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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

I was getting the feeling that there was too much interest revolving around me when the real point of this work is to revolve around yourself, to take it home and do your own work.

—Shirley MacLaine

There are numerous people who are only more than happy to form their own personality cults. The old saw that power corrupts has proven absolutely correct, even to the point of including teachers of ethics, morality and spirituality. Leaders of various religious and spiritual movements have fallen to the need to maintain power and authority.

Of course, there is nothing new in this. It can be found in the plotting that goes on in various ancient myths. It can be found in Shakespeare and the Bible. It would also seem that the corrupting potential of power has

resulted in making many people cynics.

Many people are familiar with the idea of the so-called Aquarian Age. One of the many signs of this period is that we will each become our own leaders rather than blindly following others. Thus it gave us great delight to read the above quote by Ms.

MacLaine who, due to her fame, had become a *de facto* leader of the entire New Age movement.



Donald Michael Kraig

MacLaine went further than merely mouthing the words, however. As reported in the *Los Angeles Times*, she told some people who were traveling around the country to come to all of her seminars to stop coming because "they were missing the point." She is also having "second thoughts" about building a healing center.

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When asked if she is starting her own religion she responds, "Well, yes: the religion of self-enlightenment. And it's only got one member."



CONTROLLING THE MINDS OF CHILDREN

The basis of a democracy is the easy availability of information. Without this information, people are unable to make the decisions of what laws and people to vote for. This implies that the citizens of a democracy are also taught critical thinking, so that they can learn how to interpret what is said by people supporting and opposing various ideas.

Some people, rather than trying to teach people how to think, believe themselves wise enough to have all of the answers. For example, a Junior High School librarian in a small town in Tennessee recently wrote in, saying, "The references [in FATE] to Satan, the no God theory, and unnatural teachings have no place on a junior high library shelf."

First, we have to wonder about the logical abilities of this woman. If she objects to "refer-

ences to Satan," does she also object to the Bible? What "no God" theory is she talking about? I think that most readers of FATE have a deep belief in God. And what sort of "unnatural teachings" is she finding in Fate?

Most distressing, however, is the fact that this one woman can keep FATE (and perhaps other magazines and books) away from those who should be reading different ideas so that they can develop their own abilities to critically analyze facts. In a sense, this woman may be harming "ourselves and our posterity."

But perhaps this should have been expected. You see, we were going to run her entire letter, with no comments, in our *Report From The Readers* section. We asked for her permission to do so and she responded, "Do not publish my recent letter to you. I highly object to it!" Is it the publishing of the letter that she objects to or does she object to the letter itself? When a junior high school librarian is incapable of writing clear sentences where there is no subject-object confusion could we have expected anything different? But what of the children?



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Four separate research teams reported similar results, showing that people who took vitamins may have up to a 70% decrease in risk of cataract development. One of the teams reported that although vitamin E and C will not prevent or cure cataracts, it is "reasonable to predict that it might delay the onset and slow the advance of lens opacities."

— While we're discussing vitamins, another report shows that people who took one gram (1000 mg) per day of vitamin C had their jaws heal faster and had less complications than a control group after having teeth pulled. The researchers believe that this may be because vitamin C stimulates the immune system and helps build up collagen. This helps scar-tissue to develop faster.

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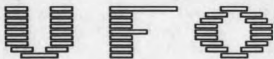
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This story, one UFO buffs will recognize, is partly true. The real story is only a little less strange.

The central figure was a

woman named Frances Swann of Eliot, Maine. Swann was a contactee who confided her beliefs only to relatives and close friends. Few would have heard of Mrs. Swann if not for one thing: she lived next door to retired Navy Adm. Herbert B. Knowles.

Knowles, a UFO enthusiast who would later join the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena Board of Governors, heard of his neighbor's alleged contacts shortly after they began. She told him that on May 27, 1954, she received the first of what would be many messages from extraterrestrials in a vehicle orbiting the earth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Knowles took their neighbor at her word and prepared a list of questions for the aliens to answer. The beings would not manifest themselves while anyone besides Swann was present, so she approached them privately and wrote down the answers. The Knowleses were impressed with the answers (which like the questions have been lost) and the admiral decided to bring the matter to the attention of friends in the Pentagon.

On June 1, 1954, he wrote the Office of Naval Intelligence and enclosed some of the messages. When he did not get an immediate response, he wrote again.

ONI turned Knowles' letters over to the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics (BuAer), remarking that without confirmatory evidence it saw no point in pursuing the matter. BuAer agreed.

But a BuAer security officer, John Hutson, developed a personal interest in the case and so informed Knowles, who invited him to come and investigate. On July 24, Hutson did that, staying at the Knowles residence until the 26th.

During the time they spent with Mrs. Swann, Hutson told Swann he desired not only "proof" but his own contact with

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the extraterrestrials. Mrs. Swann said they could do that on any radio frequency provided that they informed her what it was so that she could pass the word on to the space people. Hutson declined to try though, saying he did not know if the Navy would approve.

Back in Washington, Hutson called the FBI to report his visit. Later that day, July 29, an FBI agent interviewed him. On August 9, J. Edgar Hoover sent an account of the interview to the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations, with copies to the Director of Naval Intelligence and to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, United States Army. Hoover wrote at the end of the memo, "No further action is being taken in this matter by this Bureau."



That would have been the extent of "official" involvement in the affair had it not been for the rediscovery of the Knowles/Swann material five years later.

In 1959 U.S. Navy Cdr. Julius Larsen, an ONI liaison officer to CIA's Photographic Intelligence Center (PIC) in Washington (not "CIA headquarters"), found the material in an ONI file and thought it might bear some additional looking into. Besides, he needed some flying time to keep his pilot's license. So on July 5 he flew to Maine and with Knowles spent the evening conversing

with Mrs. Swann.

Larsen was impressed with the woman's apparent sincerity but misunderstood a key point in her account that would be reflected in almost all later accounts of the incident. He thought she claimed "psychic" contact with space people instead of by spoken word. (That same evening Mrs. Swann had also recounted her experiences with automatic writing.)

Larsen returned the next day to Washington and headed for the office of the Center's director, Arthur Lundahl, whom he knew to be interested in UFOs and paranormal phenomena.

As suspected, Lundahl (and his assistant, Lt. Cdr. Robert Neasham) was fascinated with Larsen's account. Neasham was, if anything, even more interested than Lundahl because of his own past involvement in UFO research.

Lundahl and Neasham urged Larsen to try to contact the extraterrestrials in the same manner the ONI officer had said Mrs. Swann used. Larsen obligingly entered a mild trance state and asked questions aloud. He received "telepathic" responses which he wrote down. Even though the method of contact was wrong, he still contacted one of Mrs. Swann's friends, a Uranian named "Affa" of the Universal Association of Planets.

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Lundahl and Neasham sprinted to the window and saw—well, not much. But Neasham was so swept up in the spirit of the occasion that he persuaded himself that a UFO was lurking behind some fluffy clouds. Lundahl told a ufologist many years later, "At no time did I see a spaceship or a UFO and to the best of my knowledge neither did [Neasham]."

Soon afterwards Neasham claimed he had contacted the radar people at Washington National Airport and heard from them that the particular quadrant of the sky in which the "UFO" had "appeared" had been "blocked out." It seems likely that if Neasham made any such call at all, he considerably embellished the response, which may have been that there were no returns because no one was paying any attention to that area of the sky. He may also have been trying to impress the skeptical Lundahl.

In any case, Lundahl suggested that Neasham contact Project Blue Book and ask its acting director, Maj. Robert Friend, to stop at PIC headquarters next time he was in Washington. But Neasham took his boss's casual suggestion so seriously that he

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urged the Blue Book officer to come immediately for a briefing.

Friend showed up on July 9, expecting to hear the world's biggest UFO secret—and that is precisely what he thought he heard when Neasham recounted his version of the episode. Neasham even summoned Larsen to repeat the experiment in Friend's presence. Although Larsen managed to elicit "messages" from the ETs, they turned down his request for a fly-over.

When Friend returned to Blue Book headquarters, he prepared a memo and submitted it to his superior at the Air Technical Intelligence Center. In the folklore that would grow around the incident, this memorandum would become known as a "CIA document." In any case Friend's superiors told him to forget about it; they would take care of it. That was the last word he would hear about it from official sources.



The matter rested until years later when J. Allen Hynek found Friend's memo in the Blue Book files and copied it. Subsequently the document came into the hands of the producer and scriptwriter for a documentary film, *UFOs: Past, Present and Future*. Under the impression it was a CIA document, they discussed the matter with Maj. Leo Vrana, a technical adviser assigned to the film by the

Department of Defense, and Vrana sent a copy to the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information (SAFOI). Meanwhile, historian David M. Jacobs, also serving as a technical consultant on the film, interviewed Friend. Friend called SAFOI to ask permission to discuss the incident. SAFOI told him to go ahead since the filmmakers already had the memo.

With the release of the film and of a paperback book of the same title, the legend entered the public domain. Like all good legends it grew with the telling. In time some versions even had Mrs. Swann appearing in person at CIA headquarters to contact the Uranians for the agency.

The question of what the CIA may or may not know about UFOs remains a mystery, but it seems safe to say that it does not involve the Universal Association of Planets and the appearance of a spaceship from Uranus.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles remained convinced that their neighbor was on friendly terms with benevolent beings from elsewhere. Long after her husband's death, Mrs. Knowles declared, "I have never doubted that she is in regular communication with people from outer space. My husband was once asked the same question. He answered, 'There's just no reason not to believe everything she is saying.'"

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When I originally saw *Rainman*, it struck me as a rather unlikely movie to sweep the Oscars. Sure, it had a knock-out performance by Dustin Hoffman. But the movie's plot was predictable and the film's second principle character (played by Tom Cruise) remained unlikeable even with his change of heart. What was especially disconcerting to me personally is that early infantile autism (from which Hoffman suffers in the movie) is hardly entertaining or romantic. It is a terrible burden for most families with someone stricken by it. While some children overcome the disability, most remain retarded and suffer from severe communication defects for the rest of their lives.

When I was studying clinical psychology in the 1960s, early

infantile autism was most closely associated with San Diego psychologist Dr. Bernard Rimling, who first named the syndrome and differentiated it from childhood schizophrenia. Flying against psychoanalytic convention he believed that the disorder was primarily genetic/neurological and promoted that opinion in his 1964 book *Infantile Autism: The Syndrome and its Implications for a Neural Theory of Behavior*. Rimling later wrote several papers on the special talents of these patients, which play such a significant role in *Rainman*. Sufferers from infantile



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autism sometimes become lightning calculators, musical prodigies, memory and mathematical whizzes and the like. Sometimes they are labeled geniuses, but that really isn't the case. Autistic children and adults do not creatively use their powers, but merely imitate the music and visual scenes from the outside world.

Dr. Rimland first began publishing papers on these strange capabilities in various psychological journals, but finally brought the subject to public attention in August 1978 in *Psychology Today*. Not only did he present several knee-jerk style stories on the powers of these "idiot savants" in his articles but tried to explain the source of these powers. He suggested that their low level of involvement with communication gives these curious people phenomenal concentration to devote to their special skills. The result is a gradual honing of abilities far beyond the capabilities of most people.

By this time, FATE readers might be asking, "What does any of this have to do with the paranormal?"

Since autistic children display so many bizarre talents, could they also possess ESP? Dr. Rimland was (to my knowledge) the first expert on the disorder to include ESP in the list of the talents and skills seen in early infantile autism. Even in his *Psychology Today* piece he included a short section on the subject. During the course of his seminal research, four parents of afflicted children reported cases of ESP to him. One school teacher told the psychologist that one such disabled child usually took the bus home. On occasion, how-

ever, his parents would pick him up if they were out running errands. The child invariably "knew" when his parents were going to drop by and would inform the teacher.

The possibility that autistic children possess psychic capabilities has been recently reintroduced into the literature by Dr. Darrold A. Trefflen, a psychiatrist in Wisconsin and a leading expert on the disorder. (Dr. Trefflen served as a technical consultant for *Rainman*.) He raises this issue in his recently published book *Extraordinary People* (published this year by Harper and Row). This book is probably the most complete look at sufferers of early infantile autism and their oftentimes exceptional talents. The possibility that these children display extrasensory perception is acknowledged right from the beginning of the book.

One special patient with whom Dr. Trefflen has worked is a musical prodigy named Ellen. She was born prematurely in 1957 and was given the standard oxygen treatment of the day—before it was known it caused blindness. Even though she is completely blind and retarded, she partially compensates for these deficiencies with especially keen auditory skills. She can memorize even complex music

merely by listening to it and can reproduce it on the piano.

Unlike so many severely disabled children, Ellen wasn't written-off by her parents, who searched the country looking for a school that would educate her. During these same years the couple gradually realized that she was psychic. Dr. Treffen reports three possible incidents in his book. One morning the bus that picked her up for school gave its usual brief signal honk, and Ellen immediately said it was a new bus. This was correct, but Dr. Treffen correctly suggests that Ellen possibly noted a slight difference in the sound of the horn, probably imperceptible to most people. But the other two incidents are more difficult to explain.

"One week before Christmas," explains the psychiatrist "she announced what would be in her gift packages, although she really had no way of knowing and had not been given any clues as to what those gifts might be. Another instance had to do with a telephone call. Ellen's sister, for a variety of reasons, always calls her parents' home during the day and, only under special circumstances, does she call in the evening. At

supper time one evening Ellen told her parents that her sister would be calling. Her mother assured her, for the above reasons, that there would be no such call. Shortly thereafter the telephone rang and Ellen answered it, knowing it would be her sister, who it was. The sister had been called out of town unexpectedly and wanted her parents to know that. Ellen somehow knew that the call was coming."

Of course, it is difficult to know if autistic children are really psychic in the classic sense. This is the same problem we face when we look into the lives and claims of multiple personality patients, which was the subject of my July column. Remember that these people, too, often describe psychic experiences in their daily lives. But it is not clear whether

Since autistic children display so many bizarre talents, could it be that they also possess ESP?

they experience such incidents any more commonly than the public in general. Multiple personality patients and autistic children represent very special peo-

ple, so any unusual powers they possess or occasionally display are probably noticed more often by their families. Certainly the type of psychic experiences reported by Ellen were prosaic. It is important to note also that Dr. Rimland found psychic claims in only four of the over 5,000 cases he evaluated.

