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In a recent article written by Dave Heard for the *National Bulletin* scientists don't come off so well in the five areas Dr. Mahoney investigated—intelligence, rationality, objectivity, humility and open-mindedness.

Dr. Mahoney admits scientists tend to be more intelligent than nonscientists but adds that a careful study of students with high IQs, high grades and high graduate school records shows that "high intelligence has little to do with scientific discoveries." The more intelligent students were not significantly more successful than their average classmates.

Tests of the reasoning skills of 15 psychologists, 15 conservative Protestant ministers and 15 scientists showed no clear differences in their rationality. And when differences did

show up they tended to favor the nonscientists.

As to their objectivity, scientists are not revealed as men of truth. Both Galileo and Sir Isaac Newton doctored the results of their research to fit their pet theories. In 1936 Ronald Fisher, a statistician, showed that Gregor Mendel's basic theory of heredity was "almost inconceivably perfect"—too good to be true, in fact. Fisher concluded that Mendel "fudged" the data to fit the theory.

Scientists have no humility. They—like parapsychologists—are at each others' throats like wolves. All the giants engaged in bitter disputes all their lives. For instance: "Newton was so determined to be the inventor of calculus that he used his position as president of the Royal Society to appoint a group of his friends to declare him the winner."

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DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

YOU NOW face a dilemma—the above report advises you not to believe scientific reports. But if you are always skeptical of such reports how can you then believe the above report?

The only attitude we can advise is to keep an open mind.

The *Arizona Republic*, in a somewhat sketchy editorial, tells us that two science reporters, with the help of a \$300,000 legacy from a third, have formed an organization to acquaint nonscientists with a scientific fact:

"What everyone knows ain't necessarily so, and that goes for scientists. They can be wrong, too, dead wrong."

The history of science is filled with examples of errors espoused by eminent scientists.

Lord Kelvin, the great 19th-Century physicist, poked fun at the idea that the sun's rays were capable of changing the earth's magnetic field. He was wrong.

The late Dr. Harlow Shapley, eminent United States astronomer who led the academic censorship of Velikovsky, bitterly attacked the concept that there is interplanetary dust among the galaxies, thus setting back for years our understanding of the size of the universe.

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**DEALING WITH FRIGHT**

BEFORE WE leave this matter of belief systems let's consider the recent confession of Dan Greenburg, author of *How to be a Jewish Mother*, *Scoring*, and other books.

In a *Newsweek* column Greenburg says he used to "giggle at anything having to do with the occult—with ghosts and clairvoyants and faith healers and voodoo and mind-over-matter and whatnot." But that was before he met Alex Tanous, Olof Jonsson and certain other unnamed psychics.

Tanous placed a magazine face down on a surface in an adjoining bedroom and then, using a semimeditative process, guided Greenburg and a lady friend in trying to "see" what was printed on the facedown pages. They described different images. Then they went into the bedroom, turned the magazine faceup and there were the images each had described—a small black-and-white portrait of a woman in a broad-brimmed hat was on one page and a religious painting, dark in color with a three-quarter-inch white border, was on the facing page.

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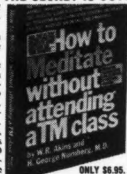
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three times in succession "he read my mind," writes Greenburg.

He concludes in his "Confessions of a Nonbeliever" in *Newsweek*, "I guess I'm pretty threatened by the paranormal after all. There's only one problem about this field though—I've come too far and seen too much to go back to my comfortable old beliefs. But I have gone back to giggling a little at the occult. Laughter is still the best method I know of dealing with fright."



WE NEED OUR MONSTERS

WE WRITE this late in July and the papers are full of the searches being made for the Loch Ness monster. There is always the dreadful possibility that when you read this in the fall the monster will have been discovered or proved to be nonexistent. And since I am not very psychic I don't want to commit myself on the news three months hence.

So instead, let's theorize on the matter of Nessie and Bigfoot and other beasties; perhaps we can explain why we are hung up on monsters. Of course, maybe—just maybe—they do exist after all in some never-never world that occasionally breaks through into our own reality, but for now we'll ignore that and take a psychological look at ourselves.

It strikes us that *New York Times* writers are a bit embarrassed by the fact that their parent company financed the past summer's search for Nessie. Trying to expiate this guilt, writers like Jane E. Brody provide us with philosophical justification for monsters.

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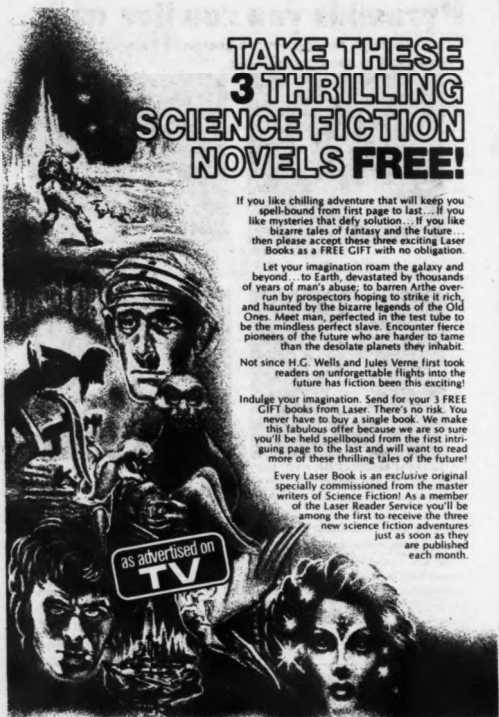
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Dr. John Napier, a British anthropologist, is quoted as saying that ape monsters, such as Bigfoot and King Kong, are "convenient repositories for all that is savage, ignoble and libidinous in man," enabling man to "exorcise the burden of his own frailties."

St. Louis psychologist Dr. Gertrude Williams says, "Just as there may be a fear of the unknown, there is embedded in the human psyche a wish for the unknown, a desire to explore the off-beat."

And Daniel Farson, author of *Vampires, Zombies and Monster Men*, says that having created the monster, man must then create a myth by which it is conquered through dexterity or superior intelligence.

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United States forecasters do not share this optimism. Dr. Clarence R. Allen of Caltech and Dr. Frank Press of M.I.T. recently told the House Science and Technology Subcommittee which is considering earthquake safety legislation that a reliable earthquake-forecasting system will not be developed for five to 10 years. The scientists are seeking \$150 million for earthquake research to be done over a three-year period.



THE STARS AND YOU

WHILE Establishment science cavalierly dismisses astrology without investigating it, Dr. Gerald Berkowitz, a Chicago physician, says that for the last six years he has used it in treating his patients. He says astrology gives him practical results. "I simply started noticing that patients born in certain months had certain conditions more often than other people," he explains.

For example, Dr. Berkowitz notes that Capricorns (December 22 to January 19) usually have good health but have problems because they tend to be oblivious to what goes on around them. As a result they are accident-prone and likely to have flu and other easily transmitted diseases. The medical

problems of Pisces people (February 19 to March 20) are apt to be psychosomatic—brought on by what goes on in their minds.



THE MOON AND SEEDS

DR. Berkowitz doesn't offer much more evidence for his statements than his own observations. But Dr. Jane Joy Panzer recently earned her doctor's degree in biology at Tulane University by doing research which confirms the old adage that the best time to plant seeds is when the moon is full.

Dr. Panzer's work involves the careful measurement of water intake by seeds which she regards as closely related to germination. Her work over a three-year period shows that seeds take in water and germinate on a well-

established lunar monthly cycle.

"The gravitational pull of the moon appears to have a definite effect on water intake and germination," she says. "Water intake charts on the seeds peaked at every quarter moon and were especially marked on the full moon—in fact, seeds took in twice as much water on the full moon as at other times in the monthly cycle."

Jane Panzer's work turned up some other strange and unexpected anomalies.

• There is evidence that seeds can actively control their water intake and germination. Corn is "livelier" in May and June; beans show more activity in December and January.

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All this can have significance for agriculture, Dr. Panzer believes.



EMOTIONAL ESP

MOST telepathy experiments involve the transmission of factual information of one kind or another. Recently Dr. David B. Cohen of St. Leo College, Tampa, Fla., found that emotional responses also can be transmitted on demand between persons who are emotionally close. If Dr. Cohen's experiments are supported by further research, science may have its long-awaited repeatable ESP experiment.

Dr. Cohen placed twins, hooked up to electrical equipment that measures brain waves, in separate soundproofed rooms. One twin then was subjected to emotional stress produced by threats, embarrassing questions and/or intimidation. The tension felt by the first twin was also recorded in the brain waves of the second.

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Last April, according to Peter Brennan in the *National Star*, a 30-foot gray whale suddenly surfaced beside a tourist boat off the coast of Baja California and played games with a man in a rubber raft. Travel writer George Bryant, a witness, at first thought the whale was Gigi but it soon proved to be a young male who was following the boat, nudging a raft carrying Capt. John Koehler of the cruise ship *Salado*, and enjoying some petting.

When the whale first appeared he grasped the ship's three-inch anchor line in his mouth and played with it. He started to run with the line and when the winch was tightened he gave a few tugs which swung the ship's bow but then let go. On several occasions he rose vertically out of the sea to watch the audience aboard ship and to be scratched and petted.

Captain Koehler said, "He wasn't about to hurt anyone. He wanted to play. I've never seen anything like it before."



ON SEEING GHOSTS

ONE DOESN'T have to believe in ghosts to see one, according to a

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Seeing ghosts is a common everyday experience for many persons, they indulgently assure us. Such experiences may be a natural part of the grieving, mourning process.

"People who lose somebody important to them tend to perceive something like the ghost of the person who has died," explains Paul Rosenblatt of the Department of Family Social Science at the university. The school analyzed 66 cultures around the world and found that in almost every culture persons experience ghosts.

The sociologists are sure, of course, that there is no such thing as a ghost. They explain them away by saying they are triggered by the physical reminders of the dead persons. Since most Americans are reluctant to admit seeing a ghost, mourners in this country are apt to be surprised and frightened by their experiences.

The Minnesota study was confined to the bereaved. But there are other ghost experiences not so easily explained by this theory—such as two persons seeing the same apparition at the same time, or the appearance of a ghost to someone who is not mourning.

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George Alexander and John Dart of the *Los Angeles Times* give us the conclusions reached by Drs. Paolo Matthiae and Giovanni Pettinato of the University of Rome and quote Dr. David Noel Freedman, University of Michigan biblical archaeologist, on the significance of the find:

"Previous reports and rumors do not begin to indicate the true dimensions of the discovery and its importance for ancient Near Eastern and biblical studies," Freedman says.

The tablets are written in a mixture of logograms—symbols representing a whole word or concept—and syllabic units spelling out the words used in the Ebla language. The archaeologists have deciphered such words as ab-ra-mu (Abraham), e-sa-up (Esau), is-ra-ilu (Israel) and ib-rum (Eber, who is listed in the Bible as the great-great-great-great-grandfather of Abraham).

The evidence indicates that a major Canaanite empire flourished between the 26th and 23rd Centuries B.C. where today we have Israel, Lebanon and western Syria.

Freedman and other scholars, say Alexander and Dart, "... have been amazed by the parallels between the language of the tablets and the language of ancient Hebrews. Included in the find is a bilingual vocabulary list of about 1,000 words in both Sumerian logograms and Eblaic syllabic writing—thus the find includes its own Rosetta Stone.

"Those tablets with religious connotations have elated scholars," write the two reporters. "They have searched

for the factors that led to the development of the Israelite religion which Freedman calls 'a major mutation on all the religions that had gone before it.' "



THE MUTILATIONS CONTINUE

THE mysterious and insane cattle mutilations we have mentioned from time to time in FATE continue. Recently Thomas Beam of the *Great Falls (Montana) Tribune* reported the discovery of the body of a mutilated young bull near Armington Junction, Cascade County. It was the second mutilation reported to sheriff's police there in a 10-day period.

Ordinarily these mutilations are very similar and there are virtually no clues to the perpetrators. But the Armington Junction mutilation differed in one particular from those of other areas—although it is like other mutilations found in the immediate vicinity.

This divergent characteristic is the serrated edges of the circular patch of hide cut from the animal's belly. The wound looks as if it were cut with a circular blade having a patterned edge which rolled as it cut—like a serrated cookie cutter. The serrations in the cut are exactly three-sixteenths of an inch apart and match exactly the mutilation cuts on cows found September 22 and December 12, 1975.

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Recently the Rt. Rev. Jose Cottino, vice-president of the commission of experts investigating the shroud, reported on a seven-year study made at the request of Pope Paul VI. Msgr. Cottino reported that the experts conclude the cloth "could have come from the area and time of our Lord." At worst, he said, the shroud cannot be dismissed as a fake.

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**NOTES FROM ALL OVER**

●Laetrile, the controversial drug used to treat cancer patients in some countries but banned by the United States Food and Drug Administration, could still be used in Alaska as this is written. The state legislature passed a statute permitting the administration of Laetrile. It became law on Monday, June 21. The drug could still be banned in Alaska if the state medical board rules it is harmful.

●So far more than 60 books, a dozen motion pictures, nine stage plays, 11 TV features, two operas and thousands of magazine articles have had as their subject the Western World's most "infamous murderer"—Jack the Ripper. All of Jack the Ripper's victims were prostitutes and all were dissected with the skill of a hospital surgeon. Now book number 61 has been written by John Godwin, *Unsolved—The World of the Unknown*, in it Godwin theorizes Jack the Ripper was a woman.

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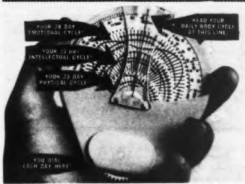
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First, says Dr. Lane, "There are no monkeys in that part of the country."

Second, the investigators were able to account for every moment of the boy's life. His mother died shortly after his birth; his father died a year later and he then was placed in orphanages. "There was simply no time in there to slip in monkeys or any jungle experience," they conclude, stating that the 10-year-old boy who chatters like a monkey simply is retarded.

●The curious large bony plates on the back of the stegosaurus, a 20-foot-long

dinosaur, probably served as air-conditioning fins, according to three Yale University scientists.

First of all, they observed that the plates were not arranged on the principle of bilateral symmetry but were staggered in two parallel rows. This would have provided the most efficient air flow over cooling fins, they conclude. The plates also were of extremely porous bone, through which large quantities of blood could have flowed.

But if the Yale scientists idea is correct, then we are left with a new question. How did those dinosaurs which had no fins regulate their heat?

● Dr. Doru Todericiu, a Romanian engineer living in Paris, claims that Conrad Haas, a Romanian artillery officer of 400 years ago, designed a three-stage rocket and successfully fired

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●The fastest known large objects in our galaxy now are believed to be pulsars—the superdense remnants of collapsed stars—which are moving at speeds of more than 125 million miles an hour. They are going so fast they could escape the gravity pull of the galaxy.

●The Tanzanian government has sacked the executive committee of its national soccer team for using public funds to hire a witch doctor to hex opposing teams. The witch doctor was officially known as "a disciplinary officer" and has traveled with the team on its foreign tours during the past three years.

●Miss Jeannette Jamison, a retired school teacher of Reading, Pa., took a quack medicine called Radithor from 1926 to 1929 for a treatment of a goiter. Radithor contained radium and she has been called "the most radioactive woman alive." Nevertheless, she has outlived most of the researchers who have studied her for the past 40 years and is still alive and as well as could be expected for her age—93.

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Vilcabamba lies at 4500 feet in a fertile valley four degrees south of the Equator. At this altitude the village never suffers from equatorial heat but enjoys a fairly steady 68 degrees and a climate similar to parts of the southwestern United States.

The life of the oldest people in the western hemisphere is sparse but they are free of disease and senility. Their large dramas concern the emotions, affairs of the human heart.

Where They Live to be 100...

THE VALLEY OF THE VIEJOS

By Grace Halsell

THE OLDEST PEOPLE in the western hemisphere live in a remote village called Vilcabamba, hidden behind the Andes in southern Ecuador. The *viejos*, as they are called in Spanish, include the likes of Gabriel Erazo, Gabriel Sánchez, Manuel Ramón and Micaela Quezada, who claim to be 132, 113, 110 and 104, respectively. Age has neither crippled nor debilitated them. On the contrary, I found them to be

individuals with strong bodies and personalities, a well-founded sense of their own identities and a charming innocence about their own uniqueness. They live hard sparse lives and in earthly goods they are well below the poverty line. But they have accumulated huge reserves of goodwill. They seemed to have been bred for a special brand of gentility, a freedom from the corrosive effects of hatred, an

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Ecuadorian and United States medical specialists participated in a major research study of the area in 1974. Front row, left to right: Dr. Richard Erbe of Harvard University; Dr. Harold Elrick of San Diego, Calif.; Gabriel Sanchez, 113; Miguel Carpio, 127; Gabriel Erazo, 132; Dr. J. E. Seegmiller of San Diego; Dr. Miguel Salvador, a Quito cardiologist and co-leader of the medical team. Back row: Dr. Alexander Leaf, Chief of Medical Services at Massachusetts General Hospital and team co-leader; Quito physicians Alberto Avila, C. L. Gonzales. Below, Miguel Carpio and his son.

immunity to violence. I lived in their dirt-floored houses and I slept on their beds of roughhewn wooden boards. I ate their boiled corn called *mote*, listened endlessly to their private hopes and fears and came to share their rugged faith: that the meaning of life is death.

They keep working until the day they die. Apparently they do not suffer from heart attacks or cancer. They do not use canes, eyeglasses or hearing aids. They see better than I, they hear as well as I, they climb mountains



and have more endurance than the average person half their age. None of the *viejos*, they will tell you, ever suffers broken bones if they fall while climbing the steep hills or working the crops. Richard Mazess, a University of Wisconsin anthropologist specializing in the study of calcium content in bones who examined the *viejos* in 1974, reported that he saw no evidence of fractures. No one as yet knows exactly why this is true. The *viejos* never saw a doctor, until doctors came to "study" them. I saw no evidence of senility.

The *viejos* are in many respects like millions of country folk, hardworking, uncomplicated and relatively serene. Through stern physical labor they have earned for themselves a self-respect and sense of fulfillment missing in many urban lives. They are as one with the soil, as native to the earth as a grain of corn. Nature's cycle governs their lives, from the green promise of spring to the mature ripeness of autumn. Age has mellowed and enriched them. Modern victims of the myriad distractions and demands of our industrial society might suppose that the *viejos* would be bored with the profound simplicity of their lives. But it is not true. They are renewed by the changing seasons, the process of

growth in which they participate as energetic allies.

They know nothing of politics. The economics of their existence is measured in what they earn to feed and clothe themselves. Their large dramas center on affairs of the human heart.

I came to know them as only one can who goes in need: I needed them to "take me in," to provide a place for me to sleep, to provide food for me to eat, to provide answers for my own search for how to live through one's last years with dignity, spirit and fortitude.

