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THE DEVIL'S SEA...

# Another Bermuda Triangle?

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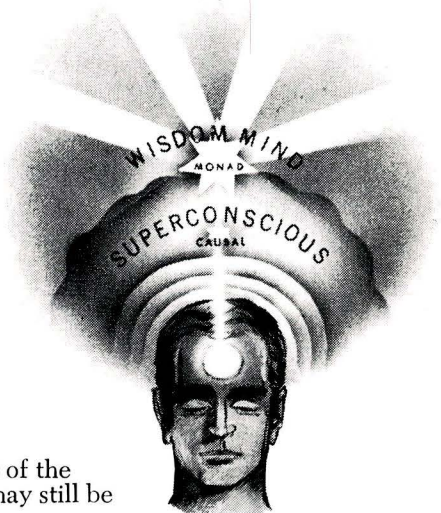
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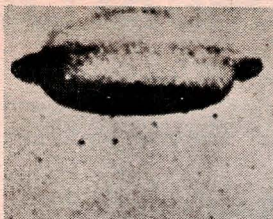
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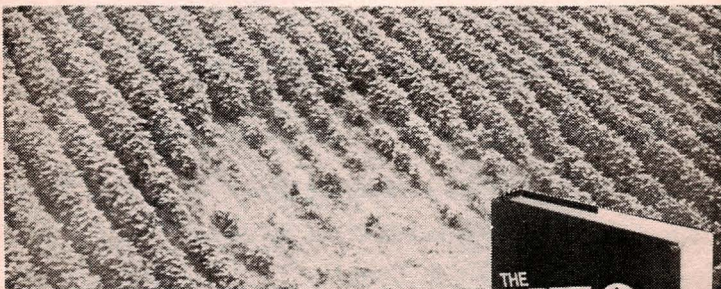
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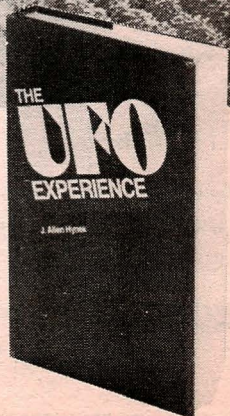
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**T**WENTY YEARS after his death the strange legend of Matthias Alexander, an uneducated Tasmanian, has been resurrected by the Dutch Nobel Prizewinner Prof. Nikolaas Tinbergen. Tinbergen insists that the Alexander technique of training body movements through exercises and mental reeducation is "one of the true epics of medical research and practice."

The Alexander technique involves learning how the body should move. It concentrates on movements of head and neck where tensions become most apparent. Aldous Huxley once said, "The student (through use of this technique) can often change his attitude to life and cure his neurotic tendencies."

Recent research discloses that the Alexander technique is quite similar to *Tai Chi Chuan*, a classical Chinese method of calisthenics still in use in China. An American proponent of the technique, Edward Maisel, has writ-

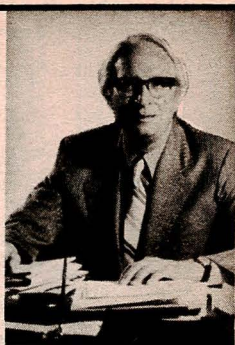
ten the first Western manual of *Tai Chi Chuan*.

The nearly forgotten mystery of Alexander has been outlined by Barry Wilson, writing for Gemini News Service in the *Kuwait Daily News*. Wilson describes Alexander as an "uneducated Australian bush quack doctor, compulsive gambler, con man and confidant of the rich and famous in the 1930's."

*The Alexander Technique* is the title of another recent book by Maisel (published by University Books, \$5.95) who is director of the American Fitness Research Institute. This book of Maisel's draws on research done on the Alexander technique at Tufts University.

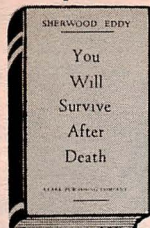
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### THE ALEXANDER DISCOVERY

**F**IRST WE have the unusual history of Alexander himself who was born in 1869, the son of a poor farming family, in a remote section of Tasmania, the southern island state of Australia. He wanted to be an actor and in his early 20's had saved enough money to go to Melbourne. But his health was poor and an illness affected his vocal cords. While recuperating he discovered the methods that became the Alexander technique which he spent the rest of his life teaching.

In 1904 Alexander won £750 on a £5 horse racing bet and set out for London to begin to teach his methods. He soon numbered among his admirers Aldous Huxley, Lily Langtree and even George Bernard Shaw who said, "He has made a substantial addition to our very slender resources in personal education." Alexander died in 1955 but clinics in England continued to teach his methods.

In 1973 Wilfred Barlow, who runs a teaching center, published a book on the Alexander technique in which he wrote: "I think



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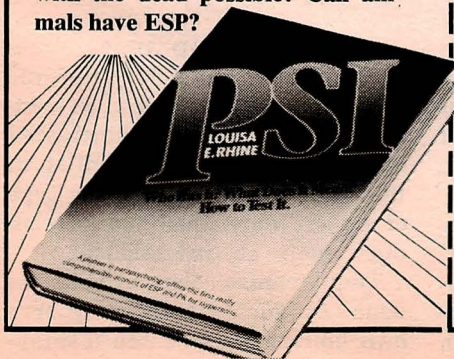
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Tinbergen is a distinguished Dutch physician who, with Konrad Lorenz and Karl von Frisch, received the Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine in 1973. In his acceptance speech, instead of talking about his own work in behavioral studies, Tinbergen astonished his colleagues by devoting most of his paper to discussing the Alexander technique. He said:

“The claims sounded so extraordinary that I felt I ought to give the method the benefit of the doubt. So my wife and one of our daughters and I decided to undergo treatment ourselves.

“It was with growing amazement that we noticed very striking improvements in such diverse things as high blood pressure, breathing, depth of sleep,

overall cheerfulness and mental alertness, resilience to outside pressures.”

Tinbergen confirmed many of Alexander’s claims. He said even his daughter’s cello playing improved and added that with this technique people perform more efficiently, both mentally and physically.

Tinbergen was attacked on all sides. His professional colleagues regarded his speech as a propaganda blast on behalf of a quack — or at the very least, as support for a harebrained unproven medical claim. On the other hand, Edward Maisel, the American expert on the technique, attacked Tinbergen because of his overenthusiasm.

“These dramatic public conversions have unfortunately always been part of the history of the technique,” Maisel declared. “They tend to produce scorn and disbelief.”



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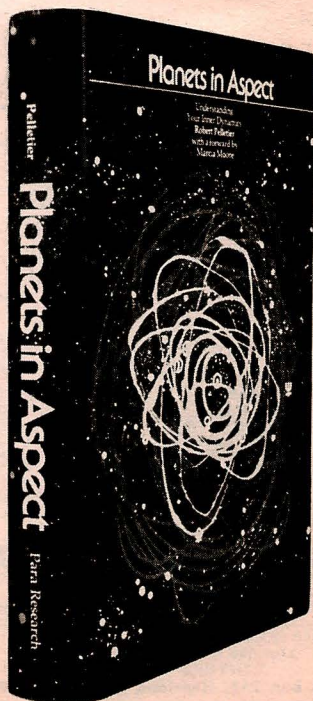
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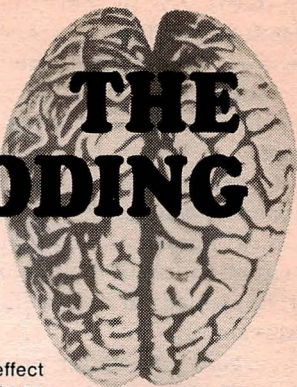
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Tinbergen, now under pressure from both colleagues and Alexanderites, has become more cautious in his claims for the Alexander technique but possibly he still will use his ability and prestige to further the discipline and verify its claims.



#### HEALINGS BY FAKERS?

**H**EALING AND health remain in the news and knowledgeable medical men must be taking a fresh look at their methodologies and the healing process.

A Federal Trade Commission order last March 14 enjoins three West Coast travel agencies from promoting tours to the Philippine Islands for "miraculous cures" through so-called "psychic surgery."

"Psychic surgery is pure and unmitigated fakery. More bluntly, the 'surgical operations' of

psychic surgeons, psychic healers, faith healers, spiritual or spirit healers, magnetic healers, etc., with their bare hands are simply phony," declared Daniel H. Hanscom, an administrative law judge.

Part of Mr. Hanscom's decision was based on the testimony of Donald and Carol Wright who went to the Philippines ready to believe in psychic surgery and then became "psychic surgeons" themselves. The Wrights testified that the procedure is entirely sleight of hand and that the tissue supposedly removed by the psychic surgeons consists of animal parts purchased in Philippine markets.

This agrees with early investigations reported in FATE Magazine. Investigators sent to the Philippines by Henry Belk, the independent psychic investigator and department store tycoon, reported finding pig parts in the locker of one well-known psychic surgeon.

Nevertheless, fakes or not, some persons have been cured by psychic surgery — perhaps through the intervention of their own faith. Administrative law judges should be cautious when condemning "faith healers" lest they also condemn the laying on of hands taking place in our churches.

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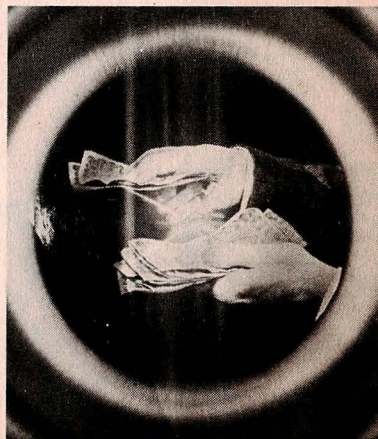
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### BACKSTER UNDER ATTACK

**I**T HAS BEEN seven years since publication of Cleve Backster's basic paper on his polygraph experiments with plants. It concluded, of course, that plants hooked up to his polygraph (lie detector) responded when threatened with being burned or destroyed, or when brine shrimp were scalded to death nearby; they even responded telepathi-

cally to him at a distance, he said.

Since then there has been little scientific confirmation of these claims. However, one man who reports positive results is the IBM liquid crystal scientist Marcel Vogel and another is Dr. Bernard Grad. J. B. Rhine has reported that attempts to replicate the experiments in his laboratory were unsuccessful.

Late in January Dr. Arthur W. Galston, a Yale plant physiologist, arranged for a panel of six scientists, including Backster, to discuss these claims at a symposium sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. It was far more



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than an airing of casual opinion. The other five panelists denied Backster's claims that plants react "emotionally" to events around them.

Dr. Edgar L. Gasteiger, a Cornell University professor of physical biology, described experiments conducted by three of his students who attempted to duplicate Backster's results by dumping brine shrimp into boiling water and registering the nearby philodendrons' response on a polygraph. The three students had been Backster supporters before attempting the experiments but despite more than a year of work they could not detect "any consistent elec-

trical response" to the deaths of the brine shrimp on the part of the plants.

Another experiment conducted by Dr. John M. Kmetz with Backster's cooperation likewise produced no results to confirm Backster's claims.



### ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS

ANOTHER panel member, Dr. Clifford L. Slayman of Yale, an expert at determining and interpreting electrical activity in animals, spoke of the difficulty of eliminating electrical fluctuations and interferences in such experiments. He and other scientists believe that such elec-



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trical anomalies may account for  
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There were many electrical  
variables in his experiments  
which could have caused large  
fluctuations, Slayman said.

Other scientists on the panel  
argued that if Backster's experi-  
ments were valid they should be  
repeatable. Backster responded  
that his findings had been ac-  
curate and that the experiments  
which produced no confirmation  
used procedures not identical to  
his.

Backster then added the fur-  
ther claim that yogurt has mea-  
surable emotions. Yogurt, of  
course, is created by bacteria  
feeding on milk. A dish of yogurt  
contains billions of living bac-  
teria.

Backster placed electrodes in  
two containers of yogurt. Into  
one container he poured a small  
amount of milk to "feed" the  
colony and the other colony  
responded electrically, suggest-  
ing that it was pleased or jeal-  
ous that the other yogurt had  
been fed the milk. Backster's  
claim, according to Joel Shur-  
kin of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*,  
was met with "kindly skepti-  
cism."

When pressed by Dr. Galston,  
Backster did admit to certain  
reservations.

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show that a certain situation exists in nature," Galston said. Turning to Backster he asked, "And you are withholding final judgment on whether this is correct or not?"

"Absolutely," Backster replied.

Galston then explained why he had brought such a "questionable" subject before this prestigious forum. "We have a gap between what scientists believe and what the lay public believes," he said.

Asked what harm the belief that plants respond to stimuli might do, he said, "It probably does some good to the people who talk to the plants. I think they're feeling lonely."



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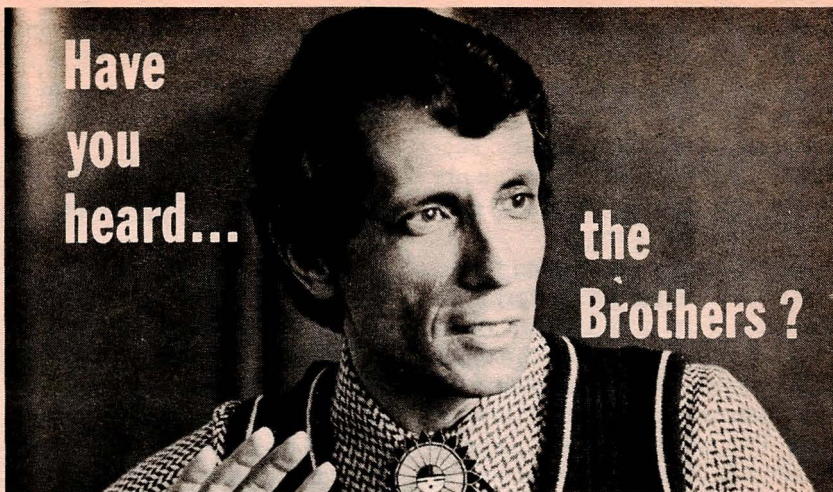


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We propose to offer some evidence for this in one of our future columns.



#### ON CHANGING CLIMATES

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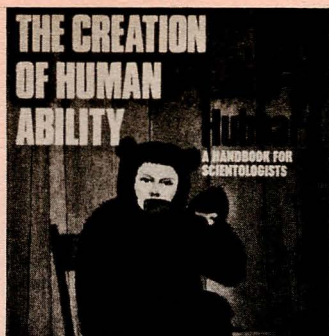
**P**ARAPSYCHOLOGICAL research organizations all over the world are suffering from the present financial recession right along with the rest of us.

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remedy is needed. Naturally we shall do all we can to cut down our running costs. . . . But there comes a limit to what can be done in this direction beyond which the Society would no longer function.

"The alternative is to expand our membership and hence our revenue and it is this that prompts me to write to you. It is, indeed, ironical that at a time when interest in our field is higher than it has ever been among the educated public our Society, the senior organization of its kind in the world (established in 1882), should be threatened with extinction for lack of support.

"If we could harness some of this enthusiasm to a constructive end there would be no cause for despair. The Council and I intend, for our part, to initiate immediately a publicity campaign through the media and elsewhere in order to attract more members. For your part, we urgently appeal to you not only to continue to give us your generous support but to recruit at least one new member. In this way we could, after all, double our number at one stroke."

Membership entitles you to receive the *Journal of The Society for Psychic Research*, which is published four times a year, and their *Proceedings* which contain longer reports on research in progress and which are published as the material dictates.

Despite the above appeal, becoming a member of the SPR is somewhat involved; it entails submitting your name plus recommendations from two members of the SPR in good standing.

David Techter, our associate editor, wrote to Dr. Beloff in response to his mailing piece to suggest that the Society make "associate" or "corresponding" memberships (without voting rights) available to anyone who wishes to join. Dr. Beloff replied that he would ask the Council to consider this suggestion.

Meanwhile, it is possible to subscribe to the *Journal* for £5.00 (About \$15.00) without joining the Society. We consider this one of the finest publications in the field and suggest that you write to The Society for Psychical Research, 1 Adam & Eve Mews, London, W8 6UQ, England.

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# **THE DEVIL'S SEA . . .**

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# **BERMUDA TRIANGLE?**

Modern ships built for rough seas vanish in turbulent waters off Japan — and some of our aircraft are missing.

By **Barbara J. Bigham**

**F**OR MORE than a century scientists and researchers have been trying to unravel the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle, that area off the east coast of the United States that has claimed dozens of ships and airplanes and hundreds of human lives. Yet, while our attention remains on this section of our earth, another area continues to gobble up ships and baffle researchers. For the Bermuda Triangle is not unique; across the globe is its partner-in-death, the Devil's Sea.

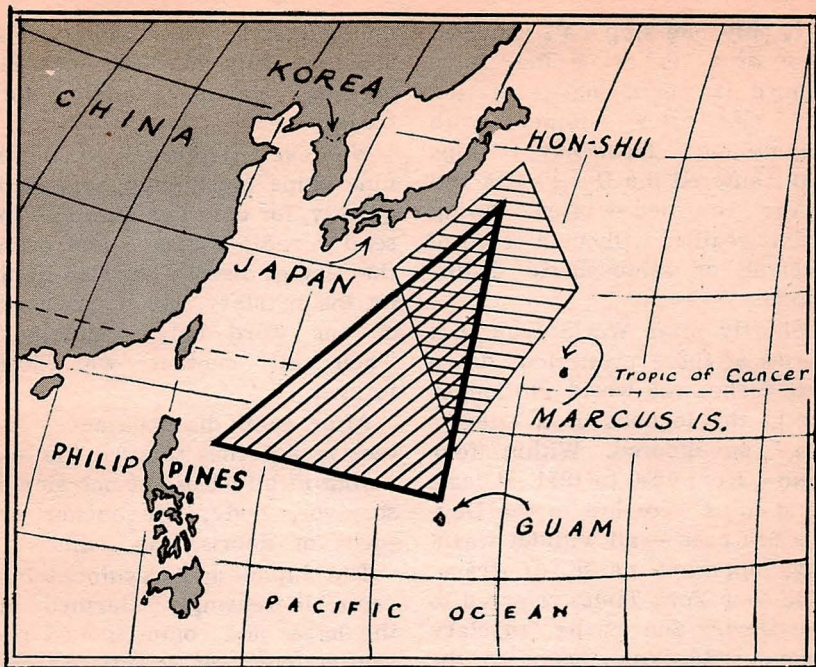
About 250 miles southeast of the Japanese Island of Honshu, between Iwo Jima and Marcus Island, is an area of turbulent ocean that has become infamous not only because of its natural dangers but because of the mysterious disappearances that have occurred there. Roughly triangular in shape, its general area can be traced between

Japan, Guam and the Philippine Islands.

A glance at an oceanic map shows this part of the Pacific is scarred by deep trenches and mountainous ridges including the Mariana Trench and the South Honshu ridge. These oceanic features create violent sea storms, giant tidal waves, whirlpools and underwater volcanoes. Naturally enough, Japanese seamen long have regarded the area as an evil place. Stories of incredible sea monsters that swallow ships whole and leave no trace of their victims have been part of their folklore for 100 years.