On the other hand, these cases certainly suggest that early infantile autism could be a fascinating place for parapsychologists to explore for ESP. No matter what the biological cause of the disorder is, these tragic people have crippling disabilities in communication. It is certainly feasible that they could occasionally use ESP to partially overcome and compensate for this deficiency. It would be interesting if somebody would specifically test some selected autistic children for ESP under controlled conditions. Such experimentation wouldn't be easy, since these children usually show impaired concentration spans, often won't communicate and can be unruly and even destructive. But it would be worth the try! Experimental parapsychologists back in the 1930s were mildly interested in whether disabled children performed successfully on laboratory ESP tests. Some of the research was promising, so perhaps it is time to explore the possibility

further but with autistic children.

Before concluding this column, however, I would like to editorialize a little on early infantile autism and on *Rainman* in particular. I began by pointing out that this disorder is hardly charming or entertaining, two characteristics of Dustin Hoffman's performance which probably made *Rainman* a hit. One of the other problems I had with the film was that it subtly romanticizes the disorder and its extraordinary concomitants, implying that these special skills compensate for the horrendous disabilities suffered in early infantile autism. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you find yourself becoming a little too enchanted with *Rainman*, keep the following facts in mind:

In a study of 5,400 early childhood autism cases collected by Dr. Bernard Rimland, only 10 percent possessed extraordinary talents. Most of the children never recovered from the disorder, even to the impaired level depicted in *Rainman*. The plight of the rest was disheartening. "Even though a few autistic children have recovered sufficiently to complete college..." wrote Dr. Rimland in 1978, "the outlook for the majority has been grim. Most end up in institutions sooner or later."

Some compensation.

OUR STRANGE WORLD

by Mark Chorwinsky



DUCK-EATERS FROM THE DEEP?

The Press has dubbed it the "Monster from Murky Bottom" and it inhabits a very exclusive Washington, D.C. neighborhood. In fact, it may have the distinction of being the "monster" living closest to the White House, a mere four blocks away.

The first headlines in *The Washington Post* announced that people were infuriated that ducklings were disappearing from a nature pond in front of the Interior Department. In mid-April, a Mallard residing in the pond hatched 11 ducklings, but within days only nine of the cute little critters could be found. Each day there were fewer ducklings and many of Federal workers that walk past the pond each day expressed concern about the vanishing ducklings.

The pond was slowly drained in an attempt to find a solution to the disappearing duck mystery.

The National Park Service dubbed the object of their search the "Monster from the Black Lagoon," and the vanishing duckling case entered the realm of the monstrous. By the third week in April, only three ducklings were in the pond. By some accounts, the mother duck seemed to have her charges under constant close supervision.

The culprit initially most favored by the press was a snapping turtle. Others suggested that raccoons, rats, an alligator, or humans may have been responsible for the pond's decreasing duckling population. Naturally, wire service accounts of the mystery stated that unnamed "others" suggested that downtown Washington had its own "version of the Loch Ness monster."

Raccoons and rats were eliminated by the Park Service as culprits because no trace of the ducklings such as feathers, bones, or other evidence could be found. Park Service personnel raking the bottom of the pond



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found no snapping turtles either.

Park Service ranger Helen Horton did discover what she felt was a good bet for the fast-growing monster legend—three fat catfish lurking at the bottom of the pond. Biological engineer John Hoke confirmed that catfish were major suspects in the duck disappearances. "They [catfish] just love ducks," he explained.

Phantom dogs are black, about three feet high, carry a heavy chain, and are *immaterial*!

Duck eating "monsters" are not unheard of. There was a long-standing story of a duck-eating monster in Seattle's Lake Washington. (A 900 lb., 11 foot long "monster" sturgeon was found dead in Lake Washington on November 5, 1987. I am informed, however, that sturgeon do not eat ducks. Certainly my pet sturgeon, has never been seen feeding on our feathered friends.) On December 6, 1933, Cyril B. Andrews of Pender Island, British Columbia, signed an affidavit in court before Justice of the Peace G. F. Parkyn attesting to his

sighting of a *Cadborosaurus*, better known as "Caddy." According to the affidavit, Andrews and thirteen other persons were present when Caddy reared its head out of the water and swallowed a duck, within ten feet of the group of witnesses. Andrews was duck hunting and was attempting to retrieve the wounded duck when Caddy scarfed up the hunter's quarry.

The following month three witnesses saw a large head come about three feet out of the water and gobble up a seagull.

I contacted the National Park Service to check out the latest status of the last three ducklings,

as well as the "monster-cum-catfish" and talked to spokesman Earle Kittleman, who was a little testy about the subject. As soon as he heard the subject of my inquiry, he cut me off, with the statement that "I don't think that there is much to that story at this point. We didn't find that there was any kind of a monster in the pond." He was obviously sick of talking about pond monsters. He did corroborate that catfish were the likeliest suspects in the duck-abductions: "We located a bottom feeder catfish that was large enough to eat ducklings and suspect that still as the culprit, but

the catfish was never trapped."

By early June, there was only one duck left in the 85,000-gallon pond. The Park Service acquired a trap to catch the catfish and placed it on the bottom of the pond. They soon caught a large 14"-long snapping turtle with a head the size of a fist. Biological engineer John Hoke, formerly a proponent of the "catfish hypothesis" stated that "...[the turtle] is definitely the culprit." The snapping turtle will be moved to an aquatic garden in Washington and the trap has been reset in an attempt to catch the catfish so it may be relocated as well.

It was interesting having a monster in Washington, D.C. if only for a few weeks. After all, how many other large cities can boast of an urban pond monster living in the heart of town?

Catfish have been known to act like little monsters, especially when hungry. On Sunday July 24, 1988 *The Washington Post* reported on a series of "mysterious fish attacks on bewildered swimmers" at Lake Mendocino, California. Wendell Jones, California Fish and Game biologist, had a theory that the attacks were by hungry (and possibly sex-starved) catfish:

"I think the fish might be a little cranky. The fish are spawning real late, and in the parts of the lake where the bites occurred, there is a noted absence of food fish. I think

the fish are hungry and cranky because of the spawning."

The catfish attacked a number of swimmers. Their large mouth with curved teeth makes them a potentially dangerous creature and as biologist Jones noted they are known to be "feisty when sexually aroused, hungry or hassled."

THE PHANTOM DOG OF WARFIELDSBURG

We now move into stranger realms of creature-dom, the habitat of the phantom Black Dogs—those phenomenal creatures that skirt the boundaries of cryptozoology and parapsychology.

While they have been known largely as a British phenomena, there are cases of these seemingly spectral creatures throughout the world. The famous Blue Dog of Southern Maryland was featured in *FATE* in November 1953 (p 34), and after a 36 year absence, it is time for Maryland Black Dogs to grace *FATE's* pages.

I am now investigating and researching Black Dogs for my upcoming book on the monsters of Maryland and I currently have a record of twenty-five black spectral dog sightings in this state. One of the most intriguing but little known cases of spectral dogs is that of the Phantom Dog of Warfields-burg, a Black Dog manifestation that to my knowl-

edge has never been written about in the forteen press and is virtually unknown in the field of strange phenomena, until now. The Phantom Dog is said to have been known in the Warfieldsburg area since the early 19th century, but our first report is circa 1887.

Two men were riding through Warfieldsburg, Maryland after dusk. One man was from Emmitsburg, the other was a native "Warfieldsburger." When they were near the Ore Mine Bridge, they spotted a large black dog. Instead of jumping over the fence, the strange dog passed through the fence. The dog then crossed the road and passed though the fence on the other side. The man from Emmitsburg was surprised by the size of the dog and was informed by his companion that they had just seen the Phantom Dog, a creature the gentleman from Emmitsburg had never heard of.

According to another account a man was told that on a certain night he should go to a particular unnamed bridge and stand under a tree for an hour. (Was this Ore Mine Bridge perhaps, the site of the first account ?) If he did so, he was told, a Phantom Dog would go by. The man followed the instructions and the dog passed him as predicted by his source. The dog then followed him a "little piece." In

another case, a man driving a horse-drawn wagon once came to the area frequented by the Phantom Dog when a large black dog dragging a chain appeared. The dog walked a distance estimated to have been approximately one hundred yards. In several accounts, The Phantom Dog of Warfieldsburg was thought by the informant to be the spirit of a cruel landowner named Lee (or Leigh) Masters.

In the 1920s an unnamed citizen of Warfieldsburg is said to have given a man of Emmitsburg some facts concerning the Phantom Dog. The source of this information was told these facts by a witness who saw the dog once. According to this "friend-of-a-witness," the Phantom Dog is:

- Black
- About three feet high
- Generally seen with a huge chain clanking with it
- "Immaterial" (a man once struck at it with his whip, which went through the dog; the dog passing through the fence in the previous account. However, its footprints have been seen in the snow, according to this source.)

Mrs. Madeleine Vinton Dahlgren was the authority on Frederick County, Maryland Black Dogs in the nineteenth century and in her classic *South*

Mountain Magic, (Boston, James R. Osgood and Company, 1882) she writes about the possible "reality" of the Phantom Dog:

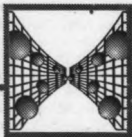
"...the spectre of the Dog-Fiend has appeared to so many people...from their descriptions, it has invariably been noticed very near the same place. The different accounts all agree in the main points, and are difficult to dispose of by a mere denial, or by the charge of hallucination, which may more readily perhaps be made than sustained. The canine marvel has so often been stated to have appeared, that some persons consider the repetition of this appearance as a proof that some singular occurrence is repeated in that locality."

Lest the reader think that this phenomena existed only in the nineteenth century, I should mention that a Black Dog was seen in Maryland in 1975 not far from the sites described earlier in this column. A group of sightseers was returning from Washington State Park to their home in Middletown. They were driving when they suddenly ran into a black dog on the road. They claim to have heard a "thud" and felt the impact from the collision

with the animal. One account states that the occupants of the car felt "the animal being crushed under the wheels." They stopped the car and "were amazed to see the dog standing on its huge paws. The beast bared its teeth, showing an ugly red mouth, then vanished as suddenly as it had appeared."

One notion about the Phantom Dog is that it was never seen more than once by the same person. It is said that if you whip near the spot where the Phantom Dog is seen, it disappears. This disappearing and its seemingly immaterial nature, together with its reported predictability and its association with a clanging chain, seem to put the creature clearly into the "spectral dog" category. If the tracks in the snow were not fictitious and were from the Phantom Dog and not some other source, the animal may be best viewed in the light of the classic mystery animal which is somehow neither material nor immaterial but rather a surreal combination of both.

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BEYOND THE KNOWN

by John Keel

MAGIC STONES

We know why the Dead Sea is dead (too salty) and the Great Bitter Lake is bitter (it tastes terrible), but nobody knows why the beautifully blue Red Sea is flecked with rusty red polka-dots. These are perfect circles that remain motionless on the surface yet aren't on the surface at all. There are no mineral deposits or plants on the sea bottom reflecting the redness to the surface. The water itself contains nothing that would cause the reddish hue. Countless expeditions and divers have splashed around there trying to find the answer. All were unsuccessful.

In the southern part of the Red Sea there is a tiny uninhabited island which is as weird as the red polka-dots surrounding it. It is a highly charged place, so magnetic that compasses become useless when ships near it, like a

miniature Bermuda Triangle planted off the coast of the Arabian peninsula. It is composed mainly of magnetite, a black form of iron ore which is naturally magnetic and is often called lodestone. Magnetite deposits are found all over the world. Nothing mysterious about it. One of the largest lodestones

ever found, weighing several tons, serves as the altar in the chapel in the United Nations building in New York (it was donated by Sweden). So if you ever happen to be wandering through the halls of the U.N. and your compass suddenly

goes amok, now you'll know why.

Not so easily explained are the many places on this planet where compasses go awry even though there is no magnetite nearby. Some of these spots are in ocean areas where the water runs very deep. Again, the notorious Bermuda Triangle and the famed



John Keel

Devil's Sea off the coast of Japan are the sites of such magnetic anomalies. The condition is not a permanent one, however, but comes and goes. It seems to be related to sunspot activity. Incidentally, our orbiting space satellites have also discovered points on this planet which periodically send concentrated radio beams into space. These radio waves don't make any sense at all and the nature of their origin is a puzzle.

If you want to locate magnetic anomalies in your area consult the maps used by pilots and navigators. Areas of magnetic deviation are always marked on them. Some years ago, the National Geological Survey Office conducted an aeromagnetic study of the entire country and prepared maps detailing the magnetic fields. They're handy for people looking for mineral deposits.

Parapsychologists have also noted that compasses go crazy in haunted houses and places where poltergeists are present. The needle just swings in a circle or, in some cases, shifts from North to point directly at the room or spot

that seems to shelter a ghostly presence. Apparently some ghosts are surrounded by a magnetic field!

When flying saucers were all the rage in the 1960s, several companies manufactured UFO detectors which were actually nothing more than magnets hanging from a wire which would react to a sudden change in the magnetic field. They worked admirably well, proving that UFOs were surrounded by a powerful magnetic flow. Or perhaps their movement through the Earth's field caused a deviation. The late Ivan T. Sanderson had one of these UFO detectors in the attic of his isolated farm in New Jersey. He finally disconnected it

The needle on a compass may point directly at the room that seems to shelter a ghostly presence. Apparently some ghosts are surrounded by a magnetic field!

because it had a habit of going off in the middle of the night. He couldn't figure out whether UFOs were buzzing his house or if a ghost was residing in his attic.

THE WANDERING POLES

For generations, scientists have been struggling to come up with a satisfactory explanation for the oddest magnetic anomaly of all. This planet is magnetized and we have no idea how or why. We are all living in a delicate but important magnetic field. Since we are electrical organisms ourselves, the presence of this field undoubtedly has an effect on us and may even be a vital part of the mysterious system that creates and sustains life. Without a magnetic field, life may be impossible.

The Earth seems to behave like a magnet. It has a north and south magnetic pole. Its magnetism is measurable and can be charted. But something is very amiss. The magnetic poles are not stationary. They move around. A lot. The entire magnetic field drifts about 15 miles each year. Both poles swing in a large circle roughly one hundred miles in diameter and follow a circuit that repeats itself every 960 years. This movement suggests that the source of the magnetism is not fixed, but is mobile and dynamic. It couldn't be a great lump of magnetized iron. The most popular theory has been that the core of the Earth is a mass of molten metal and this is moving around a bit and somehow generates the magnetic field. But the big flaw

with this notion is that heat destroys magnetism. And it is estimated that the center of the Earth may be as hot as 10,000 degrees! When we dig into the ground it gets hotter and hotter the deeper we go. The deepest we have penetrated is the Western Deep Levels diamond mine in South Africa which goes down 6,800 feet where it is so hot that air conditioners have to be set up every few paces. Natural magnetism gets weaker as depth increases.

