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Dr. Carl Sagan, assistant professor of astronomy at Harvard, says that the United States could be ready for travel to Mars by the 1980's and that colonists and explorers from Earth will be living and working there one day.

A second and closer *Mariner* flyby of Mars is due next year but meanwhile in *National Geographic Magazine* Dr. Sagan pictures the surface of Mars as a "gently sloping landscape marked by sand dunes and by enormous numbers of eroded flat-bottomed craters."

Man will move about easily there, contending with a gravity only 40 percent that of Earth's.



Curtis Fuller

Humans will need protection against ultraviolet radiation from the sun, low atmospheric pressure, lack of oxygen and extremes of temperature.

At the same time, says Sagan, "They may find Mars the most hospitable and earthlike of all our neighbors in the solar system. There they will find wind and water; carbon dioxide and sunlight, clouds, rolling hills and deserts, winter frosts and balmy summer afternoons."

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Libby's thesis is quite simple. It's based on the idea that Venus is extremely hot only in the equatorial region. He says that icecaps similar to those on earth cover Venus' poles and may extend over half the surface.

If this is true — hotter than boiling water at the equator and icecaps at the poles — between there must be a temperate zone where some forms of life could exist. Libby fully expects to find plant life there but doubts that conditions would permit the kind of animal life known on earth.

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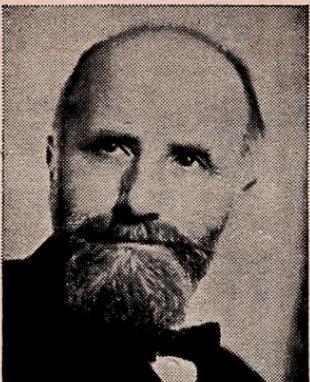
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"The region probably is more dangerous now than it was in 1906," he said. "Most geophysicists agree that the epicenter for the next quake probably will be in the region between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

"Thus quake shock waves, which usually do more damage than the actual slippage of land, would extend to both cities, quite possibly wiping them out." He believes San Francisco would be particularly vulnerable because

of the possibility that both the Golden Gate and Oakland Bay bridges might be destroyed.

Franken complains that Californians are doing "pathetically little" about the earthquake threats. He says that people should be trained to stay inside during an earthquake. There should be earthquake drills, just as there are fire drills, in the schools. "Food and medicine should be stockpiled and first aid courses should be required."



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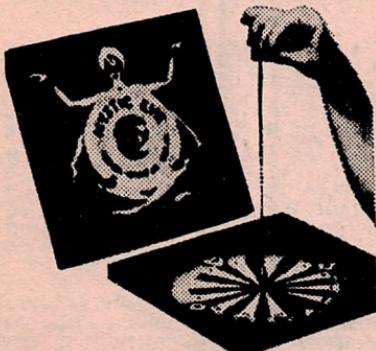
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Not so, declare six scientists of the Desert Research Institute of the University of Nevada. They officially reported in February that analyses of hair, flesh and other material from Snippy show nothing unnatural about the horse's death.

Soil samples from the area revealed no evidence of hydrocarbons or fuels. Flesh samples showed no evidence of excessive burning. There was no evidence of radioactivity in any of the samples tested by the men. Dr. O. Richard Norton, who drafted the final report, concluded that since the horse's death took place during the thunderstorm season it is possible Snippy was killed by a bolt of lightning.



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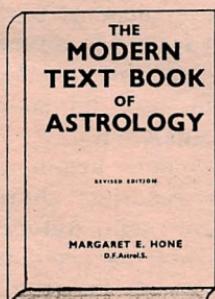
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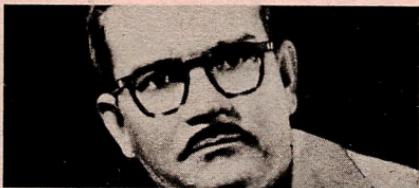
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ministrator for the Biology of Natural Systems at Washington University, in a signed article syndicated by World Book Science Service declares that it is unsafe to have an atomic power plant of this nature so near large cities. The Enrico Fermi plant is only 30 miles from downtown Detroit and 25 miles from downtown Toledo.

Under the "worst conditions," declares Novick, "the accident . . . might have killed people up to 15 miles away and injured those living as far as 45 miles away."

Apparently the stray piece of folded sheet metal blocked one of the cooling valves and the uranium fuel in a portion of the core melted. The core contains about 1,000 pounds of Uranium 235, which amount would make 40 Hiroshima-type bombs. When the U-235 melted it was feared that an attempt to remove it might jar it into a critical mass that would explode.

"The result," declares Novick, "could be an explosion — nowhere near as great as that of a nuclear weapon but perhaps great enough to rupture the steel and concrete containment structure of the reactor. A large portion of the radioactive gases held within the core would then be released to the atmosphere and would drift uncontrolled with the

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wind. The huge quantities of radioactivity involved and the proximity of Detroit and Toledo made such a prospect terrifying indeed."

The reactor was a sodium-cooled fast-breeder and Novick deplores plans to build additional power plants of this type.



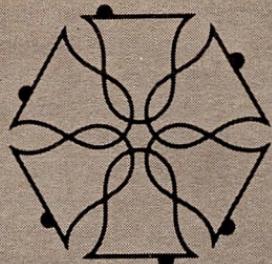
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**J**UST AS WE were criticized in 1965, so Novick has been attacked.

Walter J. McCarthy, Jr., assistant general manager of the Power Reactor Development Co., denied that the accident might have spread huge amounts of radioactivity over the Detroit-Toledo complex. He said that the reactor was designed to contain such explosions as Novick fears. "Containment is one of the cornerstones of the atomic power industry."

Nevertheless, Dr. Edward Teller, atomic energy authority, has warned that while the breeder reactors are clean if they function as planned, if they "malfunction in a massive manner they can release enough fission products to kill a tremendous number of people . . ."

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comments: "Only two sodium-cooled reactors have ever been placed in commercial power grids in this country and both were out of operation during most of their lifetimes."

And speaking of "million to one" chances of an accident, let's remember the strange and unidentified piece of metal that put Indian Point out of commission. What does that make the odds?



### PAULA MARIE CUTLER?

A STRANGE story is related in a recent issue of the *Indianapolis News*. Columnist Fremont Power describes a "girl, thin, painfully so, the face bony and gaunt. Her head is most often lowered and her shoulders stooped. With a voice that has an Appalachian whine, her language is almost Elizabethan at times: 'I might would to do it.' Who is she really, this girl who calls herself now Paula Marie Cutler?"

She appears to be 18 to 22 years old according to X-ray studies of her hand bones. She regards herself as about 13 and she was picked up by Indianapolis police early in the morning of December 12, 1967, unable to say exactly where she belonged. She asked for a teddy bear for Christmas.

Fingerprint matching has established that she is the same girl who was a court ward in Florida from 1962 to 1967. She has been in at least 13 foster homes and escaped from the Northeast Florida State Hospital 22 times, according to Power.

But this is not the mystery. In Florida she was known as Sharon Kathy Dudley. She has appeared as a runaway child in Jacksonville, Fla., Charlotte, N.C., Nashville, Tenn., and Clinton, S.C.

Intelligence tests suggest that she is mentally retarded — perhaps with an IQ of 50. But this is hard to believe when one is confronted with the total mystery surrounding this strange girl.

Consider: While she was in General Hospital in Indianapolis she wrote to the bureau of records at Hampton, N.H., for the birth certificate of Paula Marie Cutler, who is a real girl there, age 13. The Indianapolis Paula gave the correct birth date in her letter and was duly sent the birth certificate. How could she know there is a real Paula Marie Cutler in Hampton, N.H., or what her age and birth date were? Or even that she could obtain or need a birth certificate?

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soled. Where did she get the money to travel? There is no record that she ever has worked. She is not promiscuous with men — examination in Indianapolis showed she is a virgin.

Procedures were initiated in Indianapolis to commit their Paula. If the past is indicative, she will run away again. She will be picked up. And in some other city, says Power, police will ask the still unanswered question: "Who is this Paula Marie Cutler?"



### "BIG FOOT" AGAIN

**T**HE MYSTERIOUS monster of northern California, nicknamed "Big Foot," may have been seen again on Saturday, January 6, by a pilot and his companion as they flew over Confidence Ridge north of Yosemite National Park.

Robert James, Jr., 30, a Tuolumne carpenter, said, "We saw the thing from about 50 feet up. It was standing erect and looked like it was 10 to 12 feet tall. I could see its eyes. It had brownish, fuzzy and woolly-looking hair. Not long hair, but kind of matted."

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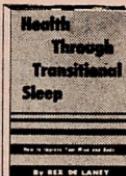
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The area in which they spotted the creature is desolate but the men remarked that there is a garbage dump about three miles away.

Sheriff Miller Sardella of Tuolumne County was not very enthusiastic about the sighting. He said the picture may be a hoax and remarked, "We've had footprint pictures up here before. This one looks like it was spliced in the middle."

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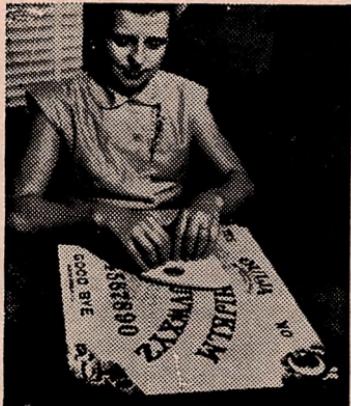
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## THE MYSTERY CATS

WHAT ACCOUNTS for the insistent reports of country people that they have seen big cats — lions, tigers and leopards — where no big cats should be? We do not know the answer but we do know there is a constant stream of such reports crossing our desk — from the otherwise placid midwest, from the settled east, from anywhere in the country.

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in Maine and each of them measured it with a tape measure and reported its size to him, Bud could come up with no better explanation than that it was a Canada lynx. Maybe it was.

But what was the "baby tiger" a Connecticut Company bus driver saw walk across Valley Street and disappear into the brush? This sighting was about 5:00 P.M. near West Rock. Seven New Haven police cruisers rushed to the scene within minutes to find . . . nothing.

In Branford, Conn., a large wild animal was seen prowling "in a most stately way" down the driveway of the 40-acre wooded estate of Sen. Lucy T. Hammer. Game wardens and police searched the place but flushed no more than a rabbit. Tracking dogs found only a squirrel — slashed in half.

Thorvald Hammer, iron company executive and husband of Sen. Lucy Hammer, was eating breakfast when he saw the creature. "He saw this great animal walking proudly down our driveway," Senator Hammer reported. "My husband went out and watched him walking in a most stately manner down our path. The animal went around a bend and my husband lost sight of him. He must have gone into the woods."

The maddening thing about all

these reports is that even when searchers appear on the scene almost immediately they never find anything. The stories are too frequent and too widespread to be disbelieved. Obviously *something* is being seen. Odd it is so often described as a giant cat! Whereas, everyone knows, there are no giant cats roaming Connecticut.



#### NEWS & NOTES FROM ALL OVER

- In Amherstburg, Ont., Elmer Goryi won a fire extinguisher in a drawing at the Essex County Associated Growers convention. Unfortunately his barn had burned down the night before.
- In Dar Es Salaaf, Tanzania, seven witch doctors were arrested on charges of creating hailstorms that destroyed crops after villagers refused to pay their annual fee for occult weather control. The witch doctors admitted their guilt. The trial is being delayed until re-prisal-proof charges can be brought against the seven, according to the Associated Press.
- Jackie Joe Watts of Ballinger, S.C., was burned to death in his family home on January 27. Jackie became the third person to die by fire in that house although the building itself never has suffered major damage.

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Prof. Hermann Oberth, shown here with heir apparent Wernher von Braun, urges that science press forward investigations of strange aerial objects.

In exclusive interview, grand old man of rocketry points out that as UFO evidence mounts, scientists' noninvolvement is history repeating itself.

## Dr. Hermann Oberth Looks at

By Rho Sigma

I THINK OF sunshine and blue skies whenever Huntsville comes to my mind," said the grand old man of rockets, tall, white-haired Prof. Hermann Oberth, as he looked up at the gray wintry sky behind the picture window of his retirement home in Feucht near Nuremberg, Germany.

Less than 10 years ago he could be seen walking to his office in Huntsville's arsenal. A familiar figure among NASA old-timers in "Rocket City," he

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helped formulate the vital first principles on which others were to build up vast industries.

Retirement does not mean stagnation to his restless mind. His insistence that science should pay attention to the countless observations of "Unidentified Flying Objects" has become a topic of controversy behind the

scenes. His presence at the Fourth International UFO Congress in Wiesbaden in 1960 sparked this controversy although he was not the only representative of science to insist on discussing topics-in-bad-repute on this occasion.

Largely ignored by an embarrassed officialdom, Prof. Dr. Lyra, of the University of Goettingen, presented his views, "About the necessity of a basic revision of today's physics for an intelligent understanding of parapsychological and cosmic phenomena."

"Before I participated my horrified friends besieged me for heaven's sake not to do so," Professor Oberth recalls. "And afterwards a university teacher questioned as to why I had agreed to do it.

"In my opinion, science should regard anything as possible so long as it cannot be proven impossible by facts based on observations. Each explanation should be considered valid as a working hypothesis until observations are presented to contradict it," Professor Oberth has replied to his critics in a timely article. "I do concern myself with UFO research because it is along the line of space travel and because I believe that objective persons should screen the material which is gathered in commendable fer-

vor even by persons who are not always objective.

"According to the information available to me there exist more than 70,000 eyewitness reports of UFOs. British Air Marshal Lord Dowding says there are more than 100,000 eyewitness reports. Wherever such reports are investigated and recorded, about half can be traced to known causes. Another 39 percent of the reports are not identified but the descriptions are so similar to the 50 percent of identified objects that they probably are the same thing. Nevertheless, 11 percent (or around 8,000) of these reports cannot be so easily explained. They should not be lies or hoaxes because they involve responsible senior Air Force officers, or radar readings, or photographs from responsible sources. Their speed can be enormous. Radar measurements have shown up to 11.8 miles per second, more than 42,000 mph. It is true that the dependability of such radar equipment has been questioned and if only three or four measurements were available I would not draw conclusions from them. But the fact is that more than 1000 measurements are available and if the radar equipment of the United States Naval Air Force were so undependable that such readings could not be taken seriously I

would not understand why the Navy has furnished its planes with such equipment.

"I would like to explain in short why I attended. The status of our knowledge of space today is such that whether the planets of our solar system are inhabited by intelligent beings cannot be proven by scientific means. But after all our sun is not alone in the universe. There are 50 billion solar systems similar to ours in our Milky Way alone. Most of those systems have also planets. And besides, so far as we know there are at least 500 Milky Way systems like ours. . . It is more than probable that intelligent beings outside our earth do exist. And to designate us as intelligent is more or less merely a matter of definition!"

At this point it might be well to recall Professor Oberth's experience with his manuscript *By Rocket To Interplanetary Space* more than 40 years ago. Publishers rejected it. One of the contemporary experts at that time commented, "We believe the time has not yet come for delving into such problems as these — and indeed probably never will come."

Oberth looks at a picture of the mighty Saturn V rocket and smiles. History does indeed repeat itself! For now again one of his recent books, titled *Stoff Und*

*Leben (Substance And Life)* has been rejected by a number of publishing houses as "too risky." The mere dedication of it was considered "shocking" by many orthodox scientists. It reads: "I dedicate this book to Prof. Dr. Hans Bender in grateful acknowledgement of his selfless and courageous research activity in this area." Professor Bender is Germany's foremost authority on metaphysics!

Oberth, who has struggled against appointed men of science during most of his life, comments, "Because of a fundamental error in the organization of present-day universities, the scholar is too overburdened to concern himself with anything that does not pertain to his special field in the narrowest sense. I have lectured and talked about this many times. . . For this reason he usually adopts an attitude of rejection towards new ideas, discoveries and inventions — if only so he need not concern himself with them. And if the subject matter is not exactly approved by his superiors then the scholar views it with even more hostility."

Expressing satisfaction on the subject of American scientists' awakening concern about UFOs, he states, "It looks as if UFO research will go through the same stages as the automobile,

aviation, space travel, bacteriology. We have only to remember Schliemann's excavations and many another thing where intelligent outsiders first carried the cause forward and official science became involved only when the results could not longer be denied and knowledge of the subject had developed far enough so that it could be exactly specified which specialist's business it was to carry on with the development."

Elaborating on one working hypothesis, that the UFOs are machines, he continues:

"(a) They are not built by human beings . . . today we cannot produce machines that fly as UFOs do.

"(b) They are flying by means of artificial fields of gravity. This would explain the sudden changes of directions. . . . This hypothesis also would explain the piling up of these discs into a cylindrical or cigar-shaped mothership upon leaving the earth because in this fashion only one field of gravity would be required for all discs.

"(c) They produce high-tension electric charges in order to push the air out of their path . . . and strong magnetic fields to influence the ionized air at higher altitudes. . . . This would explain their luminosity. Even the poles of our electric influence or induction machines glow in the dark.

Secondly, it would explain the noiselessness of UFO flight. . . . Finally, this assumption also explains the strong electrical and magnetic effects sometimes, though not always, observed in the vicinity of UFOs."

Professor Oberth also observed, "Whether artificial fields of gravity can be created we do not know for sure. . . ."

It is interesting to note here that the United States has a Gravity Research Foundation which gives awards for essays on what gravity is, how it works and how it may be controlled. At the same time, *Soviet-Physics* (September, 1962) informed its readers that Russia was accelerating antigravity research, that the framework of contemporary physics assumes the nonexistence of antigravity but that the fundamental importance of the question compels their researchers to look for an experimental verification of this assumption. However, the fact remains that the nature of gravity is still not fully understood.

Facing the unknown, Professor Oberth's attitude of genuine humility, so typical of truly great men of science, is reflected by a story he relates in a German publication: "The French astronomer and mathematician Laplace dedicated his book titled *The Movement of the Planets* to

the Emperor Napoleon I and afterwards was received by him in audience. Napoleon said to him, 'Your book was of extraordinary interest to me — but Marquis, where does God fit in?' Whereupon the Marquis Laplace replied, 'Sire, this is the only hypothesis which I do not need.'

The little story is concluded with Professor Oberth's remark, "There are also many scientists today who would answer in a similar fashion."

In a letter to the director of the German UFO research group Oberth wrote, "Don't get too upset about the opponents of UFO research. The deeper they place themselves into the wrong, the bigger will be their deserved blame in the end. I have witnessed all this once before in the area of space travel."

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**O**THER SCIENTISTS also are becoming restive under the attitude that Sir William Gilbert summed up by saying, "Science has done its utmost to prevent whatever science has done."

Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Professor in the Department of Meteorology at the University of Arizona, spoke on the subject of UFOs before the annual meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Wash-

ton, D.C., in April, 1967.

In essence he said that the curious manner in which the problem of the UFOs has been kept out of sight and maintained in disrepute must be examined. He said that the basic responsibility for its systematic misrepresentation lies with Air Force Project Bluebook which, on the basis of his firsthand knowledge, he could only describe as having been carried out in the past dozen years in a quite superficial and incompetent manner.

"Years of Air Force assurances have kept the public, the press, Congress and the scientific community under the mistaken impression that the UFO problem was being studied with thoroughness and scientific expertise; this I have found to be completely false," Dr. McDonald said.

"It is urged that the time is long overdue for a full-scale Congressional investigation of the UFO problem, an investigation in which persons outside of official Air Force channels can put on record the astounding history of the way in which a problem of potentially enormous scientific importance has been swept under a rug of ridicule and misrepresentation for two decades, continued Dr. McDonald.

In the copy of this speech which NICAP published under

the title *Unidentified Flying Objects: Greatest Scientific Problem of Our Times*, Dr. McDonald is further quoted as saying, "I believe that the primary responsibility for UFO investigation ought to be taken from Air Force hands and turned over to some strong science-oriented agency. NASA would seem to be a very logical group for this.

"Curiously, I have said this both in NASA and fairly widely reported public discussions before scientific colleagues, yet the response from NASA has been essentially nil. Perhaps they too are sure that this is just a nonsense problem and has no relation to their space programs, their 'search for life in the universe.'

"NASA is busy telling us that there is a high probability of life in the universe but it's all far out there, not here. Frankly, when one looks long and carefully at the UFO evidence one wonders if perhaps it's not conceivable that some of it has found us — rather than vice versa. But to date my own efforts to get NASA to consider that intriguing possibility seem to have been ignored. Even attempting to get a small group within NASA to undertake a study-group approach to the available published effort seems to have generated no response.

"I realize, of course, that there

may be semipolitical considerations that make it awkward for NASA to fish in these waters at present, but if this is what is holding up serious scientific attention to the UFO problem at NASA this is all the more reason Congress had better take a good hard look at the problem and reshuffle the deck.

"Interestingly, in the course of my months of digging into the UFO problem I have learned from a number of unquotable sources that the Air Force has long wished to get rid of the burden of the troublesome UFO problem and has tried twice to "peddle" it to NASA — without success."

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AND, OF COURSE, we can look forward to the report from the committee at the University of Colorado which is studying UFOs with a grant of \$313,000 from the Air Force. This grant was announced in October, 1966, and was to take 15 months time. However, the Air Force stated at the outset that the study may be extended if necessary. It is possible to take a hopeful attitude toward this report, whenever it is released, because of the statement made by the head of this committee, Prof. Edward U. Condon. While at Washington University Professor Condon said, "The physics of the

year 2000 will be as strange and unforeseeable by us today as the physics of today would have seemed to the physicist of 1900."



### AN ACCURSED HOUSE

*By Gene Horth*

ACCORDING TO the Japanese-language newspaper *Rafu Shimpo* of Los Angeles, a certain Duke Tremisoff built a house in Moscow about the end of the 19th Century. He lived in the house only a few days before he was killed in a duel.

