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— Joe Kamiya  
of Langley Porter  
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IN 1965 Yale University acquired for a reported \$1 million the so-called "Vinland Map" which supposedly depicted that portion of North America discovered by the Vikings. It showed the western coast of Europe, England and Ireland, Iceland and Greenland and southwest of Greenland, another large "island." It bore a Latin inscription declaring that Bjarni and Leif Ericson had "discovered a new land, extremely fertile and even having vines, the which island they named Vinland."

The map had been bound with a 13th-Century account of an expedition to Central Asia. Later a fragment of a medieval encyclopaedia turned up which seemed to have been written in the same hand as the 13th-Century map

account. Even the wormholes in all three matched perfectly.

A New Haven antiquarian bookseller named Laurence Witten negotiated the sale and appeared convinced of the map's authenticity. An anonymous buyer provided funds for the map.

Yale scholars decided it had been drawn about 1440 — probably by a Swiss monk. Some time later they published a beautiful large book on the subject, *The Vinland Map and the Tartar Relation*. Scholars shared the conviction that here was further evidence of Viking activity in America — perhaps the best evidence so far.

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**SO WHAT?**

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No scholar really doubts that the Vikings were in North America. We know they were in Greenland for hundreds of years and their sagas tell us about their visits to Labrador and Newfoundland. Digs in Newfoundland by Arlington Mallory and others have added further evidence.

So what's so important about a map of post-Viking days which couldn't even have been used for navigation? Not much, except that it was a fraud accepted by men who wouldn't have touched Arlington Mallory's real evidence with a 10-foot pole.

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The latest discovery is a fresco showing six nymphs bearing gifts of flowers to a bare-breasted goddess, according to a report from Mario S. Modiano published in the *New York Times*.

No one knows who these people were who left the beautiful wall paintings now being collected and preserved by Prof. Spyridon Marinatos in the National Archaeological Museum in Athens.

Professor Marinatos believes the latest fresco shows a spring festival. It was found in an isolated three-story building which had two huge windows on its facade. It probably originally covered all four walls of a 14x14-foot room.

"It is quite interesting that all the girls on this painting use pink nail polish, which would justify Homer's description of Eos, the deity of dawn, as rose-fingered," Marinatos told Modiano.

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The second floor of this three-story building had a painted relief in stucco forming "a baroque frame with a background of rosettes." Professor Marinatos believes this was a background for a throne or a luxurious bed.

Strangely enough, thus far the archaeologists have not unearthed a single skeleton, although Marinatos believes thousands must have died in the earthquakes and volcanic eruption which destroyed much of Thera and covered the city 3,500 years ago.



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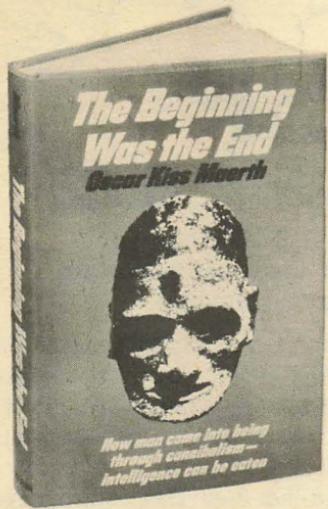
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seems, its impact on national life may be as substantial as that of Haight-Ashbury and the Students for a Democratic Society. The trips the Beatles and Mia Farrow made to India to talk with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi,\* mentor of the transcendental meditation technique, may have triggered this swing to Eastern mysticism. Today TM is practiced by army generals, Wall Street brokers and California and Illinois legislators. It has been proposed that TM should be taught in the schools.

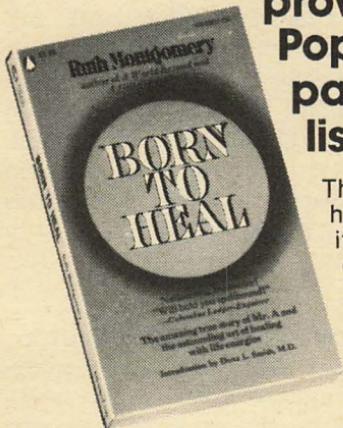
"The list of all-out new spiritualists includes Alice Coltrane, Carol King, Clint Walker, Kate Taylor, John Fahey and Mahavishnu John McLaughlin," writes Strand. "In Berkeley, Calif., a recent dope-smoking audience was stunned when acid rock king Carlos Santana, known for his waist-length hair, emerged on the stage with a clipped head and wearing an Indian shirt . . . to give a spiritual concert."

Jerry Rubin, one of the Chicago Seven activists and Yippie cofounder, has mellowed. He spends his time experimenting with ESP and Eastern ideologies.

Another of the Chicago Seven, Rennie Davis, gave a speech

\*See "Mia Farrow's and the Beatles' Guru" by James Crenshaw in the May 1968 issue of FATE.

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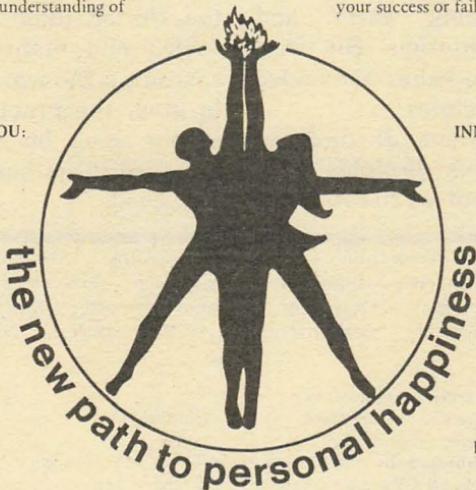
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Betty Satlow and her husband Sam operated a tavern on the harbor. Betty had worked at the tavern for about an hour the night before her husband discovered her unconscious in her car in the garage of their Hoquiam home about 5:00 A.M. on December 7. A fire department aid car was called but it was too late to save her life.

An autopsy conducted by Grays Harbor County Coroner Harold Schmid indicated she had died of carbon monoxide poisoning. The autopsy showed a 53 percent saturation of monoxide in her blood. The report did not specify whether her death was an accident, suicide or homicide but Richard Barnes, Hoquiam police chief, stated it was possible that Mrs. Satlow had fallen asleep in her car from drinking too much since her blood also showed the high alcohol reading of .26 — far above the .10 that is considered a presumption of intoxication in court. Mrs. Satlow had appeared to be in excellent health and her friends did not believe she would commit suicide.

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Early the following morning an occupant of an apartment over the funeral home smelled smoke. Firemen were called and an investigation revealed the casket was on fire and that the fire had started within the casket. Nothing was out of place or disturbed. There was no evidence that any flammable material had been

used anywhere in the vicinity.

Yet the body had been entirely consumed to the hips. Police Chief Barnes said that the metal coffin must have been red hot — "just like an oven."

"The fire people can't explain spontaneous combustion," Barnes said, "and at the same time there is nothing that would fit with arson. It absolutely remains a mystery."



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cently Mrs. Elko forecast the arrest of the murderers of an elderly man in Palermo, Calif.

On November 29 Mrs. Sally Moulder of Yuba City, Calif., called her friend Mrs. Elko and asked her if she could tell her anything about her father Jonathan Goodier who was missing from his mobile home on that day. Mrs. Elko told Mrs. Moulder that she could see Mr. Goodier. She described his appearance and his mobile home and was right in such details as that Mr. Goodier had "beautiful grey hair" and his home contained a "grey-green filing cabinet." Later that same evening in a second telephone conversation with Mrs. Moulder, Mrs. Elko said that Goodier had been abducted by five teen-agers who needed money for drugs. Among the things they stole during the kidnaping were a TV set, a radio and a rifle.

A few days later five teen-agers were apprehended in New Mexico driving Goodier's car. Shortly afterwards, following the teens' directions, sheriff's police found Goodier's body buried beneath a pile of stones.



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Western doctors. An Associated Press dispatch from Port Moresby reports that witch doctors will be attached to hospitals there and called in to give "expert" opinion on difficult cases.

Health Minister Dr. Reuben Taureka feels that medical doctors should seek opportunities to confer with witch doctors about their mutual patients. Taureka recognizes traditional healers as a valued source of medical care but believes their main contribution is in providing social and psychological support for patients being treated for chronic and degenerative diseases.

The government also is anxious to evaluate the remedies used by village healers and wants to train these traditional practitioners and midwives in basic Western medical concepts to help them understand the benefits of modern medicine.

Despite this apparent openness, however, it appears even natives who have earned doctors' degrees in Western medicine take the view that the witch doctors' help is only psychological. Apparently they would reject the view of such groups as Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship that healings may be the result of supernatural intervention.

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THE HISTORY of most ancient cities — Athens among them — begins in a fog of myth and legend. Athenians believed that their city, named for her patron goddess Athena, and its surrounding province Attica had been unified by the hero Theseus, probably as mythical a character as his contemporary, Hercules. When

its history finally begins in the Seventh Century B.C. Attica already was united, probably by force rather than persuasion, as the legends relate.

By then Attica was an aristocratic oligarchic republic in which the king had been reduced to a minor magistrate. The most influential body was the *Boule* or

# the Glory that was ATHENS

"Day by day fix your eyes  
upon the greatness of Athens, until  
you become filled with the love of her . . ." —Thucydides

Athenians approached the Acropolis by climbing this trail at its western end.





In 129 A.D. Hadrian finished Temple of Olympian Zeus began 250 years before.

Council of the Areopagus composed of the heads of the rich landowning families who monopolized all important public offices. Chief among the public officials were the nine *archons*, each of whom had a mixture of duties. The *polemarchos*, for instance, commanded the army and judged certain civil cases. These ancients had no notion of a clear separation of legislative, executive and judicial powers.

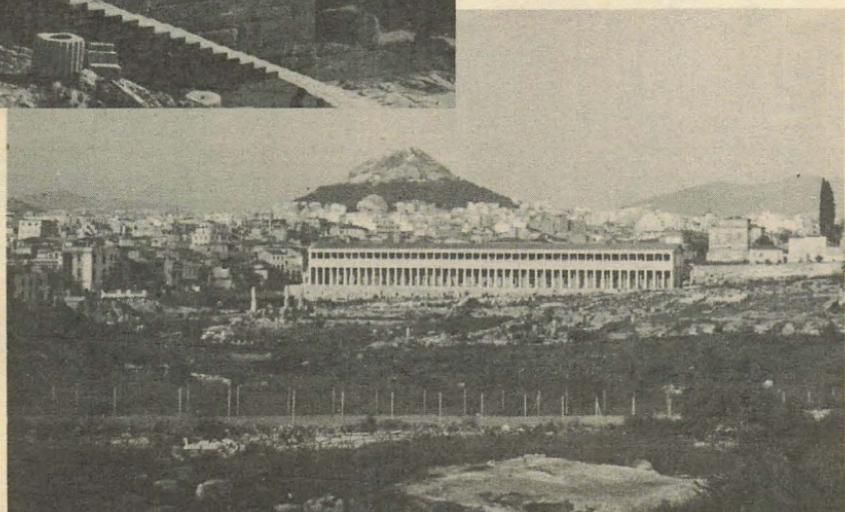
The people were organized into families, clans and tribes and

divided into classes according to wealth. The richest and smallest class kept a firm grip on the government. From the Seventh Century B.C. on, however, a series of threatened uprisings by the lower classes resulted in reforms which extended power to all citizens. The reformer Cleisthenes, for example, divided the city into wards and precincts, formed 10 new tribes from arbitrary combinations of precincts and set up a Council of Five Hundred, chosen by lot by the



Beautiful little temple of Athena Nike, southeast of the Propylaea on the Acropolis, was begun in 449 B.C.

Much of the gray limestone used in Athens came from Mount Lycabettus, which towers above the ancient agora.



new tribes. Committees from this council carried on the day-to-day business of government.

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**C**ONDITIONED BY incessant warfare among their own city-states, some European Greeks sent help to the Greek cities in Asia Minor when the latter revolted against Persian rule. After crushing this revolt the Persian king Darius the Great in

490 B.C. sent an expedition across the Aegean to put down those worst troublemakers of all, the Athenians.

The Persians landed at Marathon, 18 miles northeast of Athens across the Attica Peninsula. (Modern marathon races recall the distance Greek runners had to run to warn the Athenians of the invasion.) The Athenians marched out with their hearts in



their mouths. The Persian force outnumbered them and Darius' troops were world-renowned for their skill in combat.

Luck and technology were on the side of Athens, however. The Persian foot soldiers depended on cavalry support and by some logistic miscalculation the ships carrying the Persian horses failed to reach the scene. The world's most dashing cavalry had to stumble along on foot.

Moreover Greek smiths had developed a new suit of armor for heavy infantry, with a bronze cuirass (breastplate), a crested helm (helmet), greaves (armor

for the legs) and a big circular shield. The Persians lacked such protection. The Athenians had drilled their infantry to march in ranks instead of rushing forward in a disorderly mob. When the Athenians charged, the Persians' arrows bounced off their armor and at close quarters they had their unarmored foe at a grievous disadvantage. After heavy losses the Persians fled to their ships.

Ten years later, to avenge this defeat, Darius' son Xerxes led a vastly larger army across the Hellespont on a floating bridge. This time the Persians invaded



Art historians consider the Erechtheum, completed in 405 B.C., the finest example of Greek Ionic architecture. Its complex plan includes three porches and four inner rooms, all at different levels.



Well-preserved Temple of Hephaestus overlooks Athens' ancient marketplace.

Greece with a force of 150,000 to 180,000 fighters and probably two to three times that number of noncombatants—an unheard-of army for those days. A Greek suicide force under Leonidas checked the Persians briefly at Thermopylae. The Athenians fled to the island of Salamis, leaving their town to be burned by the Persians. Half the city-states of Greece went over to the Persians and it looked as if nothing could prevent the annexation of Greece to the Persian empire.

But then the allied Greek fleets inflicted a smashing defeat on the Persian fleet at Salamis. Xerxes, fearful that his communi-

cations with home would be cut off and probably hearing of unrest elsewhere in his empire, sailed home with one of his three divisions. The allied Greeks smashed another division at Plataea the next year and the third retreated for home.

Covered with glory, the Athenians set about rebuilding their ruined city. They strengthened their navy and built harbors and a fortified naval base on the peninsula at Piraeus. With other maritime Greek cities Athens formed a confederacy, the Delian League, to prosecute the war with Persia which dragged on for another 30 years. To prevent their

being cut off from their seaport the Athenians built a four-mile-long walled road joining their city with Piraeus.

The Athenians also undertook to restore the temples on the Acropolis (the "high city"). This huge ship-shaped crag stood 1,000 feet long and two-fifths as wide atop 100-foot cliffs. Originally a fortified citadel, the Acropolis had changed into a temple complex as the city grew. The Persians had destroyed the old temple of Athena and the Athenians determined to build a new and grander temple nearby — which became known as the Parthenon.

Around 460 B.C. Pericles, a young politician of aristocratic background but democratic leanings, rose to power and earned a name as one of history's great statesmen. His charm, humanity, courage, high-mindedness tempered with political cunning, and sagacity flawed by extravagance remind one of Henry IV of France and of Franklin D. Roosevelt. For nearly 30 years he was the leading man of Athens, elected and reelected to high office.

Pericles determined to make Athens the most beautiful city on earth as well as the world capital of arts and sciences. To provide the money for these schemes he embarked on a program of expansive imperialism. The Athe-

nians already had begun to convert the Delian League into an Athenian empire, compelling other states to join by force. Pericles moved the treasury of the Delian League from the island of Delos to Athens where, he said, it would be safer from the Persians. Other members of the League were persuaded or coerced into paying money to Athens in lieu of furnishing men and ships. Although members of the League protested when Pericles began spending the treasury on public works in Athens most of the League navy now was Athenian and Athens could defend her actions.

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**W**HATEVER THE morality of Pericles' use of the Delian treasury the resulting works of art and architecture have aroused admiration for generations. At the end of Pericles' tenure visitors to the Acropolis climbed the path at the west end of the Acropolis to pass through the Propylaea or vestibule designed by the architect Mnesicles. The municipal art gallery was housed in one wing of the cruciform Propylaea whose beautiful marble ceiling beams were strengthened by wrought-iron bars — a Greek construction method centuries ahead of the time.

Framed in the aperture of the Propylaea stood the Parthenon designed by the architects Ictinus

and Callicrates. Begun in 474 B.C. and completed in 432 B.C. the Parthenon covers an area some 101 by 228 feet and is considered the high point of Greek architecture of the Doric style. To carve the Parthenon's statues Pericles hired Phidias, leading sculptor of the age, who already had made the 30-foot bronze colossus of Athena which stood about 100 feet from the Proplyaea. For the main hall of the Parthenon Phidias executed a huge gold-and-ivory statue of Athena standing fully armed and holding Victory in her right hand. He also carved statues for the pediments at the ends of the roof and reliefs for the friezes which were brightly painted in red, blue and gold and which ran around the outside walls, between the columns and the roof.

For almost 1,000 years the Parthenon shed its glory on Athens. Despite conversion into first a Christian church and later a mosque it was still in fair repair in 1687 when the Turks, at war with the Republic of Venice, stored gunpowder in it. A German gunner with the besieging Venetian army dropped a mortar shell through the roof which ignited the stored gunpowder and blew out the whole central part of the temple.

In the present century with the help of American money the

Greeks began to restore the Parthenon. Travelers who wish to see an intact Greek temple, however, will do better to visit the temple of Hephaestus, the so-called "Theseum," a third of a mile northwest of the Acropolis. On the hill of Colonus overlooking Athens' ancient *agora* (marketplace) this marble Doric temple dates to 450-440 B.C.; thus it is somewhat older than the Parthenon. Its nickname derives from sculptures and friezes that portray the exploits of Theseus, Athens' legendary hero. Like several other Greek temples the Theseum was preserved because of its conversion into a church.

Standing beside the Parthenon on the Acropolis is the Erechtheum, which also is a temple to Athena. It is named for a shrine at the rear of the building which is dedicated to Erechtheus, a legendary king of Athens mentioned in Homer's *Iliad*. Just as the Parthenon is considered the acme of Doric style architecture, the Erechtheum is the finest example of the somewhat later Ionic style. Construction of this complex multilevel temple was begun in 421 B.C. and after delays during a period of 16 years due to wars with Sparta it was completed in 405 B.C. This building, too, suffered damage during the Turkish wars but was scientifically restored in 1909.

Many of the other notable buildings of Athens were constructed many years after the time of Pericles. These include the Theater of Dionysus, southeast of the Acropolis, the Horologium or Tower of the Winds, on the north side of the Acropolis, the Temple of Zeus completed by the Roman Emperor Hadrian, and numerous other structures.

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**B**EIDES PUBLIC building and extending Athenian power abroad Pericles busied himself with constitutional reforms of the Athenian government. For the first time men were paid for public service. Previously only those persons rich enough to live without working could afford to serve as public officials. Service in the courts also was paid for. The Athenians had a curious court system by our modern standards. Although some cases remained under the jurisdiction of the *archons* most cases were heard before panels of *dikastai* — judges and jury combined — chosen by lot from the citizens. The courts ranged from 201 to 2,501 *dicasts*, the odd numbers being to prevent tied votes. Unfortunately, hearings before so large a body encouraged the parties to use flagrantly irrelevant and emotional appeals.

Periclean Athens came as close as anything in history to

“participatory democracy” despite the fact that not all adults could vote. Women had no political voice and a third of the population consisted of slaves with no rights whatever. Another fraction comprised resident aliens who paid taxes and were subject to the laws but had no representation and no way of becoming citizens. (It took a special act of the assembly to naturalize a foreigner and this rarely was done.)

Whole books have been written about daily life in Periclean Athens, known in rich detail because of the many literary works of the Fifth and Fourth Centuries B. C. that have been preserved.