Another theory, currently being bandied about in scientific circles, is that the core is a miniature atomic bomb, something like the sun, and that it is putting forth all the magnetic energy. But if this were the case, certainly some of the gases and molten rock bubbling to the surface through volcanos would show some radioactivity.

PROJECT MOHOLE

A group of government engineers with time on their hands in the 1960s came up with a plan to bore a hole to the center of the Earth. It began as a joke, but some bureaucrats with tapioca brains took it seriously. Washington announced Project Mohole and set up a lavish budget to accomplish it. The ensuing publicity prodded the Soviets into action. They were not about

to let the United States reach the center of the Earth first, so they set up their own Mohole project. The race was on!

If either side had bothered to consult a 16-year-old science student they could have learned why it couldn't

be done. Instead, both sides poured millions into their respective plans. The Soviets pulled out first, very embarrassed.

By the time the Americans gave up, the U.S. taxpayer had shelled out over \$50,000,000 for the paperwork alone! Neither side managed to build a single piece of hardware.

The Soviets got even with us a few years later when they announced the discovery of polywater—a new form of water that, they claimed, was the biggest thing since the splitting of the atom. Our scientists managed to squander over \$100,000,000 on that one before someone figured out that polywater was just a natural byproduct of the distillation process and had no real value.

THE EARTHLY DYNAMO

If it had been possible to dig a hole straight through the center of the Earth it might have been like

sticking a pin in a balloon. The planet could have blown itself up with the sudden release of all the fiery glop down there. The loss of the third planet would have then

Our scientists managed to squander over \$100,000,000 before someone figured out that polywater had no real value at all.

disrupted the gravitational mechanism of the entire solar system. The other planets would fall into erratic orbits, maybe even plunging into the Sun. All because some joker in some dull government office tired of spending his days doing crossword puzzles.

As it now stands, we are all riding a gigantic dynamo. After all, when you rotate a conductor in a magnetic field, electricity is generated. Bolts of lightning are created in the atmosphere. All living things are bathed in electrical energy. Lodestones are magnetized. Mysterious beams are flashed into outer space. Vast events are set into motion. And compasses turn like pinwheels in the Bermuda Triangle.

THE SEARCH FOR THE *REAL* GOLDEN FLEECE

By Dr. Karl P.N. Shuker

Most people interpret the famous Golden Fleece as a mythical goal for an archetypal quest. But is there a possibility that the Golden Fleece was real?



Painting: Martin Cannon

One of the most famous episodes in Greek mythology concerns the quest by the hero Jason and his loyal band of Argonauts for the fabulous Golden Fleece. This fleece was derived from a magical and magnificent ram sent to Earth by the messenger-god Hermes. A charming tale, but indisputably fictional—or is it? Could the Golden Fleece be more than a legend?

Surprising as it may seem, Science—so frequently the annihilator of folktale and fancy—actually provides evidence for believing that Jason's shimmering quarry may have a factual basis.

WAS THE FLEECE USED TO TRAP GOLD?

As far back as the 1st Century B.C., the Greek geographer Strabo had contemplated the possibility that the Golden Fleece legend was founded in reality. He suggested that it may have been an ordinary fleece which had been used to trap gold washed down the river Phasis. Particles of gold would have remained ensnared among its fibers, resulting in a fleece that at least upon casual observation might well have appeared to be composed of gold-bearing wool.

Although a most ingenious

idea, it is surely unlikely that such a superficially deceptive artifact could not only have retained its illusion intact during inevitable closer examination but could also have become sufficiently famous to engender one of Greek mythology's most enduring and epic of sagas.

In his informative work *The Subterranean World* (3rd Edit.), published in 1875, Dr. George Hartwig did point out that even today sheep fleeces are still used to trap particles of gold in rivers by natives of gold-possessing countries.

However, he also noted that this was not taken by many authorities as proof that the Golden Fleece was itself a fleece with gold-ensnared fibers. On the contrary, many authorities felt that the quest by Jason and company was not for a Golden Fleece at all, but was for the gold itself, with the fleece being nothing more than a means of obtaining the gold and having no significance of its own.

In short, the Golden Fleece's present-day prominence in mythology might be due to erroneous telling and re-telling of the ancient myths down through the ages, with the object of Jason's quest (the gold) becoming confused with the means of obtaining it (an ordinary sheep fleece).

WAS IT A FINE-WOOLED FLEECE?

Another solution, put forward by a variety of different researchers, is one which seeks to explain the Golden Fleece in a totally separate manner—as a misinterpreted and/or mythified reference to fine-wooled fleeces. There are three principal classes of wool:

- 1) *Carpet wool* (very coarse, and hair-like; used for making carpets and rugs);
- 2) *Cross-bred wool* (familiar, weaving-quality; produced by the majority of British sheep breeds);
- 3) *Fine Wool* (valuable and lustrous, with exceedingly fine

fibers; generally obtained today from Merino sheep).

In a paper published within *Nature* on April 13, 1973, Drs. M.L. Ryder and J.W. Hedges from Edinburgh's ARC Animal Breeding Research Organization noted that fine-wooled sheep were certainly known in antiquity. Additionally, they announced that specimens of Scythian fine wool examined by them and derived from the Black Sea area demonstrated that sheep yielding such wool existed as far back as the 5th Century B.C. This is particularly significant because as Ryder and Hedges noted, not only has the Golden Fleece legend been taken by some re-



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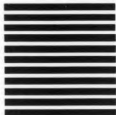
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searchers to refer to fine wool, but in addition it is of similar date and is associated with the same area as the Scythian wool discussed by them in their paper. This newly-found correspondence therefore adds credence to the postulated Golden Fleece-fine wool link.

Nonetheless, in 1932 a paper had already appeared in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society* (London) that was destined in the 1980s to suggest a much more literal solution to the Golden Fleece mystery than a gold-bearing artifact, a substitute for gold itself, or a historical mythification of early fine-wooled sheep.

WAS THE GOLD FROM WITHIN THE SHEEP?

The paper in question was written by Drs. Claude Rimington and A.M. Stewart of the Wool Industries Research Association of Leeds, Yorkshire, and concerned itself with a hitherto uninvestigated pigment. Raw wool comprises the wool fibers, and "yolk." This latter component in turn consists of ether-soluble grease (secreted by the sheep's sebaceous skin glands), and a water-soluble substance known as suint (secreted by the sheep's sweat glands). In their paper, Rimington and Stewart recorded that a golden-brown coloration existed in vary-

ing intensities within the suint of certain sheep, its intensity of color depending upon the animals' diet and age, and also influenced by conditions stimulating sweating.

Following their analysis of the composition and secretion of this mysterious pigment (which they termed lanaurin—meaning "golden wool"), Rimington and Stewart concluded that it was related to the bile pigment bilirubin—a reddish substance normally secreted into the bile by the liver.

Rimington and Stewart suggested that the appearance of lanaurin resulted from an enhanced destruction of hemoglobin within the sheep so afflicted; in addition, they confirmed that it was conveyed through the skin of such sheep into their wool via the sweat glands. Moreover, not only did this compound occur within the wool of golden-colored sheep, it was also discovered within their urine, which in turn was excessively pigmented. Comparisons were drawn between golden-wooled sheep and inherited acholuric jaundice in humans, with the suggestion that as with this type of human jaundice, the golden-wool condition in sheep may be genetically-based.

Further researches into this intriguing area of biochemistry

took place in the years to come. Chemical analyses became more precise, and chemical nomenclature diversified—substances inducing jaundice became known as icterogenic agents. By the early 1960s, examples of abnormal golden coloration had been reported and studied not only in sheep but also in rabbits (see the series of papers by Rimington and colleagues published during this period in the Royal Society's *Proceedings*), and it emerged that a number of natural and synthetic icterogenic agents belonged to a group of chemicals known as the pentacyclic triterpenoids.

Moreover, by 1963 and in partnership with J.M.M. Brown and Barbara Sawyer, Rimington's continuing researches in this field had uncovered some important new information. They revealed that the golden-wool condition in sheep also could be induced by environmental means—namely, the ingestion by sheep of leaves from certain plants (especially shrubs of the genus *Lantana*). These plants contained pentacyclic triterpenoids, and the result of eating them would be the passage of bilirubin (together with that of various related pigments) into the skin and wool suint of those animals, bestowing upon their wool the golden appearance reported in Rimington's earlier studies.

So here we have a biochemical phenomenon that produces sheep (not to mention rabbits!) with golden-colored wool. Not surprisingly, therefore, it was only a matter of time before this circumstance was offered as the solution to the fabled Golden Fleece itself. And in a letter to *Nature* published on June 23, 1987, this was indeed put forward in that context by Dr. G. J. Smith, a researcher in physical chemistry at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

In his letter, Dr. Smith recalled a lesser-known portion of the Golden Fleece legend. Namely, the section in which its ovine bearer appeared during a period of severe famine in Greece, having been sent by Hermes to rescue some children due to be sacrificed by their evil stepmother in an attempt to appease the gods and thereby end the famine.

Smith noted that during modern-day periods of famine in New Zealand, sheep there were often fed upon leaves from trees by their distraught farmer owners. He then postulated that under similar conditions in Greece, farmers may well have fed their sheep upon leaves from the extensively cultivated olive tree *Olea europea*. And it just so happens that the leaves of the olive tree contain great amounts of oleanic acid, which is the basic



Olive trees such as those that could produce changes in sheep

substance from which the known icterogenic pentacyclic triterpenoids are derived.

Tests carried out with rabbits by Brown, Rimington and Sawyer in the 1960s had readily revealed that small amounts of oleanolic acid did not induce any icterogenic activity. Conversely, as argued by Smith, when present in much greater concentrations—as in the leaves of the olive tree (and particularly in those subjected to draught stress, as experienced in famine conditions)—oleanolic acid could bring about abnormal golden discoloration of wool. In short, the Golden Fleece legend may have

been based upon sightings of sheep that, during the famine periods experienced by Greece in earlier days, had been fed upon olive tree leaves, whose high triterpenoid content had ultimately caused their fleeces to be stained with golden bile pigments.

Although, as Smith himself admitted, this is all speculative, there is no doubt that it offers an exceedingly beguiling solution to the legend—and one, moreover, that actually corresponds very closely not just with its principal but also with its more peripheral portions.

At the same time, however,

some contrary evidence also exists—as brought to attention in a follow-up letter to *Nature* (published on November 5, 1987) by research chemists Drs. Patrick Moyna and Horacio Heinzen, from Uruguay's Universidad de la Republica. They reported that oleanolic acid is contained in even greater concentrations in certain other plant sources such as grapes. Yet this does not appear to have any toxic effect upon humans consuming the grapes—in contrast to the outcome that one would have predicted judging from the arguments offered with sheep and olive leaves. However, Moyna and Heinzen did not provide any references in relation to sheep and grapes, and it is well known that the gastrointestinal tract and

its associated organs in humans differ very considerably from those of sheep. Consequently the matter remains unresolved with regard to sheep.

For the present, therefore, some very persuasive arguments exist in favor of a literal reality for the Golden Fleece—even if the concept of a starving, liver-damaged sheep with wool discolored by bile pigments does not arouse quite the same degree of romance and mystery as the lustrous, glittering Fleece of Mythology's magical ram!

Ultimately, however, it seems most unlikely that the Fleece's legend can ever become anything more than a subject for speculation. Did Jason's golden-hued quarry really exist? Or was it (literally!) nothing more than a yarn?

— HYPNOTIC DECEPTIONS? —

By Nick Howes

The classroom experiment involves a mock assassination. A witness is hypnotized and grilled for the murderer's description. "He wore gloves," the student says, and describes their color, lining, stitching pattern. Afterwards, Associate Professor Howard W. Timm of the Center for the Study of Crime at Southern Illinois University reveals to his student's surprise that the murderer did not wear gloves at all.

Timm's claims are important to those who believe in various hyp-

nosis-related claims, such as that of memory recall through hypnosis. Timm says lying under hypnosis is not unusual and not necessarily intentional, either. Subjects tend to fill memory gaps with invented answers.

Timm notes that even trained hypnotists can't tell the difference between a real memory and a created memory. Hypnosis can be used effectively as a memory jogger, such as retracing in your memory what may have happened when you mislaid your car keys.

Astrological Influences

For September, 1989

by Anne Lyddane



♈ ARIES

Marriage or love unions suggest mutual communication on pleasant levels. Keep practical outlook for work region. Legacy possible. You will find your home base fulfilling.

—Lucky days: 3, 6, 11, 19, 24, 29.

♉ TAURUS

An Autumn wedding possible, Taurus. Employment situation satisfying. Keep communications here clear. Avoid tight leash on children or lovers now.

—Lucky days: 6, 8, 13, 19, 28.

♊ GEMINI

Romance can be discovered at work. Avoid appearing jealous or possessive. Keep lines open with lovers. You may feel indecisive.

—Lucky days: 5, 12, 20, 23, 24.

♋ CANCER

A productive period for refurbishing your home, as well as for enjoying visitors. Quarrels or resentments need balanced airing with relationship partners.

—Lucky days: 4, 5, 6, 14, 19, 26.

♌ LEO

Relatives and neighbors offer social activities which can be fun. Be cautious about manipulation around home base. Finances stable now.

—Lucky days: 5, 10, 19, 24, 26.

♍ VIRGO

Keep a balance regarding budget currently, Virgo. Romance can be found in your environment. Be active in projecting a new image.

—Lucky days: 5, 12, 20, 26, 28.

♎ LIBRA

Combine your charisma and intelligence toward that New You now. Don't try to "buy love." Deal with realities. Creativity in solitude.

—Lucky days: 6, 8, 13, 19, 23, 28.

♏ SCORPIO

Look at all sides of potentials connected with money now, Scorpio. A new or different romance is at hand. Creativity high.

—Lucky days: 2, 5, 10, 14, 22, 27.

