his life trying to convince the world that he had discovered a secret motive force, which if properly channeled, could provide mankind with an everlasting source of power - in short, the perpetual motion machine.

Keely made several demonstrations of his machines, some of which had such Buck Rogers sounding names as "Provisional Engine," "Compound Disintegrator," and "Pneumatic Rocket Gun."

His demonstration in 1874 was apparently very impressive, because several businessmen were convinced into supporting the Keely Motor Company, which five years later had accumulated a capital of five million dollars. It is also an interesting fact that Keely developed a working model airship several years before the first successfully powered Zeppelin was made.

In 1893, the really only completely thorough account of Keely's activities was published, *Keely* and His Discoveries, by Clara Bloomfield Moore. This volume has now been reprinted by University Books. It includes a new forward written by Leslie Shepard that summarizes very nicely quite a bit of the known background information about Keely. The book is absolutely fascinating and worth the time to seek it out. It is available from University Books, Inc., 120 Enterprise Avenue, Secaucus, N.J. 07094, for \$10.00.

Philip Jose Farmer is an author whose works are classified on the library shelves as science-fiction, yet his style of writing is so peculiar that reading his stuff puts you on edge. In 1972, Farmer won the Hugo award (the science-fiction "Oscar") for his book *Tarzan Alive*, in which he detailed the life of Tarzan, claiming that Edgar Rice Burroughs based his famous character on real persons and events.

Now Farmer has a new book titled The Other Log of Phileas Fogg, in which is revealed the "... interstellar drama behind Around the World in Eighty Days."

It seems that Verne knew only the superficial story behind the famous race against time, and when Fogg's former residence was destroyed in 1947, a log was found chronicling the events as only he knew them.

As it turns out, two alien races were contending for mastery of the Earth, with the jaunt around the world as a backdrop. Both the uniqueness of the idea for this book, plus Farmer's convincing prose, make this highly unusual reading. Available from The New American Library, Inc., P.O. Box 999, Bergenfield, N.J. 07621, for 95c.

Happened to catch *The Amazing World of Kreskin* the other night on television. Aside from the fact that Kreskin is probably the greatest entertainer of his kind that ever lived – making the performances of Dunninger look like kindergarten material – his show often crosses over into Forteana.

This particular program had Dr. J. Allen Hynek as a guest discussing UFOs. The interview led to a demonstration of mass-suggestion — as Kreskin terms it — in which a group of audience volunteers was taken out into the night air and made to sight UFOs. Kreskin suggested this as a possibility for the solution to some of the unsolved UFO sightings.

It would seem to me that this is a distinct possibility; especially since Kreskin claims that the "suggestibility" he utilizes is easily employed. He refuses to draw the line between hypnosis and suggestibility, which I suspect is probably the same thing. If this is true, then the application to UFO sightings might be a little less clear, as far as I am concerned. Gambini shifted his gaze to the still form hanging upside down from the second balcony. "No," he cried as he ran across the stage, "I forgot my quoits in the Mercedes-Benz."

# \* \* \* ENIGMATOLOGICAL CAPSULITIS

Gods, Demons and Space Chariots, by Eric Norman (Warren Smith), Lancer Books, \$1.25 – Reissue of Norman's Gods, Demons and UFOs, first published in 1970. An apparent attempt to get on the Chariots of the Gods bandwagon.

The following three books are available through Marboro Books, Inc., 205 Moonachie Rd., Moonachie, N.J. 07074 at discount prices:

Atlantis: The Autobiography of a Search, by Robert Ferro and Michael Grumley (Doubleday, \$5.95), Marboro, \$1.98 – Details the discovery of the supposed Atlantis ruins found near Bimini in 1968.

Island At the Center of the World, by Father Sebastian Englert (Scribner's, \$14.95), Marboro, \$7.95 – Interesting account of Easter Island by a priest who lived there for 34 years. Lavishly illustrated. Many Fortean aspects of the island are discussed.

Mayan Enigma, by Pierre Ivanoff (Delacorte Press, \$5.95), Marboro, \$1.98 - An impressive account of the discovery of a lost Mayan city including the author's fascinating theory regarding the sudden collapse of the Mayan civilization.

Spectrum – New Fortean journal, organ of the PSI Associates, edited by Joan O'Connell. I haven't seen the actual magazine as yet, but the sample pages I have seen look good. Quarterly – \$4.00 per year, from Ramona Clark, P.O. Box 50605, Jacksonville Beach, Fla. 32250.

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Finally, this clipping from the Worcester (Mass.) Telegram of May 27, 1973:

#### SOME PEOPLE VISIT ISLANDS; SOME ISLANDS VISIT PEOPLE

Greene, Maine (AP) – Like a boat cut loose from its moorings, the island drifted across Sabattus Pond Monday, finally coming to rest on the sand at Nason's Beach. It wasn't long before cottage owners gaped in astonishment at the shrub, moss and tree-covered bog, roughly one-third the size of a football field.

To one woman, it was something out of a science-fiction thriller, while school bus driver John

Thompson, who stopped near the cottages to pick up pupils, "just stared at it in disbelief."

With a dozen 30-40 foot trees acting as a makeshift sail, the blustery winds sent the island skimming across the water to the beach, about a mile and a half away.

– Paul J. Braczyk

#### (CONVENTION ROUNDUP – continued from page 10)

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I spent most of the next day with Jim Moseley's daughter Betty at the "Six Flags Over Georgia" amusement park, but we got back in time to do a little swimming before going to see the second movie of the convention, *The Day the Earth Stood Still.* This film was said to have inspired many of the contact tales of the early 1950's. The scene at the end, where the saucer takes off, is very similar to photos shown by Howard Menger and other contactees.

On Saturday night, June 23rd, Gene & I and Allen Greenfield and Rick Hilberg were guests on the "Open Up" talk show on WCTG-TV. The program began more dramatically than we had expected, as an exhibitionist from the audience decided to do her thing on the set. The station swiftly cut to a commercial until she could be led away.

"The MIB will stop at nothing to keep UFO facts from the public," Allen Greenfield muttered darkly.

We spent Sunday night with the Greenfields, and then drove back to Pennsylvania. Tuesday and Wednesday we visited relatives in the New York area. On Thursday we went to meet our new columnist Paul Braczyk in Webster, Mass., and then we had dinner with our correspondent Peter Hildebrand in Lowell, Mass. Peter told us he had been using Caveat Emptor as teaching material for his 6th grade class.

Thursday night we drove on to Chester Depot,

Vt., to see our friends Barbara & Len Yarosevich, who live about a mile and a half out in the woods at the end of a dirt road. "Did you notice how much better our road is than it was last year?" they asked as we arrived.