Many of the streets were unpaved, only about 15 feet wide, and lined on both sides by box-like houses of mud brick, most of them one-story. Gray, buff and sometimes whitewashed, the houses were entered by a single door at ground level and otherwise presented blank windowless walls to the street, although those houses having two stories sometimes had a small barred window high up on the second floor. This lack of windows was designed to shut out the smells of mud and garbage from the street.

Along these narrow streets people hurried to and fro. Housewives of the poorer classes and slave girls from the houses of the

rich carried water jars on their shoulders as they headed for nearby fountains. Bareheaded urbanites swathed in heavy woolen *himatia* strode past farmers in tunics and felt hats who had come in from the countryside leading asses laden with produce. Swarthy curly-bearded Phoenicians wearing loose robes and rings in their ears, shaven Egyptians in dirty white linens and a few Africans mingled with the Greeks in the *agora*, the center of city life. There the farmers sold their produce and the peddlers offered their sundries. All the civic activities took place in buildings surrounding this marketplace.

During the Golden Age of Pericles' leadership Athens grew and prospered, not only on the wealth taken from subject cities but also on the silver from the mines of Mt. Laurium and on their export trade in pottery and olive oil. The population of Periclean Athens was between 250,000 and 300,000, rivaling in size contemporary Babylon and Memphis. In common with all cities of the time its size was limited by the logistics of importing food. When the population no longer could be fed by the wheat fields of Attica grain was imported from abroad, from as far away as the Scythian farms around the Black Sea.

The reputation of Periclean Athens rests not only on wealth and art but also on the intellectual ferment that took place. Most of the existing genres of literature — poetry, epic, drama, tragedy, comedy, history, story, monograph, thesis, theme, etc., as witness their Greek names — evolved in Athens during this period of history. Drama evolved swiftly from a single performer and chorus singing a tale in verse to something close to our modern play. The annual dramatic competitions brought fame to the great tragedians Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides and the comedian Aristophanes, whose satirical dramas illustrate the freedom of speech that prevailed at the end of the Fifth Century B. C.

Scientific speculation had begun during the previous century in Asiatic Greece and in Sicily. Men like Thales, Pythagoras and Empedocles formulated theories about the shape of the earth, the nature of matter and the origin of life. Philolaus hit upon the idea that the earth is round and Anaximander proposed a theory of evolution. More numerous than the scientists, however, were the *sophistai* or "wise men" who speculated on politics, morals, grammar and rhetoric and lived by teaching and lecturing.

THE GROWTH of the Athenian empire aroused alarm, especially in militaristic Sparta at the tip of the Peloponnesus about 100 miles southwest of Athens. Despite the marked contrast in cultures between the two city-states Sparta and Athens were dragged into war by belligerent allies rather than by any implacable hostility between them. A feud arose between Corinth, an ally of Sparta, and her colony Corcyra, an ally of Athens. As the hostility increased many proposals for a peaceful settlement were made and there even was an abortive disarmament conference. Sparta, whose own city lacked walls, proposed that other Greek city walls be torn down. This suggestion was greeted with something less than enthusiasm.

War finally broke out in 431 B.C. and for 10 years Sparta ravaged Attica while the Athenians, snug behind their walls, went on as before. The Athenian fleet, however, continually raided the coasts of Sparta and her allies.

In the second year of the conflict a plague struck Athens. This may have been measles or perhaps smallpox. In either case it was deadly to the Athenians who had developed no immunity from previous attacks. The most serious loss was Pericles. After his death Athens fell into the hands of a series of reckless dema-

gogues and adventurers. In 421 B. C. Sparta and Athens signed a peace treaty and things quieted down for a few years. But in 413 B. C. the Athenians sent a great expedition toward Sicily on the pretext of going to the defense of an ally who was under attack from a neighboring city allied to Syracuse. But the real purpose was to attack Syracuse directly and thus make Athens the mistress of the Mediterranean.

As a result of incompetent leadership the expeditionary force was destroyed and all its men captured or slain. Seeing the general disorganization among the Athenians the Spartans renewed the war. This time the landlubber Spartans built a fleet and in 405 B. C. surprised and destroyed the Athenian navy at Aegospotami. This ended the war. Although it was a smaller war than many wars which were less famous, the Peloponnesian War is remembered primarily because of the detailed account by Thucydides, one of the great historians. Thucydides took a coolly pessimistic view of humanity and the motives he attributed to men can be seen working in times and places far removed from ancient Greece. He calmly portrays war as it is and not as idealists or militarists would like it to be.

After her defeat at the hands

of Sparta Athens never again wielded the political power she had enjoyed during the days of Pericles. Nevertheless, for centuries thereafter the city remained preeminent in intellectual affairs. In the Fourth Century B. C. Praxiteles led the way to the more realistic sculpture of the Hellenistic Age. Menander developed a new comedy style based upon the incongruous situation, and the philosophies of Cynicism, Epicureanism and Stoicism arose.

Socrates' pupil Plato ran his one-man school in the suburban park known as Academia. His pupil Aristotle tutored young Alexander of Macedonia and then returned to Athens to set up a rival school in another park, the Lyceum. One of the greatest minds of all time, Aristotle did more than any other man to

found our scientific method.

Athens' intellectual leadership continued under Alexander and the Romans. Christianity forced it to an end. Justinian closed the last of the schools in 529 A. D. and thereafter Athens declined to a small provincial town, ruled in turn by the Byzantines, the French, the Spanish, the Italians and the Turks. Not until the Greeks threw off the Turkish yoke in 1832 and chose Athens as their capital did the city begin to recover her lost glory. Today Athens once more is a great city with half a million inhabitants.

Despite the decline and the ignominies that Athens suffered during the long centuries between Pericles and her modern revival, the story of Periclean Athens remains — as Thucydides hoped his history would remain — "an everlasting possession."



#### SHOWING PROPER RESPECT

**H**AWAIIAN SPIRITS are rather a touchy lot, it seems. Native author Napua Stevens Poire disclosed to the *Honolulu Star-Bulletin and Advertiser* the rules of respect taught her in her childhood by her great-great-grandmother Kualua:

"No whistling in the house. This would invite a spirit from out of the night to participate in some prank, and the whistler

would be its victim.

"No playing or eating or other daytime activities to be permitted after twilight. At night those privileges belong to the souls who prowl restlessly about.

"All business transactions must be completed before twilight. Any business completed after that hour is subject to change and the participants enjoy little or no success."

# The Bloodstained Ghost: WITNESS for the PROSECUTION

Few persons who knew of this eerie case doubted that Charles' slain wife deliberately selected the time and place to appear.

By J. R. Butler

**I**N CIVIL War days the few inhabitants of the north-central part of White County, Arkansas, could count themselves lucky to have a full-fledged doctor of medicine to minister to their needs. They had Dr. Katherine Pate who lived with her husband and daughter on a farm in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains.

When Dr. Pate's husband died shortly after the war's end she was left with 15-year-old Annie, 160 acres of land, some cleared for crops and some still in timber, and nobody to farm it. Hired help, either for the farm or the house, was impossible to obtain. When Dr. Pate had to go out on a case at night she either had to take Annie with her or leave her with a neighbor three miles away.

With Dr. Pate's income from her practice and a succession of hired hands to tend the livestock, somehow she and Annie man-

aged. But by the early 1870's the farm was deteriorating.

One afternoon toward sundown a carriage drawn by two sleek horses driven by a young man in his mid-20's rolled up to Dr. Pate's front gate. The man introduced himself as Charles Watson from Virginia and asked for lodging for the night. In those days no traveler ever was turned away if it were at all possible to accommodate him, partly because it might be miles to the next house and partly because travelers often brought news of the outside world. Dr. Pate told the young man to put his team in the barn and come in for supper which soon would be ready.

During the meal Watson told the doctor and Annie that he had been traveling for some months but now was looking for a place where he could settle down and work. Further conversation disclosed that he had been raised on



Path around boulder where Annie saw the specter is now overgrown with brush.

a farm and liked farm life.

Dr. Pate realized that this pleasant young man might take the burden of the farm from her shoulders. She told him that if he would manage the farm and take care of the livestock she would pay him the going wage for farm work. He could sleep in the cabin out back and take his meals with the family.

Watson readily agreed and when the meal was over he unloaded his carriage, taking a footlocker and other luggage into

the cabin which was to be his home.

Within a matter of months the young man proved Dr. Pate's judgment had been sound. He was gentlemanly and competent and under his management the farm began to prosper.

From their first meeting, mutual respect and admiration had grown between Annie and Charles. Soon they fell in love and in 1872 they were married. Over the next 15 years four children—Will, Joe, Mark and

Nancy—were born of this union. (I grew up with the two younger children and knew all of the family.)

One sultry Sunday afternoon in the late 1880's the older members of the family were resting in the breezeway between the wings of the log house while the children played in the shade of some large oak trees in the yard. Annie rose, picked up the water bucket and said, "I'm going to the spring for some fresh water."

"Hurry back," Charles said. "I'm dying for a cold drink."

Annie wasn't gone long. She returned looking pale and shaken and staggered to the water shelf. Part of the water sloshed from the pail when she set it down. Then she fell limply into a chair, breathing hard.

"What's the matter?" her mother asked. "Did you see a bear at the spring, or a rattle-snake?"

"No," Annie said, shivering.

"She's overcome by the heat," Charles said.

"No," said Dr. Pate, "it's shock. Annie, snap out of it. Tell us what happened."

Between gasps Annie sobbed out her story. On her way to the spring, just where the footpath curved around a huge boulder, she had met a woman who was well-dressed except that her

shirtwaist was bloodstained. Thinking the woman might be trying to find a doctor Annie opened her mouth to call her mother. But then she noticed the woman seemed to be suspended in the air, floating several inches above the ground.

A scream rose in Annie's throat but died aborning as she watched the apparition dissolve into thin air. Annie's first impulse was to run back to the house but she forced herself to go on to the spring to fill her pail. Then she hurried back.

When Annie had finished her story, it was Charles' turn to tremble. White as a sheet, he asked, "How was she dressed?"

"In a white shirtwaist and a blue skirt," Annie replied.

"What color was her hair?" pursued Charles.

"Bright red," sobbed Annie. "Why do you ask? Do you know her?"

Charles' whole demeanor had changed. He looked drawn and shrunken and he hesitated a long time before replying.

"Yes, I know her," he confessed. "She was my wife. I killed her, shot her through the heart. I was drunk and she had threatened to leave me. When I came here I was on the run. I have always felt she would show up as a witness against me and now she has."

With that he rose from his chair and walked woodenly through the doctor's office into his bedroom and closed the door.

Annie started to follow him.

"Don't go," her mother advised. "This is something he must work out for himself. He needs to be alone." She gave Annie a sedative and told her to try to rest.

An hour or so later Annie had recovered sufficiently to prepare supper and when it was ready she went to call Charles. She knocked on the bedroom door but receiving no answer she opened it and went in. Charles lay across the bed, snoring heavily. He did not respond when she called him so she shook his shoulders but could not rouse him. Then she called her mother.

Dr. Pate took one look at Charles, felt his pulse and lifted one of his eyelids to look at his pupil. Then she rolled him over and from under his body she picked up a large bottle which she recognized as the one she used to hold her supply of morphine. It had been almost full; now it was almost empty. Annie recognized the bottle, too, and knew what had happened.

Dr. Pate, with Annie's help, worked over Charles for hours trying to revive him but their efforts were in vain. His breath-

ing and heart action stopped.

"He's gone," the doctor said. "Tell the hired hand to saddle an extra horse and fetch Reverend Barner. He will know what to do about arranging for the burial. You go to bed. I'll wait up for the parson."

Almost as an afterthought Dr. Pate searched the dead man's pockets. She withdrew a key which proved to be the key to Charles' footlocker. So far as the family knew it had not been moved or opened since he first appeared at the farm. When it was opened it was found to contain letters from Charles' sister, whom he never had mentioned, and a photograph of a woman who was the image of the apparition Annie had seen.

Heartbreaking as it was for the family of the reformed Charles Nelson, the bloodstained apparition had sought — and achieved — revenge.

The locker also contained an army uniform and an honorable discharge in the name of Charles M. Nelson. This document, after Charles M. Nelson and Charles Watson had been proved to be the same man, assured that Annie would get a widow's pension which enabled her to rear a respected and respectable family and to live fairly comfortably until her death in 1920.

# COMET KOHOUTEK

## *FIZZLE of the CENTURY*

SOME CALLED Kohoutek "The Christmas Comet" and "Messenger from the Stars" while others mourned, "It is the end of time." From states as widely separated as Wisconsin, California, New Jersey, Georgia, Colorado, Florida and Texas came prophecies of doom.

In the autumn of 1973 the press hailed the advent of Kohoutek with the promise of a spectacular fireworks display which would light up the winter sky. And everyone remarked on the coincidence that this natural phenomenon should come at a time of severe economical and political crisis in the United States. What did it mean? Did it portend hope or despair? Was it a sign from God or the devil?

The doomsayers had a field day. In Madison, Wis., lawyer Edward Ben Elson predicted that Kohoutek would destroy Earth on December 24. He told his breathless audience that Kohoutek was really a spaceship. As it approached Earth, its hydrogen-and-carbon tail would blend with our atmosphere to produce petroleum which would flood our planet.

He held out hope, however, for

Prophets and doomsayers are quick to claim comets herald the end of the world — but fortunately their batting average thus far is exactly .000.

By J. Gordon Melton

144,000 persons who would be saved. They would be taken from their rooftops to sanctuary aboard the spaceship — so Elson began to sell tickets to the 1,000 souls who would join him and his wife in their neighborhood. As Elson waited long into Christmas Eve, the only objects that flew by were vegetables from passing snowmobiles, while people jeered and dogs yelped.

When Christmas Eve came and the end of the world did not, attention turned to Holy City near San Jose, Calif., where another "end of time" prophet, Dr. Anton Pliska, had said all-out destruction would come in the first week of 1974. Kohoutek would not collide with Earth, he said, but with Venus — which would carom from its orbit like a billiard ball and destroy Earth in a cataclysmic



encounter on January 7.

A Florida minister interpreted the comet as a harbinger of doom and claimed it had been predicted in *Revelations*. The Rev. Joe C. Crews, pastor at Fort Myers Church of God of Prophecy, in sermons delivered just before Christmas, urged his congregation to prepare for eternity, saying, "I really believe that the comet is part of the prophecy of God because He spoke of signs in the heavens during the last days . . . and a star falling from the heavens." The Reverend Crews admitted he could not determine the exact time the world would end because God has said in the scriptures that only He knows the time.

The most widely circulated predictions of destruction were those of Moses David, leader of the Children of God. From autumn through January members of this burgeoning Jesus People sect distributed untold thousands of leaflets throughout the numerous cities where they have centers. In his first pronouncement, dated September 8, David related Kohoutek only to the disasters that have accompanied cosmic visitors in the past. A second tract which came out in November revealed the monstrous nature of Kohoutek. For one thing, David said, the comet signaled the fall of the "emperor in the White House." But he continued reassuringly, a new day that "will be a better

one in the end" would follow whatever destruction the comet might bring.

"Forty days and then modern-day Nineveh will be destroyed." This was the final speculation spread through the Jesus People movement to the world. Before January 31 the 40 days of the warning would end and some kind of disaster would befall America. The destruction was due after 80 days of peace. The cease-fire signed in the Middle East on November 11 further confirmed the inevitability of the impending cataclysm.

The children of God began to tell the public: "You in the United States have only until January to get out of the States before some kind of disaster, destruction or judgment of God is to fall because of America's wickedness!"

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**W**ELL, AS I write this, January 31 has come and gone. As you read these words the Jesus People's ultimatum, like so many similar prophecies, will have proved to be a product of someone's vivid imagination.

But where have all the astrologers gone? Among all the words spoken and printed on Kohoutek, the astrological community has been conspicuously silent—no magazine articles, no pamphlets, not a word. Possibly, burned by

past attempts to speculate on the portent of irregular heavenly phenomena, most notably the Conjunction of February 1962,\* the astrologers sat this one out. In light of the giant non-event that Kohoutek became, they look the better for their silence.

Psychics have not been so silent as astrologers but they have been careful to avoid any commitment to a prophecy about events in our "visible world," events for all to see if they do—or do not—occur.

Typical of the speculations are those of Paul Solomon, an Atlanta, Ga., psychic. He allowed that the time of the comet's presence was a time to be open to the Divine, for the comet will provide an energy "that will allow for greater communication than this world has known in many, many years"—a time particularly potent for "freeing one from karmic lessons."

Agreeing with Solomon was the California medium, Marshall N. Lever, who saw Kohoutek as (1) a messenger who will lead people, at least those who believe, to "find many things in their lives that Kohoutek caused;" and in a

\*Famed astrologers the world over knew that on February 4, 1962, the moon would eclipse the sun and five planets would share a 20-degree arc of the zodiac. The configuration is so rare (it had not occurred for 25,000 years) that astrologers forecast world-shaking events, even "the beginning of the end for our world." (See January 1962 FATE.)

conservative vein (2) a cosmic force contributing subtle changes, all positive, in the sun sign charts of babies born between December 8 and January 14.

From the Divine Hierarchy of the Colorado-based Summit Light-house came this proclamation:

"It (the comet) is the Light of the Christed One who shall be born to carry the standard of the Union . . . I announce to you the coming of a Sacred Son, a Son of Light, a Son of Love who shall appear within your midst. . . ."

Commanded by the Ascended Master Meru, Mrs. Mark Prophet led the chelas (pupils) to the shores of Lake Titicaca in Bolivia for the Christmas holidays to view the spectacular solar eclipse, claiming for the heavenly phenomena on Christmas Eve (a conjunction of Venus, Jupiter and the comet) "a multifaceted purpose . . . Thus the descending avatars appear, and they shall come in this new year."

The year 1974 shall witness the birth of the Divine Man-child and also a host of new avatars (masters) that will mark the emergence of a new race, she said.

The Master Micah also had an important word for his audience. Speaking through Mrs. Prophet, he noted that the avatars "are all very grateful that some among you will offer to provide body temples and a home and a hearth

and a place where they can grow in the sight of God, in his Presence, to learn to love and obey His commandments. . . ."

And in a hope-filled conclusion, Archangel Gabriel taught that ". . . these avatars will be the bridge to the Golden Age."

After the holidays the chelas returned to their homes to await the coming of the Golden Age. Of course it will be many years before we can know if these prophecies are fulfilled. Even if such a Divine Man-child and a "new race" appear, we face the problem of identifying Him and Them.

A final word from the psychic realm comes from the *Etherian Bulletin* of the California-based Etherian Society of Religious Brotherhood. They answered the question of the significance of Kohoutek by falling back on the *Gospel of St. Luke*, Chapter 21: "Be careful that you may not be deceived, for many will come in my name, and say, I am the Christ. . . ." Maybe the Etherian Society has an inside track.

The prophets of doom and the psychics did not place nearly the importance on Kohoutek as did the conservative evangelical Christian community. On the whole, this is not a group that cares much for the world of the psychic, but they were one in speculating on Kohoutek. Even the staid *Christianity Today* dis-

cussed the comet. In its Christmas issue Donald V. Etz speculated that some biblical events may have been caused by comets (and accompanying meteor showers) and the second coming of Christ well might be heralded by such a heavenly manifestation.

David Webber, editor of *The Gospel Truth* of Oklahoma City, known to his readers for his predictions based on heavenly activity and biblical insight, believed that the comet was the final warning of Christ's coming. "The Century Comet in itself does not present indisputable proof that Christ is coming soon," wrote Webber in an issue of *The Gospel Truth* devoted to Kohoutek, "but when considered in the light of 100 other end-time prophetic events coming into view, the evidence becomes overwhelming."