♐ SAGITTARIUS

A fine harvest period for personal probing. Get beneath surfaces. Friends and troupes socially active now. Career continues stable. Think before acting.

—Lucky days: 4, 14, 19, 24, 27.

♑ CAPRICORN

Romance hides behind groups and organizations currently. Your leadership abilities receive recognition. Career appears balanced. Foreign travel blends fun with business opportunities.

—Lucky days: 4, 6, 11, 13, 17, 26.

♒ AQUARIUS

Air travel to foreign lands a potential now, Aquarius. Romance and career are in sync. A legacy shows practical value.

—Lucky days: 4, 6, 11, 13, 17, 26.

♓ PISCES

Tying the knot currently with a serious and responsible type offers stable relationship. Specialized training helps you toward successful goals.

—Lucky days: 5, 12, 14, 18, 20, 27.

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The Haunting of Eck House



It was our dream house.
But when it came into our
lives a long deceased resident
had some nightmares waiting for us.

By Lois Costomiris

"I wish we had just one logical explanation to why we are encountering all these problems trying to get this house ready to move into," Toni sighed, shaking her head in disbelief. Months later, we were to learn the answer in a most surprising way.

Our daughter Toni and her husband Jeff Boone had bought the house and they with their two young daughters, Kim and Kris, were anxious to get settled in. Jeff, an osteopath in Cicero, Ind., had a new thriving practice.

The story behind the Eck house goes way back. Toni had her mind set on it for many years. In 1952 whenever we drove by the Eck house with our three daughters, Wanda, 11, would say, "That's gonna be *my* house when I grow up." Becky, five, argued, "No, that's gonna be *my* house!" Toni, three, mimicked, "Me house!"

This had been the beautiful brick home of Irene and Leonard Eck. Leonard was the master builder of the area. Anyone with money contracted Leonard. It was called "The House of Seven Gables" because of the seven gables that pointed up from the roof. It was built to perfection by Leonard.

I was in high school when I first toured the home in 1937. How romantic to know Leonard

Eck loved his wife Irene so much he built her a new home to replace the farmstead log house setting next to the gravel road. Twin sons Robert and Russell were an exciting addition.

This was a country home with all of the elegance of the city-rich. Farm wives during the Depression had no luxuries. Their chicken and egg money had to cover the bare essentials. A farmer's income went back into the operation—machinery, livestock or more land, but usually not into the house or any conveniences therein. I yearned for a home that nice someday.

Each drive past the house prompted our three daughters to have me repeat its exciting features. Across the front was a huge living room with a fireplace, a dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, and a monstrous family room in the basement. Robert Eck told me that he and Russell had roller-skated many miles around those cement-floor areas.

The house also had a bathroom, coal furnace and long basement laundry room where Irene washed and in bad weather hung the clothes to dry. Most women hung them outside to freeze-dry or they put spike nails above doors, strung lines throughout the house and then hung the clothes up leaving the family to duck in and around

them throughout the day.

A clothes chute that led to the laundry room was in the hallway near the bedrooms. A dumbwaiter was in the kitchen and dirt-dust chutes were in the kitchen and in the hallway near the bathroom.

There were two electric plug outlets on each wall of every room of the house, the porch and throughout the basement, and this at a time when most women were content to have rural electrification with the bare bulb hanging from a cord in the center of each room.

The pump room had a flowing artesian well. Another basement room was used for coal storage. In an offset Irene kept her canning supplies and her home-canned foods.

A three-car brick garage stood off to the side in the back. It housed the family car, Leonard's truck and a vast space for lumber supplies. On the back were two long henhouses.

And so our three little girls continued to spin their fairy tales. Once I reminded them it would be years before the Eck couple would pass away and when they did, one of the twins would probably move back in.

Leonard died when he was in his 50s. Irene lived on in her cherished home. The twins went away to college, on into the job market,

married and had children.

Irene, 80, had known of Toni's yearning for her home. Before her death Irene said to June, Robert's wife, "Just be sure someone gets my home who will love it as much as I have."

After Irene's death, the Eck house was put on the market. Jeff was away at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri. Toni and their two daughters would live with us and Toni would continue teaching. With careful management, she'd be able to finance Jeff's school expenses. At the time there were no teaching positions open in the Kirksville school system.

Jeff was a dedicated student. Hours were long and difficult. When it came time for him to take his boards, he'd get a mental block. He'd take other courses, study, then take them again. He knew the answers but somehow, faced with exams, his mind blocked out the facts as if he had stage fright.

Year in and year out Toni worried that her house would sell to someone else. There would go her dream.

Toni and her girls would often go the long way around just to have a look at "our house" as it was now being called. When they reached home Toni's face was always dreamy with the look it had when she was younger. The

girls had the same longing look and now they were spinning their own fairy tale of life in the Eck house.

Once I suggested to Toni, "We used to enjoy going to open houses. Why don't we look at some that are for sale? You might find something you like much better—more up-to-date." What I really wanted to say was that she should steel herself against disappointment.

"No," she said, "if I can't have the Eck house, I don't want any."

The Eck twins as administrators often disagreed violently as to the sale of the property. It reached a stalemate. For two years interest rates skyrocketed

—no buyers. Would the house be vandalized? We worried about it as if it were our own.

One frigid morning a friend, Leanna Illyes, called. "Have you been by the Eck house?" she asked. "We saw this mammoth icicle hanging outside the kitchen window. A neighbor is supposed to be overseeing it."

A winter storm with sub-zero temperatures and a power failure for six hours caused the hot water pipe to the kitchen to freeze and burst. For two weeks it had spewed steam and water throughout the west section of the house and out the kitchen window. The hardwood dining room floors buckled. The kitchen



In the 1930s Leonard Eck built a brick home for his wife Irene and loved it so much that even death could not separate him from it.

linoleum cracked and crumbled and streamers of paint hung loosely throughout.

Russell came and pumped out the basement and set dehumidifiers throughout the house to dry it out.

Jeff finally passed his boards and hung his shingle in Cicero. Right from the start he had many patients and was working almost around the clock. Now Jeff and Toni could seriously consider the Eck house.

The insurance adjuster viewed each damaged room and gave an estimated cost to put the house in order if they, the insurance company, hired all the work done. He made a sizeable monetary offer if the family would like to do the work. By allowing the buyer this amount, the price for the house could be given which was acceptable to each brother. The suggestion was met with warm approval.

How much longer would it take before the willing hands of family could start in?

When all the legal papers were finalized, we went to work, knowing that an older, vacant house would pose unseen problems. In all these years the Ecks had been the only occupants and it earlier had had loving care.

Toni, her father Bud and I anxiously faced the tasks ahead. But we were not prepared

for the strange happenings that proved most disturbing.

When we tore off the one layer of living room wallpaper, we discovered pencil-written words on the wall, "This room papered March 1935." It was now July 1982. It was quite evident that through all these recent years no decorative changes had been made except for three coats of paint on the kitchen walls.

I set to work papering rooms and puttying windows. Bud managed the carpentry work and the heavy repairs.

The wallpaper in the girls' bedrooms was faded, but flawless, no lap marks and sealed tightly throughout. Toni, with paintbrush in hand and a bucket of recommended paint, started in.

The first coat was slurped up dry as a blotter and streaked. Another coat resulted the same. She put in a call to the store manager. "He should have told you to put on a sealer coat first, then the paint." It would have been simpler to have steamed off the wallpaper and painted the walls. It did look nice when completed.

Experience is a good teacher, they say. We were yet to learn many a lesson and mostly not because of our ignorance.

The hardwood dining room floors settled back into place, but the finish was discolored. Toni had wanted carpeting through-

out, but it would be expensive. Jeff loved shiny, bare floors and area rugs—the country look. With the use of a rented sander and by applying proper finish, all the hardwood floors were again beautiful. The Eck house was coming alive.

Up to this point we hadn't thought much of the worrisome problems. But then working in the kitchen, we felt something unseen was hampering our every move. The work of cleaning off old scaling and chipping paint was slow, tedious and irritating. Much of it even defied paint remover. A sander was put to work.

Irene's huge old cherry kitchen cabinet had been sold at her sale. There were no other cabinets. Irene's woodstove had been in an alcove and a kerosene stove for summer use was in another off-set. The new country kitchen would make use of these features.

The cabinet salesman came to measure for kitchen cabinets with promised delivery in a month. The family could move in before school started.

Mike Cook, a successful home builder-friend, came evenings to complete jobs that needed special skills. When he unpacked the delivered cabinets to install them, none fit into their proper places.

Toni took a tired breath and said, "Now what will we do?"

"Call them. They're reputable," said Mike.

"I'm not surprised," the store manager replied to Toni. "That feller had been doing everything wrong lately for some reason. I fired him yesterday. I'll come up my-

self." We waited another month for cabinets.

But that was just the beginning. Other strange incidents and disturbances were happening.

On the kitchen floor Mike installed the brick tiling over new plywood subflooring. The next morning many of the tiles had popped up. He sealed them down tightly again. Next day some of these had again come loose as had many others. Day after day it kept



The state of Indiana,
where the haunting took place.

happening and it was baffling. A change in the adhesive made no difference. Not only that but the grout, mixed from the same sack, dried two colors.

Toni painted the kitchen ceiling. One water-damaged spot resisted pre-treatment and paint. I papered all the walls with no complications.

The kitchen sink was ordered. After waiting much past the delivery date, we called. There was no sales record and so a new order was taken. Another delay to deal with.

By now the store manager felt an intense skepticism at all that was going on and decided to come out and see for himself. As he was leaving, however, he shared the same unsettling feeling that there was more to this than even he could understand.

A drapery outlet featured a huge sale of their best fabrics. "Everything goes for a dollar a yard," read the ad. I was ready now to make country curtains for most of the house. Toni and I took along sample wallpaper, flooring and paint to coordinate with curtains.

The next morning Toni phoned me. "Oh, Mom," she said in an exasperated tone. I wondered what now. "This material for the kitchen curtains looks awful next to the wallpaper," she said.

How could we have gone so

wrong? I, who had been a knowledgeable seamstress all these years, had had many of my friends come to me for help in decorating their homes. Sure enough when she lapped the fabric over the curtain rod, I could see it would not do.

Irene, an expert with the needle, had brightened up her home with hand-embroidered curtains, needlework crafts and accessories, making it homey and comfortable.

The old sink was left in place until the new one came. The water flowed from the faucets, but the drain was stopped up. The septic tank and grease trap were clogged.

School started and the Boones moved in even though the kitchen could not be finished until the sink and cabinets arrived.

One day Patty, my psychic friend, and I went out to lunch. On the way home I asked her, "Would you like to see Toni's house?"

Through the trying years when Jeff and Toni's problems seemed overwhelming—would Jeff ever pass his boards, when can they live as family, would the Eck house ever become their home?—Patty could see into the future and she reassured me.

She would say, "Yes, Jeff will pass his boards. You don't have any idea what a wonderful doc-

tor he will become. Yes, they will buy the Eck house. Irene is up there looking down, moving all the pieces around as if she were putting together a jigsaw puzzle. The high interest rates, her sons' disputes, realty problems, all her part to stall the sale until the Boones can finance it. And there will be another child, a boy. You think these girls are smart—he'll be a genius!"

Toni took Patty from room to room. As we were leaving, she told Toni, "The whole house is so cheerful and comfortable. I get such a warm feeling..."

Driving home, Patty said to me, "I didn't want to tell this in front of Toni for fear it might bother her. At the fireplace stood this sturdily-built little man, his head just to the mantel shelf, and he was smoking a pipe that curved way down to his chin like this—I'd never seen one before."

"That's Leonard!" I all but shouted. "He was so short. He always smoked the bulldog-type pipe with the bent-down stem. They were common when I was young. I haven't seen a man smoking one in years."

"That pipe was as much a part of Leonard's body as his nose or his ears. Before Sunday school he tapped out the ashes, then put the pipe in his pocket. After church he was the first to greet the minister at the door. Then he

was outside lighting up his pipe. When Leonard was building houses, that pipe went up the sides of the wall with him. He talked with it in his mouth, never missing a word. Evidence of his height was in his basement shower—the shower head came to Toni's chin. Irene stood a head taller than her husband."

"This Leonard, you call him," said Patty, "he's a happy spirit now. Not always. He's been responsible for all the troubles, especially in the kitchen. He did not want *any* changes made in the house. Most of all, he feared major alterations—he was afraid you'd start knocking out walls! [This had been considered, knocking out the wall between the girls' rooms and making a large master bedroom.] He didn't object to the papering and painting after he saw it was being done to perfection, but you shouldn't have painted over those two papered rooms. He was a disturbed spirit causing all the headaches."

"Changes and confusions get spirits upset. Sometimes they do things like stealing tools from workmen and then putting them back after a long search or they make their footsteps heard or they can be so noisy, hoping to scare away the occupants."

"Irene?" Patty continued, "Oh, she is in and out, continually smiling her approval at what all

you've been doing. She understands young wives wanting the latest decor. Most of all, she's so happy the Boones are living in her home and loving it as much as she always did."

After Joshua Boone's birth it was apparent that more bedroom space was needed. A contractor enclosed the large upstairs, evidently with Leonard's approval. There were no disturbances.

Every once in a while without fail Leonard lets us know he's around.

One spring day I was out in their yard pruning dead wood and bare branches from the overgrown, long-neglected spirea bushes. As I pushed my way down through the years of undergrowth cutting an entrance to the roots, I was thinking, "I wonder if I'm doing this to suit Leonard."

Just then my hand slipped off the pruners and the handle banged me across the cheek with the force of a mule's kick. "Leonard," I thought, "you made your point."

One day Bud remarked, "Toni's house is always cold when I sit down to watch TV. No one else seems cold—they are always running around barefoot."

Patty explained, "Bud's sitting in Jeff's recliner. Leonard had his easy chair in that spot in front of the fireplace with his radio on a table nearby. Whenever there's a

ghost in the house, that's where you'll find a cold spot."

On the phone one morning Toni said, "The porch swing—with no one around and no air stirring—it swings erratically back and forth. Sometimes in the evening the back door rattles like someone wants to come in. The doorbell doesn't ring. When I check, there's no one there. I pull the storm door tightly shut, lock the back door and that's the last I hear of it."