Nor were these Japanese seamen naïve landlubbers who blamed every sunken ship on sea serpents or evil spirits. They were seawise sailors, aware of the treachery of the ocean and knowing the disastrous effects the frequent violent storms and





Researchers differ on exact location of Devil's Sea. Godwin ("This Baffling World") puts it "between Iwo Jima and Marcus Islands (sic) somewhat southeast of Japan." Sanderson ("Invisible Residents") prefers to think of it as a lozenge-shaped blob lying "between 30 and 40 degrees north and spread about 30 degrees east to west latitudinally." Others place the triangle between Japan, Guam and the Philippines.

rough seas had on their small crafts. Yet the stories continued, many telling of strange disappearances in calm seas with no mention of storms or anything else that could logically account for the ship's loss. In times past what besides sea monsters could these seamen blame for the mysterious tragedies?

In more modern days these stories of vanished ships have

been shrugged off as legends or at most the results of storms on poorly built fishing vessels. But the art of shipbuilding progressed and the loss of a ship no longer could be brushed off as the inevitable result of rough seas. When modern cruisers, freighters and steamships, built to withstand ocean storms and rough weather, vanished the world took note.



If only one ship had vanished the area never would have gained its terrifying reputation but one after another, with frightening frequency, ships have entered the Devil's Sea and never returned — often during calm weather without a trace of oceanic or atmospheric disturbance.

Shortly after World War II a series of these mysterious disasters rocked the world. No longer could the legends of a "devil's sea" be ignored. Within four years, from 1950 to 1954, at least nine ships were lost in the Devil's Sea area — all without warning, apparent cause or trace. The *New York Times* referred to the Devil's Sea as the "mystery graveyard of nine ships in the last five years," and I have found three specific reports:

On September 22, 1950, 80 persons were reported missing on a Japanese ship which was headed for Japan. The article notes that searchers "found no trace" of the unnamed vessel.

On February 23, 1953, a 144-ton fishing vessel, *Azume Maru*, with a crew of 47, was reported missing without a trace after an extensive search 240 miles off the coast of Central Honshu.

On August 1, 1953, the *Times* reported that ships and planes had searched over 60,000 square miles of the Pacific Ocean for the

motor vessel *Venus* which vanished on July 23, 1953, with 21 persons aboard, sailing for Guam.

Whatever happened to these nine ships must have happened quickly, for only one was able to send a radio message and even that cry of distress shed no light on the mystery, for it consisted of one word only: "sinking." Then all contact was lost forever.

After each disappearance, intensive searches scoured the area but in all cases not one single survivor, body, life jacket or piece of debris was found.

The Japanese government became increasingly alarmed at the losses and commissioned research teams of scientists from the Tokyo University of Fisheries and Earthquakes, the Research Institute of Tokyo University, and the Tokyo Science Museum to explore the area, to survey weather and water conditions looking for a clue to the phenomena. However, little was learned on the expedition; a new underwater volcano was located but nothing was discovered to explain the disappearance of the nine ships.

Remember, these nine cases include only total, unexplained disappearances. There were other sea disasters in the area during the period, such as the loss of



the survey ship *Kaiyo Maru* in 1952. The complete destruction of this ship was found to have been caused by an underwater volcanic explosion off the Myojin reef. But, as in almost all natural sea disasters — and unlike the total disappearances — enough wreckage was found by searchers to allow for an investigation and determination of the cause of the tragedy.

Even while the research expedition continued another tragedy was added to the list. One of the research vessels, the *Shinyo Maru*, was surveying in the area when radio contact with her was lost. A frantic search turned up nothing; she had vanished like the other ships, another victim of the Devil's Sea.

The *New York Times* for January 16, 1953, reported:

"The ship vanished in the same perfect weather that had marked the previous disappearances. Contact was lost with the ship as it reached an area about 70 miles off Japan's east coast, where nine other ships and 215 men have been lost. Only one of the ships — a fishery patrol vessel that was the third to disappear — left any trace of wreckage or bodies. Fear struck through every nearby Japanese fishing village when it was known that the 144-ton *Shinyo Maru* was missing. Fishermen

spoke of a 'devil' lurking off the shore. Coast Guard authorities have designated the area a 'special danger zone.'"

Finally, the Japanese government admitted their consternation and proclaimed the area a "danger zone." For two years the area remained relatively quiet but in March 1957 disaster struck again. In that one month there were six major air accidents in various parts of the world. That in itself is an astounding number and prompted aviators to call it the "nightmare month," but three of them occurred in the Devil's Sea area and were total disappearances.

Until then the Devil's Sea had seemed to be the particular nemesis of seagoing vessels; now suddenly researchers realized that whatever was happening in the area was not solely an ocean-related phenomenon, for aircraft were not safe there either. Within 10 days during March 1957 three United States military planes vanished over the area without a trace.

On March 12 an air force tanker with eight crewmen disappeared between Japan and Wake Island. On March 16 a navy plane carrying five crew members vanished between Japan and Okinawa. Then, on March 22, one of the largest aircraft to be claimed by the area



met its tragic fate while en route from Travis Air Force Base to Japan. A military transport with 67 persons on board vanished about 250 miles from Japan. For more than a week a gigantic air-sea search continued but as in previous cases, no wreckage, survivors, bodies or debris were found. The *New York Times* reported on March 23 that:

"An all night air search failed to find a trace of the huge four-engine transport that disappeared as it was nearing the Japanese coast on a routine flight from Travis Air Force Base in California.

"Seventy planes and a fleet of naval and fishing vessels combed 75,000 square miles of the Pacific in the second day of one of the biggest searches in U. S. Air Force history."

The passengers originally were to have flown in another plane which developed minor maintenance problems prior to take off. The ill-fated plane was substituted.

"The plane made a stop at Wake Island en route," the *Times* report continued, "and the pilot reported at 12:45 A.M. yesterday . . . only 90 minutes and 250 miles away from its Toyko destination. The message was a 'normal report' saying the transport was in 'A-1 condition.'"

Yet that transport was never seen nor heard from again. Not even an oil slick marked its grave.

Since then planes have continued to be missing in the area, especially those traveling from Japan to Guam on a route that crosses the Devil's Sea.

Other flights that have made it to their destination have reported disrupted flights or impossibly high winds. Ivan Sanderson, in his *Invisible Residents*, cited two instances of such disrupted flights. In both cases the aircraft seemingly were caught in winds of extraordinary velocities.

One crew, in a BOAC four-engine prop aircraft, reported readings of ground speeds of 550 knots! This would mean a wind of 365 knots. The other case, reported by a retired air force lieutenant colonel who was head navigator aboard a C-97 traveling to Guam from a Pacific island, also involved incredibly high winds. Readings that were checked and rechecked indicated that in one hour the plane apparently had gone 340 nautical miles. Yet when they landed they were told that no unusual winds had been logged by any weather station.

Although Sanderson acknowledged the authenticity of these and similar reports, he questioned whether the actual cause



of the unusual readings was high winds.

"The alternative," he wrote, "is that the planes ran into a local *time* (italics his) anomaly, rather than into incredible, undetected and seemingly impossible winds."

Sanderson suggested that such local time anomalies are pockets in space where time runs slower or faster than normal measurement standards. For instance, if a plane slipped into an area in which time runs slower, that plane would have a comparatively longer time to travel farther and thus arrive early. The only known phenomena that can create this effect naturally would be incredibly fast tail winds. If the planes ran into a faster time slot they would move as in slow motion and arrive late, with only impossibly fast head winds as a stated cause. Sanderson admitted to being unable to find a cause for these anomalies or even whether they are the result of an intelligent force.

"To put it simply," Sanderson explained, "the planes 'appeared' to get to their destinations much faster than they should have done according to their maximum speed abilities . . . yet the only known possible cause would be excessively high-velocity winds."

As ships and planes continued

to disappear, other theories were developed to explain the phenomena. The United States takes the official stand that these are natural tragedies which have no mysterious overtones.

"Mysterious, mystic, supernatural — unlikely!" a coast guard news release stated on November 23, 1971. "The coast guard feels there is nothing mysterious about disappearances in this particular section of the ocean; weather conditions, equipment failure and human error, not something from the supernatural, are what has caused the tragedies."

Although this statement was released in regard to the Bermuda Triangle, the coast guard takes the same attitude toward the Devil's Sea.

It is easy to understand why the government refuses to admit that in these sections of the ocean something is happening that cannot be explained by the scientific knowledge we presently possess. When publicity about the Bermuda Triangle disappearances became widespread, thousands of frightened tourists and travelers went to great pains to avoid flying over or sailing through the area. Although the media emphasized at the time that there is more danger of being killed on the highway than in the Bermuda Tri-



angle this did little to reassure frightened tourists. Perhaps this is due to the fact that we are not talking of dying but of disappearing. No bodies ever are found after the disappearances in the Devil's Sea — or the Bermuda Triangle — so there always remains the question of what really happened to the people aboard those craft.

Some of the "theories" that have been advanced to explain these disappearances are far-fetched: abduction by spacemen; the departure, en masse, of spacemen; a giant "toilet bowl" flush! The more outlandish the theories become the more difficult it is for serious researchers to investigate without being ridiculed. Regardless, scientists and researchers have continued their studies and a number of serious theories have been expounded.

Vincent Gaddis, whose research on the Bermuda Triangle and the Devil's Sea is a cornerstone in the field, wrote in his *Invisible Horizons*, "my own opinion is that within and near the triangle (perhaps, also, in the Devil's Sea and more rarely elsewhere) occasional aberrations of an unusual type occur in the air and on the surface of the ocean. These aberrations might cause magnetic, possibly gravitational, effects, in which

case they might for all practical purposes be referred to as "space-warps," and cause deadly turbulence ending in total disintegration of planes and ships, for the latter are by no means immune."

Freak storms, waterspouts and undersea volcanoes have been cited as likely causes, but in all of these disappearances no evidence of atmospheric or oceanic disturbance was recorded. In any case, as John Godwin states in *This Baffling World*, "Waves cannot be blamed for missing airplanes. And with aircraft, too, we find that almost monotonously fine weather conditions prevailed at the crucial times."

The similarity between the two areas, the Bermuda Triangle and the Devil's Sea, as regards vanishing ships and planes is obvious, but the parallels don't end there.

Richard Winer's up-to-date study, *The Devil's Triangle*, cites the similarity between the magnetic variances in the two areas. It is known that there are compass variations of as much as 20° in various parts of the world. However, Winer points out that "both the western extremity of the 'Devil's Triangle' (he means the Bermuda Triangle) and the western extremity of the 'devil's sea' are the only two meridians where the compass actually



points to true north." This raises the question of whether some form of magnetic interference is responsible for the phenomena.

The United States Navy conducted a five-year study called Project-Magnet in 1945 soon after five aircraft disappeared over the Bermuda Triangle. Many flyers, including entertainer-aviator Arthur Godfrey, testified that while flying through or near these "death sea" areas strange magnetic interference was recorded on navigational instruments. But investigation into this possibility has been inconclusive.

Researchers also are faced with another question: Are there still other "triangles?"

It should be mentioned here that the use of the term "triangle," while convenient, is not technically correct. None of these areas is strictly a triangle, but rather blob- or lozenge-shaped. However, ever since Vincent Gaddis coined the phrase "Bermuda Triangle" this geometric description has stuck.

Whatever their shape there is growing evidence that there are

more than just two of these "triangles." In his *Invisible Residents* Ivan Sanderson writes that continued research brought to light yet another area where there have been similar disappearances, although fewer in number. This area, in the Mediterranean Sea, has claimed several Israeli and French submarines. When he plotted the three areas Sanderson discovered that all three areas lie between 30° and 40° north and spread about 30° east to west. He went on to postulate that three other such areas could exist in the southern hemisphere and writes that he found them off the east coasts of South America, South Africa and Australia.

Research may eventually find the solution to the puzzle of these tragic disappearances. But now there are far more questions than there are answers. For scientists the answers may open the doors to new knowledge but for the pilots and seamen who navigate the "triangles" these answers may be the difference between life and . . . ?



### DOWN, BOY!

**I**N PORTIONS of Africa, Syria, Pomerania and western Prussia, graves of so-called "evil" persons — those accused of robbery, murder, the practice of black magic or similar acts — are bombarded with sticks, stones, clods of dirt and other available debris in an effort to frustrate the ghost of the accused and prevent its haunting the area. — *Sanna Fortson Rice*.



# *My Experience* *with* **"SHAKTIPAT"** **INSTANT COSMIC** **CONSCIOUSNESS?**

Sudden surges of energy like electrical charges streaked up my spine. I knew I'd never be the same again.

By D. R. Butler

**I**NSTANT COSMIC consciousness? Well, not really, but it seemed that way for most of the 200 persons gathered for a week of camaraderie and intense yogic work at Watson Homestead near Corning, N.Y., for the 1973 ICSA\* Yoga Convocation.

At that time my wife Pat and I, both in our mid-20's, had studied yoga for five years. The convocation was an opportunity to devote an entire week to yogic disciplines and to associate with kindred souls.

The first two days were spent with ICSA director Margaret Coble who talked of the Divine

Self within us all and told us that the primary goal for the week was to contact this inner self.

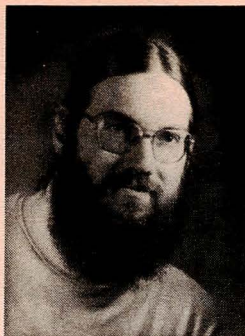
For the next three days Roy Eugene Davis, former student of Paramahansa Yogananda and head of the Center for Spiritual Awareness of Lakemont, Ga., gave us intense instruction in Raja Yoga (meditation and mind control).

Then on Friday morning an unannounced guest arrived. He was Yogi Amrit Desai, a yoga teacher from Philadelphia of whom most of us had never heard. That afternoon, after summing up the various meditation techniques, Roy took a seat behind us on the floor and Yogi Desai went up front to speak or lead chants or do whatever was his "thing." We didn't know.

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\*ICSA stands for International Center for Self-Analysis, founded by Dr. Rammurti S. Mishra and directed by Srimati Margaret Coble, which sponsors a variety of activities throughout the United States for persons sincerely interested in yoga and consciousness development.





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D. R. BUTLER was born in Vicksburg, Miss., in 1945 and educated at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss. His interest in mysticism began at the age of 14 when he read Robert Collier's "The Secret of the Ages." Two years later he began study under Hugh G. Carruthers, founder of the Theological Science Society. Currently he and his wife operate the Queens Siddha Yoga Meditation Center in their home in Forest Hills, N.Y. This center was begun in 1968 at the request of Swami Muktananda.

Since 1970 Mr. Butler has been a free-lance writer, primarily in the areas of occultism, mysticism and the interrelationships between men and women. His articles have appeared in such varied publications as "Pageant," "Penthouse Forum," "Sexology" and "Writer's Digest."

Clad in a flowing white robe and sitting on the table before us Amrit easily assumed the lotus posture, his body perfectly poised. He is a handsome East Indian in his late 30's with long black hair and intense dark eyes. He is younger than most yoga teachers but I soon learned he had unusual powers.

He led us into meditation, which is not unusual. Most yoga teachers begin with a meditation. Some chants in Sanskrit followed, still par for the course. I had my eyes closed and I felt pleasant currents of inner energy. Then, as Amrit led us deeper into meditation, I began to realize that something unusual was happening to me.

The first thing I noticed was a wave of euphoria softly permeating my being. I felt intensely happy. I didn't know the reason for the wonderful feeling but I

determined to relax and enjoy it.

Suddenly surges of energy—like electrical charges—streaked up my spine. These gradually evolved into a steady current of hot energy flowing from the tip of my spine to the top of my head. My impulse was to analyze intellectually what was happening but I quickly realized that the more I thought about it the less I felt it. So I stopped thinking and concentrated on *experiencing*.

Brilliant colors swirled inside my head; I thought I would burst with happiness. Nothing ever had felt so good! Suddenly a scream burst from someone in the back of the room, then another. In a few moments the place was a madhouse. People were crying hysterically, laughing uncontrollably, gasping for breath, even rolling on the floor. Apparently everyone was ex-



perienicing some manifestation of the same energy I was feeling.

I looked at Pat and saw tears rolling down her cheeks, When our eyes met I knew we both were feeling the same. I closed my eyes and tried to resume meditation — or to experience as intensely as possible whatever was happening. I heard Roy Eugene Davis behind me reassuring various individuals, explaining that he had experienced similar feelings with Yogananda.

Suddenly the whole thing stopped as abruptly as it had begun. The energy inside me subsided and the room quieted. Amrit began to explain what had happened.

We had just undergone what is known as a "shakti-pat" initiation, he said. This is the awakening of the "shakti" or "kundalini" which in yoga is the primordial life force, the individualized expression of the Infinite which lies as dormant energy within each of us. The full awakening of shakti brings about cosmic consciousness; it is experienced physically as total bliss and serenity.

All forms of yoga and consciousness development aim at eventually awakening the kundalini force but in shakti-pat it happens immediately and spontaneously. The psychic energy is transferred directly from guru

to disciple. Simply by being in Yogi Desai's presence we all had experienced to some degree the awakening of shakti.

How this comes about is somewhat mysterious. Yogi Desai explains that the astral body of the guru merges with that of the disciple; he also told us that the power came through him from his own Master in India.

I know that the person who is sufficiently developed to express himself on a certain energy level can cause a manifestation of that same level of energy in another. It might be called a manifestation of Mind Power — Yogi Desai *thought* and *knew* that the shakti in the group would be aroused and his concentration was so pure that it was.

Now that the room was quiet Yogi Desai explained that the ostensibly unpleasant manifestations some persons had experienced represented the cleansing of physical, emotional and psychic impurities. Thus some had screamed and gone into hysterics when subconscious veils were lifted and they had experienced their true natures for the first time. Many persons later confirmed this, reporting that their experiences were ecstatic within, even if they had appeared to be suffering. Many also said that when it was all over they never



had felt better in their lives.

Yogi Desai then announced that anyone who wished to leave could do so. More than half of the gathering departed, many obviously shaken by what they could not understand. The rest of us stayed, wanting more.

When there remained only those who wanted to be with him Yogi Desai seemed to radiate even more intense energy than before. My body filled with a brilliant white light and I allowed myself to be absorbed in it. I felt that my life as I previously had known it literally came to an end. My ego identity became meaningless; there was no time; past and future did not exist. All that existed was pure light and pure bliss. I was content to remain in this state forever.

When I opened my eyes again I noticed that my body had bent forward; my forehead was touching the floor. I do not remember assuming that position. I was actually bowing down to Yogi Desai! I had never bowed to anyone in my life but some inner unknown force had prompted me — and I knew I wasn't bowing to Amrit Desai the person, but rather to my own higher self which he had helped me see.

He was surrounded by persons who only two hours before had

never seen him but now sat on the floor around him, holding his feet, even kissing his feet, weeping unashamedly. Men and women of all ages and professions had found a part of themselves they never knew existed. I knew those people were feeling love and bliss and that Amrit himself was without ego. After a lifetime of practicing intense yogic disciplines he knew he was only a channel for transmitting the energy the others experienced.

At this point someone came into the room and announced it was time to eat. We all laughed uproariously, for food was the furthest thing from our minds. Who would consider leaving such newfound sublimity to put food in his belly? I was willing to leave my body forever if I only could retain that bliss.

Well, Amrit explained, there was more where that came from and we really should eat. My feeling of euphoria continued for several hours, however, and I knew I would never be quite the same again.

I wonder what would happen if those who turn to drugs for glimpses of higher states of consciousness knew that the natural awakening of inner energies through yoga ultimately offers all they are seeking and much more. I wonder that would hap-



pen if all our political and religious leaders could spend only an hour or so with such advanced yogis as Amrit Desai. What changes would come over them and what wonders would they perform for the world?