The Rev. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N.J. agreed, "Kohoutek is a sign of the second coming of Christ, a most thrilling piece of evidence."

The writers of the New Testament, particularly the young Paul, believed that within a generation Jesus would return and the cosmos would end. When it was evident, in the Second Century A.D., that they were wrong they adjusted their theology to account for their disappointment. Even so, an end-time prophet, Montanus of Phrygia,

arose that same century.

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Each generation thereafter has produced a doomsday prophet and on many occasions a heavenly phenomenon has helped to spread such prophecy. Always there are evil conditions which could be considered synchronous and in causal relation with this heavenly advocate. Since the 20th Century was born we have not been without either war, the rise of demonic leadership, economic depression, societal conflict or just plain change. Any of these can be interpreted by the doomsday prophet as cosmic events.

Each generation also has produced its positive, hopeful end-time prophet. Especially in times of crisis, hopeful words of a better day to come have been trumpeted abroad. The Kingdom of God, the Age of the Spirit, the Classless Society, the Age of Aquarius, the New Frontier and other utopian dreams — all have come and gone, as have the doomsday prophecies.

Man is the only creature able to contemplate his own death, reflects author David Hill, who has coined the term, "Doomsday syndrome," to characterize man's willingness to listen to end-time prophecies. They reoccur because men seem to learn nothing from history. As long

as man does not realize the world has repeatedly failed to come to an end and ignores contemporary events that dispute the perception that "all is evil," end-time prophecies can flourish.

The existence of this repetitive pattern leads one to take a skeptical attitude, for at the present time the end-time prophets have a .000 batting average.

The speculation surrounding Kohoutek raises a question that deserves the serious consideration of the psychic community. In and of itself, Kohoutek is nothing. It came, went and will be forgotten. But it brought about the kind of meaningless prophecy that often passes for precognition — and this will remain.

Prophecy — if it is ever to merit the attention of anyone but a few devotees — must be grounded in the visible, generally-available world of which psychics and nonpsychics alike are part. Prophecy must be specific, capable of verification, bounded in time and well-documented. Seers must go through a period of testing and their accuracy must be verified before they can expect to be listened to — and they must honestly accept occasional failures.

The most commonly used tool to skirt failure is "spiritualization." By this process a seer

renounces a prophecy made about visible events and says that the event did occur — in the nonvisible world.

A famous case of such "spiritualization" occurred among the followers of William Miller, who preached that Christ would return to Earth about 1843. Disappointed by Christ's failure to return, many of Miller's followers accepted the "spiritualized" ideas of Ellen G. White, the ecstatic mystic visionary, prophet and founder of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Ellen White said that Christ did return in 1843 but stopped off in the heavens to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary; his return to the visible world lay still in the future!

Psychics consistently spiritualize by referring to events on the astral or inner plane. Prophecies do come true, they say, but the events are hidden except from the eyes of the psychically attuned. Movement toward spiritualizing is movement into a world of imagination and fantasy.

One is tempted simply to dismiss the whole Kohoutek incident as the psychic fizz of the year. But it is difficult to do so when we know that the doomsayers will appear again and again in the future. Events, natural or sociological, will create

feelings of foreboding and prophets will arise. Their conviction, sincerity and charisma communicated to their audiences will produce followers. Some

disciples will believe their prophecies and others will be afraid not to believe. And one day one of these prophets may be right—but I doubt it.



### MAINE GOES TO THE DEVIL

ONE HARDLY expects to encounter the devil on a lovely spring day. But on a Sunday in 1838 attractive young Asenath White completed her chores at the home near Monmouth Academy in Monmouth, Me., where she was employed and decided to spend the rest of the day at her father's home a mile away at the head of Cochnewagan Pond. To save time she cut across fields and skirted the pond rather than walking on the road.

Early rains had broken up the ice and the huge ice cakes floating on the blue pond water glistered in the sun. Asenath's happy mood was interrupted when she caught sight of a black object behind her. As she turned to study it closer it became a gesticulating figure that gradually turned into the devil.

Fortunately for Asenath her father's house was not far off. The terrified girl ran toward home but Satan kept pace, constantly changing from one terrifying figure to another. She was near home when breath failed her and she sank down fully expecting to feel the devil's sulphuric breath on her neck. But when she looked back the apparition was retreating into a hole in the ground. She later said "it appeared like a roll of black cloth slowly unwinding and disappearing as the wind flapped its pall-like folds." Asenath fainted.

Her parents found her unconscious at their door and revived the girl. Her wild tale was dismissed as a dream by the townsfolk—but even so they avoided the pond after dark.

A few days later the widowed Mrs. Barrows, admiring the spring twilight over the pond from her doorway, spotted an ominous form and called her son John to see the "ghost."

John saw a dark object moving on the broken ice near the shore and calling his dog ran out to give chase. By the time he had covered the half mile to the pond, however, darkness had set in and the black figure was barely visible. While his dog barked John threw stones and eventually the devil disappeared.

Young Barrows' story received as little credence as had Asenath's and both these encounters might have been lost to the annals of Maine folklore if tragedy had not followed.

On May 31, 1838, two Monmouth brothers, Marcus and Mason Metcalf, launched a sailboat on Cochnewagan Pond and a group of villagers gathered to wait their turn for a sail. But on the second trip the boat capsized. The two brothers clung to the overturned craft and were rescued but all seven passengers drowned. It was noted the boat had overturned at the exact spot where the Barrows had seen the figure of Satan.

# True Mystic Experiences

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## LOST IN THE MEADOW

By Donald L. Wade

DURING THE summer of 1934 my father R. Lee Wade rented a house up in the hills near Willamina, Ore. Soon after our family moved into the house my mother Frances became ill and remained bedridden for a long time.

Even though I was only five I was elected to look after my brothers Willard and David and my sister Ruth, all younger than I, while Dad worked in the woods. I made sandwiches and hauled small buckets of drinking water from the spring nearby and kept the smaller ones quiet and away from Mother's bedroom. One particularly hot day in July I decided to go up on the hill and pick wild flowers for Mother's room. After climbing for what seemed like a long time I came to a meadow nestled in the hills. I lay down on the ground and drank cool water from a stream that ran through the meadow. Then I dozed off.

When I awoke I became confused and could not remember the way home. Frightened, I began crying for Mother. Soon I heard her soft voice call, "Donny, I'm over here." I was relieved and happy as I ran over to her where she was standing near some trees. She comforted me but also scolded me for wandering so far from home. Then she took my hand and we walked back down the hill. I felt good that she was no longer sick in bed.

As we came in sight of the



Donald L. Wade

house she told me to run on ahead. As soon as I reached the door I heard Mother call me from her room. She asked if I had been picking flowers and got lost. I remember wondering why she asked me, since she had come after me. And I could not understand why she was in bed again when I had just left her standing on the hill.

Several years later when I was 12 or 13 Mother reminded me of this incident. She said she had had a very realistic "dream" in which she heard me crying for her. Although she was unable to leave her bed somehow she found me in the meadow and led me back home. Did Mother really have a dream or did she find me through some power we do not understand? — *Stanfield, Ore.*

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#### OUR PSYCHIC CATS

By Elizabeth Sweatt

**T**WO OF my most interesting psychic experiences have involved stray cats I adopted. During the 1940's my husband Russell was working with a pipeline construction crew traveling throughout the oilfields of the southwest. Our beautiful blue Persian tomcat Pinkle-purr was unafraid traveling in our mobile home and accompanied us everywhere. Eventually we moved into company housing in the Mojave Desert near Ehrenburg, Ariz., and

Pinkle contentedly settled down.

In midsummer 1948 Russ had to go to Yuma on a short-term job and I decided to leave Pinkle in the care of some neighbors. I previously had cared conscientiously for their pets and assumed they would take equal care with Pinkle, who now was quite old.

After working long hours in the hot desert sun Russ usually was bushed by the time he returned to our small motel apartment in the evening. On the third day there, however, I became so agitated that the only thing I could think of was to go home immediately. When Russ came in and noted my agitation he did not stop even to change clothes but went directly back to the company truck and we drove 85 miles back to Ehrenburg.

When we arrived home we found Pinkle-purr, exhausted, clinging to the glass-topped table for the slight cooling it offered. He had been left in a closed house in the extreme desert heat with the air conditioner turned off. The meat on his plate was raw and in huge chunks and since he was almost toothless he was unable to eat it. He made no objection when I wrapped him in a towel soaked with cool water and sponged his face. We gave him cool milk and took him back to the motel with us. Had we waited another day he would have died

from hunger and dehydration. His message of desperation had reached me just in time to save his life.

My second experience involved Sylvester, a stray cat who latched onto us while we were staying in a motel in Willcox, Ariz. From the first we realized that Silly was a truly psychic cat. He could send me mental pictures of just what he required, from "going out" to minor illnesses, and I in turn could project mental pictures to him. When he was prowling I had only to concentrate on the spot between his eyes, give him the command to return and soon he would be crying at the door. Silly too liked to travel and having his litter box and catnip rug he was no trouble.

After a few years we settled in El Paso, Tex. In October 1958 we decided to take a vacation trip to New Orleans and leave Silly in a local kennel. We took his catnip rug to make his cage more homelike and left a supply of his special food, explaining to the kennel attendant Silly's allergy to horsemeat and other prepared food.

We were thrilled with the historic and picturesque sights of New Orleans and met some interesting people who shared our interests. At night we both felt uneasy about Sylvester but we dismissed this with the thought

that this was our first separation and probably we just missed him.

The next morning at 4:00 A.M., however, we both awoke in a highly agitated state and simultaneously began packing. We called our new friends before we left the city to explain that we had an emergency at home—which turned out to be quite true.

When we arrived at the El Paso kennel we found that the personnel had disregarded our instructions about food and Silly was deathly ill. He had vomited on his little blanket and his coat was filthy. The other cats took advantage of his weakened condition and fought him when he could not defend himself properly. The veterinarian found that he had the feline equivalent of hives both inside and outside his feverish body due to his allergic reaction to the improper food. Daily shots and plenty of tender loving care gave him many more years with us. — *El Paso, Tex.*

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#### MOTHER'S FRONT SEAT DRIVER

By Dorothy Van Der Linde

**M**Y MOTHER Martharine Whitmore never learned to drive a car until she was 64. While we lived in Altadena, Calif., we lived close to convenient stores and buses ran with clockwork regularity. But years later when she and Dad moved to Hemet, Calif., public transportation was incon-

venient and Mother no longer could rely on her legs to take her everywhere. The final clincher came when some of Mother's friends who also did not drive suddenly became widows. So, although Dad was still around to chauffeur her, Mother enrolled in a driving school.

When the allotted time had passed Mother was ready to take California's driver's license exam. She failed the test three times but never gave up. The day she finally passed she drove proudly to my home in Pomona to show me her license.

After giving Mother a congratulatory hug I invited her to come in for a chat. As we sat talking, I reminisced about the day when as a child, I had been with her during her first driving lesson. Mother looked puzzled and protested that she never had taken a driving lesson before that year. When I described my memory she became even more confused. I recreated the scene for her. We were parked at the top of Raymond Avenue in Altadena. She was behind the wheel and next to her on the front seat sat a tall angular man, his black hair parted on the left side and a small moustache barely covering the space between his lip and his nose. He was wearing a dark suit. As Mother began to inch out into the traffic she began to

cry and between sobs managed to convince the man she was afraid. Unable to calm her, the man climbed out and got in on the driver's side while Mother slid over.

Mother claimed that I must have imagined the whole scene and the subject was dropped. Soon she left for home.

That evening as I watched television the telephone rang. Mother's voice was strangely subdued as she explained she had been thinking over what I had said that afternoon. In November 1930, a couple of years after she and Dad had married, he had asked a friend to teach Mother how to drive. As I had described, Dad's friend was indeed tall, angular, black-haired and moustached. Mother had been frightened by a passing streetcar and had cried. In her embarrassment she never had told anyone what had happened and made the friend promise not to tell about her foolish behavior. As the years passed she completely forgot the episode until I described it to her. But she could not understand how I had known about the incident.

"I was there," I protested.

"But, dear," Mother said almost in a whisper, "You weren't born yet. I was six months pregnant with you at the time." — Pomona, Calif.

## TELEPATHIC ALVIN

By Patricia Jackson

IN NOVEMBER 1966 I was recently divorced and my son Ron and I were living with my mother Pearl Ferguson in Lee's Summit, Mo. A FATE article about telepathy with cats prompted me to experiment with Pie, my intelligent Siamese kitten. My 14-year-old cat Alvin seldom did anything but sleep and eat and since both Ron and Mother adored him he didn't seem to notice the attention I gave to Pie.

A man I was dating at that time, Jack, read the article and agreed with me that my experiments with Pie seemed successful. However, Jack felt Alvin deserved equal attention. Since Alvin was practically comtose I thought Jack was being silly.

While we were at the supermarket shopping for Thanksgiving dinner, Jack gave me a peculiar look and said, "Alvin says you are out of cat food and to get the green can." Since I was trying to give Jack the brush-off, I suspected that this "flash from Alvin" was an attempt on his part to revive my interest by feigning psychic ability.

"No, I'm not going to buy cat food," I protested. "Mom would have told me if we were low. Besides, the cats tired of that brand weeks ago." But Jack put several cans of the green-label

cat food in my cart anyway.

Imagine my surprise when we got home and Mom was waiting at the front door distraught because we were out of cat food. We opened up the green cans and both cats ate hungrily. Then Alvin rubbed gratefully against



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Jack's legs and climbed up on his lap, an unusual exertion for old Alvin.

I explained to Alvin, telepathically, that in the future he should send his messages to me as Jack would not be around. Alvin promptly went to sleep. — Lee's Summit, Mo.

## MY BROTHER'S GHOST

By Glenn E. Newton

MY BROTHER Cade Warner and I live in the same small community — Bear Creek near Cleveland, Tex. For almost all of 1963 our entire neighborhood was

terrorized, mostly at night or in the late afternoon, by a man wearing a white shirt. So far as I know he did no mischief except to frighten people by appearing out of nowhere. He appeared near my brother's home twice and one afternoon as I was coming home from a neighbor's I saw him standing in my yard. By the time I got to the house he had disappeared. Two of my neighbors reported having shot at — and missed — the same figure. Everyone had seen him at one time or another but no one had gotten a look at his face.

While this was going on my brother, for no apparent reason, became very nervous. In my opinion he was courting a nervous breakdown. He was afraid of his own shadow.

One day, out of the blue, he told his wife Dollie Mae that the man in white was his own ghost. She thought he had cracked up for sure — but Cade said he would prove it the next time the ghost appeared at their home.

A few weeks later Dollie Mae saw the figure standing in their yard. My brother, who for weeks had been afraid to go outside alone, walked boldly into the yard and stopped before the ghost.

"I know who you are," Cade said. "You are my ghost. I'm tired of your terrorizing my neighbors so go away and let them alone."

He turned and walked back into the house and no one ever saw the man in white again. — *Cleveland, Tex.*



### THE CAT AND BUDDHA

*By Joan M. Barnes*

**A**KILLING at the funeral of Buddha removed the cat from favor in most of the Asian world.

The cat came into disgrace when all the animals in the animal kingdom gathered around Buddha's corpse weeping. The cat, unmoved by the spectacle, merely sat and watched.

Then he further disgraced himself at a moment of deep mourning when a rodent ap-

proached one of the lamps around the catafalque and started to lick at the oil in the bottom. The cat quivered with anticipation, then unable to restrain its instincts leaped and caught the rat and killed it. Natural in itself, the act was a transgression of the teachings of Buddha against killing.

Today many Asian people believe that this is the reason the cat is not found in the zodiac.

British-born Harold Plume conducts his healing ministry at two chapels in California.

"I have no power of myself—except as a channel. God does the healing through me, using numerous spirit doctors who are specialists," says Reverend Plume.



# HAROLD PLUME and his team of Spirit Doctors

By Fay C. Oliver

**"A**N ENTIRE Evening of Clairvoyance with the Very Rev. Harold Plume, D.D., B.B.S.," was the billing for the night of November 11, 1972, at the Ross Elementary School in San Jose, Calif. The curious, the convinced and the skeptical soon filled the several hundred seats in the meeting room.

The short slender white-haired minister before them was dressed in ordinary clothes except for a black clergyman's shirt and a metallic cross on a

chain. Harold Plume smiled broadly and in his clipped British accent explained his purpose was "to convince you of the reality of the unseen world, to show you that those who have left the physical body are still living. Many are with us here tonight."

Then he turned his attention to a man sitting toward the back of the auditorium. "A friend of yours, now in the spirit world, is standing by your side," announced the Reverend Plume.

And after hearing Plume describe his friend as "tall, heavy-set, with receding gray hair," the man agreed he had lost someone who looked like that.

"This friend says you have been thinking of changing jobs," the minister continued.

"That's right," the man answered.

With a twinkle in his eyes Harold Plume said, "I'm going to tell it to you just as he's telling me. He says, 'Don't leave your job now. It's a hell of a nuisance what you are having to put up with but things are going to get better. There'll be more money in it soon and you should stay with it for the present.'"

The man's face showed his astonishment.

But Harold Plume already had turned his attention to a woman across the aisle. "Did you lose a little girl — four, maybe five years old?"

"Yes," the woman replied faintly.

"She's coming down the aisle toward you. She brings you her love. She's often with you, enjoying the love in her home that she misses now. She has a dog with her. Did you lose a dog?"

"Yes," admitted the woman.

"Just an old mongrel — looks like no special breed."

"Yes." The woman's voice was barely audible but the tears

streaming down her face were her response.

For more than two hours, looking fresh and relaxed, the Reverend Plume singled out people, gave them descriptions of deceased friends and relatives and messages from them along with insights into their goals, plans, anniversaries and troubles. Some persons could not identify the spirit personality described to them but a large percentage responded positively.

Then the meeting was over; people began to leave. Some had been deeply moved by messages from loved ones. Many left convinced that the Rev. Harold Plume is truly a bridge to the unseen world.

Early in life this invisible world became visible to Harold Plume, now minister of St. John's First Chapel of Healing in Redwood City, Calif., and its sister chapel in Seaside. From the age of three Harold saw persons others could not see. His devout Anglican mother was impatient with his reports of seeing people in his room at night and attributed them to an overactive imagination. When Harold was 14 and still living in England she finally consulted a doctor who suggested the boy be sent to a less crowded area for rest. Young Harold went to live with a favorite aunt in Kent County. "In that

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lovely cherry country," he states, "my psychic powers really developed."

Today Plume's main effort is his healing ministry conducted on alternate weeks in his storefront chapels in Redwood City and Seaside. By appointment he sees a constant parade of people for 20-minute healing sessions starting at 1:30 P.M. and again at 7:30 in the evening. He takes a short break in the middle of the day but sometimes continues into the early hours of the morning, until all who need help have been seen. He has several helpers and his wife Bertha also assists with the healing. Bertha is active in all phases of his ministry. He charges no fee but requests a donation for his work.

A high percentage of his pa-

tients report partial or complete healing although most are not healed immediately.

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A RECENT letter to Mr. Plume testifies to one delayed healing. On November 26, 1972, a party of seven friends accompanied Sacramento widow Joanne Carter to see the Reverend Plume. A mother in her early 40's, Mrs. Carter had multiple sclerosis. For more than a year she had had limited use of the left side of her body, severe coordination problems and muscular loss. Walking was difficult for her and her doctors told her to expect a progressive deterioration.

After the Reverend Plume's healing Mrs. Carter felt no immediate difference. With her friends she went to a restaurant for dinner. During the meal the muscles in her left arm suddenly began to contract involuntarily. When the spasms had subsided she reached across the table and grasped a friend's hand. For the first time in months she had a strong grip in her left hand. Next her left cheek "came back to life." This was followed by great pain and muscular contractions in her left leg but three hours later she was walking and dancing for joy.