Saturday afternoon, after heavy rain and some local floods, we all drove into town in their car. While we were away there came another thunderstorm, and when we returned several hours later, the road was gone! We had to leave the car and hike back to the house through the rocks and mud. For a while we were wondering how we would ever get our own car out through all that. However, the town road crew had things patched up enough for us to leave by 6:30 Sunday evening, so we got back home in Coatesville, Pa., by about 1:15 Monday morning. And didn't our hearts sing when it came time to get up again and go to work?

When we went to retrieve our dog Ellie from Jack & Rosalind Spiller, who had been keeping her for us, we found that she had been maintained on a canine health-food diet with such goodies as ground beef and cottage cheese. She would hardly condescend to sniff at the Burgerbits we offered her. And then there was the problem of dragging out the old push-mower to tackle the jungle that used to be our back yard. But within a week we were fairly well recuperated and the routine was almost back to normal, and I'm sure nobody wants to hear about *that*, so I'll stop while I'm ahead. -GS

#### (MINDS VERSUS COMPUTERS – continued from page 14)

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favor of replacing thousands of employees with a few banks of computers, unless and until we can give them more meaningful and more rewarding tasks.

However, few people realize that a mind *is* a small computer that has served us well for ages. Fewer still realize that computer techniques are adaptable to mental development, that the computer must serve us rather than replace us.

The human mind, when coupled with other

minds in telaugmentive contact, increases its powers at square root speeds. Thus, two minds can accomplish what four single minds would do, and eight can do what 64 would not be able to do uncoupled.

This multiplication of strictly human powers is undreamed of, but quite possible.

One wonders how many centuries must pass before we realize any of our potential mental powers again? After Galileo, how many centuries went by while the telescope and its lens couplings spread and grew over the world to culminate in our Mt. Palomars and similar observatories?

The computer today is multiplying as it should multiply everywhere, and its powers are beginning to be faintly glimpsed. But the powers of the human mind are far greater and infinitely to be preferred over the multiplication of machinecreated thought.

We must learn to use the mind in teams and multiples as we already do use computers. Then space will open before us and the nightmares of population explosions and pollution morasses and degenerating cities will vanish.

We need only the coupling device, the telaugmentive mind-radio that puts one mind in communication with another.

Then minds will multiply their powers in astronomical-sized figures. Such things as spacedrives will no longer be impossible dreams, but factual realities.

Unfortunately, the concept of "individuality," of human ego, of personal privacy, vanishes too. Or should I say fortunately? – Richard S. Shaver

#### (IN MEMORY OF IVAN T. SANDERSON – continued from page 15)

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facts and his avoidance of the ever-present crackpots and fast-buck writers who have distorted the UFO picture. Completely aside from his UFO writings and lectures, he was a very interesting man, with an excellent sense of humor and a wealth of fascinating stories. He will be missed by the many friends who came to know him well.

Jim & Coral Lorenzen: Ivan Sanderson was a conscientious, thorough researcher of the unusual, unknown and unexplained, and we are sure he will be missed by all who share similar interests. He was also a great human being and his death was a personal loss to both of us.

James W. Moseley: Ivan was an extremely talented

and witty, intelligent sort of man who contributed a great deal to the UFO field and related fields. I knew him well for a number of years, but not really very well. He will be missed.

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As this planet swings in its orbit, the passing of a fleeting life goes all but unnoticed. And yet that brief breath of air, that momentary spark of imagination in even a single man or woman can change the thoughts of countless generations to come. It is with sadness that we witness the end of one such spark, the spark which was Ivan - but should we not revel in the knowledge and inspiration that he kindled for others? — Curtis K. Sutherly

#### (A TRANSPLUTONIAN PLANET – continued from page 16)

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While the existence of a Transplutonian family of comets seems reasonably well established, the possible location of a tenth planet is by no means certain. Mathematical calculations can only be confirmed if the actual planetary image is located on a photographic plate.

In revising my original article, two cases came to my knowledge of others who are very much interested in such a celestial body. But I certainly do not wish to enter into any polemic in this matter. I have been interested in it for more years than I care to remember.

The first case concerns a teenage high school student from England who, along with one of his teachers, claims to have computed and discovered a Transpluto. While I must give high praise to this young man for getting a lot of publicity, he has brought forward nothing new.

The figures produced by him are the very

same ones I consulted in preparing my first article.

The second case concerns an article in the November 23, 1972 edition of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. In the report, Joseph L. Brady, a scientist from the California University's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in Livermore, ridiculed in a quite uncalled for way three U.S. astronomers.

Those gentlemen unfortunately didn't consider the whole matter from a serious and scientific attitude.

First of all, I must refute their so-called findings that the Transpluto, called by them "Planet X," has a visual magnitude of 13 or 14. Pluto, about half as close as "Planet X," is of a magnitude of 15 -certainly much less bright - and then only when it comes nearest to the sun.

Another point absolutely neglected by our three friends is the so-called Transplutonian family of comets, which I discussed earlier in this article. I am fluent in both French and German and read the works on this subject by Professor H.H. Kritzinger and Professor Karl Schuette, both German scientists, and by Professor Sevin of France. I feel sure the U.S. astronomers have not done likewise.

"Planet X" or Transpluto, is calculated to be in the constellation of Capricornus, just south of the ecliptic. Pluto was discovered 40 years ago – yet today we still don't know its mass. So how can

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Finally, the Russian six meter telescope, which should have been ready back in 1967, apparently is now complete. According to information received from astronomers in the Soviet Union, it is certain one of their first objectives will be to look for Transpluto.

Let us hope that a very thorough search of the sky will enable us to find that tenth planet.

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# CULTURE CORNER

#### JADOO

By John A. Keel – Pyramid Books, New York, N.Y. – October, 1972 – \$1.25.

"I am a professional cliff hanger."

With these somewhat less than immortal words, John Keel begins a *tour de force* through the realm of the bizarre and unexplained. But forget what you know of today's John Keel and his UFO-oriented writings, for *Jadoo* is not the product of the same man.

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Keel's adventures begin in West Germany in 1952, the time of the Korean conflict. There, while stationed with the U.S. Army as a communications specialist, he's involved in a broadcast from Frankenstein Castle. Later, on duty in Egypt, he organizes a similar broadcast (for the Armed Forces network), this time from the Great Pyramid. And when his discharge notice comes up, Keel grabs at the chance to remain in the middle east. Thus, at the age of 24, he begins a long and at times dangerous trek across the eastern globe.

Keel comes face-to-face with Egyptian Mummy-makers, deadly King Cobras (receiving, at one point, a near-fatal wound), *Fakirs* – the magic-men of the east, a Russian Roulette-playing modern Ali Baba, a cult of Devil worshippers (with whom he lived for a considerable time), and to serve as climax, days of tracking the legendary Abominable Snowman, which culminates in a meeting with the Great Lama of the Himalayas.