The next occupant was a sugar merchant named Sergei Nitokoff who eventually took his own life.

After the October, 1917, revolution the house was converted into an orphanage for fallen soldiers' children. The older children later were sent as Pioneers to Siberia (a project similar to our Civilian Conservation Corps

of Depression days). In 1928 a gang of outlaws attacked the Pioneers and killed them all.

Later Beria, Chief of the Secret Police, undaunted by the history of the house, moved in boasting that he would die in his bed — but he was shot after his confrontation with Khrushchev. One of Beria's assistants, who also lived in the house, also was shot.

The Embassy of Tunisia presently leases these premises. So far one Tunisian Consul has died in an automobile accident and the two-year-old son of an office worker has fallen to his death from the second-story window.



### MYSTERIOUS ICEFALL

MRS. LORRAINE NUCKLES of San Mateo, Calif., was sitting in her living room with her three children watching television when she heard what she thought was a bomb. On investigating she found a foot-square chunk of ice had come through the roof and landed 15 feet from where the now-terrified family had been sitting. Police confirmed the hole in the roof, saw the ice and offered no explanation. To add to the mystery a United Air Lines plane overhead at the time reported that no icing conditions had been encountered.

This picture of Leslie Beth Rigoni was taken just a month before the drowning incident.

". . . In unspeakable fear I sat bolt upright in bed and screamed! In my girls' room little Beth was safe—but my dream had warned me . . ."



## BETH was *DROWNING*

By Jeaneane M. Rigoni

JEANEANE RIGONI, a 30-year-old housewife and mother of five small children, lives in Missouri. She attended Fontbonne College in St. Louis, Mo., and before her marriage she was a professional singer. In recent years her musical interests have given way to free-lance writing and she presently is working on a novel set in contemporary suburbia.

Another instance similar to the perception she relates in this story occurred on Father's Day in 1965. A few hours after she had seen her father that day she "felt" he was in danger. At a time roughly corresponding to her "feeling" he suffered a massive coronary—although he had had no warning of heart weakness. His recovery took more than a month.

IT HAD RAINED steadily all evening. In the frame ranch house on Criterion Avenue in Spanish Lake, Mo., where we lived my husband Bob and I made a final check on our four small youngsters before we retired. Bobby, our little boy, was afraid of storms and Bob soothed him while I checked on the girls. Dana and Valerie, the four-year-olds, were resting quietly. Only Beth, the baby not quite a year old, seemed restless in the warm humid room.

After going to bed I recall tossing and turning for what seemed hours. The whole month of August, 1963, had been particularly unpleasant. It had rained consistently. Between the soaring daytime temperatures and the high humidity I felt as if I hadn't slept in a week. But eventually I must have drifted off into a restless sleep.

Then suddenly I sat bolt upright in bed and screamed! I felt an unspeakable fear.

My husband, now fully awake

too, quickly turned on the bedside lamp.

"Jeaneane! Jeaneane! What's wrong?" he said.

But I had tossed aside the sheet and was running wildly to the girls' bedroom. I was sobbing as I ran to the crib and pulled my sleeping baby to my breast.

"Oh, dear God . . . Don't die!" I cried. "Beth, don't die!"

"What are you doing?" Bob exclaimed, sprinting after me. "Put her down. She was asleep."

My little daughter, only 11 months old, opened her blue eyes in alarm. Her small face was damp with perspiration as she opened her mouth and whimpered.

The relief that flooded my body left me weak. I felt as if I were going to faint.

"Let me have her," my husband said. "We'll put her in bed with us until she goes back to sleep."

But somehow I couldn't relinquish her for even a moment. Still crying I laid our daughter down between us, my arms still tightly holding her small body.

"Now tell me what happened," Bob ordered.

"I was . . . dreaming," I whispered.

For a moment he didn't say anything — just looked at me. "Was it like the other time?" he finally asked.

I nodded. It was exactly like the other time, four years before in October, 1959. That night I dreamt my aunt somehow had come to me and told me she just had died. She had kissed me before the dream ended and I had smelled the perfume she always wore. When I awoke the smell of her perfume lingered in my nostrils. At that time I was 21 years old, married, with two children. Within moments the telephone had rung and my mother had informed me my aunt had died during the night.

That was the first time.

Now as I looked across at my husband I could see that he was looking at me as if I had become a stranger. Bob does not believe in extrasensory perception; he is an analytical chemist. It is his practice not to believe anything he cannot prove.

For that matter, I almost agreed with him. The first dream had made a lasting impression on me but I had discounted it, tried to explain it away. Yet my aunt had been ill for a long time and I had not visited her. Had she come to visit me? I thought she had.

"Tell me about the dream," Bob said.

I held Beth tightly. "She was . . . drowning! I was right there beside here . . . just watching her drown . . . Oh, God!"

"Where was she when this happened?" Bob insisted.

I took a deep breath and tried to continue. "She was in a . . . tub of some kind . . . an odd-looking thing. I was kneeling beside her on the floor . . . watching her. I kept trying to pull her out but my arms . . . wouldn't move. It was as if I were paralyzed. Some force I couldn't see was pulling me . . . away from her. I just knelt there straining to reach her. I knew if I could just . . . touch her I could save her. But she kept going up and down under the water. Each time she'd come up she'd look at me. Her eyes were so big, so . . . frightened but each time I tried to reach her something pulled me back. Oh, God! I tried so hard but I just couldn't stop it from happening.

"Bob, I tried. I tried. It just seemed like it had to happen, nothing I could do could stop it!"

For a long moment he looked at me thoughtfully. I knew he was trying to find some way of make me realize Beth was not about to drown.

"Make sense, Jeaneane. Look at her," he said. "You can see she's perfectly all right. It was just a bad dream."

I shook my head. "It was so real. I could see it. I could feel it happening."

"All right then," he said with his occupational logic, "let's an-

alyze it. The noise of the rain made you dream of water. Water made you think of a tub."

"And Beth?"

"Well, you probably figured that if you ever left Beth alone in a bathtub she might drown — seeing how plump and unsteady she is. Isn't that what you said? Ever since she started toddling around you've been worried about her?"

"Yes. But I just can't help feeling there's more to it than that," I said.

"Honey, it's just a nightmare. That's all there is to it. Now go to sleep," he answered wearily. "You'll feel better in the morning."

I looked at the clock. It was almost 2:30 A.M. It seemed hours since I'd had the dream but it had been only 10 minutes. Switching off the light I closed my eyes. Everything Bob had said made sense but I continued to feel uneasy, unable to shake off my premonition of danger.

The next morning arrived bright and sunny. Friday, August 30, 1963, was a typical hot summer day. When I awakened Bob already had left for work. Beth was still asleep tightly curled against my body. I could hear the other children getting out of bed.

Going to the kitchen I prepared eggs and toast for the children.

After dressing them, I sent them into the backyard to play—all except Beth. I insisted she stay where I could watch her.

I wasn't worried about the other children although they too were small. I felt that if anything were to happen Beth would be the one and I did not intend to let anything happen.

Outside the children's safety was assured. The yard was fenced, with a padlock on the gate. Each evening I checked the yard for anything dangerous. At the far end was a set of swings. Beneath the kitchen window was a small plastic pool. I made sure it was empty! On the side of the house under the aluminum carport was a metal sand container and a wooden box with a few toys. Usually the children played under the carport because it was the only area where we had real shade.

By 11:00 that morning the temperature already was in the high 80's. The older three asked me to fill the pool. I refused. I knew I was being silly but I had this horrid feeling that it was absolutely necessary to keep them and especially Beth away from water.

In fact, I'd gone to ridiculous lengths; I even had foregone their usual morning baths. When Beth toddled to the bathroom I went with her—fearful even of

the water standing in the toilet. When Beth wanted a drink of water I held it for her. I even had gone to the basement to turn off the water supply until each time I needed it. I had thought of everything.

By two o'clock I was feeling ridiculous about the whole thing. I took Beth by the hand and we walked outside where I instructed Valerie, the four-year-old, to take Beth into the shade of the carport and watch her.

I made up my mind I was going to overcome my fear by facing it squarely.

I went to the basement, turned on the water and returned to the yard. Unwinding the hose I began to fill the pool. As the pool filled I could hear the laughing children from the side of the house. I was not worried about them. The only water anywhere on the premises was in the pool and I was standing right there. What could happen?

Standing in the blazing sun I waited impatiently as the water bubbled from the green plastic hose. I noticed the three older children had left the carport and were playing at the opposite end of the yard. Irritated, I called to them.

"Children! Mommy told you to stay with Beth under the carport. Go over there and watch her. Don't leave her alone."

Still they dawdled at the swings. "Beth's O.K., Mommy," Valerie called. "She was just playing by the sand tub."

Something in my inner consciousness began to whir. What had Valerie said? The sand what? I'm not sure how long I stood puzzling over this.

The next thing I was conscious of was Valerie screaming as she ran toward me. "Mommy, Mommy . . . Beth . . . Mommy, come quick!"

I turned slowly, as if in a slow-motion film. Scene after scene seemed to unfold across my blank eyes like bits of tinted glass revolving within a kaleidoscope. Beth was in a tub. Valerie was screaming. Beth was drowning. I couldn't move. Somewhere far away I could see my older daughter running like a frightened deer, waving her thin arms wildly. She seemed to be shouting. But I couldn't hear her. I heard nothing, not the child screaming nor the redbird twittering in the maple tree. The cars had stopped honking. The children had stopped laughing. The whole silent world was motionless!

Then I did feel something—a tugging at my arm. Valerie was crying as she shouted at me. "Mommy, you *have* to come." But my terror had paralyzed me. I felt as if my legs were rooted to

the ground. Valerie was pushing me now.

"Oh, Mommy," she sobbed. "Mommy . . . move! Beth's stuck in the tub. She can't get out. Mommy, all the sand fell out . . . she's *drowning*. Help her. Help her!"

But I just stared at my child. "No, Valerie. Of course Beth isn't drowning. There is no water in the yard. I've been so careful. *There is no water!*"

Then suddenly the chains that held me broke. *There was water.* I knew it. Beth was drowning!

I raced across the yard. Beth's small chubby body was in the washtub we used for a sand container. During the night the rain had run off the tilted carport and filled it almost to the brim.

Beth's head came to the surface. Her cheeks appeared sunken. Her eyes were wide with fear. Her mouth was open and as she went under again it filled with more water. Too small and plump to pull herself out, she stayed beneath the water.

Falling to my knees beside the tub I pulled her from the tepid bath. I had never given mouth-to-mouth respiration but now I could picture the actual diagrams in the book. Gently, swiftly, I cleared her mouth, then placed her on her back, tilting her head back and her chin up as the firemen in the Spanish

Lake Department had instructed. I hadn't wanted to attend the course; I had thought I was too busy—yet I had stayed just long enough to learn about artificial respiration.

With Beth's mouth and nose covered by my mouth I began forcing shallow breaths, 20 per minute, into the quiet body of my child. Oddly, my mind had become very clear. I knew exactly what to do.

In a short time she uttered a sigh. I continued until I could feel regular breaths going in and out of her small body. She took a deep breath—and another . . .

When it was all over I closed

my eyes. It had followed the pattern of my dream. And when I carried Beth into the house it was 2:20—exactly the time I'd had the nightmare.

I had tried to prevent it from happening and it had happened anyway! There was water where there should have been no water!

I wondered if I would have been so careful about not leaving Beth in the yard if I had not had the dream. Wouldn't I have been inside where it would have taken me longer to reach her?

Silently I prayed. Thank you . . . whoever you are . . . thank you for warning me.



### A ONE-IN-A-MILLION CHANCE

By John W. Higgins

I AM A PINKERTON guard at a new building just outside of Columbia, S.C., which houses the offices of Blue Cross-Blue Shield. On the night of June 30, 1967, I participated in a most peculiar "psychic" happening.

M. K. Phillips, Jr., an employee on the night shift, parked his car in the company parking lot preparatory to going to work in the computer room. As he left his car he began to think about snakes and snakebite, he told me later. Walking along the sidewalk toward the entrance to the building he kept his eyes cast down and the thoughts of

snakes persisted in his mind.

When he reached the door, right before it, as if waiting for him, lay a small snake. I stood nearby and he yelled to me, somewhat shaken by the coincidence of his thoughts of snakes and the reality of one's appearance.

I killed the snake with a mop handle and we found it to be a deadly water moccasin. We could not imagine how it made its way to the door of a new, modern \$1,500,000 building — nor the instinct that brought snakes to Phillips' mind and possibly saved his life.

# The WANDERING SOUL

While civilized man's five senses grow dull from  
disuse, primitive societies take "sixth sense" for granted.

By Jacquette Hawkes

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JACQUETTA HAWKES (in private life Mrs. J. B. Priestley) took her degree at Cambridge University in archaeology and ethnology. As writer and archaeologist she always has taken a special interest in the psychic life of primitive and ancient peoples. In her novel "Providence Island" she developed the plot around a tribe that had deliberately retarded its material culture and concentrated on developing psychic powers.

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IT IS JUST as difficult to track down evidence for the kind of manifestation that we call paranormal in primitive societies as in our own — but for the opposite reasons. We are reluctant to see it anywhere; they take it for granted that it is everywhere.

So while among us people do not tell of experiences that seem to involve telepathy, precognition, clairvoyance and the like for fear of being thought crackpots, when we turn to the beliefs and practices of primitive people it is appallingly difficult to dis-

tinguish such experiences from the welter of delusion, illusion and normal products of the unconscious that form so large a part of their magico-religious lives.

The difficulty becomes even greater if we admit, as we certainly should have the humility to do, that in addition to these paranormal happenings, which we have given the general label of ESP and made more or less acceptable to the scientific conscience, primitive man may still have access to forces unknown to

us or still only most vaguely guessed at — as in the "synchronicity" of Dr. Jung.

Primitive thinkers themselves do not, of course, distinguish between the normal and the paranormal, the natural and the supernatural. They see the material world as wholly interpenetrated by a realm of invisible powers and most of their actions are intended to work on both simultaneously. A man may plant his corn with traditional skill but it would not grow for him without that inorganic fertilizer — the appropriate spell. It can only be likened to trusting in God and keeping your powder dry if that phrase were used without any possibility of irony.

On the whole I think it is true to say that this straightforward kind of magic has not much interest for the parapsychologist. It is mainly a fully conscious business — a pre-scientific method of controlling nature according to man's desires — often of securing success where human endeavor alone is not enough but may easily be defeated by the eternal cussedness of life. However, by way of showing the universality and persistence of ideas of this kind, it is worth recalling that the Old Stone Age cave paintings of France and Spain record magical practices which are exactly the same in

intention as those found among modern hunting peoples. These depended upon sympathetic magic, based on the two misapprehensions that things which are alike are the same and things which have been connected continue to affect one another. Thus the hunter-artist made images of bison and mammoth and other game and marked them with spears, confident that in the field his marksmanship would duplicate the action and the real beast fall.

Obviously the partial success of magic of this kind is due to the emotional confidence it imparts to the hunter which steels his hand and eye. The much more certain success of those related practices where men determine to kill their fellows by behaving murderously toward their images or bits of their hair or nails or by pointing deadly bones at them is a yet clearer proof of the psychic control of the body. After a short period of belittling the extent of this control we are now recognizing it once more — assuring ourselves, however, that by the use of terms such as psychosomatic we have in some way transformed the age-long assumptions of mankind.

This aspect of magic gradually merges into the whole business of bewitching and spirit possession, and here we enter a terri-

tory of more direct concern to the parapsychologist. A belief in souls — freely wandering and sometimes visible souls — is almost universal. It is a part of the general assumption of the intermingling of seen and unseen, spirit and matter. Primitives go beyond their more intellectually developed brothers in attributing souls to animals and plants and even to mountains, rocks and rivers. This makes it easy for man to re-relate himself to nature by recognizing spirit ancestors shared by himself and natural creatures and forms. That this is also an ancient belief is proclaimed by the weird antlered dancer, combining human features with those of several different animals, drawn in a Pyrenean cave some 15,000 years ago. He usually is called the Sorcerer but was more probably one of these spirit ancestors by which primitive man expresses his apprehension of that unity of all being which we now have come to understand in different terms.

Souls are held to leave the body in dreams and sometimes in sickness as well as permanently at death. A great part of the power of the shaman, medicine man or their counterparts in other cultures depends on their ability to enter the spirit world, get information from

spirit ancestors, rescue lost souls, persuade the souls of the recently dead to leave the houses of the living and so forth. Shamans are frequently men and women with a low threshold of the unconscious, easily able to enter into trances and states of possession and many of their doings and their effect upon their fellows can be attributed to the powers of the unconscious.

More interesting for the present subject are the experiences of souls as apparitions, which often come close to being accepted as having some reality among ourselves. Among the Urubu of Brazil ghosts appear to the ill or very old and they know they are going to die. Or they may go into the forest and encounter the mysterious apparition known as Timakana, who steals their souls. They return to the village, only to die in a few days. Then the Papuans of New Guinea — those favorite victims of the anthropologists — hold that a man's spirit may go ahead of him and be recognized by his friends well before the man himself turns up. Usually this is an omen of his death, the soul having left the body as a presentiment of its final departure. Again the apparition of one's own soul, confrontation with the self, is a

sure death omen. The soul may be seen at large in any time of stress — thus the "eye" of a woman in childbirth often can be observed moving in the darkness of the hut.

With flighty spirits and the men who can deal with them we are led on into the part of the magico-religious life of primitive peoples where the scientific parapsychologist would be most at home. This is the region of phenomena which we should explain as telepathy, clairvoyance and precognition. These forms of ESP, which the peoples themselves often take for granted in terms of spirit messengers, are widespread and well vouched for. Indeed it would be reasonable, I think, to expect that hunting peoples and others not subject to intellectual disciplines or routine ways would be more open to ESP than the rest of us.

An authority on the culture of the Australian aborigines has written concerning what he calls the "important and little understood field of the magician . . . in occult practices." He speaks of these magicians concentrating their powers into "transferring thoughts and instructions into another person's mind . . . of seeing into and reading someone else's mind . . . practicing hypnotism, receiving information about events from

afar, foretelling impending visits and other remarkable manifestations of psychic life . . ." Many irrefutable instances of the use of these powers were recorded in the past by missionaries and other respectable and probably even unwilling witnesses. One in particular is quoted of an aborigine on Groote Eylandt who announced precisely, and as it proved correctly, that his wife had had a child at a hospital 30 miles away, that it had been delivered during the night and that it had died at birth.

The little Bushmen of South Africa whose material culture is almost as elementary as that of the Australian aborigines appear to use similar powers very much as a matter of course. One of them told Laurens van der Post that they received messages "here . . . in the chest" just as the white man received his "wire." Laurens van der Post was himself involved in two apparent instances of this clairvoyance. The first, which might just possibly have been explained by extra acute senses, was when a Bushman warned him of the arrival of a hunting party "in trouble" long before the starving group appeared. On the second occasion, when he and his Bushman friends had had the unusual and unexpected good luck of killing an

eland, they arrived back in camp after a 50-mile desert drive by jeep to find the women and others left behind already engaged in the eland dance to celebrate their success.

The Bushman hunter says that he can feel what is happening far off "in the chest" but many peoples prefer the agency of spirit messengers. Arthur Grimble vouches for an instance of this in the Pacific when he himself was made to hear the spirit voices. He had sailed nearly 400 miles to the southernmost of the Gilbert Islands to be greeted by the news that a certain man had died at dusk of a seizure on the main island he had left so far behind.\* He could detect no possible way in which news which he did not know himself could have reached the remote island ahead of him. He was told that the spirits of the recently dead ancestors flew just above the level of the coconuts to bring such tidings. They were known as the Whistlers. Incredulous, he was taken to a witch who was in with the Whistlers and an appropriately wizened old lady greeted him by shrieking "Tabania is dead." She then

supplied the details and called upon the spirits who set up a weird cricket-like shrilling apparently in the roof of her hut. Grimble could find absolutely no explanation for the din—and when he arrived back he found that Tabania was indeed dead—and in the evening of a seizure. (It was Sir Arthur, too, who witnessed an hereditary porpoise-caller going into a trance and summoning a school of porpoises on to the shore to take part—like Carroll's oysters—in a feast.)\*\*

Another very weird instance of second sight is recorded from the Iglulik Eskimo—among whom shamans and their spirits are very influential. A woman described how her husband dreamed that one of his friends had been eaten by his nearest kin. The next day they set off sledging and all the way were attended by strange little incidents which seemed to them ominous. Then they heard a faint feeble voice crying out terrible self-accusations and at last found in the snow a woman who had eaten her husband and children after they had died of starvation.

Probably it would be wiser to end with these tales of ESP which are readily classifiable and fit in with our own established ideas on the subject. But

\**Whistling Ghosts of Arorae*, FATE Magazine May, 1964.

\*\**The Calling of the Porpoise*, FATE Magazine, February, 1964.

it is cowardly not to risk the unknown and I already have hinted that we ought to accept the possibility of unknown forms of the paranormal emerging among pre-scientific peoples. If they do, then I suspect they should be looked for in that vast amorphous and rather repulsive business of omens, oracles and divination. This mantic art we rightly associate even more with the Ancient World than with modern primitives. The Chaldeans in particular, and after them the Etruscans, were famous for their skill in this kind of thing. They were specialists in reading the future through astrology and in animal livers and entrails and the flight of birds.

Since the beginning of history scores and millions of man-hours must have been devoted to such activities, and many millions of animals sacrificed. As usually the power of the diviners was recognized in their ability to avert the dangers they themselves foretold, it is not difficult to see how they maintained their reputations. There is no doubt that a very

great part of this once dominant and still prevalent human obsession has been a nasty mixture of self-delusion and power-seeking hocus-pocus. Nevertheless there may be something to the point in the haystack.