Readers may obtain more information from the following sources:

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## JOE HARVEY'S AMAZING POWERS

By George A. Hanrahan

**J**OE HARVEY, a young Chicago printer in the 1890's, was credited with some remarkable feats of measuring with his eyes and of telling time without the aid of a watch or clock. According to an article in the *Chicago Herald* for September 18, 1890, young Harvey astonished his associates at the Blakeley Printing Co. by his "marvelous feats" but "dislikes notoriety and refuses to use his peculiar gift publicly for gain.

"The accuracy with which he takes measurements with his eyes and mind seems really supernatural," the write-up said. "In using pica measures — a pica is one-sixth of an inch — he employs no guide to aid him but adjusts his stick, cuts rules and leads the desired length by measuring the space in his mind.

"In giving an exhibition of his powers yesterday he took nine pieces of brass rule and cut them to 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 pica lengths respectively, and on measuring the cut

rules they were found to be (exact). He then cut 12 pieces to one length without comparing them. The pieces were gathered and compared and could not have been shaved nearer one length.

"He tells longer measures with equal accuracy. A piece of wood was handed him and he was asked the length of it. 'Two feet five and three-eighths inches' was the quick and accurate reply. . . ."

Harvey had been able to accomplish remarkable feats of this kind since he was a boy, states the article, which also tells of "another curious freak of this printer. . . . He never carries a watch but is a positive regulator at telling the hour. One dark afternoon, after having not seen a clock all day, one of the men jestingly asked him the time of day. 'Seven minutes after three' was the prompt reply and all the correct watches in the house testified to his accuracy."



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## THE MISSING RINGS

By Don Fay Adams

ONE EVENING in 1965 when I was secretary of the Staunton, Va., branch of the American Association of University Women, I was growing increasingly nervous when my friend Nancy Groschneider did not arrive to pick me up to go to the AAUW meeting. When she did finally arrive, she was extremely upset and explained she had mislaid both her diamond engagement ring and her wedding ring. The city police had come to her home and searched, even taking up the rugs, pulling out the cushions in the living room, shaking the bedding, sifting the trash can and emptying the laundry bag — all to no avail.

Although consciously I had no idea where her rings were, a few minutes later I heard myself say, "Why, your little girl was playing with them and when she grew tired, she left them right there. They are still there — they

are under something."

When Nancy got home from the meeting she called Janelle to her and said, "Darling, if you don't tell Mommy where you put her rings, she will give you a spanking."

"No! No!" cried the child, close to tears.

"But if you tell Mommy, then she will not spank you."

Lifting her little hand, Janelle pointed to the top drawer of the vanity and said, "I put them there."

Nancy jerked open the vanity



Don Fay Adams



drawer to find a Kleenex spread out. Under the Kleenex were the missing rings.

Some power greater than I had used my voice to tell Nancy where the rings were. — *Houston, Tex.*

### THE VANISHING TEPEE

By Val Uhrenholdt

**D**URING WORLD War II our government set up a temporary agency, "The Women's Land Army," designed to help farmers with their crops amidst the critical man shortage. I was in my late teens in 1943 and volunteered my services for that entire summer. We were dispatched from New York City to the Catskill Mountains where we were given bed and board at a farm hotel near Deposit, N. Y., on land belonging to former lightweight champion Tony Canzoneri.

During our indoctrination the housemother made one point quite clear: curfew at 10:00 P. M. sharp! Anyone breaking curfew would be sent packing the next day and no reason whatsoever would be accepted. We learned the veracity of her warning when several girls were dismissed in the following weeks for breaking this rule. I was anxious to aid the war effort and loved the Catskills so I vowed never to make that mistake.

Early every morning farmers would arrive to pick up the help and drive them to their respective farms. My roommate Helen and I were put to work in the cherry orchard belonging to a farmer named Brown. One day he invited us to go along with him and his wife to a movie in town that evening. There was little in the way of evening entertainment and we gratefully accepted.

We warned the Browns about our strict 10:00 P. M. curfew but they assured us we would be back in plenty of time. As it happened, however, the theater had a double feature with added short subjects and it was well past 11:00 when Mr. Brown dropped us off at the hotel. He merely shrugged when we told him we would be dismissed. He would talk to the housemother in the morning, he promised, and he was sure we had no need to worry. We did not share his optimism as we huddled in a corner of the veranda, our teeth chattering in the chilly mountain air.

We spoke in whispers, wondering what to do. There were no lights on in the hotel but the grounds were aglow with silvery moonlight. Suddenly Helen pointed straight ahead and exclaimed, "Look! Where did that tent come from?"

I turned and sure enough, a



tent stood in the center of the vast expanse of lawn. It had not been there when we left that evening. We could not imagine why anyone had put it up; perhaps a celebration of some sort was being planned. Our sagging spirits lifted as we started toward the tent. If it was empty, we could spend the night there. As we approached, I commented that it looked more like a tepee. Helen agreed and said something about poles sticking out the top. Now we were certain some kind of festivity must be planned.

When we were about eight or 10 feet from the tepee, incredibly it vanished. We stood in our tracks dumbfounded. Disappointed and frustrated, we began to zigzag around the grounds searching for the mythical tepee. When I looked behind some overgrown bushes, to my surprise I saw a tiny cottage or cabin. I waved my roommate over and together we peered in the window. We were able to discern old furniture scattered around. The door was locked but the window raised easily and we crawled in.

We were overjoyed to discover a stack of mattresses piled up against the wall amid springs, posts and old chests. Obviously this was the hotel storeroom. We laid two mattresses side by side

on the floor and covered ourselves with a third for warmth. We awoke the next morning to the chatter and laughter of the girls who were up and around before breakfast. We replaced the mattresses and quickly climbed back out the window. We had ample time to bathe and dress before breakfast. If the housemother had noticed our absence the previous night, she said nothing and no one was the wiser.

Through the years I often have wondered about that unusual night. I am certain that the tepee was not merely an illusion caused by shadows and moonlight; we were too close and we saw it distinctly. Could some Indian who once lived in that area have realized our plight and materialized the tepee to draw us out far enough to discover the cabin? I wonder. — *Houston, Tex.*

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### I RECEIVED A HEALING

By Richard Elford

**E**ARLY IN 1974 I was involved in a serious automobile accident that paralyzed the upper left-hand side of my body. After four and one-half weeks of being tied in bed, in traction, I was informed by a neurologist that possibly I never would regain the use of my left side and that if I did it could take two and one-half



years. I was shocked and asked if the nerve roots were not avulsed from the spine wasn't there something he could do to help. He said no.

After two more months of intense pain I called him to see if he could do anything to alleviate it. He replied, "You'll just have to suffer."

This prompted me to look for help in another direction and because I am interested in psychic phenomena I decided to seek the services of a "healer." Trying to find a reputable healer is not easy but fortunately I saw the Lou Gordon TV program and learned such a person, the Rev. John Scudder, lived only 300 miles from my home. I decided to see him immediately.

After a six-hour ride to Chicago I was exhausted and somewhat embarrassed to knock on the door of a stranger and ask to be healed. But I summoned my nerve and my knock was answered by an elderly woman who invited me to come in. She asked if I had an appointment and I replied that I had not.

The living room held a conglomeration of people, all there for the same reason, to be healed. I sat down to await my personal miracle. As I sat there I heard people talking about multiple sclerosis, cancer and other horrible diseases and I thought,

"Boy, I'm pretty lucky." I watched as people came back down the stairs wearing glowing smiles. I had yet to understand that most healings come from repeated treatments.

After what seemed like hours the healer's wife Mrs. Scudder said, "Okay, you can go up now."

I entered a dimly-lit room and was introduced to the Rev. John Scudder and his assistant Dino. I told John about my case and found him sympathetic and understanding. He asked me to lie down comfortably on the bed and then proceeded with the healing.

I was instructed to relax every muscle in my body beginning with my eyes, face, shoulders and arms—then my torso and so on down to the tips of my toes. Once I was in this relaxed state the healing began with the laying on of hands.

John told me later he had a hard time sending the healing forces into my body because I couldn't remain relaxed because of my excruciating pain.

When the session was over John asked how I felt. Better, I replied, for I had received something very important, emotional strength and someone to discuss my problem with. The first obstacle any healer has to overcome is the patient's fear of his



particular disease; fear prevents healing. I have found doctors usually don't have the "time" to take a sympathetic interest and allow the patient to talk.

There wasn't any physical improvement immediately but John informed me "the healing process has now begun."

During the next 28 days and after eight more healing treatments—on June 19, 20, 26, 27 and with two sessions on both July 11 and 12—results came rapidly. The bone in my arm healed more than it had in the preceding four months and the nerves grew to the base of my fingers and into my chest and back.

I now have motor function in my left arm where none existed before Mr. Scudder treated me. I can elevate my forearm to the height of the elbow and have motor function in some of the muscles which previously were completely paralyzed—the pectoral minor and the latissimus dorsi—with slight motor function in the pectoral major. My pain has been greatly alleviated. Whereas I previously slept only for an hour or two when completely overcome with exhaustion, I now sleep extremely well.

I have learned that John works full time as an engineer and "heals" after work and on weekends. I have personally seen him

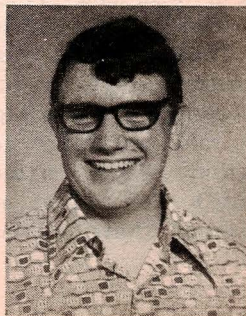
work into the wee hours of the morning on a workday, going all day without meals. He is a very dedicated man who achieves healings for approximately 90 percent of the persons who come to him; the other 10 percent usually show marked improvement.

Where such healing power comes from still is a question, but for the thousands of people labeled terminal or medically hopeless it is a gift from God. —  
*Essex, Ont., Canada.*

### TELLING THE DOGS

By William T. Walker

**I**N 1967 OUR family was living in Taylorsville, N.C. When my grandmother Hester Teague died on February 19 of that year her body was brought home for viewing for part of one day and overnight. All during that time our two dogs, Midget and Cricket, howled and barked until it



William T. Walker



became unbearable.

After the other mourners had left my mother Lydia T. Walker asked my father Ralph to bring the dogs inside. My father then spoke to the dogs and explained that Grandmother was going to a better place where she would be happy. When he put them outside again we heard no further noise from them. For several months after that Midget and Cricket continued to hunt through the house for Grandmother but eventually they gave up.

We now live five miles from our old home but we never will forget the night the dogs abruptly stopped their loud mourning. — *Hiddenite, N.C.*

#### DEATHBED VISIT

By Marian Banks

**I**N WHAT could have been a dream I stood at the foot of my grandparents' bed. My grandmother Bea Goldman was reading a book and my grandfather Ben appeared to be asleep. They were not aware of my presence. But as I stood there observing them my grandmother said something to my grandfather. When he did not reply she turned to look at him and realized that he was not



Marian Banks

breathing. She shook him and discovered that he was dead.

At this point I suddenly sat upright in my own bed on the other side of Atlantic City, wide awake. Looking at my clock I found it was midnight. Not wishing to disturb my parents I decided to wait until morning to tell them about my astral dream trip.

The next morning, October 4, 1961, I had risen and was getting ready for school when Mother came in and told me the news of my grandfather's death the night before.

Later in the day I heard my grandmother tell what had happened and she described Grandfather's death exactly as I had seen it during the night. — *Venice, Calif.*





#### ABOUT J. ALLEN HYNEK

BORN IN Chicago in 1910, J. Allen Hynek received his Ph.D. in astronomy from the University of Chicago in 1935. Since then he has taught at Ohio Wesleyan University, Ohio State University and Harvard University. Since 1960 he has been chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and director of its Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center.

From 1956 to 1960 Dr. Hynek was in charge of NASA's Optical Satellite Tracking Program and the establishment and operation of 12 tracking observatories around the world. From 1948 until recently Dr. Hynek was scientific consultant to the air force on the UFO problem.

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## J. ALLEN HYNEK ANSWERS

### PHILIP KLASS on UFOs

EVERY PERSON should feel free to grind his own particular axe and who would deny this right to Philip Klass whose objective is to show that all UFOs are either cases of mistaken identity or hoaxes? Just six years ago Mr. Klass was grinding quite another axe. In his six-year-old book *UFOs Identified* Mr. Klass was just as sure that most UFOs were electrical discharges of some kind as he is now sure that they all are hoaxes or mistakes. Perhaps in a few years we shall have another book from him, *UFOs Inter-*

*preted*, which will give us still another answer.

The present book *UFOs Explained* flies in the face of a mountain of evidence from all over the world and from highly credible witnesses. It also flies in the face of some very excellent studies, such as those done by Jacques Vallee and Claude Pöhrer, which to my mind clearly establish the validity of the UFO phenomenon as a subject worthy of scientific study and one which simply cannot be explained by the Klass hypothesis. But Mr. Klass apparently is unaware of



these thoughtful studies.

The term UFO merely means "Unidentified Flying Object." It does not necessarily mean "hardware from outer space" although this is the interpretation Mr. Klass insists on. The "U" means "Unidentified" and to say that one understands everything that is seen in the sky and on or near the ground is presumptuous. We do not understand ball lightning, for example, and perhaps ball lightning has on occasion been reported as a UFO.

Indeed, in *UFOs Identified* Mr. Klass does identify UFOs as ball lightning — as electrical plasmas. Of course, he cannot explain UFOs in that way, because that would mean he had explained ball lightning; rather one should say he labels UFOs as electrical discharge phenomena without once demonstrating how they work. His theory met with little success and much criticism. In fact, a little poem was circulated in certain circles which was more humorous than deadly. It was titled "Klass Dismissed."

But in his present book *UFOs Explained* Klass attempts to establish his present thesis in two ways. In the first portion of the book he tells us once again what has been known and fully accepted by all serious UFO inves-

tigators for over a quarter of a century — that the great majority of unprocessed UFO reports are mistakes. Not that this doesn't need retelling; people still mistake Venus, meteors, aircraft, etc., for something other than they are. In my very first report to the air force in 1949 I pointed out that four-fifths of unprocessed UFO reports are IFOs (Identifiable Flying Objects) and I have been saying this ever since.

In the second and longer portion of the book the author assumes the role of prosecuting attorney and attempts to show that some nine widely publicized classic cases are either contrived hoaxes or that the witnesses deluded themselves. He resorts to character defamation by innuendo, ascribing base motives to these witnesses and twisting the facts to suit his needs. Here is an example of the latter: In the Delphos, Kans., case\* he not only states but italicizes (his very irritating habit of putting statements and phrases in italics throughout the book, thereby giving them an emphasis so great that it verges on taking the statement out of context) that "concentration of zinc in the ring soil was 111 times that found

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\*See "Kansas UFO Leaves Hard Evidence" by B. Ann Slate, April 1973 FATE Magazine.



*in the soil outside the ring."* And what was the concentration in the ring soil? Twenty parts per million! But he doesn't mention that there was found an excess of 1500 parts per million of calcium, 700 parts per million of potash, 640 parts per million of magnesium. . . .! The trace of zinc in the control sample was just 0.18 parts per million. Thus the ratio was 111 all right, but the absolute values were insignificant. He came dangerously close to dividing by zero.

And why did he concentrate on zinc? Because he wanted to show that perhaps there had been a galvanized feeder there. "One possible explanation for this very high zinc content is that the ring had been produced by an animal feeder. . . ." What high concentration? A totally insignificant amount of zinc! The reader has no way of knowing how Klass has distorted the facts because Klass does not present the whole analysis of the soil samples. One gets the impression that he is so intent — so emotionally involved — in proving his case that, like some trial lawyer in a grade B movie, he does not weigh and balance fairly but overemphasizes every point, major or minor, that contributes to the case he espouses. Mr. Klass has missed his calling; he would have made an excellent attorney

for the prosecution, intent on winning his case at all costs, carefully omitting damaging evidence.

But coming back to specific cases, let us consider the first portion of the book in which he tells us again, as in the fifth rerun of a late, late movie, how Venus and meteors have fooled people. Actually, if Mr. Klass had gone through the many cases I "debunked" for the air force over the years, he would have come across some very interesting items he could have used for illustration. For instance, I found back in the 1950's that people's imaginations can do fearful and wonderful things with meteors. One woman described to me a bright meteor as a "craft with taillights" and I have known of pilots who took evasive action when they spotted a bright meteor that was actually more than 100 miles away. We knew it was a meteor because it was seen by hundreds of persons over several states.

Many rounds of ammunition were fired at Venus by gun crews on both sides during both World Wars, each gunner thinking Venus was an enemy observation device. I remember one case in Wisconsin in which several witnesses stated the bright UFO remained in the sky until dawn and then took off directly away



from them. By setting up a telescope I was able to show them that their UFO was still there, in the daytime sky. It was Venus, of course, which became fainter as dawn approached and this growing faintness they interpreted as the UFO moving away. Jupiter also has been called a UFO. One of the most amusing cases I remember in my career with the Air Force was the case of a "mother ship and four baby craft" which turned out to be Jupiter and its four bright moons.

Klass makes much of a navy sighting of a glow "below the horizon" which maintained the same bearing as the aircraft went along. I long since have disregarded sighting reports of distant glows on the horizon that maintain position as one moves along. Experience has shown me they always have natural explanations. This one turned out to be the moon. I remember another spectacular "moon" UFO: a woman reported to the air force that when she pulled into her driveway she saw a half-moon-shaped spacecraft above her garage. The almanac made it clear that the half-moon had been exactly at the spot at the time of her observation.

Klass includes in this portion the "Brown Mountain UFOs." Others, however, more honestly

refer to this phenomenon as the "Brown Mountain Lights." This also is very old hat. In the Summer 1972 issue of *New Horizons*, W. T. Powers and I exposed the "Tri-State Spook Light" near Joplin, Mo.\* I quote from that article: "The writers have solved the problem without the use of 'the latest scientific equipment' but using their eyes, an automobile and some patience. This will be stubbornly denied by the operators of the local Spook Light concessions where booklets and souvenirs can be bought . . . Indeed, we were somewhat reluctant to publish our findings but the editor assured us that the legends will live and prosper and so will the local entrepreneurs. And so will the Spook Lights. They are not a fake. They exist and can be seen virtually every evening. Furthermore, they are worth seeing. It is easy to see why they are a source of local pride. But they have a most natural explanation!" Owing to an unusual terrain, lights from a distant town (Miami, Kans.) seem to focus just a few feet from the observer.

I have taken some time to demonstrate that Mr. Klass is not telling us anything new; all this was known long before he became interested in the UFO

\*Reprinted in the November 1973 issue of FATE Magazine.



problem. Yet his book gives us the impression that he has "invented the wheel" and that other UFO investigators are gullible, deluded and perhaps a bit unscrupulous. To cite a further example: Klass makes much of the "experiment" in Maynard, Iowa, in which a hot air balloon was deliberately sent up to see how much of a UFO scare it would create. I participated in such an experiment, too, and it was in Iowa also. I helped plan the experiment several weeks in advance. It went off all right, under good weather conditions, but the results were disappointing. Very few UFO reports came in although the local radio station announced there was a UFO about.

In considering the second part of the book I will deal only with those cases in which I have been personally involved. In these I am acquainted with the facts and hence will recognize any distortion of information. Space permits me only to highlight the salient errors and misrepresentations in each case.