Picking this book up and leafing through it will be next to fruitless, as I discovered. The aura that clings to the pages grabs hold and doesn't let go! And the insight into Keel, the man, is worth the price of admission itself.

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– Curtis K. Sutherly

#### ME AND THE ORGONE

By Orson Bean – Fawcett Publications, Greenwich, Conn. – 1972 – 95c.

I never associated Orson Bean with an avantgarde movement such as Orgonomy (a sex energy allegedly discovered by the late Wilhelm Reich). I don't recall Bean alluding to it on any of his T.V. appearances. Yet here he is, Orgone, Orgonomy school and all.

The book picks up where Bean, after many trying years of psychoanalysis, comes upon his awakening (sexual and otherwise), when Dr. Baker begins messaging, poking and punching around on each muscle in Bean's body. It is called breaking down the "amoring" brought on by years of bad sex education and prudery.

Once Bean's body has been "deamored," the Orgone did flow and Bean says he has become so inspired by it all that he has set about preaching the Reich message.

Does Orgone energy run the universe? What is Orgone anyway?

Reich says it flows in the body from head to foot. Reich says it can be controlled by constriction of the muscles (amoring), but it must be self-restriction of an individual's choosing and not by external rules and regulations imposed by society. Reich points to the natural life of wild beasts and animals who seem to regulate themselves with no external force.

The trouble with this Orgonomy business is that people overstate this theory - making a cult out of Reich's unique ideas - to the point of extremes. In fact, like so many teachings, the Reich movement will probably be pushed and pulled beyond all recognition. But let's state some stentorian points first:

1) Has anyone isolated Orgone in the laboratory – under controlled conditions? It sounds strangely like Rhine's attempt to register the mechanisms of ESP, spiritism and astral projection. There has been no satisfactory evidence as yet.

2) Does Orgone make the universe go round? Postulating a "new" force in the face of known electromagnetic, nuclear, radioactive, and gravitational forces is somewhat begging the question. If Orgone exists, it obviously operates in relation to these other, more dynamic forces.

3) Does the existence of Orgone call for sexual libertinism as some have said? If Orgone exists as an energy, one must be careful to distinguish between this fact and Reich's rather extravagant theories about it.

Reich seems to have swallowed Bronislaw Melinowski's statement on how Trobiand islanders believed "moon beams" impregnated women. Even Kinsey laughed at that! Surely, Kinsey said, they must have watched the birds and the bees!

Can one imagine a person arguing because electromagnetics have an influence on his sex life, he should be allowed to walk down the street naked – and in that way exercise his uninhibitedness?

Bean does make some interesting observations. Unlike so many of Reich's followers and Orgonomists, Bean does not call for sexual promiscuity. He debunks the pornographer and the sexual revolution (p. 137). He credits Moses and the Ten Commandments, but falls flat on his face, in my opinion, when he says they are "arbitrary." How so, when Bean says:

"The heralded new sexual freedom produces Screw Magazine and Spankers Monthly and executive wife-swapping . . . the 'freedom peddlers' who don't give a damn about us.

"The fuzzy-headed conservative, who thinks with his heart and loves his country, winds up closer to the real truth about America and the human condition than the incredibly lucid young revolutionary who seems to see us as we really are."

Bean sees our American system as "benevolent" authoritarianism. But he says the yippie, hippie radicals of our day are no nearer the truth than the reactionaries.

"They're not interested in reform," says Bean. "On the contrary, they know that reform is the enemy of revolution." They are looking for the big "blast," the big revolution.

All of which seems to say that Orgone, if it exists, is an impartial force or energy, not leaning

to any political faction and can be dealt with under time-tested regulations – as has always been the case!

- Steve Erdmann

#### SATAN'S ASSASSINS

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By Brad Steiger and Warren Smith – Lancer Books, Inc., New York, N.Y. – 1971 – \$1.25.

I've been a little weary of Steiger tomes lately. Not because everything he writes is not interesting, but rather, his attempts to seem popular with an eye towards cash show up in his material. What has been said about hack writing according to formula?

The biggest sore spot in this whole book is that it does not seem to have been written in collaboration with Steiger at all – how's that for being a hack? The style of the book denotes one Warren Smith, who shows an affinity to palming pure fiction off as fact, as in his book, *This Hollow Earth*. It is hard to decide just who went too far in this case, Steiger or Smith.

Smith tries to be fair and objective to a certain extent. There is at least a discussion that demon possession might be a form of schizophrenia – at least, schizophrenia is but the physical manifestation of a very spiritual problem.

But does schizophrenia explain everything?

Does it explain the case of Earle Nelson, who at the turn of the century, committed cold, heartless murders of ladies across America, because of voices that controlled him and gave him intolerable headaches until he committed his crimes?

"I have always been a student of the Bible," Nelson said, "and Christianity teaches that Satan and his demons are real. I ain't asking for mercy, but I believe Satan used me as a means to destroy innocent Godly people."

This all would be convincing testimony if it were not for the possibility, as one confident told me, that Smith goes to great lengths to disregard facts for the sake of a good story.

Can we really believe that during the 1600's, Catherine Montovoism, later the witch La Voism, conducted Satanic ceremonies in a baronial mansion with nobles and high government officials – secretly members of her evil clan? Did King Louis XIV's Madame de Montespan play a part in a child sacrifice? Did Madame de Montespan lay naked while the black-robed acolyte handed a crying infant to be sacrificed by the witch La Voism?

"There was a flash of steel in the air as La Voism stepped forward and slashed the baby's throat. The child's deathly gurgles were drowned out by the priest's Satanic chants."

The references to devils in the John F. Kennedy assassination, Lee Harvey Oswald's "Devilman," Jack Ruby's interest in the occult and demonology, David Ferrie's Witchcraft and demonology pastime, and the fact that when Sirhan Sirhan assassinated Senator Robert Kennedy, a shibboleth heralding Satan as the god of this Earth, "The Once and Future King," was near the impact area, are all valueless if their authenticity can be doubted or left unconnected with events.

For instance, what connection is there with Satanism in the case of Juan Rivera Aponte who killed a young boy in order to use his skull for a love potion? The man had an interest in the occult, obviously, but no mention is made of the Devil.

The cult of Magdalena, her brother Eleanor, and the Hernandez brothers, seem to be more involved with pagan rituals (though very bloody!) than Satanism. The only reference to pagan ritualism, let alone Devil worship, in the case of the blond-headed mad Monster of the Ruhr is the report of a cave of skeletons and rotting bodies where "candles" were burned during the slaughter of young people.