At its simplest the reading of omens and portents seems to derive from a vague apprehension that little signs can be used to test the state of the universe, that the small can reveal the great like straws in the wind. Thus the two Igluliks on their journey were aware of all kinds of little abnormalities that told them something extraordinary was in the air. In the same sort of way men were sure that by observing strange portents such as lightning and meteors, or by scrutinizing livers, birds, stars, writhing snakes, dice, cards or thrown sticks they somehow could get news of the future. Nearly all of it was nonsense — especially when it became highly professionalized and subject to fixed rules — but I should not like to swear that some principle may not be involved, something we are not yet ready to understand.

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#### DEATH WON THE PRIZE

WITH A painting that depicted a young boy lying in a pool of blood beside a wrecked bicycle, six-year-old Ulrich Rohde won first prize in a road-safety poster contest held at his school in Naila, Germany. Before he learned of winning Ulrich was killed when the bicycle he was riding collided with an automobile.

# True Mystic Experiences

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## THE COMPANIONS

By Virginia Jackson

IN WILMINGTON, Del., in November, 1918, Keith Sentman and I were youngsters. We gave little thought to the war ending in Europe or to the nationwide influenza epidemic. What does a nine-year-old boy think of the future and what he will become? Not much. We had too many other preoccupations — visiting the Brandywine Zoo, sledding or playing in the vacant lot a block from our homes.

The Sentmans and my family, the Eberts, were neighbors and one morning I heard my mother talking about Grandmother Sentman. She was worse again. She had been quite ill for a long time, hovering between life and death. From time to time she talked of long-deceased members of her family as if they were in her room. She told of things to come with convincing clarity. The whole neighborhood wondered if she possessed a special power —

or were her ramblings simply delirium?

Between grandmother and grandson there was a strong bond and when Keith was with her she seemed stronger. One sunny afternoon in midwinter the two of us with typical childhood enthusiasm were telling her about our school activities and all the happenings of the day. She listened quietly for a while and then, taking Keith's hand in hers, she said she had something very important to tell him.

We stopped our babbling and listened.



Virginia Jackson

"Keith," she said, "don't be afraid of what I am going to say. You and I both are going to die but you will die first." Her happy smile seemed to me at odds with her words.

Keith pretended not to understand but as she talked I could see him becoming more and more ill at ease. Finally, promising to visit her the next day, we went downstairs.

Keith kept her words to himself for several days but finally went to his mother and told her what was troubling him. She comforted him and explained to him that Grandmother Sentman was ill and did not realize what she had said. Keith was satisfied and in the course of the next few weeks he seemed to forget the incident.

One day I called for Keith as usual to go to school but his mother told me he had a slight cold and had to stay at home. By afternoon Keith was quite ill. The doctor could not get to him until the following day and he diagnosed Keith's "slight cold" as the dreaded influenza. Despite the best of care he grew steadily weaker and died.

Who would tell Grandmother Sentman of his death? In deep sorrow Keith's mother reluctantly entered the sickroom. There lay Grandmother Sentman, a happy smile on her face. She had

slipped away just an hour after Keith's death! — *Havre de Grace, Md.*

### THE GRAND CANYON BY NIGHT

By Walter F. Paine

IN APRIL, 1923, with my friend George Scully I set out for New York City, driving an old rattletrap flivver. Three long days out of Los Angeles we arrived at the Grand Canyon, a sight I had been looking forward to for a long time.

A short distance past the El Tovar Hotel an iron railing barred our way. We got out of the car and walked slowly along the trail, marveling that the whole earth simply dropped away at the rim. The sun was sinking and long shadows crept across the floor of the canyon, a mile straight down, it seemed. Beautifully-colored mountain peaks receded into the amethyst haze as far as the eye could see.

"George," I said, "let's walk down the trail and take a few pictures. Those mountain peaks with the sun on them would show up something wonderful."

George took one look at the steep narrow trail fading into the distance far below, then deposited his 240 pounds on a granite bench.

"Not for me," he said. "Go ahead if you want to. I'll wait for you here."

I expected to be back in an hour but that wonderful dry mountain air and the downhill going made me forget that coming back would be all uphill. It seemed no time at all before I reached the halfway house 4000 feet below the rim.

It had grown warmer as I descended and at the halfway house fruit trees were in full bloom. I had come this far—and I made up my mind I'd go on down to the river. Breaking into a dogtrot I made good time into the gloom of the canyon. It was almost dark when I reached the river. From above it was a tiny ribbon winding through a purple haze but at close hand it was a reddish muddy torrent.

I stayed long enough to take a time exposure, then started back. It was eight long miles to the canyon's rim but at first the going seemed easy. I was fairly fresh and the trail showed dimly in the growing darkness but long before I reached the halfway house the trail had disappeared. My feet grew heavy and my insides faint.

Night, inky black, had closed in when I stumbled up to the little cabin among the fruit trees. No friendly light showed from within. Feeling my way carefully a foot at a time I found at last where the trail again started upward. I could see nothing but a

few faraway stars above the great black walls of the canyon.

The next few hours I'll never forget. At each curve in the twisting trail a false step meant a sheer drop of hundreds of feet. Again and again I had to crawl on hands and knees and more than once my hand reached out into nothingness.

Although my progress was painfully slow, when I was about 1000 feet from the rim I thought it was growing lighter and I could see the faint gray outlines of the rail. Thankfully I started walking a little more briskly when suddenly I was stopped, one foot raised for the next step. I couldn't move; a grip of steel held me motionless.

For several seconds I stood rooted to the spot wondering what was happening. A peculiar sensation crept over me. Try as I might I could not move forward an inch. I found I could step backward. Again I got down on hands and knees and felt ahead. My hand went out into space. The trail turned sharply to the right and to my horror I discovered the faint gray streak I had taken for the trail simply continued straight ahead out over the black gulf.

Weak and trembling I now felt my way along. A cold wind coming down from the rim encouraged me, for I knew I was near-

ing the top. What a relief it was to see the lights of the hotel and my flivver as I had left it behind the iron rail fence. It was nearly midnight when I entered the hotel.

I found George pacing up and down in our room sure that I had killed myself on that silly excursion. He said he had started out for New York and he wanted to get there and he "couldn't drive a flivver nohow!"

Three weeks later on the Jersey side of the Hudson River we stopped at the side of the road to clean the dirt of a dozen states off the car. While we were working on it a Cadillac bearing California license plates pulled up and stopped behind us.

They had recognized George, for they had been at the Grand Canyon at the same time we were and at the same hotel when George was raising a fuss about someone going into the canyon to look for me.

A little gray-haired lady sitting in the rear seat of the Cadillac motioned for me to come closer. Holding my hand in both of hers, she said in a trembling voice, "You must be the young man who was lost in that terrible canyon." With the sweetest of smiles she continued, "I didn't get a minute's sleep that night. I spent the whole night praying for you."

I was overcome. I could say nothing. This kind old lady, praying for me, a total stranger . . . I tried to thank her but I choked over the words. I suddenly remembered that terrifying sensation when a grip of steel had held me motionless — and probably saved my life.

Now, 40 years later, when I look back the mystery of that fateful night is a mystery no longer. Now I know prayers can be answered. Many a time I have thanked God for answering the prayers of that little gray-haired lady. — *San Marcos, Calif.*

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#### THE SOLID-GOLD MESSAGE

By Arlene O. Meyer

AFTER WORLD WAR II many persons were mixed up and confused. Some of the servicemen came home with the idea that the folks at home had been doing nothing but having a good time and making a lot of money. So far as I was concerned that was a long way from the truth. But I found myself caught up in a round of parties and freely-flowing liquor. Everyone seemed to want nothing but gaiety and good times.

By the early 1950's things seemed to be going from bad to worse between my husband and me. I was weary of the partying but I didn't get much support

from him so I simply coasted along.

One Saturday evening I came home from work tired and out of humor. It was our custom on Saturday nights to meet after work for dinner and then there was always a party somewhere and he always wanted to go. I thought I would lie down for a little while and try to do some serious thinking before getting dressed to go out. I was wide-awake and alert when suddenly I found myself standing beside my bed, looking down on my own physical body. I could see everything clearly — the outline of my body, the clothes I was wearing and especially the dejected, hopeless expression on my face. Then I became aware of a beam of light connecting me with my physical body. Afterwards I always thought of it as a golden cord and I was aware that it connected me to the great mind, to God.

This experience probably lasted only a couple of seconds but it was long enough for me to get the message.

I got up and showered and dressed as nicely as I could and went to meet my husband. After dinner when he suggested we go partying I said let's just go to a movie. We did — but he was not happy about it.

I knew I had to make a serious

decision about our way of life, even if I had to do it alone. The out-of-the-body experience gave me the strength to do it. Inevitably my husband and I separated but from that time on things began to change for me and always for the better. I know the golden message was the turning point in my life. — *Escondido, Calif.*

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#### THE LAST WORD

By Lorna M. Johnson

MY HUSBAND Fred is an unusual person and I always have thought he is the product of an unusual mother as well. Lillie Johnson and he did not seem any closer than an ordinary mother and son but they communicated better than many do.

He seemed to know her every mood and she recounted that when he was a little boy he had the disquieting habit of reading her thoughts. Often he would begin to talk about the very subject she was thinking about. Neither of them thought of this as a psychic phenomenon as neither knew the term. They accepted it as something that just happened.

One night in January, 1956, I was startled from a sound sleep by my husband's shouting. His words were unintelligible but when he jumped out of bed and turned on the light he looked like a wild man. The whole experience unnerved us both, happen-

ing so abruptly when we both had been asleep.

He told me he had had a terrible nightmare or at least that's what he thought it must be. It was a dream; yet it was not a dream. He had heard his mother calling him by name and she seemed to be in great distress. He said she appeared to be in pain; her face was distorted.

He was so upset that he immediately telephoned his parents who lived then in Dodge City, Minn., some 200 miles from our home in Spencer, Iowa. His father answered the phone and said, "I was just about to call you, son. The doctor just left."

Lillie was in a coma after a paralytic stroke from which she never completely recovered. She never regained her power of speech and lingered on in a half-human state for a year. Were her last words spoken to her son in his dream? — *Avoca, Iowa.*

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#### A MYSTIC S.O.S.

By Jet Glenn

**I**N THE LIVING ROOM of our house in Moline one Friday morning in May, 1965, I was waxing the floor. Humming a tune I worked away on bended knees when suddenly from nowhere I heard a voice calling me, as if in pain.

"Mom! Help, Mom!" The voice was filled with fear and I

was terribly disturbed. It was the voice of my 18-year-old son, Douglas K. Etheridge, who was in the navy on the *U. S. S. Grand Canyon* out of Newport, R. I.

I rushed to the front door looking for him. He was nowhere to be seen. I asked the children playing in the yard — my daughter Jeanne and some neighbor children — if they had heard someone call me. They said no.

When I told my husband James about it that night he said my imagination was working overtime. We hadn't heard from Doug for several weeks so my husband told me to call him if we didn't hear in a few days.

The following Tuesday I had a letter from Doug and my hand trembled as I opened it. It was dated May 22, 1965, the day after my frightening experience. He wrote: ". . . I'm fine, but things could be better. Yesterday the boiler in the engine room blew and a good friend of mine got hurt really bad. He has third-degree burns over 60 percent of his body . . . When it happened I got out of the hole fast. It about blew my head off my shoulders and slammed me against the wall. My buddy wasn't so lucky; he was on a lower level . . ."

Now I knew why I heard his troubled voice calling me — across a distance of 2300 miles. — *Moline, Ill.*



# My DREAM SAVED Our Starving Sheep

When only a miracle could save our stock, a miracle happened—unbidden, inexplicable.

By Lila L. Smith

THE BLIZZARD CAME without warning. The giant whirling black cloud struck southern Alberta just two hours after my husband and a neighbor had left for town to buy feed for the stock. Now, 24 hours later, the drifts were three and four feet deep between the house and barn. The biting snow blinded me as I struggled to drag the willow branches to the starving sheep in their shed.

It was the middle of December, 1919, the year the people of Alberta remember for its terrible summer drought and one of the worst winters in history. Southern Alberta produced no hay that year and ranchers who could afford it had to ship their cattle north to be fed.

We had been ranching for a year near the foothills of the

Rockies and our land lay seven miles from the little town of Mountain View. We kept 50 ewes, two rams, a milk cow and a saddle horse. To get our other horses over that hard winter we had sent them to a farm on the prairie 15 miles south where they could forage in the strawstacks.

I had fed the ewes the last of the bran mash, saving two small buckets for the cow, and now nothing was left but the tender shoots on the willow branches to keep them alive until my husband could get back with the feed.

When I tossed the willows over the fence some of the weaker sheep went down in the scramble of hooves. I stopped long enough to get three ewes up and into the barn where they could forage on the chaff in the horse manger,

then I hurried back to the house.

My two baby boys — Lloyd, 21 months, and Tommy, nine months — were playing quietly in their crib. I fixed their supper early thinking that if the wind went down after dark I could put them to bed and go out to drag more willows from the creek bed.

The creaking of the house and my own nervousness had upset the babies. I lay down beside them to quiet them. The last light had gone and the warmth of their little bodies beside me eased the cold numbness I had felt all day. Soon I fell asleep.

It seemed hours later when I awakened with a start. My dream had been so real! I had seen the road going down the hill to the Ivins' ranch three miles east of our own. I saw sacks of grain and wheat stacked against the wall in a north room. Although I never had been there somehow I knew it was the Ivins' place.

I crawled out of bed, trying not to disturb the babies. I found the wind had gone down; another wild Canadian blizzard had blown itself out. When I opened the door I looked out on miles of unbroken snow shimmering in the pale moonlight.

I heard the faint bleating of the sheep, then the cow's deep moo. With a start I remembered she

had not been fed or milked and the babies would need the milk for breakfast.

I climbed into overalls and overshoes, buttoned my husband's heavy mackinaw around me and taking a pail of water for the cow I started once again to break a trail through the drifts to the barn.

While I fed the cow the last of the bran and milked her I kept thinking how terrible it would be if my husband didn't get back today. Already the cow was giving only half as much milk as usual. I took it to the house, strained it and put it away. I checked the babies to make sure they were covered; the house was freezing cold. I couldn't risk leaving the wood fire burning when I was out for fear it would flare up.

Now with shovel and ax I started to make a path down to the spring where the willows had not been cut yet. An hour later I had a path wide enough to drag the branches through. By the time I had the first willows cut and up to the sheep I was staggering with exhaustion, but their greedy nibbling spurred me on. Red streaked the sky in the east when I simply had to stop. My arms and legs were trembling with fatigue; it was all I could do to make it to the house. I started a fire in the kitchen range and

lay down with all my clothes on in front of it.

Daylight had pierced the frost-ed windows when the baby's crying awakened me from that same dream — grain and wheat stacked against the wall in a north room of the Ivins' ranch house!

"I must be losing my mind," I thought, "worrying about those starving sheep."

By midmorning I had the babies bathed, fed and into bed again for their nap. I put out the fire and now I could leave them again.

I had almost reached the spring when I saw the sleigh bearing my husband Rulon and Mr. Scott coming over the hill. I ran to open the gate, elated to know they had returned in time.

"Are you and the boys O. K.?" Rulon called.

I nodded yes, then looked at the back of the sleigh. They had brought no feed, just two small bales of hay!

Trying not to show my disappointment I walked to the house, built up the fire and put the stew on to warm. I couldn't bring myself to ask questions as the two men warmed themselves, then washed and sat down at the table to eat.

When Mr. Scott finished, he filled his pipe, lighted it and settled back.

"There's no use making that drive to town until we hear if there's feed coming in," he said.

"You're right," Rulon replied, "and if it doesn't come in within the next two days even the cow won't be alive."

I saw the hurt in his eyes. After trying so hard to make a go of this place it was tragic to be losing everything. But none of the ranchers had it any better after last summer's drought. Livestock prices had dropped and feed costs had gone up. All winter one blizzard after another had buried what little grass there was. Now, no hay or grain was coming in on the only railroad spur from Lethbridge, some 50 miles away.

"Well," I said, "if your horses aren't too tired, Mr. Scott, you could go down to Ivins' ranch and get that wheat and oats they have stored in their north room. They've sent their cattle north and won't be needing it. We can pay for it in the spring."

Both men looked at me as if I were crazy. I felt dizzy and my face was flushed, but I kept right on.

"The mice will eat it and it won't be any good by the time they come back."

"How do you know there's grain there?" my husband asked.

"I had a —" I stopped. He always got after me about my

imagination. I couldn't tell him it was a dream!

"Babe Ivins told me about it last fall," I lied.

Both men were worried and low in spirits or they would have questioned me further.

"Well, we can hitch up and go have a look," Mr. Scott said.

"If we hurry we can make it before dark. Some of those ewes won't last until morning unless we find some feed," Rulon said.

I watched them drive through the gate and twice I started to call them back. It would be a hard three-mile pull through those drifts. . . . Just then the baby cried and I went back into the house, shut the door with a bang and tried to go about my work.

For the next four hours I moved at breakneck speed. Sheer nervous tension made me scold the babies and drop things.

At times I started to cry.

After an endless time I heard the sleigh pull into the yard. It was too dark to see it so I ran out without coat or scarf.

They had pulled the sleigh alongside the shed and I had to get very close to see it was loaded with heaped-up sacks!

With tears in my eyes I started back to the house as my husband called, "You were right! There's a lot of grain down there and the mice had started eating it."

I stumbled on the path and fell headlong into a drift. As I scrambled to my feet I felt a warm breeze on my face. It was coming over the Rocky Mountains west of our ranch and it meant there would be a chinook in a few hours. The warm dry wind would take the snow from the south slopes of the hills and green grass always grows under the snow.

#### A CLARIFICATION

Owing to garbled versions of the wire services emanating from Arizona regarding the James Kidd case, the editor of FATE magazine referred to Bishop Robert Raleigh of the Church of Antioch as . . . one who calls himself a "bishop" of the Church of Antioch. This was a grave injustice to Bishop Raleigh and the members of his Church.

We therefore wish to correct the original report printed without any malice and to state that Bishop Raleigh, known to hundreds of FATE readers for many years through his spiritual work is a bona fide bishop of the Malabar Line of the Apostolic Succession of Antioch.

We hope this clarifies an unfortunate mistake regarding Bishop Raleigh.

# *Fingers of Fate*

**By Harold Helper**

In Milford, Conn., a policeman poked his head through the window of a car he had stopped for speeding and asked, "What do you think you're driving, the Batmobile?" Possibly it was shock that kept the officer from giving a ticket to the driver, Linwood Batman.

When Michael Dehan of Bend, Ore., slipped on a stairway and broke his ankle his wife summoned an ambulance. As the ambulance was driving away their dog darted after it. Mrs. Dehan darted after the dog, fell down some steps and fractured her ankle too.

When lightning struck the fire station in Webster, Mass., it knocked out the fire horn but not before it gave forth one mighty blast. That was enough, for it brought the town electrician to fire headquarters on the run. He repaired the damage before another need for the siren arose.

A lamp shade saved the life of the two-week-old daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. David Dunham when a storm wrecked their Clearwater, Kans., home. The Dunhams found their baby inside the shade, adequately protected from falling debris.

Joseph Henaut of Auxerre, France, carrying two large suitcases, was felled by a heart attack and died instantly. The suitcases were loaded with merchandise he just had stolen.

After Max Epstein of South Orange, N.J., lost \$200,000 in valuables in seven burglaries in his home he decided it was time for some community action to stop the crime wave. He went to the home of a neighbor to discuss the problem. While he was gone his house was broken into again. This time the thieves made off with \$10,000 worth of jewelry.

A few hours after Ada, Okla., received a citation for 11 straight years without a single pedestrian fatality, Thomas W. McCurry was struck and killed by an automobile on an Ada street.



Author Cameron gives Millie Kimball (wife of photographer Parker Kimball) dowsing lesson with Aurameter, his highly-sophisticated version of dowsing rod. Aurameter senses underground stream or spring.

# Dowser RESTORES a Dying Lake

By Verne L. Cameron  
Photographs by Parker Kimball

THE YEAR 1924 found me in southern California dreaming of acquiring a large tract of land where my friends and relatives from Oklahoma City could join me in making a new start in this booming state.

My first homestead, 160 acres north of Elsinore, was a fiasco — a deep forbidding canyon whose steep walls defied development. After relinquishing it to the gov-

ernment I filed on another — 320 acres eight miles east of Escondido. I proved up after seven years and kept it for 20 years. But I never lost interest in Elsinore and its beautiful valley and lake. I returned there in the early 'Forties.

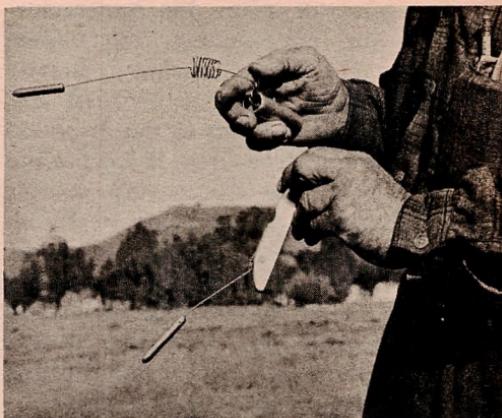
Elsinore has a wealth of beauty and advantages which should be the envy of Palm Springs and Palm Beach. But at first sight

Everybody said it couldn't be done—but 20 years of patience and diligence brought off one of the greatest feats in water history.

my knowledge of southern California's water problems, geology and underground water conditions told me beautiful Lake Elsinore was in danger.