I can say at the outset that Klass has not proved his case with any of these incidents. In all of them he plays not only the role of prosecuting attorney but of amateur psychiatrist, attempting to analyze emotions and motives. He brings into court not the primary facts but hearsay,

his "psychiatric" conclusions and his opinions, none of which ever would be admitted in court because of their second- and thirdhand circumstantial nature. Let me say also that although these cases did attain a great deal of publicity they are, after all, only a few cases out of thousands. I might have chosen others in preference to these but circumstances require me to comment only on cases Klass has selected.

*The Betty and Barney Hill Case*\*: In his previous book Klass "solved" this one as plasma. Now he thinks it was a hoax — a mutual delusion. I would much rather rely on the excellent investigation of this famous case by John Fuller, presented in his book *The Interrupted Journey*, than on Klass' ramblings. He makes the Hills out to be incompetent, never referring to the responsible character and occupations of these two people. He calls this a "contactee" case. Yet it bears little resemblance to the typical contactee case in which a single witness is taken for a ride aboard a spaceship, is given "messages for mankind" and treated as a very special person. The Hills, according to their account, were treated as

\*See "Kidnapped by a UFO" by Allen Spraggett, January 1967 FATE Magazine.



laboratory specimens.

I interviewed the Hills some time before Barney's death for an hour and a half in Dr. Simon's presence and while they were both under hypnosis. Mr. Klass did not. I knew them as persons. Dr. Simon's opinions on UFOs, of which Klass makes so much, are irrelevant since the doctor was not aware that there are hundreds of cases in which UFO creatures have been reported.

Finally, Klass has not explained the case; he merely indicates the Hills were in some way deluded and gives no credence to the original experience, before they were "abducted."

*Socorro, New Mexico\**: This is another case that Klass, in his first book, felt was caused by "electrical phenomena and plasmas." Now he thinks it was a hoax. But since he cannot ascribe the hoax to the principal witness Zamora he suggests the hoax was *perpetrated* on Zamora. Why? Because the mayor wanted publicity for the town. But how was the hoax perpetrated? Of this there is not a single suggestion. Since Zamora was not in on the hoax, which was perpetrated on him, how

does one explain that Zamora first saw a "craft" descending from the sky?

This would be a pretty expensive hoax. To construct a metallic craft that left burns on the ground and took off to disappear down a six-mile canyon is a hoax that would require Hollywood staging and a considerable budget. And it would have to be a spectacular sight to cause Zamora to abandon the speeder he was chasing and take off across the sagebrush after it. And even with all that staging, how could they be sure Zamora would fall for the gag? A costly waste if he didn't!

Klass makes much of the fact that the town has capitalized on Zamora's sighting. But this is human nature. After the event, what is more natural than for Junior Chamber of Commerce types to seize the chance to promote the town? There isn't a shred of evidence to support the idea that publicity for tourism was the purpose of the event.

In dealing with the second witness Klass assumes, because it supports his argument, that the mystery motorist saw the craft and Zamora's car at the same time. When I was told this story by Opel Grinder, the Whiting gas station attendant who talked with the mystery motorist at the time, this motorist reported see-

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\*See "The New Mexico UFO Landing" by Coral Lozenzen, August 1964 FATE Magazine.



ing Zamora's car sometime *after* he saw the craft come down for a landing.

Ted Phillips, a construction inspector for the Missouri Highway Department, amateur astronomer and specialist in the study of UFO landing trace cases, now has a catalogue of over 700 physical-trace, landing-mark cases from all over the world. I wonder if Klass would hold that all of these are hoaxes. A pretty tall order. Mr. Klass just doesn't know the territory.

*The Papua-New Guinea, Father Gill Case\**: Klass goes farthest afield in this classic case. In effect he calls Father Gill (a respected man of the cloth) a conniving, sycophantic, inveterate bald-faced liar. There is no other way to interpret Klass' treatment of this case. Here again he makes extensive use of italicizing written passages thus giving them undue emphasis and twisting their meanings. For example, quoting from a note Father Gill wrote to the Reverend Cruttwell: "*Here's a lot of material — the kind you have been waiting for no doubt.*" But I am in some-way sorry that it has to be *me who supplies it.*" By italicizing part of the statement Klass

ascribes a sinister import to it. It is a sort of "have you stopped beating your wife?" technique and one he uses throughout the book.

I visited Papua-New Guinea and made a special trip to the Anglican mission at Boanai. Father Gill was already in Melbourne but I had arranged to meet with him after visiting the mission. I wanted to be prepared with photographs, sketches and the results of my interviews with some of the original witnesses. My investigation in Boanai and later in Melbourne does not support the thesis that the Boanai incident was a fabrication on the part of Father Gill and the many witnesses.

Klass makes a big deal of the fact that Father Gill went in to dinner and vespers while the UFO was still in sight. This bothered me also, so I asked Father Gill, "How was it possible for you to leave such an exciting event and calmly go in to dinner?"

Father Gill replied that it rather puzzled him in retrospect but that at the time he wasn't thinking in terms of visitors from outer space but that perhaps the craft was "some new device of the Americans."

Having become quite well acquainted with Father Gill I can believe that. He is a most me-

\*See "UFOs Over New Guinea" by John C. Ross, March 1960 FATE Magazine.



thodical, unexcitable man.

*The Coyne Helicopter Case\**: Klass can explain this 1973 sighting only by assuming that Coyne and his crew of three were frightened by a bright meteor — a theory that is completely untenable. First, the red light which later approached the helicopter had been under observation for some time before it was called to Coyne's attention. It "paced" the helicopter and then turned and came directly toward it. After it left, it turned to the northwest.

Meteors do not pace an object and then turn toward it. A bright meteor appears suddenly, follows a nearly straight but gently curving path and would *not* be in sight for well over a minute, which this object must have been if one takes into account the length of the original pacing observation, the turn toward the helicopter, and the time it took Coyne to take the controls and bring the helicopter down from 2,500 feet to 1,700 feet, (at which time he still saw the object approaching and so told the men to brace for impact).

The helicopter then reportedly went up from 1,700 feet to 3,500 feet and the meteor obligingly hung around all that time. Me-

teors don't do that. They last for just a few seconds. Sometimes they leave a faint trail that persists for a minute — but it's faint and not enough to scare anyone.

Robert Schaeffer, who assists Mr. Klass, wrote me some time ago about the bright meteor that was seen over several states in the west and photographed by many people. He asked why the same thing doesn't happen with UFOs. The answer is simple. Bright meteors are miles high (50-75 miles), fly a nearly horizontal path and therefore are visible over thousands of square miles. UFOs seem to prefer vertical trajectories and are very localized both in space and in time.

If the Coyne object had been a bright meteor Shaeffer's argument would apply. It would have been seen over several states and undoubtedly reported by a great many people, as was the fireball Shaeffer referred to. But no one else reported it! And any attempt to call it one of the Orionid meteors, which are very rapid and just faint streaks of light lasting hardly a second, is completely untenable.

Perhaps the best illustration of the manner in which Klass manipulates data to his own advantage is contained in the foot-

\*See "I See by the Papers," page 28, March 1974 FATE Magazine.



note on page 198 of his book: "In the spring of 1974 (actually fall of 1973) Hynek acquired still another impressive-sounding title: Director of the Center of (error: "for" not "of") UFO Studies. According to one newspaper account . . . the new organization was set up by Hynek himself and is currently (a) one-man operation (run) out of his home."

Now for the facts: The Center is far from a one-man operation. It is an outgrowth of the "Invisible College," an association of scientists from universities and laboratories in this and other countries. (This was already detailed in my book *The UFO Experience, A Scientific Inquiry*, Regnery 1972, Ballantine 1974). It is a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Illinois and has on its active scientific board long-established scientists from, among others, Stanford University, UCLA, Johns Hopkins, Yeshiva, the University of Chicago, the University of London, Cal Tech, the University of Illinois and several national laboratories. It is not open to general membership but works closely with the Mutual UFO Network and together with them has over 300 active investigators. A one-man operation, Mr. Klass? It is true that I am the director (vol-

unteer, not paid) and if the title is impressive what else does one call someone who directs an operation?

The Center utilizes a toll-free telephone number in transmitting UFO sighting reports. This number has been made available to 5,000 police departments, the FAA, various planetariums and observatories and the FBI. In the February 1975 issue of the *FBI Bulletin* there is a long article describing the activities of the Center. We have received a grant from the Research Corporation of America for the express purpose of investigating Close Encounters of the Second Kind (those in which physical traces occur, as in the Delphos, Kans., case) and contributions to the Center are tax-deductible. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 11, Northfield, Ill., 60093. Those wishing to obtain public information material and details on how to receive the Center's *News Bulletin* and summaries of reports should write, enclosing a long, self-addressed stamped envelope.

So to sum up: Klass has not established anything new in this book, nor has he successfully removed any of the classic cases with which I have been directly involved. From my standpoint, once again, Klass dismissed!

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Are UFO reports deliberate hoaxes or the result of malobservation?  
This aviation authority explains some classic UFO sighting cases.

THE MOST vigorous and assertive of present-day UFO skeptics is Philip J. Klass, Senior Avionics Editor of *Aviation Week & Space Technology* Magazine. He is the author of *UFOs Identified* (Random House, 1968) and *UFOs Explained* (Random House, 1975). In this concluding

## *Interview with a Super Skeptic*

# PHIL KLOSS DEBUNKS UFOs

By George W. Earley

article based on tape-recorded conversations in August 1974 Mr. Klass continues his candid appraisal of recent UFO reports and some of the persons involved.

*Earley:* I'd like to ask you about a UFO report, one that is highly regarded by those you call "the UFO believers," from Ohio on October 18, 1973, made by a group of army reservists who

claim their helicopter was nearly hit by a UFO. They also reported that they "mysteriously" gained altitude at a time when the helicopter had been put into a dive to avoid colliding with the UFO. I have to be impressed by a report from an apparently experienced flight crew.

*Klass:* Let me say first that this case was selected (as *National Enquirer's* "Best UFO Case of 1973") from among hundreds of 1973 cases. It was selected by a

panel of five experienced "UFO-logists" including the famous Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who has been investigating UFO cases for more than a quarter of a cen-

## PART TWO

tury; by Dr. James Harder who is the Director of Research for APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), one of the world's largest private UFO research groups; and others on the *National Enquirer* UFO panel. This case seemed to them to defy explanation.

Now what I am going to tell you is the way the pilot, Captain Coyne, described the incident on the Dick Cavett TV show, plus



additional information he gave me when I talked with him on the telephone on several occasions.

It was about 11:00 P.M. and the helicopter was headed northeast from Columbus, Ohio, toward its home base in Cleveland. The weather was clear and they were flying at an indicated altitude of 2500 feet when a member of the crew looked toward the east and saw a red light which he first thought might be a warning light on top of a TV tower. Captain Coyne told him to keep an eye on it because he knew that at the nearby Mansfield airport there was an Air National Guard base with F-100 interceptors. The light could be another airplane. The watching crewman then reported that the light seemed to be approaching, coming right at them. Coyne decided there might be a potential collision threat and he put the helicopter into a dive. They began to descend at about 1,000 feet a minute. As the glowing object still seemed headed toward them Coyne nosed his



Author Phil Klass (right) tells TV interviewer of his standing \$10,000 bet that UFOs are not extraterrestrial.

craft over. Now he was descending at 2,000 feet a minute and still the object seemed headed directly toward them. When he last looked at his altimeter it was reading 1700 feet. At this point, according to Coyne, the object came overhead and seemed to stop for two or three seconds, actually hovering over them. And it was so bright that the inside of the cockpit was illuminated with a green glow. Then the UFO headed on west and disappeared to the west of northwest.

When Coyne next looked at his altimeter he discovered that instead of being in a dive—as when he had last looked—his



helicopter was climbing! It had been at 1700 feet but was now at 3500 feet and climbing 1,000 feet a minute. So Coyne leveled it out and then descended to his original 2500-foot altitude.

The copilot at this point decided to call the Cleveland tower, the Akron tower, the Columbus tower — anybody — to say that they apparently had had a near midair collision with a UFO. According to Coyne they tried all these airports and could not get through to them.

There are a number of cases where it is claimed that the presence of a UFO "knocks out" the radio and this seemed to be one of those incidents. Coyne said they could hear certain tones that indicated the radio was working properly but they just couldn't get through to the stations they were calling. Not until five or six minutes later were they able to establish radio contact.

Coyne also reported that the crew had no conscious recollection of climbing and were unaware of having done so until they looked at the altimeter. Some people have subsequently suggested that the UFO exerted some "mysterious force" that sucked up the helicopter.

Well, one of the first things I did in my investigation, aside from calling Captain Coyne to

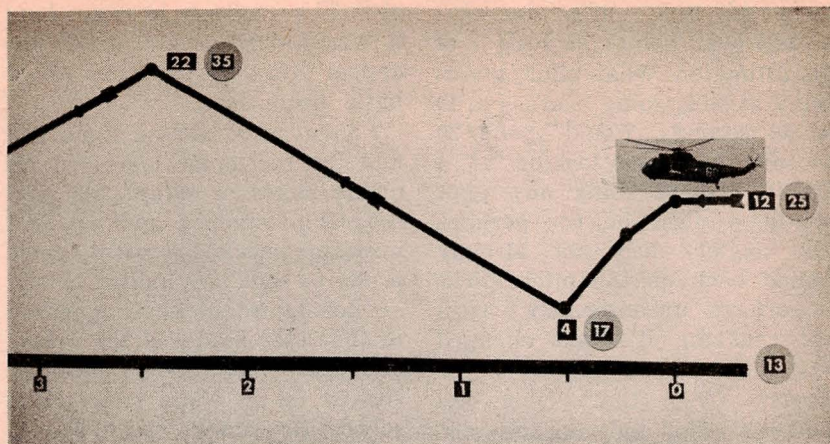
get more details, was to call the manufacturer, the Bell Helicopter Company (to learn more about) this model helicopter. I also called some army helicopter pilots. I found out who made the radio equipment in this helicopter and talked to the engineer who designed it. Then I arranged through the Federal Aviation Agency to talk to the people who were on duty in the control towers at the Mansfield, Columbus, Akron and Cleveland airports on the night of October 18, 1973.

Let's talk first about what could have put this helicopter, descending at 2,000 feet per minute, into a 1,000 foot per minute climb. And let's take a look at the situation, not in terms of the altimeter reading which shows altitude above sea level, but in terms of *actual* altitude above the ground.

As you know, altimeters are calibrated on a sea level basis. Zero is sea level and all altitude is read above that. Thus, when you fly over land which is *above* sea level you must subtract the height of that land from your altimeter reading to give you your actual distance above the ground.

The terrain in that part of Ohio is 1300 feet above sea level. Captain Coyne's original flight altitude was 2500 feet. He is actually only 1200 feet above the ground.





Klass' diagram shows flight path of Captain Coyne's helicopter on night of alleged UFO encounter in 1973. Numbers indicate altitude of craft in hundreds of feet above sea level (circles) and actual ground level (squares). Coyne flew a Bell UH-1H like the one shown at right.

You will recall that when he looked at his altimeter while in a dive to avoid possible collision, the altimeter read 1700 feet. That meant he was only 400 feet above the ground — and he was descending at 2,000 feet a minute! What that means — what it meant at that moment — was that if the pilot or copilot had not pulled back on the pitch sticks, in 12 seconds that helicopter would have crashed.

Let me make that point again. At the helicopter's altitude and rate of descent as reported by Captain Coyne, only 12 seconds



Courtesy Bell Helicopter Co.

remained before the craft would crash.

So now the crew faces death from two threats — collision with a UFO or sure death in 12 seconds if they don't pull up. According to Coyne's recollection, it was something like 30 or 40 seconds — or perhaps longer,



he wasn't sure — *after* the UFO passed over before he looked at his altimeter. What pilot, knowing that he is going to crash in 10 or 12 seconds, would spend 30 seconds or more looking at a UFO? I don't think any pilot would — unless he (or perhaps his copilot) had not already pulled back on the pitch sticks — perhaps unconsciously, without realizing it — and changed that dive into a climb!

*Earley:* Then that's your hypothesis? That they unconsciously pulled back on the controls? Then what about . . .

*Klass:* Wait a minute. I said to Coyne, "What did you do to level it out?" He replied, "I pulled back on my collective and cyclic pitch." I said, "But that doesn't cause a helicopter to stop climbing; that causes it to climb faster." And there was this pause — because he realized that what he had done, if he had done what he was describing to me, was the wrong thing. To level off he would need to push those sticks forward. And since he did in fact level off and subsequently descended to his original altitude, it is my belief — and there can be no doubt about it — that in the excitement after the UFO passed over he or the copilot unconsciously pulled back on the pitch sticks. Because if they had not they wouldn't have spent the

next 30 seconds or however long it was watching their UFO disappear into the west. They would have been dead.

I then asked Coyne if he had had the helicopter inspected for undue stress or strain. He said several mechanics and an FAA inspector checked it with a sonic probe to spot any hidden cracks — such as might have appeared in the rotor blades if the diving helicopter had been suddenly sucked up at some tremendous speed. No cracks were found. *Earley:* What about the radio failure?

*Klass:* I took an aeronautical map and plotted Coyne's location, then asked him if he realized that he was beyond communication range of the Columbus, Akron and Cleveland airports. I asked him to try, the next time he was flying to Columbus and was in approximately the same location, to go to the same altitude and try to raise those same stations. He later told me — this was weeks later — that he had tried and couldn't reach those stations. He was able, however, to reach Mansfield radio on this trip. Why, then, couldn't he have done so on the night of the UFO encounter?

The chief operator of the Mansfield control tower told me that at that time of night — about



11:00 P.M., remember — they usually have only one man on duty. If that lone operator is already talking to a plane anyone else who calls in is simply ignored; he can't talk to both of them at once. The second caller simply waits a few minutes and calls again.

In talking to the engineer who designed the radio equipment in Captain Coyne's helicopter, I learned something else. He told me that if you change frequencies, going from a higher one to a lower one, the radio tuner must make a complete circle to get to the new frequency and this can take five seconds. And Coyne had made the point that the copilot was rapidly tuning, frantically switching from one channel to another, so unless he let the set have the needed five seconds to channel in and if the Mansfield tower controller was talking to another plane, you have a perfectly rational explanation as to why he couldn't get an answer from any of the four airports.

*Earley:* That seems to leave us with only the UFO. How do you explain it?

*Klass:* Every year the earth goes through meteor showers. The earth is continually encountering meteors all year long but during these annual showers we encounter a helluva lot more meteors than at other times. It turns out

there is a major shower every year in late October. The normal peak period is October 21 to 22 but you get a lot of meteor activity for a few days on either side of the peak. And October 18, 1973, is well within a period of increased meteor activity.

I talked to Dr. David Meisel, director of the American Meteor Society, and he asked me what direction the UFO came from. I said, "Out of the east." He said that fitted the October shower and he also said the shower activity began about 11:00 P.M. which is the time Coyne and his crew had their experience.

So this UFO has all the characteristics of a giant fireball and similar fireballs are pictured in my new book. I have other cases in my book in which experienced airline crews in broad daytime have been fooled by giant fireballs and thought they saw flying saucers. In one case in June 1969 the airline crew thought they were in danger of collision. But from eyewitness reports and photographs taken from the ground it was positively determined that the object — a giant fireball — was at least 125 miles away. If experienced airline crews can be fooled in broad daylight it is not surprising that Captain Coyne, operating at night, could be fooled the same way.



*Earley:* But what about Coyne's report that the UFO stopped and hovered over the helicopter?