When I contacted her three months later in February 1973, she was preparing for a recep-

tion to celebrate her new marriage which had taken place two weeks earlier. "I feel so well," she said, "that I quit seeing all doctors except my neurologist."

Another witness to a healing, Don Willet of Palo Alto, Calif., testifies that his 64-year-old brother George, a retired contractor, was completely cured of painful stomach ulcers and his advanced emphysema was greatly helped.

George Willet of Flint, Mich., had visited Don's family in March 1972 after doctors gave him little hope for life. Thirty years before, he had undergone emergency surgery for perforated ulcers but they continued to plague him.

"His weight had dropped from 180 to 115 pounds," explains Don, "and his appetite was poor. He was on continuous medication and a strict diet. He also suffered from emphysema. We took him to the Reverend Plume. After three visits he felt so much better, he postponed his return flight in order to see Mr. Plume twice more.

"One fascinating thing about the way the Reverend Plume works," Don Willet says, "is his ability to see right into the body. He put an ordinary piece of tissue paper on George's back over his clothing, bent close with his eyes next to the tissue and began describing scars on George's stom-

ach. He said there were two scars, which were exactly as Harold Plume had described. And the Reverend Plume had seen them from the back!"

A year after his healing treatments George Willet reports, "I have no more trouble with ulcers. I eat whatever I please and take no medication for ulcers. My emphysema has improved considerably also . . . I feel good; I have a new life because of the Rev. Harold Plume."

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OFTEN SEVERAL members of one family benefit from Harold Plume's work. Mr. Russell Oldham of San Jose, Calif., states, "Our entire family has reason to praise the Reverend Plume as a channel for God's healing. We are particularly grateful, however, for the help given our second child, Kimberly."

"She was a big baby," explains Mrs. Oldham, "She had a broad bridge between her eyes but we soon got used to that. By the time she was a year old, though, we realized she wasn't making normal progress despite her rapid growth. When she was 18 months old, we took her to Stanford University Clinic where doctors diagnosed her as both a cerebral giant and a pituitary giant, which meant that her head and body would grow at an abnormally rapid rate. They did

extensive testing and found brain damage in the area behind her left ear. After they put her on medication we saw some improvement in development. She began walking at 22 months.

"She had great difficulty with speech development and required one year of speech therapy at Idlewild Children's Center in Los Gatos and further lessons at San Jose State University."

But Kimberly's parents continued to be alarmed at her fantastic physical growth. "She literally outgrew her clothes overnight," remarks Russell Oldham. "At age five she was over four feet tall with a head as large as an adult's. And her growth was not in proportion. Her thighs were too short; and she was top-heavy and unbalanced. Her nose was not growing correctly but was flat. Stanford doctors said she would need to be over seven feet tall for her growing head to look in proportion."

Doctors began considering radiation to destroy cells in the pituitary gland in order to slow her growth but decided against this because of the danger of further brain damage. Next they discussed hormone treatment but thought this could cause early puberty. It was at this point the Oldhams learned of the Rev. Harold Plume's healing work.

"We refused hormone treatment and called the Reverend Plume," states Mrs. Oldham. "He put Kimberly on his prayer list and we immediately noticed a change in her behavior. She became calmer and more controlled. One week later we took her to see him. It was an astounding experience. Mr. Plume put a tissue paper on her head, touched his fingers to the paper and his fingers seemed to disappear into her head."

California laws forbid psychic healers from either diagnosing or prescribing so the Reverend Plume made no diagnosis but the Oldhams report significant results beginning with the very first healing session.

"We took her first on January 28, 1969, when she was five years old. Three days later her doctor at Stanford reduced her medication from 200 mgs. to 130 mgs. a day and continued to decrease the dosage as we took Kimberly for further healing treatments. One doctor asked if we were doing anything that would explain her progress," admits Mrs. Oldham, "but I didn't dare tell him till much later."

Eventually the family was able to stop the visits to Stanford but continued to take young Kimberly to Harold Plume every other week. "She's grown spiritually from going to the Rev-

erend Plume," adds her father. "She's all love. She has improved markedly in learning ability and coordination and has even learned to ride a bicycle."

"And her facial features have changed," states Mrs. Oldham. "Her nose has developed normally now. She's going to have a happy contributing life."

Kimberly's father also has benefited from Harold Plume's healing ministry.

"On March 4, 1973, I had a coronary infarction and was taken to Los Gatos Community Hospital," he explains. "My wife telephoned the Reverend Plume who immediately began sending absent healing through prayer. When I awoke I felt the vibrations. I relaxed, knowing everything would be fine."

He credits Harold Plume's healing with sustaining him and his family through his 22 days in the hospital.

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**A**NOTHER FAMILY whose several members have received help from the Reverend Plume is that of Mrs. Bob Marshall of Santa Cruz, Calif.

"My husband, my son, my mother and my brother-in-law all can testify that God heals through the Reverend Plume," she declares. "My husband Bob was helped with back pains. For no apparent reason he was

suffering extreme aching there from time to time. After one visit with Mr. Plume these unexplained pains vanished.

"My son George's problem was more frightening," she continues. "About four years ago he passed out. The symptoms resembled a slight epileptic seizure but there was no recurrence. Then about a year ago when he was 13 he began having terrible headaches. The pains were intense but lasted only a few seconds. We took him to a neurologist who gave him extensive tests. The doctor reported that slight irregularities in George's EEG patterns during sleep indicated some neurological problem. He wanted to put our son on medication but we took George to the Reverend Plume instead. One visit completely cured his headaches. He hasn't had one in over a year now. Following his visit, George made this interesting statement: 'I felt him working inside my head.' "

The Reverend Plume also helped Mrs. Marshall's mother Vivian Drummond of Redondo Beach, Calif. A woman in her 70's, Mrs. Drummond had been in the hospital twice and suffered from a variety of ailments. She had severe heart problems, pneumonia, an hiatal hernia and a malfunctioning right kidney. In

addition, a stroke had left her left eye clotted and blind and she suffered continual throbbing headaches. She had to be wheeled on and off the plane on the trip to northern California to see Harold Plume. "The family had little hope for her life," admits Mrs. Marshall.

Mrs. Drummond stayed in the area long enough to see the Reverend Plume several times. The headaches disappeared almost overnight and her health began to improve. "Now two years later, although Mother still takes blood thinner for her heart and her left eye is still blind, she is in good health," reports Mrs. Marshall. "She eats whatever she pleases and leads a quiet happy life."

The fourth family member to appreciate the Reverend Plume's healing is Bob Marshall's brother Karl of Los Angeles. After a fall 10 years ago Karl Marshall lived with constant headaches, one so severe he blacked out. X-rays showed no evidence of damage and doctors had no remedy except painkillers.

"He was living on aspirin," remarks Mrs. Marshall. "One visit with Harold Plume effected an instant cure. He has had no headaches since."

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serves as a channel between two worlds. "God does the healing, using numerous spirit doctors who work through me. I have no power of myself."

Plume's spirit doctors specialize in many areas. Dr. Yen's specialty is the eye, Dr. Pierre's is the heart, Dr. Emma's (a female physician) is the skin, the Indian doctor Purple Shadow's specialty is bone and Dr. John Elliotson's is the mind and thought processes. Principal doctor Hoo-Fang supervises the work of the others.

The Reverend Plume states that Hoo-Fang, a Chinese doctor who lived 2,500 years ago, has practiced acupuncture through him for 25 years, using pressure instead of needles at strategic points.

Before coming to the United States 11 years ago with his wife and six daughters, Harold Plume was associated with Spiritualist churches in England for 25 years. Later he was ordained by the Ancient Catholic Church of England and served them for years.

While living in England, Plume frequently used his psychic talents to aid police. He recalls standing near a stream with a friend and seeing a dead body in the deepest part. Excitedly he pointed it out to his friend who was unable to see it

but knew that police recently had dragged the stream looking for a missing boy. They contacted the police and Harold Plume guided them to the body of the missing boy.

On another occasion the Teddy Boys, a gang of hoodlums, were terrorizing parts of England. They robbed and beat an elderly woman, leaving her in critical condition. The Reverend Plume says the spirit world told him the location of the gang. He in turn informed the police who went to the designated address, surrounded the house and arrested the entire gang.

Another of Harold Plume's psychic talents is exorcizing

haunted houses. He explains that sometimes spirits become earth-bound and must be persuaded to move on to the next world and not to struggle with earthly problems they should leave behind.

Questioned about methods for developing psychic abilities, Plume suggested meditation and learning to know one's spirit guides. However, he says that spiritual development is more important than psychic development. "Getting the ego out of the way is the hard thing," he adds.

"If you are born with psychic gifts they will direct your life," he concludes. "I've had a wonderful life."



### THE DEATH OF THE CZAR

*By Laurence Tunstall Heron*

A PRECISE bit of precognition involves the Russian Czar Ivan IV, called "The Terrible." At the age of 54 this insane tyrant found himself tired, impotent and ill. He summoned several soothsayers to court who, with astonishing candor, forecast his death for March 18, 1584. The irascible monarch assured the seers that if he still was alive on that date they all would be burned alive.

Still going strong—or as strong as he had been of late—on the night of March 17 Ivan reminded the soothsayers how they were to die the next morn-

ing. These worried worthies objected that the day could not be said to have ended until the sun went down. With more reason and reasonableness than was his wont, the Czar respected this argument. On the fateful day while he played chess with Boris Gudunov, a courtier, Ivan's king kept falling down. Suddenly Ivan himself fell down—backwards. In a few minutes he was dead.

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## THE PAST RECOVERED

By Hereward Carrington

THE STORY of Frau Anna Gallus and her career would be commonplace if it were not for the surprising secret of her origin which she did not discover until she was 60 years old. She was raised in the affluent household of Gustaf and Hilde Freimark in a fashionable suburb of Berlin. She was popular with the young Heidelberg students but she did have one idiosyncrasy. Whenever young Anna's anger was aroused she would say, "Scotch porridge!" As far back as she could remember Anna had used that expression but she could not explain why.

Anna married Karl Gallus, a promising young army officer and bore him two sons. When World War I came Herr Gallus rose rapidly to a high position on the General Staff. Anna contributed to the war effort by directing a large hospital where she was an able administrator.

At the end of the war Frau Gallus explained, "I set myself to learn printing and when I thought I knew enough I developed a business." She became sole owner of the largest printing firm in Germany, with offices in several foreign countries. The success of this enterprise made Frau Gallus a wealthy woman.

One day she received the sad news that Gustaf and Hilde Freimark had been killed aboard a train which was engulfed by a landslide in the Swiss Alps. Frau Gallus recalled warning the peripatetic pair that travel would prove their undoing and Frau Freimark had smilingly remarked that if

they hadn't traveled they never would have had her. This remark was lost on Anna at the time.

When Frau Gallus finally got around to settling the household where she had been raised she came upon a letter from old family friends deplored the fact that the Freimarks were childless. Anna was puzzled for she would have been almost two at the time the letter was written.

Delving deeper she found adoption papers among the family records. On one of their many trips the Freimarks had found and adopted her from an orphanage in the Scottish seaport of Dundee. The adoption papers showed Anna's real name to be Ann Massie.

Frau Gallus, determined to trace her relatives, soon left for Scotland. The orphanage had burned down but she could provide her real name to the Scottish authorities who eventually tracked down a number of Ann Massie Gallus's relatives.

Apparently her affinity for the printing business had not been entirely accidental. A cousin of hers was the editor of the *London Sunday Express* and she hired a young niece, Mrs. M. H. G. Murdoch, as London representative for her own printing firm. She was excited to learn she had a sister living in California. At the age of 60 Frau Gallus acquired a whole new circle of relatives.

The mystery of her expression "Scotch porridge" also was solved. It was the unappetizing dish Ann had been served so often at the orphanage.

MORE THAN 20 years ago I came upon references to the fascinating research conducted by a man named Harold Saxton Burr. Burr was a Ph.D. and E. K. Hunt Professor of Anatomy at the Yale University School of Medicine. He had, at that time, spent more than 20 years investigating the electrical fields surrounding living things and reported some unusual findings.

The essence of Professor

of any material poured into it — no matter how often the material be changed.

The particular aspect of Burr's work that most intrigued me was a series of experiments he performed with tadpoles and frogs, beginning with a frog egg before it became a tadpole. Burr's delicate experiments delineating the Life Field of the frog egg, for example, showed the *future* location of the frog's nervous system.

## “LIFE FIELDS” The Molds that Shape Our World

The Kirlian Effect, healing energy and plant ESP all may be different aspects of a universal life energy field.

By Curtis Fuller

An address given by the author in December 1972  
in Philadelphia, Pa., for Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship

Burr's argument is that all living things are surrounded by an electrical field — electrodynamic field if you prefer — which is characteristic not only of that particular *species* of living thing but of the individual living thing itself.

Professor Burr called these electrical fields “L-fields” or “Life Fields” and likened them to a matrix or mold which preserves the shape or arrangement

The field was like a jelly mold already surrounding the egg and the materials that went into it during growth followed the pre-determined pattern established by the shape of the field.

The Life Field persisted throughout the growth of the embryo tadpole all the way to its becoming a frog. There was a period in the tadpole's development when a leg could be amputated and it could grow a new

one — and strangely the electrical Life Field surrounding the tadpole remained unchanged. But there came a time in the development of the tadpole when if its leg was amputated, the frogling no longer could regenerate a leg. And this inability to regenerate a leg was always signaled by the loss of the electrical field surrounding the area where the new leg would have grown. Thus, if the electrical field was still present — even though the leg had been amputated — the leg would regrow. But when the Life Field disappeared the leg would no longer be regenerated.

Over the years I tried to obtain additional information on this exciting work and at one time even commissioned a professional science writer to run it down — without success. And then surprisingly, in 1972, a new book by Professor Burr entitled *Blueprint for Immortality, the Electric Patterns of Life*\* came to my desk. This book represents the current state of Professor Burr's thinking about Life Fields and cosmic matters generally. It is the summing-up of a lifetime of patient work and thought in what must still be considered a pioneering area. Professor Burr has

died since the publication of this book.

And now my acquaintance with Professor Burr's work has come full circle with a chain of synchronous events that taken together seem to represent one of the most exciting developments in the area of my concerns. I wish to stress my belief that the various linked researches tell us

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something significant about the state of reality and about our understanding of life itself. I believe we may be on the threshold of finding out something of cosmic importance about ourselves.

Now, from the first 20-year-old link in this chain let me move ahead 10 years to September 1962 when FATE became the first magazine in this country to publish examples of Kirlian photog-

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raphy. Kirlian photography is named after the Russian husband-wife team, Semyon and Valentina Kirlian, who have photographed the life and death of electrical fields surrounding living things.

The subject is placed over a film plate in a darkroom and a high frequency electrical current is generated around the plate. When the film is developed the subject seems to radiate a luminescence believed to represent the electrical field of the object.

Soviet sources indicate that Semyon Kirlian was not a scientist at the time he did his original experiments. He was an electrician making a living by repairing, testing and improving electrical appliances. His wife was a schoolteacher and journalist. One day Kirlian noticed that if his fingers touched a sheet of photographic paper while in a field of high-frequency electrical current, imprints of strange zig-zags, spots and lines would appear faintly on the paper. Kirlian was the first man to investigate this effect. He painstakingly developed a new camera and a special method of taking photographs. Theoretically the concept was as simple as his first observation. The various objects to be photographed were covered with a piece of film and then subjected to a high-frequency

current which operates outside the range of human perception.

At first the Kirlians were disappointed in the static images their film recorded. Then they made a special arrangement for their microscope and suddenly a hitherto unseen world opened before their eyes. Let me quote directly from the words of I. Leonidov, the Soviet author of the FATE article, who describes what the Life Fields suddenly looked like under Kirlian photography:

"Galaxies of blue, violet, yellow and golden sparks shone against a dark background. Some twinkled, others shone steadily and still others flashed at intervals. While one portion of these sparks was motionless, the rest wandered about luminescent labyrinths. Over these fantastic galaxies of ghostly lights there were bright multicolored flares and there were also dim little clouds."

The Kirlians found that every single object — animate or inanimate — had a pattern of luminescence distinctive to it alone. They also discovered that photographs of living objects differed sharply from photographs of inanimate objects.

When a fresh leaf was placed under the microscope and the high-frequency current turned on the flares around the leaf's edges showed it aglow with life. But a

few hours later the lights around the leaf began to grow dim; the flares faded; individual lights winked out; illuminated "clouds" lost their movement. And so the leaf died and on its death the pattern of luminescence changed to that of a dead thing.

A diseased plant shows a different Life Field pattern than does a healthy plant. The pattern changes even before a specialist can diagnose the disease. Leonidov wrote in regard to this:

"A color film was placed on various parts of the body of a man — on his neck, over his heart and on his abdomen — and the resultant pictures reproduced variously colored spots. Nobody can as yet say what determines the colors. But the investigators found that they changed in accordance with the person's health, mood and other factors."

According to Leonidov entire research establishments in the Soviet Union now are investigating these phenomena. The practical Russians believe this method will make it possible to investigate many secrets of life and to diagnose diseases earlier than is possible by conventional medical means.

Kirlian photography now is beginning to have an impact upon this country — at least among parapsychological investigators

— though whether it is a matter for parapsychology at all seems doubtful.

In 1969 Cleve Backster's work on the alleged telepathic ability of plants became generally known. Backster began his work in 1966 and his first paper was published in the *International Journal of Parapsychology* three years later, followed almost immediately by articles in *FATE*, *True*, *National Wildlife* and other publications.

Cleve Backster is a polygraph expert. He began with the United States Army Counterintelligence Corps in 1948. A polygraph (lie detector by another name) is an electronic machine that measures a subject's emotional reaction to questions or situations. These measurements include changes in breathing, pulse, blood pressure and/or resistance to a minute flow of electricity. This electric flow is measured by what is known as a Wheatstone bridge which uses two electrodes attached to an instrument that activates a pen on moving graph paper to show any changes in the subject's responses. Theoretically, if there is an emotional reaction the resistance will go down and the graph tracing will go up. The important thing to remember here is that the polygraph measures and records an electrical reaction.

From the army Cleve Backster went to the CIA for further training and later taught at the Keeleer Polygraph Institute. He was one of only four polygraph experts asked to testify before the House Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee in 1964 and for eight years was chairman of the Research Committee of the Academy for Scientific Interrogation. He is the compiler of the Standard Polygraph Examiner Note-pack, widely used today by polygraph examiners and by the United States Army. All this should establish Backster's authority as far as polygraphs are concerned.

The so-called Backster effect was discovered by accident. One day Cleve was watering a plant in his office and began to speculate on how long it would take the water to travel up through the plant into the leaf. He also wondered if he could determine this with a polygraph, reasoning that if the leaf held more water its resistance ought to go down. So he attached two electrodes to the leaf and set the graph paper flowing at its rate of six inches a minute.

To Backster's surprise the resistance increased instead of decreasing. And another strange thing happened. On the graph was a tracing that if it had been

hooked up with a human, would have been judged to represent an emotional reaction. No one had previously credited plants with emotion and Backster wondered if he might be going balmy. He decided to experiment further by threatening the leaf with a burning match.

There were two reactions on the graph. There was a line indicating when the burning match was held near the leaf. But an even larger reaction had occurred at the moment Backster had *thought* of burning the leaf. Then there had been a time interval because he had left the room to find a match.

This took place on February 2, 1966, and after years of experimentation Backster makes a number of cautious claims. He concludes that plants react not only to threats to their own well-being but also, through some kind of ESP, to the emotional crises of other life forms. He believes that the death of any living thing brings about an emotional reaction tracing on the graph of the plant being monitored. Even the breaking of a fertilized chicken egg triggers this reaction in plants.