My reputation for locating fine wells began with the work I did for my friend Lester Purer, owner and founder of Triangle Drillers of Escondido. Long ago I made up my mind to become the best water locator in the world and another top-priority goal I set for myself, soon after I learned to dowse, was to design the world's finest instrument for the purpose. Both of these goals are near fruition.

The instrument I designed for locating water (and oil) I call an "Aurameter." The name was suggested by my long-time friend, Max Freedom Long, author of *Secret Science Behind Miracles*, *Secret Science At Work*, and other books. It is a simple tool: an aluminum handle with a bearing in one end set at a 45° angle. Through this bearing runs a piano wire stem which has a tiny lever on its lower end (inside the handle) attached to a small coil spring. Above the bearing the stem turns forward about two and a half inches to a 7/8-inch coil about an inch long;



Cameron demonstrates correct manner of holding Aurameter. Also shown is his scale which actually "weighs" water's pull shown on heavy stream).

then it continues on in line with the handle to an eye upon which pivots a two-inch nickeled brass pointer of just the right weight and balance that it can swing to either side.

Over a period of 43 years the Aurameter evolved through trial and error. I started with a willow fork, then used a bent 30-inch welding rod (the forerunner of the angle-rods now used by almost every water and pipe line company in the United States). The action of the angle-rod is much like the action of the Aurameter except the latter is vastly more sensitive and versatile.

All underground water is confined to aquifers, water-bearing strata of permeable rock, sand or gravel. As I walk over land in search of water, the Aurameter — on approaching an underground stream, spring or fissure — begins to point forward and thereafter clings to the direction of the watercourse. If I cross the stream the Aurameter pointer swings back, adhering to the influence until I am out of range. The lateral distance, measured at a right angle to the stream, at the point the Aurameter moves out of range is the same as the vertical depth to the water.

In the early 'Thirties I was called one day to locate a well for old Col. Ed Fletcher. A California senator for many years, he was highly respected in San Diego County and owned a large real estate firm. It seemed that "Colonel Ed," as most people called him, had purchased a lemon — 1800 acres of rolling hills along the north city limits of El Cajon, unusable for the reason that it had no water. El Cajon's Water District ended at the railroad track that separated Colonel Ed's property from the city.

Also on the wrong side of the tracks was the property of the Cuyamaca Meat Packinghouse with a building under construction when its managers learned

they would not be able to get city water. Everything came to a standstill and Purer and I were called in to see if anything could be done. I promptly located a well and Triangle Drillers brought in a wonderful producer, an inexhaustible supply of water for only the cost of pumping (almost nothing compared to the purchase price of water). Construction resumed and the plant is in operation today.

With his connections Colonel Fletcher easily obtained the opinions of the best state geologists. They discouraged drilling, saying his land consisted of Colorado River cobblestones and clay over bed granite. They said there was no water to be had and no basin to collect it and anyway granite often defies even the best-sharpened and tempered churn drill bit and often requires a diamond bit.

But Colonel Ed, a courageous man and a visionary "plunger," looked far into the future. He saw what was going to be valuable some day and seized it. Undismayed by the expert opinions he called Mr. Purer and me. When we arrived on his property we found a tall slender energetic man of about 70 waiting for us.

My first question was, "Now where would you like to have a well?"

He said, "Put it where the wa-

## WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE—YET NO ONE STOPS TO THINK

I DEVELOPED the "Cameron Primary Water Theory" 36 years ago as a result of facing situations that could not be explained by geology textbooks. For centuries scientists have accepted without question the idea that all water moves in an endless cycle of evaporation into the atmosphere where it is suspended until precipitated back to the earth as rain or snow. Until 1930 I too accepted this—but certain paradoxes began to nag at me.

How to explain cold pure springs bubbling from the earth? How can water issue from the tops of even the highest mountains? What force lifts it? Why do hot springs usually contain sulfur? What makes them hot?

What prevents the downflow of trillions of tons of water from oceans, lakes and rivers through earth's crystalline bedrock known to be broken or "faulted"? Only some force pressing upward against this articulated network could seal off our surface water's escape.

Deep thought and logic brought me the answer: *volcanic steam!*

Rainfall actually penetrates the skin of the earth shallowly, seldom more than 30 feet, unless it finds a fault or crack in the bedrock. In limited quantities, then, rain is likely to drop three or four miles where it must turn to steam. The heat of the earth is known to be above 325° at a depth of three miles. But ocean, lake and river water continually seeks and finds these faults, too.

Volcanic gases, coming red-hot up through the faults from the magma below, create the "hot" springs, and the sulfur gas issues from the molten rock that is the magma.

The steam condenses as it rises through the cooling upper faults, often arriving at the mountaintops as ice-cold water—and pure, as only condensed steam can be pure. In other locations it condenses in a large fault and falls back until the fault becomes gorged, then spouts as a geyser, a column of boiling water and steam gushing into the air, endlessly repeating itself.

So here is the source of "new" or "primary" water—steam driven laterally through the faults. When it has charged the earth's skin at a depth of three to 10 miles, under from 7,000 to 25,000 pounds-per-square-inch pressure, steam will rise to form water when it can. And here's the rub: it forms channels far below the 30 to 40 foot depth to which rain penetrates.

It necessarily follows that all deep wells are tapping "new" or "primary" water.

ter is. I can sell houses here if I can get some water. So find it wherever it is and I'll pipe it to the houses."

I said, "Why not locate it close

to the houses then to save piping?"

He replied, "Well, that of course would be better yet."

To make a long story short, as

the colonel and his son continued the development of their subdivision I located four wells: the first, struck at 521 feet, has supplied 50 gallons per minute of excellent water all the years since with no loss of volume; the second at 536 feet produces 200 gpm; and the third at 470 feet, 220 gpm. The fourth required a diamond drill which cut two-and-a-quarter-inch cores up to 13 feet long of "virgin" or "blue" granite so hard it rang like a bell. At 840 feet the driller encountered a fracture that refused to make a core so he pulled out the drill and put in a test pump. It pumped the amazing volume of *500 gallons per minute* from the three-inch hole!

When the first well came in Colonel Ed asked the state engineers how they thought the water got there. They told him he had been fortunate enough to strike a "pocket" of water; it would pump out any moment and there would be no more in his lifetime.

When the second well came in doing 200 gpm, the state engineers came to see it, then surmised, ". . . it is coming through a crack from the High Sierras."

The astounding production of the fourth well, 500 gpm, brought the state engineers on the run. Max Bookman, the new head of the California State Water De-

partment, sent men with meters to study the wells on a 72-hour "breakdown test," for he felt sure Colonel Fletcher was tapping the El Cajon "basin." If they could prove that were the case he would be restricted in the amount he could take out of the "basin."

When I heard about this I rushed down and found the state had put meters on the packing-house well and six others I had located for nearby property-owners. I told one of the engineers that when he was finished they would know no more about where the water came from than they did before, as it was supplied by live steam coming up through faults. I said there was no connection between these wells or between them and the so-called "basin."

He admitted he was about convinced I was right. They had found no effect of one well on any other after many hours of pumping. Later Fletcher told me that the engineers had gone back to Sacramento and he believed they were going to report they had found the water was coming from an "unknown source." This was the verification of the "Cameron Primary Water Theory" I had been seeking for years.

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ALL THIS HAPPENED during the early years, when I

was trying vainly to get the Elsinore Valley people and the city to listen to me, to drill the lake bottom to bring up water to maintain the lake. Bookman and most other geologists, it seemed, ridiculed this idea — which afterward proved to be one of the most outstanding feats in water history. But it came only after we had wasted a million dollars buying Colorado River water from the Metropolitan Water District.

The Metropolitan Water District is a huge multibillion-dollar corporation which took over the distribution of Colorado River water from Hoover Dam to supply southern California. The water is very poor quality, containing more than a ton of salt per acre-foot (325,000 gallons) according to the United States Salinity Bureau. It has such high corrosive action that it rapidly eats up pipe lines and fixtures. Most persons won't drink it if they can avoid it. However, Metropolitan has induced most of the cities in the area to abandon the development of their own water resources and to buy the Colorado River water.

Water once had reached Lake Elsinore from the San Jacinto River but in 1927 the Railroad Canyon Dam was built across the San Jacinto channel, diverting most of this water to the

Temescal Water District for sale to the city of Corona 22 miles away. An apathetic public with no thought for the future must be held responsible for this deal (called "infamous" today) — which created a nice small lake above the dam at the expense of Lake Elsinore. Everyone could see its level gradually lowering. Sulfur gas and other volcanic effluvium belched up through the shallows killing fish and even swimmers. I advocated harmlessly venting this gas by drilling a small well and leaving the casing pipe above the water level, but to no avail. Then in 1947 Lake Elsinore finally dried up except for a small puddle at its west end.

For the next 20 years Elsinore residents looked out over a dry dusty lake bottom except during two brief periods. Once rain partly filled it and another time we purchased Metropolitan water — but more about that later. Each time the lake dried up mosquitoes and eye gnats bred in the stagnant puddles and came drifting over the city of Elsinore in great clouds. With the stench of rotting algae in our nostrils we fought the dust scooped up from the lake bed and deposited on our city by the prevailing southwest winds.

Over the years the local authorities messed around with a

variety of half measures. In 1949 it was proposed that 3,000 acres of the lake bottom be given to the state for a state park. Little was to be gained, for we had no assurance that the state would fill the lake which now did not exist.

On May 3, 1951, a bond issue for \$1,600,000 was passed enabling the Metropolitan Water District to install a 14-inch pipe line around the lake's 15-mile perimeter and farther east to the village of Waldomar. The proponents of the pipe line insisted the community could not survive unless the entire valley had a substantial and permanent water supply. Again the property-owners faced disappointment, for the prohibitive cost of the water made it impractical for crop irrigation. The few with large acreages who tried it found their yield barely paid expenses and gave it up in time. Currently the pipe line has little use although one or two water companies supplying small communities draw their water from it. The largest of these just finished connecting to a huge new well which will obviate the need for the Colorado River water.

Still nothing had been done to restore Lake Elsinore. Finally, in the 'Sixties, over my strong protest, a loan of \$750,000 was obtained from the State Division of

Beaches and Parks to buy Metropolitan water for the lake. More than \$200,000 went into the Metropolitan District's installation of huge valves in their own aqueduct to let water into the channel and for cleaning the channel. Finally in March, 1964, 30,000 acre-feet of water at \$17 a foot (\$510,000) flowed into the lake. But this was not a permanent answer. This too was going to dry up.

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**YEARS BEFORE** while the lake was dry I had found that abundant water ran under the lake bed in the same earthquake faults that originally had formed the lake. The faults are plentiful but sealed off by a layer of silt 40 to 50 feet deep. I had found some of these (mostly unmapped) as long as 35 years ago, the main one being the Murrieta fault which runs for at least 50 miles.

With this knowledge I began holding public meetings, demonstrating on large maps where these faults lay and how we could drill three wells into them to bring up an average of 6,000 gallons of water a minute. I showed that this would maintain the lake at all times and offset the vertical evaporation — about four and a half feet a year when there is no rain run-off. (This evaporation rate is maintained

through all hot years but some years there is enough run-off to replace the water lost. However, in the last 22 years only one year provided run-off water and then only enough to half-fill the lake.)

My meetings met splendid success in getting the citizens to go along with the idea of drilling. One evening we even embarked on a plan to collect funds to finance the drilling. But the meetings were stopped and all progress blocked by Elsinore people who opposed my idea. Other movements continually diverted people's attention. Most effective was the idea of buying the lake for \$55,000 and giving it to the state outright. The state hesitated about taking the land, even as a gift, until additional lands were included which about doubled the package. In May, 1955, the state grudgingly accepted the lake.

Now Elsinore residents visualized a beautiful park, properly developed, around the newly-filled lake. However, we were disappointed to find that the state had no intention of buying water to put into the lake and planned no development at all. A small rigidly controlled park was established at one end where trailer spaces were rented out for overnight or several days. This chain of events constituted another blow to property-owners

around the lake whose land — without water — rapidly depreciated.

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**A** BOUT 1949 a young man named Bill Cox, a newspaper writer, came to me and suggested we work up some interest in the idea I had started before — to drill for water for the lake. He said the idea sounded very good to him. I agreed to help in any way I could.

He quickly formed "The Water for Lake Elsinore Committee." By popular subscription we collected a total of about \$5,700 and called in a rotary driller to drill on a choice location on the north side of the lake. Since the lake was totally dry we were able to rally quite a lot of public support.

We drilled a test hole six inches in diameter, 658 feet deep, and found everything as I had predicted. The water stood in the test hole higher than the surface of the lake when full to its accustomed level. Now we needed more money, at least \$5,000, to continue our option and also to ream the test hole to a 20-inch diameter and properly case and gravel-pack it. This is the regular procedure before test-pumping a well. It looked as if the well would produce 2,000 to 3,000 gpm, if properly completed. In fact a driller from Escondido offered to

complete the well at his own expense and test it. If it did not do 2,000 gpm he would do the work free. If it went over that he wanted double pay. I told him we didn't have the money even to pay single, let alone double, and I was sure it would bring in more than 2,000 gallons. We dared not take a chance until we raised more money.

"The Water for Lake Elsinore Committee" lost heart in the face of these problems but later, at a meeting I did not attend, they violated a solemn promise to me by letting a contract to a driller to ream the well to a much smaller diameter than I had ordered. I had insisted it must be a 20-inch diameter with a 16-inch casing all the way to the bottom, 658 feet. They allowed the driller to ream a 10-inch diameter to 220 feet and set a pump at 110 feet instead of 450, as I had demanded. He did not remove the more than 500 feet of silt under the pump which now effectively sealed off the big water which would come in at 450 feet. Estimating what the well would do, the new driller, with no knowledge of our previous experience, said it would probably bring in 300 gpm, certainly of no value to the lake.

This information published in the newspapers promptly killed the entire deal and the test hole

was abandoned. In no quarter could I stimulate interest to complete the work as it should be done. In the meantime, a second run of 4,000 acre-feet of water was purchased from Metropolitan in April, 1965.

Heartsick, I vowed I would have nothing more to do with the lake or the people of Elsinore — but I found I could not put down the dream so easily. I did keep talking about the lake's potential and finally interested a couple of ranchers, one of whom had been a well driller and water engineer. I took them over the course of the great fault which originally split the valley and showed them where we could put down a well which could do 3,000 gpm.

Bill Cox now came forward with the 10-year-old log of an oil well drilled in the lake bottom which showed that drillers had encountered water at 1800 feet. With this evidence and at the insistence of the two ranchers, the local park board decided to put out \$5,000 for a test hole to 1,800 feet on a site as near as possible to the old oil well. As a joint venture between the park board and the California State Parks System, the test hole was drilled in the summer of 1965 and after extensive testing completed in October. The water-bearing formation was encountered all the way down!

Now the state, after a great deal of insistence on our part and pressure from our congressman, Gordon Cologne, put up the \$25,000 additional they had agreed to "if the formation justified." And it certainly did! It was the best formation I ever had seen in my 43 years of drilling.

We reamed the well to a diameter of 26 inches and installed 600 feet of 14-inch casing with no perforations, solidly welded together, and below that nearly 1200 feet of 10-inch casing, perforated all the way to allow water to enter. True to my expectations, volcanic water — or "new primary water" — came in at the bottom. On test the well pumped 5,100 gpm, revealing an inexhaustible supply of water from an original source.

That this water was no run-off of rain or snow, that it was *freshly condensed steam* was evidenced by the fact that its temperature was 92 degrees. Instead of being exceptionally hard as underground water flowing near the surface would be, this was exceedingly soft, containing only one grain of salt per gallon. Seven grains is considered "perfect"; anything less is amazing.

All through the years the state engineers had insisted there was no water under the lake. Right to the last they insisted we were

wasting the taxpayers' money by drilling a well there. When 5,100 gpm of new water appeared which they could not account for, they said it was just a little bit of trapped water that would pump right out. It might last two or three days or a week or so, but suddenly it would go "poof" and that would be the end of it. We put on a temporary pump driven by a gas engine and after four months of this, the state finally installed a new 200 hp electric pump which immediately started pumping 3,500 gpm into the lake.

Now there was wild rejoicing among the people of Elsinore. They gave me a great deal of the credit, even though I had not had much to do with the actual decisions. However, people who had said there wasn't any water there and that Cameron was crazy hated to back down. Even so, now there seemed to be hope for Lake Elsinore and property values began to boom again.

The Cameron Primary Water Theory explains my contention that the water we were getting from the new well was primary water which had never seen the light of day. Eventually all geologists and engineers will have to come to grips with the idea of the existence of enormous quantities of primary water under the surface of the earth. It may be tapped even in deserts.

Our success with the first well and the wonderful assistance of our Senator Gordon Cologne of Indio resulted in a state appropriation of \$200,000 with which to drill two more wells, one to be 1,000 feet south-southwest and the other 1,000 feet north-northeast of the first one.

While I had assisted in locating the first well, I condemned the choice of the second site because I believed no river or underground stream was there to feed it. But when the five-and-a-half-foot mud sump was dug (to contain the mud which is pumped down the well to keep the drilling equipment cool and returned from the bottom carrying the cuttings) water immediately began seeping in at the bottom. As this water became active and liberated so that it was moving, my instruments indicated 30 huge springs existed around the drilling site. Then I predicted the well would be a success and as good or better than the first one. When it was completed it tested 5,600 gpm with only a 50-foot drawdown — practically unheard of in drilling circles. This production resulted from only partial use of the four diesel engines used to test it. The pump was not large enough to pull any more water without overtaxing all the equipment.

The third well was started im-

mediately, 2000 feet north of the second. This one I located and staked but of course the state had to concur. The driller was permitted to restake it but he put his stake only about 20 feet from mine and both were at the intersection of two wonderful faults. I figured this well would be the best producer of all, for it was to be drilled in the course of the great fault which originally created the lake.

I predicted the quantity of water would be unlimited and the drilling would show water gravel from the depth of 50 feet all the way to the bottom. This turned out to be true and when drilling stopped at 1,800 feet no "bottom" had been encountered, a further proof that we were about in the center of the fault. The third well was completed December 15, 1966.

The two outer wells are pumping night and day (as this is written on November 15, 1967), producing a total of 6,000 gallons a minute, exactly the amount I estimated 18 years ago was required to offset evaporation during the dry years and to maintain the lake at its present level.

The middle well developed bearing trouble several months ago and had to be shut down. It has been idle since but state officials show little concern about its stoppage. Although the lake went

down about five inches three weeks ago, it since has recovered to the level of August 30, when the north and south wells were started on their permanent runs with new 250-horsepower electric pumps provided by the State Division of Beaches and Parks. From now on, with cooler weather and winter rains coming, the two end wells will gain and raise the lake level until even they may be shut down.

Today sailboats, motor boats and water-skiers ply the rippling

blue surface of Lake Elsinore. Championship racing regattas often are held and on every nice day — and most days are nice now — small pleasure and business aircraft soar overhead. Skydiving as well as all manner of recreation has been given impetus by this lake restored to life.

The assurance that beautiful Lake Elsinore never again will need purchased water has brought to the citizens new hope and great enthusiasm for the future of their chosen home.



#### A GIRL WITH LOTS OF PULL

THE LONDON EXPRESS reported in December, 1967, that a West German lawyer was at a loss to deal with psychokinetics. Attorney Sigmund Adam, aged 63, of Rosenheim, a city near Munich, maintained a staid office for many years until suddenly pictures began to dance on the walls, light bulbs exploded and the phone took to ringing of itself. Doors came open, papers fluttered off the desks and the hands of his electric clock whirled at a great rate.

Adam sent for the police and the director of the local electricity board. A minute examination

of the power lines turned up no clues. Then the lawyer noticed that when his 19-year-old secretary, Annemarie Schneider, passed anything electrical, sparks began to fly.

Now a psychologist was called in, Dr. Hans Bender of the University of Freiburg. He said, "Annemarie has psychokinetic powers. We do not know very much about this. . . ."

Attorney Adam concluded, "The poor girl didn't even know. But I understand that it's often only a temporary power. So I've sent her on vacation for a few weeks. . . ."



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# INCARNATION

By Douglas Neale,  
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Archaeologists and historians have been unable to undermine  
facts she gleans not from research but from memory.



JOAN GRANT INSISTS, gently and intelligently, that she is 25,000 years old. She insists she knows about lute strings and sphinxes from firsthand experience and gives substance to her claim by pointing to seven successful historical novels, all written without research and dependent for their accuracy on her memories of the previous lives she says she has lived in a dozen different bodies in a dozen different centuries.

None of the material in these books of Joan Grant's has been

Joan Grant has written historical novels (without doing a lick of research) and a definitive work on mosquitoes, a subject on which she is Britain's leading authority.



British-born (this time) Joan Grant and her psychiatrist-husband, Dr. Denys Kelsey, live in cottage in Collonges, village some 60 miles from Limoges.

successfully challenged by archaeologists or historians. And much of it has been new information at the time of its publication which only later was verified by further findings of the scholars in the field.

This woman presents a most perplexing example of extra-sensory awareness. She can remember and describe each one of her many births — she found all of them more painful and frightening than her deaths, even including the experience of being burned as a witch. "The wood was wet," she stated at a

meeting in the Exeter Street Theater in Boston in December, 1964. "It took an inordinately long time for the fire to kill me."

It is difficult to challenge all this with any confidence while knowing that this same woman once described in accurate detail a room in which she had been fed when she was four months old and which she never had entered again. Later when her father attempted to verify his daughter's memory he had to steam through two layers of wallpaper to find the complicated wallpaper pattern Joan

Grant had described — but he did find it!