*Klass:* A giant fireball has a long tail; it's really a plasma of electrified glowing air. All Coyne's crew really knew was that the cockpit was intensely illuminated for several seconds. They assumed that the UFO had stopped and was hovering and providing the illumination. But if this was a giant fireball, as I believe, then that illumination simply came from that long trail of brilliantly glowing gas in the wake of the fireball.

Fireballs appear unexpectedly; they fool even those who are out deliberately looking for them. So it is understandable that witnesses, seeing one of these things unexpectedly, are going to make a misidentification. Besides, Ohio was experiencing a big UFO flap those days; newspapers were full of reports.

*Earley:* You think witnesses, in this case Captain Coyne and his crew, are "sensitized" by all this publicity?

*Klass:* Unconsciously sensitized. They were susceptible to making this sort of error when confronted with an unexpected sight.

*Earley:* Does Coyne now agree with your conclusions on this? Have you talked to him since you put your research together?

*Klass:* No, we haven't talked because by the time I was through I learned that he and his crew had won a prize of \$5,000 because their experience had been selected by the *National Enquirer* as the best UFO report of 1973. Maybe I should have gone to him and said, "Look, Captain Coyne, I think you ought to give the \$5,000 back," but I don't think I'd have had much success. I haven't approached him yet but he'll learn about it from my book — or from this article.

One of the interesting things is that by the time he talked to Dr. Hynek he had already run the radio tests I had asked him to do and learned that he had not been able to reach the various airports not because of the UFO but because he was out of radio range. Apparently — I can't be sure — he didn't tell Hynek this. I base this on the fact that if he had it would have removed a large part of the mystery from the case.

*Earley:* You've mentioned Dr. Hynek several times. For a good many years he was the United States Air Force UFO consultant and was regarded as a staunch anti-UFO scientist. He seems to have reversed his field in recent years. He is on the *National Enquirer* UFO study panel; he claims that increasing numbers of scientists here and abroad are



taking an interest in UFOs; and he has founded a Center for UFO Studies. What is your view of this center and its chances for solving the UFO mystery?

*Klass:* Anyone who thinks that Dr. J. Allen Hynek is an experienced or competent UFO case investigator needs to read my book. It reveals case after case — cases that Hynek has investigated and said cannot possibly be hoaxes or cannot possibly be explained — that turn out to be hoaxes or to have other prosaic explanations.

Dr. Hynek is a nice sweet guy but if he had been Chief of Police in Washington, D.C., at the time the Watergate burglars were caught breaking into Democratic National Headquarters, and if they had told Chief of Police Hynek that they were looking for the men's room and had simply wandered in by mistake, I am sure Chief of Police Hynek would have said they looked like nice sincere honest people and sent them on their way.

Dr. Hynek is simply too trusting; he doesn't spend enough time or effort investigating a case. I would predict that Hynek's Center for UFO Studies will not, in a thousand years, explain the UFO mystery — unless they start applying rigorous scientific methodology in their investigations.

*Earley:* Some years ago you offered to bet \$10,000 against the existence of interplanetary UFOs.\* I believe you had one taker. Is the bet still on and have there been any other takers?

*Klass:* No — to both questions. A Boeing engineer took the bet but reneged after two years. I am still willing to back my disbelief in extraterrestrial UFOs with cash and have made the conditions even more attractive than they formerly were. In my new book is a simple one-page contract which anyone is free to use to enter into this bet. The terms provide that when and if anywhere in the world is found any evidence of even one extraterrestrial spacecraft, I must pay \$10,000 cash. The person who signs the contract doesn't have to actually find that evidence himself or even supply it. The bet is payable when the National Academy of Science, the most respected scientific group in America if not in the world, announces that they have examined a crashed spaceship or a piece of one, any sort of fragment, which convinces them that the earth has been visited by extraterrestrials. When they make that announcement I must pay the \$10,000. The other party, in the meantime, while waiting

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\*\$10,000 Says UFOs Aren't Extraterrestrial," October 1970 FATE.



for this announcement from NAS, must pay me \$100 a year for each year the evidence is not found for a maximum of 10 years. The maximum the other party can lose is \$1,000. The bet, however, *remains in force*, even past the 10-year period, until one or the other calls it off. When I make this offer, as I do during lectures, radio and TV appearances, and in my book, I risk every penny I have. If 10 people were to sign that contract and tomorrow or next week or next year, an honest-to-goodness extraterrestrial spacecraft lands or crashes or is dug up someplace — I'm bankrupt.

So I risk bankruptcy. This doesn't prove I'm right but it shows, I think, that I am willing to risk every penny I have on my belief. And men like Dr. Hynek and Stanton Friedman and others, who are paid \$1,000 or \$1,500 and sometimes \$2,000 for a lecture, are not willing to risk the fee for a one-hour lecture. That's the most they could lose — \$1,000 spread over 10 years. I've offered this contract to them and they've all refused.

*Earley:* Sounds like a good way for some of the UFO clubs to wipe out Phil Klass. Simply take your bet and wait for you to lose.

*Klass:* Right! Let them back their convictions with cash. All I want is for some of these people

who have made a small fortune writing books, giving lectures, saying the evidence is so strong — all I want is for them to put their money where their mouths are, like I do.

*Earley:* Phil, I want to wind this up with one final question. Would you say, unequivocally and without hesitation, that there is absolutely *no* evidence that any of the UFO reports from here or abroad, as of the time of this interview, could possibly have resulted from the observation of a visiting extraterrestrial vehicle?

*Klass:* I would answer that in two ways. First, I am a very cautious man with my money — I'm not a gambler. If I had *any* doubts about even one of the tens of thousands of reported UFO cases I certainly would not make the \$10,000 offer I have made.

But forgetting that, I work for a magazine that devotes much of its space to reporting on space technology — satellites, spacecraft and so on. It would be the most humiliating thing in the world if I were to debunk a UFO case — call it a hoax or a weather balloon or whatever — and lo and behold, it turned out to be an alien spaceship! I have no doubt that I would be fired for having muffed it. So when I make this statement I do it not loosely, not carelessly. I do it having investi-



gated the best cases that NICAP and APRO and the *National Enquirer* and Hynek and Harder and the rest of them can hold up and say, "These are the best cases!" And after I have consistently investigated these "best cases"—I find not a shred of evidence supporting this belief in extraterrestrial UFOs.

*Earley:* That is a very strong statement and I'm sure many will still not agree with it.

*Klass:* Let them challenge me.

*Earley:* You've often called me a great devil's advocate and I intend to go on trying to pick holes in your position.

*Klass:* This is the way it should be: we can have differing views, you can challenge me and I can respond and you can challenge my response and so on. I think any scientist who advances an hypothesis must be willing and anxious to have it challenged and to be able to respond to it. And that I am delighted to do.



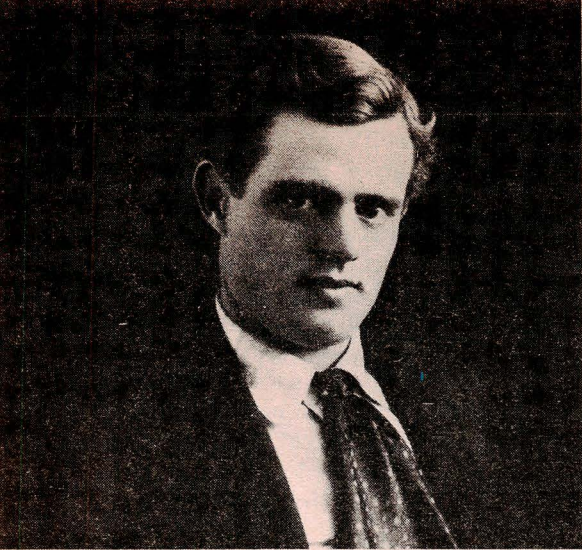
### JOSEPH DUNNINGER DIES

**N**OTED MENTALIST and magician Joseph Dunninger died on March 9, 1975, at the age of 82 after a long illness. Dunninger's career as a magician began when he was 16; he was a headliner in vaudeville for many years and reached national prominence with his radio show which began in 1943. During his long career he performed at the White House for six presidential administrations.

Dunninger was equally well known for his strong opposition to Spiritualist mediums. He insisted that "any trick that any one of them has ever done" he could explain naturally or duplicate through trickery. He offered \$10,000 to any medium who could produce a physical phenomenon he could not duplicate; he claimed he had no takers. He challenged mediums to come up with the coded messages his friend and colleague Harry Houdini entrusted to him before his death. (Dunninger's answer to Arthur Ford's claim to have deciphered the Houdini message appeared in the November 1971 *FATE*.)

Despite his great skepticism, in 1956 Dunninger wrote *The Art of Thought Reading* (Clark Publishing Co., Highland Park, Ill.). In this monograph he gives instructions for developing the reader's own telepathic powers, stating, "We are all equipped with a mental radio apparatus which . . . enables us to receive projected thoughts of others."





Born John Chaney in 1876, author Jack London later assumed his stepfather's surname.

States and tried to erect his own baronial castle. He is remembered as a robust outdoorsman and romantic adventurer whose books *The Call of the Wild* and *The Sea Wolf* are among the best-loved stories of all time.

A dominant influence in his life — the occult — is only subtly revealed in his writings because he rebelled against it. He was the illegitimate son of an astrologer, "Professor"

# JACK LONDON

## and the OCCULT

By William Wingfield

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Although the famous author rebelled against his mother's spiritualism, his books all betray its strong influence.

**J**ACK LONDON's stories of adventure and mystery reflect his own legendary life. He once boasted that he was the number one juvenile delinquent of the Oakland, Calif., waterfront. He prospected for gold in Alaska, sailed the Pacific as seaman and captain, hoboed across the United

William Henry Chaney, and a medium, Flora Wellman. From early childhood until he ran away from home young Jack was influenced by his

mother's contacts with the spirit world.

In those glorious days of the late 1800's the wealth of the fabled Comstock Lode was pouring into San Francisco. The city teemed with the gold-seekers, the new rich, those who hoped to get rich and assorted



hangers-on. Among the latter were both quacks and sincere practitioners of the occult arts—including Chaney and his common-law wife Flora.

The pair made Jack London a celebrity even before he was born. On June 4, 1875, the *San Francisco Chronicle* carried a sensational story: Flora Wellman had tried to shoot herself after a domestic row with the "professor." According to the story he had cast the expectant mother out of the house and home because she refused to have an abortion.

Flora's attempted suicide provided a field day for self-styled moralists and other spokesmen for orthodoxy who then as now fulminated against astrologers and mediums. In those days the occult was truly thought to be a satanic "black art." Its followers were automatically considered immoral,

largely because two well-known occultists, Victoria Woodhull and Tennessee Claflin, were advocates of free love. And Jack's parents were not legally married.

Chaney insisted that Flora really didn't mean to kill herself. He said she was merely putting on a show. But few San Franciscans would listen to him. As far as they were concerned the professor was a rascal. In the face of public outrage over the scandal Chaney fled San Francisco.

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**W**ILLIAM Chaney's fame in his time was as great in astrological circles as

Jack London's later became in the literary world. Fourteen years after Jack's birth Chaney wrote *Primer of Astrology and Urania* which was immediately successful when published in St. Louis, Mo., in 1890.

Before moving to San Francisco



London's mother made her living as a medium.



co Chaney had headed the Eclectic Medical University in New York City, claiming to be able to cure any disease through astrology, faith healing and the use of psychic plants. His institution achieved such local notoriety that it was violently denounced in the *New York Herald* as a "den of ghouls."

Chaney had to leave New York when he ran afoul of the Tweed machine. The Tweed Ring had him jailed on charges of "false arrest" when he attempted to have some Irishmen arrested for creating a disturbance at his establishment. Despite this Chaney claimed that many members of the Tweed Ring covertly came to him for horoscopes.

Numerous incidents indicate Chaney had true psychic ability. In one case a woman of rather lax morals came to him for a horoscope. In the midst of the reading she jumped up and ran out of the room, crying, "That man can read God's mind!" When arsonists set fire to another client's house Chaney described the culprits so accurately that they confessed when confronted.

Chaney's common-law wife Flora Wellman as a young girl had witnessed the celebrated Abby Warner case right in her hometown—Massillon, Ohio. This case is still one of the most

celebrated in the annals of American spiritualism. Supposedly, spirits communicated through Abby Warner by rappings. In 1851 loud rappings around her broke up Christmas Eve services in Massillon's St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. They even beat time while the congregation sang Christmas carols. And Abby was forthwith arrested for disturbing the worship service.

At her trial every witness testified that Abby had sat primly in her pew with her hands folded in her lap. They said she could not possibly have been doing the rapping. After a three-day trial the girl was acquitted.

The case had a profound effect on the sensitive high-strung Flora Wellman. Typhoid fever had stunted her growth and left her partially bald and extremely nervous. Her taut nerves may have made her a natural contact for spirits and her small stature surely led her to seek attention. Perhaps inevitably she emulated Abby Warner.

In 1871 the dwarfish medium found Ohio stultifying. She wanted to see more of the world, a trait her famous son obviously inherited. As Jack would do years later, his mother ran away from home—and ended up in San Francisco with Chaney.

On Sunday nights Chaney gave



## ABOUT WILLIAM WINGFIELD

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WILLIAM WINGFIELD was born in Dillwyn, Va., in 1931 and educated at Glendale College, Glendale, Calif., the University of California at Los Angeles and Hastings College of Law, San Francisco. From 1958 to 1971 he served as reporter, columnist and book reviewer for newspapers in Oceanside, Madera and Ontario, Calif., and conducted a weekly radio program on station KPFK-FM during 1971-1972. At present he is Los Angeles correspondent for the "Unitarian-Universalist World."

He has written over 100 articles. His biography of reformer Thomas Starr King was published by Starr King School of Theology, Berkeley, Calif., in 1974. He is an active member of Covina Valley Unitarian Church and of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee.

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public lectures on astrology and remedies for social ills. Flora sold tickets at the door and staffed the literature table, selling Chaney's pamphlets and related materials. She also continued as a practicing medium, holding public seances and lecturing on spiritualism.

The reason for their breakup seems to be that Chaney simply grew tired of Flora. Perhaps he was fearful of the responsibilities of parenthood, for before the scandal their life seems to have been idyllic enough.

Moving to Portland, Ore., because of the scandal, Chaney built up a large private library on astrology, wrote and published more pamphlets and continued to lecture and cast horoscopes. He then moved to New

Orleans, where he published an occult magazine, then to St. Louis and finally to Chicago.

Meanwhile Flora went on lecturing and practicing spiritualism. The tiny medium must have been a strange sight when she appeared onstage — obviously pregnant — wearing a black wig to cover her missing hair and a dress best described as "exotic."

On January 12, 1876, her child was born and named John Chaney. The following fall, on September 7, 1876, Flora married John London, a rancher, and her infant son's name was changed to that of his stepfather.

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THE NEW family lived in off-and-on prosperity in the area around Oakland and San Fran-



cisco Bay. Indeed, one of their problems was Flora's reliance on spiritualism for personal gain. She believed that contact with the spirit world could tap unknown sources of wealth. On the basis of advice from the spirits she squandered all of John London's scanty income on Chinese lottery tickets.

Lest it seem that this disproves the authenticity of her contacts it should be noted that no one seems to be able to use true occult talent for personal profit. And Jack London's own experiences attest to his mother's mediumship.

As a child he took part in the seances his mother held once a week in their parlor. All his life he remembered his mother placing him on a table in a dark room. Seven people attending the seance placed their hands on the table and little Jack felt it rise and float in the air.

Jack's daughter Joan recalls in her book *Jack London and His Times* that her grandmother's seances were certainly convincing, even "exhilarating." Ghostly lights filled the parlor and disembodied voices were heard. Flora's control was an Indian chief named Plume who announced his arrival with a deafening war cry, then punctuated his talk with more war whoops.

The little boy was terrified. He

fell into tantrums and crying fits and suffered bowel disorders. By the time he was 12 Jack had endured more of Plume, floating tables and ghostly lights than he could stand; he spoke out at that early age, renouncing spiritualism. But the influences of his childhood were not to be shaken off so easily. Throughout his life he seemed to think he was "guided." Whatever he did, whether as sailor, prospector or hobo, he thought he was being driven toward some ultimate foreordained goal.

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**P**REDESTINATION is a theme that runs through most of Jack London's writing. In *The Sea Wolf*, Wolf Larsen seems driven toward ultimate doom despite his best efforts to change his fate. "To Build a Fire," London's most famous short story, tells of a man who met death on a frozen Arctic trail. He had been warned not to go but his trek seemed foreordained.

In *Martin Eden*, Jack's autobiographical novel, the hero struggles to become a successful writer, then commits suicide after achieving fame. Years after he wrote *Martin Eden*, Jack London did commit suicide.

Although his autobiography, *John Barleycorn*, centers on his bouts with alcohol, in this book Jack betrays that he is being



stalked by "The Noseless One," his name for death.

Prophecy is not generally associated with Jack London, yet he can rate with Tennyson, H. G. Wells, Jules Verne and George Orwell as a prophetic writer. Many of his fanciful stories have become reality. *The Iron Heel*, now coming back into vogue, prophesies the rise of Nazism and Soviet-style communism, confrontations between student radicals and the conservative "establishment" in various cities (starting in none other than Berkeley, Calif.), the burning of great cities in ghetto uprisings, civil rights demonstrations and even government scandal—such as Watergate.

"The Scarlet Plague," a frightening piece of science fiction, predicts mankind virtually destroyed by a disease yet unknown. Today medical science continually reports the emergence of new virus strains which resist all known antibiotics. Overpopulation and pollution may make mankind ripe for Jack's "scarlet plague." (This story also predicts that members of the Rockefeller family will hold top national offices.)

Before Adam seems his most

psychic story. The narrator says he is plagued by dreams, then relates his dreams of adventures in "caveman" days. Jack makes the story plausible by attributing to his fictional character a surviving "racial memory." But many readers say the book is so vivid that Jack must be discussing reincarnation.

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THE GIFT of prophecy may have been handed down from father to son. Throughout his youth Jack often tried to reach his real father but without success. The old astrologer had rejected him along with Flora.

To Chaney's credit, however, he never tried to cash in on Jack's rising fame, although he had ample opportunity to do so in his later years. Jack certainly would have welcomed him with open arms. Instead, the old man lived in poverty, keeping himself alive by doing an occasional horoscope.

The story goes that Chaney named the day of his own death and prophesied that he would be buried in a blizzard. When the named day had passed, so had William Henry Chaney. The day Jack London's father was laid to rest, a blizzard swept Chicago.







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voice say clearly: "Helen, you can heal her."

Startled, I looked around to see who had spoken. No one was near. "What an odd thing to have imagined," I thought and again tried to move forward. Before I could take a step the voice

## THE HEALING POWER OF PRAYER

For years I had practiced successful contact healing but Marguerite Harmon Bro was half a continent away.

By Helen Van Cleve

**T**HE GIFT of healing came to me many years ago—unexpected and unsought. I became aware of it one day in the mid-1920's when I saw a woman fall while crossing Powell Street in San Francisco. Passersby rushed to help her, limping and crying, into a nearby store. Knowing she was being cared for I started to walk on but to my amazement I could not take a step. I stood paralyzed, unable to move. Then I heard a masculine

spoke again, this time in a tone of authority: "Helen, you can heal her!"