Some persons suggested that the so-called "Backster Effect" describes a situation in which the plants merely act as a medium for passing on the emotions

of Cleve Backster himself. So he devised a complicated device which would automatically dump live brine shrimp into boiling water at random intervals. The times of these shrimp executions, meanwhile, were carefully recorded and compared with the timed records of the polygraph. Backster himself did not consciously know *when* the shrimp were being killed so his own emotional reactions, he believes, could not have affected the polygraph recordings. I believe this may not be a wholly valid argument but at any rate separate graphs, judged by three independent judges who studied the charts separately, found that the charts showing "emotion" agreed with the actual times of the brine shrimps' deaths. Backster reran this experiment a number of times and the results stood up.

There are additional, nearly unbelievable claims about the sensitivity of Backster's plants. The important thing to note is not only that ESP effects appear to take place with plants but that they appear to involve the electronic fields of the plants — just as do the fields shown by Kirlian photography and just as does the work of Prof. Harold Saxon Burr. As to whether they are the same fields we can only speculate at this time.

So far, to my knowledge, there has been no confirmation of Cleve Backster's findings by official science — that is, by the Establishment. There has been substantial confirmation by independent investigators, however. And as far as I know there has been only one negative report. It was written by a young man, Rex Johnson II, working on his master's degree at the University of Washington. He was unable to verify Backster's claims and concluded that the so-called "Backster Effect" could have been caused by heating the water for the boiling shrimp, and so on. These physical causes and not telepathy would be sufficient to produce Backster's results, Johnson concluded. Johnson's report, paradoxically, was published in the *Journal of Parapsychology* which is the forum of parapsychologist J. B. Rhine. It is a sad commentary, in my view, that the only mention this *Journal* has made of Backster's claims is this single negative report.

However, it seems we do not have to rely solely on Backster's claims. At the annual convention of the Association for Humanistic Psychology in Washington, D.C., in 1971 I met an unusual man who has brought his own methodology and theories to this research. He is Marcel Vogel, a research chemist specializing in

liquid crystals for IBM. Vogel was asked by IBM to conduct a course in creativity. He had read of Cleve Backster's work and disbelieved it completely but he did accept Backster's claims as a challenge. He and an associate proposed to test Backster's results against those of 35 student scientists. He acquired a philodendron, built the electronic device called a Wheatstone bridge, attached sensors from the machine to the leaves of the philodendron and began to get results. The Wheatstone Bridge was originally intended to measure galvanic skin response but Vogel simply attached stainless steel electrodes to the plant and used pen charts to record the amplified response.

As his researches continued Vogel noticed an interesting phenomenon. At first he got no results but when he tore a leaf the chart showed a substantial response. When he merely thought about tearing the leaf the chart showed a minor response. But after he had practiced for a while these reactions were reversed. The mere thought of tearing the leaf produced a big reaction from the plant, while the act itself produced only a small reaction.

Vogel's tests seem to show two things: that a plant can be *conditioned* to respond to a human

thought or physical action and that it can *learn* to respond more violently to the thought than to the action. And thus we must conclude that plants do respond telepathically to the human mind.

There is a dilemma not fully resolved by these researches. Do plants have memory? If they do we never have been able to detect a mechanism that would account for it. Plants have no nervous system and no brain. Nonetheless, they respond. Backster is currently conducting experiments to determine whether plants do have a memory. He seems to believe it likely that they do.

Vogel's view, on the other hand, seems to be that the plant is only a medium for transmitting animal reactions. He states very positively that "man does and can communicate with plant life. The plant is blind, deaf and dumb but is a very positive instrument for measuring the emotions of men. Plants can also communicate with each other as well as with men."

It might seem there is little relationship between the Life Fields of Professor Burr and ESP in plants. But I think there may be a connection, even though we don't really understand it. In both cases we are dealing with electrical effects,

probably with electrical fields. But we also are dealing with a great deal more. We are dealing with energies and with fields which simply are not detectable by instruments. We can check Professor Burr's fields with very crude measurements. We can perceive the fields shown by Kirlian photography—but only photographically. We can measure the effects of plant telepathy by electronic amplification. But then we come back to the basic problem of telepathy—there is no known mechanism to explain it. The Russians postulate that telepathic signals are electrical but they cannot identify nor duplicate them. Telepathic signals pass through lead shields and through Faraday cages which electrical signals cannot do. And so do the signals to which the plants respond.

Possibly the fields shown by Professor Burr and by the Kirlians are only effects which accompany the unknown energies which must exist here but which no one seems to know how to research. We often can measure or at least identify effects but we have difficulty with causes and as for the transmissions of these energies, everyone is at a loss! However, we should not despair. Imagine trying to explain X-rays to the average layman 150 years ago!

There has been other such research over the years. Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose, the Indian scientist-inventor, worked on what he called the "mental" responses of plants at least 40 years ago. His work is reported by Paramahansa Yogananda in his *Autobiography of a Yogi*. For years it has been claimed that plants grow better when they are given love and the Rev. Franklin Loehr outlined his experiments with giving love to plants in his book *The Power of Prayer on Plants*.

In the early 1920's Dr. Walter J. Kilner, a British physician, developed the so-called Kilner screens, glass screens or goggles coated with a chemical called pinacyanole bromide, which he believed made it easier for untrained persons to see what he called "the human aura." It always has been part of the lore of psychics that some of them can see a field of light around living objects and from this field diagnose illnesses or at least determine whether an animal or a man is sick or well. Dr. Kilner used his screens to study the aura as a diagnostic tool but whether this is the same thing the psychics see is still a question. Nonetheless, *something* is there and I am speculating that *something* probably is akin to what we have been discussing all

along — the Life Fields of Professor Burr.

One direction in which all this speculation takes us is toward a theory of healing. In October 1972 in Palo Alto, Calif., a four-day symposium was conducted under the joint sponsorship of the Stanford University Department of Industrial Engineering and Materials Science and the Academy of Parapsychology and Medicine at Los Altos. The Academy is investigating the mysteries of psychic healing such as the laying on of hands.

The main theme of this conference was the conviction that some mysterious form of energy can flow from one person to another — can carry thought — and can heal. Healers are those persons who transfer this energy. And it also was proposed — by Dr. Thelma Moss, assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of California in Los Angeles — that a healer lacking self-confidence might drain a subject of energy instead of projecting energy. Dr. Moss has been experimenting with Kirlian photography to record the aura of energy surrounding living things.

So our grandparents were correct in speaking of gardeners with a "green thumb." Some persons do indeed have green thumbs. They give love to their plants and the plants respond

with growth. This was the point of the plant experiments conducted by the Reverend Loehr and others. Dr. Moss again confirmed this at the Stanford conference. The person with a green thumb can restore vitality to an injured leaf or a sick plant simply by holding his hands over it for a few minutes. And this green thumb can be demonstrated by Kirlian photography!

Kirlian photography can show that a "whole" leaf is filled with myriad tiny white bubbles that seem bursting with energy. A wounded leaf develops gaps in this dynamic pattern of bursting bubbles. When the "healer" lays his hand over the leaf for a few minutes the energy bubbles return to the leaf.

But a person with a "brown thumb," says Dr. Moss, who treats a wounded leaf in this manner hastens its death by draining the energy out of the leaf. She believes she has evidence showing that healers with insufficient healing ability can have the same effect on human patients — actually can harm them.

Dr. Moss also says she has evidence that an energy transfer similar to that accomplished with plants takes place during the laying on of hands in human healing. After a healing session the fingertip auras of the healer

usually are smaller while the aura of the person receiving the healing treatment increases. And again Kirlian photography provides evidence of this.

One of the participants in the Stanford conference was Dr. William Tiller, a metallurgist who for five years was dean of the Materials Science Department at Stanford. He also has degrees in physics and recently completed a Guggenheim Fellowship at Oxford. Tiller has been investigating electrodynamic fields and has devices which can locate the acupuncture points described by Chinese medicine. Tiller finds that Kirlian photography can identify these points as well. He theorizes that the bioluminescent energies that show up in Kirlian photography may be the forces that bind and organize matter. He suggests that these energies may operate in a time-space frame that is different from the time-space frame of which we are conscious.

Anyone who has experience with psychic events soon understands that they cannot be explained by conventional science. Yet those persons who have had psychic experiences or have confirmed the psychic experiences of others are convinced that they are true—or real—whatever this means. Therefore, we must face the conclusion that if psy-

chic claims are true then the reality that science describes for us is wrong—or at least incomplete.

Professor Tiller gets around this problem by settling for the word "incomplete." He has come to believe that the materialistic view of reality is very incomplete. He believes people around the world are "learning to awaken those sensory systems which permit us to perceive different dimensions of the universe," that there are other forms of energy than electromagnetic energy and that their velocities may be less than that of light or far greater. Tiller is guilty of a great heresy in the eyes of conventional science—he speaks of laws that transcend the physical laws we know.

Sr. Justa Smith, a Franciscan nun and doctor of biochemistry who teaches at Rosary Hill College in Buffalo, also attended the Stanford conference where she expressed herself as believing that a single energy or force probably is responsible for all parapsychological phenomena. She said: "We can measure all energies in the known electromagnetic spectrum directly but we can't directly measure psychic energy. Is it another whole spectrum of energy? Is it at one end or the other of the electromagnetic spectrum as we know

it but we just can't measure it?"

These are questions for which science presently has no answers.

Professor Burr recently died in Old Lyme, Conn. His work already has been applied to healing — but by medical doctors rather than by those gifted persons called "healers." Burr believed that electrocardiograms and electroencephalograms are not the consequence of biological activity but rather reflect changes in the primary electrical field. He pointed out that these must be field measurements because the electrodes are rarely in direct contact with the system being measured.

In his book Professor Burr discussed the work of Dr. Louis Langman of New York University and Bellevue Hospital. Burr helped Langman devise electrometric tests to determine the presence of uterine cancer. About 1000 women hospital patients were examined and in 102 of these there was a significant shift in voltage gradient which suggested malignancy. Surgical confirmation was found in 95 of these 102 cases.

Dr. Leonard Ravitz also has shown that an electrometric approach to emotional diagnosis is sound and can be impersonal and objective. Electrometric findings tally closely with psychiatric diagnoses.

Dr. Burr believed that the implications of his work far transcend such practical applications as healing. He wrote "L-fields are links in a chain of authority. This starts with the simplest living forms, runs upwards through all the life on this planet to the most complex form we know — man — and then extends outwards into space and upwards to an infinite, ultimate authority, about which we can only speculate.

"This 'chain of authority,' of course, does not apply only to the fields of life. It must also extend from the heart of the smallest atom to those gigantic forces which keep the planets in their orbits, which govern the stars in their courses and which regulate the feverish race of the most distant galaxies towards the outer reaches of space.

"In building living forms, the fields of life override the normal laws of chemistry and physics. You and I are literally held together by definable laws of which L-fields are a manifestation. Without these laws — or if the Universe were really chaos — we could not exist for a millisecond. Rigid, specific and exact forces control not only the construction and maintenance of our component parts but also their organization and interrelationship.

"In short, we exist by virtue of inexorable laws in a highly organized Universe of law and order."

These field forces determine how the frog, the seed, and you and I develop. Changes in the field forces precede all changes in physical and mental conditions. And Burr writes, "It is impossible to imagine that the stage-by-stage development of the nervous system has happened by chance and without di-

rection. You and I, then, are the products of a pattern of organization, or to put it another way, the consequence of a design. And it is very difficult to think of a piece of apparatus of any kind — whether it be an electric iron or an atom smasher — that is not the product of the mind of a designer. Since, therefore, the Universe exhibits a design, it is not too much of a jump into outer space to assume that it is the product of a Designer."



#### LYNCHINGS IN INDIA

**A** WITCHCRAFT SCARE led to the murder of nearly 50 persons in the eastern India state of Bihar in May 1973, reported Associated Press. The Bihar lynchings apparently began when a sack containing five children's skulls was found in Patna, the capital city. Rumors spread that tribal witches were stealing and sacrificing children. No children were missing, however, stated Bihar officials, who guessed that the sack belonged to an untouchable who steals skeletons from graves to sell to medical students. (While Hindus generally cremate dead adults, children are not believed to have souls and their corpses are buried.)

The lynch mobs reportedly were not motivated by religious or ethnic considerations but beat or burned to death anyone suspected of being either a sorcerer or a kidnaper. Frequent rumors spread through Bihar that a band of kidnapers from the backwoods were stealing children to maim

them and make beggars of them. Some forest-dwelling tribesmen in Bihar still practice sorcery and the lynchings increased in number when the tribesmen made their annual shopping trips down to the plains to barter handicrafts for necessities. Two lynching victims, however, were members of the Ananda Marga secret yoga society whose adherents wear beards, turbans and saffron robes. Their house was set afire and the two yogis were killed when they tried to escape.

Such lynchings are not uncommon in parts of eastern India. Just two months before the Bihar murders began a dozen peasants in the suburbs of Calcutta were slain as a result of a similar witchcraft scare. The Indian government has mounted an intensive educational campaign by radio and newspapers to try to offset the unfounded rumors. More than 100 persons have been arrested in connection with the lynchings.

The fact that I am writing this story from a state penitentiary fulfills one of David's visions. Was this predestined years ago?

By Joseph H. Cook

A CONVERSATION with my older brother David when I was not quite five years old is one of my earliest memories. It was 1935 and he was almost ready to graduate from high school. To me he was an adult and especially so when he talked about "visions"

ter over, he attempted to explain his vision more fully. "It was an accident as far as the girl driving the boat was concerned," he said, "but not as far as I was concerned. I killed the child on purpose. I was in that girl. I was so sick of seeing people who weren't

## *I Couldn't Escape* My Brother's *Dreadful Predictions*

which I was too young to understand.

"Someone was killed by an outboard motor," he suddenly announced one day. "It was *your daughter*, Joe! And I was driving the boat."

I couldn't understand what he was saying, for of course I had no daughter but I listened intently and always remembered what he said.

"I was a girl," he continued. "I was driving the boat and I hit the child with the motor. It was an accident."

Later, having thought the mat-

there that I decided to kill one of them."

He shrugged and paced the floor. "It was a speedboat," he explained. "I was going fast like I was racing and I saw the child in the water. I ran up almost on top of her and then turned so that I hit her with the motor. Boy, I could spin that boat on a dime. I got away with murder!"

I listened but I did not believe him.

"Of course it hasn't happened yet, Joe," he concluded, "but it will someday."

About five years passed before

he told me about another of his visions. On a day in 1940 we were out in the yard of our home in Seattle, Wash., when David turned to me looking worried and perplexed. "Maybe I'm going to be a convict," he announced shaking his head. Then he stared straight ahead, seeing something I could not see. "I'm lying on the concrete and you're shooting at me!" he described. "I don't know whether you killed me or not."

I was then 10 years old and had no intention of shooting at anyone, least of all the brother I admired.

"I keep seeing myself in prison," David confided, "but I don't know if it's me or you. Sometimes I think I'm seeing *your* future and sometimes I think it's my own. I don't know."

A few months later David went deer hunting and bagged a two-point buck. When he got home he lifted it off his car and laid it on the ground in front of the garage. I watched as he started to cut off the deer's head.

"I see soldiers," he announced abruptly. He glared at me as if daring me to dispute him. "I see soldiers and trenches and this is a human body. I'm cutting his head off. We've got to hurry or the neighbors will see us!"

I saw no neighbors watching, no soldiers, no trenches, only the dead deer. But by this time I had

become used to David describing scenes only he could see and I knew it was useless to argue.

David walked into the woodshed next to the garage and came out with an axe. "You do it, Joe," he demanded. "You're in this, too."

I took the axe and chopped at the deer's neck.

"Cut it off, Joe!" he snapped. "That's a dead soldier." His eyes gleamed and he smiled with a confident lift of his head as if he knew a strange secret. I chopped away at the deer.

"Here, give it to me," he said, impatiently reaching for the axe. I happily relinquished it and he finished the job.

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WHEN WORLD War II broke out David went to work in the shipyard and later joined the navy. He served on shore at Pearl Harbor and made no more predictions I can remember until he came home as a civilian.

In 1946 he began building his own house in Seattle. One day as I was helping him he suddenly turned to me. "You're attacking my house, Joe, but it won't do you any good."

I smiled and shook my head when I realized he was describing another vision. I was now 16 and had no desire to attack anyone's house.

"You'll attack my house, Joe,"

he insisted. "But when you do, I'll be waiting with a loaded shotgun!"

In January 1949 I enlisted in the army and was sent overseas to Germany. I applied for Officer Candidate School and was accepted. I returned to the States for OCS and graduated as a second lieutenant. Shortly thereafter I was transferred to an infantry unit in Korea.

Near Sandbag Castle one drizzly day in May 1953 I led a patrol out in front of our trenches to search for the retreating enemy. The battle had raged all night and we hoped to find valuable intelligence information on the bodies of the dead and wounded. But the area seemed to be littered only with grenades and other explosives. The body of one enemy soldier lay enmeshed in barbed wire. While trying to crawl underneath he had hit a napalm mine.

"Bring back that body," the battalion commander ordered us. We were within easy rifle range of enemy positions and I knew we would have to move quickly if we hoped to remain alive. I hurriedly searched the body and found nothing. The clothing still smoked from the napalm. Except for the head the dead body was cooked and wrapped in the wire. The soldier began to come apart as we pulled at the arms and

legs. We had no wire cutters and the nearest enemy positions looked a stone's throw away. We had to get out quickly!

When I called the commander to explain our predicament, he told us to bring back what part of the soldier we could. That was good enough for me! "Cut off his head and let's get out of here," I ordered. With a bayonet and axe we did just that and got back to the trenches within minutes.

Only much later when I thought over the incident did I recall my brother's prediction. We had cut off the soldier's head just as David and I had cut off the deer's head years before. I ascribed the eerie event to coincidence and thought no more about it.

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YEARS WENT by. I returned to civilian life and went to work for the zoo. I married and my wife and I had three children, two girls and a boy. In June 1965 I took the family to Seward Park on Lake Washington and we spent the afternoon swimming and playing in the water near a picnic area. A motorboat pulling water skis operated offshore for a couple of hours but kept well outside the safety markers and we ignored it.

I was standing knee-deep in the water gathering weeds for my daughter's fishbowl when the

sound of an outboard motor came loudly to my ears. I looked up and saw the motorboat plunging almost directly toward the shore. I scanned the water for my eight-year-old daughter Bobbie who had been learning to swim some 30 feet from the water's edge. I saw her head and shoulders as she tried to swim out of the path of the boat. Just as the boat was upon her, it turned sharply. The motor struck Bobbie and killed her instantly.

The 19-year-old girl who had been learning to drive the boat was grief-stricken over the accident. Another of my brother's predictions had come true! His words rang in my ears! I realized he had predicted what had happened but I also was aware that David had been nowhere around at the time of the accident. Yet he had claimed that he would be responsible. Could he actually determine the future? I wasn't sure—but I decided I would avoid David in the future.

Months and years passed. I rarely saw any of my relatives and took particular pains to avoid my brother. I kept to my job

and made up my mind to disregard his other predictions and his apparent efforts to antagonize me by daring me to dispute what he foresaw. I tried to put it all in the past. But one day in August 1971 David's wife Vivian approached me at my job. I felt he had sent her. I walked away without speaking to her but I felt that fate was catching up to me.

I no longer could take my mind off my brother. I remembered his vision about the enemy soldier and his prediction about Bobbie's death. I put a revolver in my pocket and drove toward David's house, telling myself I would not go through with what I had in mind.

The rest is a matter of court record. I attacked my brother's house just as he had predicted, except that he was not waiting with a loaded shotgun. I shot at him from the sidewalk as he lay on the concrete driveway just as he had seen in his vision years before. His final prediction about prison came true not long afterward, of course, when I was sentenced to the penitentiary for murdering my brother.