Joan Grant is an amazing woman. She can play chess without looking at the board; she became Britain's leading authority on mosquitoes and wrote a book on the subject in 1938. She believes the fact that her knowledge spans 250 centuries has enabled her to excel in fields where other persons must study for a lifetime.

At the same time she was working on the standard book on mosquitoes she was learning to set her centuries-old recollections down on paper, being careful to separate true prior memories from mere present-day fantasies. In 1937 she wrote *Winged Pharaoh*, the first of the books based on these memories of previous incarnations.

But Joan Grant is not merely an exponent of reincarnation for she has chosen to apply her knowledge, which she contends is derived from human experiences spanning the ages, to aid man's understanding of the problems which lead to mental illness in our world. In this she works with her husband, Dr. Denys Kelsey, a British psychiatrist who believes, with her, that reincarnation is as much a fact of life as are birth and death and that since body and soul can be reunited in successive births

there is no reason a sick mind cannot be reborn also.

Dr. Denys Kelsey has abandoned the standard psychiatric approach of exploring backward into the patient's memory for incidents, repressions and guilts that have led to mental illness. Rather he seeks to show his patients how to begin anew at any given moment.

If you find it hard to believe that Joan Grant truly was a witness to the building of pyramids, and a wandering 16th Century minstrel, and a trollop on Paris' ancient streets, and an accused witch who died by fire, still you are going to have to admit that to scoff at her story, in the face of its inherent evidence, takes a bit of doing.

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WHEN YOU RING at the door of a beautiful house in central France any of 30 people may answer you — but they are all the same woman, the author Joan Grant. An Egyptian pharaoh, a Roman princess, a witch, a Red Indian and a Greek runner are only a few of the 30 previous incarnations that Joan Grant remembers clearly.

*Winged Pharaoh*, the remarkable book she wrote in 1937, describes with uncanny accuracy her life as a woman pharaoh in the first dynasty of Egypt, 4,000 years ago. It has

been a best seller in several languages, even in Icelandic, and it still sells 600 copies a year in England. Joan Grant offers her visitors cigarettes from a box engraved with the original cover design of *Winged Pharaoh* which hasn't been changed in all its 18 editions.

There is nothing in the least eccentric about Joan Grant. She is lively, attractive, well-dressed and looks a lot younger than her 60 years. She talks perceptively and shows no tendency to wander from reality. When she speaks of her many lives her tone is quietly factual.

She now lives with her third husband, Dr. Denys Kelsey, a former Harley Street psychiatrist, in a modernized farmhouse overlooking the tiny red-stone hamlet of Collonges. Andre Malraux, the French Minister of Fine Arts, is having the village restored to its former agrarian beauty.

In *A Lot to Remember*, her book on the provinces of Aquitaine and Quercy, Joan Grant has described how she discovered Collonges even before Monsieur Malraux discovered it and immediately fell in love with the simplicity and generosity of its people and the luminous calm of its landscape. For centuries the way of life in the department of Correze has remained un-

changed — the vines ripen, the harvest is reaped, the walnuts gathered, the cows graze placidly in the meadows and the seasons follow each other inexorably.

"I chose Collonges because I must have living space," Joan Grant explains, gazing through the sitting room window at the endless, rolling landscape. "This part of the world reminds me of Surrey in my childhood when there was still room to breathe."

*Les Lucarnes* (The Dormer Windows) is the name of the house where she has settled. A neighbor's dog dozes in the shade of a climbing vine in the courtyard; wasps hum in a box of drying plums; figs ripen on the trees; and the cook prepares a delicious dish of *aubergines* (eggplant) from the garden.

If you want to understand Joan Grant you also must talk with her husband. You cannot know one and not the other. Within a few weeks of their first meeting 10 years ago they were living and working together. They saw at once that their beliefs and experiences tallied; the theories that Dr. Kelsey had evolved in his consulting room were borne out by Joan Grant's extraordinary reliving of previous incarnations.

Miss Grant leaves most of the talking to her husband. From

time to time she interrupts to confirm or qualify what he has said, or to illustrate it with an incident from one of her lives. At present they are finishing a book for an American publisher on their philosophy of life. But the work is slow. Friends constantly drop in to enjoy their hospitality and strangers come from afar for advice.

Joan Grant came to believe in reincarnation through the revelations she began to experience during her childhood. She later learned to recall these early childhood experiences by training herself in a technique she speaks of as "far memory." Her husband, independently, reached the same conclusion through his observations of the effects of "hypnotic regression."

Early in his career as a psychiatrist Dr. Kelsey discovered he has exceptional hypnotic powers and that, under hypnosis, some persons are able to relive, not just remember, certain events which occurred much earlier in their lives.

His real surprise came when one of his patients described an event within the first three weeks of her birth. A few months later a hypnotized patient regressed to the moments immediately preceding her birth and then relived the process of being born. At a later session this same patient

whispered, "I'm a tiny spot. I know I have to touch something but it keeps moving away from me. If I don't touch it I shall die." Dr. Kelsey believed she was recalling the very moment of her conception.

He then wondered, if the patient remembered events which happened before she had a physical body, with what did she remember? Consideration of this question led him to believe that every human being must possess a nonphysical body. Before a brain has developed, awareness works directly through the psyche which eventually attaches itself to the fertilized ovum. As the brain develops the psyche then works through this physical medium.

Here Joan Grant interrupted to explain how the psyche attaches itself to the sperm and the ovum at conception.

"Only if the psyche attaches itself can conception take place," she said. "The psyche can float about for years before choosing the right time and place to attach itself. It can take one of three forms. It can be either an old friend or an old enemy of a previous incarnation, or a perfect stranger who has longed for years to reincarnate. It is never hereditary and it can be of either sex."

Dr. Kelsey continued, "The

work I've done in the last seven years has convinced me that it is occasionally possible for a subject to recall experiences which were felt not seconds, but centuries, before their present incarnation."

Early in 1959 Dr. Kelsey hypnotized a man in his 30's who had received only an elementary education and had virtually no knowledge of history. Under hypnosis this man gave a vivid account of events he had experienced as a sailor during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. For example, he described perfectly the symptoms of scurvy.

Joan Grant had a similar experience during one of her reincarnations as a 16th Century strolling player. At that time she had nursed a friend through smallpox in the loft of a sordid inn. She mentioned every aspect of the disease, including its disgusting smell. A doctor who scornfully told her that smallpox had no smell later had to retract this statement when he read in his reference book that smallpox has "a peculiar smell which, once smelled, can never be forgotten."

During the last seven years Dr. Kelsey has collected fragments of previous existences from about 12 patients. He thinks they must be genuine because their mental illness cleared up

as soon as they relived the relevant episodes from these previous lives.

Dr. Kelsey himself has recalled small fragments of three earlier lives of his own. But unquestionably his wife's novel, *Winged Pharaoh*, presents the strongest support for his view that certain exceptional people can relive a previous existence in great detail.

Joan Grant believes that among her own contemporaries Robert Graves, the English poet, may share her unusual powers. But the majority of people who claim to possess a sixth sense, she says, are frauds.

While she was writing *Winged Pharaoh* she seems to have been subject to a "state of altered consciousness," as Dr. Kelsey puts it. In fact, she herself wrote not a single word of the novel. She dictated it to a friend, the wife of her future publisher, Arthur Baker, who day after day patiently transcribed "takes" of several thousand words.

"The funny thing is that it didn't come out in chronological order," said Mrs. Kelsey. "But when we came to spread it all out on the floor we found it all fitted together perfectly and needed no rewriting."

The book's strange, almost biblical style, required no conscious effort either. "It all came

out in a kind of *umpthy*," she recalled with a smile. "I believe that technically it's called five foot iambic. I never did any research at all. I knew nothing about ancient Egypt; yet experts on Egyptology have been unable to fault the book. You know, when it was published critics said that I couldn't possibly have made it all up, that I must have experienced it all to write it in such detail. And none of the reviewers knew me personally."

A quick look at the reviews that appeared in 1937 bear this out. Ronald Fraser wrote, "It is a tale that could never have been invented. The book is, as it were, clairvoyant. There are things in it — certain experiences — which could never have been imagined. They must have been seen and known. When I add that it is all written in the first person the implication will be clear."

L.A.G. Strong, himself a novelist, wrote, "Winged Pharaoh impresses not only by the outstanding wealth of detail so naturally unfolded to us. Even more impressive is the sense of a background so familiar that the greater part of it need not be described. I will say no more than nine-tenths of it must have been experienced."

Joan Grant is adamant in insisting it all was experienced;

nothing was invented. But in fact *Winged Pharaoh* is not her favorite book. She prefers *Life as Carola*. The books she has written in a state of normal consciousness have cost her far more sweat and tears than those which describe her previous incarnations. Yet such books as *Eyes of Horus*, *Return to Elysium* and *So Moses Was Born* have not had the same success as *Winged Pharaoh*.

With a look of anguish Joan Grant remembers the trouble she had writing her travel book, *A Lot to Remember* (so named because the River Lot flows through the region) and her autobiography, *Time Out of Mind*.

She prefers lecturing now and has published nothing for several years. The pleasure of life in Collonges is enough. She visits England as seldom as possible. She says she has spent only 52 days there in the last four years. Apart from occasional trips to Paris to see the latest American films, she stays in Collonges.

In *Time Out of Mind* Joan Grant tells how, as a little girl, she was silenced with scornful laughter whenever she talked of her previous incarnations. She thinks such experiences are relatively common among children but if they have the strange faculty of far memory laughed out

of them then they lose the power to develop it. Her own daughter (by her first marriage) never has had such experiences; if she had Joan Grant would have found them quite normal.

"Some of my previous incarnations have been unbelievably harrowing," she went on. "I really can't describe them to you."

There was a long, awkward silence in the conversation before she resumed.

"I was guillotined once. And in the Middle Ages I was burned at the stake as a witch. In those days anyone who made claims to reincarnation was thought to be a heretic.

"Of course there is some connection between reincarnation and the beliefs of the Buddhists. But Buddhism has become terribly distorted, like Christianity. According to the original Buddhist teachings there is a gradual progression of existence from mineral to plant life and then through animal life to human life. I think I can just remember an animal existence but my earliest clear memories are of life 40,000 years ago in the age of the cave paintings."

Joan Grant visualizes time as a vast wheel with herself at the center where she can gaze along the radius in any direction, towards an endless rim.

She talks more freely about her favorite of all her 30 previous incarnations.

"If I had to be reborn in any of the historical periods which I can remember I would choose the first dynasty of Egypt, 4,000 years ago. This is not because I was a pharaoh then but because I think the basic ethics of their civilization gave you a better chance to be happy. People liked or disliked someone for his behavior, because of the person he was. In those days a person was a person. People did not live by abusing their powers."

She is deeply disturbed by the violence and brutality of the 20th Century.

"I have no doubt at all that this century has been the nastiest in all the history of man," she says. "Only if Collonges were suddenly attacked by hooligans would I take up arms in its defense."

In ancient Egypt, as in modern psychiatry, treatment by the priests was based on the patients' private lives. There was no class hatred, no battle of the sexes, no merit or demerit in any particular occupation. All that mattered was that everyone should fulfill his own potential to the mutual benefit of himself and society.

Joan Grant has changed since the days of *Winged Pharaoh*.

Her gift of far memory no longer impels her to write. She has pooled her experiences with her husband's and this marriage of minds, of practice with theory, clearly has been fruitful for them both.

No longer does she psychometrize. Before the war she would fix her mind on some object — a ring or a sword — and describe the life of the dead man or woman who had owned it. Now, when the topic is raised she dismisses it with brusque disdain, like she would a party trick.

"Oh, all that's very boring," she said. "I haven't done any at all since 1939. It was too easy. When people asked me to psychometrize a sword which used to belong to their grandfather I always knew it was the most unpleasant fact connected with the sword which they had repressed and wanted to know about."

Neither Joan Grant nor her husband thinks that because a psyche attaches itself to a sperm and an ovum at conception a person's whole life and character are determined from birth. Their views are full of optimism, despite their dislike of the brutal

machine age in which we live.

"Character," says Dr. Kelsey, "is what we are predisposed to do with what we have. Each person is born with certain potentialities but whether in fact we develop our talent to the full depends on ourselves. We may have a gift for music or writing but we never will become a pianist or a writer without a great effort of will."

His work has proved that people's sufferings can be healed and their lives changed through hypnosis. As a psychiatrist he helps those who feel they are not getting enough out of life. Hypnosis, he says, induces a state of altered consciousness, a breach in the barrier of the unconscious which we cannot penetrate in our waking life.

Joan Grant, herself a vivid and prolific dreamer, offers the consoling thought that dying may be no more than sleeping — only a shift in level of consciousness.

Certainly, in time to come the person who embodies the psyche of Joan Grant will recall with deep satisfaction the golden years she spent in France. Perhaps remembrance of these years may make another book for another generation.





#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

DR. GEORGE M. LAMSA's discovery of the long-hidden ruins of the Temple of King Solomon is only one of a long series of noteworthy finds made possible by his vast and comprehensive knowledge of Biblical times. His translation of the Bible from Aramaic into English advanced tremendously the work of Biblical scholars.

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# I Found the TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

Always he sought the pomegranates, the buds, the lilies from Solomon's great capitals . . . and a lifetime search met success.

By **George M. Lamsa**

Courtesy NEW Magazine

**N**OT ONE STONE shall be left here upon another stone, which will not be torn down . . ."

This was Jesus' ominous prediction when His disciples were admiring the great Temple of Solomon. Although I knew his words well, when I visited Jerusalem in 1927 I could hardly wait to see the ruins of the great Temple Solomon had built almost 3,000 years ago—which Zerubbabel later rebuilt and which King Herod the Great subsequently enlarged and beauti-

fied 1,000 years after its original construction. But when I visited Mount Moriah, the site of the Temple, I found no ruins . . . to my great disappointment.

Having been a Bible student since childhood I was deeply interested in the magnificent Temple King Solomon built in Jerusalem. I was fascinated by its grandeur, its artwork, the size of the stones in its construction and the carvings on the capitals atop its pillars.

At the Temple site I had ex-

pected to see the stones strewn over the ground as are the ruins at Parthenon, Byblos, Tyre, Capernaum, Jerash and other ancient sites. But except for the Wailing Wall, a small portion of one outer wall of the Temple of Solomon, no ruins were to be found anywhere in the Holy City or in the neighboring towns. It looked as if the Romans who destroyed the Temple about A.D. 70 had carried everything away, even the massive stones and the great columns. Nothing stood on the Temple site but the Mosque of Omar. The rain could not have eroded such great stones and columns; thieves could not have stolen them.

"Where are they?" I asked myself. "They must be somewhere."

When I inquired of other scholars and Bible students what had happened to the great stones of the once magnificent and beautiful Temple that Solomon had built to honor the God of Israel, they answered, "No one knows but God alone."

Why? Because the destruction of the colossal Temple occurred so many centuries ago, they said. I was not satisfied with this answer nor this explanation. I believed the ruins of the Temple must be in the vicinity of Palestine.

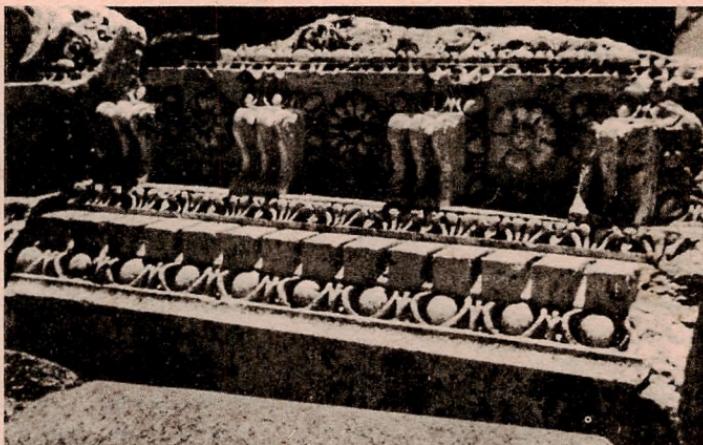
Having translated the Holy Bi-

ble from the Aramaic into English and proofread it 16 times, I was thoroughly familiar with the intricate carvings on the great capitals of the pillars—the pomegranates, lilies, buds, knobs and other artwork. Whenever I saw a temple ruins I looked for the large carved stones, especially the pomegranates. Mindful of the vastness of the Temple, the time it took to build it and the thousands of men who labored in its construction, I was convinced its ruins could not have vanished from the face of the earth.

It is related in *I Kings* that Solomon "raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was 30,000 men. And he sent them to Lebanon, 10,000 a month by turns; a month they were in Lebanon and two months at home."

These men were masons and expert stonecutters. Besides these, Solomon had 70,000 men to carry burdens and 80,000 hewers and polishers of stone, as well as the chiefs or overseers and the men King Hiram had furnished to work on the great Temple—master masons, carpenters and men skilled in art. King Hiram also supplied the cedar and fir woods used in the construction.

These figures alone demonstrate the magnitude of the work and the wealth and power of the wise king behind the great under-



taking, which in Old Testament times never was surpassed.

We find in *I Kings*: "And the king commanded and they brought great stones, costly stones and hewed stones to complete the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the stonemasons did hew them; so they prepared stones and timber for the building of the house." And in *I Kings*: 7:10, 11: "And the foundation was of great and costly stones, some of ten cubits and some of eight cubits. And above were costly stones, after the measures of hewn stones, and cedars." (A cubit is an ancient measure of length roughly equivalent to 18 inches.)

King Solomon's and King Hiram's artisans made "carved or-

naments of network and wreaths of chain work for the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for one capital and seven for the other . . . and two rows of buds round about upon one network." Carved pomegranates adorned the capitals, numbering 200 for each one.

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**S**OLOMON'S TEMPLE was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, in 586 B. C. and rebuilt by Zerubbabel 70 years later. In the later part of the First Century B. C. came King Herod's contribution. Now called the great Temple of Herod, it was destroyed in A. D. 70 by forces led by the Roman general Titus who set it afire when the Jews sought refuge there.

The stones would not burn and I believed those of the first Temple were too holy to be discarded. In the East such stones are much revered and even a small piece of such a stone in a home, synagogue, church or mosque is highly prized. And again, the size of the original stones precluded their complete disintegration.

But for many years I remained baffled by their disappearance.

Then in 1960 I visited Baalbek, a small town in Lebanon, to inspect its ruins. At the outset their immensity fired my imagination, for I knew the temples of Baal had not been large or elaborate. They were small and usually built on high isolated sites; the ruins of some of them still remain. Despite a glimmering hope that the large stones might be remnants of Solomon's Temple, at that time I did not find the Biblically described ornaments and other artwork for which I had been searching.

However, in 1964, while examining the vast ruins again, I came across a great capital. When I saw the pomegranates, the lilies, the buds and wreaths — and noted the measurements — I was breathless. A few minutes later other capitals were found, some of them damaged but some in fairly good condition. Then I saw other evidences

that convinced me beyond a doubt: all that remained of the Temple which had been built in Jerusalem was now in Baalbek, more than 100 miles to the north.

To my great surprise, I later found similar stones with lilies, pomegranates, buds and the Star of David in the ruins of the ancient Jewish synagogue at Capernaum in Israel and a few pomegranates on a stone at Caesarea, Israel. King Herod, I recalled, had built a temple in Caesarea and one in Samaria. The artwork of their stones is distinctly Jewish and accords with the design God had given to Solomon.

How could the ruins of Solomon's great Temple be scattered so widely? Perhaps at the time Emperor Hadrian built a new city in Jerusalem (A. D. 117-138) the stones were removed from Jerusalem to Baalbek. About that time a new temple was built to Jupiter in Baalbek. Or possibly Emperor Julian removed the stones to build a pagan temple when he tried to revive paganism in A. D. 361. Be that as it may, I know that the stones were removed from Jerusalem; exactly when I cannot be sure.

Also we are told that the Emperor Theodosius established a Christian church in the temple at Baalbek. Years after the Roman Empire had adopted Christianity

a great basilica was built over the altars.

The little town of Baalbek was conquered first by Arabs, then by Mongols, by Mamluks and by Turks. The church was destroyed probably in the 13th Century A. D. by the Mongols. Crusaders also attacked Baalbek but failed to capture it. During the reign of the Turks, a citadel was built in Baalbek in which cut stones from Solomon's Temple were used.

Now as to the physical problem of moving these massive stones over great distances, in the East construction materials for holy places and palaces commonly came from afar. Stones were moved on sledges from Lebanon to Tyre or some other port in Lebanon and from there

on floats to Joppa. From Joppa they were moved over any kind of terrain on a primitive conveyor system powered by the muscles of thousands of men.

This was not a difficult accomplishment for a great king like Solomon who had almost 200,000 men working on his Temple, nor would it have been difficult for the Romans to bring the stones back.

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**A** VIEW OF the ruins at Baalbek serves to remind us that all the temples, no matter how holy or how colossal, have met with destruction. Truth is revealed to simple men who live the simple life. God conversed with Abraham and the patriarchs not in costly edifices but in tents.

**P.S.** THE BRONZE columns of Solomon's temple were carried away to Babylon when the temple was destroyed in 586 B.C. King Herod used granite columns. He placed the pomegranate on the great foundation stones. Evidently King Herod could not furnish brass for the two great and important columns. Some time after my initial discovery was disseminated by the wire services I read an article on Baalbek in the Encyclopaedia Britannica which mentions that

an Arab writer about 500 years ago stated in his book that Baalbek possessed a strong fortress with columns erected by Solomon. This Arab writer was a native of the area and no American or British scholars seemed aware of this. Apparently this ancient book just had come to light a few weeks after I released the news of my exciting find. It is a great satisfaction to me that now no one in the world can challenge my discovery.—George M. Lamsa.