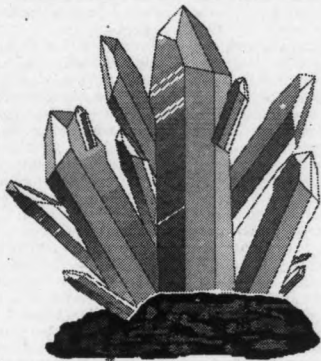
"Kris likes to get ready for school early. Then she takes her school bag out there on the front porch and she sits and swings and waits for the school bus. She just loves that time in the morning."

Patty laughed when she heard this. "Leonard is a happy mischievous spirit now," she declared. "He sends out these puzzling messages to let them know he's still around. He just loves being a part of this family. He's enjoying swinging with Kris each morning just as much as she likes being out there, but she doesn't really know why."

Nowadays when there's a mishap around the house, someone is bound to say, "Leonard, what are you up to this time?"

If it hadn't been for Patty, we never would have known what was causing these unaccountable happenings and the Boone family would not be enjoying Leonard, now the *known* entity.

LETTING YOUR CRYSTALS FIND you



**LEARN HOW TO GO MINERAL HUNTING
IT'S EASY!**

By Louise Rotte

Where I live in Southern Oklahoma my life and the lives of many others have been affected by the mineral deposits of "black gold." Mining became commercially important in Oklahoma after the coming of the railroads in 1872. The state's oil industry was born in 1889 when Kansas speculators, led by Nathan Byrd, drilled a shallow oil well on the lands of the Cherokee Indians near Chelsea. The first important commercial well was drilled in Bartlesville in 1897.

But Oklahoma, so rich in the mineral deposits of oil and gas, has few gemstones though common opal is found here, along with quartz crystal, rose quartz and rutilated quartz.

It is believed that gemstones affect the body by influencing the etheric web that lies just outside the field of vision. Our bodies are surrounded by an electromagnetic field that may be visible in special pictures such as Kirlian photographs. This field may be charged with electricity. Gemstones also have their fields of electrical energy and, when worn on the body, or carried close to a person, affect the body of that person as well.

Many even believe we have been generally guided to live in the geographical location of our daily existence by the effects of crystals. We may be led to move

toward or away from areas of high mineral content with their vibrations being a constant additive to our auric field. We may consciously feel the effects of this in that certain areas feel more right and comfortable, certain locations are soothing or invigorating—and yet we cannot understand why. It is just possible that this is because of local mineral deposits interacting with our personal field.

The mineral field's size and shape is determined by how the mineral was formed. And that's right where I want to make my first point—synthetic gems are rarely as powerful or effective as the "real thing." They simply do not embody the same natural field of energy necessary for assimilation with the complex aura of a living entity. Just as synthetic vitamins are incomplete, the effects are likely to be incomplete in the same way, although they may appear to be working in general. At best, man-made stones are a second choice. Like synthetic vitamins, they do not contain the myriad trace elements present in natural form.

So, if you are interested in crystals for purposes of healing, to help you attain health and possibly wealth, or any of the many spiritual and material things we humans believe to be essential to our happiness, it is

important that you use in your endeavor the natural stones that a benevolent Nature has put here on earth. And in and on the earth is where they are located.

I believe those crystals and gems we find for ourselves have greater power to help us reach our goals than if they were purchased—and giving crystals the opportunity to *find us* through prospecting for them is not as difficult as it might seem.

For instance, just across the border from Oklahoma lies Texas. In various Texas sites it is possible to find amethyst, turquoise, quartz crystal, jasper, agate, opal, rose quartz, topaz, amazonite, prase (a chalcedony that is translucent and leek green) and even diamond. This is quite a table of goodies to spread before the prospective rock hound who might find it both interesting and profitable to vacation in an area where crystals and precious and semi-precious gems might be found.

When most of us think about quartz crystals Arkansas usually comes first to mind and it is true that Nature has given this state an abundance of these lovely crystals as well as diamonds. Traveling through Arkansas several years ago I found quartz, smoky quartz, sunstone, topazolite, and jasper. In Pike County, near Murfreesboro, you can hunt

for diamonds. I did not find any, but many have been found both before and after my brief search.

As you drive all through the southern part of Arkansas you will find many roadside stands where crystals of all sizes and shapes are displayed out of doors as well as in shops where more choice specimens may be found. Even if you cannot or do not wish to mine them for yourself, this presents a wonderful opportunity for selection. As you handle them you are sure to find one or more that “speaks” to you. Picking them up and laying them down I almost lost my cool—I wanted them all—but I gradually calmed down and became more selective—there was one lovely specimen that “beckoned” to me and I just had to have it. It has given me joy ever since it came into my possession.

My indulgent husband shared my interest in rockhounding but not quite to the point of my obsession with it. As I began to buy and load up the travel trailer he teasingly warned me against buying more because of the added weight. Being a sneaky sort and unwilling to stop I took to hiding my rocks. It wasn't until we hit a hill and couldn't pull up that I confessed and reluctantly discarded some of my less valuable specimens. After that I behaved myself. Like Odysseus I

put my hands over my eyes (instead of my ears) whenever we passed a display so I would not have to bear the pain of looking and being unable to buy.

It is really remarkable just how many gemstones can be found in the United States and if you are truly interested in a gem-studded vacation you should write to the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. for Geological Survey Bulletin 1042-G, "Gem Stones of the United States," which gives a comprehensive listing, state-by-state, of the counties and localities where various gemstones and crystals may be found.

Then you can fine tune your research further for your own state or the state you might like to visit by writing to the Chamber of Commerce in the town nearest the locality where the gems are located. They usually will have some literature or directions to aid you. There are many places where, for a fee (usually very reasonable), you can go into a designated area and do your own prospecting—just as diamond hunters are permitted to do at Murfreesboro, Arkansas. And some states, like New Mexico, have actually set aside free areas for rockhounds. I once spent part of a happy vacation at Rockhound State Park when my husband and I were on

our way to Colorado to hunt during the deer season. All sorts of interesting minerals and semiprecious stones are to be found there, free for the taking in moderate amounts by individuals. And it is a truly beautiful place equipped with modern facilities, picnic areas, camping areas and a ranger to oversee the area.

It must be remembered, however, that while quartz crystals are usually easily identifiable, most gems are not beautiful in their rough form. They must be properly cut and polished to bring out their color and brilliance. The polished star sapphire, for instance, shows great beauty by reflected light, and only by reflected light. It loses much of its brilliance at night. This would not seem to be true of the ruby.

It is important that you recognize, at least in a general way, the precious or semiprecious gemstones that you find, therefore you should do some reading well in advance of your "rockhound vacation." Of course you can't become a gemologist over night, so after choosing your location confine your research to what is found there and how to recognize it. At the location of the diamond mine (surface mining), in Arkansas, the office where you pay your fee has diamonds in their rough state on display.

Other areas offer similar assistance in identification.

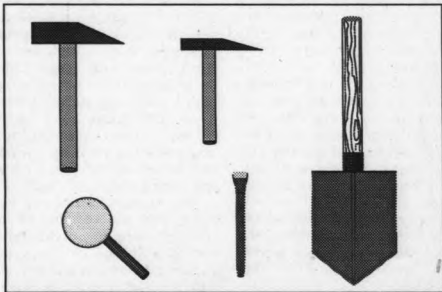
There are many outlets you can contact in any state or locality for additional information, although names differ from state to state. Museums within a state and state universities are very helpful. They are also invaluable in recommending reading material on mining or "collecting." Also geologic societies within the state can be helpful. And I have already mentioned the Chamber of Commerce.

Study carefully the rock types so you will know which ones reach the surface or near it. Study each likely stone and also be aware that you may find other

gemstones you are not specifically looking for. Let's say you are digging for corundum (ruby and sapphire), you may also turn up a rhodolite garnet. So it is wise to have a surface knowledge at least of some of the other stones you may encounter in the same mineral situation.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Surface mining may or may not require tools, depending on the location, but it's always a good idea to take along a magnifying glass which will point up features you might miss. No other instrument is as likely to reveal so much so quickly. A notebook is handy for jotting down information.



Simple tools such as geological hammers, a chisel, a spade and a magnifying glass come in handy when seeking gems and minerals.

If you are mining for amethyst, emerald, quartz generally, opal and many other stones, you may need a pick, sledge hammer or geologic hammer. In some areas, you may find a small spade to tumble the earth a bit to find fresh material very handy. If using a hammer when removing a specimen be very careful. Always aim the striking blow away from the gem material, reducing the rock around it a very small piece at a time. The crystallized minerals are the most difficult of all to obtain because the danger of destroying them is so great. If the gem is deeply embedded in the rock it can sometimes be safely removed by cutting a deep trench around it with a chisel. A cold chisel is a good investment. Get one about five inches long with a cutting edge of a half inch.

Get a pair or two of cheap heavy gloves, they are a must in many mining situations. And also get a pair of goggles, not just sunglasses but real protection for your eyes. As you chip away with your tools there may be rock chips.

If all your friends back out and you decide to go it alone, it's a good idea to take along a compass. This is especially helpful in an unfamiliar area.

Bring some kind of paper or cloth in which to wrap larger

specimens. Pill bottles or a preserve jar will do nicely for smaller ones. Unbreakable plastic is better than glass. And of course you will need a field bag of some kind with a shoulder strap so you can keep it as far or as near as you wish.

In many areas of the warm Southwest you should also obtain information from the locals about the animals inhabiting the area. Be careful where you put your hands—rock creatures such as tarantulas, scorpions and centipedes often hide in crevices and under rocks. If snakes are known to be in the area wear high boots. And wear tightly woven clothing and a hat with a large brim to protect yourself from the sun. In areas where you are not likely to encounter snakes you may find low-heeled sturdy shoes more comfortable for walking. Gum-soled moccasins will keep out soil and what dampness you will encounter. If you have long hair, take a scarf to tie it up—wind and excitement will soon have you looking like a golliwog!

Always know where you are going, what you may find when you get there, approximately what it will look like, how to identify it, how to get at it as carefully, if not as speedily, as possible. Gem hunters, Like archaeologists, need to cultivate patience.

AFTER YOUR CRYSTAL FINDS YOU

I have always believed that actively looking for a crystal, especially a healing crystal, gives it a chance to work within its own properties and find you. To an extent the same thing happens when you have the opportunity to make a personal selection from a display. As I have previously said, one in particular will "speak" to you as you hold it in your hand—it will *feel right*. There is a third way a crystal may come to you—as a gift from a friend or lover. Perhaps they have closely observed your need for a particular crystal and decided to make you a present. And I believe a crystal that has been given in love and friendship can be very effective. Do not be too disturbed if you lose a favorite crystal. Someone else may have needed it more than you and the crystal simply found that person. In time, it may return again to you.

THE PROPERTIES OF CRYSTALS AND GEMS

You should consider the properties of the crystals and gems you are seeking in conjunction with your particular need for them. Here are a few suggestions based on ancient traditions. For a more detailed and comprehensive listing you may wish to pur-

chase *The Crystal Handbook*, by Kevin Sullivan, published by New American Library, or *Crystal Awareness*, by Catherine Bowman, from Llewellyn Publications.

Fire Agate: Using this stone has a calming effect, inducing a feeling of relaxation. Fine to use before meditating.

Moss Agate: Beneficial for the cleansing and circulatory systems and helpful in relieving depression by balancing the conflicts between the right and left sides of the brain.

Amazonite: Soothes the brain and nervous system. It also helps to filter information and combine it with natural intuition. Enhances masculine qualities. Beneficial to those involved in the arts.

Aquamarine: Known for its ability to stabilize and harmonize unsettled surroundings. Strengthens the body's cleaning organs such as the liver, spleen, thyroid and kidneys. Helpful also to eyes, jaw, neck, stomach, teeth and throat. A lovely, clear, blue-green gemstone.

Beryl: This lovely stone comes in shades of yellow, gold, white, blue, or green. Aquamarines and emeralds are types of beryl. Gem healers believe beryl helps strengthen the circulatory and pulmonary systems, making the body more resistant to toxins and pollutants.

Carnelian: This abundant, available and popular member of the chalcedony family is a type of quartz. It is translucent or clear and comes in a variety of colors ranging from red to orange, or even dark brown. Carnelian stimulates your thoughts (helpful if you are a writer), and often leads to a challenging and enriching experience. To put it simply—it helps you get out of a rut!

Diamond: Considered by many to be the purest expression of gemstones ever produced on earth. The Arabians, Persians and modern Egyptians all attribute to the diamond a wonderful power to bring good fortune.

Emerald: This is an important stone to anyone who works in science or healing. Help and inspiration are provided to those in need of balance, healing and infinite patience.

Garnet: Garnets are found not only in the United States but all over the world. Green garnets are healing stones while red ones represent love and help those striving for improvement in moral conduct. Wear at the ears or as a pendant over the heart.

Jasper: Also found worldwide, it comes in shades of red, yellow, green or brown. Used by healers for elixirs because it will not over-stimulate any part of the body. Jasper takes time to achieve results because it is a methodical

and meticulous worker—so don't expect quick results. Jasper was once highly thought of as a rain bringer.

Onyx: I have some I lovely "snowflake" onyx I found myself. This abundant and beautiful stone is believed to be strength-giving, a good stone for athletes or people under extreme mental and emotional stress.

Opal: I love Opals. For me they are a lucky stone. I have a beautiful pendant of Australian Opal given to me by a dear friend. I wear it almost constantly. Opals enhance cosmic consciousness and bring joy and creativity to those in tune with them. Also associated with intuition.

Petrified Wood: Abundant in the U. S., this mineralized wood is often used for purposes of healing, particularly helpful to athletes.

Quartz: Some variety of quartz is found in just about every state. Crystals of pure quartz are generally six-sided and can be found in all shades and colors. They may grow singularly or in groups according to the temperature at the time of formation. Crystal quartz is noted for its scientific as well as healing value. Its marvelous ability to store, release, and regulate energy has made it a basis for the electronic revolution.

Rhodochrosite: A fairly recent discovery in the mineral king-

dom, this stone comes in lovely shades of orange and pink, and has stripes in various shades of white. A beneficial stone for those with asthma or other respiratory illnesses.

Ruby: Yes, rubies are found in the United States. Mary Brown, author of *Gems for the Taking*, found one worth \$175.00 working at a mine in North Carolina. This is a powerful stone, an amplifier whose stimulating energy can bring startling things to light.

Sapphire: This is a stone of serenity. You can bask in its soothing environment and let negative thoughts and distractions flow away.