Now if the author(s) said there was an intricate tie-in between the occult, paganism and the Devil - and then attempted to "prove" that point - that would be another case. But instead, Smith goes off on a tangent, trying to show there is such a thing (after all those bloody examples?) as good, wholesome "white magic," as opposed to "black."

Where did white magic play a part in the Manson massacre, where the murderous clan as well as the murdered victims, seemed strung out on voodoo, the occult, drugs, sex and other modern syndromes that portray Manson for what he is: "[A] silly, illiterate, hostile little guy who spent most of his life in prison. He was a Satanic little creep who stole the souls of lost women."

For all those journalists who know how hard it is to make legitimate gains in writing, all I can say is: No wonder Steiger is said to regret being associated with this book. Did somebody go too far?

– Steve Erdmann

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

#### Dear Ms. Steinberg:

I read your interesting article on Reich in the Summer [1973] issue and would like to comment, since I am a student of Orgonomy.

First of all, I would have to disagree that Reich's Orgone box is "highly dangerous," at least inherently. Electricity can also be highly dangerous, but it is not, for that reason, kept from public use.

The Orgone box certainly does work. I have conducted about 500 experiments with Orgone accumulators of various shapes and sizes. I have not only duplicated some of Reich's work, but have discovered other effects of Orgone that are not mentioned in any of his works available to me. By far the most interesting finding is that Orgone seems to be exactly the same energy produced in the pyramid replicas now becoming so popular. In other words, an Orgone box will also sharpen razor blades and dehydrate flowers, to name only a few of the known pyramid effects.

"Somebody" is using or learning to use Orgone right now. The Soviets have copies of all his writings, including those that were banned and burned, and they apparently have two of his Orgone-operated motors. Experiments duplicating some of Reich's major ones were carried out successfully at Stanford University. The danger occurs at this level. More public information on Orgone might reduce the possibility of dangerous application of this energy, rather than augment it.

What you saw inside your eyes is not the same as the Orgone manifestation that Reich described, though I have not yet determined just what those objects on the eyeball are. They appear to have a cellular structure. The Orgone manifestation is *exterior* to the eye, in the air. Reich also described a sort of blue vapor manifestation, which I have seen many times.

Orgone is real and it is beneficial, but it needs a lot more serious research.

#### Serge V. King Stanford, Calif.

#### Geneva:

I do not usually write to married women, but your case is exceptional, since you challenge me with "Your comments please" attitude in regard to [your] "Ego Corner" [article on Wilhelm Reich] . . .

O.K.! Here it is!!

Reich's Orgone - I cannot find this word in Webster's dictionary. Orgasm yes, Orgone no! So what is all the mystery about, how to create an A, H, or M bomb in three

easy lessons by Reich??

Planetary intelligence has always surrounded the Earthling since his first ventures out of the Caves to become Garuda meatballs deluxe!

... Funny, I never heard of *Reich*, and *why* his books were burned here and not in Adolf's Third *Reich*!!

My work published [in] 1947, titled *The Eternal* Fountain, speaks of a "reservoir of thoughts (which is *live* energy) in space," and that means us too, since there is no other or better place for us, than to ride on the back of spaceship Earth all the time and forever, regardless of Laura [Mundo] . . . Jeremiah-disaster tales, that in a "flash" it will all be over here.

*Nuts* on that, even the Old Testament, the Talmud, tells us that the *world abided forever* and believe me that is a long time even for Laura.

By the way, is the word "Orgonized," or "Organized"? Ha! Sure, the "sons of Gods" came to this planet to "improve" the human animal specie and raped every female of that specie to bring it about in a sex-orgy manner.

[Von] Daeniken, what did he say [that] I did not say in my work Agarta (spacecraft of pre-history), and in 1951? The mind is flexible when it comes to stealing other people's stuff, remember the Watergate, forget about Pearl Harbor, let's get "Orgonized"!

> Robert E. Dickhoff, Ph.D. New York, N.Y.

Editor:

You asked what I think of Wiplash, so — I say give him a lash with a whip and send him on his way and don't let him come back anymore. I am glad you are publishing more often.

> Samuel R. Faires Little Rock, Ark.

(Looks like you're going to get your wish about Wiplash. He has been summarily banished into limbo - and it's up to him whether he gets a reprieve. - ERS)

Dear Cave:

. . . Regarding your magazine and Ray Palmer's and others of like ilk, I say:

Talk, talk, talk - an insane bedlam of screeches and grunts from one side of the room answered by similar responses from under the beds on the other side of the room

- you see the shadows on the wall but are afraid to turn around - like a bunch of insane, ill-conceived, alcoholic, rootless, drugged, caffeinated computers - my pity for such as you was at one time heart-rending and soul-searing, but no longer - you can conceive of no alternatives to your limited and truly Godless conclusions - and yet I say regarding you, "How unfortunate," although my tears concerning your plight are absolutely unnecessary, because the great volume of sand and gravel is always discarded, while the nugget of gold is retained - you are in a position similar to that of some squirrels, they cannot conceive of dodging and wind up flat and stiff on the bloody blacktop with tire marks across their ribs - and the ones who can dodge have every right to be happy - just so, you are the living dead, while others like myself, new thinking men acceptable to God as human beings and able to understand the instruction, are squirted out of the necessarily large mass of nonviable, unpeaceful, unloving "humanity" like toothpaste when an elephant steps on the tube.

Here I am.

God says (my conclusion), "Let all those who are truly ignorant, die," and I now agree that it would be the best thing.

To oversimplify, "Evil is sent to evil."

There is no adversary.

We have been blinded by our towering technology and its applications into believing that we are "intelligent."

God would say, "Not so, not yet."

A caveman could drive a car, but could he think of relativity?

I am a different genus with a different system of thought which operates from a different base. I believe that it is at least partially available to many.

If you were a child, and Einstein stood beside you, it would be considered an intelligent thing to turn to him with your arithmetic problem, and ask, "Mr. Einstein, how much is one and one?"

Well now, I'll tell you folks, there is available to each person an infinite, *impeccable* teacher who is ready and willing and able to answer any question, providing of course that you will expend a little effort; you might soon notice that answers fall into your hands out of the clear blue sky, as it were, and information that you never knew existed would be where you could find it — it's all a matter of timing — at which he excels.

I might add, for life or death.

His senses extend throughout the entire electromagnetic spectrum. He cannot go away. He cannot help but hear you and see you. He cannot help but know your thoughts, you might say "read your mind," like an infinitely internal and external unbounded Dunninger.

I can hear W.C. Fields say, "The greatest glory he can give to God is to compare Him to a human being."

You have a mouth and a tongue, talk to *Him.* He is as near as any atom in your body, as near as your hand holding this paper, as near as the dot over the letter "i," as near as the air you breathe, and as real as any galaxy.