# 1968: ■ Mexicans LYNCH ■ Another WITCH ■

"Witch-hunting and witch-killing are kind of a hobby up there, a Roman circus. They like to see 'em swing."

By Bill Starr

**B**LUE MOUNTAINS soaring above the steaming jungle of the Mexican state of Oaxaca add to its dream-like, other-worldly atmosphere. Here the idea of witches and demons and magic seems not so unlikely — even to an outsider. And here on January 3, 1968, in the mountain village of Aloapam de Ixtlan less than 200 miles southeast of Mexico City, Bernardino Perez, aged 42, was hanged as a witch.

Mexican police have information that at least six other persons hereabouts are marked for death, accused as witches or warlocks.

"It's a kind of hobby up there — witch-killing," said Gil Perales, an Oaxaca state detective.

As you descend the mountains from Mexico City into the area of the witch-killing the rarefied air and pale green sky give way to the steaming jungle laden with

the odor of bananas, oranges and other tropical fruits. The natives' slow pace and the silence of the villages are mesmerizing. No sound of automobile, train, plane or any kind of motor intrudes and time loses its significance. In the silent heat a sleepy euphoria and "don't-care-if-school-keeps-or-not" attitude become not only understandable but all-pervasive. Witches and their spells take on reality.

The visitor finds village book-stalls, usually hole-in-the-wall cubicles or alleyways topped with ragged blankets as meager protection against both blazing sun and drenching rains, replete with comic books, police-gazette type magazines adorned with buxom girls in bikinis and gory pictures of traffic accident victims. But most prominently displayed are books on witchcraft. From both paperbacks and ele-

gant tomes in black cloth bindings you can learn to cast spells, to cure sickness, to do almost anything you want to do. All you need is the proper concoction of snake oil, scorpion tails, ashes and a few magic motions and words. Just read the simple directions!

Make no mistake about it, the natives here believe in witchcraft. Whole families, whole villages organize their lives according to rules set down by the witches.

Any old woman in a village can be suspected of witchcraft. Let her be slightly nonconformist and she is marked for life. If village life goes well she is tolerated. If it goes extremely well she is venerated. Young girls consult her about finding husbands; wives seek to make their husbands love them more or to keep them from straying. But let things take a turn for the worse and the old woman's life is in danger. Let the child of a powerful or influential family in the town die and the witch's life isn't worth a dime.

Although the child may have died for any number of medical reasons the townsfolk immediately select an old woman and blame her for the death. Especially is this so if she is known to have remarked on the beauty of the child without touching him.

This is a sure sign of her guilt.

This is why Bernardino Perez was lynched. She came to Aloapam de Ixtlan, some 80 miles north of the city of Oaxaca, the state capital, after the death of her husband on a cattle ranch in the hinterland. Her intention had been to set up a small business. Eventually she managed to eke out a meager living by taking in sewing.

However, when Cristina Mendez, the three-year-old daughter of a general store owner, sickened and died in less than a week, Bernardino Perez best fitted the pattern of the townsfolk's idea of a witch. She lived alone and she had been kind to the child, it was said. That was enough.

Animosity toward her quickly spread through the town. Salvador Gonzalez, chief of the squad of Mexican soldiers stationed some distance south of the village, summed it up:

"In some places the talk eventually would have died down," he said. "But not here. Witch-finding and witch-killing are a source of amusement here. After all their boozing up during the New Year celebrations these fellows were out for blood."

The night of January 3 a hard core of talkers and drinkers were in the Rio Rita bar. Two of Gonzalez's men had arrested the

Perez woman the day before and lodged her in a makeshift jail—more for her protection than because they had any legitimate charge against her.

"We left her with the local watchman," one of the soldiers said, "with the idea he would talk to her and scare her, perhaps get her to move out of the village and into Oaxaca."

When Gonzalez's men had gone the group of drunks left the Rio Rita bar just before midnight and moved up the dusty street, loudly announcing their intentions. The watchman was powerless against them and Gonzalez's squad of soldiers now was a good two hours' march to the south.

By the time the men broke into the jail and dragged out the Perez woman literally by the hair of her head, a large crowd had gathered in the street . . . and mass hysteria took over. Led by the hard core drunks the entire town was crying for blood. A farce of a trial was held. In a frenzy of passion fed by liquor and the men's primitive sadistic urge to murder, Bernardino Perez was found guilty of "murder by witchcraft" and hanged.

"I talked to dozens of villagers after the hanging," Gonzalez said. "It was like a circus to them. Like what the Romans must have felt when they threw

the Christians to the lions. These people are primitive. They know nothing beyond their village. I'm convinced they actually enjoyed seeing another person struggle and plead for mercy and strangle on the rope, kicking and jerking until life is choked out. It makes them feel superior and gives them something to talk about for days afterwards."

Gonzalez and his squad later rounded up the ringleaders. Assisted by state police he took 16 persons and jailed them in Oaxaca, charging them with murder.

"One of the ringleaders offered me 25,000 pesos to let him out of jail," Gonzalez said. "That's \$2,000 United States money. He wanted to go back to the village and kill the rest of the people he thinks are witches and wizards. He said they're responsible for his people being locked up in jail after the hanging of the Perez woman."

In Gonzalez's opinion something akin to range war is brewing. "They said they hung the Perez woman because they thought it was the only way to stop the witchcraft. They wanted to scare the others out of town. Then they blamed being locked up on the other witches who had ganged up to bring bad luck down on them. It looks like all-out war between the townspeople

and anybody that happens to fit their imagined description of a witch.

"Wherever isolation, dreariness, monotony, ignorance, despair and backwardness prevail, there will be found witchcraft and all its ramifications," Gonzalez concluded.

Unfortunately, statistics bear grim testimony to the truth of his words. Multiply the incident in Aloapam de Ixtlan by 100 or more and you have an idea of what's going on in towns and villages, even cities, throughout Mexico and Latin America right now . . . in the space age.



#### "ASK THE PROPER QUESTIONS . . ."

**B**ISHOP PIKE's affirmation of immortality by means of psychic phenomena is intellectually honest and refreshing. His vocabulary may be somewhat sophisticated, but he follows the same combination of psychic insight and logic as did the Kabballists and other Jewish mystics.

Pike wisely avoids the "pure reason" pitfalls of the classical philosophers. The trouble with some negators of immortality is that they fail to ask the proper questions in the right frame of reference.

Death is the most challenging

question of human existence. Let it be remembered that science has not disproved immortality, nor has it demonstrated that life is confined only to physical existence. Human life is more than matter in motion. The survival of the soul beyond the dissolution of the physical body is a central teaching in Judaism. Even such highly creative humanists as Norman Cousins, Viktor Frankl, Hans Jonas and Otto Rank affirm immortality—*A letter from Rabbi Martin B. Ryback, Downey, Calif., published September 17, 1967, in the Los Angeles Times.*



#### PORVENT OF THINGS TO COME

**I**N SEATTLE, WASH., on September 26, 1967, the House of Bishops gave final approval to a change in church rules to allow laymen to pass the chalice and bread at communion. At the exact moment the voting was completed an ash tray noisily fell to the floor in the rear of the room. Bishop Ned Cole of Syracuse, N.Y., quipped, "A possible portent of what lies ahead."



Abdul-Baha (1844-1921), eldest son of Baha'u'llah, made extensive teaching tours throughout the world. His name means "Servant of the Glory."

# PARANORMAL BASIS OF BAHAI

Unique creed for all nations and races portends fulfillment of dream of world brotherhood—the unity of all humankind.

By Marcus Bach

ON JULY 8, 1850, IN the city of Tabriz, Persia, a man in his mid-20's was readied for execution by a regiment of riflemen. The preparations were thorough and precise. In a gateway between two barracks a crosspiece was fastened. The man, Mirza Muhammad Ali, was bound by ropes at the wrists. The ropes were fastened to the crosspiece and he hung suspended above the ground while the riflemen, numbering 750, leveled their weapons at the dangling figure, obeying the command to "shoot and kill."

The resounding report of the guns was followed by convulsive excitement, for the intended victim stood on the ground unhurt. The gunmen's bullets had sev-

ered the ropes and set him free. The throng of 10,000 spectators had witnessed a miracle. Some fled from the incredible scene and several of the would-be executioners dropped their guns in fear.

Mirza Muhammad Ali walked away but the authorities found him sitting in his cell in the prison, speaking to a disciple about religion, a new religion designed to draw together all religions. They seized him again, led him back to the crosspiece and once more trussed him up while the spectators stood transfixed — awed by the miracle of the severed ropes and the renewed spectacle of the mercilessness of men. Then the rifles spoke again and the body of Mirza Muham-

mad Ali became a mass of bleeding flesh and shattered bone.

Such is the story that still inspires a million modern followers of the contemporary religion called Baha'i. Not "Baha'ism"—for it is not another *ism*, they say, but a new and precious revelation of the living God.

The death of Mirza Muhammad Ali has an even more touching impact, for Baha'i's will tell you that Mirza actually was sitting with a disciple in his cell when the executioners came to get him the *first* time. He begged them to let him finish his talk but they refused. As they dragged him from the room he vowed, "No earthly power can silence me until I have said all I must say to this disciple!" Then came the miracle. Then the uninterrupted return to his cell. When they came for him again he said, "I have finished my conversation. Now you may fulfill your intention." Only then did the bullets snuff out his life.

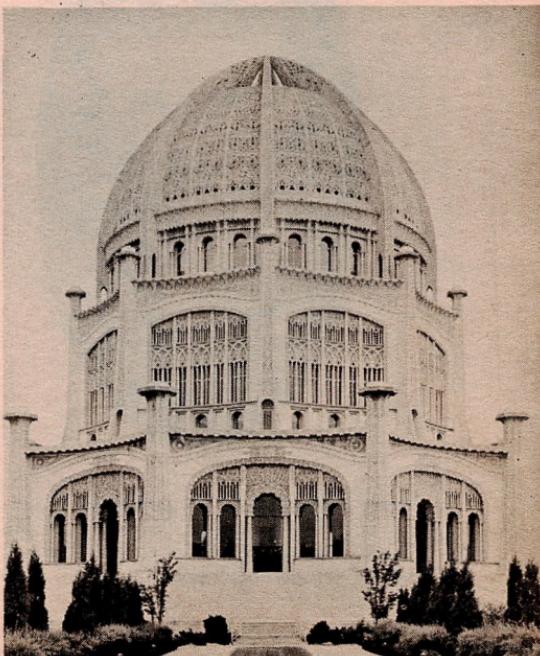
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EVEN GREATER AND stranger paranormal happenings fill the growing history of this faith, for Mirza Muhammad Ali was but a forerunner of the messenger who was to come, a forerunner who has been compared to John the Baptist, the harbinger of Christ. John was called the voice crying in the wilderness.

Mirza Muhammad Ali was called the *Bab* which means a gate destined to open and let the promised one of the Baha'i religion enter the arena of the world's great faiths.

Details on the life of the Bab are meager but it is known that he arose in the midst of the mid-19th Century squabbles of Moslem, Jew and Christian. He accused them all of hypocrisy and deceit. He contended that all prophets from Abraham to Jesus were equal, differing only in the messages for their time. All, he said, were mirrors reflecting

World-famous Baha'i House of Worship on shore of Lake Michigan at Wilmette, Ill., welcomes all races.



God's glory, torches bearing His fire, interpreters speaking His word. Soon, he prophesied, another seer and revelator would appear, for the fullness of time was again at hand. Another incarnation of God's spirit and power, he said, already was walking among men. In view of such audacity the Bab was destined for both martyrdom and glory. After all, the Moslems had a prophet in Mohammed, Christians were defending Christ and Jews were quite content to defend their own patriarchs and



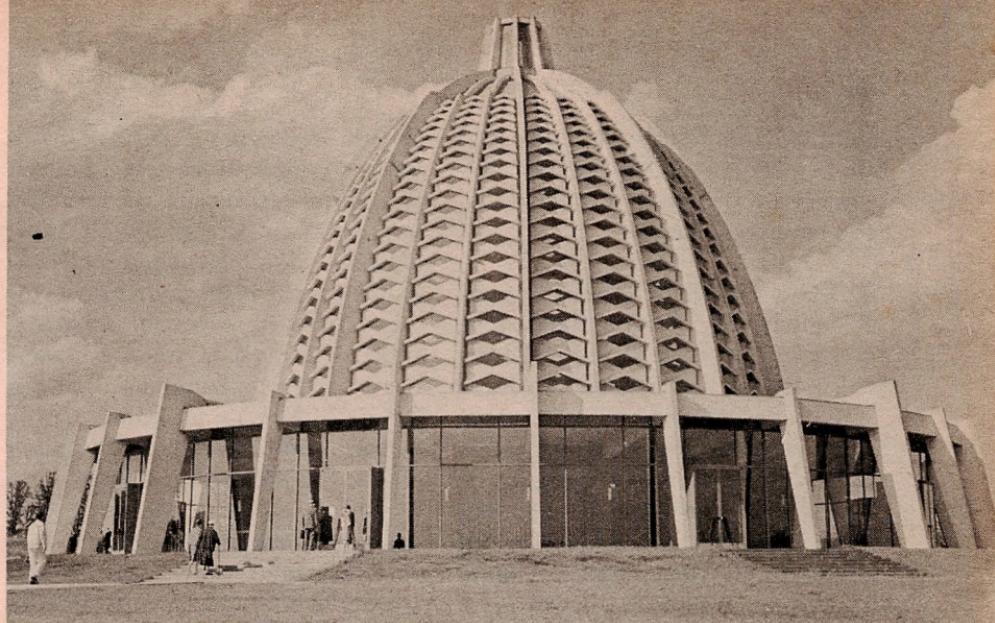
Rarely photographed Shoghi Effendi, grandson of Abdul-Baha and "Guardian of the Cause," lived his life near Mt. Carmel, Baha'i's international headquarters.



Golden-domed Shrine of Bab on Mt. Carmel looks out over Bay of Haifa.

seers. The word of the coming of a new messiah was heresy indeed.

Following the Bab's martyrdom, however, nothing could quench the messianic hope that stirred in the hearts of the *Babis*, as his followers were known. The gate was opening. They believed they were witnesses to a breakthrough in God's plan for the salvation of His world. Political wrath broke over them when they were accused of plotting to overthrow the government. Ten thousand *Babis* were killed between 1850 and 1860. If the promised one did not come soon there would be none left to claim him, for the last believers were being rounded up in Baghdad in 1863 to



Baha'i House of Worship in Frankfurt, Germany, was formally dedicated in 1963. Like its sister temples in Australia, Africa, United States, it has nine sides.

be shipped to a prison camp in Constantinople.

Then in the spring of 1863, in a garden outside the gates of the exotic city of Baghdad at a place called Ridvan the Babis gathered as if by a divine call. Hunted and driven by Moslem groups as well as by governmental forces, they had heard that the sultan had ordered the governor of Baghdad to get rid of these "revolutionaries" at any cost.

On April 22 at Ridvan one of the Babis, Mirza Husayn Ali, 46, the wisest and greatest among them, stepped from the crowd. A strange light surrounded him as he delivered his message: "This is the day whereon nothing can

be seen except the splendor of the light shining from the face of the Lord, the gracious and most bountiful! Arise and proclaim unto the entire creation the tidings that He who is the all-merciful hath directed His steps towards the Ridvan and entered it!"

They knew what he meant. He was the promised one whom the Bab had foretold. He had dwelt in their midst, been in prison with them, walked the dusty roads with them, felt the scourge of the whips, knelt with them in prayer and they had failed to recognize him. But now they knew! He was their Messiah and the Bab gave him his spiritual name: Baha'u'llah, meaning the

light of the Glory of God. And they were no longer Babis, followers of the gate, but Baha'is, the children of light.

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LIKE OTHER GREAT religions, the Baha'i Faith rose from the psychic stream. Today the paranormal aspects we have cited are sublimated in a clear and rational teaching which is the heart of this new religion. It stresses the oneness of all religions and the brotherhood of all mankind. Its teachings are lucid and clear. It believes in the mystical power of prayer and in missionary effort for the Baha'i cause. Ardent devotees have penetrated many remote corners of the globe.

Most of all, it maintains that we cannot have a united world while we have divided and warring faiths. Religion, they believe, is the proving ground of humanity's true intention to establish peace on earth, good will to men. Baha'u'llah stressed this. In fact, he wrote personal epistles to the leading sovereigns of the nations of the world and implored them to recognize him as the symbol and synthesis of a unified spiritual fraternity.

Most of these letters and many other inspired writings of Baha'u'llah were written in a prison at Akka in the Holy Land where the new leader and many

of his followers — in chains — were shipped. Here were housed the worst criminals of the day and from here the Baha'i faith actually was nourished and expanded until it circled the world.

I visited this prison at Akka (now in Israel) to see for myself the filthy dungeon where Baha'u'llah was shackled to his prison wall by a heavy-linked chain. His followers often had to watch as he was whipped and dragged through the narrow barrack passages and through the streets of this prison city. People I spoke to in and near Akka were reverent in their references to the "Glory of God." Many knew the stories of his incarceration and some spoke of his death, which occurred in 1892, as if they had witnessed his passing. They told of attempts to poison Baha'u'llah and of how God saved him. They dramatized the tales of untold cruelties — torture which would have killed an ordinary man — but Baha'u'llah was extraordinary.

Baha'u'llah's own testimonies are steeped in supranormal vision. He received his wisdom psychically and in a beautifully-written letter to the Persian Shah he said, "The learning current among men I studied not; their schools I entered not." Then how did he gain wisdom? He answered his own question

saying, "It came by Him who is the Lord of all names and attributes!"

He had prophetic vision. The sultan of the Ottoman Empire who had exiled him was warned by Baha'u'llah: "The course of things shall be altered and conditions shall wax so grievous that the very sands on the desolate hills will moan and the trees on the mountains will weep and blood will flow out of all things." And so it came to pass. He personally warned Napoleon III of his impending defeat in the Franco-Prussian War and predicted directly to Emperor William the First the overthrow of his German empire.

A psychic aura surrounded him and his followers deified him. Some recalled that the father of Baha'u'llah had had a dream prior to the birth of his son. He saw his son already grown, swimming in a river, his long black hair swirling about his head. Then in the dream fishes attached themselves to his hair. Baha'u'llah's father interpreted the dream as meaning that the cultures and the nations of the world someday would attach themselves to his son.

Babis remembered that at the age of seven Mirza Husayn Ali had appeared before the Shah and successfully defended his wealthy father in a legal battle.

At 10 he astounded the holy men of Persia by his knowledge of religion. When his father died Mirza Husayn Ali refused to accept the inheritance, saying God had other work for him to do. He married and his wife shared his charities so completely that people referred to the couple as "father and mother of consolation to the poor."

Do Baha'i's believe he was greater than Jesus? This, they say, is not a matter to be decided on the basis of value judgment. Jesus was great for His time and had a message for the salvation of the individual; Baha'u'llah was great for his time and had a message for the salvation of the world.

Would the world heed it? That remained to be seen.

Through an inner vision Baha'u'llah foresaw that his mission could not be accomplished in his time. One day, following his release from Akka, he stood on the slopes of Mount Carmel and said to his son Abdul-Baha, "Someday on this mount a tomb will be built to enshrine the remains of the martyred Bab." This was remarkable in that the body of Mirza Mohammed Ali had been thrown into a river following his death. But the Babis had recovered it and kept it in secret burial, and in 12 years the prophecy came true.

Today on the site indicated by Baha'u'llah stands a golden-domed mausoleum in which the mangled remains of the Bab lie reverently interred.

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**B**AHA'U'LLAH DIED on May 29, 1892, and the Baha'i leadership passed to Abdul-Baha, his eldest son, who had been born in the very hour that the Bab had first declared his mission. In the garden of Ridvan, as a young man of 19, Abdul-Baha intuitively recognized his father as the "chosen one" and had been the first to give him the title: "Blessed Perfection."

Abdul-Baha, bearing the title Abbas Effendi and known to Baha'i's as the Servant of Glory, is portrayed in the annals of the faith as a strong man, white-bearded, with long hair covered with a small felt turban, and deeply reflective eyes. This was his appearance when he visited America in 1912. He said he felt guided to establish a Western Baha'i headquarters in the United States.

He crossed the continent speaking in churches, temples and synagogues. Photographers found him photogenic and the press was thrilled by his commanding presence. He visited college campuses and spoke in several of America's great universities. Columbia was gener-

ous in its admiration. The president of Leland Stanford said, "He will surely unite the East and the West for he treads the mystical way with practical feet."

In an address in Los Angeles in 1912 he predicted, "We are on the eve of Armageddon. The time is two years hence when only a spark will set aflame the whole of Europe. . . By 1917 kingdoms will fall and cataclysms will rock the earth." And of course war broke out as he had prophesied.

Wherever Abdul-Baha appeared he had an electrical effect. People reported they "saw" and "felt" God in his presence. A minister, touching Abdul-Baha's hand, said that his "heart melted to tears" and that he "could not have spoken a single word" had his life depended on it. The psychic stream was flowing.

It reached flood tide when this "Servant of Glory" came to Wilmette, Ill. Here a small but influential group of American Baha'i's had decided to build a temple. They had selected a site in an open meadow on Sheridan Road and they were eager for Abdul-Baha's opinion and endorsement. It was to be a gigantic undertaking, the building of the greatest Baha'i temple in the world. A difficult financing job lay ahead, for Baha'i's insisted

on accepting money only from members of their faith who at that time were few. The temple was to cost well over a million dollars and they had less than \$40,000 in the Baha'i treasury.