Somehow I knew I *could* heal the woman. Without hesitation I turned and went into the store where the woman was seated, rocking back and forth, one hand on her forehead, the other on her swollen discolored ankle. She was sobbing, "Oh, I'm going to faint, I'm going to faint."

"No, you are not going to faint," I said, placing my fingers



lightly on the back of her neck, then on her ankle, while praying silently.

The woman stopped crying at once. "It doesn't hurt anymore," she said wonderingly. "It doesn't hurt at all."

"Are you sure?" I asked.

She assured me the pain was gone so I suggested that she stand up and walk a few steps before I left her. She walked back and forth, looking both puzzled and surprised.

"Are you a Christian Science practitioner?" she asked.

That brought me up with a jolt. I had been completely unaware of my surroundings, oblivious to the odd thing I was doing. Now I was conscious for the first time of the curious women in the store, all watching us. Suddenly I was myself again and terribly self-conscious.

"No," I replied, "I am not a Christian Science practitioner." In some confusion I hurried from the store.

That prepared me for other instances in the years since that have proved I have the gift of healing although it cannot be called forth at will.

A recent experience which demonstrates the healing power of prayer concerned Margueritte Harmon Bro. We had been friends by correspondence for many years although we never

had met. Mrs. Bro was to deliver the memorial eulogy for Arthur Ford at the Methodist Church in Joliet, Ill., on January 24, 1971. She was not fully recovered from an injury and wrote to me at my



Author Helen Van Cleve and Margueritte Bro had corresponded but never had met at the time of this experience.

home in Santa Barbara, Calif., asking if I would "light a candle" for her.

That Sunday at about the time I thought she would be speaking I prepared for a period of healing prayer. I didn't know if she meant literally to light a candle but I said to myself, "She asked me to light a candle and that is exactly what I'm going to do. In fact, I'll light several candles." I



could find only two but the thought of "several" remained in my mind while I prayed.

A few days later I received a letter from Mrs. Bro, dated January 27, 1971, which read in part:

"An odd thing happened Sunday at the Ford Memorial. I spoke about 40 minutes and afterward many people stayed for coffee and cookies — and talk.

"A sweet-looking woman I'd never seen before came up to me. She was well-dressed, somewhat shy. She said that she frequently had psychic experiences but seldom mentioned them. However, she had had a very strong one that afternoon. Just as I got up to speak she 'saw' a woman behind

me lighting candles, a whole row of candles. It seemed important to light the candles; they gave me strength. She said she was sure the vision made no sense to me.

"I said it made all sorts of sense, that a good friend on the West Coast had said she'd send me healing and that I had asked her to light a candle for me.

"Anyway, the light and love got through because just before I spoke I *heard* my own body-mind say plainly, 'I'm all right now; I'll make it fine now.' Before that my hand had been shaking and it suddenly quit. Wasn't that something? Your healing got through all right!"



### DREAM DOOMS CULPRIT

**I**N SEPTEMBER 1900 Walter Tobey was a prisoner in Ohio State Penitentiary facing a seven-year term for picking pockets when a fellow inmate persuaded him to attempt escape. The pair broke some locks and climbed the outer wall. The other convict was captured almost immediately but Tobey remained free and went west.

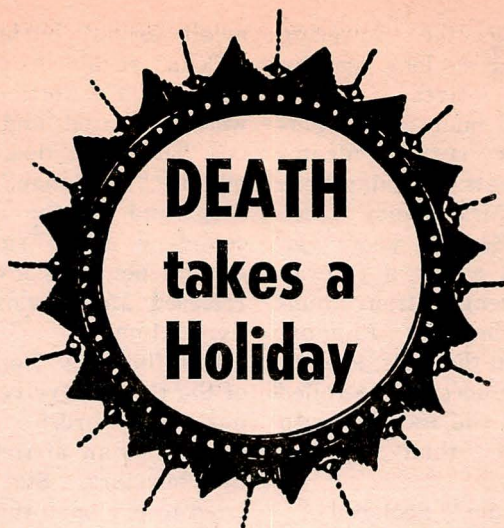
Taking the name George Cole, the escapee married and settled in Kansas City, Kans. Then in September 1908 Cole and his wife were arrested on a minor offense. During the regular in-

spection of prisoners Detective Stege thought he recognized Cole but could not remember where he had seen him before.

That night Stege had a dream he only partly recalled. "All I remember," he explained, "was that in a dream I thought of a little book in my desk at the office. I awoke and sat up in bed. 'That fellow's picture is in that book,' I said to myself."

The next morning Stege checked in the book of wanted criminals and Tobey-Cole's eight years of freedom came to an end.





# DEATH takes a Holiday

By Frank L. Remington

SOME YEARS ago a big truck swung across a bridge and started downhill. Suddenly the shoulder of the road gave way dumping the truck's occupants into a ditch. David F. Parker, one of the passengers, seemed dead. But later at the morgue an undertaker found he was still alive. He was rushed to a Dallas hospital where doctors said he had only a short time to live. However, he recovered completely.

Death paid Mr. Parker another visit several years later when, with two companions, he went swimming in an Oklahoma lake. Suddenly he sank from sight. He had been under water for 13 minutes before he was brought to the

Whether by luck or fate, some persons manage to live through fires, falls and catastrophes that would be fatal for most of us.

surface, again apparently dead. But his friends began resuscitation and once again Parker returned to life.

When he got back to Dallas Parker bought a cemetery lot, explaining that he wanted to be ready in case his third "death" proved fatal. When his friends inquired jokingly if they should send flowers now, Mr. Parker asked for plants instead. These he planted on the lot. More than 25 years later David F. Parker finally died in a Dallas hospital at the age of 84. Today he lies



buried among the flowering shrubs donated so long ago by friends and relatives.

Surprisingly, many lucky persons somehow survive death-dealing accidents. Among these fortunates is Mrs. Nancy Lyles of Alton, Ill. Several years ago as she walked across a railway trestle a passenger train thundered up behind her. Flinging herself between the rails, she lay horrified as the locomotive rolled over her. But she escaped with nothing more than a few scratches.

"It's a miracle," declared Arthur Yordy, the stunned conductor. "I don't see how she ever got out of it alive. There is no more than eight inches of clearance between the tractor motors of the double Diesel locomotive and the trestle crossties."

Ceda Pavlovic also dodged the Grim Reaper by a narrow margin. Several years ago while taking a bath in his Belgrade, Yugoslavia, home, he reached out a wet hand to flip a light switch.

The resulting electric shock left him unconscious in the bathtub where Mrs. Pavlovic discovered his lifeless body. She called a doctor who shook his head gravely and notified the cemetery. By government decree Pavlovic's body was dispatched to a frigid vault beneath the cemetery chapel to

await formal burial.

Ceda regained consciousness in his coffin. Fortunately the lid wasn't secured and he hopped out. The vault door was bolted but the "dead man" hollered for help and finally a frightened cemetery guard summoned up enough nerve to investigate. He released Mr. Pavlovic from his living tomb.

Fast-thinking Ferdinand Stoj of the Bronx survived an equally hazardous brush with Death. Locked in an airtight car trunk by burglars, Stoj frantically tried to pry open the door with a car jack, without success. Slowly suffocating, he remembered the spare tire and the air it held.

For six hours he alternately kicked at the trunk lid and inhaled whiffs of life-giving air from the tire. Finally a night watchman heard the commotion and rescued him — not a minute too soon.

Christopher Geyer of Syosset, N.Y., carries a permanent reminder that Death must have been on a holiday one day in 1945. As a G.I. Geyer was crossing the Remagen Bridge over the Rhine River when his body stopped an enemy bullet. The bullet lodged in the left ventricle of his heart, miraculously plugging its own hole and thus saving his life. To this day doctors maintain that surgery for the



removal of the bullet will not help. Geyer doubtless will carry it in his heart to the end of his days.

A surprising number of persons miraculously survive falls from cliffs, buildings, and even airplanes. A while back Stephen Jeffers and his wife of Long Beach, Calif., parked their car on the edge of a cliff to look at the June moon. When he started the car up again it somehow got out of control and plunged over the 500-foot cliff, crashing into a ravine. The car was smashed but the occupants calmly climbed out of the debris and walked more than two miles to get help.

James Wheatland of Norwalk, Conn., was under the influence of a relaxing anaesthetic when he leaped from the third-floor window of his dentist's office. After striking a first floor roof, he got up and jumped to the street. A passing policeman escorted the uninjured patient back to the dental office where he was supposed to be recovering from a tooth extraction.

There's no telling what circumstances may save a falling person from serious injury or death. Mrs. Rose Lazzeri, a New York housewife, was sweeping a concrete courtyard near her home when she heard a terrified scream. Looking up, she gasped. Her husband had fallen out of a

third story window and was hurtling downward.

Racing to his line of fall, she reached it just as her spouse's body hit a clothesline and bounced off. She caught him in her arms and they both tumbled to the pavement unharmed.

Ex-paratrooper Tom Grace, a pipefitter's apprentice, was working on the 11th floor of a build-

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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FRANK L. REMINGTON was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and educated at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. During World War II he served for four years in the United States Air Force. During the last 25 years he was a free-lance writer of magazine articles, a profession he loved. He often remarked that he never wished to do any other kind of work.

We regret to tell you that two days after mailing this article to FATE Magazine Mr. Remington collapsed and died on the street in Los Angeles, Calif.

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ing under construction when he lost his balance and went hurtling down through space. At the third floor level his left side smashed against a bricklayers' scaffold. This slowed his descent. Fortunately he missed bricks and rubble in landing and suffered only a broken rib. "I was in the paratroopers in World War II," Grace explained. "I learned how to fall. I twisted my body so my head wouldn't hit. That saved me."



Phineas Gage was usually a cautious man but something went drastically wrong one September day and Gage made medical history.

Foreman of a Rutland and Burlington Railroad construction gang, he was using a crowbar to charge a hole with powder, preparatory to blasting. Suddenly the powder exploded prematurely, driving the crowbar through Gage's head. The bar was an inch and a quarter in diameter and weighed 13 pounds.

The crowbar entered the left side of his face beneath the cheekbone, passed up by the eye socket and emerged from the top of his head. Though a bit dazed by the accident, Gage didn't lose consciousness. In fact, he walked up a flight of stairs seeking medical attention.

When the bar was removed and the broken bone cleared away there remained a hole three and one-half inches in diameter in Gage's skull. Despite the destruction of huge amounts of brain tissue his mental facul-

ties were unimpaired. He recovered completely, except for the loss of the sight in one eye.

This accident occurred in 1847. Phineas Gage lived for many years afterwards. Today a cast of his head along with the original crowbar are on exhibit in the museum of the Harvard Medical School.

Perhaps the luckiest person of all is British Air Force pilot Brian Cross. He bailed out of his spinning Meteor jet fighter and fell 20,000 feet into four feet of water. Cross' parachute ripped as he was struggling free from the jet. The damaged chute alternately billowed and collapsed over him during his four-mile fall into the sea. Though he suffered multiple injuries, Cross managed to inflate his life raft and fire distress signals. Rescuers picked him up within minutes and rushed him to a hospital where he ultimately recovered.

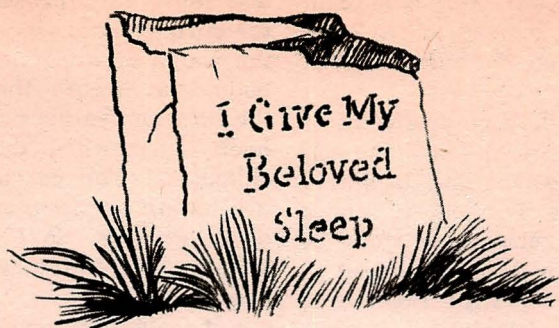
Fortunately for Brian Cross, Tom Grace, Phineas Gage and many others, Death sometimes does take a holiday.



### HUMAN SACRIFICE IN INDIA

**A** FOUR-YEAR-OLD boy became the 15th case of human sacrifice officially reported in India over a three-year period. Police arrested an Indian villager in Gujarat state on charges of sacrificing the boy in the fall of 1971 to appease a Hindu goddess. The man identified as Rabari Bhika Sanga allegedly killed the lad and laid his body before an image of the goddess Mamai in his house.—  
*W. Ritchie Benedict.*





## THE BURIAL STONE THAT WAS “LIVE”

How could a broken tombstone from my garden send ghostly lights down my hall, scare my cat and upset the neighbors' TV?

By Nancy Boyle  
as told to Celestine L. Sager

ON A DAY in June 1972 that was too beautiful to stay indoors I went into the garden to transplant bulbs. Down on my knees with tools at hand I soon forgot all the mundane chores that awaited me in the house as I began to probe in the fragrant, warm earth for the elusive little bulbs.

A little later, sitting back on my heels soaking up the sun, I saw the edge of the rock that always had been bothersome in

my garden so I decided this was the time to remove it. As I began to dig I found it was larger than I had supposed. I jerked my hands away as though burned when it became clear it was a portion of an aged burial stone. Some of the lettering was still faintly discernible and I got up courage enough to brush away the dirt. After carefully cleaning the stone I read, "I Give My Beloved Sleep." The names must have been on the piece that was miss-



ing. How or why was it here in the garden instead of a cemetery? Or had it originally been erected here?

Suddenly I was aware of a chill in the air although the sun still shone warm and bright. I shivered as I tried to think whether to rebury the stone in the garden or dare to move it to the back of the yard. Leaning it against the foundation I went into the house, all my pleasure in the beauty of the day overcome by the unnatural chill surrounding me.

That evening as I came out of the children's room after tucking them in for the night a soft white something floated past me as I started down the stairs. Thinking it was a glow coming from a light left burning I turned back to shut it off. But there was no forgotten light. When I turned again to go downstairs our cat Her was sitting there, her tail twitching as she watched what I refused to believe I'd seen. I mentally shook myself, deciding my imagination was overworked, and went about straightening up after a busy day.

The next morning as I sat at my desk I looked up on hearing a plaintive meow from Her. She sat at the foot of the stairway, the hair on her back standing up as she watched something slowly move up the stairs. Whatever it

was must have brushed against the curtain for it swayed as from the touch of a passing body, a body that wasn't there! When the hair on the back of my own neck lay down I thought how ridiculous! The cat and I both are letting our imaginations run away with us. So I turned resolutely back to the desk and the grocery list.

But each day brought some new manifestation. On my way up to put away freshly ironed clothes a flash of white in the hall mirror would startle me. There was no possible way I could have seen my own reflection there; and I was alone in the house. One evening shortly after this all started Bill and I sat reading in the living room when a dark figure passed the door. Blaming my eyes for playing tricks, I said nothing. Bill looked up from his paper with eyebrows raised. "Did you see what I saw?" he asked. I admitted I had but hadn't mentioned it because I didn't believe it. He got up and looked through the rooms, checked the doors and windows but found nothing. The children were sound asleep so we couldn't blame them.

These oddities continued for days until one morning I answered the doorbell to have a man from the electric company ask, "Ma'am, do you have a



sender?" (I suppose he meant a transmitter.) "We have had complaints from some of your neighbors that something has been interfering with their radio and television reception. I have traced this interference to your house and I'll have to check your appliances."

I had been up all night with my dog helping her with each puppy as it was born and then even as I worked to save her, she had died. My nerves were on edge and I felt like "sending" him but then thought I might as well calm down and let him in, although I told him we had no "sender" nor any new and different appliances.

After completing the tests he seemed baffled not to be able to find anything in the house, so he went to look over the outside wiring. As he neared the garden the instrument he was operating started clacking and this grew louder the nearer he approached the place where the stone was leaning.

"There's your problem but I don't understand it. It doesn't appear to have any metal in it. But you'll have to move it."

Not wanting to destroy the stone — though I had searched the town records to no avail trying to identify it from what was readable of the inscription — I didn't know what to do.

From the information we had been able to glean it was either the headstone of a man who had murdered his wife when he found her in the company of another man, or of a wife who killed her husband under the same circumstances; but the inscription "I Give My Beloved Sleep" doesn't sound as if anything that gruesome had occurred.

Because I felt my friends would think I'd grown "queer" I never had mentioned these experiences to any of them. Now I confided in my closest friend.

"It's ridiculous," she said, "I'll take it over and put it down by the wall at the back of my yard."

Things immediately quieted down at our house and it all had slipped to the back of my mind like a half-remembered dream when Bonnie called me about four weeks later.

"Guess what!" she said. "The men from the electric company just came to my door this morning to tell me my neighbors are complaining of radio and television interference which has been traced here."

She said that after testing all her appliances the electrician and a young apprentice started roaming around the yard until the apprentice's machine led him to the stone where it nestled in the earth of her garden. Half-



heartedly the younger man reported this to his boss and was speechless when the boss told him it was the second time in a month this had happened. They were astounded to say the least!

"What'll I do with this 'thing' now?" Bonnie wailed.

A few days later the man who had pinpointed the stone in my garden came into my pet shop and greeted me with, "There, it couldn't have been your stone because we've come across another one over in Cloutman's Lane." He was torn between relief and disbelief when I told him it was the same stone.

To this day we never have found an explanation for this

phenomenon and I don't even know the fate of the stone. Someone offered to take it off Bonnie's hands and dispose of it. It was taken to the old part of Waterside Cemetery here in Marblehead, Mass., and laid on one of the ancient lots. Because of the age and nature of the stone I hope it has not been destroyed, but there have been no further complaints of it, not in Marblehead anyway.

Now that it is gone I really wish it was still in my garden. And of course, I wish I'd been able to "see" the person or persons who drifted in and out of our home.

Oh, for the eyes of Her — she saw our visitor.

## RUSSIAN UNAWARES

*By Danton Walker*

**A**LICE VAN RENSSLAER THAYER (at one time married to the late Count Louis Montgomery) told Buell Mullen that when she was a small child she had known a little verse which she frequently recited. Her family, and everyone else who heard it, mistook it for some childish gibberish and she herself had no idea where she had picked it up. Though she had spent most of her early years abroad, mostly in Paris, and spoke French fluently, she never had met any Russians nor heard the language spoken.

While still in her teens Miss Thayer was invited to a dinner party in Paris and found that her table companion was an attractive and charming Russian

gentleman. Their conversation somehow turned to the subject of childish fantasies, that world of unreality in which so many young people dwell. In this connection Miss Thayer mentioned the language which she apparently had created for herself and which no one else understood. She then recited the little verse of "gibberish."

Her table companion was astonished. "You are quoting a verse written by one of our major Russian poets—Lermontov," he said. "It is a poem dealing with reincarnation."

And then, as if that weren't surprising enough, he added: "And I would like to congratulate you on your unusually good Russian accent!"



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## MY PET GHOST

BY Joel D. Rudinger

**D**URING 1963 I was at the University of Alaska near Fairbanks, working on my master's degree in English. One night between Christmas and New Year's Day I stayed up until 2:00 A.M. revising a poem. So tired I was numb, I finally went to bed after checking the doors in my small basement apartment.

As I pulled up my blanket and reached to turn off the bedside lamp I noticed that the clock read 2:30. I clicked off the light and the air in the room suddenly seemed to be sucked out. At once the warmth was replaced by the sudden chill of cold moving air. As I rose up on one elbow wondering what was happening I experienced a sensation I never will forget. From the direction of the open bedroom door an invisible something entered the room and a weight landed on the edge of my bed.