The *viejos* all keep romantic illusions; love gives spirit to their lives. Gabriel Erazo composes poetry and when we would take a walk at sunset he would recite his verses to me. "I am 132," he told me, and at the same moment he said he still had desires, wanted to make love to a woman, that he felt this desire as strongly as he did when he was 20. Medical science may have doubts about Gabriel's claim but Gabriel certainly didn't.

Gabriel Sánchez said matter-of-factly, "I am 113." He continues to climb the steep El Chaupi mountain and work all day with his crude hoe, cultivating a small plot of ground. He called me "*doctorita*," little doctor, and sometimes "*nenita*," lit-

THE VALLEY OF THE VIEJOS



tle one. He made me feel my life had just begun.

The face of Manuel Ramón, 110, radiates an almost animal force. When I felt his strong biceps and praised his ability to climb mountains and marveled at his stamina in working from sunup to sunset in a cornfield, he bowed his head shyly and said in his modest way: "It is no great thing I do."

Mariana Toledo has never been to a beauty salon, never has used lipstick, powder or rouge. But time has not robbed her of inner radiance and her smile suggests that her husband finds her an attractive mate. She is thin, with acute faculties: good vision, good hearing, a clear mind and an excellent memory. She is independent, even-tempered, possessed of lively humor and finds it easy to laugh.

Gabriel Erazo, above left, is 132. He composes poetry and says he is intensely aware of feminine charms. Gabriel Sanchez, right, says matter-of-factly, "I am 113." He climbs the steep El Chaupi mountain daily to cultivate a small plot of ground. Below, Barbarita O'Campo is the second wife of Manuel Ramon; he was 70 and she was 20 when they married 40 years ago.



She has never owned a clock ("I don't need it," she says), has never seen TV nor listened to a radio. Mariana and I talked about airplanes (she has heard of them but never seen one) and flights to the moon (she refuses to believe that a man could walk on the moon). Then, with unabashed simplicity, she talked about the happiness that comes to a woman when she lies in the arms of a man she loves. In her 92 years, she said, with an earthy directness that was too natural to doubt, nothing had equaled that quiet sense of joy and well-being.

Micaela Quezada, 104, slender and erect in a floor-length black dress with a shawl draped around her head, punctuated her words with theatrical gestures: "I had two sisters who married men who beat them, gave them black eyes," she claimed. Not wanting to subject herself to such indignities, for all of her long years she has remained a virgin. She told of her virginity quite proudly, as another woman might boast of owning a Pucci original or a mink.

Doctors who have visited Vilcabamba have given us only intriguing hints that there must be "something special" about the valley. Most likely it is not a single distinctive identifiable factor that contributes toward lon-

gevity and good health but a complex combination of many factors.

A United States doctor, Eugene H. Payne, wrote in a 1954 *Reader's Digest* article that he had found little or no evidence of cardiac or circulatory disease in the region.

Another visitor, Albert B. Kramer, writing in a 1959 issue of *Prevention*, reported he suffered a cardiac condition, but after a short visit to the province, he said, "I felt better than I could ever remember." He rhapsodized over the lush forest growth at altitudes where one would normally expect barren slopes. "Can you imagine," he asked, "strawberries growing next to banana plants, coffee thriving in the shade of apple trees, barley and sugar cane growing side by side?" He was quite willing to accept that "something special" distinguished the province. "Perhaps that 'something' that is so good for the heart is the same 'something' that so strangely favors plant life," he wrote.

Dr. Miguel Salvador, a Quito cardiologist, became interested in Vilcabamba after hearing reports that residents there never suffered heart attacks. An Ecuadorian government agency appointed the cardiologist to take specialists into Vilcabamba for a



ABOUT THE AUTHOR . . .

Grace Halsell, a native Texan, resigned her post as a speech writer for Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson to live six months in Harlem and Mississippi posing as a black woman. Out of this came her 1969 international best seller "Soul Sister" and in 1972, "Black/White Sex" which explores the white American male's sexual insecurity as a root cause of racism. Abandoning black for red, she lived with the Navajos in Arizona, then wrote "Bessie Yellowhair" which came out in 1973.

Next Miss Halsell turned her sights on the amazing longevity of peoples who live close to nature. She went to live among the oldest people in the western hemisphere, the viejos. Her new book, "Los Viejos: Secrets of Long Life from the Sacred Valley," was published in the fall of 1976 by Rodale Press.

major research study. In 1969 Dr. Salvador, with a team of Ecuadorian doctors, made a survey of 340 persons of all ages selected at random from Vilcabamba's total population. They found the general standard of fitness among the old "amazing," an unprofessional but plainly apt description. Almost all were free of serious illness. The valley, the doctors concluded, was indeed a natural island of immunity to the physical and perhaps psychological problems that shorten lives elsewhere.

"We had gone there to study heart conditions," Dr. Salvador explained. "And it was while we were making our heart studies that we learned for the first time, almost accidentally, you might say, that there were so many old people. One out of six persons in the village was over the age of



Micaela Quezada, who spoke proudly of having lived her long life as a spinster, died in 1975 at age 105.

65, twice the average for the United States and Canada, for example, and five times the figure for the rest of Ecuador."

Dr. Salvador added, "We had to believe their ages because of their accounts, reports and nar-

rations, as well as the ages of their children and grandchildren. I was impressed, however, not because people were living to be more than 100, but because they were so active, with minds and bodies you'd expect in men and women who were 60 or 70." In the comparatively few cases of heart disease that did occur in the valley, Dr. Salvador said, the symptoms were not felt and treatment was "not required."

"When I went there in 1969 I found that there were victims of heart attacks, but that some victims showed no symptoms of having had an attack," Dr. Salvador explained. "Thus, if they did not feel that they were ill, they were for all practical purposes well and healthy. They carried on lives that were absolutely normal."

A 1971 census identified nine centenarians in a total population of 819 people. Dr. Alexander Leaf, Chief of Medical Services of Boston's Massachusetts General Hospital, visited Vilcabamba in 1970 and observed, "While extrapolation on the basis of this small village is not justifiable the figures do represent a rate of 1,100 per 100,000 population, obviously an exceptional situation when compared with the United States rate of only three centenarians per 100,000 population."

Dr. Salvador and Dr. Leaf and other medical experts were aware of the rich irony involved in their investigation of the *viejos* who had lived to their remarkable old age without ever having had the benefit of a medical checkup or a drugstore prescription. Like ancient gnarled oak trees, they had made it on their own, aided by the sun, wind, rain and qualities of the human body and the heart, about which men, including doctors, apparently can only conjecture.

I happened to be living in the village when a team of doctors, headed by Dr. Salvador and Dr. Leaf, came to Vilcabamba in 1974 and I assisted the medics in any way I could. The doctors and I had one common goal: we were interested in knowing if factors common to exceptional longevity could be identified, and if by studying people who reach unusual old age without debility and senility we could shed light on how to prevent these conditions in our own population. We wondered if we could extract from the *viejos* neat and precise recipes for long and active years.

In the United States people have become increasingly concerned about how to remain useful and contented because of what one sociologist has called the

"truly astonishing population revolution" here. That is, the lengthening of the life-span in our population has made aging an issue of national concern.

In 1900 only four percent of the population of the United States was over 65, some three million people, but today the proportion has risen to 10 percent, or 21 million people. Diseases such as diphtheria and tuberculosis which once killed off many people before they passed middle age have slowly come under control; more and more persons survive into their 60's and 70's.

By 2005, when the generation of the postwar baby boom reaches retirement age, some experts estimate almost a quarter of the population in the United States will be 65 years and over. Old age has become a major medical preoccupation and indeed, a preoccupation with many of us who do not worry about death so much as about learning how to stay active and alert — for as long as we live.

The little we know about aging does not fully explain the variations — why some grow old in agony and bitterness, others with fortitude and beauty. We do not understand all the factors that

produce an energetic, alert, happy person at 90 and a debilitated, senile, unhappy one at 60.

The *viejos* taught me to start living, in many ways, as they live. For instance, they taught me that you can never "retire" from physical and mental activities and expect your body and mind to stay in good condition. On my return to my home in Washington, D.C., I bought a bicycle. I may not be able to follow in the footsteps of Erazo and Sánchez and Ramón as they ascend their mountains but I need my daily exercise.

Like the *viejos* I try to eat only natural foods with no preservatives or additives. I begin to plan for a home in the country where there will be less pollution.

As for dealing with stress, I am trying to live as the *viejos* live, who, by making themselves lovable people, somehow deal with emotional stress. They taught me that living a long and healthy life is for the most part a do-it-yourself job.

All of us have to grow older, but not necessarily old. If we follow some of their simple rules, we may be able to take care of ourselves, to remain useful and active all the days of our lives.





Wearing saris made by the beloved ayah Miriama are Lois, sister Jeanne, Miriama and author Lee Wells.

My Share of Two Lives.

Only a little-understood psychic bond can explain the sharing, for better or for worse, that these twins experienced.

By Lee Marquiss Wells

IS THERE a psychic bond between twins? My sister Lois and I believe there is, for only this would explain the sometimes puzzling phenomena we have experienced in our lives together — and apart.

We were born in 1921 in Kodaikanal, a village in the hill country of southern India, to missionary parents, the Rev. Frank C. and Ann Marquiss. My father had been posted to India in 1919 by the American Baptist Telugu Mission to serve in its Madras headquarters.

Not expecting twins, Mother

had prepared only one bassinet. So when two of us came along a box was hastily constructed in which I, apparently the stronger and healthier, was placed. This was the only time Lois and I were separated until we reached our teens and the arrangement lasted only until a double crib was obtained. Yet, according to our parents, when one baby turned or rolled, the other twin in her box across the room did likewise.

We were raised by our Indian ayah Miriama and as toddlers we believed we belonged to her

race and people. Our first words, our first thoughts were in the Telugu tongue. Mother often told how shocked she was when she first heard her towheads prattling in a language she couldn't understand.

When the family left India in May 1926 and settled in Califor-

osity. Too young to understand, Lois and I refused to speak English and constantly ran away from school. At last, in desperation, our parents forbade the use of the Telugu language; Lois and I could not even speak to each other in our "mother tongue." The rule was stringent



The Marquiss twins (Lois, left; Lee, right) lived in Madras, India, until they were five years old. They are fraternal, not identical twins.

nia the wrench from "home" and "our people" was traumatic for Lois and me. Never again would we see Miriama, our second mother. Enrolled in kindergarten in Glendale, Lois and I were desperately unhappy and intimidated by our "foreign" classmates who stared at us in unabashed, quite natural curi-

and within two years our first language was lost to us.

My parents knew no one and had no relatives in California so Dad tried several locations before settling down in Redlands where we lived until 1935. Then we moved to San Bernardino where Lois and I graduated from high school.

From the moment of our conception until our late teens Lois and I were always together. We slept, ate, bathed, cried and laughed together. We wore identical clothes, had similar experiences and shared the same friends. I believe this close physical relationship and life-style shared from prebirth to maturity helped to create our ability to communicate without words, our strange "knowing" of each other's thoughts and feelings.

During our childhood and teens it was not uncommon for Lois and me to communicate in partial phrases. Half-formed questions and disconnected half-replies caused frustration among our friends and family. We often began a song simultaneously, perhaps in the middle of a phrase. When pressed for an explanation neither of us could say how or why we were able to do this. Today I rationalize that it was not really unusual, for we knew only the same songs. Perhaps some sound — a birdsong, the chime of a clock — triggered a melody we both knew and picked up at the same instant.

Lois and I are fraternal, not identical, twins; hence we bear a strong family resemblance but we are not look-alikes. We are even more diverse in hobbies, tastes, talents, like and dislikes. Lois' quick sharp mind makes

her a brilliant scholar while I seem to be the less practical dreamy half, loving music and art. But never was there discord, jealousy or rivalry between us. We had our differences and an occasional childish spat but by some unwritten code we could not remain angry after sundown. And always, right or wrong, we fiercely defended each other against all.

In 1939 I married Fred Wells and Lois married Herman Brasfield. For several years we lived within driving distance of each other in southern California. But as the years passed our children were born and eventually my twin and I moved half a world apart.

In 1957 my husband and I decided to try the Alaskan wilderness where we stayed for more than 10 years. I remember an experience toward the end of that time when Lois and Herman (who worked for the government) had been sent to Guam. Ill and feverish, I lay thinking of my twin and the years we had been apart. I longed to see her, to hear her voice. Within an hour she phoned. Her first words were, "Are you all right? I've been worried sick about you!"

This sense of knowing has been a reciprocal thing throughout our lives no matter how far apart we were. On one occasion



Twins Lois Brasfield, left, and Lee Wells, right, were reunited in California in the early 1970's after having lived most of their lives half a world apart.

when Lois lived in North Dakota, she called me in Glennallen, Alaska, somehow sensing my distress over the illness of my daughter.

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NOW, AFTER half a lifetime apart, Lois and I are reunited in southern California — but Lois is in poor health. In the past few years she has had to be hospitalized several times — on one occasion to undergo a series of tests to determine whether she would have to have brain or heart surgery or both. On October 5, 1973, Lois entered St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles. One test, the angiogram, particularly frightened

her, for she had almost lost her life during a similar test in 1971. Now she had to face the ordeal again.

When she told me what lay ahead, I said, "Please, let me be there with you. If I am physically near, maybe you can use my strength even if you're unconscious."

Lois nodded in perfect understanding. "Yes, I want you with me. I think I'm going to need you."

The doctors scheduled the angiogram for the 11th of October. This test, put simply, consists of inserting small tubes into one or several blood vessels. The tubes are inserted in the groin and one

is pushed slowly to the heart and the other to the brain. Dye is then introduced through the tubes and the doctors can photograph or watch for clots, aneurysms and various other abnormalities in the blood vessels. The patient remains fully conscious throughout the procedure.

Lois was in surgery for a long fearful three hours. During this time, while her husband paced, I sat concentrating my thoughts on my twin. I tried to project myself and my strength into that operating room — but strangely I could get no feedback. I felt nothing, sensed nothing. This frightened me — as if our long-standing lines of communication had been broken.

When Lois was returned to her room her smudged eyes and ashen face showed her suffering. We watched over her for several hours until at last a tinge of color came to her cheeks and she began to rally. She was exhausted but we all felt the worst was over.

The next morning, the 12th of October, we learned to our dismay that angiocardiography was scheduled. This test differs only in that the tubes go from the arm into the heart and "it would take less time and be less painful." Therefore, although I dreaded it for Lois' sake I was not as frightened as on the previous day.

Her husband Herman and I took the elevator to the eighth floor where a comfortable lounge was provided for relatives of patients undergoing heart surgery. We could sit overlooking a cheerful roof garden just outside. After we were seated Herman handed me a book, saying, "Here, you looked so tired and nervous yesterday, maybe this will help."

I settled down for the long wait and began to read, hoping to overcome what I knew was a good case of nerves. The book was a fascinating account of early California history and I was soon lost in its pages. About an hour had passed when I began to feel an odd discomfort and a tingling sensation in my shoulders. I sat perfectly still, watching goosepimples crawl along my arms. It came to me that this strange sensation was not my own but Lois'. What was it? Still I felt no fear, no deep anxiety, and I tried to return to the book.

Suddenly a white-hot pain stabbed through my chest. Fiercely, like an electric shock, it knocked the breath from my lungs and jerked me to my feet. I threw glasses, book and purse to the floor and fled through the open door to the deserted roof garden. The agony brought tears to my eyes. Gasping for air and

terror-stricken at the thought of what my sister was undergoing I checked my wristwatch. It was 12:30 P.M. She had been in the operating room about an hour and a half. Certain that I was experiencing her anguish I groaned inwardly, "Hold on, Lois! I'm here . . . I'm strong!" In my misery I cried, "Oh, God, please don't take her now!" For an agonizing 10 minutes I alternately cried and prayed and tried to will strength to my twin. Finally the terrible violence of the pain began to ease but the hard deep ache in my heart continued.

I suddenly remembered Herman and my wild dash from the room. My behavior certainly would have disturbed him. I swung around to find him standing in the doorway watching me. As I walked toward him my legs were shaking and I couldn't get enough air into my lungs. His eyes never left my face. He took my arm to help me back into the waiting room. Still he stared at my face and still I felt I could not talk. Finally he could stand it no longer.

"What is it?" he asked.
"What's the matter?"

I motioned vaguely toward the operating room. "Something's gone wrong in there," I gasped, "and I'm terrified."

We sat tensely for the next five

minutes, staring into each other's eyes. As suddenly as it began the pain stopped. I took a deep hungry breath, leaned back sighing against the couch and said, "It's over. She's O.K. She's all right now."

Herman's gaunt face remained frozen, grim with fear. He waited until my breathing had returned to normal and then began to question me closely, demanding a full account. I spared him no detail.

When Lois was rolled back to her room about 2:00 P.M. her face was waxen, gray. She was conscious, however, and in a little while, without opening her eyes, she whispered my name. I bent low over the bed to catch her words.

"Something went wrong," she whispered. "Something happened in there." (These were almost the exact words I had used to Herman earlier.)

I murmured, "I know, I know, I was there." Then I hurried on. "I had terrible pain. White-hot, searing pain. Herman saw. I had to tell him that it was happening to you."

She nodded, her eyelids fluttering. "My heart stopped." She paused and took several long breaths. "White-hot, searing—that was the electric shocks." A tear crept from her eye and ran into her hair. "They kept pound-

ing my chest with their fists." A low moan seemed wrenched from her and she whispered, "Oh, God! It hurt so much!"

I bent and kissed her cheek, murmuring, "I know, honey."

Later her doctor was reluctant to discuss what had happened but when pressed he tersely admitted that Lois' heart had stopped and that they had used electric shock and heart "manipulation" (which means striking the heart area sharply with the fist!).

In truth I doubt that Lois benefited from my "strength" or whether she was able to use

it—even if such a thing were possible. But that I did experience some of her pain, there can be no doubt—at least not in the minds of Lois, Herman and me. I do not know how my sister and I exchange self-knowledge and experience, I only know it is a fact, a reality of our lives.

Lois recovered gradually and now we are able to laugh when her husband says vehemently, "I'll never make fun of you two gals or your ESP again! But from now on, please, just keep your psychic experiences to yourselves—if you don't mind. That last one nearly did me in!"



SQUIRREL'S REVENGE

AN ERRANT squirrel in Arlington, Va., met a fiery death in December 1974, reports United Press International, but not before exacting retribution. When 16-year-old Dale Matthews discovered the squirrel in the chimney of the family home, he tried to drive the animal out by

shoving burning papers up from the fireplace.

Instead of running up, the burning squirrel scurried down into the living room, setting fire to curtains, a sofa and other furniture. The rodent eventually burned to death after causing \$2,000 damage.



VEIL TO SHROUD

By Raymond C. Otto

THE MODERN semitransparent veil worn by brides comes down to us from the early Roman and Hebrew brides. Their veils were made of yellow material, usually linen, and were all-enveloping like a shroud—which indeed was their ultimate purpose. After the wedding the veil was carefully

stored away for future use at the burial.