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#### THE LUCKY HITCHHIKER

**A** BARI, ITALY, youth of 16, identified only as M. T., was so proud of his car that he was happy to oblige hitchhiker Vittorio Meola by taking him directly to the street address Meola gave him.

The address turned out to be that of a police station and Meola turned out to be the man from whom the youth had stolen the car.



Witnesses saw UFO ascend out of man-made Clearwater Lake in southeastern Missouri.

# The BRUSHY CREEK UFO SCARE

By Jerome Clark

Starting in February 1973 police in Piedmont, Mo., received over 500 reports of UFO sightings in this rural area.

**“YOU WON’T** believe this,” Reggie Bone told a FATE reporter, “but I don’t think there’s anyone around here who hasn’t seen one.”

Bone should know because his sighting on the night of February 21, 1973, precipitated the great Brushy Creek UFO scare and brought flying saucers back into the headlines four years after the

Condon Committee declared them a dead issue. In sheer quantity of reports the Missouri flap parallels the famous waves of the mid-1960’s. UFOs, whatever they are, probably are going to be as significant a part of the ’70’s.

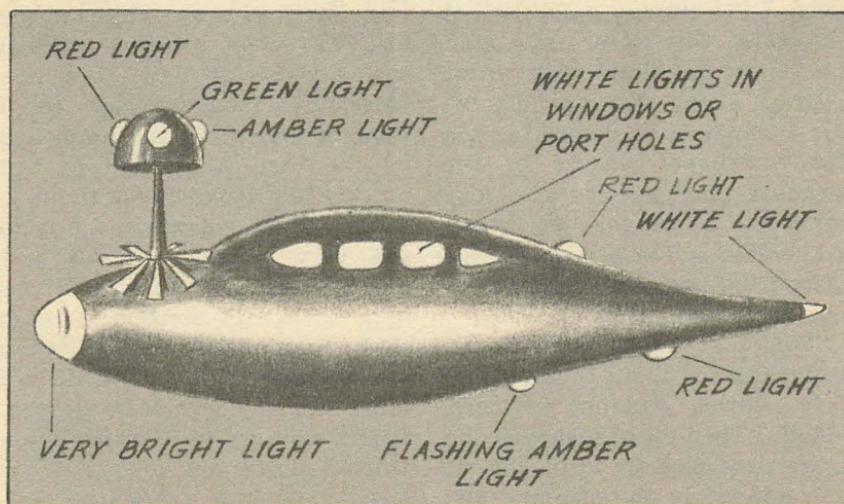
Southeastern Missouri seems an unlikely place for something so out of the ordinary. In a heav-

ily-forested section of Wayne County between two giant man-made lakes in the eastern Ozarks, Clearwater and Wappapello, the Brushy Creek area encompasses Piedmont (population 1500) to the north and Mill Spring (population 225) to the south. The region is rich in both natural beauty and lead deposits but is not known for much else. Certainly its friendly but skeptical inhabitants were unprepared for a UFO invasion or the international attention following in its wake.

High school basketball coach Bone was no believer in UFOs — at least not before the night of February 21 when with two team

managers and three of his players he was returning home along U.S. Highway 60 near Ellsinore, Mo., about 20 miles south of Piedmont. They were in poor spirits after losing a crucial tournament game by seven points and were rehashing their defeat. Suddenly Bone, who was driving, noticed a "bright shaft of light beaming down out of the sky."

A few miles later as the car passed through the Brushy Creek area, player Randal Holmes noticed something else. "Look!" he shouted. "There's that thing we saw back on Highway 60!" Bone pulled over to the side of the road and the six piled out.



Edith Boatwright of Mill Spring, Mo., sketched the UFO she observed near her farmhouse on the night of February 21, 1973, as it flew low with its lights flashing.



Hayden Hewes of Oklahoma City's International UFO Bureau interviews basketball coach Reggie Bone while Daniel Garcia of IUFOB takes notes.

"It looked like it was about 200 yards off the road hovering over an open field," Bone said later. (Investigators from the International UFO Bureau (IUFOB) of Oklahoma City later estimated the object probably was about 400 feet above the ground.) "It was impossible to determine the size or shape because of the darkness. Anyway, we saw four lights that looked like portholes: red, green, amber and white. We figured they were about three or four feet apart, all in a row."

"We just stood there and watched it for about 10 minutes," Cary Barks, another witness, added. "Then all of a sudden the lights went directly up in the air with absolutely no noise and just disappeared over a hill."

Half an hour later Mrs. Edith

Boatwright of nearby Mill Spring saw the same or a similar object flying low near her farmhouse. "It was about 10:00 P.M.," she told FATE. "I was lying on my bed — I wasn't asleep — when I saw a flashing light. We live close by the highway so I thought something had happened on the road. I got out of bed quickly and looked over the lower part of the curtain and I could see very plainly a craft just clearing the utility wires. It was in a horizontal position. I think there were people in it. I could see objects inside but could not make out any form of a person. It made a very quiet noise like a *whoosh* slowly and evenly. When it changed into a vertical position, it made a louder noise, like a quiet motor pulling."

"It didn't have any chopper blades on top like a helicopter, just some rotary-like blades in front where an umbrella-like part extended up. It was about 30 or more feet long — very beautiful light-colored body with a darker tail.

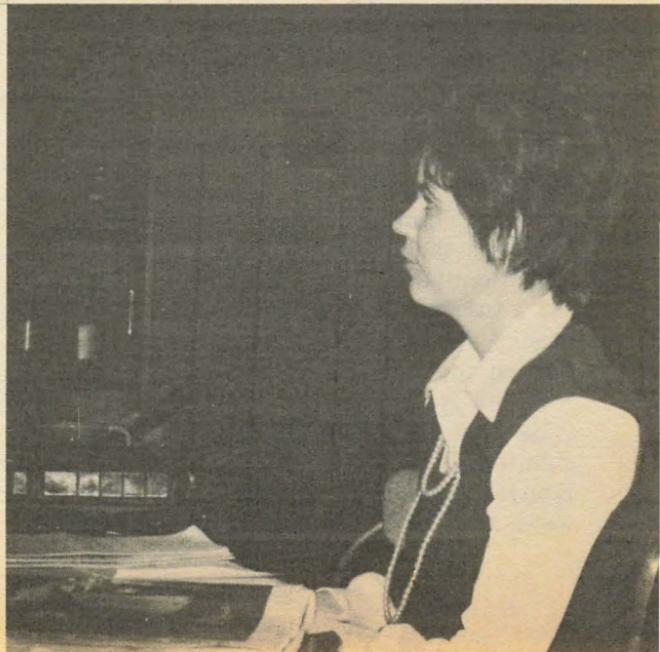
"There were no lights on in our house at the time. I watched it for about one or two minutes. It was about 200 or 250 yards from my window, flying below the oak treetops."

At first Mrs. Boatwright thought the object was "some kind of new nuclear-powered helicopter" but changed her mind in the next few days when she heard about the flood of UFO sightings. It is worth noting,

however, that the "whooshing" sound Mrs. Boatwright reported was not heard by other southeastern Missouri UFO witnesses. Conceivably helicopter blades could have made that sound and IUFOb's Daniel Garcia who interviewed the witness believes it is at least possible that the object was a military aircraft dispatched to the area to look for Bone's UFO. Arguing against this idea is the fact that the craft as described by Mrs. Boatwright did not look like a helicopter.

Whatever the case, in the next two months the Boatwrights' farm was to play host to other UFOs including one that apparently landed on a hill behind

Mrs. Jean Coleman was crossing Clearwater Dam on March 21 when UFO with a flashing red light rose silently out of lake.



the house. "We didn't try to go near it as we had company coming at the time," Mrs. Boatwright explains.

On February 22, the night after the original Bone-Boatwright sightings. Roy and Beth Burch and Mrs. Kathy Keith, driving in the Brushy Creek area, spotted an object "blinking green, white, amber and red." Burch tried to chase the UFO along the highway.

"Roy started speeding up to get a close look at it," Mrs. Keith said. "He was doing about 70 miles an hour but we still lost it. We got to the Creek area and there were some other Piedmont people standing on the road looking at it."

One of them, Bob Smith, had binoculars focused on the UFO but he could not make out any shape. The lights were visible for 10 minutes longer and then sank over a hill.

Four nights later, on the 26th, Pat Toney and Will Freeman watched a luminous object moving over the trees near the Tip Top Mountains. The UFO about 500 yards away "was solid with prongs on it," Miss Toney informed the IUFOB. "A red light was on it."

By far the great majority of sightings in the Piedmont-Brushy Creek-Mill Spring area were the kind UFOlogists call

"nocturnal lights"—brilliant flashing lights far enough away that witnesses cannot discern their source.

From February 21 into late April sightings occurred almost nightly. The Piedmont police received over 500 reports and IUFOB director Hayden Hewes told FATE he and his associates, who conducted a detailed investigation, interviewed 200 witnesses. Most of the sightings were fairly routine as UFO reports go and not very revealing. We will concentrate on the more unusual sightings.

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**M**OST RESIDENTS saw the UFOs more than once. Even so, Earl Turnbough's experience was unique for he had three unusually vivid sightings of more than just lights.

His first encounter took place around 9:00 P.M. about the first of March. Turnbough had just passed over a hill on Highway 49 when he spotted something "lit up like a circus" hovering over the road in front of him. The lights went out within seconds and presumably the object escaped in the darkness.

Two weeks later on March 14 as Turnbough drove through the same area in a thunderstorm he saw an amber light hovering 30 feet above a field less than 200 yards from him.

"I slowed down and watched for five or 10 minutes," Turnbough said. "When the lightning flashed I could see a dome-shape with sort of an antenna at the top. This amber light was shining from the antenna. All the other lights were off. I would say the thing was between 15 and 20 feet in diameter. It wasn't making any noise at all."

He saw a UFO for the third time a week later. "I was feeding cattle at the farm just about dark and I saw this thing come down over Brushy Creek," he explained. "It was about a thousand feet in the air and shaped like a top. I couldn't tell if it was rotating or if the lights were just flashing. The lights were yellow, green and red. They could've been portholes for all I know. The object sailed over the farm and didn't make a sound."

March 14, the same night as Turnbough's second sighting, Mrs. Maude Jefferis, a photography teacher at Piedmont's Clearwater High School, took a series of pictures of "a small reddish ball" high in the air. She spotted the object around 11 o'clock and mounting a Crown Graphic 4x5 camera on a tripod, she took a 10-minute time exposure which unfortunately shows little more than a dot in the night sky.

"As a professional photog-

rapher," she said, "I cannot explain the object. It is not a lens flare or light reflection."

Mrs. Jefferis is referring to a theory proposed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, former U. S. Air Force UFO consultant, who arrived in Piedmont on March 31, talked briefly with eight persons and left 24 hours later. Hynek's suggested explanation also has been disputed by photographic experts at the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, who say that a lens flare would be widespread over the entire negative rather than a small speck. They further point out that the lens in Mrs. Jefferis' camera is coated to prevent flares.

That same evening Carl Laxton saw an object shaped, he told IUFOB, "like a barrel with protrusions like arms sticking out of it . . .

"The only way I could see the shape of this thing was when the object seemed to tilt; a brilliant white light appeared to go behind it. The object was tilting from a vertical to a horizontal position and then back to a vertical position again. Then it moved straight up and disappeared into the night sky."

Seven days later, on March 21, Mrs. Jean Coleman and Mrs. Cathy Leach were crossing the Clearwater Dam about 9:00 P.M. when they saw an object rise out

of the lake. Theirs is one of the most spectacular sightings reported.

They were first alerted by a "red flash" on the lake. Stopping their car, they got out to see blinking lights ascending. Each time a red light flashed, the object got brighter.

"We could see it climbing," Mrs. Coleman said. "It looked like the lights were red, white and yellow. There was no sound. We tried to make out the shape but each time the lights went out we could see nothing . . . We watched it for four or five minutes until it circled out of sight."

Ken Johnson, owner of the Piedmont Boat Dock, confirmed the women's story. Shortly before they saw the UFO leaving the water, unnamed campers told Johnson they had seen a "bright light moving right under the surface of the lake." These latter "aimed a flashlight beam at the traveling light and it went out immediately."

Later in March two divers from the East Side Divers Supply Company of Granite City, Ill., made three attempts to explore the lake for evidence of the underwater UFO. Unfortunately, unusually heavy spring rainfall (seven inches in March) had raised the water level 30 feet above normal. The lake was extremely murky and the divers

found nothing in its depths.

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**G**RAND TOWER, Ill., on the Illinois-Missouri border, is almost 60 miles northeast of Piedmont but the UFO Oscar Wills sighted the evening of March 22 sounds very much like those from Brushy Creek.

Wills, an operating engineer at the Central Illinois Public Service Company's power generating station on the Mississippi one and a half miles from Grand Tower, first saw the object when fellow-employee Willis Hughes called from his home to say something was hovering over the transformer yard.

"I went out by myself to take a look," Wills recounted in an interview with FATE, "and there it was, hovering about 1500 feet in the air and about 200 yards from me.

"It was a round saucer-shaped object about 25 to 30 feet in diameter. It looked like a high-intensity red light with a lot of lights coming out of what seemed to be portholes. The lights were flashing and causing a spinning effect. I couldn't see any image of its bottom, which may have been concave, I'm not sure.

"I kept walking and got to within 100 yards of it. I looked at it for two or three minutes until it darted behind the power plant

almost like a blur. I went north of the power plant to see where it had gone and found it hovering over a water intake pump on the other side of the station. I stood there for a couple of minutes and watched it."

Wills' vigil was interrupted by a phone call from another employee (not Hughes) who wanted to know what was going on. By the time Wills got off the phone and enlisted two other men to go outside with him the UFO was gone.

Wills then called Hughes who informed him the object had flown across the river and disappeared into the Missouri hills. Within minutes, however, Wills and his crew saw four jet planes making passes over the plant area as if searching.

"The most amazing part," Wills says, "is the way this object moved rapidly with no effort and perfectly silently. I just can't get over that. I don't know what it was but I know this much: we don't have anything like this."

Wills claimed that a nearly identical object appeared over Grand Tower nearly a month later, on the evening of April 16.

On the night of Wills' first encounter, March 22, back in Piedmont newsman Dennis Kenney of local radio station KPWB saw "a big orange light, glowing

from white to orange. It appeared to just go out and then would come back on." Gary Sutton, who was with him, snapped eight pictures of it with a 35mm Petri camera loaded with black-and-white infrared film. These photographs show a ball-shaped object with a bright glowing band across its midsection. This sighting took place at 7:30 P.M.

Three hours earlier, at 4:30, a UFO had made a rare daytime appearance. Joe King of Mill Spring and Ron Miller of Piedmont, both students at Southeast Missouri State University (Cape Girardeau), were traveling along Highway 34 near Patterson (eight miles east of Piedmont) when they noticed an oval-shaped object above the nearby treetops. The UFO, "metallic" in appearance, flat on the bottom with a dome on the top, was moving rapidly and leaving no vapor trail.

The following evening, Friday, March 23, Leonard Adams and his 13-year-old daughter Alma of Piedmont encountered a "high-intensity, bright white light" at 7:10.

"It blinked on and off," Alma recounted, "and every time it blinked it shot up 10 feet. When it got about 300 to 500 feet in the air red and green lights came on and then the object flew horizontally.

"Actually the red and green lights were very dull in comparison with the white light, which was so intense that our eyes couldn't adjust to it. The light was almost blinding. The farther away the object got, the better you could see the other lights."

The UFO passed over radio station KPWB, which was not on the air at the time. The next morning the station was unable to sign on because one of its transformers had blown out. Hayden Hewes of IUFOB believes the Adamses' UFO may have had something to do with the malfunction but the station's news director Dennis Hovis, who has conducted his own exhaustive probe into the Brushy Creek flap, disagrees. "It could have been from any number of causes," he says.

FATE could not confirm any reports of so-called electromagnetic effects but Hovis assured us that some local residents told him of radio and television interference when a UFO was close by. "These people say that when the TV starts rolling and reception gets bad, they can go outside and see a flying object," Hovis says, adding that some witnesses have heard sounds from the objects—"a sort of high-speed drilling sound."

Among other reports Hovis has collected is one from a Patterson farm family who heard a high-

pitched drilling sound which began around 10 o'clock in the evening all during April. Sometimes it was so loud it shook their house. Too frightened to go outside, they had not, at the time of this writing, discovered its cause. Hovis refuses to release their names to us, explaining that the family in question gave the story to him in confidence.

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**T**HE SINGLE most important UFO sighting occurred on April 3 in the daylight. It involved a landing of sorts and provided some physical evidence.

Mrs. Raymond Stucker of Elsinore traveling down Highway 60 at about noon "saw this thing in the air off to the side of the road," she told IUFOB investigators. ". . . It looked like something I never saw before. It was round, with the exception of a dome on top . . . three . . . one on top of the other.\* It appeared to have a dull band or something going around the center. The bottom had something like a tripod landing gear.

"The object was hovering just above treetop level off to the right of the road . . . There is a possibility that it came up from the ground and stopped right above the trees."

\*Hewes explains that this means the object had three pyramiding domes on top, each one smaller than the one below it.

She said the UFO was silent and appeared to be made of aluminum.

Two days later Mrs. Stucker led IUFOb officials to the area where they found trees in a 35-foot circle turned counter-clockwise with some of their tips broken off. Geiger counters failed to pick up any unusual radiation but they found a mysterious "ash" near the tops of the trees although there was no evidence the trees had burned.

On Friday, April 13, newsman Hovis and a physicist from Southeast Missouri State University (who has asked not to be identified) made four sightings in the space of three and a half hours. The skeptical scientist had come from Cape Girardeau to see the UFOs for himself and he was not disappointed.

Hovis and the physicist had set up a telescope with a degree-finder on the side in an area near Black River seven miles southeast of Piedmont. At 7:18 P.M. the men saw what Hovis calls a "a light — no visible body or object attached to it — white in color with some yellow." It was moving from north to south at a 10-degree angle off the horizon. The unnamed physicist speculated it might be a satellite.

At 7:28 a similar light appeared, moving in the same direction, five degrees off the horizon.

This time the scientist suggested that the booster had followed the satellite into orbit.

But by 9:30 when the third object cruised across the sky the man's faith in satellites was shaken. This object was traveling *south to north*, 10 degrees off the horizon and for a brief period it flew *toward* the witnesses before resuming its northbound course. A fourth UFO, heading from north to south at 10 degrees off the horizon, passed by at 10:45, leaving behind a deeply perplexed scientist.

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**W**HILE NO one has reported seeing UFO occupants Reggie Bone does have a strange story to relate of something he, his wife and two other couples saw around Christmastime in 1971 when they were driving down a little-traveled road in a deserted section of the Brushy Creek area. The time was about 2:00 A.M.

"Suddenly," Bone says, "we saw this fellow walking up the road toward us in a frogman's outfit. He was wearing flippers or something resembling them on his feet and he was carrying something in his hands.

"We couldn't see very well — visibility was poor — so we couldn't see his face but his body was completely covered. The suit didn't look wet. Black River

is about a quarter-mile away from the road but it's rather inaccessible from the point where we ran into this figure.

"The temperature was well below freezing and I don't know of anyone who lives in that area. We were so taken aback that nobody even said anything for several miles. Finally somebody asked, 'Did you see that?'"

Bone, with Hovis, has carefully studied the local UFO situation and does not necessarily connect the figure with the mysterious aerial phenomena but he does admit that the recent sightings recalled the earlier incident to his mind. He says he and Hovis found that UFOs have been seen regularly in the more remote sections of Brushy Creek since 1967.