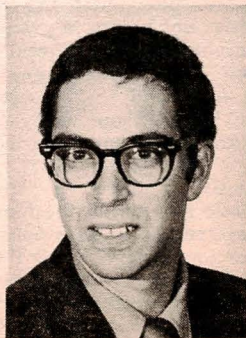
I was alert but not afraid, merely curious. I wanted to see what would happen. For a moment the weight hesitated, then I felt it slowly cross my slightly crooked knees, turn around three times as a dog does when settling down to rest, and burrow into the back of my legs.

I don't know how long I held my

breath waiting for something more to happen but the weight against my legs was still. Without thinking I said softly, "Pepper?" Pepper was the name of my dog back home in Toledo, Ohio. Then I moved my hand slightly toward the lamp next to me.

Instantly the invisible thing uncurled, made three reverse revolutions, recrossed my knees and moved off the mattress into the air. A second later the temperature in my room rose to normal. Nothing further happened and I went to sleep.

Over the previous six months I had been so occupied with my thesis that I rarely had time to write home. But



Joel D. Rudinger



the urgency of this strange experience so moved me that I spent \$9.00 for a three-minute phone call to Toledo early the next day. When I asked Mother if anything had happened to Pepper, I was not surprised when she told me Pepper had been killed by a truck about 7:30 that morning.

With the five-hour difference in time between Toledo and Alaska Pepper had died just about the time of my strange experience. Somehow his spirit had transcended space and time to find me in the basement of a little house almost 4,000 miles away.

Now when students in my folklore classes at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, ask me if I believe in ghosts and spirits, the story of my pet ghost usually is answer enough. — *Huron, Ohio.*

### STILL NEARBY

By Barbara Magnus

ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1973, my father Albert Lee Workman died. I was taken totally by surprise. Dad was still a young man—in his early 40's. I suppose, like many people. I believed parents never die.

I was hysterical for two days and hardly could bring myself to go to his funeral on September 18. Throughout the service my only thought was how much my children would miss not having a grandfather.

That night after the funeral I could not sleep. The thought kept going through my mind that I wanted so badly to see him one more time to let him know how much he would be missed.

Gradually I noticed an indistinct white cloud forming at the foot of my bed. It seemed to be luminous. Slowly a face took shape toward the top of the cloud. It was my father! He was smiling peacefully. He did not speak but somehow I knew he was aware he was missed and had come to comfort me.

The cloud slowly dissolved and my room was dark again. But now I was no longer overwhelmed with grief. I knew Dad was happy and if I ever really needed him he was still nearby. — *Seattle, Wash.*

### READING IN LONDON

By Hope Garver

BEFORE leaving home for a short stay in England in September 1972 I wrote to Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship in Evanston, Ill., and asked for the names of good sensitives in London. One of the organizations they suggested was the College of Psychic Science. Shortly after my arrival in London I called the College and made an appointment for a reading.

On the afternoon of my appointment I was shown into a room used for readings by Bo Goran, a Swedish sensitive. As I entered the room he said, as if speaking to the air around me, "Please don't be in such a hurry. Let her be seated first. Yes, yes, I know you must speak to her."

As soon as I was seated Mr. Goran said, "With you, and so eager, too, is the spirit of a tall man. He is about 70 years old and has grayish-brown hair and blue-gray eyes. This is your brother who died as he got off a ship in a foreign country last spring! He wants you to know that he can breathe perfectly and now likes to run and take long walks."

The description fitted my brother Paul Foght who had lived on Lake Minnetonka in Minnesota and had died after a heart attack which occurred as he got off a ship in the Canary Islands on March 2, 1972. His health had seemed good except he suffered some distress from what had been diagnosed as stomach ulcers and he had complained for a few years that it was difficult for him to walk because of what he thought was arthritis in his hips.

Mr. Goran continued. "Your broth-



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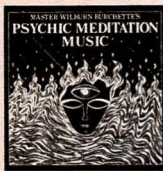
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er is so eager to tell you that what you told him in your conversation in the car summer before last, when you were trying to convince him that there is life after death, is all true. He says you have great insight and everything you spoke about is right—and more, much more."

Each summer I go to a Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship retreat at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. Before Paul's death I would meet him in Minneapolis and he would drive me to Northfield. We always had happy (though heated) discussions and he called me his "kooky sister." On the 1971 trip when I launched into my views about life after death he said, "Oh, Hope, you're hopeless!"

Mr. Goran went on, "Your brother had a sudden coronary attack as he left the ship. He had had angina for years, although it had been diagnosed as ulcers.

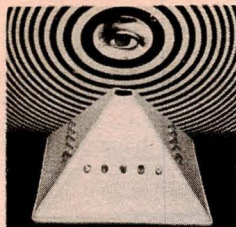
"I see your brother living on a hill surrounded by tall pines. There is a lake and he has a nice boat." All of this was true. Paul had lived on a hill on the shore of Lake Minnetonka, his home was surrounded by tall pines and he owned a large cabin cruiser.

"With your brother is a younger brother who died suddenly not too long ago," Mr. Goran said. (Our brother John had died suddenly the year before.) "Also I see a lovely older woman surrounded by others; she makes everyone happy. She looks like you except that she is not as tall and has a broader forehead. Why, she is your mother! She says she is deeply worried about your daughter Robin." (My daughter Robin had just gotten a divorce.)

Mr. Goran went on talking about Robin, then suddenly said, "Your brother was just talking to a fine-looking woman who has great knowledge of music. Oh, this woman is turning to speak to someone and she is speaking German." (My mother's



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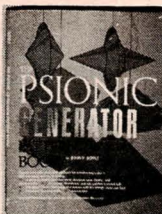


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sister Edith Robbins, an accomplished musician, had studied music in Germany for five years.)

Mr. Goran concluded by saying, "Your brother says again that you have the right ideas about the continuation of life and that he is feeling great."

And "feeling great" is an understatement of my mood after the reading. Everything Mr. Goran had said to me was true! — *Duluth, Minn.*

### WINTER VISIT

By Lynn R. Whitman

WHEN I was a child in 1951 my parents gave me a six-week-old German shepherd puppy, which I named Princess Ozma. Ozzie grew to great size. Others thought her fierce but to us she was a playful friend.

Nothing demonstrated her nature better than the joy she took in romping in fresh snow. She'd push her nose into the powdery stuff and shake her head, causing a snowstorm on every side. She'd repeat this game until the backyard looked as if a snowplow had run amok in it.

She was part of our family for many years. Then her body became paralyzed after a stroke. When I went away to school in 1962 Ozzie's condition grew so bad that my parents had her put to sleep.

During the semester break that winter I returned to my home in Kensington, Md. One day snow fell all day long. When the storm was over I was standing at the back window thinking of nothing in particular when a movement caught my eye. I glanced up and saw Ozzie in the backyard. I thought only of how good it was to see her again.

For a few minutes she pranced about, pushing her nose into the snow and sending it flying in all directions. I sensed something curious as I watched but I was unable to think what it was. Then I noticed that the

new snow had not a mark on it. And I remembered.

"This can't be," I blurted out. "You're dead!"

I regretted my words as soon as I spoke. But it was too late. Ozzie stopped, then turned and simply went out of sight. I have never seen that great dog again. — *Littleton, Colo.*

### TWO MINUTES IN ETERNITY

By Jaye Sayre

DURING MY late teens while I was living in Bridgeport, Conn., I had an attack of appendicitis that developed into peritonitis. In 1931 peritonitis almost invariably assured one's early obituary but I was exceptionally sturdy. After endless days of intense pain, being packed in ice and constantly sedated, I had fought off the infection sufficiently that my physician, Dr. Greenspun, decided to try surgery.

The strain of the prolonged illness had further weakened my heart, already damaged by a childhood bout with rheumatic fever, and the use of ether was ruled out. But Dr. Greenspun had learned of the then new technique of spinal anaesthesia and decided to try it on me.

I was already tranquil with sedation when I was wheeled into the operating room of Bridgeport Hospital. A group of eight or 10 doctors and attendants were grouped around the operating table, presumably to observe the interesting anaesthesia. I felt the needle pierce my spine as I sat on the edge of the operating table. Then I lay fully awake as the doctor made the incision. I felt only a sensation of pressure. Gradually I became aware of a smothering sensation; I could not draw sufficient air into my lungs. My struggle to breathe finally caught the attention of one of the doctors. I saw his eyes widen above his white mask and he cried, "My God, get the oxygen!"





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But recently we had to stop laughing — and start listening. Uncle Fred was suddenly raking it in! What's more, his whole betting pattern had changed. He didn't bet all the time anymore — but when he did bet, whether it was the horses, or cards, or football pools, or you name it — he was a winner.

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With that thought I abruptly found myself standing on a narrow country road bordered on both sides by a fence of rough-hewn logs. Beyond the fence a beautiful meadow of knee-high grass stretched into the distance. The soft grass was a vibrant blue-green with silver-green tips; each blade stood out as separate yet blended into a lovely whole. A soft green moss covered the sides of the logs in the fence; the exposed wood was a golden brown. A cushion of golden powdery dust beneath my feet held the warmth of a sun I sensed but could not see. I was definitely

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All these sensations seemed to register instantly. Then my attention turned to the road on which I was standing. Perhaps a mile down the road I could see a copse. I did not question what I would find under those trees; I only knew I had to reach them. I felt that everything I ever had wanted, every dream I ever had dreamed, would be realized under their branches. The eagerness and anticipation I felt as I took my first steps down that road are indescribable. Think of the happiest, most exciting moment you ever have known, multiply it by 10,000 and you may approach understanding.

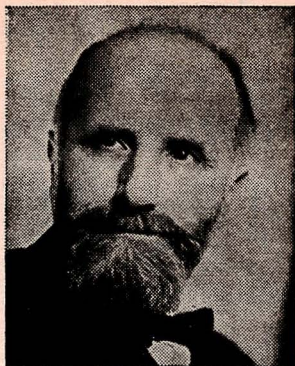
Then I was next aware of the smell of medicine and the coarseness of sheets as I awakened in a hospital bed. I had been unconscious for three days. My medical records show that I was "dead" for two and one-half minutes. Because of the open incision the doctors were able to reach and massage my heart until it resumed normal functioning.

While I had no impression of time "over there," I suppose two and one-half minutes would about cover my visit. During my long convalescence I related my experience to Dr. Weadon, the fine surgeon who had performed the operation, and asked him what had happened.

"What do you think happened?" he responded guardedly.

I told him I knew I had "died." "My dear child," he replied, "I suggest that you forget whatever happened and thank God for your survival."

"But, Doctor," I protested, "I don't want to forget it. It was the most beautiful thing I've known."



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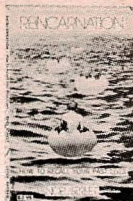
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By Lee Ann Byrd

**W**HEN WE first got our brown dachshund Coco at Christmas 1968 she was our only pet and got all the attention. But in February 1969 we acquired Smokey, a large gray cat with long hair and green eyes. At first Coco disliked the intruder, especially when Smokey got a share of our attention, but her jealousy didn't last long. Soon they were inseparable friends and curled up together every night to sleep.

One night in December 1970 Smokey was out wandering as cats are wont to do, and a dog chased him. Smokey dashed across the street to escape but failed to see an oncoming car. He was struck by the car and died that same night.

Coco knew something was wrong. She wandered around the house looking for her friend. For several days Coco refused to eat and we all began to worry that she might starve to death. We even switched bowls in case the old one might have Smokey's scent on it but to no avail.

One night when Coco seemed particularly sick I got up to get a snack before going to sleep. As I walked over to the refrigerator I glanced over at Coco to see if she was all right. I was stunned to see Smokey curled up asleep beside Coco. I was so startled I dropped the glass of milk I was carrying. Smokey looked up at me and slowly vanished.

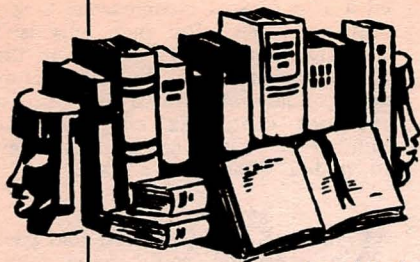
The next day Coco ate all she could hold. Smokey must have come back to let Coco know that everything was all right. — *Rio Linda, Calif.*





## New Books

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#### THE ATTACK ON SOAL

I WONDER what science other than psychic research would devote a monograph of 131 pages to debating whether a distinguished researcher was or was not a common cheat. An entire number of the *Proceedings* of the Society for Psychical Research is devoted to discussing the integrity of pioneer investigator S. G. Soal. Critics Christopher Scott and Philip Haskell want to throw out the entire Soal-Goldney experiments with Basil Shackleton on the basis of one unsubstantiated accusation by a highly unreliable witness that cheating occurred.

Some background on the experiments is necessary to understand what the squabble is about. The famous series of experiments took place in England in the early 1940's with a single subject, Basil Shackleton. S. G. Soal, then an instructor in mathematics at the University of London, prepared target sequences of randomly arranged digits 1,2,3,4,5. During the experiments one investigator, following these prepared target sequences, would present digital cards to an opening in a screen behind which the "sender" or agent

sat. The digit indicated which target card was to be sent telepathically; that is, if the digit were "1," the agent looked at the target card in position one. (Instead of Rhine's ESP cards Soal and co-experimenter K. M. Goldney used a deck of animal cards: lion, elephant, zebra, etc.) Shackleton was to record his guess ("L" for lion, "E" for elephant, etc.) before the experimenters went on to the next target.

At the end of the series of runs the experimenters thus had Shackleton's sheet of letters to match against the target sheet of digits. To convert the guesses to digits an experimenter would take Shackleton's list, go to the five key cards and call out the digit equivalent of each guess while Soal recorded this next to the target sequence. Both rows of digits were recorded in ink.

#### MRS. ALBERT'S ACCUSATION

ON ONE occasion when the regular agent was unavailable Mrs. Goldney asked an acquaintance, Mrs. Gretl Albert, to fill in. After the day's session Mrs. Albert reported to



Mrs. Goldney that she had observed Dr. Soal "altering the figures." In particular he had been changing 1's to 4's and 5's. Mrs. Goldney studied the records for that session and could find no indication whatever that any of the figures had been changed. The next day, the only other session in which Mrs. Albert participated, she took special care to observe Soal during the recording of the guesses and saw nothing suspicious. She therefore concluded that Mrs. Albert's accusation had no merit.

Now Scott and Haskell have resurrected this piece of gossip and argue that the entire series of experiments must have been the product of intentional fraud on Soal's part. Their only evidence besides Mrs. Albert's complaint is an oddity of the guessing patterns in three of the more than 20 sessions.

To evaluate their criticism, we must analyze what would have been the result if Mrs. Albert had been observing an alteration of figures as she claims. It would have made no difference whatever if Soal altered figures in Shackleton's call columns as these were sent to independent researchers who repeated the conversion of letters into digits to check Soal's accuracy. Any large number of incorrect digits in the call column would immediately have aroused suspicion. Thus changes could only have been made in the target columns. However, changing 1's into 4's and 5's in the target columns would have resulted in unusually large frequencies of 4 and 5 as targets as well as too few 1's. But no such oddities exist in the records; the five digits all appear with the expected random distribution.

What Scott and Haskell leap upon is a peculiarity of Shackleton's performance. In three sessions the call columns (Shackleton's guesses converted into digits) are virtually de-

void of 4's and 5's when the target digit was a 1. "Aha!" cry the two critics, "whenever Shackleton guessed a 4 or 5, Soal changed the target digit to match." But then why isn't there an excess of 4's and 5's in the target sequence? Because, they argue, Soal came in with a target sequence containing an inordinate number of 1's and changed the digit to match Shackleton's calls.

#### BEYOND BELIEF

**W**HAT IS the likelihood that such a deception could have taken place without detection? The whole argument reminds me of the fantastic "explanations" proposed by the critics of Ted Serios and Uri Geller. I always have found such mind-boggling rationalizations far more suspect than straightforward psi ability.

Scott and Haskell would have us believe that: (1) Dr. Soal, already honored by his academic colleagues with numerous accolades and election to honorary posts in intellectual fraternities, would risk his scientific integrity in order to fudge on the results of an ESP experiment; (2) his rigged target sequences with excess 1's never were noticed by the experimenter presenting the target digits to the agent, nor by the agent, nor by any of the numerous witnesses who watched Soal record the calls; (3) he was able to alter the digits so successfully that no alterations ever were detected by the numerous independent researchers who checked the records for accuracy; and (4) he felt compelled to resort to his rigged sequences in only three out of more than 20 sessions.

Even if the three sessions showing the oddity in the calling pattern are thrown out, the remaining sessions still display highly significant extra-chance scoring. But since Soal cheated on these three sessions, Scott and Haskell argue, he must



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have cheated on the others as well.

While I find Scott and Haskell's arguments untenable, we still are left with two problems: (1) How do we explain the calling pattern? (2) What are we to make of Mrs. Albert's accusation? Taking the second problem first, I feel that the testimony of Mrs. Goldney, M. R. Barrington and Ian Stevenson, all included in the *Proceedings* volume, establish Mrs. Albert as highly unreliable. Clearly she did not understand the experiment and made no effort to understand it. Every time she repeated her accusation over the years she changed her story and was equally emphatic about each version.

I find Mrs. Barrington's suggested explanation of the calling pattern plausible. Shackleton was not calling digits; he was trying to guess animal cards. When the agent was looking at the target card at one end of the row of five, for some reason Shackleton avoided calling either of the two target cards at the opposite end. Since the two sessions during which Mrs. Albert was agent both show this effect (while only one other session shows it), could this oddity not be related to Mrs. Albert's participation? Perhaps she was highly sensitive to the location of each card rather than to which animal was on it and somehow Shackleton responded to this sensitivity although he did not always guess correctly which of the three target cards at that end was the actual target. Shackleton's calling oddity is just one more of the puzzling position effects that show up in extended ESP testing. These seem to be more psychological in origin than parapsychological and I cannot take them seriously as evidence either for or against psi abilities.

### WITCH vs. SATAN

**F**RANKLY, MY first reaction to the latest volume by the prolific Sybil Leek was, "Oh, no! Not content



to be astrologer, columnist, trance medium and witch, now she's an exorcist, too!" The volume, *Driving Out the Devils* (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, N.Y., 1975, 253 pages, \$7.95), bears the somewhat misleading subtitle "An Exorcist's Casebook" — misleading because only the initial couple of chapters and the closing two deal directly with Mrs. Leek's own adventures. But she has acted as exorcist upon a few occasions.

The heart of the book actually is a thorough, even scholarly study of demonology, the history of exorcism, the interpretations given to possession and exorcism within Western tradition and an interesting analysis of the Roman Catholic exorcism ritual (the same one used in the controversial film). Mrs. Leek has researched her subject well and presents it in highly readable fashion. About the only point she evades is the absolutely crucial question: Does Satan actually exist? Since witches are so fond of asserting that the devil is a Christian invention and never was known in the Old Religion, I expected Mrs. Leek to lash out at the theologians. But she never faces this issue.

In view of her strange silence I was interested in her approach to the possession cases with which she was called upon to deal. She makes clear that truly evil entities exist and can be exorcized by calling upon a higher power — she calls upon the Mother Goddess, using her various names of Diana, Astarte, Lilith and Bridget — but offers no opinion as to whether these are earthbound spirits, elementals, superhuman forces or merely externalized portions of the victim's own unconscious. In one case the possessing entity identifies himself as Exu, the equivalent of Satan in Brazil's Umbanda religion; in others, the entities are nameless. FATE readers surely will enjoy Mrs.