The problem may be that you don't know that you can't add one and one without His help.

He asked me over and over, "Who supplies the plus sign?" but I was very stupid.

It is too bad that we must, as many ex-alcoholics will testify, come so close to death before the barnacles and protuberances and excrescences of our cultural teachings and traditions can be stripped off our fantastic, iceberg-like egos.

A final rhetorical question – What does "proof" mean? My friend said it?

You have the right to ignore me; in fact, please do - I am not a debater, I am a religious nut who has gone to the other extreme.

I say to you what the man who was the rockiest ground of all, once said to others – "You are rocky ground."

The answer is: *All* hallucinations, all poltergeists, all evidence for life after death, all flying saucer experiences including the MIB, are the result of a faulty definition of the universe – so an infinite living being teaches the viable by asking, "O.K., this is what you believe in. Does it make sense?"

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Dear Sir:

In reply to your "comments" to my "enlightenment," as concerning the "Hexagon Hierarchy," I was well aware of the "fact" that you were unaware of such a "monstrocity" as well as that of the "Forty Nine Flames," But do not worry about this because there are millions of individuals who are part and parcel of the "Forty Nine Flames," just as there are millions of individuals who are "caught" in what is commonly called the "Communistic Movement" of today and do not recognize this fact.

But, in giving you a little more "truth" upon this subject, I would say that you are in no "immediate danger," inasmuch as you are not even aware of the fact that such "things" do actually exist. And, of course, I also recognize that there might be some danger as far as I am concerned, provided I did not know that I am "protected" by the Almighty, and also because I do happen to be "One of Those Strangers Walking Among the Multitudes," and who most individuals believe only exist in the heavenlies, outside of those who are manning UFOs some place in the immediate vicinity of the Earth's atmosphere. This, I also know, is going to be hard for you to believe. However, isn't it just as "feasible" for me to be from another planet, as it was for Adamski to write that he had encountered individuals from other planets – one of which he mentions, which is Venus.

Adamski's and Shaver's "myths" are what publishers want, and such [junk] is usually the run of thought which the multitudes desire, and what publishers give them ....

As to whether I do not recognize the fact that there is, and was, the Greek Alphabet: What does this have to do with the price of rice in the Orient? However, as an Editor, you should know that Tongues, which contain the "letters" of an Alphabet, were not instigated, and instituted to bring Truth, Light, Life and the Way to the multitudes. Have you not read something about the "Confusion of Tongues," which, according to Religious Hierarchists, began in Babylon? But actually, "Confusion of Tongues" did not begin in Babylon. They began under one King Sooph, his Queen

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bride, and Four Other Individuals, anciently known as this "Hexagon Hierarchy," some 48,500 years ago, dating backward from February 14, 1978 A.D., according to the Gregorian calendar - and which, after the destruction of the Tantalausian Continent (commonly called the Continent of Atlantis) this "Hexagon Hierarchy" was "Reestablished" by one King Ptah . . . and his Queen bride Meau . . . in Thebes, Egypt 6,000 years ago (dating backward from February 14, 1989 A.D.), wherein the same "Hexagon Hierarchy" instigated, and instituted "Three New Tongues," from which there are now more than 1,200 Dialects derived, neither of which can be translated (mistranslated) into either one of the other more than 1,200 Dialects without almost "complete confusion." And still I hear you say that there is, or was, a Greek Alphabet, as if the Greek Alphabet was instigated and instituted in order to bring light to the multitudes, when actually any individual acquainted with Greek History knew well that Greece maintained and operated her World Empire through the use of Sorcery, Wizardry, and Witchcraft.

And so it is today. Just take a look at the "Watergate Affair," and see what you can "come up with." As for my "comments" regarding this "Watergate Affair," I claim that it is merely a "Prelude" to what is coming up ... which I believe will startle the whole world, provided the multitudes become "aware" of what is transpiring upon the Earth today. And I must state that I believe it is not going to be so "agreeable" with a lot of individuals. But of course, along with this "Next Great Event," there is going to be a number of other "Great Events" which will transpire almost consecutively. Also, take a quick look at the present "shortages" situation, one after another which will transpire.

So, an individual had better put on their "Seven Mile Boots," or get himself, or herself, a good pair of "Boxing Gloves," if one expects to stand like a tree that is planted by the waters, which cannot be moved ....

> Dewey Schley Carroll Tennessee Ridge, Tenn.

(In response to my request for proof about all these conspiracies, Mr. Carroll referred us to his unpublished manuscripts.

When I asked if I could see any of these manuscripts, I was informed, "... I will not offer any of my works to any individual for a reading before a publication arrangement."

Since Mr. Carroll admits that all publishers who have seen these manuscripts have rejected them, it is clear that no one will ever see this proof. - ERS)

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Mr. Editor of the magazine Caveat Emptor:

I have studied the Bible together with Jehovah's Witnesses for over six months. I have come to the conclusion that flying saucers are from Satan and his demons.

The Bible tells us that, after accepting the "word of Jehovah" preached by the apostle Paul, they "brought their books together and burned them up before everybody," even though they were worth 50,000 pieces of silver! (Acts 19:19-20) Their example of destroying objects related to spiritualistic practices is the wise one to follow.

Do not be deceived by the increasing interest in mystic and occult matters. Wicked spirit creatures are promoting such spiritism. But these wicked spirit forces, including the Devil, will eventually be destroyed. (Matthew 25:41) If you want eternal life you need to stay free from their influence by avoiding every kind of spiritism.

Remember: The Devil and his demons have many ways of misleading mankind, spiritism being just one of these.

My thought is to avoid everything related to UFOs.

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Lars-Uno Bernhardsson Malung, Sweden

#### Dear Editor:

I maintain that the man Jesus Christ is a personification of the human seed, just as Adam is a personification of the blood. Adam means, "red Earth." The devil is an imaginary creation. The biblical devil and the biblical serpent are synonymous. (Rev. 12:9 and Rev. 20:12) The human body is the biblical Garden of Eden. The serpent in the Garden of Eden symbolizes the intestinal tract. The devil symbolizes the intestinal tract, also symbolized as a dragon. These interpretations of the Bible may stir up a hornet's nest of protest, but the interpretations are the way the Bible was interpreted by the mystics who were trained in the art of regeneration by a higher intelligence from within. The way I interpret the Bible is related to the art of regeneration which helps to add light to the body.

Steve Erdmann's opinion (issue no. 8) that Galatians 3:16 refers to geneology not embryology is in error, because I did not mention embryology in my writings – and the text of Galatians 3:16 is not about many seeds, but about one seed – thy seed, which is Christ. In other words, each seed is a potential savior, but salvation is from within. By salvation, I mean to be saved from death by knowing how to add life to the body.