To the UFOlogist, Bone's 1971 encounter is reminiscent of numerous landing reports that in-

clude beings dressed in what witnesses almost invariably describe as "diving suits." A more mundane explanation for this incident may exist but the story deserves being recorded here for whatever it may be worth.

Dennis Hovis offers the only possible commentary on Brushy Creek's flying saucer onslaught: "I don't know what we're seeing but I do know we're seeing something. It's not swamp gas and it's not satellites either. On the other hand, I can't say they're aliens — I'm just a newsman, not a scientist.

"All I'll say is this, this is some kind of aerial phenomenon. It's simply unexplainable. From the reading I've done lately, I guess that these things always have been around and no one anywhere has ever been able to explain them."



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tery and identified him.

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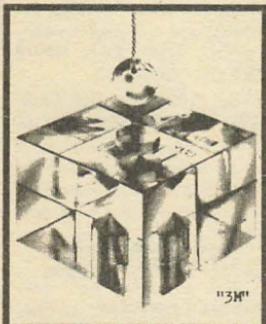
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By Marion Brader

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Frequently thereafter I attended the Saturday night circles and by summertime Al DeForest and his mother Martha were my friends and had visited my home several times. Al always brought his cocker spaniel Duchess to frolic with my two dogs.

When Al succumbed after a cardiac attack on August 14, 1969, I was stunned and grief-stricken.

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I looked up to see in the doorway a figure about Mom's height and all in white. As Mother often wore a long white chenille robe I just assumed it was she. The figure crossed the room and bent over my baby brother's crib. After a few seconds it turned and came toward the bunk beds.

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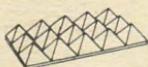
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found my voice and yelled out, "Mom, Mom!"

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When she brought the water to me I saw she hadn't yet undressed. So I decided to tell her my strange experience.

Mom accepted my story calmly and said, "I'm not surprised. Remember the day we got the call to go to Grandma's house? She had asked to see all you kids. But when we got there she was already in a coma. I think she probably came to get her last look."

Mother was referring to my great-grandmother, her maternal grandmother Lillian Mote, who always seemed a rather mysterious character to me. She had a mystical far-away look although she lived into her 90's and remained alert and lucid until she slipped into that final coma in July 1946.

After this explanation my mother left the room and I lay there thinking about what she had said. I felt compelled to look up and there in the doorway stood the same figure. This time I felt no fear but smiled instead. The figure remained framed in the doorway momentarily and then vanished. I never saw it again. — *Miami, Fla.*

## GRANDMOTHER'S SPINET

By Betty Arnold

I NEVER thought much about the hereafter until the death of my Grandmother Bessie Donovan. She had been a strong woman, highly intelligent, and had raised a family of six children entirely on her own after the death of her husband Ed. When her children were grown they each went their own ways and Grandmother was left alone. As she grew older and couldn't get around very well Grandmother often called

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"They would only take it and sell it and I'd never get to play it again," she said.

My 12-year-old daughter Angela and I both play the piano well and one or the other of us often played for Grandmother in her home. I hated to move the piano but Grandmother insisted she knew best.

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"Mother, the hymn sounded lovely, but what are you doing up so early?"

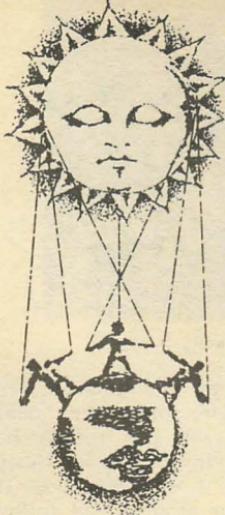
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year-old woman who lives in Berlin, N. J., was describing her "death." She had suffered her fourth heart attack while lying in Cooper Hospital in Camden, N. J., on August 23, 1966. Three previous attacks had followed closely upon one another in the days before she entered the hospital.

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says were divided by "electromagnetic lines."

"I was praising and adoring God and accounting for my life," she said. "Above the Fifth Plane I saw through a mist the figure of Christ seated on a throne. On either side of Him were angels holding long trumpets."

On the Seventh Plane—which is the last a spirit can reach and still reincarnate, she said—she found herself in a misty atmosphere, surrounded by thousands of astral bodies which she described as gauzy with small faces. Here she could see Christ more clearly, although still from a distance. "His eyes were blue, deep, full of strength. As I sorted out the good and bad in my life I knew I couldn't lie. One is one's own judge," she said. "The Plane you travel to depends on the life you've led."

Christ then descended to her and said, "You are not to stay here, my child. You are to go back and love and help others—and you will teach. Now go."

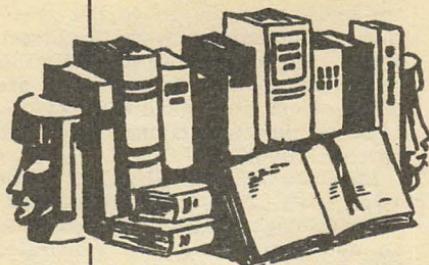
"I struggled to stay," Penny told me, "but an irresistible force pulled me downward. I felt myself reentering my body through my head."

Nurses working over her saw that she had begun to breathe and quickly called her doctor. Penny regained consciousness with her powers not only unimpaired but expanded. In the intensive care unit where she lay, she could see spirits floating in the air overhead.

"I knew which persons were going to die," she said. "I was overwhelmed." — Moorestown, N. J.



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## NEWS and REVIEWS



### ROGO ON SURVIVAL

**D.** SCOTT ROGO, a frequent *FATE* contributor and reviewer, admittedly is in the minority among contemporary psychic researchers in his belief in survival. His writings on NAD or paranormal music and on out-of-the-body experiences (OOBEs) have stressed the relevance of such studies to the question of whether the personality continues after physical death. Now in his latest volume *The Welcoming Silence* (University Books, Secaucus, N.J., 1973, 191 pages, \$7.95) Scott summarizes the many lines of evidence for survival.

Rogo's main argument is that although individual lines of evidence — OOBEs, apparitions, deathbed visions, hauntings, mediumistic communications, etc. — taken alone cannot be regarded as conclusive, the overall picture, the way these separate lines of evidence complement one another, provides overwhelming proof of survival. Rogo's good friends and collaborators, Robert Crookall and Raymond Bayless, also have advanced this argument and I tend to agree with their reasoning. The probability of survival seems overwhelming to me although there

are serious problems of evaluation in the different pieces of evidence.

I am impressed with Rogo's knowledge of the literature of psychic research. How many other writers would know, for example, that Mrs. Piper's control "Phinuit" actually could converse in French, contrary to the often-repeated objection? Who else would quote W. Tudor Pole, Andrew Jackson Davis, James Hyslop and Duncan MacDougall? If there is any gap in his coverage, it is the scant attention given to Ian Stevenson's work. Survival research currently has switched away from the classical approach to an emphasis on altered states of consciousness. Rogo fails to give us the background on this change of direction but he does stress that OOBEs are the most critical evidence for survival, with which conclusion W. G. Roll and Karlis Osis seem to agree.

Rogo's summary of all the lines of evidence for survival is impressive although I have little hope he will convince anyone. If Hornell Hart's masterful *The Enigma of Survival* (unhappily now out of print) didn't

convince the skeptics, Rogo's popular-level volume scarcely can be more successful. As Rogo says of Hart's study of apparitions, he will simply be ignored.

Present-day parapsychologists are not interested in the survival question. Investigating the subject flies in the face of the dominant materialism in contemporary science. It's far safer to study cards and dice, even Kirlian machines, than to express an interest in man's ultimate destiny. Rogo's volume consequently has more interest as the fuller exposition of the thoughts of a knowledgeable young researcher than as a document to prove survival. Most readers will enjoy the book, however, even if it is not apt to convince confirmed skeptics.

**PSYCHICS, PAST AND PRESENT**  
**BIOGRAPHIES** of sensitives always seem to fascinate the reading pub-

lic and yet good ones are in short supply. Rarely are we given a balanced portrait of a psychic as a human being and almost never are we told about the times the sensitive's impressions were incorrect. Two recent biographies illustrate this latter point—but I feel they are useful from the standpoint of increasing our understanding of the psychics involved.

*Incidents in My Life* by D. D. Home (University Books, Secaucus, N.J., 1973, 288 pages, \$7.95) is presented as an autobiography of the celebrated 19th-Century medium. Since much of Home's work was done in a trance state from which he awoke with no recollection of what had happened while he was entranced, the reader might logically wonder how he could present detailed reports of his seances (and the volume contains very little else). The explanation is that Home almost continuously quotes from let-

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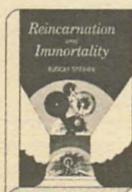
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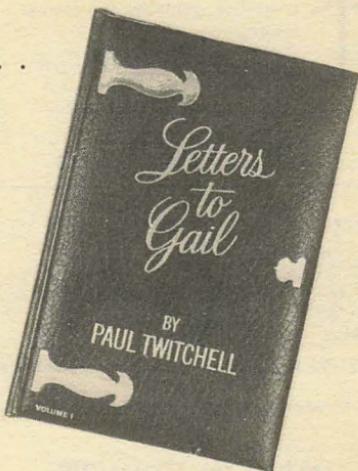
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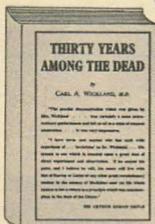


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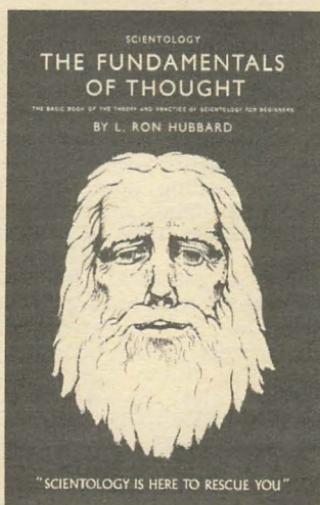
ters and published accounts of his seances written by sitters. The volume originally was published in 1862, shortly after the death of Home's first wife, and thus covers only the first 30 years of his life. Many of his most famous exploits, such as the famous levitation in and out of the windows, occurred some years after this book leaves off.

The volume does fill in our picture of this enigmatic man. I was struck, first of all, by Home's lack of resentment toward those persons who accused him of fraud and all manner of other crimes. His health was poor and his abilities often failed him, yet seemingly he seldom turned down eager sitters who importuned him. His combining modesty with confidence seems to have captivated those he met in all walks of life. The second thing that impressed me is the striking mental mediumship that often went along with his more famous psychokinetic feats. Scarcely a seance is without such things as the levitation of the table, the unexplained movement of objects and the touches of spirit hands. Nearly every sitting also produced evidential communications that compare favorably with those produced by any present-day mental medium. University Books is to be commended for reprinting this fascinating and historic account.

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On the debit side, Gary's biography suffers from the usual hero worship that afflicts most biographers of psychics. I know of various persons who have gone to Ross-ville, Ga., at considerable expense, only to receive the vaguest of platitudes for their "reading." Gary wastes a lot of space recounting "Doc's" friendship with various Hollywood personalities. The case histories involving unknown people make more interesting reading. But on balance Gary does a commendable job. I'm sure most FATE readers will enjoy the book.

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Obscured amid the public outcry against modern drug usage is a very long history of the employment of drugs (and sexual practices) for ritual magic purposes. The book traces the background of religious and sexual drug usage from biblical times through the cult of assassins to the highly suspect *Book of Shadows* of Gerald Gardner. Wilson carefully researches the literature from the introduction of marijuana into North America (by George Washington!) to Aleister Crowley and modern researchers like Laing, Osmond, Fort, Leary, Lilly and Castaneda.

While the ancient fertility designs are amusing, not even the case histories are erotic. Those readers interested in titillation will have to go elsewhere.

I don't agree with Wilson that sex is at the bottom of the modern interest in drugs but this volume is the best available account of sex and drugs in the modern world. For information that is accurate, complete and useful, this book can't be beat. — James Collins.

**CAN YOU SPEAK VENUSIAN?** by Patrick Moore, W. W. Norton & Co., New York, N.Y., 1973, 174 pages, \$6.95.

The well-known British amateur astronomer and author, Patrick Moore, gives us his views on those persons whom he terms "independent

thinkers." In this category he places believers in a hollow earth, a flat earth, UFOs, Atlantis and a variety of other subjects not recognized by science.

Persons familiar with the literature on these subjects, however, will find Moore's comments superficial. Anyone who has read widely on hollow earth concepts or the Siberian "meteorite" of 1908, for example, will know that Moore omits quite a lot. Despite his repeated "tributes" to independent thinkers I get the feeling that he often is having fun at their expense. Some of the ideas he presents are more than merely "unorthodox"—they can be taken seriously only if one ignores provable facts. The book's title, for instance, was suggested by Englishman Bernard Byron's claim that he can speak a variety of extra-terrestrial languages.

I find it unfortunate that such totally unfounded speculations are lumped together with ESP, theories of ancient astronauts and Immanuel Velikovsky's researches. Moore's book makes interesting reading but I hope he will be more discriminating should he attempt another such volume.—Lucius Farish.

**THE SECRET LIFE OF PLANTS** by Peter Tompkins and Christopher Bird, Harper & Row, New York, N.Y., 1973, 402 pages, \$8.95.

This book is an illuminating survey of out-of-the-ordinary experimentation with plants. Not only plant-lovers but anyone interested in the mystery of life will find it surprising and fascinating. Although much of the material may seem absurd to conventional science the authors have carefully researched their subject and append an 18-page bibliography.

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MIND OVER MATTER by Glen Barclay, Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind., 1973, 142 pages, \$5.95.

The title of this book will suggest psychokinesis to most FATE readers but Barclay uses the term in a much broader sense; in fact he presents an Oriental smorgasbord. He meticulously covers karate, judo, jujitsu, aikido, tai-chi, Chinese boxing and assorted other martial arts. By the middle of the book he gets to Indian and Tibetan yoga, levitation, telekinesis and fire walking with acupuncture for dessert.

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Although Barclay is skeptical of exhibitionist varieties of yoga, levitation and telekinesis, he has no reservations about acupuncture, pointing out that acupuncture is used in 90 percent of the operations performed in Canton presently.

In summing up Barclay makes clear that he feels Eastern religions cope better with the unseen world of non-physical energy than does Christianity.

I like the book but wish Barclay hadn't included so many fields of study in a single volume. It was a palatable feast but a bit hard to digest.

— Rustie Brown.

**GALAXIES OF LIFE** edited by Stanley Krippner and Daniel Rubin, Gordon & Breach, New York, N.Y., 1973, 182 pages, \$12.50.

This book is based on reports given at the First Western Hemisphere Conference on Kirlian Photography, Acupuncture and the Human Aura, held in New York City in May 1972. While I welcome the book, I feel most people will be disappointed in it. It does not establish exactly what the Kirlian apparatus is photographing nor whether this Kirlian effect is indeed the "human aura." A loose connection is made between Kirlian results, the aura and acupuncture by way of the biometer. This device does not duplicate the Kirlian process but rather "finds" acupuncture points by a deflection of the indicator needle. The biometer also allegedly can determine whether the subject "is in a state of depression or excitation" although no evidence beyond the author's statement is offered for this. The book fails to demonstrate a relationship between the aura and

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acupuncture by logical, philosophical or scientific proof. We have only J. R. Worsley's statement that "The channels of light leading to the surface of the body showing up under Kirlian photography seem to relate to the Chinese chartings of the 'meridians' or energy pathways." It will be interesting if someday the Kirlian method permits a complete photograph of the human body. Then acupuncture needles could be inserted into the body to see what changes if any register.

The faults of this book are many. There are diagrams with Russian captions that are useless to the layman. The book lacks a glossary of the technical terms that are sprinkled throughout the text without definition. It suffers from a lack of design, misplaced diagrams, unprofessional layout, inadequate footnotes and sloppy editing and proofreading. To charge \$12.50 for this amateurish effort seems an outrage. A revised edition is planned for sometime in 1974. We can hope the new edition will correct some of the glaring faults of the present volume. However, this book is a beginning toward our understanding of these important matters and deserves careful attention.—Paul Dammitt.

MAGICK WITHOUT TEARS by Aleister Crowley, Llewellyn Publications, St. Paul, Minn., 1973, 558 pages, \$10.00.

This final work by Crowley, published posthumously in 1954, is a collection of 80 letters he wrote to followers in response to questions on a variety of subjects spanning the peculiar Crowleyan philosophy of magick (the final "k" to distinguish ritual magic from the stage variety). Crowley claimed adherence to strict scientific procedures in his work and decried the tricks and efforts to produce phenomena contrary to the powers of nature.

Although he clings to his Law of Thelema — "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law" — he emphasizes a need to define "thou" and "will" Crowley insists that you must know the highest identity of self through magick communion with the "Masters" if you are to understand your correct "will." The Law of Thelema is meaningless for the novice who uses it as an excuse for impulsive, indulgent and licentious dissipation.

The public image of Crowley has been that of a drug-sodden sex pervert indulging in all the carefree excesses we can imagine. By his own notes Crowley demonstrates that his use of drugs was meaningless and self-destroying, that his inspired guidance was more often wrong than right, that he thought and wrote about sex more than he ever enjoyed it and that apparently he never successfully imparted to anyone his vision of what life is all about.

Israel Regardie, the editor of this volume, hails it as written proof that Crowley's mental powers remained lucid into his final years. To my mind, for all of Crowley's pedantic literary pomposity, he sounds like an impulsive, futile and ineffective mystic — "more to be pitied than censored." — Tom C. Lyle.

**ALIENS FROM SPACE** by Donald E. Keyhoe, Doubleday & Co., New York, N.Y., 1973, 322 pages, \$7.95.

Major Keyhoe has the distinction of having authored the first commercially-published book on UFOs, *The Flying Saucers Are Real*, in 1950. Now, at a time when other UFO enthusiasts speak knowingly of "alternate realities," "parallel universes" and other esoteric sources for the strange craft, Keyhoe stands firm on the extraterrestrial origin of UFOs.

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A considerable amount of material in this present volume will be familiar to most FATE readers. In my view, Keyhoe errs in dismissing most reports of UFO occupants, including the famous Hill case. According to Dr. J. Allen Hynek there are now over 800 reports of UFO occupants so they must be taken seriously.

In his final chapter Keyhoe outlines a scheme to draw UFOs out of the skies by setting up dummy UFOs and other displays to appeal to the crafts' occupants. This idea seems to presuppose a race of alien lame-brains with no knowledge of terrestrial plans and actions. I'm surprised Keyhoe gives it serious consideration.

In brief, anyone who wants a simple, uncluttered and somewhat naive view of UFOs probably will enjoy *Aliens From Space*. — Lucius Farish.

DREAM TELEPATHY by Montague Ullman and Stanley Krippner with Alan Vaughan, Macmillan Publishing Co., New York, N.Y., 1973, 277 pages, \$8.95.

Popular books on parapsychology too often fall into the two extremes: books by knowledgeable scientists who can't write or those by competent writers who have no real knowledge of the subject matter. Happily, *Dream Telepathy* falls into neither category. Ullman and Krippner are the top authorities on the

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subject matter and Vaughan is a lucid writer who also is a talented psychic. Between them they have produced a superb survey of telepathy as it occurs in dreams.

The first of the volume's four sections deals with spontaneous telepathic dreams, from biblical times to some of Vaughan's own experiences. The second section presents the main meat of the book, the experimental studies. For many years Ullman and Krippner have been conducting dream telepathy experiments at Brooklyn's Maimonides Medical Center and this section describes both their research and parallel investigations done by others. The third section looks at the theoretical implications of their results, while the fourth part consists of three appendices.

The first appendix presents comments by psychologists and other parapsychologists on the Maimonides work, some favorable and others not. Some of the quotations will quickly shatter any illusion the reader may have about unity among the parapsychologists. Another appendix gives a statistical breakdown of one of the many Maimonides experiments. I'm afraid that few lay readers will understand the mysteries of binomial analysis and analysis of variance. The text itself avoids statistics almost entirely, not giving even the simple probability values of the results of each experiment.