Turquoise: No listing of precious stones found in the United States would be complete without turquoise, beloved of Indian Jewelry makers. Mentally and spiritually turquoise is very special, containing elements of both the earth, where it was formed, and the sky, which it resembles in color. Turquoise will help you realize who you are, where you are, and lead you on to greater self-realization. Indian medicine men have long considered turquoise a sacred stone. It is also a stone of friendship.

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TRUE MYSTIC EXPERIENCES

by the Readers



THE RETURN OF REGINA FITZGERALD

By Robert M. Stone, M.S.

Early in my career as a counselor, I had the opportunity to experience an event that settled all of my doubts about the reality of reincarnation.

It was the summer of 1976. The regression subject was my sister, Denise S. Mason, a registered nurse. She had never been hypnotized before and had never thought much about reincarnation. I had recently completed my Master of Science degree in counseling and was conducting experiments with age regression while under hypnosis.

The hypnosis session took place in Denise's apartment in Montgomery, Alabama. It was immediately clear that my sister not only remembered past lives

while under hypnosis, she also relived them. Several life-times were touched upon that evening but the most striking was that of Regina Fitzgerald.

Upon entering into that life-time, my sister began to speak with a genuine, natural Irish accent. The accent was consistent



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and persisted the entire time I talked to Regina. The era we discussed was the early 1700s. When I brought her out of the hypnotic state, my sister's voice returned to normal. She had no recollection of what had been said.

I had tape recorded the session. To be sure that the transformation was as complete as I perceived, I played the session for my parents and a cousin. I did not tell them who was speaking on the tape or what the tape was about. No one recognized my sister. To them it sounded like a person from the British Isles. It was impressive to me that my parents could not recognize their own 21-year-old daughter.

Since that evening in 1976, I have conducted thousands of past life sessions professionally. I have observed many fascinating people and events but I will never forget the night that my sister became an Irish woman from the early 1700s.—*Pensacola, Florida*



THE CRYSTAL AND THE ANKH

By Ernest J. Saks

In March, 1977, I bought a crystal shaped in the form of a six pointed star. It was quartz

crystal and measured one and one-half inches from point to point. The sales lady suggested I hold it to my forehead and close my eyes. I did, and was astonished to see a series of sevens. Sevens have a high spiritual meaning to me.

I took it to a jeweler and asked him to drill a hole in one of the points so I could attach it to a clasp and gold chain. I also had a gold Ankh cross glued to the crystal. I wore the crystal and cross around my neck every day.

In July, 1979, as I took the necklace off, I found that the crystal and cross were missing. The clasp and chain were intact, so I thought the crystal had broken and fallen off. I had grown very accustomed to the crystal and felt a great loss without it.



Ernest J. Saks

My wife and I searched the house and yard but couldn't find it anywhere.

In September, 1979, I had just finished mowing the lawn and stretched out in my reclining chair to rest. A few minutes after I laid down and closed my eyes, I



The Crystal and Ankh

felt something hit my chest. I felt around and found a small, smooth object. I opened my eyes and saw the crystal and cross that had disappeared three months earlier! I inspected the crystal closely and found that it had not broken at the clasp hole. If the crystal hadn't broken and the clasp and necklace were intact, how had it disappeared? Where had it been for three months? How was it returned? Why was it returned?

While I have not found the

answers to these questions, I have had several unexplained experiences since then. I am convinced that there is a power greater than any of us.—*Sequim, Washington*



BIOFEEDBACK AND OUT-OF-BODY EXPERIENCES

By Sandra L. Edison

A recent TV program about "Near Death Experiences" (NDEs) prompted me to write about something similar I experienced several years ago. It had nothing to do with physical death and was actually the result of an experiment in biofeedback. It was the winter of 1975-76 and I was attending a seminar given by a local psychic known as Gini Glass (later the Reverend Gini Glass) in Sherman Oaks, California. As part of the seminar, Gini encouraged audience participation in several demonstrations. She asked for a volunteer to help her demonstrate how a bio-feedback machine worked. I was curious about biofeedback and jumped at the chance to be the "guinea pig." The experience proved to be more than I bargained for.

Gini asked my name, introduced me to the audience, and then spent several minutes

explaining what biofeedback was and how the GSR (Galvanic Skin Response) machine worked. While she spoke, I tried to relax in my chair, waiting to get started. Finally, Gini hooked up the "leads" of the machine to my index and middle fingers. She then explained that I must relax to the point where the machine was silent. (The moment she hooked it up to me, the high-pitched signal was almost ear-splitting.)

Following her suggestions, I began to relax. Slowly, gradually, the biofeedback machine signal became lower and lower. My body relaxed and became limp as the signal got lower until it was just a soft, intermittent "click." Gini had been talking to the audience all during this time and I could hear her voice, coming, so it seemed, from a great distance. Then, with my eyes closed, I "saw" Gini and the audience but something was odd. I was looking at them from an unusual angle, as if I were lying on my side with my head upside-down. This lasted for a few moments and then—

I was off like a comet, shooting through space, the stars going by so fast that they were streaks of light. A cool breeze caressed my face like so many gentle fingers and then—I stopped. A soft voice was murmuring in my head, no

words, just a gentle murmur. In that moment, I had the answer to any and all questions I had or would ever have. I knew the wisdom of the Universe and I was one with it. Joy, beyond description, filled my soul. Slowly, I began to turn to my left. There amidst the blackness of space and the glorious stars, was a LIGHT. White, gleaming, like a gigantic pearl; a light so bright that I could not look directly at it. Happiness, such as I had never known, filled my heart. Wherever this place was, I wanted to stay, forever.

Then, Gini's voice intruded. "Sandy," she said, "Come back now." I stubbornly refused to respond but she had broken the "connection" between me and that unknown, beautiful place. I



Sandra L. Edison

was back in my body, in the now-uncomfortable chair with the now-screaming biofeedback machine still connected to my fingers. Gini asked what I had experienced and I asked her what she thought I had seen. "What do YOU think it was," she asked? I wasn't sure. A psychically gifted lady in the audience had the answer. "You saw the Spirit World, my dear," she said.

Did I? Perhaps. Did the experience change my life? Maybe. At the time of the experience, I was an unskilled, underpaid clerk. In 1978, I entered the field of Mortgage Banking and have

enjoyed moderate success. Prior to the experience, I sailed through life; no cares, no responsibilities. Since that time, the deaths of several loved ones and a change of lifestyle caused me to "grow up" No, I didn't "die" in the physical sense, but perhaps the "death" was the change from a silly, immature, irresponsible girl to a self-sufficient, mature woman. Why did I have this experience? What did I really see? What does it mean? Will I ever return to this wonderful place again?

Someday, I hope I will find the answers.—*Sherman Oaks, California*

Identical Twins, Indeed!

By Claire Metzger

The lives of identical twins Lizzie and Edith Hope of the small town of Barnoldswick, England, had remarkable similarities. They dressed alike, were married in a double ceremony to men named Ted, worked in the same factory, and lived two doors away from each other. Friends and family claimed they were telepathic.

Both died of heart attacks on April 8, 1988, at 82 years of age, and were found crumpled against the back door inside their homes with an arm outstretched toward the door han-

dle. Mrs. Winnie Barnes, wife of the sisters' nephew, Harold, claimed that they did the same things on vacation (when they went separately), bought the same food, and even left their identical necklaces on the same windowsills in their respective homes (found after their deaths).

Dr. Zafar Qureshi, the pathologist who conducted the autopsies on the bodies, said, "I have never come across anything like it...After I'd examined one and went over to examine the other, it was like examining the same person over again."

Samuel Wesley's



**The Curious Case of Things that Went Bump
at the Rectory of the Father of Methodism.**

By Raymond Lamont-Brown

In a letter dated January 12, 1716, Mrs. Wesley, the wife of the Reverend Samuel Wesley, Rector of Epworth, Humberside, England and Father of Methodism, wrote to her son Samuel junior. She stated how relieved she was to receive his letter which had been delayed. Before it arrived she had presumed him dead and coupled this fear with the extraordinary happenings of the previous month at the parsonage.

She related to her son how a maid had heard "at the door of the dining-room several dismal groans, like a person expiring in extremes, at the point of death." The family had laughed at the maid, having found no one at the dining-room door, but as the groaning, accompanied by three or four loud knocks, continued for the ensuing two weeks, the family took a different view. Especially, related Mrs. Wesley, when "we came to the bottom of the broad stairs, having hold of each other, on my side there seemed as if somebody had emptied a bag of money at my feet...and...as if all the bottles under the stairs had been dashed to a thousand pieces."

The noises were quite unaccounted for and when the Wesley family called in their friend, the Reverend Mr. Hoole, of nearby Haxey Rectory, as witness, they

all sat up one night to investigate, but found no satisfactory solution.

Samuel Wesley junior was perturbed at his mother's letter concerning these "supernatural occurrences" and a shuttle of letters flowed between the Wesley family members in an attempt to solve the mystery. In reply to young Wesley's supposition that, "cats, or rats, or dogs [might] be the sprights," his mother replied, "...having been formerly troubled with rats, which were frightened away by sounding a horn, I caused a horn to be procured, and made them blow it all over the house. But from that night they began to blow, the noises were more loud, and distinct, both day and night...I was entirely convinced that it was beyond the power of any human creature to make such strange and various noises."

To the testimony of these unaccountable noises the Wesley sisters, Susannah, Nancy and Molly added their experiences. Related Susannah to her brother, "The first night I ever heard it my sister Nancy and I were set in the dining-room. We heard something rush on the outside of the doors that opened into the garden, then three loud knocks, immediately after [an-]other three, and in half a minute the same number over our heads. We

enquired whether anybody had been in the garden, or in the room above us, but there was nobody."

In time the noises became worse and another of the Wesley

girls, Hetty, was severely frightened when she saw "something like a man, in a loose night-gown trailing after him." For a time, Hetty became the center of the curious apparition's activities and she could not get to sleep for trembling.

The noises seemed to follow the Reverend Samuel Wesley to church as he said prayers on Friday, January 25, 1717: "I shortened," he related, "as usual those [prayers]... at morning, omitting the confession, absolution, and prayers for the King and Prince (i.e., King George I and George, Prince of Wales). I observed when this was done, there is no knocking. I therefore used them one morning for a trial, at the name of King George it began to knock and did the same when I prayed for the Prince."

It may be relevant here to note that Mrs. Wesley, too, reacted violently to prayers for the Hanoverian kings of the United Kingdom, for she was an ardent

Jacobite and believed that the rightful king of the realm was King George's cousin, HRH James Francis Edward Stuart, then an exile on the continent.

The noises were followed by the moving of furniture. The latch on the door moved up and down without ceasing and a large rock was hurled.

Over the period of five years or so, almost every member of the Wesley household, including the servants, heard or saw some weird apparition as it moved around the parsonage. The apparitions ranged from a silky nightgown to what Robert Brown, the manservant, saw at the top of the stairs leading to the landing: "a hand-mill, which was at a little distance, whirled about very swiftly." These apparitions were accompanied by noises, some knocking and a sound "like a turkey cock."

On some occasions the noises were followed by the moving of furniture: "Then the iron case-ment began to clatter, and the lid of a warming pan. Next the latch

of the door moved up and down with out ceasing" and a large rock was hurled at a row of bottles in the pantry. In total about fifteen different apparitions were seen by the Wesley family, and "some several gentlemen and clergymen."



Did Wesley suppress all direct written evidence for fear that his daughter might be accused of Witchcraft?



The Reverend Mr. Wesley was advised to leave Epworth rectory, for it was now believed that the old house was totally bewitched. Wesley refused with the words: "No, let the devil flee from me; I will never flee from the devil."

The Wesley family were by no means skeptics, neither were they people to be easily frightened, for their God was ever near them; that they believed in the genuineness of what they saw and heard is quite beyond doubt, for John Wesley told the story at length in an article printed in the *Arminian Magazine* for 1784.

Strangely enough, the person who was directly involved with the disturbances (as they centered mostly on the area of her bedroom) Mehetabel (Hetty) Wesley, did not appear to write her own personal experiences. If she did write them, they have either been lost or destroyed. Possibly Mr. Wesley, fearing for

the safety of his daughter, suppressed all direct written evidence, for in those days Witchcraft was still feared and had Hetty some mediumistic powers her life

might have been endangered by a frightened mob. Indeed a woman was actually burned alive in Sunderland—not far north of the Wesley home—as late as 1722 on a charge of Witchcraft.

WAS IT THE DEVIL OR A POLTERGEIST?

Whatever did happen at Epworth Rectory, the father of Methodism strongly believed in what he had seen and heard; and ever after he averred that there were parts of God's great universe where the devil was active. Of course what Samuel Wesley called a devil, others today might call a poltergeist.

THE REINCARNATION OF LUDGI

The amazing story of Shanti Devi
and the reincarnation that
surprised the world.

By Christopher Gordon



One of the most remarkable and well-documented accounts of reincarnation involves a three-year-old girl in India. Born in Delhi, India in 1926, Shanti Devi was to amaze investigators and the world with her startling revelations.

When Shanti was three years old, she began to speak constantly about her "husband" and "children." Her parents, a well-to-do couple, noted this and attributed it to the youngster's inventive and playful nature. A common enough activity for a child. She carried on however, until her parents questioned her further about it. Shanti said her husband's name was Kedarnath and that they had lived in Muttra, a city some distance away from Delhi. She described the house and her children also.

Shanti was taken to a physician who asked her to give more detail about her "other life." She repeated her story, and in addition related that she had died in childbirth in 1925. She spoke in particular of the troublesome pregnancy which astonished the doctor. In the next few years, she was seen by many doctors, all of whom were equally as perplexed as the first. When she was eight years old, her grand-uncle, Professor Kishen Chand, decided that something more should be done to dispute or corroborate

the story. A letter was written to "Kedarnath" in Muttra at the address Shanti supplied.

The letter was received by a man named Kedarnath who was skeptical and refused to meet the girl. However, he did ask a cousin in Delhi to visit the family and find out what this was all about. The cousin had known Ludgi, the former wife of Kedarnath. He agreed and went to the home of Shanti Devi. When he arrived, Shanti answered the door and said to her mother, "This is the cousin of my husband! He, too, lived in Muttra not far from where we lived!"