To understand the mystical language of the Bible, it is necessary to have a working knowledge about the art of regeneration.

What the Bible reveals about the art of regeneration can help to prevent cancer and to cure cancer that is still curable. I might add that I am no longer in a position to accept patients or students. Learning the art of regeneration takes years and cannot be learned without the help of God.

The basic requirement in the art of regeneration is to accept Jesus Christ as your savior, meaning to retain and transmute the seed within that helps to promote the chemical processes within that provides the body with life force.

There can be no historical record of the man Jesus Christ because the Bible can reveal that no such man ever existed. All outer Christs are false Christs. The Bible reveals that Christ is within – the same today as it was in the past and will be in the future. God is also within.

With the help of knowledge about the art of regeneration (Great Work), I was able to build up an abundant healing energy that could be radiated from my body to another body nearby without physical contact, to overcome headaches, relieve arthritic pain, overcome sciatic pain, cure asthma, cure epilepsy, raise the hemoglobin level from 4.6 gms. to 9.4 gms. in a test case, etc. No scientific interest was aroused, although I offered to demonstrate the power under test conditions.

... The truth offends.

Morris Katzen Cooks Falls, N.Y. FLASHES: Hans Stefan Santesson, the subject of

our last Caveat Emptor Interview, has clarified some statements made about a "younger Adamski"-type speaker he met while Chairman of the New York Saucer Information Bureau (NYSIB).

In a letter to us, Stefan Santesson writes, "I at no time . . . implied that NYSIB 'introduced' him or in any sense sponsored him, and the reference to the man's reputed wanderings in his astral body is in no sense a reference to him but to his sponsor."

- Orestes Wilson of Reading, Pa. wins a free 6-issue subscription for sending the most UFO and Fortean clippings used in this issue! You can be a winner too! Send your clippings today!

- For those of you waiting for that interview with Brad Steiger we promised: We promoted this interview based on assurances from Steiger's business manager that it would take place. But in the wake of Richard E. Wiplash's somewhat bitter satire of Steiger in our last issue, we haven't heard a word from Brad or any of his associates. We'll just have to wait and see.

- If we don't run out of room again, we hope to present another installment in Chris Riesbeck's cartoon series, "Making Do After the War," in our next issue.

- Issue 2 of X - Underground Journal of Occult is on hand. Featured is an article on Dr. Leo Louis Martello and a lot of other interesting items. We highly recommend this new magazine. To get your copy, send \$1.00 to: "X," Box 7374-CE, Hampton, Va. 23666. Tell them you read about it in Caveat Emptor! - ERS

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# NEWSWATCH

#### THE MISSOURI UFO FLAP

Piedmont and other areas of Missouri and nearby states have been part and parcel of a UFO flap that has broken out in the midwest.

More than a dozen persons living in the small town of Piedmont, located 135 miles south of St. Louis, reported seeing flying objects that lit up the sky near Bushy Creek.

Reg Bone, Coach at Clearwater High School, and five youths returning from a basketball game, said they saw a bright shaft of light as they drove along Highway 49 near Bushy Creek on the night of February 21, 1973. Immediately, they discerned an object that hovered about 200 yards from the car, and flashed red, white, green and amber lights through what appeared to be "portholes." The object made no sound.

The object was first spotted by Bone and his boys on U.S. Highway 60 near Ellsinore, and was later seen on Route 49 near Bushy Creek.

One of the boys, 'Cary Barks, said: "We stood there and watched it for five to 10 minutes, then it went directly up in the air with absolutely no noise and just disappeared over a hill."

Reg Bone commented: "I thought it was a helicopter that had got into trouble. Then when it started to move off I figured I'd hear the noise of the rotors. But when it moved off - off to the tree line behind it - and didn't make a sound, I thought, 'oh, oh.' "

The following night, Mrs. Kathy Keith, her brother Roy Burch, Jr., and his wife watched a greenish-red object on Highway 49 towards Mills Springs for about 15 minutes. They pursued the object at 70 miles per hour, but it suddenly disappeared. "It must have made a 90-degree turn," said Beth Burch.

Another motorist reported that the object lit up the highway following his car as he drove toward town. It appeared without making a sound.

Mrs. Maude Jefferis took a picture of a UFO on March 14th – from the patio in front of her home at Pine Hill Ranch on Highway 34, east of Piedmont. It was about 11:00 p.m. The object appeared as a star-like spot on the film. Mrs. Jefferis used a Crown Graphic camera with a 135 mm. lens set at F-4.7. Exposure was 10 minutes on Royal Pan 4 x 5 inch film.

Similar photographs taken from the exact spot and at the exact time produced lens flares on the same spot on the developed films. Mrs. Jefferis said she has seen four UFOs in the sky at one time. "They seem to blink signals to each other, then speed off in different directions and disappear."

Miss Jean Coleman and Miss Cathy Leach reported that as they drove across the dam of Clearwater Lake at 9:00 p.m. on March 21st, an object with a reddish glow surfaced from the lake. It was disc-shaped and it rose silently and soared over a mountain top.

Chief of Police Gene Bearden said he has received hundreds of reports and he has seen lights himself. Dan Shatley, one of Bearden's patrolmen, said he saw a bright, bobbing light, large like a baseball, over the Medical Center in town. He gave chase but lost it.

Ken Johnson and his family saw a bright white light on the night of March 12th at about 9:30. It hovered about 800 feet over the lake as they watched it from the switch-back road. When they got to the top of the hill, the object seemed to come at them.

"It was about an eighth of a mile from the dam when it disappeared in mid-air," said Johnson, "like somebody turned off a light bulb."

Wesley Howard and his wife, Gladys, their daughter Jennie, and Mrs. Opal Faulkner, were driving alone Highway 34 near Black River and saw a "weird amber colored object 'beaming rays' over the tree tops." It was about 9:30 p.m. on March 15th.

"It appeared to be about the size of a basketball from where we were," Howard said. "It glowed for about 20 seconds and then blinked out."

Tom Martin, 14, and Kevin Kinard, 16, part of an Explorer Scouts camping session on top of Bluff View on March 19th, saw a circular-shaped glowing UFO skim across the lake and disappear.

That same week, five men fishing in the predawn darkness started their outboard engines and headed for shore after seeing several disc-shaped objects hovering over the water.

A family on the outskirts of town was watching T.V. during the week of the 19th, when their house began to rumble and shake. Then the television started to act funny and went off.

"I went out to see what happened when I looked up and I saw a bright light hovering about 80 feet in the air over the house. Then it moved and disappeared," said the woman of the house.