But ignore my quibbling. This volume is one of the most readable and informative books on parapsychology to appear in several years and I can only give it my wholehearted recommendation. — Diana Robinson.

#### ALSO NOTABLE

**THE ASTRAL BODY** by A. E. Powell, Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Ill., 1973, 265 pages, \$2.75 (paperback).

Quest Book reprints author's 1972 classic on the astral body and other astral phenomena in this life and in the other world.

**I WAS CURIOUS — A CRYSTAL BALL GAZER**  
by Damyan Delmonico, Dorrance & Co.,  
Philadelphia, Pa. 1973, 73 pages, \$3.95.

Even a beginner can see visions, claims this author, by following the simple step-by-step instructions outlined in his book.

**THE COMING GREAT GOLDEN AGE OF ESOTERICISM** by Edward T. Whitney, Dorrance & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 1973, 281 pages, \$6.95.

Eminent surgeon details how "The Hierarchy of Great Beings of the Unseen World" are making preparations to bring in the great golden age.

**POWER OVER FATE** by Agnes B. Karasek, Dorrance & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 1973, 51 pages, \$2.95.

Ohio housewife presents introduction to psychic phenomena illustrated with examples from her own experience.

**THE FINAL YEARS** by Robert H. Olsen, Stockton Trade Press, Santa Fe, Calif., 1973, 208 pages, \$3.00 (paperback); available from the author: 338 N. Keenan St., Montebello, Calif. 90640.

Account of the end of the world due to polar shifting.

**APPLIED CYBERNETICS** by Karl Otto Schmidt, CSA Press, Lakemont, Ga., 1973, 205 pages, \$5.95.

Author explains how to apply the "atomic energies of the mind" to achieve "dynamic programing of life."

**MYTH AND CULT AMONG PRIMITIVE PEOPLES** by Adolf E. Jensen, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Ill., 1973, 349 pages, \$3.45 (paperback).

Noted German ethnologist reexamines sacrifice, shamanism, magic, ancestor cults and spirit beliefs among primitive peoples today.

**THE CASE FOR ASTROLOGY** by John Anthony West and Jan Toonder, Penguin Books, Baltimore, Md., 1973, 310 pages, \$1.65 (paperback).

Paperback edition of popular volume (reviewed by David Techter in October 1971 issue).

**WHOLE-EARTH INNER SPACE** by Chris Humphrey, Thales Microuniversity Press, Box 241, Stillwater, Okla. 74074, 1973, 220 pages, \$2.50 (paperback).

Author combines a comprehensive "scientific theory of occultism" with theories about the world's ecological, political and economic problems.

**EVERY GOOD DESIRE** by Ernest C. Wilson, Harper & Row, New York, N.Y., 1973, 117 pages, \$4.95.

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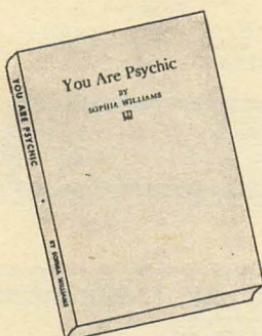
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**VOODOO CHARMS AND TALISMANS** by Robert W. Pelton, Drake Publishers, New York, N. Y., 1973, 224 pages, \$3.95 (paperback).

Author quotes actual voodoo charms practiced by Marie Laveau and other famous practitioners and provides a bibliography and addresses of voodoo suppliers.

**THE METHOD OF THE SIDDHAS** by Franklin Jones, Dawn Horse Press, 731 N. LaBrea Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90038, 1973, 364 pages, \$3.95 (paperback).

Author teaches the way of a disciple, the essential condition of spiritual life whose center and fulfillment is *satsang*, the relationship to the *guru*.

**THE MYSTERY TEACHINGS IN WORLD RELIGIONS** by Florice Tanner, Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Ill., 1973, 192 pages, \$2.45 (paperback).

Author shows that the way to full self-consciousness at every level of man's being lies hidden in every world faith, whatever the superficial differences may be.

**THE WISDOM OF THE VEDAS** by J. C. Chatterji, Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Ill., 1973, 99 pages, \$3.95.

An outline of the basic philosophy of the great Vedic system of thought, India's oldest and most profound religio-philosophical tradition.

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Eleven authors explore the role of the feminine principle in alchemy, mysticism, Oriental thought and the Tarot.

**THE NATURE OF HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS** edited by Robert Ornstein, W. H. Freeman and Co., San Francisco, Calif., 1973, 514 pages, \$5.95 (paperback).

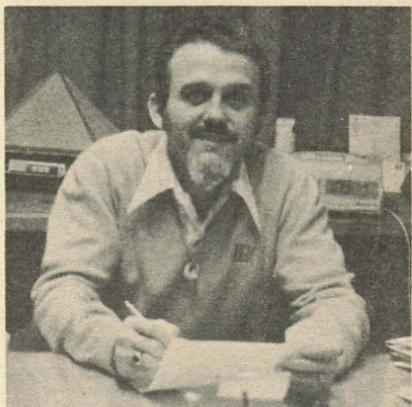
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Mrs. Garabrant's reply to me was that she would try to work for me and the charge is \$50.00.

I know I have read a number of times that a true faith healer does not ask for a set fee. The ability to heal is supposed to be a gift from God and you can offer the healer a donation if you think he or she has helped you.

If Miriam Garabrant charges \$50.00 for her help why didn't you include that in your article about her? I think you should not lead people to think that there is someone who might be able to help them and then find out the price she charges is more than they can afford to pay. — R.G., Trenton, N.J.

### REVIEWING A REVIEW

The March issue of FATE carried my review of Alan Vaughan's book, *Patterns of Prophecy*, one of the finest books on this topic in current parapsychological literature. However, my review was edited to alter consider-

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ably the views I expressed about the book. In fact, what was sent in as a favorable review now reads as if I am dissatisfied with the book. I would like to correct this and express how I really feel about the book.

In the printed review I state that I do not see why coincidence could not explain the similarities between the Lincoln-Kennedy assassinations. I made no such remark in my original review. I stated that Mr. Vaughan's interpretation of other cases of synchronicity looked like plain old coincidence. I agree that the Kennedy matter is much too striking to be merely coincidence.

In editing my review several favorable comments were completely cut out. This doesn't help—since all the critical comments were left in! The printed review merely stated that Vaughan covers the role of past experience and symbolism in precognitive dreaming. This bland statement is the editor's creation. My own comment was, "Vaughan goes even further and offers one of the best discussions about how past memories and rational deduction all complicate or even catalyze prophetic dreams and visions." The printed review also comments that Vaughan makes no consideration of theories for precognition. The original review actually lauded this factor which in the review reads as if I were criticizing the author. My actual words were ". . . he offers no consideration of various theories about precognition. This is perhaps all the better, for wading through theories about time, ESP, etc., often becomes confusing and tedious."

Further, Eugene Osty was not a physicist as is stated. He was a physician.

I hope I have clarified my position: that despite the way the review reads I feel that *Patterns of Prophecy* is an excellent contribution to parapsychology and a superb book. I was

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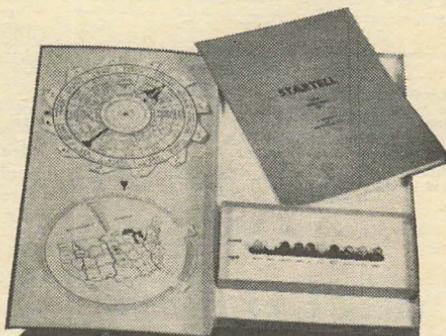
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dismayed that the review underwent such an unjustified metamorphosis before publication. (In this case the butterfly turned back into a caterpillar!)

Also, I might note that in one sentence I address Mr. Vaughan as "Alan." Never would I have the bad taste to so address the author of a book under review. — D. Scott Rogo, Canoga Park, Calif.

### A PECULIAR COINCIDENCE

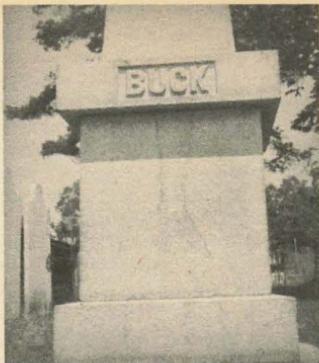
Your February 1974 issue carries a story titled "The Witch's Revenge" by Adelaide Weese, illustrated by a photo credited to Maude Gainley which purports to show the tombstone of one Jonathan Buck of England. Either this story is an out-and-out fabrication or we have on our hands the best-documented case of bilocation known to man.

I am enclosing a snapshot of the Jonathan Buck monument which I personally took in the town of Bucksport, Me., in July 1973. In the picture you published with Adelaide Weese's story there is a chip in the stone above the letter "B" and in my picture you can see the identical flaw. Coincidence? I think not.

I realize how difficult it must be to weed the wheat from the chaff in the publishing business. However, I think I will not be the only one to notice this takeoff on the original and true story which happened in the state of Maine. I quote from the book *Romantic and Historic Maine*:

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"Apparently, however, the village bailiffs . . . being at a total loss as to the identity of the murderer and fearing to lose their jobs if they failed to make an arrest, sought about for someone who might have committed the crime. . . .

"It so chanced that . . . there was a village ne'er-do-well, an unfortunate fellow whose mentality was not all that it should have been, a harmless chap who eked out a livelihood doing odd chores and who dwelt by himself in a shack on the outskirts of the village. . . .

"As he had no family and no real friends to protest, the bailiffs decided that here was one whom they might safely place under arrest charged with murder . . . The unfortunate fellow was haled before Colonel Buck for trial and sentence. In vain the prisoner declared his innocence; in vain he begged for mercy. The judge

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die, the condemned man had quite a  
lot to say . . . He called upon the  
Almighty as witness to his innocence  
and declared that even though he  
died for a crime he did not commit,  
his innocence and the injustice of the  
Court would be proved and forever  
recorded by the murdered woman's  
missing leg appearing on the tomb-  
stone of the judge. Naturally no one  
paid much heed to his ravings. . . .

"But when, years later, Col. Jonathan  
Buck had passed away and an  
imposing shaft had been erected over  
his grave, the old folks recalled the  
wild words of the half-wit (for) plainly  
outlined upon the base of the  
shaft, clearly visible from the high-  
road, was the unmistakable likeness  
of a woman's foot and leg!"

Your readers deserve an explana-  
tion of the mislocation of the story  
and the obvious fabrication of the  
facts. — Arthur L. Robertson, Pinel-  
las Park, Fla.

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I am writing to protest Adelaide  
Weese's story. I am a direct de-  
scendant of Col. Jonathan Buck  
whose gravestone is pictured with  
your article. He was born on  
February 20, 1719, founded Bucks-  
port, Me., in 1762 and died there on  
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However, your author states that  
the site of the stone is a cemetery in  
England — amazing indeed to those  
who know and can see it in Bucks-  
port, Me. Her lurid tale of the  
events that transpired before and  
after Colonel Buck's death are grue-  
some to the point of making the

reader shudder which no doubt was her intent.

In defense of my greatly maligned ancestor all accounts in the Buck genealogy state that he was highly respected during his lifetime. I quote: "He was distinguished for his piety and much respected for the excellent qualities that give character to the righteous man."

The unbelievable story of "The Witch's Revenge" leads me to doubt the authenticity of other tales in your magazine which until this time I have enjoyed and believed. It appears that the statements concerning Colonel Buck were not checked before publication. — Elizabeth Webb, Boston, Mass.

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I would like to know whom Adelaide Weese is fooling besides the editors of FATE. Two stupid mistakes lead me to question whether there is any truth at all in "The Witch's Revenge."

The first mistake is the author's statement that Maria Gratin was burned at the stake in England. Such a punishment for witchcraft would have been illegal. On page 165 of *The Encyclopaedia of Witchcraft and Demonology*, Rossell Hope Robbins states: "Nor in England were witches as such ever burned alive at the stake — the universal practice elsewhere including Scotland."

Author Weese's second mistake was to say that Maria Gratin was executed in 1762. Christina Hole in her book *Witchcraft in England* (page 196) writes, "The persecution mania was drawing to a close in legal circles and in 1736 witchcraft ceased to be a statutory offense. In that year King James' Act was repealed and it was laid down that henceforth 'no Prosecution, Suit of Proceeding shall be commenced or carried out against any Person or Persons for Witchcraft, Sorcery, Incantment or Conjuration or for

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I call your attention to an article which appeared in the New Orleans *States-Item* for October 19, 1973, in which Mr. Lane admitted to local authorities that his entire story was a hoax.

Errors and oversights such as this one make it easy for those who would debunk your magazine and the

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subject matter it covers. For your own protection I suggest you do your homework before printing a story as fact. — *Henry E. Sanchez, New Orleans, La.*

### JUMPING THE GUN

John White of Edgar Mitchell's Institute of Noetic Sciences in his letter headed "Uri Geller's Powers" in the March 1974 issue of FATE has jumped the gun. He had read only the first installment of my three-part article on Uri Geller, whereas Edgar Mitchell is quoted in the second installment.

As to Mr. White's remark about Uri believing his powers come from God, I quoted exactly what Uri said and all he said on this subject. — *James Crenshaw, Los Angeles, Calif.*

### NOT TO WORRY

I am writing you about Joseph R. Rosenberger's "Earth's Coming Cataclysm" (September 1973 FATE). As a seer who actually has seen the polar shift cataclysm as it was occurring (through transcendent body and higher astral projection) I can assure you that it should be of only minor concern to most of us.

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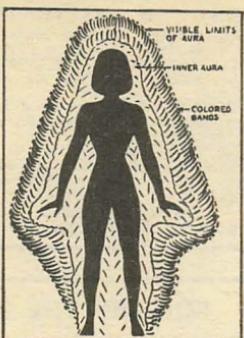


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vile language accurately represents what actually occurs in such cases.

To moviegoers who are not familiar with the scholarly lore of demonic possession the child's extraordinary regurgitations, the fantastic rotations of her head and the other hideous manifestations on the screen may seem distasteful, even ridiculous, but they are characteristic of possession. Some persons will believe that the extraordinary violence of the telekinetic phenomena are exaggerated beyond belief but reluctance to accept the reality of these effects is the product of lack of knowledge and experience. During both poltergeist and possession cases, incredibly complex, violent and malign phenomena have been encountered.

It is obvious that poltergeist and haunting phenomena, multiple personality and possession effects are related but this is not to say they are attributable to a common cause. Possibly the majority of contemporary parapsychologists will insist that possession phenomena are due solely to normal psychological mechanisms but it should be remembered that many researchers of first rank—Prof. James Hyslop, Dr. Elwood Worcester, Dr. Titus Bull, Dr. Walter Franklin Prince and the controversial, Dr. Carl Wickland—concluded that both possession and obsession definitely do occur. And this remark of William James should not be forgotten: ". . . that the demon theory will have its innings again is to my mind absolutely certain."

The fact that these phenomena cannot be fully "explained" by normal psychological mechanisms without calling in a vast and unfounded extension of known parapsychological phenomena should be borne in mind when one attends a showing of "The Exorcist." — Raymond Bayless, Los Angeles, Calif.

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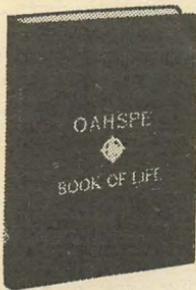
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## MUD BALLS EXPLAINED?

I would like to offer this comment on the item "And Now . . . Mud Balls" in "I See by the Papers" in your January 1974 issue. Since the mud balls appeared on William Leviness' car in August I would suggest — from experience — not parking a car under trees on whose foliage gypsy moth caterpillars are likely to feed. Caterpillar droppings are bad news for painted surfaces. — *Jerry Noble, Huntington, Mass.*

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## POLTERGEIST NEEDED

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After reading a little item in your April issue ("Think-Alike Twins") I grew curious about the "Joan Sayers" who was said to be one of the twins. She was supposed to have lived in Perth, Australia, so I wrote to the Postmaster there. He replied in a nice letter saying he had tried in every possible way to locate a "Joan Sayers" but in his opinion there is not and never has been, a person by that name in Perth. — *June Strickling, Prescott, Ariz.*

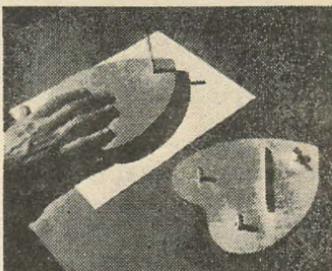
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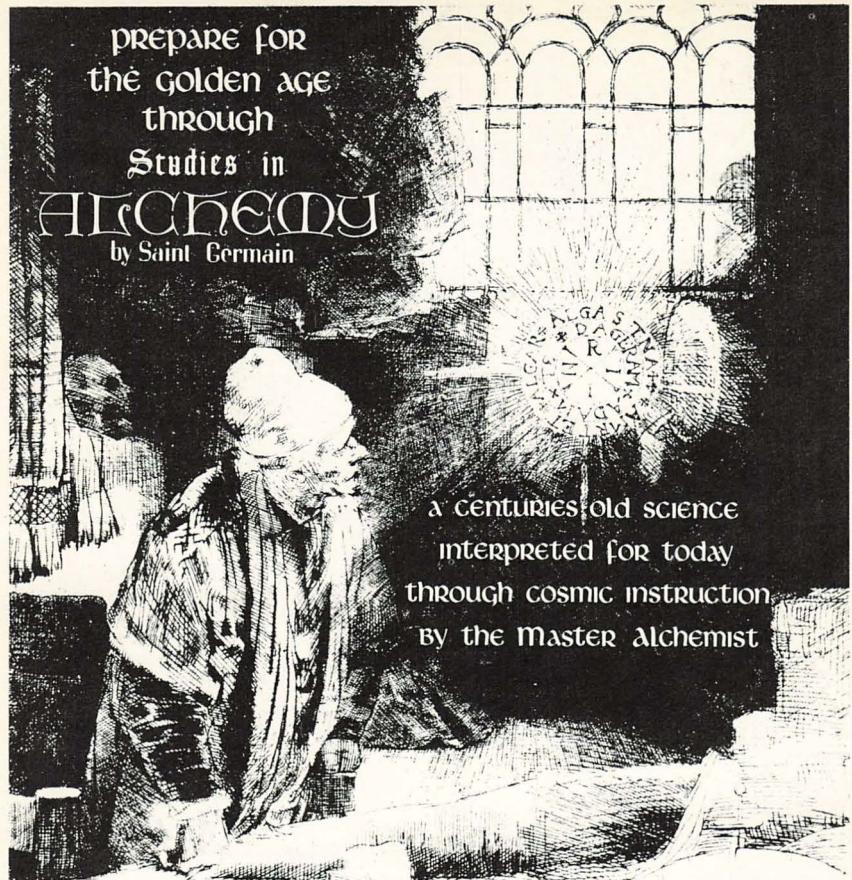
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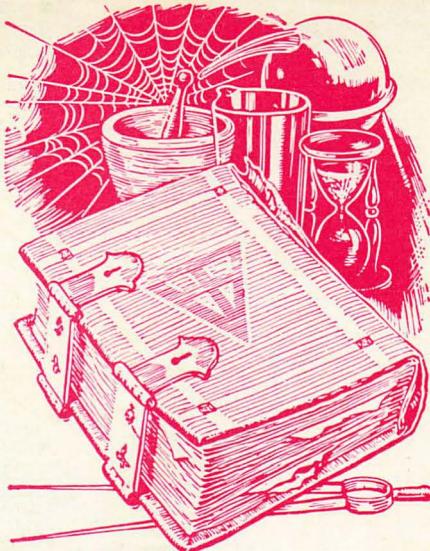
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