The cousin did not recognize the child, but she had recognized him. He told the parents about the arrangement between him and Kedarnath, also about the marriage and subsequent death of Ludgi. The grand-uncle was called in again to decide the next step, which was to be the visit by Kedarnath himself and his son. When they arrived, Shanti let out a shriek and went over to them both. She hugged the son and called him by the pet names that Ludgi had used some ten years past. To Kedarnath she was respectful in the same manner as his deceased wife.

Newspaper reports were widespread. A team of investigators, including Desh Bandu

Gupta, president of the All-India Newspaper Publishers Association and a member of the Indian Parliament. Important questions needed answering. How did this child have so much knowledge regarding a family she had never seen? Gupta accompanied Shanti and her family to Muttra. When they arrived, Shanti immediately identified the mother and brother of Kedarnath who were waiting at the train station. She talked with them in a local dialect not spoken at home in Delhi. She led the group through the streets of Muttra, occasionally puzzled by the direction she was taking, but eventually leading them to a house she claimed to recognize. She said the house had been painted yellow in her time. Kedarnath had lived there, but had moved. The family now living there did not admit the girl in, nor the crowd following her.

Shanti was then taken to the present house of Kedarnath. There, she recognized two of the children, but not the youngest, a ten year old whose birth had cost the life of the mother, Ludgi. They continued on to the house of Ludgi's mother, where she

recited things only Ludgi would have known. She marked a spot where a well had been. It was concealed by planks and hidden from view. Kedarnath asked Shanti about some rings that Ludgi had hidden before her death which he hadn't been able to find. She told him that they were buried in an earthen pot in the garden of the old house. He went there and found the pot, with the rings and some coins inside.

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never seen? She talked in a
dialect not spoken at her home.**

Unfortunately, there is no happy ending to this narrative. Shanti was shunned by Kedarnath and his children. They all were confused by this child who knew the secrets of a woman long dead. Shanti herself was the most confused person in all of this. Certainly she had to refrain herself from the desires of a grown woman, one who want-

ed more than anything to continue being with her husband and to guide her children in their maturing. Had Ludgi's spirit shifted to a new body? No evidence of fraud was ever found. Nor were any definite conclusions drawn up by the many scientists and journalists involved. Professor Indra Sen, of Sri Aurobindo's Ashram at Pondicherry, retains the full case history of this remarkable event.'

ARE THERE OTHER POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS?

There are of course some alternative theories to explain these circumstances. Fraud would be the first that one could consider. Whether conscious or unconscious, fraud does exist in many forms. Usually it is for publicity, but it could also be for monetary gain of some sort. With children, especially Shanti Devi, it is hard to imagine what would be achieved. Children are not easy to coach for such a performance. The large number of witnesses in this case would make fraud unlikely. Not only would the person in question have to perform, but the others whom she said she knew would have to be accomplices.

COULD IT BE FANTASY?

Another theory would be fantasizing or impersonation. Day-

dreaming and fantasizing are natural—could this just be a product of an overimaginative child? The verifiable facts outside the control of Shanti Devi make this theory unworkable. A psychosis may induce such fine detail for the child, but there were just too many other people involved.

WOULD PARAMNESIA EXPLAIN THIS CASE?

Paramnesia: a possibility that after the two families met, the adults attributed to the child many more correct statements than were actually made. This may be done accidentally of course, but it may be that the families wanted the attention and had colluded to make the story more believable. In this case however, the meetings of the families were witnessed by notable persons, and the trauma caused by the whole affair hardly lent itself to a willing cooperation between the families.

INHERITED MEMORY

What about inherited memory? This would only be applicable in the situation where someone remembered a previous incarnation of a direct ancestor.

TELEPATHY

The possibility of telepathy is however, very real in this case. It was reported that Kedarnath

often traveled from his native city of Muttra to Delhi to purchase cloth for his shop. While in Delhi he visited a sweet meat shop located within yards of Shanti Devi's home. Could a telepathic link have existed between him and the Devi family? When Shanti Devi was in Muttra, she remembered burying some money in the corner of a room of the house of her former husband's parents. When the spot was dug up under her directions, the money was missing. The husband reported that he had removed it after his wife's death. Since Shanti Devi was completely ignorant of the removal of the money, it does not seem she picked up her information from the only one who had known the money was gone. Telepathy would not account for other observed behavior, such as the local dialect she was able to speak, or the mannerisms of the previous personality. Since Shanti Devi knew many of the incidents that happened between the dead woman and her relatives, Shanti would have had to tap the minds of the many others involved. She was not known to possess any extra sensory abilities before or after this incident—why should she have been blessed so overwhelmingly in this instance?

Could she have been possessed? No evidence of trance, or abnormal consciousness was ever seen in Shanti Devi. Her remembrances began at an early age, as if she were just relating past experiences, nothing more. A possession by a spirit should carry forth current information,

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but knowledge of events past the death of the previous personality were unknown.

If not reincarnation, then what? Many other cases such as Shanti's exist, and have been recorded for hundreds of years. Famous and not so famous individuals have professed inexplicable feelings and memories that have not been possible in the present time. The evidence for reincarnation is strong, particularly in the case of Shanti Devi, who appears to have extended the boundaries of a single lifetime.

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THIS MYSTERIOUS SPOOK WOULD
TAKE THINGS AND BRING THEM BACK—AND
I THINK HE SAVED MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE.

By GLEN ZOOK

There was nothing apparent, in early April, 1972, when we moved into the four-bedroom, single-story frame house with brick veneer in a Dallas, Texas, suburb. Although the house was only three years old, it had remained empty for over a year before we made our purchase. At that time, my wife Mary-Carolyn and I had only one child, Rebecca, who was almost five.

Soon thereafter, our daughter began having nighttime conversations with what we believed at the time was an "imaginary" friend. Since imaginary friends are very common in children of that age, we paid little attention to it. Finally, we asked her about her imaginary friend. According to her the imaginary friend was a little older than I was (I was in my late twenties at the time), and wore overalls, like a farmer.

Being that we lived in suburbia, this was a little disconcerting, since she had had little contact with anyone even remotely connected with farming. But we again dismissed this to an over-active imagination.

About that time, I occasionally woke up at night with the feeling that someone was watching me. Sometimes I thought I glimpsed someone standing over my body, but when I was fully awake there was nothing there. This, I as-

sumed, was due to a dream.

During the summer of 1973, a second daughter, Kelly, was born. This, of course, made for numerous nighttime trips into her room for bottles, diaper changing, etc. Sometimes my wife would do the honors and sometimes the chores fell upon me. Again, I sometimes felt that someone was watching me, but when I turned around there was no one there. Believing that this was due either to stress or just being tired, I thought nothing was unusual.

As the two girls grew older, both occasionally had conversations with this "imaginary" person. Of course, we assumed this to be the normal pattern of growing up. Also during this same period, various things began disappearing around the house only to suddenly return from a few hours to a few days later. In fact, the "missing" item would be found in a very obvious location.

Although we had searched the house thoroughly for the lost item, we always assumed that we had just overlooked it. These occurrences continued off and on for several years. Not wanting to admit that we had some type of spirit in our midst, we kept assuming that we had just misplaced the item.

The summer of 1977 brought our third daughter, Wendy, and she, too (after she began talking),

began talking with this "imaginary" person. About the same time, the number of items which became missing and then mysteriously appeared began increasing. My nocturnal awakening with the thought that someone was watching also increased. On several occasions I was sure that I saw someone, or something, near the doors to our daughters' rooms. But on rising there was nothing there.

PENNIES FROM T.G.

As our daughters grew, so did the strange happenings. When our eldest was in middle school (seventh and eighth grades), she began referring to "T.G.," which stood for "the ghost." Many times she would come home from school and state that she had found another penny. At first we dismissed this as being due to mere chance since there were well over five-hundred other students at the middle school. It was very probable that one or more had lost at least a penny.

However, it was soon apparent that something was amiss, for every penny which she found had the same date! The current year was not the same as the date on the coins, so the chances of finding

so many pennies with the same date were astronomically low.

On several occasions, my eldest needed more money for a specific use (usually for something frivolous) than we had allotted her that day. But on almost every occasion, she found just the amount of money which was needed.

Sometimes the money would be in the school yard, sometimes on the steps. At other times the money would be found in the hallway. Every time there were other students present—many had passed by the money. But my eldest would always look down and there would be the money. Why hadn't the other children seen it? She soon began referring to the money as having come from T.G.

At the same time all the family was experiencing the missing-then-found items. Finally, everyone but my wife, began saying out loud "T.G., bring it back." To our amazement, upon leaving the room and returning a few minutes later, the missing item was almost always placed in plain sight. On several occasions, we didn't even bother to look for an item, we just asked our spirit for it. More times than not, after



our leaving the room for minute or two, the item would appear!

For some reason, this spirit does not mind being called T.G., for he almost always brings back the item that was missing. Maybe his initials really were T.G. or maybe he realizes that he is a ghost. I really don't know. But, the spirit answers to the name T.G.

T.G. AND THE PILOT

I have owned my own businesses since 1970, and for the past eight years have operated a small two-way radio sales and service business from the house. In the course of this business I had an occasion to introduce T.G. to an airline pilot. This pilot is in command of various jetliners operated by one of the largest airlines in this country.

For the sake of reference, I will call him "Don" (actual name on file with FATE). Don had been looking for a particular manual to a specific item. Although I have a fairly decent filing system, it was nowhere to be found. After searching for almost an hour, Don could not find the manual, even though I had seen it just the day before. Finally, he just gave up.

Not wishing to appear foolish before this esteemed member of the transportation set, I was cautious in explaining our T.G. to him. Fortunately, he did not think I was trying to pull his leg. Although he had never seen a ghost, Don was open to the suggestion of his telling T.G. to bring back the manual. This he did. Then, we left the room for a few minutes. Upon our return the missing manual was lying on a table in plain sight! Needless to say, Don was a bit taken aback. However, to this day, he believes in T.G.

SAVED BY A GHOST

During my eldest's senior year in high school, she was involved in an automobile accident. She was driving a small MGB when struck broadside by a full-sized pickup truck doing at least 65 in a 40 mph zone. This pickup ran a red light and hit my daughter's car, pushing in the side of the car almost to the mid-line. Of course, the MGB was totaled. However, my eldest escaped virtually unhurt! She only had a few scratches from the breaking glass that flew everywhere. Why did she escape with so few injuries? I like to think that T.G. was watch-



ing out for her.

A TRAVELING SPOOK

Unlike most spirits I have read about, T.G. is not house bound, although he seems to have to accompany a member of the family when he leaves the area. My eldest's finding of the money throughout her middle school and then high school and senior high days proved this. But T.G. occasionally accompanies my other two daughters and myself. My wife will not admit that he occasionally accompanies her, but I think he does.

On numerous occasions I have searched my vehicle for an item which I knew to be there. Finally, I'll say "T.G. bring it back," and a few moments later the item will appear. Where it was and where it came from, I'll never know. But many more times than not, it'll be right on top, in plain sight.

At least two of my eldest daughter's high school friends have had experiences with T.G. One of them, Lisa Pelligrini, states that she has actually seen

him. Her description matches closely with that of all my daughters—a man in his thirties, wearing a bib overall. How much influence my eldest had on this is unknown, but the friend is a very reliable person.

Rebecca is in college now, but she still believes in T.G. Although his antics are not as prevalent as in the past, she still has good cause to utter "T.G., bring it back." Virtually every time, the item shortly appears.

My other two daughters also are strong believers in our "ghost" and also have occasion to seek his assistance. As for my wife, well, she won't admit to anyone that we have a spirit, but she admits that she cannot ex-



The author, Glen Zook

plain the activities which happen so often in our household.

As for myself, I don't know exactly what we have. But there is something which looks out for our family. Since it does not appear to be exactly bound to the house or property, it may not be the usual type of ghost. However, his antics are really not harmful, and his good deeds outweigh the

naughty ones.

From what I have tried to determine, no one who lived in the house before us died. Also, although the land was part of the summer estate of the famous H. L. Hunt during the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, and most of the 1960s (his summer house was three blocks away), no one was killed or gravely injured on the spot. Unless someone was killed or injured before or during that time, and unless that death went unreported in the various newspapers of the area, I have no idea as to who the spirit may be. But, there is definitely a spirit living with us.

Tonight, as I sit at the comput-

er writing this article, I think of all the tricks T.G. has played upon us over the past sixteen years. Then, I think of all the good he has done.

Frankly, I sort of enjoy having him around.

Finally, I have finished and it's time to save the article on a floppy disk. Wait, just where did I put that durned disk? I know that it was here just a few minutes ago, and I haven't left my seat. But, it's nowhere to be found. Of course, I know just what to do...

T.G., BRING IT BACK!

A Royal Portent of Death

By Wyn Esselborn

Redheaded Lady Jane Grey was the Queen of England for nine days in 1553. In 1554, she was beheaded by the executioner's axe. From childhood she had both material and paranormal reasons to fear for her future. She knew that her cement-hearted parents, Henry and Frances, the duke and Duchess of Suffolk, would sacrifice her for royal gain.

The dreamy-eyed but serious girl would also tell, shivering,

of an experience when staying at the Syon House residence. Around dusk, she and her parents walked through an always cold and gloomy gallery that was reported to be haunted. Suddenly, a bare arm brandishing an axe thrust from a panel, startling the elders and terrifying Jane. The blade dripped blood and pointed at her.

A thorough probing revealed the wood was solid, and the family left the next day.

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Jillson confided to me, "I went through my own divorce several years ago. I think that was when it really hit me what an important role astrology plays in everyday lives."

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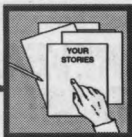
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MY DOG JEANIE

By Euna Burton

Jeanie came to me as a pup by way of an Airliner from Washington, D.C. I loved her from the day I picked her up from the Airport. She was a big boned, black and tan German Shepard with dark eyes.

Since we lived in a remote area we had accepted Jeanie as a gift to become a guard dog, but as she reached maturity she was more cordial than aggressive.

Jeanie and I spent a lot of time together. I'm allergic to insect bites. When she saw I was cowering away from anything that buzzed, she would snap at anything in the air that came near me.

All too soon she neared her life's span. She developed arthritis in her hind quarters and lost most of her hearing. Much against the advice of others I

refused to have her put to sleep because her spirits were still high. Finally I agreed and I buried her in the flower garden at the far end of the porch near the woods.