The custom is not confined entirely to ancient peoples for even today among sentimental European peasantry it is customary to pack the wedding finery carefully away to be taken out again for the purpose of "burying the bride."

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SCREAMING DREAM

By Kathryn E. Savage

I OFTEN have had dreams come true but one of the most terrifying involved my dear friend Ursula. Ursula and I had grown up together in Chicago; we were as close as sisters.

When Ursula was 19, she married John Untinen who was in the army. Two months later when John was transferred to Seattle, the newlyweds rented a little house in Portland, Ore., near John's sister. Ursula stayed on there after John was sent to Vietnam; by then she was expecting their first baby and his sister was nearby to help.

I missed Ursula a great deal and we wrote each other often. Sometimes I had dreams of letters I would receive from her before they came. But one night in February 1968 I had a dream I'll never forget.

In my dream I saw nothing but blackness but thought I heard something faintly in the distance. Before long I realized the sound was someone screaming. The screams got louder and louder until I knew it was Ursula. Then I could see her face and she looked very frightened. I awoke, shaking with fright. After John left for

Vietnam she had shared her fears with me and now I was terrified they had come true.

I didn't mention the dream to anyone and tried to dismiss it as a product of my own fears but I couldn't get it off my mind. I worried all day and decided to go out that evening hoping the distraction would help me forget it.

I got home late and as I crept up the stairs I heard my mother call softly from her bedroom. "While you were out," she said, "Ursula called."

I thought I was going to faint; my heart was in my throat. Mother explained, "She called to tell you she had a baby boy last night."



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I was so relieved I burst into tears. Then I told Mom about my dream and how I had been afraid something had happened to John. I had completely forgotten that her baby was almost due. That night I slept a lot better.

In her next letter Ursula explained that she had had a very difficult delivery. When it was over, the doctor scolded her because she wouldn't stop screaming. — *Chicago, Ill.*

MY LOCKER

By Lois Nipkau

THE DREAM that woke me very early on the morning of April 15, 1947, was so vivid that I jotted it down. In this dream I was attending school but apparently my activities were limited to carrying heavy books back and forth from home to school, from school to home. Eventually I grew tired of this and asked a teacher to direct me to my locker. The number of the locker was 283 followed by two short vertical lines that I took to be ones—making the number 283¹¹.

On March 13, 1974, my husband John passed away very suddenly. I was fortunate to get a grave site close to the graves of his parents and other relatives. When the cemetery official asked if I wanted to purchase two sites rather than one, I said, "No"—it seemed irrelevant that I should plan in advance for my own eventual demise.

On May 13, 1974, my sister Grace and my niece Doris visited me and insisted on going to the cemetery. In wandering about I came to the headstones of my husband's brother and sister-in-law who were buried side by side and I experienced a feeling of warmth. "How nice this is for their children and their grandchildren," I

thought as I visualized them saying, "Here are Mom and Dad" or, "These are the graves of my grandparents."

On May 23, 10 days later, I called the cemetery manager and inquired if the site next to my husband's grave still was available. What a sense of relief I felt when he assured me it was! I bought that site and shortly afterwards went to the cemetery to complete the transaction.

The number of the site, I was told was Section U, Plot 283. I wrote a check and as I was jotting down the number on the bottom of my check the significance of the number struck me: 283U. I drew a sharp breath and the man looked at me in surprise.

"Once I had a dream about this number," I said. "This is my locker!" — *Lodi, Calif.*

THREE STRANGE OLD LADIES

By Yvonne Roberts

IN 1965 when I was 14 and my brother David was 10 we lived a few miles from Dutchtown, Mo. We often took long walks in the woods and one fall day we had walked quite a long way when we came to an old run-down house. Its windows were missing and the back porch was barely standing. When we entered the front yard a little old lady came out the door, smiling and motioning to us to come in.

Our parents always had told us to beware of strangers but this lady was so sweet we had to be polite. As we entered the house two other little old ladies came from another room. They also looked very sweet and kind.

While we were talking I noticed that an old phone near the door, a table in the center of the room and all the furniture were covered with dust;



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cobwebs hung from the ceiling and doorways.

After a while I said we had to be going. We said good-bye and David and I started home. We had walked quite a ways when I missed my gloves. I knew I must have left them in the old ladies' house and that I'd be in trouble if I got home without them. We hurried back—but when we reached the place where the house should have been, all we could find were a few old foundation stones to indicate a house once had stood there. Then, at about the spot where the old dusty table would have been, I saw my gloves!

I wonder how many times in life we walk right into the past and never know it? If I hadn't left my gloves, I would not know it myself. — *Scott City, Mo.*

LUCKY CALL

By Erica Condon

WE BOTH were country girls away from home for the first time. I came from Albury, Australia, Stella Wallis from Mudgee. We met on shipboard in 1957 on the way to London.

Neither of us was prepared for the

noise and clamor of the great city nor the frightening anonymity. My first night in London—in an attic room in a strange hotel—made me even more aware of my solitude, for Stella was spending the evening with relatives.

The next day we went room hunting. I found a place in Kensington and Stella settled in Victoria. We agreed to meet once a week.

Our worst problem was finding jobs and our money dwindled fast. I landed something permanent first but Stella had bad luck. She went from job to job, not finding anything that suited her. Getting to know my co-workers and making new friends, I let three weeks slip by without phoning her.

Then one night I had a dreadful dream that Stella was drowning and needed help. I awoke and looked at my watch: 1:00 A.M. Why hadn't I phoned her? To do so now meant going out in the cold to a public phone booth or waking my landlady below.

I tried going back to sleep only to wake from the same terrifying dream. I slipped downstairs quickly and waked my landlady. She was cross but allowed me to use the phone. It rang and rang and after a long time Stella answered. Her voice was muffled.

"Thank heaven you phoned."

"What's the matter?" I asked. "You'll think I'm mad but I dreamed you were drowning. I just had to ring."

"Drowning? Yes, I was—in a way. I've been crying for hours—thinking what's the use? I might just as well end it all. Then I heard the phone ring. It seemed to snap me out of it."

"Do you want me to come over?"

"No, truly, thanks. Just a low ebb. Don't know what got into me. I've got an interview tomorrow. I'd better try to

get some sleep or I'll look awful!" Now she sounded more like herself.

Stella got the job the next day and what's more, eventually she married her boss.

We're still friends and we often talk of my strange dream before her luck turned. Stella vows she doesn't know what might have happened if the phone hadn't rung that night. It was a lucky call!—*Mosman, N.S.W., Australia.*

THE HOT TIP

By Martha McDonald

FOR MANY years my dreams have warned me of accidents or prepared me for the shock of a loved one's impending illness or death. So I was pleasantly and profitably surprised by a dream of a different nature which I had in the spring of 1969.

I dreamed I was at Yonkers Raceway in New York, frantically hurrying to place a bet at nearly post time. I saw that the seller was about to close his window and at the same time I caught sight of an old man sitting on a stair. He appeared to be violently ill but no one stopped to help him.

My desire to help him was more important than placing my bet. The old man was so grateful that he told me he would give me a "hot tip." In the dream I clearly heard him tell me to play the seventh horse in the sixth race. I looked out onto the track and saw the horses running in a clockwise direction—contrary to the normal pattern.

When I awakened I knew what the dream meant. I felt that I didn't have to go to the track that night, that week or for that matter, even that month. However, when I *did* go, I would win by betting on the *sixth* horse in the *seventh* race—the reverse of what the

old man had said in the dream.

Several weeks later, I bet on my "hot tip." The horse was a long shot according to what I had heard and read—but not according to me!

I won \$235.00!—*Salem, Mass.*

AVA'S TERRIBLE DANGER

By Marilyn Marchione

AN ASTONISHING thing happened to me in the spring of 1969 when I was 10 years old. I was playing with some friends down the block when my mother came along and asked if I wanted to go to the market with her. I like to go shopping so I told my friends I'd see them later.

Mother and I had walked about 10 blocks when suddenly I froze. I had an overpowering feeling that my four-month-old baby sister Ava was in terrible danger. Mother assured me that she was all right and urged me along. But I couldn't move. I kept repeating in panic that I had to go home and if I didn't hurry it would be too late.

I started running toward home and ran until I reached the two-family



Marilyn Marchione

house we lived in. Normally when Mother went shopping she would leave the baby with our landlady downstairs. But this time I raced up the stairs to our second-floor apartment, somehow knowing the baby was there. The moment I opened the door I realized the apartment was full of gas. Mother had left a pot on the stove and it had boiled over and put out the flame.

I turned off the gas and opened all the windows. Then I ran to the crib. I picked up the baby and held her in the fresh air until I was sure she was O.K.

That was the first and last time Mother ever left the baby without a baby-sitter, even to step outside for just a few minutes. — *New York, N.Y.*

THE DAY HE DIED

By Sherry A. Rindt

I'VE NEVER heard my family speak much about my great-grandfather Otto Breiting. I was never even told exactly how or when he died. Yet a strange thing happened on Thanksgiving Day in 1969 when my father Lowell Breiting happened to mention him.

"I can remember the night he died," I said.

"That is absolutely impossible," my father said but I didn't give him a chance to explain why it was impossible.

Instead I began a very detailed account of the deathbed scene. I named the people present and told where they had sat in the room. I described the room in which he died and stated that it was the front room of the farmhouse. I was even able to say positively that the deathbed had been a cot and I named the colors of the two blankets that had covered my dying great-grandfather.



Sherry A. Rindt

"I must have been about three years old then. I remember Grandma kept telling me to sit down and be quiet," I said, finishing my account.

My father stared at me oddly.

"You've described it perfectly. That's exactly how I remember it. But how do you know?" he asked.

I shrugged and mumbled something about people remembering bits from their early childhood.

"Sure, but you weren't the three-year-old your grandmother kept telling to sit down. I was! Your great-grandfather died 20 years before you were born!"

We have since searched through the family photos, letters, records and documents on the assumption that I had seen or read something pertaining to his death. But there are no pictures or documents that date that far back.

Did I dream it? Or did I intercept my father's memory and translate it as my own? — *Clintonville, Wis.*

APPARITION OF THE LIVING

By Lulu Tucker Finn

TWENTY-FIVE years ago my oldest son Stanley, 19, was in the armed services in Korea. On March 12, 1951, I

wrote and mailed a letter to him. Shortly afterward I moved from San Francisco, Calif., into a hotel on Third Street in Stockton. Of course, I kept looking for and hoping for an answer to my letter.

Then for three or four nights in a row the light over my bed would come on with no help from me. And when I'd reach up to pull the cord to turn the light out, it would go out by itself. On one night when this happened for the last time, there was something else. I opened my eyes to see a shadow beside my bed and a hand on the light bulb. I recognized my former husband, also named Stanley. I know it was he and he was dressed like I had seen him dressed so many times in the past, in a cap, horn-rimmed glasses, blue suit, white shirt and necktie. He didn't speak, but just looked down at me with sad eyes and a sad face. Then the light went out.

I had to pull the cord to turn the light back on. I was alone in the room but found the door was standing ajar. I

knew it meant something but I did not know what. Stanley and I had been divorced for several years; he did not know my whereabouts nor I his.

Then on the day Gen. Douglas MacArthur returned to San Francisco after Truman fired him I received back the letter I had written to my son together with this memo from his CO: "Deceased. Killed in action, 7 March 1951."

I now know Stanley's father was trying to tell me our son was dead. My former husband was alive at that time and must have been projecting this thought form to me. And he died without knowing he had been successful.

I did not know about ESP or thought projection at that time but experienced it without being aware of exactly what was happening.

I still have the envelope which was returned to me and remember the occasion like it was yesterday.—*Stockton, Calif.*



CARS WITH MINDS OF THEIR OWN

IN FEBRUARY 1974 two women—Daphne J. Kopp, aged 38, of Edmonds, Wash., and Doris Johnson, aged 54, of Los Angeles—battled their runaway cars and lost.

Mrs. Kopp got out of her car after backing it out of her garage. When it continued backward without her, she chased it. She tried to jump into the car as it careened wildly around a cul-de-sac but she fell and the car ran over her. She was unhurt and stood up to see the car coming at her again. She was struck a second time but neighbors

managed to intervene before she was seriously hurt.

Miss Johnson was not so lucky. She suffered massive internal injuries when she fell under the wheel of her driverless car as she tried to stop it. She also had backed out of her garage but inadvertently left the car in gear when she got out. As the car moved off down the alley Miss Johnson ran after it. Apparently she managed to get the door open but when the car hit a curbside power pole at the end of the alley, Miss Johnson was knocked to the ground and run over.



The first time Kay drove a truck after her healing she said, "I was probably the happiest person alive to be working during harvesttime."

By Kay Kreger
As told to LaVerne Griffith

AFTER ALL but resigning myself to a wheelchair, I can't get over the excitement of being able to walk, feel, play and drive. It is God's miracle.

I had been ill since January 1965. My first symptoms included double vision and intense tremors. Then for a while I had partial sight in one eye and then in the other. In September I checked into St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. We then were living in Lamont, Okla. A neurologist did a spinal tap and diagnosed my illness as multiple sclerosis. At that time he said I probably would have from three to five



I am healed...

**After suffering from multiple sclerosis
for nine years I have abandoned my
crutches and begun to run.**

years on my feet, that I would be in bed some days and up on others.

My medication, a cortisone derivative, worked for me. At times I would feel fine but the tremors were always there. Two years after the diagnosis I lost all feeling in my left side. That never got any better. Repeated spinal taps showed no remission of the ailment.

During 1972 and 1973 I was on and off crutches. By the end of April 1974 I

was getting progressively worse and on many days my legs were just dead weights; I had to lift and place them. It seemed certain I was doomed to a wheelchair, a fate I never was able to accept.

In April, when I was just barely able to drag myself around on crutches, my husband Glenn decided to quit the job which he had held for 19 years with a funeral home in Lamont and start farming. We moved to Tonkawa,

HER PASTOR COMMENTS

I HAD a deep compassion for Kay. The Monday night before the prayer service on May 26, Kay took a horrible fall in our home. I was deeply concerned for her and spent much of that week in prayer and scripture reading.

We didn't plan a healing service. We had come to Fellowship Hall from church for refreshments and to visit. The service itself was completely spontaneous. This is new to me but it really did not come as a surprise. More than 100 people were at the Afterglow and they expected something to happen. We feel that the result was very simple—miraculous to be sure—but not out of line.

Kay's healing has given us a tremendous amount of buoyancy, joy and elation. I do think the matter of touch was involved as well as concern and prayer. I did not heal Kay. Basically in the Christian

Church I am no more than an elder. We have used the idea of a prayer chair only once before when we prayed for a newly elected representative. We used the chair just to enable everyone to gather around.

Two boys, about nine and 11, who were at the Afterglow came by my office the next day. I asked what they thought about what happened. The younger boy said, "I thought God would heal Kay but I thought it would be through the doctor. I guess it was the big doctor up there that did it, wasn't it?"

People ask if it frightens me. It doesn't; it awes me. I saw the visible power of God.

They ask me if I am prepared for failure. I am. I don't count that I had anything to do with Kay's healing. It is God. We don't know why some are healed and some are not.—*The Rev. Joe Wilson.*

My reflexes have come back gradually. One day I felt a cut on my left hand and that was a beautiful experience because my left side had been numb for so long.

On July 5, 1974, I scheduled an appointment with my neurologist in Oklahoma City. Glenn and the Reverend Wilson accompanied me when I went for my checkup. I wasn't worried because I knew I was healed but I wanted the specialist's report.

We didn't tell him anything. I just went in as for a regular checkup. He checked my reflexes and said they were good. He gave me a series of other tests and said they looked real good and then he dismissed me. When we asked if there was some test which would show definitely that the multiple sclerosis was

gone, he said that lots of tests would neither prove nor disprove anything. His comment was, "God only knows."

"We would have liked something definite we could show people," Glenn complains. "But if you have been around a person who was sick like that, you can see such a big change in her personality and life-style that there's no question. She had been better at times but each time before when she improved it had been a gradual improvement. This time it was immediate."

People's reactions to my story have been varied. I have told people I know and people I didn't.

One woman said, "That's what you get when you move and get mixed up

with some young quack."

But Brother Joe is in his 50's. The look on his face was one of sheer awe and his reaction showed that while he knew it could happen he wasn't really expecting it. Every one of the 100 or more people in the church felt something. Some said they knew that night I was healed and never questioned it. Others say, "Well, I hope it lasts. If it does, I'll believe it."

One man I have known all my life accused me of playing sick for the last nine years just to get attention from my husband. Can you imagine dragging around on crutches to play that kind of game?

In one revival meeting where I told my story a woman said, "You've ruined our entire meeting. We haven't done

any healing in this church and we're not going to start."

But I plan to keep on telling my story. I say that I think people should go to doctors. I also think you have to give yourself to God and that's really hard.

I didn't think about it just that way at the time but that's what I did. I really thought God would help me accept having to spend the rest of my life in a wheelchair. But we can't tell God what to do with His power. We can only give ourselves to God and that's what I did.

People continue to ask me how I will feel if I find this is just a remission and I am not completely healed. I reply that I have felt the power of the Lord. I am in His hands. The strength He showed me that night is enough. I'll believe in Him forever, no matter what happens.



THE U.S. MAIL MUST CREEP THROUGH

A LETTER mailed 110 years ago from a Civil War soldier to a Michigan friend turned up at a senior citizens' home in Royal Oak, Mich., in March 1974. The letter, dated November 14, 1863, and addressed to Miss Emline Marvin in Birmingham, Mich., was written by Union Pvt. Horace H. Prindle of Troy, Mich., while he lay wounded in a Nashville, Tenn., hospital after the fierce 1863 battle of Lookout Valley.

Alice Dallingen, chief of the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, authenticated the letter. She said records show that Private Prindle was mustered out of the 22nd Michigan Infantry in 1864.

"Friend Emline," Prindle began, "I now sit down to answer your kind letter. . . .

"You have all learned about the great battle of Chickamauga. We had a very large

battle a week ago today in the Lookout Valley. We drove the rebels some six miles and taken 1,000 bushels of corn which helped our forces a good deal and our forces have got both sides of the river."

Prindle noted that the Confederates still believed they could take Chattanooga, "but I don't think they will," he wrote, "for I think that old Bragg has about bragged his last brag." (Gen. Braxton Bragg was the Confederate leader who won the battle of Chickamauga but unsuccessfully besieged Chattanooga.)

Royal Oak Postmaster Walter T. Ashton could not explain the delayed delivery nor why the letter happened to bear the name "American House," the senior citizens' home. Teresa Collins, administrator of the home, said, "We once had a resident here whose last name was Marvin but how could some postmaster know that?"



Shari Martin has exhibited her artwork from coast to coast. In teaching, she uses an in-depth psychic intuitive approach which has been widely acclaimed.

Celestial Model ... not for hire

Three works created by different artists at different times and places reflect amazing likeness.