The white-bearded patriarchal Abdul-Baha stepped from his carriage and walked into the open field. Then he called for a workman's spade. After turning up some of the earth, he commanded everyone in the crowd of some 500 to come forward and do the same. As they did, he spoke of the unity of all religions. When the people had finished he took a fieldstone and placed it with reverent hands in the center of the dug-up sacred spot. In a bold clear voice he announced, "The temple is already built!"

This prophecy, too, came true. Today thousands of visitors to the *Mashriqu'l-Adhkar* (Source of the mention of God), as the temple is called, stand in wonder beneath the alabastrine arches of this immortal "house of peace." It has been compared to the Taj Mahal and combines in architecture, as the Baha'i Faith hopes to combine in its philosophic concept, the best of the world's creative ideas. It has nine great doors representing the nine major world religions, and nine majestic pylons reach up 160 feet to blend into a clerestory of alabaster filigree. The 18 steps

surrounding the temple recall the 18 disciples of the Bab.

Abdul-Baha did not live to see the completion of the Wilmette temple and his grandson, Shoghi Effendi, whom he designated as the "Guardian of the Cause," never came to America. He lived and died in the shadow of Mount Carmel. I met him there one day: a diminutive, dark-complexioned man, dressed in Western attire and a fez. His clean-shaven face and slender figure registered indomitable strength. He walked with head up as if a host of unseen faithful were his spiritual entourage.

Today when the Baha'i Faith is growing in numbers and influence, when a group of leaders govern instead of a single man as was the case when Baha'u'llah, Abdul-Baha, and Shoghi Effendi were alive, the words of the "Guardian of the Cause" come to me with a strangely prophetic ring. "The greatest forces in the world," he assured me, "are the prophets of God. Through them God makes Himself known and carries civilization forward. They live and it is God living among men. They speak and it is God's word. They suffer and it is God bearing the pain. They die and it is God who weeps. They ascend and it is God in His glory who again shows man His true estate."

Meantime the psychic stream flows on. And who is to say when it will cause another temple to rise, another prophet to appear and another supranormal influence or creative tide to sweep over the world and into the hearts of men?

In our divided world, whether we believe in Baha'u'llah or

not, his words of prophecy and truth, spoken 100 years ago, well might be considered the foundation of today's ecumenical movement, the convergence of cultures and the growing recognition that all men are brothers, for he said, "The earth is one country and mankind its citizens!"



#### CHILDREN FAINTING BY THE DOZEN

**M**ASS HYSTERIA is a phenomenon which seldom occurs but it is the only explanation for what happened to about 60 students at the Ocean View elementary school in Norfolk, Va., in April, 1967.

When the children, ranging in age from nine to 13, began to pass out, the school's physician Dr. George P. Hand joined 15 police cars, six motorcycle officers, and three fire engine companies which converged on the school in an attempt to stem the epidemic. Immediately suspect-

ed as the cause was leaking gas but testing found none.

After four hours the siege ended. None of the 60 children was seriously affected but 38 received hospital treatment.

Dr. Hand concluded that the incident was "simple fainting on the part of a few," followed by "hysteria on the part of many."

The fire department's surgeon, Dr. Albert Crosby, agreed, saying, "The greater proportion were victims of mass hysteria — which is as bad as a broken leg."



#### SNIPPY'S BONES TO BE PRESERVED

**T**HE APPALOOSA FROM ALAMOSA may be the object of speculation for generations to come. Three-year-old Snippy sparked a UFO controversy in the fall of 1967 when his death occurred under what his owner, Mrs. Beryl Lewis, thought were mysterious circumstances. (See March, 1968, FATE.) Veterinarians report that Snippy's death was due to natural causes but Mrs. Lewis is convinced a UFO had something to do with it. Mrs. Lewis has asked Dr. Wallace Leary, an Alamosa veterinarian, to preserve Snippy's skeleton for posterity.

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## HIGHWAY IN THE SKY

By Cleo Mills

MY BABY GIRL Lorelei was born by caesarean section on September 27, 1957, in Fayette Memorial Hospital, Connersville, Ind. My doctor, W. A. Kemp, was pleased with my progress and when Lorelei was eight days old he removed the stitches in my incision and arranged to release me from the hospital.

All my life I have had the habit of keeping my hands scrupulously clean and this may have saved my life. In preparing to go home I scrubbed them thoroughly and while standing before the lavatory I felt a tearing sensation in the lower part of my abdomen. I walked slowly to a rocking chair beside my hospital bed and sat down, clasping my hands over my incision. A warm wetness on my hands made me look down and to my horror I saw that my shortie hospital gown and robe were bright with blood. Pulling aside the robe and gown I literally caught my spilling guts in my hands.

Fortunately a nurse walked into my room just then and I called to her, "Come and see what has happened!"

The second surgery required four and a half hours. Dr. Kemp had to

replace and reroute all my insides, it seemed. He told my husband Franklin that I had a 50 percent chance to survive; there was great danger of infection and my intestines were hopelessly mixed up.

My body lay unconscious for three days — October 5, 6 and 7 — but my spirit was elsewhere. It was traveling a great highway in the sky. Sometimes I sat beside the highway and watched other persons coming and going. Some had an angelic appearance and floated among the people as if on wings.

Somehow I knew that those who were walking back and forth were waiting for something, as I was, so I sat quietly and watched them. I be-



Cleo Mills

lied we were all just outside Heaven, for nearby I could see a high glittering wall with a massive closed gate. I looked upward and saw many strange objects flying over us. I thought of the many different ways UFOs have been described. These were in different shapes and one particularly interested me. It was oblong and very large. In big letters on its side were printed the words: "Mother Ship."

In the incredibly beautiful scenery of many colors, especially white, blue and silver, I felt comfortable as I sat watching. I was sad only when my children came to mind. I was most concerned about the youngest ones and particularly the beautiful little baby lying in the hospital nursery. How I longed to hold her again! But I felt I never would see any of them again. Then suddenly the big "Mother Ship" came near and a voice from inside called, "Come along! You are going home."

I awoke in the hospital, severely chilled. My teeth were chattering and I was shaking so that I could hardly ring for the nurse. I told her I was freezing to death. She gave me some kind of injection and then wrapped me in warm blankets. I immediately dropped off into a natural refreshing sleep.

When I awoke the next time I was starving but otherwise I felt fine. My doctor came to my bedside smiling. He said, "Well, Cleo, I guess you're going to live!" — *Connersville, Ind.*

### "NO ONE WILL BELIEVE . . ."

By Iris Tipton

WE WERE LIVING in Oakland, Calif., when my mother, Dannie Blair Tipton, died. She had been a diabetic for several years and had suffered terribly. But when she died I was profoundly shocked.

Mother was very religious and she also believed in fortune-telling and

probably even in ghosts. I grew up accepting her ideas as facts of life, for I loved her very much.

The first day I went to the mortuary to view her body was August 13, 1945. I was in such a state of shock I felt numb. I didn't even cry. That night, however, I went home and as soon as I was in bed I began to cry loudly and uncontrollably. I don't know how long I kept this up but I stopped when I heard my mother's voice. To my astonishment the voice came from the foot of my bed as if she were standing right there! She began to tell me how much better off she was now. The pain and anguish were gone and she had found peace. She talked for a long time, as if waiting for me to be convinced.



Iris Tipton

The next day I went again to the mortuary, with my friend Frieda Darrah. I would not believe Mother really was dead until Frieda touched her cold face and assured me she was. I told Frieda about Mother's talk with me the night before.

"Shush! Don't tell that to anyone. No one believes in superstitions like that," said Frieda.

"But it's true!" I protested. "I heard her with my own ears."

"I know it is," she said, "but people won't believe you." — *Los Angeles, Calif.*

## CHANGING FORMS

By Camille S. Wood

MY FATHER BERNARD Krebs was a successful business man in New Orleans, La., and my mother Alice was the highly emotional clinging-vine type. My father pampered her and made her entirely dependent on him.

I was the eldest of seven children and when my father passed away in the prime of life many of the responsibilities of handling the family's affairs fell to me. Due to my mother's temperament she depended on me to help make decisions and my brothers and sisters came to me with their small and large problems. This posed quite a task for a girl in her teens but at the same time these experiences served to build a strong character, for which I am grateful, and to create a close relationship between Mother and me.

My parents had been very conservative and we children received our education from private tutors who came to our home. Thus our lives could be called "sheltered," but we did hear of difficult-to-explain instances of departed ones returning briefly either to comfort a relative or friend or because they were earth-bound. We all know of two such incidents in our own family.

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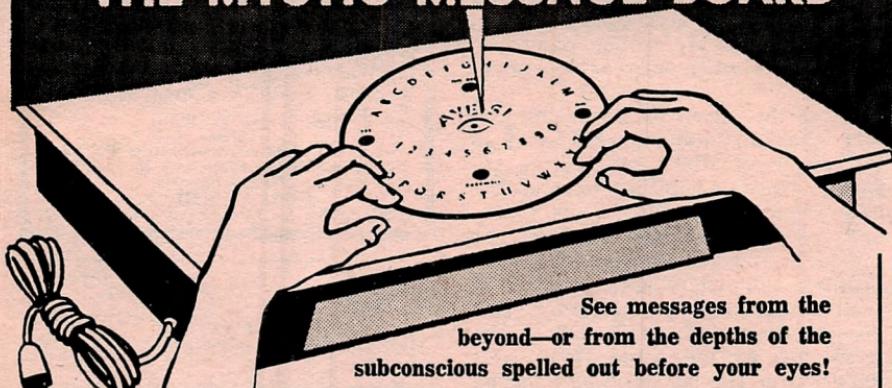
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finding a suitable person. One day a middle-aged woman named Cindy came to her door and said, "Your son Harry sent me."

Aunt Adele protested she had no living son.

Cindy went on, "This morning as I was leaving church a tall blond young man with blue eyes stopped me and told me his mother was in need of help. He gave me your name and directions as to how I could find you."

The description of the young man tallied exactly with Aunt Adele's son, my cousin Harry, who had died some months earlier.

The other incident I experienced myself in 1928 when my mother died after a long and painful illness.

One day as I sat quietly near her bed in a New Orleans hospital, she suddenly asked, "What have I done to deserve this? Why am I held here so long?"

Sensing that she was not resigned to death, to God's will, I replied, "Sometimes it is what we have not done."

She must have searched her consciousness and understood my implication. A change gradually came over her; she seemed calm and in less pain. A short time later she passed away without a struggle.

About a month later I was awakened at daybreak by the warmth of a hand on my shoulder. I heard Mother's voice saying, "Don't cry." When I turned my head to look at her I saw that she was radiant and looked as she did when I was a child. Then she vanished.—*Los Angeles, Calif.*

### MY MOTHER'S VOICE

By Willie Belle Hembree

**M**Y CONVICTION that there is another world came early in life. My mother, Mary White Neal, died when I was few days old and my father soon married again. My step-

mother was a talented woman and if she had a fault it was jealousy of my mother. She would have preferred to let me think I was her own child but my maternal relatives were still alive and wouldn't permit this.

In August, 1912, when I was 10 years old I visited my Grandfather White at his farm near Tusculum College, Greeneville, Tenn. One morning I found myself alone in the house with nothing to do. I had been having music lessons and had advanced enough to sight-read simple songs. I walked into the parlor and sat down at the piano. A hymnbook on the rack seemed to fall open at "Nearer My God to Thee."

I began to play and as I played a clear sweet soprano voice took up the melody, clearly enunciating each word. I played several measures before I realized how strange this was. When I took my hands off the keys the voice stopped. I touched the keys again but this time the voice was gone. I turned from the piano to find myself alone.

Mystified and a little scared I rushed out of the house to find my grandfather. From the look on my face he knew something had happened.

I told him of the experience and he believed me. He remarked that I had been playing my mother's favorite hymn. Later I talked to my father about the voice and he said, "If a child has a guardian angel, why shouldn't it be her own mother?" — Knoxville, Tenn.

### "WE NEVER DIE . . ."

By Edith Evelyn Beebe

MY UNCLE FRANK Swartz in many ways took the place of my dead father. I loved him deeply and he had the capacity to return a young girl's affection. We talked of many things as I was growing up, including the Hereafter. Uncle Frank was a deeply religious man but he

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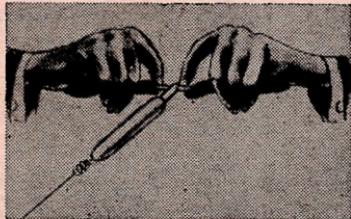
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did not believe one's spirit could return to earth after death.

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When I went from our home in Auburndale, Fla., to California to continue my education, I was separated from my mother and my dear uncle but I looked forward to a visit home for Christmas in 1966. About the 12th of December I was packing a few things in preparation for my departure though it was still two weeks off. I suddenly felt as if I were not alone. When I looked around I saw Uncle Frank. For a moment I was frightened . . . and then it dawned on me that he must have died and that his spirit was making good on the promise.



Edith Beebe

He spoke to me, saying, "Leave for Florida within two days. Do not delay." Before I could speak or move he had vanished.

Feverishly I finished my packing and left for Florida. When I greeted my mother she said she had bad news for me.

Before she could say more I said, "Uncle Frank is dead."

She wanted to know how I knew. I told her of my uncle's visit.

The funeral was the next day. I believe my uncle wanted me to be there when they laid him to rest.

This experience taught me there is no death. We never die . . . but go to a better place once our task on earth is done. — Los Angeles, Calif.



## New Books

### THE SILENT EVOLUTION

MANY OBSERVERS have noted that the most adamant critics of psychic research have not been physicists, chemists or biologists, but psychologists. At first glance it might seem odd that scientists dealing with the workings of the mind should be so reluctant to accept the possibility of extended capacities of that mind. The answer in part lies in the history of the science. In terms of years and respectability psychology is amongst the newest of the sciences. Because of the relatively brief period of acceptance by the natural sciences psychologists are forever wary of injecting any further controversy which might damage their status. Another reason for their hostility toward psychic research lies in the fact that the two mainstreams of thought within psychology both have been indifferent or even hostile to the paranormal. Watsonian behaviorism, indeed, is uncomfortable with even such concepts as consciousness, thought and the unconscious mind. Evidence continues to accumulate that Freud himself was not unsympathetic to telepathy and what the great psychoanalyst termed the "occult," but time and again his junior colleagues dissuaded him from admitting this in print for fear of ridicu-

lule from other psychiatrists. Thus the whole tradition of Freudian psychoanalysis generally has been unsympathetic to the psychic.

In view of the foregoing it is encouraging to note that a number of trends within psychology today are in the direction of changing the image of human personality to one more congenial to the occurrence of psi. These trends have not been widely acclaimed within parapsychology, perhaps largely because the individual psychologist-researchers themselves have not been notably more sympathetic to psi than their more hidebound compatriots. The net result, however, is extremely encouraging to this reporter. I would like to discuss briefly the four most salient trends that can be discerned.

First, I would cite the research in sensory deprivation.

In a typical study a volunteer subject is placed in a darkened chamber from which all sensory stimuli have been deliberately excluded. Sounds are muffled and odors sealed out. Frequently the subject is encased in soft material that prevents most touch sensations. Many subjects are unable to endure the boredom but those who persist in the "black box" for longer periods frequently report visual and/or auditory hallucina-

tions. Thus it appears that when normal sensory perceptions are removed the mind creates artificial perceptions to replace them. Man, it seems, is not a machine sufficient unto himself but rather an entity which must continually interact with the perceptual world outside himself. Clearly any view of personality that does not recognize this environmental interaction is incomplete.

Second, modern technology by undertaking sleep and dream research has demonstrated that this process of environmental interaction continues during the sleep state.

It is not true, researchers have demonstrated, that some people "never dream." Everyone has dreams during three to five periods of stage-one sleep each night; the difference is only in the powers of recall. Further the physiological and EEG patterns during dreaming sleep suggest alertness and vigilance, not passive reflection on the day's events. When the subject is awakened continually at the onset of his dreams and is not permitted to dream, irritability and some disorientation appear during waking hours. When again permitted to sleep normally the dream-deprived subject will dream longer, apparently to compensate for the loss of dream time. Readers who wish to learn more about dream research might consult the recently-published *The Biology of Dreaming* by Dr. Ernest Hartmann (Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Ill., 1967, 206 pages, illustrated, \$9.75). This definitive volume covers the major research to date and boasts a bibliography of 656 entries. It has been this advance in sleep research technology that has made possible the very exciting experiments in dream telepathy now being conducted at Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn.

The third area of research bearing on our understanding of the mind

involves the psychedelic drugs. (My article in FATE, February, 1967, comments on the implications of this research more fully.)

Although direct evidence of increased ESP due to hallucinogenic drugs is scanty, a number of persons have become interested in psychic phenomena through their experimentation with LSD or psilocybin. A noteworthy example is Thelma Moss whose research on telepathy with emotionally-toned targets is amongst the most exciting work currently being done in parapsychology (also reported in the February, 1967, FATE). Her study of ESP began because of her analysis under LSD (described in a firsthand account published under a pseudonym). The Parapsychology Foundation in New York City has sponsored several conferences to explore the implications of psychedelics for psychic research, and its periodical, *International Journal of Parapsychology*, has published some fine papers on this subject.

Fourth, I would cite the rapid and exciting growth of the "third school" in modern psychology.

Sometimes defined negatively as those who are neither behaviorists nor Freudians, psychologists of the third school are becoming increasingly more influential and outspoken in their opinions. Perhaps the one basic trait shared by third-schoolers (who range the doctrinal spectrum from Jungian analysts to humanistic psychologists) is an openness to new techniques and concepts of psychotherapy. Their research interests lie in such concepts as "courage," "loneliness," "creativity" and the characteristics of a healthy individual as contrasted with the neurotic and psychotic.

One of the by-products of the increasing vigor of the third school is the establishment of seminar centers typified by Esalen Institute in Big Sur, Calif. Esalen-type organizations

now operate in nearly every major metropolitan area, presenting conferences, seminars and workshops which involve relatively small groups of people in intensive interaction. Among the topics explored are family therapy, creative marriage, sensitivity training and comparative religion. An excellent introduction to a cross section of third-school philosophy is *Human Potentialities: The Challenge and the Promise* edited by Herbert A. Otto (Warren H. Green, St. Louis, 1968, 217 pages, \$8.95). In addition to articles by Gardner Murphy and the always-stimulating Abraham Maslow, this volume contains *The Bearing of Parapsychology on Human Potentiality* by J. B. Rhine. One must search long and hard amongst Freudian or behaviorist literature to find any volume where parapsychology is given a similar hearing.

While none of the four trends I've discussed will of itself convert science to a belief in psi, the cumulative effect is to change the academic psychological image of man to one more congenial to psychic research than it has been previously.

#### GOOD GUYS VS. BAD GUYS?

IN ALL FAIRNESS we must concede that the estrangement between psychic researchers and psychologists has not been completely the fault of the latter. "Parapsychology, while decrying its alienation from science, has too long contributed to the maintenance of its own separateness," stated psychiatrist Dr. Montague Ullman in his presidential address to the Parapsychological Association. (This is available in the Parapsychology Association *Proceedings*, Vol. 3. Copies are \$3.50 apiece and may be ordered from Dr. J. G. Pratt, Division of Psychiatry, University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, Va.) Dr. Ullman goes on to say, "We (parapsychologists)

have made a major investment in the statistical approach as applied to card guessing and personality variables and numerous but more fragmented investments in physiological approaches, clinical approaches, special studies of gifted subjects, physical model building, etc., but nowhere has this risen to the level of what might be called a truly integrated interdisciplinary effort. We have for too long been on a course parallel to but never touching the mainstream of scientific research. I think the opportunity does exist for establishing connections between the two but this cannot be a one-way process."

It is good to have this address in print. Dr. Ullman's apt comments came at the close of a long address bristling with such terms as "field dependence," "perceptual defense phenomenon," "cognitive styles" and similar psychological jargon which went far over my head and the heads of other nonpsychologist listeners. I had quite forgotten his brilliant closing remarks until I saw them in print. This third volume of the *Proceedings* gains added interest as the only place where Dr. Ullman's address and that of dinner-speaker Jule Eisenbud are printed in full. Abstracts of the convention papers had appeared previously in the *Journal of Parapsychology* but here they are edited into a narrative form and grouped by subject matter.

If Ullman's contribution made for difficult hearing (and even reading) the dinner address by Jule Eisenbud had quite the opposite effect. The atmosphere was electric with excitement as the Denver analyst explored the reasons for resistance to accepting psychic phenomena. Eisenbud did not mince words as he pointed out how parapsychologists themselves are threatened by the emotionally-charged core of the subject which tends to assert the validity of magical thinking. "The popular frontish

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all spit-and-polish statistical approach to psychical research that this has engendered has, consequently," he stated, "tended to play down and cause to be viewed with suspicion anything in the field today that cannot be easily and comfortably quantified, with the result that one can read widely in the field today without once getting the impression that there was much of value in it before card guessing and dice throwing put it on a sound scientific basis."

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## OTHER REVIEWS

**UNINVITED VISITORS** by Ivan T. Sanderson, Cowles Education Corporation, New York, N.Y., 1967, 256 pages, \$6.95.

It isn't often that a scientist of merit will risk public derision by writing seriously on UFOs but Ivan T. Sanderson has done so in an imaginative excursion into the possible biological basis of UFOs. Sanderson has degrees in three different scientific disciplines, has taught at Cambridge University, has worked at the British Museum and has more than two dozen books to his credit. His writings must not only be taken seriously but they provide the reader the great advantage and pleasure of watching Sanderson stick pins into the Establishment, which he dearly loves to do.