On the night of March 22nd, two students at Southeast Missouri State College, Ron Miller of Piedmont and Joe King of nearby Mill Springs, were on their way home from school. They saw a "silvery object in the sky, something kind of a round shape." It was flat on the bottom with an oval top - and it sped above the tree tops near Patterson, which is east of Highway 34.

A farmer and a few hired hands heard "a thumping sound" near their area, a couple of miles south of Clearwater Lake. They found a hole in a field. "The hole was so deep we couldn't see the bottom of it."

Tommy Blann and Daniel Garcia took a 20second time exposure of something 800 or more feet away. It was the evening of March 25th. They actually spotted two objects, "two red bodies rotating very fast, gliding silently through the air."

Michael Henderson and Michael Sparks observed a UFO on the night of March 28th at a high point in Piedmont. "The object was a very bright undulating light and we kept it in view for approximately 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> minutes as it traveled in an approximately 160-degree arc."

John Price and Stan Berry saw a UFO on March 29th, "flashing red, an off-color white and blue-green colors," at about 7:30. The thing was sighted from the Piedmont City Dump, called Pyle's Hill, just south of Piedmont on Highway 34.

"The flashes were crazy-quilting themselves across the sky in all sorts of erratic patterns. They were travelling at a high rate of speed and turning and jumping from side to side in no predictable manner."

That same night Oscar Wills, a 57-year-old operating engineer, said he saw an oval object 25 feet in diameter. The object "had red pulsating lights around the edge," and hovered over a 66,000 volt transformer yard of the Central Illinois Public Service Company in Grand Towers, Ill., only 70 miles northwest of Piedmont.

"I walked about 200 yards to the transformer yard and got almost to it before it moved away. It went right over me at about 1,500 feet," said Wills. "It made no sound."

Four jet aircraft made 12 to 15 passes over the area on sweeps into Illinois and Missouri, as if they were looking for the UFO.

One of the objects is reported to have landed at Ellsinore on April 6th. Ellsinore is about 20 miles from Piedmont. Several trees believed damaged by a landed UFO were found four miles west of Ellsinore on Highway 60. There were three holes in the ground in a triangular formation, about six inches deep and two to three feet across. One of the three trees was split down the center and splintered to pieces. Another tree had the bark stripped down one side of it about 40 feet high. The third had a little bark trimmed off at the trunk next to a hole made in the ground by the object.

Mrs. Raymond Stucker, who lives across the highway from the damaged trees, reports that she saw a craft with what looked like three landing feet that same day. It was about 11:30 a.m.

That evening Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, head of the physics department of Southeast Missouri State University, observed a light several different times during one hour. He gazed at the object through a telescope at 8x. He said the light appeared to be 10 to 15 miles away and at an altitude of half a mile.

Mrs. Dorothy Thompson of Charleston, Mo., watched an egg-shaped object in the skies for about three minutes. The object was at tree-top level and had a red top with a white bottom. It did not flash and made no sound.

At least three UFOs were spotted by residents of Bernie, Mo., on April 10th, and several sightings were made by people in Dexter, Mo. The objects seemed to change color from white to red to blue and several hues in between. They moved irregularly as if starting and stopping.

Kenneth Pingel, a commercial pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours, and co-pilot Marvin Colyer, spotted a UFO at 10:30 p.m. on April 12th, just outside of Farmington, Mo. Pingel said that the object seemed to keep pace with the singleengine Piper Cherokee, as the plane cruised at 150 miles per hour, 3,500 feet above a forested area 20 miles south of Farmington. The object was circular and off-white. It did not appear to spin. The color changed to yellow and to orange tinge. When the plane approached the UFO, the object "reversed its direction and flew away from us at a high rate of speed."

Pingel pursued it for several miles before it disappeared.

UFOs were sighted at Malden, Mo., around April 19th at 8:45 p.m. People in the area watched them flying in a triangular pattern, moving fast.

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Each object had red, green and amber lights that flashed. Ron Jaynes, *Daily Standard* Sports Editor, viewed them for about five minutes. The Blytheville, Arkansas Air Force Base reported nothing on radar, and said that no known planes were in the area.

On April 25th, Henry McDaniel, 50, of Enfield, Ill., said he saw a three-legged, pink-eyed monster that jumped like a kangaroo and left sixtoed foot marks. McDaniel heard a scratching sound at his door about 9:30 p.m., and upon looking out the window saw the 5-foot creature. The "thing" had a big round head, big pink eyes, and dirty gray hair. McDaniel gave chase with a .22 caliber revolver, but stopped when it "hissed" at him and bounded into the woods.

Enfield had been host to "strange lights" during April.

The Enfield monster is reminiscent of "Mo-Mo" of Louisiana, Mo., on Highway 79, about 80 miles north of St. Louis. Mo-Mo was a great hairy biped that had a foul smell, thick black hair and two large red eyes that frightened the local residents last spring (perhaps related to "Bog," the monster of the Boggy Creek near Fouke, Arkansas).

Robert Baumback, some friends, Patrolman Ruben Abbington, Detective Darrell Tullock, and other policemen riding in patrol cars and operating motorcycles, watched "brightly glowing balls of whitish light" that appeared out of the north sky on June 12th in St. Charles, Mo., just out of St. Louis. They moved north to south, and would careen through cloud banks, make incredible turns, shoot upward, then downward. The saucers would also play "chicken" by zooming towards each other on a collision course – then veer away in opposite directions. They would even hop over each other, and once attempted to follow a plane that had just left Lambert Field. They caught up with it, then shot away.

A scientific team from Southeast Missouri State University, headed by Dr. Harley D. Ruthledge of the University's Physics Department, are stationed in the area to obtain electronic, telescopic, infra red, and geiger counter measurements.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former Air Force consultant-turned-UFO investigator, warned that the power of suggestion caused many UFO sightings in the area. "There is generally one good case that launches a lot of 'me too' stuff," Hynek said, although he is not claiming that the first reports of the UFO are the only legitimate ones.

John H. Mullen, a research chemist working primarily in the field of plasma gas, made an investigation of the sightings. He attributed the flap to "misinterpretation of stars" and "plasma balls . . . akin to ball lightning."

Detective Tullock, who viewed the St. Charles UFOs on June 12th, perhaps summed up the whole affair this way:

"Those were the weirdest things I've ever seen. Weird, weird, weird!"

(Wayne County Journal-Banner, 3/22/73, 3/ 29/73, 4/12/73; St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 3/23/73, 4/1/73, 4/25/73, 6/25/73; St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 3/23/73, 4/2/73, 4/14/73, 4/28/73, 5/28/73, 6/16/73, 6/17/73; The Detroit News, 4/3/73; The Daily Standard [Sikeston, Mo.], 4/17/73; The National Tattler, 5/27/73. Summary by Steve Erdmann.)