By Sheraton Grant

AMONG various abstract paintings at an independent artists' exhibition in San Francisco in 1968, only one caught my eye. Titled "Celestial Mood," it is a portrait of a beautiful woman done in realistic style—yet with a mysterious aura. The woman's eyes are so alive I almost expected her to speak.

At a reception after the exhibit, I was introduced to Shari Martin, the artist who painted "Celestial Mood." When I asked who had modeled for her, she smiled and replied, "No one." I was so taken with the painting that I invited Mrs. Martin to visit my gallery in Monterey, Calif., and to place some of her work on consignment there.

During the time "Celestial Mood" hung in my gallery it stimulated many different reactions, from simple

curiosity to reverence. Some persons would stand before it as if hypnotized.

I was curious to know the circumstances of its creation and asked Shari to tell me.

"I was inspired by a vivid vision of a woman," she said. "She wore a white flowing gown and seemed real enough to touch. All around her was iridescence, like the flashing of crystal. Suddenly I was aware of a communication between us. I received a telepathic message from her that at the time did not have the meaning it has now.

"The painting was done in my studio in Hollywood in 1948 when I was an art student. This was a long time before the Pill and Women's Liberation so I was skeptical, yet amazed by the message. This is what came through to me:

I am the goddess of love. The sacred shrines which I served in the past now lie in ruins. Woman has lost her place today. In your age she is being denied her natural inclination, stripped bare of her mystery. Her ground is defiled with pills and scientific scourges, a barren desert, and so shall Earth respond and no longer yield crops.

As woman upsets her natural balance



Sculptured head is by Mitzi Robinson, a California artist recognized for her very unique style in mosaics and ceramics.



Detail from Dottori's "Madonna of the Ocean" is author's third example of psychic art. Dottori, born in 1884, is a well-known European artist.

"Celestial Mood" was painted in 1948 when Shari Martin was an art student. She saw this face in a vision and says the painting "just painted itself."



as mother and priestess of the home, water, air and earth's resources will become polluted. Mankind must live in harmony with nature or be destroyed by it!

"I was overwhelmed—and felt compelled to start painting her. The painting just painted itself. In no way was I conscious of selecting colors or achieving form or using portraiture techniques," Shari concluded.

Now, more than a quarter-century since the message came through, it is clear that it was prophetic.

I HAVE done a great deal of research in parapsychology and psychic art and immediately recognized Shari's experience as supernatural. However, my notes concerning her painting might have been forgotten except for a recent development. I have seen the likeness of Shari's mystery woman in two more works of art.

I have before me two photographs of portraits and a picture of a sculpture of a woman's head. Shari Martin's "Celestial Mood" is one of the portraits; the other is a detail from "Madonna of

the Ocean" by Gerardo Dottori, a well-known European artist. The sculpture is by California artist Mitzi Robinson. All three artists might have had the same model. Yet the works were created at different times in different places; the artists do not know each other. All three claim to have had no model.

Could there be a collective race memory—past events consciously and unconsciously preserved by legends, rituals and art—to account for this—indeed, for all psychic art? Perhaps the famous Venus de Milo and numerous Renaissance paintings were in fact inspired by the Roman goddess of love and beauty.

When I look at Shari's painting I think, "Is this the Roman Venus and the Greek Aphrodite whose shrines were built so that earth would be fertile and woman honored as divine mother? Does her memory echo down the corridors of time to leave its imprint on our age?"

Author's note: I would like to hear from FATE readers who have produced psychic artwork or are interested in this research. Please write Sheraton Grant, Box 4784, Irvine, Calif.



LEAP YEAR BABIES

ALL JUDY Shaver Jaquess wanted for her sixth birthday—which fell on Sunday, February 29, 1976—was a baby girl. She got her wish. She gave birth to Hedda Jene at Memorial Hospital in Charlotte, N.C. The baby weighed six pounds, two ounces—one pound less than Mrs. Jaquess herself weighed when she was born on Leap Year Day in 1952, only six birthdays ago.

Another woman, born the same day as Mrs. Jaquess, gave birth to a Leap Year baby

in Parma, Ohio. The mother, Elizabeth Elchliner, gave March 1, 1952, as her birth date when she entered Parma Community General Hospital but her family said she really was born on February 29. She changed the date to March 1 so she would have a day to celebrate each year instead of every four.

Dr. Robert Hughes said Mrs. Elchliner had told him all along that she "would deliver on her birthday and she did. That's pretty rare," he added.

Classic "mystery" rests on testimony of an inexperienced trapper related by a not too conscientious news reporter.

A CLASSIC occult mystery is that of the Lake Anjikuni Eskimo tribe which allegedly vanished in 1930 without leaving a trace. The disappearance of the inhabitants of the settlement, located in Canada's Northwest Territories some 500 miles northwest of Churchill, Manitoba, has baffled students of the occult for decades.* However, I have uncovered evidence that this particular mystery is probably fictitious.

30 inhabitants while another claims twice that population. I decided to query the RCMP Museum in Ottawa for the facts. Their reply is disturbing:

"The story of the disappearance of the Eskimo village of Anjikuni in 1930 was first brought to our attention in 1967. This story has been publicized on a number of occasions and after an extensive search of our records, we have come to the conclusion that it is completely fictional."

Vanished Village REVISITED

By Dwight Whalen

The tale has been recounted in various anthologies of the unexplained. The usual account says that in 1930 a trapper named Joe Labelle stumbled upon an abandoned Eskimo village beside the chill desolate shores of Lake Anjikuni. Its inhabitants had inexplicably disappeared, leaving behind their rifles, their dogs and an open grave. A thorough investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police yielded no clue to their fate.

But there are numerous discrepancies between the various versions. One source, for example, tells of a village of

While their reply was disheartening, I tried to convince myself that perhaps it was simply a matter of saving face. After all, a police force that traditionally "always gets their man" wouldn't like to admit they had lost an entire village. But access to RCMP files is restricted so I couldn't search for evidence there. I had to look elsewhere to prove them wrong and I tried earnestly. The Federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, the Manitoba Provincial Archives, the Hudson's Bay Company—none of them could find information relating to the allegedly missing Eskimos.

Finally, a query to the Canadian

*See "The Eskimo Village Mystery" by Murray T. Pringle, August 1955 *Fate*.

Public Archives in Ottawa brought to light two crucial documents: the original newspaper account of the vanished village and the report of the investigating RCMP officer, Sergeant Nelson. Truly the Public Archives knows something about extensive searching.

To the *Halifax Herald* goes credit for first publicizing this notorious tale. On November 29, 1930, it carried a feature story by correspondent Emmett E. Kelleher called "Tribe Lost In Barrens of North—Village of Dead Found by Wandering Trapper, Joe Labelle." It was accompanied by photos of Labelle, the "Village of the Dead" and an Eskimo family typical of those alleged to have vanished.

Kelleher quoted Labelle as saying, "There were six tents made out of skin. I'll admit that when I went in the first tent I was a little jumpy. Just looking around, I could see the place hadn't known any human life for months and I expected to find corpses inside. But there was nothing there but the personal belongings of a family. A couple of deer parkas (skin coats) were in one corner. Fish and deer bones were scattered about. There were a few pairs of boots and an iron pot, greasy and black. Under one of the parkas I found a rifle. It had been there so long it was all rusty.

"The whole thing looked as if it had been left just that way by people who expected to come back. But they hadn't come back.

"I went outside and looked over the rest of the camp. I tell you; I was puzzled. I figured there had been about 25 people in the camp but all signs showed the place hadn't been lived in for nearly 12 months. As I strolled

about with two walking skeletons of dogs following me, I found the other tents in a similar state.

"I tried to figure out where those Eskimos had gone to. They hadn't moved to a new territory or they would have taken their equipment, especially their guns and their dogs.

"I walked into another tent. One side had been ripped to ribbons by the wind. On the floor were three fox skins, made worthless by rain and snow and mud. Under them was another rusty rifle. Those two rifles seemed strange—the last thing an Eskimo ever parts with is his rifle."

Labelle wondered if the villagers had committed suicide by drowning themselves in the lake. He admitted it wasn't likely. Kelleher, little more sagacious, suggested a plague but allowed that the absence of bodies dispelled that theory. The most plausible solution, that the tribe perished in a blizzard while hunting, is dubious. Would the women and children have accompanied the hunt?

A generous skepticism toward the entire matter may be the sanest answer of all.

Labelle now discovered a last riddle. "It was an Eskimo grave with a cairn built of stones. But for some reason the grave had been opened. The stones had been pulled off to one side and there was nothing inside the cairn at all. I had no way of telling when it had been opened or what had been done with the body it had once contained. And I couldn't figure out why it had been desecrated.

"I stayed around all afternoon trying to figure things out. There were no signs of any struggle. Everything looked peaceful. But the air seemed deadly. I

caught a few fish out of the lake and gave them to the two dogs and then moved on. I didn't want to spend a night there."

The bodies of seven more dogs, said Kelleher, were scattered around; apparently they had starved to death.

In his subsequent travels through other Eskimo settlements Labelle found no one with any knowledge of (or probably any belief in) his remarkable discovery. Not until he reached The Pas, Manitoba, did he find an eager listener in the *Herald's* correspondent. Today, nearly 50 years later, Kelleher's report has spawned a minor classic in the annals of unsolved disappearances. But for an almost forgotten piece of RCMP correspondence, however, this mystery might never have been challenged.

From The Pas detachment of the RCMP, January 5, 1931, came this intelligence: "I have made diligent enquiries from different sources but can find no foundation for this story."

This is the summary introduction of Sergeant J. Nelson's report to the Officer Commanding, R.C. Mounted Police, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

"In conversation with Mr. Simons, recently, who operates a trading post at Windy Lake, N.W.T., and has just returned from visiting his post by plane; he scouts the suggestion that any calamity has occurred, as no doubt there would be reports from reliable white trappers and Eskimos of that district.

"Joe Labelle, the trapper who is alleged to have related the story to Emmett E. Kelleher, the correspondent, is considered a newcomer in this country. The Manitoba records show this to be his first season that he has

taken out a trapping license; he is located on some of the lakes north of Flin Flon, and doubts are expressed as to whether he has ever been in the territories.

"The illustration which depicts 'The Village of the Dead' is a photograph which was taken by an ex-member of this force, Mr. P. Rose, while stationed at Fort Churchill in 1909; he is now living in The Pas. I have compared the negative in Mr. Rose's possession and the illustration and find them identical. Some time ago Mr. Kelleher was visiting Mr. Rose and was looking over some photos of the north when he came to the photo which is depicted as 'The Village of the Dead' in the illustration. He asked to borrow it, to get a copy for his album, later returning the negative to Mr. Rose.

"From my own knowledge of the correspondent, I consider the whole story fiction. Mr. Kelleher is in the habit of writing colorful stories of the North and very little credence can be given to his articles."

Thus, the case for the vanished village rests upon the story of an inexperienced trapper told to an imaginative and not too conscientious newsman. The case against it rests upon the report of a police investigation, although a superficial one, I concede. Neither Kelleher, Nelson nor anyone else to my knowledge ever investigated the site of the allegedly vanished village. Labelle seemingly never was questioned by the police, nor was Kelleher, although Nelson said he would interview him if Kelleher returned from Halifax. The outcome is not recorded.

A detailed and conclusive investigation would have been welcome, however unnecessary in Nelson's

opinion. But obviously the RCMP sergeant distrusted the story from the start and Kelleher's misleading use of the photograph casts further suspicion on the account. Authoritative sources on arctic history don't accord this tale even a footnote.

Possibly there was some later investigation and eventually documentary evidence for the mystery will come to light. But based on the documentation I have been able to unearth, the mystery of the vanishing Eskimos of Lake Anjikuni must be a legend.



LONG-DISTANCE DIAGNOSIS

IN OCTOBER 1934 Dr. Reginald Hegy, a South African, told *Light* Magazine of a striking bit of telepathy he just had verified. For some time Dr. Hegy had conducted a home circle and in one of their meetings the previous year in Johannesburg, he asked his spirit guides whether it was possible to communicate with living persons. The reply was yes and at the next sitting the guides obligingly produced a long communication from an unemployed London bricklayer named Brian Sullivan.

The bricklayer gave his name, his address and his full medical history. Having had a broken leg, he walked with a limp and was blind in his left eye. He described the treatment he had received for his eye and ended by asking for Dr. Hegy's diagnosis of the eye ailment. The doctor said he thought the eye trouble was psychosomatic in origin.

Then Dr. Hegy's guide came through and advised him to write to Sullivan to ascertain whether the facts were correct. Dr. Hegy told *Light* his return address was shown prominently on the envelope but "... many months passed. There was no reply nor did the letter come back."

When Dr. Hegy visited London in 1934 he

decided to look up the bricklayer's address. He arrived at the suburban home and was greeted by a woman.

"Can I see Brian Sullivan?" he asked.

"Certainly," the woman replied. "Will you come in?"

Sullivan rose to greet his visitor and Dr. Hegy noticed his limp. When the doctor introduced himself the bricklayer looked shocked.

"Are you the gentleman who wrote me the letter?"

When Dr. Hegy replied affirmatively Sullivan apologized for not replying and explained that he had been startled by the letter and could not understand the whole affair. He fetched the letter from a drawer and they went through it point by point.

Not one bit of information was wrong, Hegy reported. "Moreover, in the message received in Johannesburg two words were peculiarly spelt—'fascinated' and 'shon' (shone). Sullivan laughed and said, 'I used to spell them wrong.'"

Both Sullivan and his wife stated that not only were all the facts correct but the manner of speaking was characteristic of Sullivan "in every particular."



DIGITAL DREAM

LATE IN 1974 Nadia Marech of Budapest, Hungary, kept having the same dream. She would wake up screaming in the middle of the night and tell her husband Jan, "I've had it again. A pale white hand is pointing at me—and there are six fingers bunched together. Whatever can it mean?"

The pregnant woman learned its meaning in January when her son Edouard was born. The baby had six fingers on each hand. Budapest doctors are more interested in her dreams than the child's extra digits. They are trying to understand the link between the malformation and her nightmares.

Our Christmas Ouija board involved my skeptical family in spirit communication but could we contact the most famous spirit of all?

By Harold O'Neal

WHILE PLAYING with an Ouija board in July 1913 Mrs. John H. Curran of St. Louis and her friend, Mrs. Emily Grant Hutchings, were suddenly astounded when the small wooden pointer began to glide from letter to letter spelling out:

chic research. For a period of some 25 years Patience Worth dictated novels, epigrams and poetry through Mrs. Curran. A cynical newspaperman named Casper S. Yost investigated Mrs. Curran. Intent on exposing her as a fraud, he ended up a staunch



"Many moons ago I lived. Again I come. Patience Worth my name."

Startled, the ladies paused a moment to stare at one another. When they replaced their fingers on the pointer it rapidly spelled: "Wait, I will speak with thee. If thou shalt live, then so shall I."

Thus began the most remarkable case of Ouija board communication in the annals of psy-

believer in the phenomenon and wrote a book titled *Patience Worth* (Henry Holt and Co., 1916).

Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, research officer of the American Society for Psychical Research, conducted the most thorough of all the investigations of the Patience Worth communications. And he too published a lengthy book (recently reprinted by Uni-

versity Books) presenting his conclusion: "Either our concept of what we call the subconscious must be radically altered so as to include potencies of which we hitherto have had no knowledge, or else some cause operating through but not originating in the subconsciousness of Mrs. Curran must be acknowledged."

When Mrs. Curran died in December 1937 the lively wit of Patience Worth was believed stilled — or so I thought until 1968.

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FIRST LET IT be understood that I am not a medium, nor is any member of my family — which consists of my wife and five children aged 14 through 24. On Christmas 1967, however, my youngest daughter gave me an Ouija board. To a full-fledged agnostic like myself this seemed like a joke but she begged me to try it.

By myself I could not get the pointer to budge so I asked my son Gary to work it with me. Just as skeptical as I, he jokingly agreed. But for the two of us the pointer began to move. "My name is Jacob," it spelled. From this small beginning came scads of information about the supposed previous lives of each member of the household. For several months we kept up the Ouija communications as an

amusing pastime. Friends and neighbors often laughingly participated.

But Jacob often related events in ancient history that research proved were correct. This made me truly interested in the occult and I purchased and read books by the dozens. Many of these referred to the story of Mrs. Curran and Patience Worth. I finally concluded that my own doubts about a life after death would be resolved if I could contact Patience Worth.

"Do you know a Patience Worth?" I asked Jacob one night as we sat with the talking board. His reply was, "Never heard of her!" The possibility of contacting Patience Worth thus seemed remote but the idea lingered.

One day while browsing in the game department of a large discount store I came across an "ESP Board," complete with a pendulum that was supposed to be swung above the letters on the board. I purchased this but the pendulum seemed to take forever to spell out words. When I complained about this one of the girls suggested we use the pointer from the Ouija board.

It worked, bouncing joyfully over the middle fold of the board as it spelled. My daughter Kathy, by now a proficient Ouija operator even when blindfolded, took over the controls. The com-

municator gave her name as Patty Starry and related the horrifying tale of a 17-year-old girl caught alone near dark on a school ground in Colorado by an attacker who ravished and killed her. When I asked, "Where are you now, Patty?" the reply was "Heaven."

At this point one can truthfully state that we hesitated. In all our previous contacts the entities had told us they were in Limbo. After due commiseration with our unseen communicator I asked, "Do you by any chance know a Patience Worth, Patty?"

"She is my best friend," spelled the pointer.

"She's there?" I asked a bit breathlessly.

The reply was slow in coming, almost as if something was trying to stop the movement of the pointer. Kathy looked up at me and asked, "Do you suppose she left?" Then the pointer slowly began to move again.

"Why do you wish to speak to Patience Worth?" it spelled.

"I admire her poetry which came through Mrs. Curran," I replied. "I would like her to recite for us."

The pointer hesitated then quickly swung to H, then E; H, then E; H, then E. It took a moment for the meaning of this to penetrate — "He, he, he!"

"She's giggling," said Kathy

incredulously. "She's actually giggling."

The girlish enthusiasm for a compliment could be felt if not heard and we all broke into laughter. After another pause the pointer began to move rapidly as if a torrent of words needed to be expressed: "I am Patience Worth." The message seemed unnecessary as I thought I already had identified the communicator. Many months had passed since my initial desire to communicate with her; now finally she was here.

"Will you recite for us?" I asked.

Without hesitation the pointer began to move between the letters. My wife Wanda, my daughter Karen and my son Michael each copied down letters as they were called out by Kathy: "OH-GREAT . . ." Divided into words this eventually came out as: "Oh, great God, thine wisdom is great, yet I have not believed thee. I will let thee tell me, now I must, for thou has given me a great power which is love and also hath let me be loved. Thine wisdom is truly great and now I love thee forever and ever." Both the speed of dictation and the content of the message reminded me of Patience's dictation through Mrs. Curran.

To further test the identity of our new communicator I asked if

she remembered Mrs. Curran. "I remember she," the board responded.