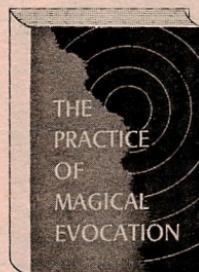
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He discusses other theories about our "uninvited visitors," such as that life on earth was "seeded" by a superior race from space; that whole civilizations may have arrived here full-blown; or that as Charles Fort suggests, we may be "cattle" who are "owned" by superior intelligences. He even considers the possibility that UAOs travel by ITF—instant transference—in defiance of all known laws of physics. Instant transference, in more familiar terminology, would be akin to teleportation.

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**ESP AND YOU** by Hans Holzer. Hawthorn Books, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1967 (Copyright 1966). 222 pages, \$5.95.

Hans Holzer has made a name for himself as a ghost hunter. He visits haunted houses with a medium and through her he interviews the ghosts, urging them (often apparently successfully) to move on and up in the spirit world. This rescue work, both for the ghosts and the haunted, has furnished material for four books of experiences. I have read three—all very interesting. The present book indicates the ghost hunter is familiar not only with ghosts but with all aspects of extrasensory perception.

It strikes me as a good introductory work although I did note several minor misstatements of fact and found also that the author draws positive conclusions much more freely than do most parapsychologists. He also uses some parapsychological terms in an unusual way. A man of action who goes his own way and a journalist he is not subject to some of the inhibitions of laboratory scientists who seldom wish to stick their necks out.

He adheres to the theory that ESP is electric in nature and says that Dr. Puharich demonstrated this with his Faraday cage, which isolates one electrically. Yet Peter Hurkos says in his book, *Psychic*, that his powers were greater when he was in the cage. This matter seems to need clarification.

Most readers will be interested mainly in the various kind of psychic phenomena and in the many cases presented. Interest grows as one reads along and it becomes hard to lay the book down. Mr. Holzer has had personal experience in the areas covered which makes his book both more valuable and more interesting.

The chapter on possession and obsession is as chillingly impressive a presentation of the dangers risked by poorly equipped dabblers as I have seen for some time.

Mr. Holzer makes clear his own position on everything as he goes along. And in view of his extensive experience it is well worth knowing.

He finds room for a chapter on LSD and mysticism via drugs and makes it clear that although the door to perception may be opened in this way, it may lead into a House of Horrors. He speculates on sex and ESP; he has something to say about physical phenomena, too—poltergeists, materializations, apports, psychic photography and direct voice mediumship. The final chapter, on psychic healing, preaches the power of positive thinking.

Hans Holzer proves to be as graphic, instructive and entertaining a writer on ESP in general as on his specialty, ghost hunting.—Harold Steinour.

**THE HEALING SECRET OF THE AGES**  
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whether most other people have the same failing. While I do believe in the power of positive thinking and the strength of the proper mental approach to life I will have to find some other way than by repeating hundreds of different affirmations. Of course I cannot judge the value of such repetition for others.

Catherine Ponder, an ordained minister of Unity, is widely known among the New Thought churches as an author and lecturer. Her book probably is intended primarily for those who have been indoctrinated in Unity methods of healing.

The specific "healing secret of the ages" featured in the book is that we have within us 12 mind powers located within the vital nerve and gland centers of the body. The mind power of *faith* is located in the center brain at the pineal gland. The mind power of *love* is located in the chest back of the heart near the thymus gland. Other mind powers are located in other body centers. When you are ill it is because of a particular failure in your thinking — you lack faith; you are not loving enough; you are using poor judgment, etc. And you must therefore concentrate on affirmations to improve this character lack. They work because "Your energy flows where your attention is directed. This is how you release the intelligent principle located in that area of the body and also stimulate energy throughout. Improved health is the natural result."

None of the case histories with which Mrs. Ponder illustrates her points are documented and no names are given. Nevertheless, the author apparently is convinced that her evidence proves her contentions. Perhaps we should conclude that this book is not for beginners but for those students of Unity who have learned the constant use of affirmations to improve their lives. — *Susy Smith*.

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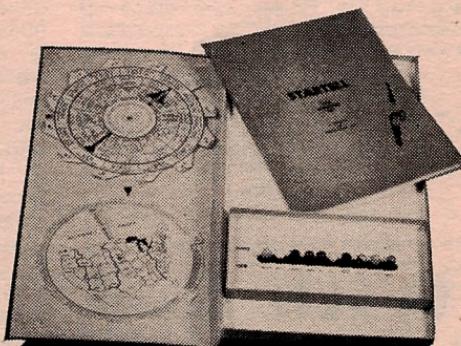
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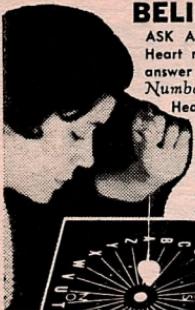
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**THE COSMIC CLOCKS** by Michel Gauquelin. Henry Regnery Co., Chicago, Ill., 1967. 250 pages, \$4.95.

The idea that mankind's destiny is controlled — or at least, influenced — by the stars is as old as history. Carvings on mammoth tusks of 10,000-25,000 years ago represent the phases of the moon. Using the "Aubrey holes" of Stonehenge, Bronze Age priests forecast the coming of the seasons and eclipses of the sun and moon. From such celestial observations arose the "science" of astrology.

Although fully a third of this book is devoted to astrological history, the author leaves no doubt that he does not subscribe to "the old cabala of cosmic dreams." He points out various "impossibilities" of astrology, such as the fact that astrologers ignore the procession of the equinoxes. As he puts it, ". . . the zodiac is now like an apartment house where each occupant moved down one floor but left his nameplate on the old door. . . . When the sun is said to be crossing the constellation of Libra, it is in fact traversing Scorpio."

Gauquelin states that a statistical analysis of birth signs resulted in negative findings. For example, a study of more than two thousand persons born under the sign of Libra (ostensibly the sign of artists and musicians) showed that the supposed correlation did not exist. As a matter of fact Libra had fewer artists and musicians than the laws of chance alone would dictate.

To say that the author does not believe in astrology *per se* is not to say that he excludes any and all types of cosmic influences. Rather, he gives numerous examples of various celestial forces only now being discovered by scientists. The effects of the moon upon the earth's rainfall, long a folk-belief, now has a basis in

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fact. The lunar influence upon criminal impulses also is mentioned. Sensitive scientific instruments have shown that the phases of the moon bring about modulations in the earth's electromagnetic field. Such modulations may affect mental disorders.

Under the heading, "The Eleven-Year Clocks," Gauquelin discusses sunspot cycles and their effects on all forms of life.

A chapter on the strange "biological clocks" inherent in all living matter is summed up as follows: "It appears that these internal timing devices can be adjusted and reset by external forces: extremely small changes in atmospheric electricity, in the earth's magnetism, or in gravitational fields."

Perhaps the closest thing to astrology is found in Chapter II, "Planets and Heredity." This chapter refers to studies that showed a "precise statistical relationship . . . between time of birth and professional career." Scientists and physicians were born more often when the planet Mars was prominent in the sky. Military men and politicians fell under the influence of Jupiter, etc. In attempting to discover the reasons for this the theory of "planetary heredity" was born. This theory is briefly as follows, "Children have the tendency to be born when one of these bodies rises or culminates, if the same body occupied that region of the sky at their parents' birth."

While astrologers may quarrel with some of the author's views, even they must admit he has presented a fascinating picture of the many subtle influences which shape our lives.—*Lucius Farish.*

**THE MAGUS** by Francis Barrett. Introduction by Timothy d'Arch Smith. University Books, Inc., New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1967. Two books bound as one, 175 and 198 pages, \$25.00.

This is an enormous book, not necessarily in size but certainly in scope, being "A Complete Occult Philosophy" and the classic in its field. Barrett wrote it ("compiled" might be a better word) in 1801 and University Books has turned out a handsome offset copy of what undoubtedly was a mint-condition original edition.

Most of the material in the book has worn well through the years, but Mr. Barrett's morality borders on medieval prudery. Puritanical Sunday-school preachers are most evident in Book I. And our hindsight of over one and one-half centuries makes his treatment of sympathetic magic seem naive. His section on animal fears (example: "A snake is afraid of a naked man but pursues one clothed.") verges on the comic today.

The alchemy sections are rich in anecdotes and descriptions, including lessons for preparation both of an adept and the "philosophers' stone." Barrett writes of the elements and how compounds and various aspects of man are related to them and to God. Then he goes into talismanic magic, both philosophical and operative. He covers "suffumigations," the making of rings, composition of talismans—in short, the works. While most who delve into this book probably will laugh at some of the recipes as being ludicrous (A perfume: "For Saturn take the seed of black poppies, henbane, mandrake root, loadstone, and myrrh, and mix them up with the brain of a cat and the blood of a bat.") But he does stress what still is known as the most vital ingredient, "constancy of mind is in every work necessary."

He devotes Book II to the Cabala and ceremonial magic. He explains this rather well. Less organized minds than Barrett's have attempted this and failed due to lack of order and patience as well as lack of

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knowledge of this complex subject.

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There is an introduction to this edition by Timothy d'Arch Smith, a scholar, who includes a valuable "errata" listing. He failed, however, to note an error in the Hebrew characters on page 129 of Book I.

Now is all of the foregoing worth \$25? For the adept and the scholar, yes; for it was on *The Magus* that W. W. Wescott and S. L. MacGregor Mathers cut their occult teeth before organizing the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn, from which source Dion Fortune and W. E. Butler derived their initial knowledge. The scholar will consider the purchase price a true bargain for original editions still are being sold (when found) in the \$150 range, depending on condition.

The aspirant will be wise, I think, to view this only as an historic curio, to be enjoyed on its topmost level as fascinating lore; since for all its amazing completeness, *The Magus* lacks those all-important tips and "safety valves" which are the real value of Dion Fortune's works. And although the basic techniques have not changed, semantics and mental evolution are two inconstants which should turn the aspirant more toward Regardie and Bardon for their elemental (pun intended) evocations.

—Henry Cole.

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## ON VOODOO'S EFFICACY

In answer to Charles Cross, Torrance, Calif., I say this:

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It's true that merely sticking pins into a wax image will have no effect on an enemy if that is all that is done. But this pin business is only part of a ritual and it merely serves to impress one's subconscious to act, helps one to visualize what he wants done to a victim. It is more effective than words in influencing one's own subconscious.

Like an iceberg, three-fourths of this operation is below the surface and unseen by those who don't know the modus operandi! — E.G.B., *Hope, Alaska*.

Charles Cross of Torrance, Calif., declares that "voodoo is hokum." He also claims to be a student of mysticism. Well, I suggest he do a little more studying on the subject.

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thing as black magic, that it's nothing more than plain simple fear. Of course fear, as well as imagination, superstition and ignorance can be blamed for the efficacy of voodoo in many cases—but not all.

I can tell you of an instance where our particular witch doctor followed a time-tested recipe . . . but encountered a hitch. The witch doctor's wife was secretly sympathetic to her husband's foe and just as secretly she substituted hubby's clothing in the witch's concoction. When the ritual was completed our witch doctor sat back, confidently waiting for the powers of darkness to go to work. They did—on him! Our man keeled over and succumbed, not his rival! The die had been cast; unknown to our brewmaster, his own clothes were in the soup and to him came the calamity. Neither fear nor imagination enters the picture here. So how can you explain this case, Mr. Cross?—Charles Pizzano, Dedham, Mass.

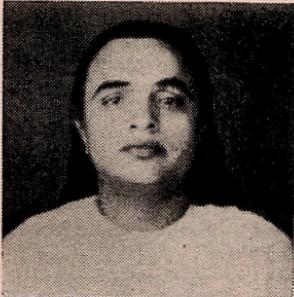
**ODDBALL SAUCERS AND SNAKES**

For your information and that of Mr. Otto Binder I can explain the "oddball" saucers mentioned on page 60 of the February, 1968, issue of FATE by the Muncie, Ind., tourist.

In training recruits the Avon Park Bombing Range carries on night photography. They drop flares in groups of fours and then take pictures of the topography. The odd group of seven was caused when one flare fell directly behind another. As the flares drift slowly earthward, visible up to 50 miles, they leave thin trails of smoke.

I also wish to comment on the letter from Mrs. Snyder of Texas. I have seen a copperhead coiled up in a path through hazelnut brush in Indiana. The largest copperhead I ever saw was about three feet in length. Both Mrs. Snyder and Mr. Hilder (January, 1968, FATE) are

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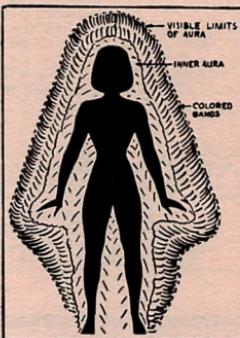


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wrong in stating that copperheads won't attack. I have been attacked by a copperhead. In Highlands County, Fla., I saw a two-foot copperhead lying on my front porch. With a rake I tried to get it off. The snake tried to climb a six-inch curb into a flower box but I raked it back each time. It became irritated and turned on me, raising itself on the last third of its length, poised to strike. It came off the concrete floor after me. I backed off and it continued to attack until I killed it with the rake.

They are not so dangerous as rattlers because of their tiny fangs and poison sacs, but they strike without warning. — Homer Chamberlain, DeBary, Fla.

Plenty of things about copperheads I don't know but I have learned many things about them by personal experience and from reliable friends. My father could smell them — "like cucumbers," he said. I couldn't smell them but after a number of close calls I finally could get a "feeling" when they were around. My experience with them is limited to one locality and what their nature is in Texas or California is beyond my knowledge. However, I think Charles Hilder and Varina Snyder are in no better position to criticize Mrs. Judd than I am. Their knowledge is either local or limited to certain aspects just as mine is. I side with Mrs. Judd and accept her story as true. It is both possible and probable but I don't believe they are as poisonous as she represents them.

I was raised in Washington County, Ohio, where my grandfather owned a rocky, hilly farm. When rambling around on that farm I was always armed — with a club at first and later a gun. The snakes there were sneaky, not to be trusted. They lay in wait, at times striking instantly at any movement. They were quite powerful and hard to pin down.

Mr. Hilder says they never attack unless stepped on. "Never" is a long time, Mr. Hilder. He suggests that Mrs. Judd could have safely stepped past the snake. Mr. Hilder, had you lived where and when I did and knowingly stepped past a copperhead within striking distance you would have been considered foolhardy or just plain crazy. Mrs. Judd might not have been bitten but she could have been struck. Their actions are unpredictable. Offensively or defensively they do not bite; they strike and their strike is swift and powerful.

In answer to Varina Snyder I would say that some copperheads are most aggressive. Once when my uncle was walking down a road flanked by high rocks on one side a copperhead sprang from the top of a rock a distance of five feet, came down and struck the jacket my uncle carried over his arm.

I would say that with due care some could be raked into a box. Using a stick with a wire hook on one end I jerked more than one out of his hiding place.

Yes, Varina, I saw one coiled—between my feet. I jumped to a safe distance and dispatched it from there—*Clyde R. Welch, Akron, Ohio.*

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eye. Later he lost the other eye but when the eyeball was removed he did not have a glass one put in its place.

Many persons in our town know of Bill's ability to do what would seem impossible for a blind man and some say, "I know that man has a way of seeing." — W. O. Harper, Birch Tree, Mo.

**FACTUAL AND FAIR**

Otto Binder's "oddball saucer" article in your February, 1968, issue is of the same fine caliber as his other work. I hope we shall be favored with more of his articles! The reported sighting of the saucer moored to the roof of the Cherry Hill, N.J., RCA plant is fascinating and I for one would appreciate more substantiation from others who sighted this UFO.

On another subject, Ivan Sander-son's new book, *Uninvited Guests*, declares that specializing aficionados refer to the space animal theory as the "Wassilko-Serecki Theory." I have read this and I find it to be a duplicate of mine first published nearly six years previously in the *Saturday Evening Post* in my article titled, "What You Can Believe About Flying Saucers."

I state this solely for the purpose of keeping the record straight, for every researcher and writer should adhere to the factual and fair. — John P. Bessor, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**A DIFFERENT KIND OF UFO**

While living in Apache, Okla., in 1944 I saw a UFO which looked quite different from the so-called flying saucer. I had just got home from fishing. Standing on my front porch I heard a hissing sound — like a rush of wind. I looked skyward and there before my eyes was some kind of vehicle that resembled a silvery train of about nine cars. The landing gear — or "wheels" — looked like inflated pillows. The "train" had some

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kind of silent power because I heard no sound although it was moving very fast.

Seeing this thing gave me quite a fright and I have not mentioned it previously because I didn't want to be classed as a nut. However, I am writing you now because I wonder if anyone else ever saw the same type of UFO.—R. L. Spearman, San Antonio, Tex.

### THE INDIAN ROPE TRICK

I have before me a clipping from *The China Mail* of December 30, 1967, and it is an article by a Peter Robson accompanied by a photo. I quote:

"When Lt. F. W. Holmes, a First World War holder of the Victoria Cross, was stationed in India he witnessed what appeared to be an authentic demonstration (of the Indian rope trick) outside his bungalow in broad daylight.

"He was in the company of some fellow officers when an old man and a boy stopped a few feet away. The man slowly unwound a long rope from around his waist, then threw one end high in the air. To the amazement of the officers the rope seemed to freeze in a vertical position.

"Then the small boy scrambled to the top of the rope and clung there for several minutes, (long enough for Lt. Holmes to photograph the scene) then slid nimbly to the ground again."

If cameras don't lie either the fakir pulled off the rope trick or can influence a photographic plate as Ted Serios can.—H. J. Gibbs, Mission, B. C., Canada.

### EARLY ACTION IN FRANCE

Regarding Ray Winters' True Mystic Experience, "The Restless Night" (August, 1967, *FATE*), and the letter from O. Ehret, Masset, B. C., Canada (January, 1968, *FATE*), there

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were Canadian forces in France as early as 1942.

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The Dieppe raid in August, 1942, was a Canadian show to test the occupied coastal defenses. Jerry had been tipped off and it ended in complete slaughter. However—and this is important to the query involved—at the time of the Dieppe raid, French-speaking Canadians, highly trained in sabotage and specialized warfare, were put ashore on the French coast. These men functioned as organizers and intelligence agents for the French underground.

It is quite possible that Ray Winters' father indeed was killed in action as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces in France in September, 1942.—Norman Pyrah, Goderich, Ont., Canada.

## WHO'S COUNTING?

I have found another mistake in "Towers on the Moon?" (December, 1967, FATE). On page 32 the author said there were "six mysterious and statuesque shadows" in the NASA photograph. Then on page 35 the dimensions of seven are listed.

Believe it or not, besides finding mistakes in your magazine, I actually read it.—Kurt Glemser, Kitchener, Ont., Canada.

## CONFLICTING VIEWS

In the April, 1968, issue of FATE Kenneth Larson points out that according to A. H. Abdel-Ghani of the United Nations, "Dr. James E. Mc-

Donald did not make any address to the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on the subject of unidentified flying objects. . . ." Mr. Abdel-Ghani is telling a half-truth.

Dr. McDonald did speak before the United Nations Outer Space Affairs Committee. I have before me a copy of a letter dated June 5, 1967, to U Thant from Dr. McDonald and a copy of his speech.

If Mr. Larson or any other FATE readers are interested in reaching me for further clarification of the matter (first brought up in "I See by the Papers" in January, 1968, FATE) they may write to me.—Dan Hae- fele, 12532 Merrill St., Garden Grove, Calif. 92640.

#### MORE DIRTY SNOW

You have published a letter from Shirley Dombroski in the April, 1968, FATE in which she describes a "dirty snow" in Beacon, N.Y.

On February 29, 1968, at about 1:30 A.M. I was traveling east toward Los Angeles on the Golden State Freeway. Approximately six to eight miles west of Los Angeles I too encountered a strange fall of "dirty snow."

It may have been ordinary physical phenomena, e. g., (1) a strong wind stirring up debris; (2) actual snow, although the temperature was high even for Los Angeles; (3) flying chicken or other fowl feathers from one of the numerous trucks going to market; (4) falling debris from a conflagration of some sort.

My first thought was that what I saw was indeed snow. I was traveling 60 miles an hour and the particles in my headlights appeared to be dirty, yet light and fluffy. For a distance of about four miles I encountered intermittent flurries. My reason told me it could not be snow as we know it. The night was not unusually windy so flying debris is an

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unlikely explanation. I noticed the air was acrid and stifling — not normal for the Los Angeles area in the early morning hours. I cannot discount the possibility that it was smog but I have never seen smog in the form of snowflakes! The next day I checked the news media to learn if there had been a fire of great magnitude somewhere in the area but I could find no account of it.

Sometimes when chickens are taken to market the truck leaves a trail of feathers floating in the air. But why should this fall of "snow" occur in the brief space of about four miles and why should the air suddenly become stifling, almost difficult to breathe?

The flakes appeared to be unusually large — about three-quarters of an inch in diameter. If any FATE readers encountered this "dirty snow" I hope you will publish their accounts. — *Albert R. Johnston, Pasadena, Calif.*

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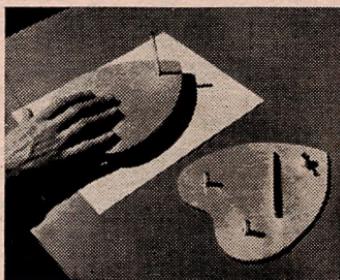
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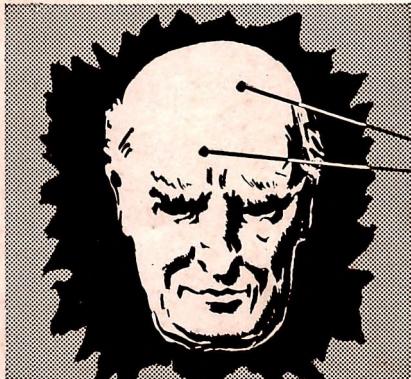
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