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#### THEOLOGIAN vs. SATAN

**T**HE POINT Mrs. Leek evades is faced by some leading religious figures in a special issue of the Catholic journal *Listening* (Vol. 9, No. 3, Autumn 1974, 7200 W. Division St., River Forest, Ill. 60305, \$2.50). Prof. Martin E. Marty of the University of Chicago reveals his conclusion in the title of his article: "The Devil You Say. The Demonic Say I." Public opinion analyst Clyde Z. Nunn explores some of the sociological parameters involved in the increasing credence given the devil in America, while scholar Jeffrey Burton Russell of the University of California, Riverside, concludes: "The Devil is the hypostasis, the apotheosis, the objectification of a hostile force or hostile forces perceived as external to our consciousness."

Other articles in the issue deal with the Jesus Movement, mysticism, witchcraft and the history of magical religion in the United States. The issue concludes with Schoneberg Setzer's interesting essay on "The Parapsychology of Religion." Those of you interested in what some of our leading religious thinkers have to say on these topics will want to read this collection. The guest editor for the issue, Loyola's Fr. Richard Woods, deserves the credit for this worthwhile compilation.

#### OTHER REVIEWS

EXECUTIVE ESP by Douglas Dean, John Mihalasky, Sheila Ostrander and Lynn Schroeder, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1974, 284 pages, \$7.95.

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of ESP research. Dean was almost solely responsible for the admission of the Parapsychological Association into scientific recognition as a branch of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Most of Dean's work involved either the plethysmograph (see "ESP Made Visible" in the February 1970 issue of FATE) or computer-generated random numbers. An appendix of 40 pages gives the statistical and research data, in marked contrast to other books that purport to have evidence to back their claims but in fact ask you to take them on faith. The data are surprisingly readable.

The bulk of the book is a straightforward presentation of ESP experiments by Dean and Mihalasky with business executives and a study of their decision-making process. Dean was particularly interested in finding out whether successful business

people who use "hunches" in fact have ESP. The answer is yes.

In his experiments in precognition Dean divided his subjects into dynamics and oceanics. Dynamics think of time as a dashing waterfall or a galloping horseman while oceanics picture time as a sea or ocean. The former group scored 5.9 percent higher in precognition than the latter. While I disagree somewhat with this division, I feel the research is important.

Also interesting are the chapters on time and how to apply psi in business. In "What Enhances Psi and What Blocks Psi?" the authors state, "Negative feelings and hatred appear to take up more of our body's unconscious telepathic sensing time than positive feelings toward people we like, probably because the body senses the hated persons as threatening." This quote could have come

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*Executive ESP* brings overdue recognition to the research of Dean and Mihalasky, and Ostrander and Schroeder deserve thanks for bringing us this book. — *Paul Dimmitt.*

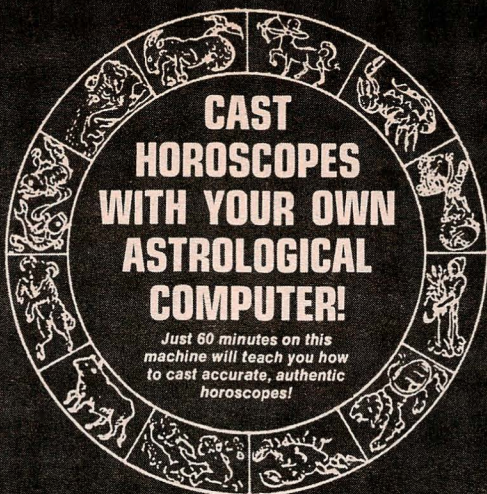
**SUPERSENSSES, Our Potential for Para-sensory Experience** by Charles Panati, Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co., New York, N.Y., 1974, 274 pages, \$8.95.

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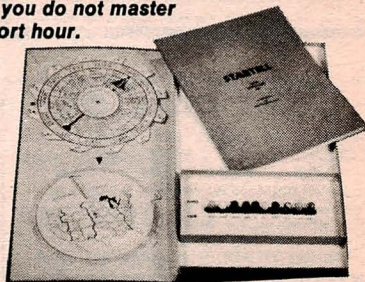




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and lecturer, he writes science news for *Newsweek* magazine which reviewed his book in its October 28, 1974, issue. The book is very readable and constitutes a valuable survey of modern experimental work in telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis and psychic healing. Dreams, hypnosis, creativity, out-of-the-body experience, mysticism, life energy fields and poltergeist phenomena all are discussed with regard to their psychic aspects.

Although Panati attempts to throw some light on precognition (the most illogical of the established psi phenomena) his efforts do not impress me but neither have the efforts of others. However, his thoughtful chapter on "The Mystic and Psi" is illuminating and should have wide appeal. The thrust of the book concerns experimental work but some spontaneous experiences are included. Robert Crookall's statistical analysis of out-of-the-body cases is outlined but unfortunately without his impressive correlation with mediumistic communications on the death experience. It is regrettable but understandable that an experimenter who has since been caught in fraud (FATE December 1974, page 108) is named in Panati's reference 17 of Chapter 8.

The book concludes with a brief epilogue that eloquently suggests there is evidence for believing that psi phenomena casts strong light on the nature of man and his world. —Harold Steinour.

**ALDOUS HUXLEY: A BIOGRAPHY** by Sybille Bedford, Alfred A. Knopf and Harper & Row, New York, N.Y., 1974, \$15.00.

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and his work could engender.

My only criticism is that the author has left many letters by Huxley and his first wife Marie in their original French, Bedford insists the letters would lose their "particular flavor" if translated. If this is true, she shouldn't have used them.

Nevertheless, this is a good book about a rare human being. — *Jack E. Lorts.*

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**THE MYSTIC HEALERS** by Paris Flammonde, Stein and Day, New York, N.Y., 1974, 252 pages, \$8.95.

This complete survey of mystical medicine is a good reference book but while comprehensive, it is terribly uneven. When Flammonde comes out and says what he thinks he is a scintillating writer but when he remains the cool objective reporter he can be drab.

Of the evangelistic healers, Flammonde states that Oral Roberts alone probably will persist historically because he is the sole itinerant tent preacher to gain a mantle of ecclesi-



astical respectability. Other colorful chapters cover A. A. Allen, Leroy Jenkins, Don Stewart (Miracle Valley) and Rex Humbard (Cathedral of Tomorrow). Flammonde devotes an entire chapter to Kathryn Kuhlman without saying anything; after reading it you know her real personality no better than before.

Flammonde outdoes himself in his interviews with Dr. John Lee Baughman of Unity, Spiritualist Tom Johanson and England's outstanding healer, Harry Edwards. His chapter on the psychic surgeons is coolly noncommittal while his treatment of Scientology is devastating.

I especially like Flammonde's last paragraph: "If you would know the value of an elixir, ask the one for whom it did not work; if you would know the power of a healer, ask the patient whom he cannot cure." That is probably the best advice in the entire volume. — *Rustie Brown.*

#### ALSO NOTABLE

**VOODOO SIGNS AND OMENS** by Robert W. Pelton, A. S. Barnes & Co., Cranbury, N. J., 1974, 284 pages, \$8.95.

Author explains meanings of 3,000 omens and details methods of casting hexes.

**ESP AT WORK** by William A. Valentine, Franklin Publishing Co., 2047 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103, 1974, 149 pages, \$6.95.

Author narrates the awakening of his own psychic abilities and suggests the reader may do the same.

**VIVEKA** by Orphanus Ayu-Dante, Point Dawn Books, Route 1, Box 244-B, Oroville, Calif. 95965, 1974, 318 pages, \$2.50 (paperback).

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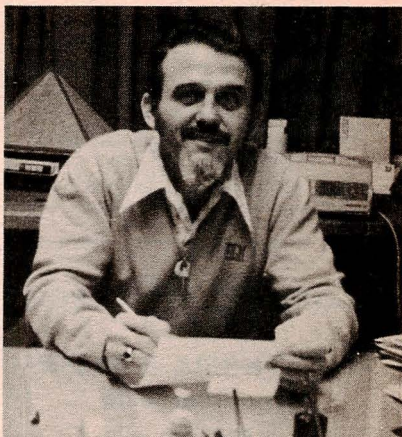
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**THE SECRET OF THE GODS** by E. T. Stringer, Neville Spearman, London, England, 1974, 264 pages, £4.25.

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Calendar-diary gives I Ching readings for each day and week during the Year of the Rabbit (1975).

**THE HIGH WAY** by A. Kalid Rah, Omen Communications, P.O. Box 12457, Tucson, Ariz. 85732, 1974, 150 pages, \$3.95 (paperback).

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# Report from the Readers



## LOSS OF A LEADER

Ronald J. Willis, executive director of the International Fortean Organization (INFO), succumbed to brain cancer on March 12, 1975. He was 44 years old.

As he had done in life, he chose in death to serve his fellowman. The richer for that choice are the medical researchers of Georgetown University, who receive in Ronald Willis' remains perhaps another key to man's understanding of and armament against the medical mysteries of cancer.

Although he was a leader in the contemporary fight against dogmatic science, he was himself a man of scientific training and thus able to apply the scientific method in his pursuit of Charles Fort's "damned data." Fittingly, INFO's loss is a gain for *true science*. We Forteans can tender no finer tribute to Ron than to renew our commitment to quarrel with the questionable pronouncements that perennially and predictably issue from the mouths of orthodox scientists. — *Larry W. Bryant, Arlington, Va.*

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## A MISSING PERSON?

If any FATE reader knows the present whereabouts or address of George Coones, president in about 1957 of the northwest UFO Club, please write me. — *Wanda Lockwood, Rt. 1, Box 84, Sedalia, Colo. 80122.*

## TIME FOR PERSONAL REPLIES

Many, many FATE readers have written us following the publication of James Crenshaw's article, "Reverend Fuller's Ministry of Dental Healing," in your March and April issues.

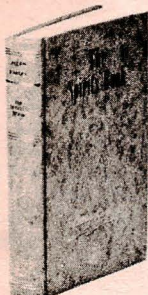
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I wish to assure every FATE reader that their letters are read carefully and preparations to answer each one personally are under way. — *Amelia Fuller, P.O. Box 7556, Jacksonville, Fla. 32210.*

**ELECTROMAGNETISM IRRELEVANT?**

In Mary Fuller's article based on Michael Persinger's report, "A Physical Explanation for ESP" (March 1975 FATE), several important factors have been omitted.

One factor is the Faraday cage, an iron or lead cage that prevents any electromagnetic waves from entering. Many varieties of the cage have been used in telepathy studies, including heavy leaden capsules that not only prevented electromagnetic waves from passing through but blocked radiation as well. Without exception ESP never has been hindered by the use of a Faraday cage and in fact it has often been enhanced. The Russians, who have been trying to find a physical explanation for ESP for a long time, were discouraged to discover that ESP goes on as usual inside the Faraday cage. The electromagnetism theory is not a new one; it goes back at least to 1932 in Russian research, as stated in Ostrander and Schroeder's *Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain*.

The author also states that in cases of psychokinesis the "increase in energy comes not from within the body but from the outside environment." It would be interesting to learn whether psychics who have psychokinetic ability would perform as well inside a Faraday case as outside.

Another facet of ESP that was overlooked in the article are the cases of precognition in which events that ultimately do occur are clearly sensed or dreamed about weeks, months or even years before they happen. To use electromagnetism as



the explanation for precognition is to overlook many examples of the phenomenon that cannot be attributed to picking up emanations at a given time.

Whereas electromagnetic waves may indeed have some effect on us within our physical environment I do not believe they are relevant as an explanation for ESP because of the substantial evidence to the contrary through work with the Faraday cage and because of the argument I have stated concerning precognition. — *Aloysius J. Wilson, Spring Valley, N.Y.*

### SOME LEG-PULLING

I have been reading some of the older issues of *FATE*. While I like most of the "True Mystic Experiences" I find some that are hard to believe. I refer particularly to "My Journey on a String" in your November 1965 issue. In this one it seems you were pulling our legs or someone was pulling yours. Imagine — Lillian Deel (dill) has a mother named Annie Pickle. While anything is possible, this seems to be stretching credulity to the breaking point. — *Noel F. Wait, Gardena, Calif.*

### THE EMPTY "CURSE"

Joseph Goodavage's article on the Hope diamond in the September 1974 *FATE* brought a heavy response from readers in the March 1975 issue. Before the ambassador from India is further involved in the suggestion that this gem be returned to the Temple of Rama Rita, the location of the temple should be considered.

Mr. Goodavage states that the statue of Rama Sita stood in a temple in the ancient city of Pagan in India. Pagan is not in India; it is in Burma, well outside the dominion of Emperor Aurangzeb. The Temple of Rama Sita was Hindu;

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Pagan was a celebrated center of Buddhism. Finally, Pagan was destroyed by the warriors of Kublai Khan four centuries before Aurangzeb was born.

The second facet of Mr. Goodavage's account that deserves scrutiny is his relation of Emperor Aurangzeb's meeting with the priests in the Temple of Rama Sita after the theft of the diamond was discovered. He says that the Great Mogul and his priests prayed that Rama Sita would wreak vengeance upon anyone who possessed the diamond. This tale would bear credence only if the Emperor were a Hindu.

The facts are quite different. Whereas the Hindus worship many gods, Aurangzeb like all the Great Moguls was a Moslem, a monotheist. He was a religious fanatic, a bigot of the first order, a notorious iconoclast. Throughout his reign he desecrated Hindu shrines and destroyed their images. When he entered a Hindu temple, it was for plunder, not for prayer. If he had prior knowledge of the existence of the great gem in the Temple of Rama Sita he would have secured it for himself before Tavernier stole it.

What then of this "curse" against the possessor of the Hope diamond? The custody of the gem has not damaged the Smithsonian Institution nor the curator who is charged with keeping it in a special vault. Why then blame the Hope diamond for the death of a president, the loss of a man's job and the sting of a scorpion? — *Bim Schelderup, Honolulu, Hawaii.*

## SOMEBODY IS SURE ABOUT . . .

In the article "What Nobody is Sure About" (April 1975 FATE) David Stafford-Clark makes the following incorrect statement: "We do not directly perceive the electromagnetic



waves above ultraviolet at all, but they provide us with radio, television, radar and X-rays."

Except for a few experimental installations all normal radio, television and radar waves are *below infrared* in frequency, below the visible spectrum. There are a few infrared radar installations but none higher, to my knowledge. X-rays, however, are higher than ultraviolet. — *Clyde E. Wade, Jr., Little Rock, Ark.*

### A BIT OF ILLOGIC

Ralph McInnis' story, "The Man Who Died in my Place" (April 1975 FATE), is very interesting — except that I can't figure out how the dead man could have known McInnis might have occupied that seat. McInnis refused the trip; he didn't force anyone to take his place. How did the dead man know whom to haunt? — *Eleanor Higgins, Fond du Lac, Wis.*

### A KUHLMAN DEFENDER

In "I See by the Papers" (April 1975 FATE) Curtis Fuller mentions Dr. William A. Nolen's investigation of 26 persons purportedly healed at a Katherine Kuhlman faith healing service.

I wonder whether the very fact of being questioned about their healings may have shaken those 26 per-

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sons' belief — shaken them out of the very healings about which Dr. Nolen was inquiring.

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Captain LeVrier encountered some doctors who believed him after examining him and hearing his story. He also encountered one doctor who would not believe even after reading the record. This physician said, "Let me tell you something. The only miracle that has happened to you is a medical miracle. That's all. The only thing that's keeping you alive is your medication." When Captain LeVrier said he had not taken the medicine for a month it made the doctor angry.

Incidentally, Kathryn Kuhlman prefers not to be called a "faith healer." God does the healing, she says. She has stated often that she does not know why some persons are healed and others are not. To my mind, a great many persons at her services are healed and healed permanently, many of them medical doctors themselves, doctors who have just as much stature in their profession as Dr. Nolen. — *Howard Hammitt, Jr., San Francisco, Calif.*

**WORTH MORE THAN MONEY**

In "Report from the Readers" (February 1975 FATE) N. S. of DeQuincy, La., asks the significance of the skull and crossbones on the "mystery medallion."

This is an ancient symbol of mortality. It is found on the lintel of the entrance to the sanctuary in the Temple of Sacred Mysteries at Uxmal, Yucatan. (The temple was built about 11 or 12,000 years ago according to an inscription on its walls reading "This temple was erected as a monument to Mu.")



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The Egyptian culture was a reflection of the Mayan and the Maya received teachings directly from the motherland (Mu) so that from Egypt we can get the original ceremonies (with immaterial changes). In the temple within the Great Pyramid was found a sarcophagus with the emblem of mortality arranged alongside it. The postulant in the sarcophagus had a constant reminder that after his soul leaves the mortal body another life awaits him—a ceremony that still persists among the Freemasons today.

The emblem of mortality occupied a prominent place in ancient religion for it also signified reincarnation. Used extensively by Mayans, Quiches, Egyptians, Hindus and Babylonians, it was also found in writings and inscriptions in all ancient lands.—*Daphne Kear, Farmingdale, L.I., N.Y.*

#### MORE EGYPTIAN ORIGINS

As I am currently nose-deep in a vast tome of Egyptian grammar I was delighted to read George Wagner's article "You Speak Egyptian!" (October 1974 FATE).

Everyone is familiar with the expression "Kick the bucket," meaning to die. The word *kek* in the hieroglyphic language means bucket and the bucket is a symbol of death. The relationship between the Egyptian of antiquity and contemporary English is evident.

Oddly enough certain German words appear to have their genesis in ancient Egyptian also. The word *Ich* ("I," first person singular) is *inkh* in ancient Egyptian.—*Andy Metcalfe, Los Angeles, Calif.*



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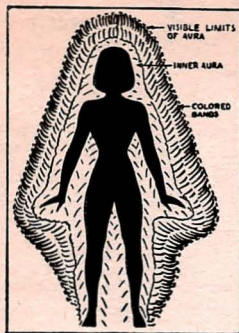


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## THE CHIRPING KATYDIDS

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I have been expecting a horrible earthquake for some time and the chirping makes me believe that all the katydids recognize that danger is at hand and have come to the inland states for safety. Usually we have only a few dozen at most and they never have chirped in unison. I learned from my sister that katydids have appeared in unusual numbers in Arkansas too and I'm wondering if it has happened in other states. — *Dewey Schley Carroll, Tennessee Ridge, Tenn.*

## THE CAT SAW DEATH

In November 1972 our cat, a silver-tip part-Siamese female named "Puss-puss," stopped eating. No matter what we put in front of her she wouldn't touch anything and just sat here and there, half-asleep, all the time. I took her to the vet where she stayed for a couple of days. After all kinds of tests the vet told me there was nothing wrong with the cat. He said while she was in the hospital she ate normally and acted very healthy. The minute I got her home she started acting ill and wouldn't eat. Not knowing what else to do we simply left her alone except for talking to her and petting her.

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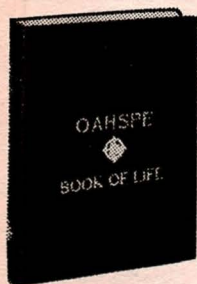
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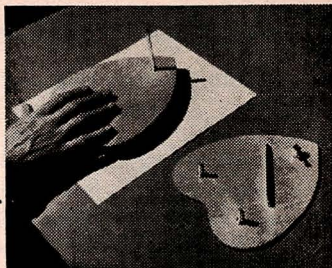
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