"Do you recall the first message you transmitted through the Ouija board to Mrs. Curran?" I asked.

The pointer rapidly spelled out: "Many moons ago I lived. Again I come."

This correct response was impressive in view of the fact that Kathy, who was operating the board, did not know these words. In fact I was the only one present who did know the correct response. As a skeptical friend pointed out, it could have been telepathy between Kathy and me. But if this were true, I wonder why I never am able to *think* Kathy into helping her mother with the housework!

When I asked Patience whether she had liked Mrs. Curran the board replied, "That woman!" When I said I understood Mrs. Curran eventually was able to put aside the Ouija and receive Patience's messages through her mind, the pointer fairly flew across the board: "I DID NOT RESIST THROUGH HER MIND UTTER AIN!" breaks down into "I did not resist through her minute brain!"

"If you had such little respect for Mrs. Curran," I asked, "why did you choose her Ouija board

to communicate through?"

"Well," she replied, "I was anxious to have one."

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AS WORD OF our Ouija communications spread we often found our dining table surrounded by interested friends. I began to realize how Mrs. Curran must have felt when she asked investigator Walter Franklin Prince, "Won't you remove for good from the minds of the public that I am a medium with a gold shingle and trances?"

On one occasion the visitors included some young married couples, acquaintances who came to see the strange kooks who thought they could communicate with spirits of the dead. After much hilarity we were persuaded to break out the communication board. Patience Worth graciously acknowledged the introductions. We told her that one of the young men, Kenneth M., just had been discharged from army service.

"Will you recite something appropriate, Patience?" I asked.

Quickly the pointer spelled out: "Sons of liberty, O God, forgiveth them, for they are not yet believers in thine noble strength but I fear shall soon be."

The ex-soldier pursed his lips thoughtfully and then asked, "Patience, can you tell me something that only I know?"

Without hesitation the pointer began to describe a vicious barracks fight at the army base in Fort Lee, Va. A knife had been pulled on Ken. The young man's face paled visibly as this account was given. Patience later apologized for embarrassing him in front of the other guests. He told me later the incident had occurred exactly as Patience had described it.

In her message through Mrs. Curran, Patience Worth made comments that seemingly repudiate reincarnation. Statements made through our ESP board, however, seem to support this concept, although the first such message came at a time when we weren't asking about reincarnation as such.

I had asked, "Please, Patience, give in 15 words or less the reason for immortality."

The pointer glided rapidly back and forth across the board: "Thee cannot be good enough to have only one life on this plane of existence."

At a later session Patience was more explicit and announced she had had five earth lives. I naturally assumed that her life as Patience Worth had been her most recent but when I asked her one day she replied, "I last lived as Nora Fleming in Scotland, 1828." Unfortunately this is all the information she gave

about this alleged life and it thus would be impossible to verify that such a person lived. I was puzzled that she preferred to identify herself with a much older incarnation than that of Nora Fleming. Her explanation was simple: "I liked the life of Patience Worth. I learned from it."

Some of the messages from Patience hinted that she had a collaborator during her contacts with Mrs. Curran. Early in 1969 I asked her, "Who helped you write through Mrs. Curran?"

"Hannah Pringle," was the reply.

"Where is Hannah?"

"Limbo, if she hasn't been reborn."

This suggested the idea of trying to contact Hannah Pringle through the Ouija board. After much conversation with other entities, I finally did contact Hannah, a wild extrovert who called me Charles and intimated that we had been more than a little close in merry old England in the 1500's. Alas, my memory does not extend that far back and I am unable to verify Hannah's statements.

I informed Hannah that her old friend Patience Worth wished to say hello. The conversation from the Ouija board grew spirited as Hannah recalled to us her old friend. She wondered if she could

speak directly to Patience herself. This posed a problem. Those in Limbo seemed to speak only through the Ouija board while those in Heaven used the ESP board. We finally decided to try with the two boards side by side — with my left hand on the pointer of the Ouija and my right on the pointer of the ESP board.

The two pointers circled for a while without spelling anything, as if they were testing the automatist. Shortly the hair on my arms raised and I felt an electric-like charge course through my body. The pointers began to move rapidly.

"How are thee, Hannah?" asked Patience.

"I have missed thee," replied Hannah.

The pace grew hectic. As fast as the pointers could move on the respective boards Patience and Hannah spelled messages to each other, often at the same time. I raised my hands until only the middle fingers still made contact. If only one pointer was spelling the other would spin under my fingers and seem to look at the other board. Perhaps the ghostly friends *were* seeing each other; they never said.

After repeated requests to slow down the pointers eventually did so. As the two communicators supposedly had collaborated on

literary works through Mrs. Curran, I asked if they would communicate something through me. After considerable discussion between them they decided to write a play entitled "The Unhappy Child." We had managed to receive only the first scene when a visitor commented, "Well, it's not very good." Apparently indignant over this, Hannah and Patience refused to continue.

During the first half of 1969 circumstances prevented me from continuing with the boards. When I finally was able to resume in July we made contact, on Patience's board, with an entity named Mobley with whom we had talked before.

"Where is Patience?" I asked.

"Reborn!" was the cryptic reply. Then he explained that Patience had been reborn as a beautiful baby girl to a couple in Connecticut on June 17, 1969. He told us the last name of the couple which I agreed not to publish.

Permit me to say, in conclusion, that my attitude toward this life has been changed considerably by this experience. For, if this is only one phase of everlasting existence then Patience was right when she admonished, "Be thousef; love each other; ye shall meet again."

This inlet led to presumed crash location but it is too far back to be reached by land or water with unsophisticated civilian equipment.



THE PHANTOM AIRCRAFT

"It looked like it had four engines but only had two propellers . . . and a wheel on the back."

By N. Bradley King

ON A SUNNY almost windless afternoon in late July 1963 an aircraft fell from the sky into a swamp near an inlet off Lake Owassa in western Sussex County, N.J. The lake is aptly named. The Indian word *owassa* means "lake beyond the hill" and Lake Owassa is hidden by mountains, huge pines and dense underbrush.

On that fateful day Lori Yesthal, age nine, and her 13-year-old brother George just happened to be standing on a mountain road overlooking the lake. They customarily ignored the aircraft that droned overhead but this time their eyes were drawn upward. Something strange was taking place.

The twin engines of the aircraft which suddenly appeared directly above them sputtered and choked; the plane seemed to gradually lose altitude. Then, full-engined again, it picked up speed—leaving a trail of red and yellow sparks which filled the sky. The sight held the children spellbound but Lori was frightened.

"Let's hide, George," she said, "before those sparks get us! I want to go home."

George pulled her down beside him at the edge of the road. "Look," he whispered, "look!"

The plane made a final effort to stabilize, its engines sputtering, then glided soundlessly toward the desolate

inlet. The youngsters watched wide-eyed.

"Mom won't believe this," Lori said.

"You're right," George answered as they started the mad dash home to report the incident—believable or not.

The mischievous youngsters so often played pranks that little of what they said was ever taken seriously. This time their pretty blond mother listened to their breathless report and said, "Look, I'm busy today—no more nonsense." She continued to think about their story, inwardly feeling she was being taken in and that any minute they would burst into laughter. Then the phone rang.

Dorothy Yesthal answered, "Hello? . . . Yes, we do live close to the inlet. . . . What? The Civil Defense? You're kidding!"

There was a pause, then she said, "No, but my son saw something." She motioned George to take the phone.

"Hello?" he said, then, "Yes, sir, I did. . . . Well, it looked like it had four engines but only had two propellers. I think there was a wheel on the back. It happened so fast. . . . but I think it was a small cabin plane. I know this sounds funny but it seemed like it was there all of a sudden, then we couldn't hear it anymore and then it went down. It was. . . it was letting off red and yellow sparks. . . . Yes, sir. Okay. Mom, he wants to talk to you."

"Hello. . . . Yes, of course you can come to conduct a search. . . . Yes, I understand the importance of keeping quiet about this. . . . Good-bye."

Lori almost screamed, "George, what did they say? Tell me!"

"He said maybe it was the plane they were looking for, a plane they had lost contact with."

Now Dorothy called her husband. "Arnold, the kids saw something. . . no, for real this time. . . . Yes, and the Civil Defense is coming. They said not to tell anyone; you better come home."

As soon as she hung up, the phone started ringing. Neighbors across the lake also had seen the plane go down and were seeking information.

Dorothy worded her answers carefully and tried not to sound excited. "No, I can't tell you anything about the plane but I'll let you know if I hear anything." She cut short the conversations by promising to call back later.

The men from Civil Defense arrived in about 45 minutes like an army preparing for action. Parked single file at the end of the dirt road on the cliff above the Yesthal home were a black Cadillac, a 40-foot van carrying two military amphibious ducks, three fire engines, two trucks and three police cars. More than 30 men hurried down the hill, tramped across the porch and into the house. In minutes they had shoved furniture around and set up field headquarters in Dorothy's kitchen.

A large group of the men were ordered out to examine the scene from the road where George and Lori had stood. Another group headed for the lakefront to measure the inlet and thus determine the type of vehicle that could be used in the search. The air in the kitchen crackled with excitement as officials checked maps, marked circles in red and pointed out possible routes to the presumed crash location.

Arnold Yesthal agreed to guide the searchers into the swamp. He was told to put on an insulated vinyl suit and full helmet and when he finished buckling his boots and stood up, the children

thought he looked like an astronaut.

"Hey, Dad, if you're going out after spacemen you're sure dressed for it," George said, poking the flexible vinyl.

Lori chimed in, "Yes, Dad, if you see any little green men bring one home for us."

The Civil Defense captain didn't laugh with the others. He shot George and Lori a solemn glance and the room became deadly silent. Goosebumps rose on George's arms. Was this what it was all about?

Dorothy and the children walked down to the lake with Arnold where he boarded the boat with the rest of the crew. They watched as the land-water vehicle sped up the inlet, turned the bend and disappeared from view. Then, in the gathering darkness, they walked slowly back to the house. There was nothing to do but wait.

Lori and George were sent to bed but they could not sleep. Wide-awake, elbows on the windowsill, they looked out over the misty marshland, listening for any bit of unusual noise. Dorothy kept busy making sandwiches, serving brownies and pouring coffee for the two officials who remained in their "field headquarters." By midnight she was bone-tired and finally sat down. She and the men kept up a desultory conversation until they were interrupted by the entrance of an officer who whispered something to one of the officials.

The relaxed expression left his face. He looked at his watch, noted that it was 4:30 A.M., then said, "The search party has returned."

"Arnold," Dorothy called as she ran to the boat and into his outstretched arms. Stroking her hair, he said, "I want to be alone for awhile to try to

think things out." He rose abruptly and walked away.

Puzzled, Dorothy returned to the kitchen and asked the men, "What did you find out there?"

They did not reply. They were not ignoring her; they simply didn't hear her. They were packing up and leaving as peremptorily as they had arrived.

Arnold returned from his walk and went immediately to the bedroom, closing the door behind him. It was morning before he came down.

"Dad, won't you tell us what happened?" George asked at breakfast. "What did you find?"

After a long pause, Arnold said, "Well, son, we found the spot where an aircraft had fallen. It had left a large impression in the ground but there was no sign of burning and no sign that the plane had been dragged away. *It was just no longer there!*"

"But Dad, I don't understand."

Arnold turned his head to look in the direction of the inlet.

"Neither do I," he replied.

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WHAT HAD happened?

One skimpy news report came over the radio, then nothing more. Many families around the lake swore they had seen the plane, in flight and falling, but their demands to know the full story were never satisfied.

Curious local people tried to cross the inlet in canoes, rowboats and flatboats but the supposed location of the crash site is too far back to be reached by land or water with unsophisticated civilian equipment.

A pilot who was in the sky that day and saw the plane crash was scheduled to talk about it on television. The show was canceled at the last minute.

Queried continually, the Civil Defense finally admitted they had been at the Yesthals' home. However, they claimed they were investigating the 16-year-old crash of a Cessna. Why did they wait so long?

Was the aircraft so many persons saw

just a phantom reappearance of the Cessna two-seater of 16 years ago? Or did an unidentified aircraft actually crash that day, then mysteriously disappear? The answer lies somewhere in the dense swampland around the inlet, a creek that leads to nowhere.



SHARP EVIDENCE DRAWS BLOOD

SUPERIOR Court Judge Ed W. Hughes declared a mistrial in an Arizona court in September 1975 when the plaintiff's attorney, Steven Friedman, cut his hands on a blender his client claimed was faulty. Friedman required 10 stitches on three fingers.

His client, Patricia Burke, alleged in a suit against the Oster Corporation that on May 29, 1973, she suffered permanent injury and disfigurement when she cut her hand on the defective blender.

According to Bailiff Victor M. Cobos, Friedman had been mixing egg and avocado in the blender, reconstructing the plaintiff's accident, when part of the blender "flew off" leaving the blades exposed. The attorney cut his hands when he grabbed the errant part.

Thomas McGuire, defense attorney representing the Oster Corporation, requested Judge Hughes to declare a mistrial. "I wasn't going to have the plaintiff's attorney parading in front of the jury with a bandaged hand," McGuire said.



MUMMY WITH A BRIDGE

THE DISCOVERY in an Egyptian tomb of three teeth linked together by gold wire was cited by University of Michigan dental researchers as evidence that dentistry was practiced in Egypt 4,500 years ago.

The teeth were found 24 years ago in a tomb at El-Quatta and have been on display in a Cairo museum since then. Their full significance was not realized until they came to the attention of Egyptian and American scientists last year. The discovery was

reported by Michigan's Dr. James E. Harris and Dr. Zaki Iskander of the American University in Cairo at the 54th annual meeting of the International Association for Dental Research in 1976.

Harris and Iskander said the three teeth apparently were part of a four-unit dental bridge. Gold wire was wrapped around two of the teeth and passed through a hole drilled in a third tooth. The prosthetic device dates from about 2500 B.C.



HIT AND RUN

DETROIT MAILMAN Dan Shields was on his route one morning in January 1976 when a car sideswiped his mail truck and sped on. Incensed, Shields jumped into the truck and took off in pursuit. As he was following the car he suddenly realized he was chasing his own car! He found later the car had been stolen while his wife was shopping. Shields continued to chase the car until it stopped and the four men inside fled on foot. — Anthony Marocco.

Fingers of Fate

By Harold Helfer

Cartoonist Milt Caniff, creator of the "Steve Canyon" comic strip, thought he had an excellent plot: a wealthy young woman kidnapped by Latin American guerillas eventually admits she was delighted to be seized and to join them. He had just finished the story line — Caniff works 15 weeks ahead of time — when the Patricia Hearst kidnapping occurred. A good friend of the Randolph Hearsts, Caniff scrapped all 15 weeks of strips in deference to their feelings.

When Yoshiko Tsunemura of Kyoto, Japan, got married she told her mother, "I'm so happy I wouldn't mind dying." On their honeymoon she and her bridegroom were among the 107 passengers killed when a Pan American 707 jet crashed on the Indonesian island of Bali.

A Portland, Me., construction worker Frederick Lee fell from a scaffold and injured his foot. As the ambulance was taking him to the hospital, Lee looked out the window and saw that his house was on fire.

The odds are 1 in 65,610,000 that it could happen but Mrs. Howard Morris of Richmond, Va., has given birth to her fourth consecutive set of twins.

"I broke your window, I'm sorry," eight-year-old Phil Perry of Seminole, Okla., scribbled on a piece of paper. Minutes later the third-grader was killed by a rifle shot. A windowpane the boy had brought to replace the broken one was leaning against the front porch. The homeowner who had fired the gun claimed he thought he was shooting at burglars.

In Herkimer, N.Y., auto dealer Robert Castle donated a new car to Temple Beth Joseph as a prize for its fund drive. He then bought a raffle ticket and won his car back.

John Kriek of Albany, N.Y., had pains in his chest but it was his bowling night and he decided to bowl one game. He was taken from the bowling alley to a hospital suffering from a heart attack — but not before he'd bowled a perfect 300 game.

CASE OF THE TRANSATLANTIC MESSAGES



Medium Doris Collins gives messages in Los Angeles Spiritualist church while author's medium-wife Brenda Crenshaw waits her turn.

By James Crenshaw

LONG-DISTANCE mediumship, like long-distance telepathy, should offer no greater challenge to an accomplished sensitive than many of the other stringent tests contrived by eager experimenters.

Since psychic research began to blossom in the last half of the 19th Century, mediums have been bound and gagged, trussed and bussed (at least, the materi-

alized forms they produce have been squeezed and kissed), they have been confined in soundproof rooms, fraud-proof receptacles, locked and sealed cages and television studios under blazing lights — in short, required to perform under almost impossible conditions.

So when Doris Collins, an English medium for the British Spiritualist Association, was asked to

try "reading" clairvoyantly over great distances she accepted the challenge routinely. After all, telepathy had been shown to be effective regardless of distance; why not clairvoyance?

Her first test came during a visit to California in the summer of 1972, when she was asked to appear, be interviewed and respond to telephone calls on the

been dead for 32 years, that they had been married for 10 years when he died and "I'm wondering if there is anything you can tell me."

Doris replied: "I've got a feeling of being cut off quite quickly from life." The caller agreed; her husband was killed in an auto accident.

"Who is George, Madam?"

Mediumship, like telepathy, should not be affected by distance — but few mediums have attempted readings from as far as 6,000 miles away.

"Night Owl" radio show hosted by Hilly Rose over station KFI in Los Angeles. This station has a powerful 50,000-watt clear channel transmitter that during nighttime hours reaches out thousands of miles in the United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries. Rose's listeners often were called insomniacs because of the midnight to 4:00 A.M. hours during which the show was aired, Monday through Saturday, until February 1973 when it was given a daytime slot.

Thus it was after midnight on July 8 that Doris Collins first tried long-distance mediumship. One of the early calls to the show came from a woman in El Paso, Tex., who said her husband had

asked the medium.

Listeners could almost hear the woman gasp, "My husband."

Doris continued: "I am contacting him now. He says, 'George! George! George!'" Then Doris apologized, "I'm sorry, I'm getting excited. I mustn't do this — George lives and he makes contact with you so often. You know, you've got a little box in a drawer. You've got some possessions of his."

The caller answered, "Yes."

"And you've been to it over the last week?"

Again the reply was "yes."

"And he says he saw you open it and get the things out. You looked at them and felt very distressed over that. He says he stood with you. 'God bless you.

and I send all my love.'"

The caller said, "Thank you," seeming almost too overcome to speak.

Rose also was startled. "That's fantastic, Mrs. Collins!" he exclaimed. "I can't believe what I have just heard."

For a British medium the type of message she just had given was routine but the distance of more than 1500 miles with no contact other than a voice over a telephone made the message all the more impressive.

Many of the callers to the show asked Doris to make personal predictions. One San Diego woman, from some 125 miles away, said she had been involved in an estate contest since 1967 and asked when it would be settled.