#### THAT MYSTERIOUS GRAVE IN TEXAS

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An 1897 "airship" report may come back to haunt the residents of Aurora, Texas.

It all started this spring, as the nation's newspapers were filled with lurid tales of a mysterious gravesite that was said to contain the body of a "little man" whose dismembered body was allegedly found at the scene of an "airship" crash.

Once again Hayden Hewes – founder and only known member of the International UFO Bureau of Oklahoma City – was in the thick of it. Hewes was heard on some of the nation's major radio stations loudly proclaiming that he had found the grave and would take steps to see that the body was exhumed, to determine if it was really a spaceman.

Well, this house of cards came tumbling down right on Hewes when it turned out that the gravesite he was talking about was the wrong gravesite! It was reported also that neither Hewes nor anyone else had initiated legal proceedings to dig up the grave!

So, we leave Hayden Hewes to revel in his moment of glory, and deal with some facts – or what few facts have been uncovered.

Dallas Times-Herald aviation writer William Case did find an odd gravesite – one with a marker on which was a picture of something that looks like an airship!

Scientists in the meantime were hard at work trying to find out the composition of some metal fragments uncovered at the very location where townspeople say the ship crashed.

Though most of this metal turned out to be pretty much like other UFO fragments – conventional metals and trace elements – one sample was a bit different. Physicist Dr. Thomas Gray was quoted widely as saying the artifact was composed of iron and zinc. But to make matters interesting, there were no magnetic properties, unlike most materials containing heavy concentrations of iron. This doesn't mean the artifact came from another world, but it did make further study necessary.

Another one of those mysterious "hoax" figures that one reads about occasionally in UFO search turned up. He was a fellow who called himself "Frank N. Kelley," and who claimed to be a treasure hunter and geologist. The press was sent scurrying to their typewriters when Kelley said, "In more than 25 years of recovering metal... I've never seen metal like that."

But like the legendary "Men in Black," Kelley disappeared. His address turned out to be false!

But it seems that L.J. Lorenzen, Director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (AP-RO), really put the nail in the coffin. He said the Aurora affair was a "patent hoax." Lorenzen recalled a 1967 survey of the supposed crash site that disclosed no strange metals. He suggests the metal now being analyzed must have been planted on the property after 1967!

A lot of serious UFO researchers got their dander up over this whole mess. Joan O'Connell, Editor of Spectrum, said, "... We had reports... talking about the encounters between various UFO groups, investigators, etc., until it sounded like a three-ring circus totally devoid of a conducive atmosphere in which to get at the truth. It brought back unfond memories of the March, 1965 landing in Brooksville, Florida, in which the main battle being fought seemed not to be either Truth or Untruth – but organization against organization ....

"It is a sad, sad day for UFO investigators when such situations are allowed to get out of hand. No one profits, and when the roar has dwindled to a whisper, the battleground is littered with the bodies of many dead friendships and the whole truth is still yet to be known."

To which we add, "Amen!"

(Spectrum no. 3; Daily Local News [West Chester, Pa.], 3/29/73, 5/31/73; Reading [Pa.] Eagle, 4/5/73; Dallas Times-Herald, 5/24/73; Dallas Morning News, 5/25/73; The Indianapolis Star, 5/31/73; Newsweek, 6/11/73; UFO Investigator [NICAP], June, 1973; Killeen [Tx.] Daily Herald, 6/17/73, plus numerous unidentified clippings. Credit: Lucius Farish, Joan O'Connell, Captain Dave Toon Ozanne and Orestes Wilson. Summary by Eugene Steinberg.)

#### THE PETUXANT FISHING POND UFO

Saturday, March 24th - James T. Rhule, 22,

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of Odenton, Md., was seated in his car watching the antics of local fishermen at the Petuxant Fishing Pond, located just outside Fort Meade. His attention was distracted by a boy, age about seven.

The child was frantically trying to alert everyone about an object in the northwest sky. Weather at the time was clear. It was about 1:00 p.m.

The "object," as viewed by Rhule, appeared to be a yellow-white sphere about the size of a small coin held at arm's length.

"It seemed to glow with a faint radiance, obvious but not somuch that it disturbed one's vision of it," Rhule reported when questioned on the matter. "The surface was smooth – no devices marred its outline."

About 24 to 30 people witnessed the aerial cavortings of the UFO, which displayed a series of wild gyrations for close to 15 minutes before abruptly disappearing. "When the thing left, it didn't fly away, but simply vanished," stated Rhule.

A later check confirmed that no weather balloons were aloft in the area.

The matter would have ended there, had Rhule been one without an inquiring mind. But when he later tried to obtain statements from the other witnesses, he found himself facing a blank wall! No one would verify his sighting!

Then, on April 2nd, Rhule found an unposted white business envelope in his mailbox – with a message telling him to give up his investigation of UFOs!

A full report on the strange aftermath of this sighting will appear in the next issue.

(Investigation and summary by Curtis K. Sutherly.)

#### LAW SOCKS IT TO STRANGES

"Dr." Frank Stranges, long a figure on the fringe of the UFO scene, is in trouble with the law over drugs.

In a letter to his supporters, Stranges states that he and his wife were "arrested and charged with transporting and possession for sale of" marijuana.

Both were convicted of these charges on April 4th.

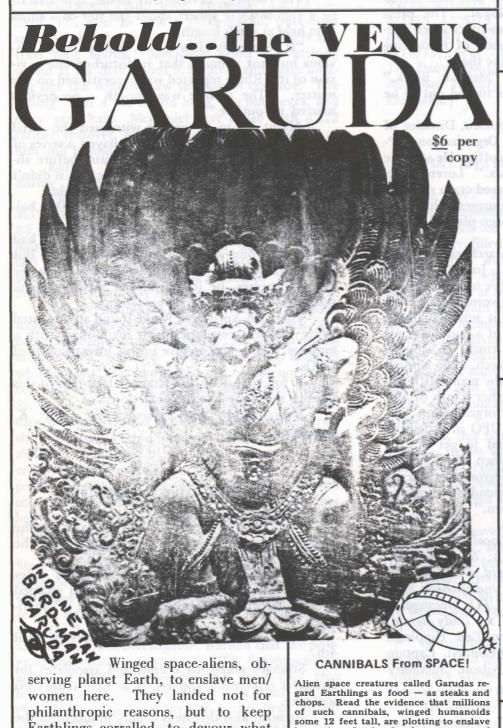
Stranges asked his friends and associates for character references, apparently to help reduce his sentence.

He maintains that he is totally innocent of the crime and that his conviction is unjust. The case is reportedly under appeal. Stranges is apparently still free on bail.

(Summary by Eugene Steinberg.)

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