Doris replied, "I am not a fortune-teller," and couldn't tell her about the estate. She did tell the woman of "a disturbed domestic condition about three years ago" that she wanted to "put right." The woman agreed both statements were true.

"Well, go ahead and put it right," the medium advised. "No one is stopping you."

The caller then asked about automatic writing and Doris quickly put her straight. "Someone using this has been receiving advice about financial matters. Take no notice of that."

The startled caller acknowl-

edged the accuracy of the statement saying, "This is what I wanted you to answer."

Many of the questions called for psychic answers rather than communications from another world, but other calls were more in line with the British mediumistic tradition which emphasizes attempts to prove survival. A woman caller said her mother had died in a fire three months before.

Instead of following this clue, Doris asked, "You have a sister in the spirit world?"

The reply was an emphatic "no" but Doris persisted, "You're quite sure about that?"
Caller: "I'm an only child."

Doris: "Do you remember your mother speaking about a child being born and not coming to fruition?"

Caller: (excitedly): "Yes."

Doris: "Because your mother has just given me evidence and said would I tell you that your sister met her and she had no problems about the fire. She had a throat condition."

Caller: "Yes."

Doris: "This was nothing to do with the fire."

The caller said no and concluded, "You've helped me a great deal."

Hilly Rose commented to Doris that he had noticed the effect of this message on her throat. "I

saw you begin to writhe almost," he told her.

"I can deal with it," Doris replied. "When they come very close they give the condition they had on the earth. It is a memory link. I did not want to give the fire link. She (the mother) wanted to give proof and the only thing she could do was to give me something I didn't know. So she gave me the throat condition."

At the end of a grueling three hours — minus a few commercials and news briefs — Rose complimented Doris in these words: "I have had a number of psychics on this program and they say if they hit 80 percent they are happy. Most of them do. I've never had anybody who was 100 percent before. You have impressed people tonight."

Asked by Rose how she differentiates between ordinary ESP and spirit communication, Doris explained, "There is a heavy quality about ESP. It is sometimes difficult to tell the source of each specific bit of evidence, but when it is picked up from spirit there is a lighter and freer feeling about the communication. ESP has a heavy quality, communication, a lighter quality."

Rose was impressed. But as the days went by he began to doubt the spirit aspect of his

English guest's demonstration. On a later program, he said he found her extrasensory perception convincing but no equally convincing evidence of personal survival.

"How about the woman who called from Texas?" asked a caller. "Doris gave the name of her husband, George, and other convincing details."

Rose replied with the classic criticism of such evidence — it could have been straight telepathy, even over 1500 miles. "All of the facts related were known to the caller," said Rose. "How are we to know that she was not picking up this information solely from the caller's mind?"

A remarkable but technically difficult, later test of Doris Collins' abilities — transoceanic between England and California — later caused Rose to express another view.

After a broadcast which took place between 2:00 and 3:00 A.M. on January 20, 1973, Rose told his audience, "Indeed if there are not spirits and if indeed there are not such people as channels, how could Doris say the things she did and be as accurate as she was?"

What happened to change his mind?

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THE TRANSATLANTIC experiment, believed to be the first

of its kind, was carefully planned to operate smoothly telephonically, but the promoters worried about the difficulties of psychic communication. The problems turned out to be in reverse.

KFI arranged to have a relatively free line to England so that Doris Collins, speaking from her daughter's home in Romford, Essex, not far from London, could be heard on radio in Los Angeles for an hour. No problem there. The telephone company engineers and operators did their jobs.

The radio station had installed conference equipment designed to permit an out-of-the-studio guest on one telephone line to talk with callers phoning in on other lines. Anyone in the studio could also participate in the conversations and presumably the listening audience would hear everything that went on.

The plan had worked well for domestic calls, even with guests as far away as New York. But something went wrong with the hookup to England. Hilly Rose and KFI listeners could hear Doris from England. They also could hear the voices of those who called in but in many instances Doris could not hear the callers and they could not hear Doris.

As a result, Rose had to act as intermediary, relaying the call-

ers' questions to Doris and repeating her messages to them.

But despite these transmission problems Doris managed to deliver relevant messages. One man from Portland, Ore., almost 1,000 miles from Los Angeles, asked about his work and marriage. Doris, through Rose, was able to give the man what appeared to be satisfactory advice, touching on conditions he acknowledged.

Rose asked over the 6,000-mile connection to England whether Doris had been able to hear the man at all. Doris said she had not.

"That amazes me!" Rose exclaimed, "Because many times I begin to think it is a reading of the vibrations of a voice."

Doris responded, "It wasn't in that case because I couldn't hear him at all."

"Where did you get the information you gave him?" Rose asked.

"I have a communicator who stands by me," said Doris, "and I stretch out my inner self for help. I have prayed about this — that it would be a good program. The communicator picks up the vibration for me and relays it but I must hear your voice to be able to get the questions."

And it was a good program, judging by the busy switchboard at KFI. Rose estimated that

20,000 callers, local and long-distance, tried to get through. Only a relative few managed to do so.

As on the previous program, a large number of the messages could be classed as straight psychic readings. Many questions had to do with the future and Doris did her best.

One woman asked about a brother who was killed in World War II. Doris, after hearing Rose repeat the query, declared the brother was giving her "a link with water" and "a great pressure on the chest."

The caller said, "Yes, he was supposed to have died in the Mediterranean. He was on a ship."

Doris said the brother now was interested in healing work and was concerned about his sister's "head condition." Doris said, "But she will be O.K.; do you understand all that?"

"I do! I do!" said the caller. "I loved him very much and he loved me."

Some of the other messages from over the Atlantic did present some evidence for survival.

From Los Angeles a woman caller said, "My father passed away six or seven years ago. He had a very painful death. I wonder if he has any message for me or my family, please."

Doris was able to hear this

speaker and replied, "Your father tried to contact you as he was passing but he couldn't speak to you. He's telling me there were four people whom he wanted to talk to."

The woman confirmed this by saying, "Yes, I understand."

She also confirmed Doris' statement that "there are children, because he says, 'Give my love to the children.'" Continuing the message Doris said, "He's giving me an anniversary next month, which is February."

The woman replied, "My birthday and my husband's birthday."

Doris resumed, "He says he will be with you. He is sending you roses for the occasion, because it is an important day for both of you."

"Oh, how beautiful!" the caller exclaimed. "My husband always sends me roses on my birthday and my mother's name is Rose."

Doris picked up the fact that the father had died of cancer and concluded with a message for the caller's mother. "Give my love to her and tell her I have met the brother."

To Doris' question, "Is this his brother or her brother?" the communicator replied, "That's his brother."

As the transatlantic experiment ended Rose told his guest,

"It has been a most exciting time for all of us. It's fantastic that you could do this over 7,000 miles." (Actually the air distance between London and Los Angeles is a little under 6,000 miles.)

"I do get help, you see," explained the English medium. "They give me the answers to your questions. They give me the feeling and I have to have the courage to say what is right."

"Which you do very well," said Rose. "I want to thank you for spending what must have been a very difficult hour."

After the broadcast but while Doris was still on the line, she was given another test by the producer of the Hilly Rose show, Margo Dillon.

"Someone quite close to me passed away. Can you contact that person?" Miss Dillon asked.

Doris paused for a moment and then said, "Yes, it is your uncle. (Correct.) However, this was an uncle by marriage, not by blood. (Correct.) He passed away the first of the year and he passed quite suddenly in the middle of the night from heart failure and he was quite old. (All correct.) He just wants to tell you he loves you and everything is fine now."

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DORIS COLLINS' ability to "prove survival" perhaps

was best attested to by a former skeptic, Hollywood writer Hal Jacques, who interviewed her during her 1972 visit to California.

She interrupted that interview to say, "I see people sitting in the basement of a house in London, putting buttonholes in waistcoats or as you would call them here, men's vests. Does that mean anything to you?"

It certainly did. Hal came from London where his grandmother, a widow with seven children, had a small workshop in the basement of the family home and took in tailoring in order to survive. Practically all of the family was involved in the enterprise.

"They specialized in sewing buttonholes in men's vests," Hal said. "It was a bit of family history that I had never even told my own children."

Mrs. Collins then mentioned the name Sarah and added, "I am also being given the name Leah."

"Tears came to my eyes," said Jacques, "because Sarah was my beloved grandmother. But the name Leah meant nothing to me."

However, an aunt later informed him that his grandmother's name was Sarah Leah.

Doris also gave him the names Annie, Julie and Sam.

"Annie wasn't a member of the family," explained Hal. "She was a young woman who came to work at the house and married my uncle. Julie, whose real name was Julia, was a little orphan girl my grandmother adopted and raised, and Sam was my father's father."

Doris mentioned his deceased father saying, "Your father wants you to know that they know you have been aware of your mother's presence in the past few months."

Hal recently had confided to his aunt that on several occasions in his home he had smelled perfume that he recognized as his mother's.

"Your father is saying to me, 'He's a good boy, my son,'" Doris said.

Hal reported he was "terribly moved" because even after he was married, with growing children, his father often had patted him on the back and said, "You're a good boy, my son."

Doris Collins holds a diploma from both the Spiritualist National Union and a similar organization in England known as the Greater World, as well as being a working medium for the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain. She is a member of the Council of Spiritualists and a vice-president of the Union of Spiritualist Mediums.

At an early age she realized she "was a little different." As a child she would return home from Sunday school and arrange chairs for a class of invisible children and she once became frightened when her deceased sister appeared to her on a lonely road.

"I felt a touch on my shoulder," Doris recalls. "I turned around and there was my sister's face — no body, just a face in a blaze of light. She said quite distinctly, 'Don't be afraid, Doris. It's only me, Emmy.' But I was afraid and I ran until I got home exhausted."

Her parents feared she had had a mental breakdown and sent for the doctor who told them there was nothing wrong with her.

"You don't believe this nonsense?" her father asked.

"Of course I do," said the doctor. "When you have seen as many deaths as I have, you realize you don't just die. I don't know quite what happens but I do know there is another form of life somewhere. I have watched people pass from this world and I know that this was not their end."

It was after her son was hospitalized with what was diagnosed as leukemia that Doris decided to devote her life to persons in need.

"The doctors told me to go home and pray because the tests proved he had leukemia. I did pray for almost 24 hours. Then another test was made and it was negative. It was because of this wonderful answer to the prayers that spared my son that I pledged my life to helping others, whether by spiritual healing or clairvoyance or in whatever way I can. I must meet that obligation."

Her work as a spiritual healer led to a series of adventures in the West Indies. She was persuaded to fly to Trinidad in 1961 to help an important political leader, Dr. R. Capildeo, who had been given only a few months to live. He later wrote a letter which was published in a London newspaper, attesting to the effectiveness of her spiritual healing.

Doris has visited the West Indies island three times. On the last occasion she again healed Dr. Capildeo of the injuries he suffered in an automobile accident so that he was able to attend a Commonwealth Conference in London, although his doctor had said he would never walk. Her healing was so effective that he walked with her to the plane.

Some of Doris' dramatic experiences have been unexpected and spontaneous. On one occasion the deceased vicar of a church she had attended as a

child in Woodford, Essex, appeared to her and asked her to go to the zoo.

"Well, I do not like zoos, and it was the last place I would have thought of going," she said. "I didn't understand but I decided to go anyway. I spent the whole day there without finding the reason for my going — until I decided to have tea and cakes in a restaurant.

"There was a lady at the next table who had her back to me. When she turned around we recognized each other at once."

It was the vicar's widow who had come to the zoo to say good-bye to the country she had learned to love. It was her last day in England before returning to her native Australia.

"It grieves me to have to go but I have no one here now," she told Doris. "You know, I never got over the loss of my husband. He was very dear to me."

"Your husband is not dead, you know," Doris told her.

"Oh, yes," the widow contradicted. "He's been dead for many years."

Doris then explained he had come to her that morning and asked that she go to the zoo.

"As I was talking to her," Doris continued, "he appeared to me again and gave me a personal message for her; he wished me to tell her that wherever she was

he would be very close to her when she needed him — that he still loved her very dearly and that death had not parted them as she thought; that life was as

he had always told her, eternal."

Doris is sure the widow went back to Australia "a great deal happier than she had been for many years."



CANINE TIPSTER

A THREE-YEAR-OLD long-haired dachshund named Racker selected the winning numbers in the West German national lottery, reports *Stuttgarter Nachrichten*. Racker's owner, 36-year-old Martha M. of Constance, regularly walks him while on her way to place her entry in the kiosk for the lottery drawing but prior to 1975 she had not won a penny.

Early in 1975 Martha was on her way to the lottery kiosk when she realized she had forgotten the coupon for her entry. She would just buy a coupon at the kiosk she decided and on her way she made a special note of the house numbers where Racker stopped to "visit." The dog stopped before numbers 10, 12 and 40 on one street and num-

bers 45, 35 and 19 around the corner. Mrs. M. selected these six numbers for her lottery entry and continued on her walk.

When the time came for the lottery drawing the whole family sat before the television set as the numbered balls were drawn from a revolving drum. The first three numbers were announced: 19, 12, 40. Assured of at least a consolation prize, Martha promised Racker a bone.

But then in wide-eyed amazement she watched the remaining three numbers selected — 45, 35 and 10, for a bumper prize of one and a half million deutschmarks (about \$592,500). "It's hard to know what to buy a dachshund as a reward for such services," Mrs. M. remarked.



COME, SWEET DEATH

A FREAK accident in November 1973 claimed the life of a 37-year-old employee of the Pepperidge Farm plant in Downington, Penn., reports the Associated Press. Robert C. H. Hershey of Coatesville, Penn., died when he fell into a chocolate mixing vat. For an unexplained reason Hershey had removed the cover from the machine and accidentally fell in. Police had to cut through the steel side of the machine to retrieve Hershey's body.

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FRANK STAYS ON By Mary Louise Scibana

IN OCTOBER 1970 my sister-in-law Mary Marcelli, her daughter Joy and I visited a fortune-teller in my neighbor's home. The reader, H. B. of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, sat in a room at the rear of the house and read cards for one person at a time.

When Mary came out of the room she was in tears. She told me the reader had given her some very bad news about her husband Frank. He had been injured in World War II and had lost a leg and now the fortune-teller said he would die soon. I couldn't sleep that night; I feared that what H. B. had foreseen was destined to happen. And it did. A few days later Frank had a massive stroke and was rushed to the Veterans' Hospital on East Boulevard in Cleveland. On November 4, 1971, he died.

The night after Frank's funeral as my husband Jim and I were leaving Mary's home we saw a bolt of lightning and heard a loud clap of thunder. This is unusual in November, especially since it was snowing hard! Jim looked up and joked, "O.K., Frank, we hear you."

This was only one of many happenings that convinced us that Frank's spirit was still with us.

In December 1971 his son Butch met a lovely girl whom he married in January. All through the ceremony Mary and I wished Frank could have been there and somehow we felt he was. Our feelings were confirmed when we went back to the house. Mary always kept Frank's pictures on the dresser with a candle and some other remembrances. Every one of them was on the floor! No draft or wind could have done this. No sooner had we picked up the pieces than we heard a crash from the direction of the living room. A huge coffee urn

placed alongside the refreshments on a large table had just collapsed—for no apparent reason.

That night my family stayed in Mary's home and Joy and I watched a late show on television. Finally she went to bed. As I sat before the TV set my attention was drawn to the kitchen. I could see straight into it through the living room door. Something was gliding from the table across the kitchen to Mary's bedroom door. I think it is strange that I wasn't afraid; something seemed to tell me that everything was all right.

Soon after that I went to bed in Joy's room. After I lay down, again I saw this gliding shadow, or whatever it was, stop on Joy's side of the bed then disappear.

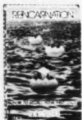
The next morning I called Joy aside and began to relate these experiences. She interrupted, "If you're going to tell me you saw or heard my father, it happens to us all the time." No one had mentioned this to me before but now Joy told me about scraping chairs, doors closing and also this strange



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shadow moving in the kitchen. Mary reminded me that the kitchen had been the most comfortable room for Frank because with one leg he preferred to sit in a straight chair. He had had a little television set on the table and each night when he finished watching it he would push back his chair making a scraping noise across the floor. Then he would walk to the bedroom off the kitchen where he slept.

Sometime later Joy told a friend about some of these strange happenings. The girl was engaged to Bob Friend, a man who studies supernatural things. He visited Mary and Joy and explained that a spirit may be earthbound.

Sometimes, he said, when a person dies without a word of parting (as Frank did, being comatose) the spirit returns in an effort to communicate. Another factor might be that the family just couldn't let Frank go: their mourning was so intense his spirit couldn't rest.

Since then, Mary is slowly learning to accept Frank's death—but from time to time she hears cupboard doors slam and the sound of a chair scraping across the kitchen floor.—Cleveland, Ohio.

NEWS OF THE ACCIDENT

By Frank Ball

AT 1:00 A.M. on Friday, September 12, 1958, my son Vernon was badly injured in an automobile accident in Burlington, Ohio. I live just across the state line in West Virginia. We were called to the hospital 10 miles away to find that the doctors were fighting for Vernon's life.

At this time my Aunt Lula Crockett was in a nursing home near Johnson City, Tenn., 300 miles away. She rambled senselessly at times and at other times she was rational. When her daughter (my cousin) Cora Mae Crockett went to see her the



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afternoon of the day of my son's accident Aunt Lula began to inquire excitedly about the wreck. "Was it in the papers? Had it been on the radio or TV? Have you heard from West Virginia?"

My cousin put the remarks down to senseless rambling. She knew nothing about the accident and in fact had never met my son.

When Cora went to see her mother on Saturday, she was met with the same barrage of questions. "Some of Sarah's people," Aunt Lula said. "Badly hurt. May die."

"Do you mean Aunt Sarah in West Virginia?" Cora asked.

"Yes, but the wreck didn't happen in West Virginia. Some other state — like Missouri."

Again Cora dismissed her mother's ramblings as the product of a wavering mind, but Aunt Lula continued to talk of the wreck on Sunday.

Then, on Monday, Cora received my letter and the news of the accident.

On her next visit to the nursing home when the questions started, Cora knew that the accident was only one of many in the country. It hadn't been mentioned in the papers or on the radio or TV in an area 300 miles away and two states removed from ours.

She said, "Mother, where are you getting all this?"

"Why. Sarah keeps telling me!" Aunt Lula replied.

But Sarah Ball, my mother and Lula Crockett's older sister, had been dead three years! She died in a Barboursville nursing home on August 30, 1955. — Barboursville, W. Va.

"DON'T MARTY"

By Martin Zung

AS THE TRAFFIC signal ahead of me at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Union Road near my home turned from green to yellow I thought, "I'm going to jump this light." After all, it was late on a November night, there was no traffic and I was tired and anxious to be home. I had been visiting my mother, something I had been doing more frequently these past months since February 20, 1973, when my father Ben Zung died.

Then as I started to press down on the gas pedal, suddenly I felt a hand on my shoulder and heard my father say, "Don't, Marty." Startled, I jammed on the brake. As the car rocked to a stop, out of nowhere another car came speeding down the street and zoomed past me. Had I jumped the light I would have collided with that car.

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empty except for me - I was quite alone. Or was I? Had I imagined that my dad had warned me? Was I just overtired and overwrought? Or did Dad somehow manage to let me know he was all right and still watching over his family? - *Spring Valley, N.Y.*

ERRANT HUSBAND

By Willie Lee Watkins

ONE SUNDAY morning in January 1973 I awoke from a disturbing dream and could not go back to sleep again. I dreamed my ex-husband Larry Moore had died and he and I were sitting around a table while he told me how he wanted his three children raised and how he wanted me to spend the money he had left us.

Unable to sleep, I arose and got ready for work. I was a child care counselor at a school for handicapped children. I had not been at work more than 30 minutes when Larry's cousin Andy Moore called me to tell me that Larry had died that morning at 6:30. Even though he had been in poor health, Larry's death was a complete surprise. I had waked from my dream at only a few minutes after 6:30; apparently Larry had visited me to let me know how he wanted his affairs settled.

Two days later my four-year-old daughter Marti told me her father had come into her bedroom and sat on her bed. She told him she wished he hadn't died. He kissed her and explained he had to die because so many things were bothering him. Then he had disappeared. Although she said she wanted to see her father again, Marti was so frightened by his apparition she refused to sleep in her room again for three weeks.

Marti did not know what her father had meant but I did. Larry had left his family for another



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woman but even after I divorced him this other woman would not marry him and he died of a broken heart.

Marti tells me that on several other occasions since then her father has visited her, both in dreams and in a vision like the first time. — *Tampa, Fla.*

HOME

By Carla Agnone

DURING 1974 our elderly neighbor, Florence Kennedy, was slowly dying. Until that time, in all the nine years she had lived near us I never had seen Grandma, as I called her, seriously ill. But all that year she was in and out of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Windsor Rest Home.

I visited her in the rest home although usually she didn't know me. On August 10, however, she recognized me and the last thing she said to me was, "I wish I could see my home just once more." Two days later on August 12 she died.

Two weeks after the funeral my sister Andrea and my friends Sandy, Mike, Richard and I were talking in my kitchen. I went upstairs on an errand and on my way back down I looked out of our landing window and was startled to see Grandma sitting in a chair in her dining room. The chair was facing me but she was looking sideways toward the back room. A picture of her with her husband hung above her head.

I couldn't believe what I was seeing so I called my sister and Sandy to the window. They saw exactly what I saw. So Andrea, Mike and Richard went next door to see if someone was playing games while Sandy and I watched from the window.

Andrea, Mike and Richard didn't see anything in the house, neither Grandma nor the picture above her head. They had seen us in the window but we had not seen them. Sandy and I continued to see Grandma during their visit to the house.

That was the last time I saw Grandma but I was pleased she got to see her beloved home again. — *Youngstown, Ohio.*

THE IMPOSSIBLE GHOST

By Florence Bartholomew

AUNT BETT Crow, who would be in her 90's if she were alive today, was a strict fundamentalist who brooked no nonsense when it came to apparitions or other psychic phenomena. So what happened frightened the wits out of her.

She was good-hearted, always ready to help anyone in the family who needed it and this happened one time about 40 years ago when she was doing just that—helping out.

Her brother Harry's wife Alice was pregnant and

having a difficult time because she was not young. So Aunt Bett volunteered to help. The birth was complicated and although the baby was a blue baby, it seemed normal in other respects. When it was all over Aunt Bett took the baby home because the mother seemed exhausted.

Alice grew progressively worse and so did the baby. On the 15th day after the birth Alice died. Aunt Bett told her brother she would care for the baby until he could make other arrangements.

The baby was a darling little girl and although she acted listless and continued to look blue, she seemed to eat and sleep quite well.

Four or five days after Alice died Aunt Bett began to bathe the baby in the kitchen but the tiny one seemed bluer than usual and kept shivering so Aunt Bett decided to finish the bath in the front room where a warm fire burned in the fireplace. She had just settled herself on a footstool where the baby could get the full benefit of the heat when she heard the hall door open behind her.

"Is that you, John?" she asked. "Shut the door, quick. I don't want a cold draft to hit the baby."

When no one answered she turned around and there stood the baby's mother Alice McCoy. She was dressed for a journey and looked at least 10 years younger than she had at the time of her death. She wore a caracul-trimmed grey suit.

As my aunt watched in disbelief and horror, the mother held out her arms and said softly, "I've come for the baby." Then slowly she faded away.

For a moment Aunt Bett couldn't move, then she clutched the baby to her breast and ran as fast as she could into the kitchen, slamming the door behind her.

It took a little while for her to compose herself and then she remembered the baby was covered only with a towel. She laid the baby in her basket and as she arranged the blankets an odd feeling came over her. She glanced down quickly and it was then she discovered the baby was dead.

Aunt Bett refused to stay alone in the house for a long time after that. She also did not like to talk about her experience. To her it was not possible to see a ghost—for how could you see a ghost when there is no such thing?—*Wishram, Wash.*

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REVIEWING A REVIEW

BECAUSE I have been favorably impressed with the initial volumes of Doubleday's "New Library of the Supernatural" I was a bit taken aback by the biting review that appeared in the January 1976 issue of *The Psychic Researcher*. The reviewer (identified only by the initials "C.A.K.") labels the first four volumes "about the most boring rewrites of previously published stories in umpteen books presently on the market (and in parts just a rehash of some story which has previously appeared in some magazine). Why jump on the bandwagon? Is it because the publishers believe that anything horrific will sell?"

In view of such "horrific" criticism I thought I had better look carefully at one of the later volumes to see just how "horrific" it is and I chose Frank Smyth's *Ghosts and Poltergeists* (Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N.Y., 143 pages, \$8.95). Like the other volumes in the set this one is in large format with numerous illustrations, mostly in full color, which explains its high price tag. The type is large and the book easily can be read in one sitting.

In fact my major criticism of the book is its brevity. Smyth writes well and covers interesting material; I would have been happy to read twice as much copy. His case material is drawn primarily from standard classics of psychic research (rather than from "some magazine") and seems commendably accurate and unsensational. The illustrations cover many cases not mentioned in the text and I wish Smyth had commented on them. Besides such familiar fare as Borley Rectory and the Bell Witch, Smyth includes less familiar but nonetheless intriguing stories. In short I found the

book well done, worth buying and reading.

All of which makes even more puzzling the scathing remarks by C.A.K. Of course tastes differ (I note C.A.K. mentions favorably that curiously uneven *Encyclopedia of the Unexplained*). Or was C.A.K. working on a similar project for another publisher and miffed that Aldus (the original British publisher) beat them to the market?

DABBLING DAN

DAN GREENBURG, the author of *How To Be A Jewish Mother*, has taken off on a new tangent with his latest book, *Something's There* (Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N.Y., 1976, 320 pages, \$7.95). When fundamentalist preachers warn against "dabbling in the occult," it is just this sort of mishmash they refer to. Greenburg is a facile writer and a very witty man; his book is entertaining but there is no denying that the reader encounters a lot of nonsense.

Much of the material seems to have been included solely for its entertainment value. Greenburg seeks out the lunatic fringes of the occult—a coven of Brooklyn teen-aged witches, some tourist voodoo stuff in Haiti, a chapter of Ouija board "communications"—and reports them in the same tongue-in-cheek fashion as he reports an impressive reading from Dykshoorn and some experiments with Alex Tanous. An occasional chapter dealing with recent psychic research and a bibliography of 119 entries show that Greenburg is capable of straightforward reporting. So why, when so much of interest is going on in the psychic

field, does he go chasing off to Haiti or describe pathetic "seances" in tiresome detail? It would seem he began with a stereotyped concept of what a book on "the occult" should include and then went out hunting the material. Alas, he failed to distinguish the tiresome time-wasters from the solid material.

The book's strong points are Greenburg's gift for characterization and the chapters that deal with a variety of authentic phenomena. But some editor at Doubleday should have his knuckles rapped for not having the manuscript read by a knowledgeable parapsychologist who would have caught the minor misstatements of fact which crop up here and there.

Greenburg promises a sequel to this volume! I hope the second time around he will be a bit more judicious about what he includes.

OTHER REVIEWS

THE ANCIENT VISITORS by Daniel Cohen, Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N.Y., 1976, 213 pages, \$5.95.

During the past few years the idea of "ancient astronauts" has built up a large following, particularly among young people who tend to be both more open-minded and more credulous than their elders. Now Daniel Cohen tries to give them a different viewpoint. Although he hedges a bit in the opening chapter, saying "my opinion may not necessarily be any better than anyone else's" he soon plunges right into a variety of unconventional mysteries and comes up with conventional solutions.

Cohen includes chapters on such familiar topics as ancient airplanes, the Piri Re's map, megalithic monuments, the Oannes legend, Ezekiel's wheels, UFOs, the Bermuda Triangle, the hollow earth theory and miscellaneous other oddments, along with explanations for some of them and quiet arguments against von Daniken's beliefs in others.

The book is marvelously low-key; there is no rancorous name-calling, no imputation that proponents of the ancient astronaut idea are insane, chronic liars or smokers of pot. Cohen is too civilized for such polemics; his put-downs are done quietly. "We can't assume something is true simply because it is more exciting" than prosaic scientific explanations, warns Cohen. "... We must also guard against the desire to find patterns where none really exist ... (for) ... often the real world makes no sense at all, at least none that we can discern within the limits of our information and intellectual abilities."

I think Charles Fort would have agreed with this last statement. Fort was the complete skeptic—

which many of his followers are not. I welcome a book like Cohen's. If we are unable to look at the arguments against our beliefs and theories, then we are no better than the orthodoxy we so noisily castigate. — George W. Earley.

THE JERUSALEM TRILOGY by Samuel L. Lewis, Prophecy Pressworks, Novato, Calif. 94947, 1976, 336 pages, \$5.95.

Samuel L. Lewis, more popularly known as Murshid Sam, was the first American-born Sufi master. A student of Hazret Inayet Khan and Meher Baba, Lewis moved out on his own and was initiated into several Sufi orders. He also became adept in Zen, Hasidism, yoga and Christian mysticism. He settled in San Francisco where, until his death in 1971, he taught Sufi (dervish) dancing and expounded Sufi mysticism with an emphasis on the converging ideas of the East and the West.

The Jerusalem Trilogy is a posthumous monument to Murshid Sam's vision and contains three long "inspired" poems likened to the Jewish prophetic poetry of Isaiah and Jeremiah. His gift of poetry came to him in a vision at a Sufi retreat in 1955. Meant to be read as devotional literature, the poems seem destined to become significant additions to the world's mystical literature as well as a good introduction to Sufi thinking for Western readers. — J. Gordon Melton.

CONJURING UP PHILIP by Iris M. Owen with Margaret Sparrow, Harper & Row, New York, N.Y., 1976, 217 pages, \$8.95.

This volume is the book-length account of the series of experiments in psychokinesis and psychic phenomena reported in "Philip, the Imaginary Ghost" in the November 1975 issue of FATE. A group of eight Canadian investigators approached the experiment with the attitude that no special psychic gifts are necessary and that any phenomena produced could be repeated at will and under scientific control. The initial idea was that the group would produce in visible thought-form or hallucination, the fictitious "communicator" Philip, whose personality was invented jointly by the group members.

During the first year of the experiment, results were meager, scarcely going beyond the development of meditative techniques and a close rapport among the group members. After this initial approach failed they decided to try another tack, to simulate a Victorian seance setting. In a very short time raps and table movements began.

The editors of FATE Magazine are happy to announce that beginning with the December issue Dr. J. Gordon Melton will edit New Books. Dr. Melton brings many years of experience to his new duties. He is the author of five books including *A Reader's Guide to the Church's Ministry of Healing* and *The Ways of Meditation* which he coauthored with his wife Dorothea. For three years he served as national field representative for Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship. He and his family reside in Evanston, Ill., where he is the Director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion and pastor of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

This book is written in a concise chronological order and the experiment progresses in a calm, rather mundane manner. Because the research is still in progress the authors draw no conclusions. The group still aspires to produce a visible ghost and continues to work toward this end.

To my mind the book's greatest merit lies in the information and guidelines it provides for other groups who wish to try this type of psychic experiment. Such research conceivably may advance the analysis and application of psychokinesis.—*Claudeen Korst.*

ENCOUNTERS WITH UFO OCCUPANTS by Coral and Jim Lorenzen, Berkley Publishing Co., New York, N.Y., 1976, 424 pages, \$1.95 (paperback).

Coral and Jim Lorenzen are the founders of Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), the oldest UFO research group in this country. Their 24-year involvement with UFOs gives them a unique perspective on the subject.

As the title suggests, *Encounters* is primarily concerned with reports of entities seen in or near UFOs. The Lorenzens were pioneers in the serious study of such controversial reports and the present volume is basically an expanded version of the 1967 book, *Flying Saucer Occupants*, updated and augmented by chapters written by Walter N. Webb (on the Betty Hill "star map") and by Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle (on hypnosis and psychic aspects of UFO research).

I question the validity of the Lorenzens' psychological evaluations of "contactee" cases but they make some pertinent remarks on the implications of total UFO activity. Their speculations—clearly labeled as such—are rational and timely.

This modest-priced paperback definitely is worth your time and money.—*Lucius Farish.*

VELIKOVSKY RECONSIDERED by the Editors of "Pensee," Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N.Y., 1976, 260 pages, \$8.95.

It has been 25 years since Immanuel Velikovsky set the scientific community and the publishing fraternity on their ears with *Worlds in Collision*, the first of four works which substantially revised both the history of the Middle East of several millennia ago and scientific theories about the nature and formation of the solar system.

Velikovsky was damned by the scientific dogmatists whose anger even spilled over onto the hapless publisher. Threats of a boycott from some university "scientists" cost one editor his job and sent *Worlds in Collision* from Macmillan to Doubleday despite its best-seller status. The sordid details of this scientific witch-hunt were recounted some years ago in DeGrazia's *The Velikovsky Affair*.

If Velikovsky had been as wrong as his critics claimed he was, his ideas and books doubtless would have sunk quietly into oblivion. Velikovsky, however, refused to be cowed and has counterattacked by citing a growing mass of evidence, much of it brought to light by space probes, that apparently verified his "fantastic" theories.

As the evidence that seemed to vindicate Velikovsky mounted, a growing crowd of supporters and adherents appeared. This was less his doing, I think, than it was the natural coming together of open-minded persons with academic credits who were more concerned with truth than with preserving the status quo. Inevitably these folks communicated with each other and in time *Pensee* magazine began to publish a series of papers that argued Velikovsky's various theories pro and con. *Pensee* is now defunct but *Velikovsky Reconsidered* contains nearly 30 articles from its pages, some footnoted with commentary by Velikovsky.

The articles range from examinations of ancient writings to interpretations of recent space-probe findings. Many discuss Velikovsky claims for which the evidence is not yet decisive. It is a fascinating collection but not always easy to read. The opening articles on the incredible persecution and censorship of Velikovsky are far easier reading than, say, "The Nature of the Cytherean Atmosphere" with its charts, graphs and tables of atmospheric components. Even so, any Fortean with a reasonably good education will be able to understand the points made by the various authors.

If you are interested at all in Velikovsky's theories or the subject of catastrophism, *Velikovsky Reconsidered* is a fine place to start. Scholars interested in digging deeper will find ample bibliographic references throughout the book. I recommend this to all Fortean enthusiasts. — George W. Earley.

YOGA AND PSYCHOTHERAPY by Swami Rama, Rudolph Ballentine and Swami Ajaya, Himalayan Institute, 1505 Greenwood Rd., Glenview, Ill. 60025, 1976, 332 pages, \$11.95.

This volume is an impressive attempt to present a

new approach to psychotherapy based on the insights of classical yoga. Its authors are the noted yogi Swami Rama and two of his students: Dr. Rudolph Ballentine, a practicing psychiatrist, and Swami Ajaya (Dr. Allan Weinstock), a practicing clinical psychologist.

But do not misunderstand the title. The authors do not attempt to synthesize Western psychology with yoga, nor even to offer a critique of Freud and Jung. Rather they detail yogic anthropology in such a way that a psychotherapist can use their system as an alternative to the systems of Freud, Jung or other analysts.

Their system includes all the elements familiar to students of yoga—the seven chakras, kundalini, prana, even speculation on multiple bodies. In presenting an overall picture as they see it, the authors note similarities and contrasts between various Western psychologies and yoga and also highlight recent research that appears to substantiate the yogic teachings.

Swami Rama is famous for his demonstrated control over body functions and states of consciousness.

Although *Yoga and Psychotherapy* is an expensive book it probably is the single most important volume published by an Eastern spiritual group in recent years. —J. Gordon Melton.

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THE FIRE CAME BY by John Baxter and Thomas Atkins, Doubleday & Co., New York, N.Y., 1976, 165 pages, \$7.95.

In the early morning of June 30, 1908, *something* blazed through the sky and exploded over the forests and peat bogs of Central Siberia. Seismographs thousands of miles away recorded the force of the blast and for many nights thereafter strange atmospheric illuminations were seen in many parts of the world.

It was 13 years before an expedition, headed by Soviet scientist Leonid A. Kulik, visited the site of the explosion. It had been assumed that a giant meteorite had crashed in the Tunguska region but Kulik found no meteoric crater. Also, he was puzzled to find that the effects of the blast seemed inconsistent with the meteorite theory.

It remained for another Soviet scientist, Aleksander Kazantsev, to put forward the most controversial theory to account for the Siberian explosion. Kazantsev visited Hiroshima soon after the atomic bomb was dropped on that city in 1945 and the devastation he found there reminded him of photographs he had seen of the Tunguska damage. Writing his theories into a science-fiction story, Kazantsev proposed that the 1908 object actually had been an atomic-powered spaceship from another world.

Other theories have been suggested to explain the explosion—a small comet, a chunk of antimatter, a "black hole." However, according to the authors of *The Fire Came By* the spaceship theory is the only one which fits all the facts. They even present eyewitness accounts of a cylindrical object which apparently made a "course correction" before exploding. The book's title is taken from the testimony of one witness to the event.

In his introduction to the book Isaac Asimov points out the unusual nature of this explosion, saying that perhaps only five percent of the earth's surface could have taken the blow without major damage being done to human life and property. And yet the explosion occurred in exactly such an area, as if the object were guided to a remote place for the inevitable hit.

Baxter and Atkins have provided an outstanding summary of information on the 1908 disaster. *The Fire Came By* is well illustrated and fascinating reading. —Lucius Farish.

UFO EXIST! by Paris Flammonde, G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, N.Y., 1976, 406 pages, \$12.95.

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monde seems to think so. In this new book, designed as a companion volume to his earlier *The Age of Flying Saucers*, Flammonde uses a variety of terms for those "things" in the sky. At various points they are Unidentified Atmospheric Phenomena (UAP), Unexplained Aerial Objects (UAO) and Undefined Sensory Experience (USE). It gets confusing—not to mention boring.

UFO Exist! is an attempted history of the subject of UFOs. After rehashing the myths, legends and biblical references, Flammonde devotes two chapters to the great airship mystery of 1896-97. Flammonde's research apparently was not very thorough. His review of the airship era is incomplete and in places erroneous. In summarizing other pre-1947 UFO reports he totally ignores the many "ghost fliers" reports that came out of Scandinavia in the 1930's.

Trying to decipher some of Flammonde's sentences also can be a chore. For example: "And pilot Richard Rankin spotted between 30 and 35 foot-board disks sailing along in echelon formation" If you're wondering, Rankin saw 10 disks which were 30 to 35 feet in diameter.

On the plus side, the book contains two good chapters reviewing the 1948 Mantell case, plus a chapter on the history of air force involvement which is worth reading. The author's comments on UFOs and governmental deception also are to the point.

The book has an interesting photo section—although some of the captions are mixed up. There are three appendices but the one pertaining to UFO groups and publications is outdated and contains several errors.

A glossary, bibliography and index are included. But the book doesn't quite make it as a definitive history of UFOs although it does contain some interesting items. —*Lucius Farish*

THE GELLER PAPERS: SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATIONS ON THE PARANORMAL POWERS OF URI GELLER edited by Charles Panati, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, Mass., 1976, 317 pages, \$10.00.

At last, here is a near-definitive book on Uri Geller and the Geller Effect which is not only authoritative but should appeal to the scientist and general reader alike. The wide variety of reports included clearly demonstrate that the Geller Effect is not confined to an ability to bend metals or the production of usual psychokinetic and poltergeist manifestations.

For instance, Dr. Wilbur M. Franklin, chairman

of the physics department, graduate division, at Kent State University, found two totally different fractures only 100th of an inch apart in a platinum ring after it was exposed to Uri Geller. (The first break occurred before Geller ever touched the ring.) Analysis with a scanning electron microscope showed paradoxical alterations in the ring structure; one was consistent with a crack typically caused by extremely high temperature, the other by extremely low temperature. Yet the cracks occurred at room temperature and tests for corrosive chemicals were negative.

In two separate laboratories at colleges of the University of London, Prof. J.B. Hasted and Prof. John Taylor found that Geller could consciously increase the radiation rate of Geiger counters and distort or crack metals sealed in plastic containers. In one instance half of a crystal disc in a plastic container simply dematerialized! Professor Taylor also reported seeing poltergeist-type happenings such as flying objects while Geller was being closely observed in the laboratory.

Eldon Byrd, in a naval weapons laboratory in Maryland, discovered that Geller could permanently change the characteristics of an exotic metal called nitinol, which is fabricated so that it always returns to its original manufactured state when bent or distorted. Uri caused kinks in straight nitinol wires that refused to go away—as they are supposed to. Scientists do not understand this.

The Geller Papers are just that—a collection of reports from eminent scientists and others, including four magicians who tried unsuccessfully to show up Geller. The papers were collected by noted physicist Charles Panati who is also science editor of *Newsweek*. His comprehensive introduction synthesizes and puts into focus the significance of the findings of each contributor. Charts, photographs and diagrams supplement some of the papers, a number of which are published for the first time.

One of the papers was contributed by parapsychologist-magician William E. Cox, who thought he had contrived tests that would effectively defeat Geller. Metal-bending occurred nevertheless, with no observable tricks. Moreover, a watch that had been "fixed" by Cox so it could not run, ran anyway.

The book contains a treasury of detail and corroboration which should counter some widely-circulated canards about the Geller Effect (which is exhibited by many persons, including children).

One canard is that Uri is a typical conjurer. If anything, he is shown to be most untypical, constantly welcoming new challenges for which an ordinary magician would be unprepared—for

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instance, the production of "unexplained eruptions" or anomalies on Kirlian photographs taken in Dr. Thelma Moss' UCLA parapsychology laboratory.

Another canard is that Uri has to touch any object he bends. Repeatedly the reports describe experiments and observations involving metal distortions and other phenomena that occur without Geller touching the objects.

A third canard is that Uri must distract observers' attention in order to do his "tricks." This too is repeatedly disproved. How does one distract—or deceive—a measuring device?

If you doubt the validity of the Geller Effect you should not miss *The Geller Papers*. And those who agree with the contributors—that some heretofore unknown physical principle may be operating here, a physical principle that could be one of the most significant scientific discoveries of the age—will want to review the reliable evidence.—James Crenshaw.

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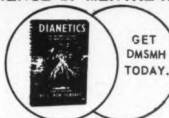
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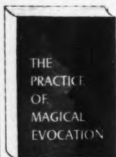
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Forthwith the doctor and the hypnotist went to Mrs. Jones' home and straight to her bedroom. She seemed to be asleep but roused herself almost at once. Erskine asked her, "Have you been here long?"

She answered, "Why, yes. I was asleep."

"And how about the other room?" Erskine asked.

"Oh, yes, I've been there," Mrs. Jones admitted. "My masseur came. He's gone now."

The hypnotist at once summoned the masseur back to the house by telephone. He entered the bedroom unperturbed.

Erskine took a position to guard the door and said to him, "Come, for how long have you been giving this lady cocaine?"

The masseur hesitated and looked at Mrs. Jones, whose horrified stare fixed him without quivering.

"No, she's told me nothing," Erskine declared. "But I know. Less than half an hour ago you were standing over her in her boudoir there, while she lay on the couch, giving her cocaine out of a green bottle. You were seen."

The masseur broke down and confessed. He had yielded to Mrs. Jones' entreaties.

Mrs. Jones still refused Erskine's help after the disclosure and her life soon ended.

Report from the Readers

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AN AUTHOR'S THANKS

I wish to thank Mr. Rainville for his remarks in the June 1976 "Report from the Readers" on my new book, *The Reincarnation of John Wilkes Booth*.

I was amazed that a FATE book reviewer could be so closed-minded as to skim through my book and arrive at the false conclusion that I researched all of the facts and then handed them to Booth in a neat package. If I had been creative enough to conceive such a bizarre tale as Booth revealed I would have written a novel and certainly wouldn't have needed "Wesley" to share the royalties.

The late Arthur Sheehan, a competent historical researcher, entered into the case within a few months after I came upon it. His credentials as a historical researcher are above reproach and he worked with me for more than four years. I did not meet him in person. Our contact was entirely by mail and telephone. Nor have I been to New York City, except in the airport when Wesley and I made our overseas trip. Sheehan died just two days before he would have seen the finished work.

The documents that I possess from Calais, France, are dated by the French Archives and were obtained before we made the trip into England and France. It can be easily verified that neither Wesley nor I had been out of the country before that time.

If reincarnation is to be proven, then surely it must follow that sooner or later someone will surface whose past records prove that he has actually lived before. It is regrettable that these discoveries can only be made by a handful of so-called authorities on reincarnation.

It is a bitter experience to give five years of my life to a work as involved as the Booth case and then have a critical attempt to tear it apart in a few paragraphs. It takes little time and a minimum of

brain power to destroy what you had no part in building. — Dell Leonardi, Kansas City, Mo.

OTHER FIRE FACTORS?

The article about the "pyrotic child" ("A Case for Paranormal Pyrotechnics," May 1976 FATE) reminds me of a similar event which happened to my sister's friend. She had gone to the laundromat and because she was in a hurry to get home, she didn't fold the laundry at the laundromat but instead bundled the clothes into a basket and put it in the trunk of her car.

When she brought the basket into the house the clothes burst into flame and she never could determine why.

It would be too bad to have an unfortunate child blamed for fires that may have resulted from some natural, though mysterious, cause. — Mrs. D. Kraemer, Rogers, Minn.

THE MURK OF MARIJUANA

While I applaud the intent of Curtis Fuller's item on marijuana, as a psychic I hope that FATE will stay away from the emotionally overcharged murk of the marijuana issue. The item, "Cop's View of Pot," in the May 1976 FATE is a mild version of one of the many illogical assumptions which exist about marijuana use.

I'm conducting a study of the effects of substance use or abuse on psychic ability. For example, there are reports that marijuana use tends to "burn up" the necessary psychic energy which must be present for psychic events to occur. While such mild stimulants as coffee and tea have similar but much reduced effects on the energy level, hallucinogens such as LDS or mescaline are supposed to release and produce psychic events. I have found that sedatives (alcohol, narcotics and tranquilizers) blunt psychic sensitivity for the duration of the

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drug action, while nicotine seems to produce a long-term effect which is worse than pot and alcohol put together.

I would be interested in a brief report from any FATE reader who has had the opportunity to note the effect of the use of any substance on psychic experience. Your readers may write anonymously, if they choose, but I would like to have basic information such as the substance or substances used, frequency of use, the psychic event which did or did not occur, validation for the event and long-term effects if known. — *Jerry Jochem, 434 Hangingmoss Circle, Jackson, Miss. 39206.*

ARTHRITIS RESEARCH

I have been working with hypnosis for the last 25 years. Recently, on the basis of this experience and the results of a University of Indiana research project, I have developed a technique which may be a cure for arthritis. Over the last six months I have worked with eight persons who suffered from the disease and so far there have been no relapses. However, I do not feel that I have enough data to make a firm statement on the effectiveness of the treatment.

I would like to ask FATE readers who suffer from arthritis to volunteer to help me complete this project. I need at least 1,000 volunteers to work with me over at least a year's time. I would like to have people who could work with me personally and others who would work with specific instructions without seeing me personally.

Because this is a research project I cannot guarantee the effectiveness of the treatment. While I have high hopes for its success I would not like to mislead anyone into believing it is a sure cure for arthritis.

I am currently working on my master's degree at the University of Northern Iowa and intend to use the information I gather as part of my thesis.

I hope to hear from many FATE readers who wish to participate. — *David Pederson, 1200 Meadowbrook Dr., Mason City, Iowa 50401.*

DOG LOST! \$200 REWARD

I am 15 years old and in December 1975 I lost my dog Vernessa, a light tan greyhound with a black snout and brown eyes. She turned three years old May 27, 1976.

After months of advertising a reward for her on the radio, with posters around town, and for some days in the newspaper—with no results—I finally wrote to five different psychics for help but no one has enabled me to find her.

To any psychic or other gifted person who gives me help in finding Vernessa, my family will im-

mediately pay a reward of \$200.00.

My greyhound has one distinction which may help anyone trying psychically to determine her whereabouts. (I forgot to mention it to the other psychics I consulted and it may make a difference between failure and success in locating her.)

Vernessa once stepped on some broken glass which cut a tendon in one of her toes on her right hind foot. As a result that toe has an extra long toenail which protrudes at a crooked angle. Also the crooked nail rises above the normal ones and almost overlaps the nail beside it.

I will be grateful to anyone who tries to help me, a girl who has lost her dog. — *Nori Huckabay, 406 W. Le Roux, Prescott, Ariz. 86301.*

RANDI vs. GELLER

W.E. Cox's review of my book, *The Magic of Uri Geller*, in your July 1976 is an example of some reviewers' inability to stick with reality. In his highly selective criticism of my book, Cox states that I have said, "If stage magicians can duplicate a psychic claimant's effects . . . this proves the psychic also uses fraud." Nothing could be further from the truth and Cox knows it. Never have I claimed this, verbally or in print. To do so would be silly and irresponsible. Despite my many denials of this oft-attributed statement, Cox insists on repeating it.

Further, his quotation from Joe Hanlon's review in *New Scientist* (concerning "bad organization" and my "interest in promoting myself") is pretty laughable, for the rest of Hanlon's review is a heavy endorsement of my book. And I never have denied my very great interest in self-promotion. I think I do rather well at it. — *James Randi, Rumson, N.J.*

Under the heading "The Dunderheads" ("Report from the Readers," July 1976 FATE) a certain Rozella Roberts of Santa Barbara, Calif., states that all magicians accused Uri Geller of fraud and fakery. She had better check her facts. Many so-called magicians believe in Uri Geller's powers.

She also states that the "magicians' union" (I have been a magician for more than 10 years and have never heard of such an organization) admits that none of the magicians could duplicate Geller's feats. Apparently she hasn't heard of James Randi. Rozella Roberts is going with that "everybody says" bit again. One white crow proves all crows aren't black.

In all fairness, you should publicize the fact that it is the magicians who are relating both sides of the Geller story. *The Magic Magazine*, which is available to the general public, has offered to print pro-Geller articles. None has been forthcoming.



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Also, many rewards have been offered to psychics who prove they can do anything supernatural. So far there have been no takers who could fool even a student of magic, much less the masters of magic who have been fooling people for 50 years.

Having studied your magazine and others like it, I must conclude that you are unfair and extremely biased in the way you handle opposition to these frauds. (You can prove me wrong by printing this letter.) — **Robert C. Nelson, 5313 Marcellus, El Paso, Tex. 79924.**

The Amazing Randi's book, *The Magic of Uri Geller*, uses all the tools of propaganda: character attack, selective choice and misrepresentation of facts, innuendo, faulty logic, positive and negative name-calling, guilt by association, etc.

On page 189 he makes an outright illogical statement—that Targ, one of those who tested Geller, is extremely nearsighted and wears very heavy glasses and "under those circumstances" Geller could have gotten away with peeking! The book is shot through with such dumb statements.

Leo Leslie, a noted Danish magician who tested Geller, has published a book on the positive side and excerpts from it appear in *The Geller Papers* edited by Charles Panati. — **Anthony H. Klotz, Babylon, N.Y.**

Certainly you can "fool all of the people some of the time" but in the case of Uri Geller "some of the time" has passed. Obviously he is not trying to fool anybody. He has proven his gifts over and over again.

Of course he bends spoons and keys and makes broken watches work again. For any true believer in the power behind Geller these displays are incidental. Why don't we just accept Uri Geller as a very special human being with unusual powers? Let's stop wasting time questioning this miracle, accept it and try to learn from it. Perhaps this is what his power source is waiting for. — **Fae Guill, Gulfport, Miss.**

WHO SIRED JESUS?

In your June 1976 "Report from the Readers" Chris V. Ellis quotes Ernst Haeckel who wrote that the Roman Officer Josephus Pandera was the father of Jesus. Ernst Haeckel did not originate that idea. Undoubtedly he had read the Jewish scriptures, for I find the same stories in *Did Jesus Live 100 B.C.?* by G.R. Mead, subtitled "An enquiry into the Talmud Jesus Stories, the Toldoth Jeschu and some curious statements by Epiphanius — being a contribution to the study of Christian origins."

It appears that the Jewish scriptures indicate that

the Jesus we claim lived in the First Century A.D. actually lived in the last century B.C.

Mead's book is thought-provoking and throws a new light on what we have been taught. The Bible may be wrong—but let's not give Haeckel the credit for another's contributions. —*Helen L. McGill, Osseo, Mich.*

Chris V. Ellis is taking Ernst Haeckel's writings at face value. He'll find better information in books written at the time of Christ, not 1900 years later.

Regardless of where Jesus came from, we must respect and love him. What he has done for this world is the most wonderful thing that ever happened. A lot of our young people have lost faith and what is happening? Dope, degeneracy, the bottom. All we need is more nonbelievers to help them down. —*Bill Roe, Coarsegold, Calif.*

I would like to caution Chris V. Ellis and everyone else to beware of such entities as those who confirm Ernst Haeckel's writings, and the Bible tells us why:

"... the devil ... is a liar and the father of (lies)." — *St. John 8:44.*

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

"And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already it is in the world." — *1 John 4:1-3.*

Ellis should take some of his entities' messages with a grain of salt. Wherever Jesus Christ came from, he raised the dead, walked on the water, survived death and ascended into the heavens. He sure made a monkey out of the devil, didn't he? — *Orville R. Stephens, Hi Hat, Ky.*

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After long and serious thought on UFOs and UFOlogists, psychic phenomena and the occult sciences, meditation, mind control, reincarnation and its romantic fantasies, extra- and ultraterrestrials, the "Men in Black," gods from inner and outer space — I say "baloney."

Possibly some people see UFOs, have visions and psychic experiences and find some kind of gratification in the occult sciences, but there's no reason to make the world a playground for mental weirdos. It becomes a hard choice to know if these "in the groove" guys and gals should be in mental wards or prisons.

The age of enlightenment depends on what's behind the glow. — *Dora Lenore Mead, Garland, Tex.*

CURIOUS "COINCIDENCE"

In Andrija Puharich's book *Uri*, the scientist recalls a series of taped contacts with computer-entities who fly craft we know as UFOs. At one particular point the entities tell Puharich and Geller that human contact is their only link with the phenomenon of psychic energy. It is expressed this way: "The energy in your minds, we must admit, is the one thing we don't have. You see, we are computerized. . . ."

In Arthur C. Clarke's classic *Childhood's End* I was startled to find the same words, more or less, spoken by the main alien character, Karellen:

"Now I must tell you something which you may find very surprising, even astonishing. All these potentialities — all these latent powers — we do not possess them, nor do we understand them. Our intellects are far more powerful than yours but there is something in your minds that has always eluded us."

Art imitating reality — or vice versa? — *David A. Krouse, Wallingford, Pa.*

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You should never have published "Perils Involved in Fingertip Vision" by Larry Ashby (July 1976 FATE). If fourth-grade students could "conjure up demons" using the chant Ashby described, it is wrong to implant such an idea in the minds of your readers, some of whom may be unbalanced or simply daredevils.

Furthermore, I am deeply concerned that helpless patients are exposed to irresponsible psychiatrists. William Gruzanski proved he was irresponsible when he carried his experiment to the danger point and had to discontinue it. It is clear that "Mr. B" might have killed the patient he attacked. — *Hazel Hartley, Hackettstown, N.J.*

I read Ashby's "Perils Involved in Fingertip Vision" with growing disgust. The article might have been more aptly titled "Perils Involved in Seeking Psychiatric Help."

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Therefore, speculatively, I believe the continents did not drift apart on the plates but the plates tilted up and down to sink land areas such as the legendary Atlantis and Lemuria and to uplift the mountains—the Cascades, Himalayas, Alps, etc.

Tilting of the plates, not an appreciable drifting of the continents, is the probable cause for the earth's topography today. — *Billie Sea, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.*



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In Tokyo a 19-year-old girl decided to kill herself after a quarrel with her husband and turned on the gas. Then she changed her mind but forgot to turn off the gas. When she sat down to light a cigarette and to ponder her problems more rationally there was a terrible explosion which severely injured her.

Laurens Van Der Post reports that he was filming a documentary from the book, *Jung and the Story of Our Time*, at the late famous psychoanalyst's home in Zurich, Switzerland, and reading the description of how lightning demolished Jung's favorite tree when "lightning struck in the garden again."

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Pat Bubb, 27, of East Horsley, Surrey, England, pulled an onion in her garden in the summer of 1974 and found a ring she had lost 18 months earlier. The onion stalk had grown through the ring.

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