Our home does not have an entrance from inside the house to the basement. One day while I was returning from the basement to the house, I rounded the corner to see part of the road and driveway. I stood in amazement as Jeanie trotted into view. She came down the road turned into the driveway, through the gate and leaped upon the front porch out of my view. My heart leaped with excitement. She was back and in good health. I rounded the corner expecting to see her sitting in her favorite spot near the door. My heart sank a little when all I saw was the lawn chairs and glider. I walked across the porch and looked into the flower garden

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nothing had been disturbed. I was saddened that I didn't get to touch her once more but my days have been easier knowing wherever she's at she is alive and well.

—Princeton, WV



DEATH IS NOT THE END

By Everett Shirey

My wife and I lived alone in a remote area in Pennsylvania and were as close in everything we did as any two people could possibly be. I loved her dearly and couldn't imagine life without her. Although I was a rugged capable type I completely went to pieces emotionally when she was killed suddenly under terrible circumstances in 1980. My grief knew no bounds, and for the first time in my life I was faced with something that was beyond my ability to do anything about, a problem beyond my control.

I wanted to be alone with my grief. I didn't want anyone to come and stay with me. During one very bad evening I pleaded "If you are here and can hear me, please try to let me know in some way." The next day (this was two weeks after her death) I entered the living room and discovered that our prized Grandfather clock had stopped at 8:20 P.M. This was the time that she had died in the local hospital. Beyond a doubt in my mind she was able to do this in answer to my pleading. The clock was in perfect shape and had not run down. When I swung the pendulum it resumed running.

The clock never stopped before, and hasn't stopped since.

Over the years, other unaccountable things have occurred. Once, a wrist watch that couldn't be found for three days cropped up around a bottle of shampoo. My wife had a sense of humor and would have been amused by this little prank.

In view of what I have experienced I feel certain that my departed wife was letting me know that there is an existence after death. She had shown me that she was alright and could hear me when I had asked her to let me know if she was near. Now after nine years I can't think of any other explanation for these occurrences.

All of this has helped strengthen my belief that there is an after-life existence and that reincarnation is a fact. Any other explanation would be most difficult for me to believe.—*Bellefonte, PA*



KEITH'S VISIT WITH GRANDPA

By Deda Binton

My grandfather had been a sonar technician on a World War II submarine that had been hit by a Japanese depth charge. Rather than be taken prisoner, he elected to go down with the boat.

My father had been a small boy when this happened and was unable to answer any of my burning questions about my grandfather. Although I would never know him, I felt a close kinship with this long dead man. In fact, he was the reason that although I was a young nineteen-year old from a little town called Redwood, Missouri, I had always dreamed of becoming a sonar technician on a submarine.

I joined the navy right out of high school, and became a section head of the sonar team.

One night in 1978, while the boat was undergoing sea trials, I found myself shorthanded and was forced to work a double shift. When my relief finally arrived I staggered to bed, exhausted.

I had barely closed my eyes when I was shaken awake by a strange Chief. "Get out of bed, you lazy young whelp," he ordered, "before this boat blows up!"

Not understanding what was going on, I nevertheless jumped up and followed him. Then I realized he was heading for the torpedo section.

"I'm a sonar tech," I protested, thinking he had meant to get someone else.

But without turning around he barked, "You had to qualify in all sections in order to earn your dolphins. Right?" The "dolphins" was a pin given to those who qualify in every area of the boat and who can call themselves submariners.

"Well, yeah," I answered still very confused.

"Now get to work and stop spouting off, we don't have much time." He pointed to a torpedo tube.

I obeyed and found a defective mechanism that would have caused a torpedo to explode.

Just then, one of the boat's Chiefs and two technicians came bursting into the area while I was still examining the mechanism.

"How did you know about that?" The Chief asked. "The alarm just went off."

I turned and pointed to the strange Chief, only to find him

gone. But to my relief no one was interested in who the man was, just thankful our boat was saved.

Later when I visited my parents, I discovered that my Grandmother had moved in with them. While talking with her, I picked up a picture she had on her dresser. As I stared in shock, she said, "That's your grandfather, Keith Sr."

"Oh," I said, but couldn't put the picture down, for this was the Chief who ordered me to the torpedo room and saved not only my life but the boat as well.

There is no doubt in my mind it was my grandfather who came from his watery grave to save me from a similar fate.—Waldorf, MD



A GUIDING HAND

By Kathleen A. Safer

My brother Joseph was killed near Eglin Air Force Base in Florida where we were both stationed in 1975. At such a young age, it was a shocking death.

I was still on base when my grandfather died a few months later, and when I heard that my grandmother was very ill and in a nursing home, I got permission for an emergency leave to Pennsylvania. After my parents and I paid a visit for a few minutes, and saw that my grandmother was incoherent, we left, planning to return later. As we got to the elevators, I turned back

and went to her room. I had a feeling that I cannot describe even today. As I came to her doorway, I saw my grandmother. She was sitting up as before, but this time she was smiling, very alert, and had her head cocked as though listening to someone.

I told her I loved her and would come back later with her favorite flowers. She said "Well, Kathleen, I love you but I have to go now, Joey is here."

The hairs on the back of my neck rippled, just as they do every time I recall this incident. My grandmother died moments later. Is it possible that we are met and guided on the other side by those who love us? I believe so, and it fills me with warmth to know that in a way, my brother still lives.—Upper Darby, PA



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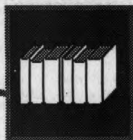
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EXORCISM

By Eugene Maurey

Whitford Press, West Chester
Pennsylvania, Softbound,
1988, 183 pp., \$12.95

Proponents of exorcism frequently have one major complaint against psychologists and psychotherapists. They argue that many illnesses are labeled and treated as forms of schizophrenia, when in fact they are forms of possession. According to Eugene Maurey, author of *Exorcism*, aberrations such as addiction and depression can also be the result of spirit possession.

Sound far-fetched? Recent findings at least support the idea of non-physical entities. Friedrich Juergenson of Molbo, Sweden captured attention in the metaphysical world with electronic recordings of thousands of spirit voices. Of course, the idea of possession existed outside of occult circles for centuries in the dog-

mas of major religions, most notably Roman Catholicism. During the Inquisition, a charge of possession frequently wound up in an execution. The Church today has a detailed ritual of exorcism, and demands proof of possession before an exorcism can be performed.

Here Maurey gives modern, simple techniques for clearing a spirit possessed person from a distance. First he tells how to spot tell-tale signs, such as marked behavioral change, a change in the person's aura (yes, he tells how to read it) and more. Using a dowsing pendulum, the reader can then discover if a given person is indeed possessed and also what kind and how many entities are involved. Then a positive spirit guide is introduced to the negative possessing entity. By use of visualization on the part of the exorciser, the negative entity is given a choice of accompanying the positive entity to a more beneficial netherworld, or remaining trapped inside a black box in

the physical realm. The entity really only has one choice, and to hear Maurey tell it, the technique works well for clearing a troubled person.

But what of these seemingly "minor" aberrations—allergies, depression, violent behavior, etc.? Is possession the root of these problems, or is Maurey playing upon our paranoia as so many people seem to be trying to do these days? He relates an associate's experience with young drug users. The boys' mother had become worried after noticing a marked change in behavior. The two had lost interest in school and school activities—one of them wanted to drop out completely. After several exorcisms, the boys' lives returned to normal.

So Maurey may be justified in his claims. At the very least, we all have our personal, figurative "demons" that we carry around with us, and for the addict or hypochondriac it may not matter whether such "demons" are figurative or literal anyway, since the damage they do is literally a living hell. Maurey has collected enough proof to infer from his reports that his methods in dealing with problems both severe and minor are worth a try. After all, there will be plenty of time to be skeptical later.

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WHAT IS YOUR PSI-Q?

By Petey Stevens, H.J. Cramer, Tiburon, CA, Hardcover, 1989, 247 pp., \$12.95.

Another book on psychic development? Well, this one offers a unique personal approach. An introductory "Psi-Q" test helps the reader find his or her level of psychic awareness. Later chapters on such topics as clairaudience, clairsentience and animal communication provide a means of finding individual areas of interest. Of course, the fundamentals—such as breathing exercises and visualizations—are still here. Not everyone is meant to be a clairvoyant. Some may be most comfortable in other fields of expertise where their psychic talents can really shine. Stevens' book can help anyone find his or her place in the psychic world.

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By Fred Gettings, Trafalgar Square Publishing, North Pomfret, Vermont, 1988, Hardcover, 256 pp., \$24.95.

And I thought Dante went overboard. Actually, there is an entry for Dante in here, as well as for every other demonologist, legend or demon ever spoken of. From Aamon to Zuriel, over 2,000 listings cover Christian, pre-Christian, occult and Pagan evil spirits—as well as associated figures and lore. While not perfect (what dictionary ever is), this is easily the most comprehensive book on the subject ever offered. It will certainly be used by researchers for years to come. It's illustrated, too.

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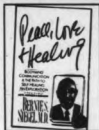
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By Jacques Vallee, Ballantine, New York, NY, 1988, Softcover, 294 pp., \$4.95.

The alien visitation enigma is often explained as visitations from space beings. This book expounds on a theory I have long held—that the aliens are not from space, but from another dimension. Vallee, famous for numerous books on UFOs, discusses similarities between alien sightings and mythological and religious lore, such as telepathic communications, appearance of bright lights, etc. He shows that these similarities occur in reports of events from the Miracle at Fatima to the sightings of mysterious "cloud-ships" in medieval France. Perhaps, as some theorists have argued, we explain the occurrences as space alien visitations only because we live in a space-oriented society.

THE TUYUNGA CANYON CONTACTS

By Ann Druffel & D. Scott Rogo, Signet, New York, NY, 1988, Paperback, 352 pp., \$4.95.

The whole notion of UFO abductions has been filled more with claims and counterclaims than with research. Druffel and Rogo's controversial 1980 book was different because they went to the trouble of actually investigating an abduction situation rather than merely being armchair theorists. Now their book has been updated with a new section. It contains follow-up interviews with the abductees, an update on current UFO abduction research and sketches by the abductees of the

aliens and their craft. UFO reports surface and fade, so the new section is interesting for its look at the long-term effects of abductions.

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By Penelope Smith, Pegasus, Point Reyes Station, CA, 1989, Paperback, 103 pp., \$6.95.

Everyone has some sort of trouble with pets. But it seems that most books suggest punishment for bad behavior, sometimes followed by reward for desired actions. Smith is a professional animal therapist, and offers an alternative way for loving and working with pets and animals. Here she gives advice on developing an intuitive rapport with animals. She then tells how to use this to correct everything from the cat who scratches your furniture to the dog who soils your carpeting.

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By Armand Marcotte & Ann Druffel, ACS Publications, San Diego, CA, 1984, Softcover, 216 pp., \$12.95.

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YOU THE HEALER

By José Silva & Robert B. Stone, H.J. Kramer, Tiburon, CA, 1989, Softcover, 276 pp., \$10.95.

This is the first chance I've had to dig into the famous Silva Mind Control method, and I am impressed. Silva tells how to cure personal ills such as insomnia, headaches and back problems, and he even tells how to affect the weather. When it comes to mind medicine there certainly is a lot of fog to be cleared, and I think José Silva does this better than anyone else.

PEACE, LOVE & HEALING
By Bernie S. Siegel, M.D., Harper & Row, New York, NY, 1989, Hardcover, 303 pp., \$18.95

More and more physicians are coming to the understanding that the power of the mind is an important, if not vital aspect of the healing process. This book presents the theory that physical illness is symbolic of ills of the psyche. One case study documents a woman who suffered neck pains after the death of her brother. When she realized she used to call him a "pain in the neck," she let go of the negative feelings about his death, and the pain went away.

Siegel points out sources of physical complications—from the conditioning of early life to the events preceding illness. This is vital in allowing you to determine what may be the cause of various problems that you are having today.

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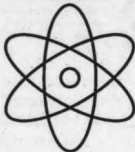
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By Chester S. Geier

The scientific world was electrified by the news on March 23, 1989, that a new and simple form of hydrogen fusion had been discovered—which has variously come to be called "cold fusion," "table-top fusion," or "fusion-in-a-jar." Claimants of the revolutionary process were Dr. B. Stanley Pons, 46, chairman of the chemistry department at the University of Utah, and Dr. Martin Fleischmann, 62, of the University of Southampton in England.

The two, who are respected researchers credited with many achievements in electrochemistry, asserted that their simple appara-

tus produced up to eight times more energy than was put into it. They used a jar of water containing heavy hydrogen—deuterium—mixed with a lithium salt, in which was a palladium rod cathode, wrapped in a platinum coil anode, both connected to a car battery.

Their report fired immediate skepticism and controversy, as well as an excitement that stirred researchers around the world into attempting to repeat their results. As the weeks passed, reports of failure began to rise like a tide, almost drowning out occasional reports of success.

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"Cold fusion" assumed the aspect of a breath-taking mystery story as news publications everywhere recited its pros and cons. The all important question was, "were Pons and Fleischmann heroes or hoaxers—or were they simply hare-brained?"

One reason for doubt about their claim was that they released their report in an unorthodox way—through a press conference, followed by the informal publication by fax machine of a paper sketching their process. Some felt that the announcement should have been published in a scientific journal, as was customary, in order to give other researchers time to check the results. Another reason for doubt is that the type of energy they obtained appeared to be at odds with what physicists understood about nuclear fusion.

Nuclear fusion is the process by which the sun generates its millions of degrees of heat. It differs from nuclear fission in that atoms are joined together rather than split apart.

Under laboratory conditions fusion occurs when two atoms of deuterium fuse to form a helium atom and a neutron, with the release of a large burst of energy. Since the deuterium atoms are positively charged and repel each other, they must be slammed together with great force to obtain a nuclear reaction. In an

H-bomb the force is obtained by the explosion of an A-bomb.

Laboratory fusion techniques involve powerful laser beams and particle accelerators, as well as huge magnets to contain or "bottle" the high temperature plasmas created. This requires complex and costly engineering.

Fusion power is a prize that has been sought by scientists for almost 40 years. It would solve the world's energy problems by creating a virtually unlimited supply of cheap, clean fuel. And with fusion power the waste management problem is much simpler, as it creates fewer long-term wastes to dispose of. The nuclear wastes can be bombarded with cheap neutrons and turned into stable materials.

Mixed results have attended the efforts of dozens of laboratories in the U.S.A. and Europe to duplicate the Pons-Fleischmann experiment. An attempt by chemists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology reportedly fizzled.

"We are very skeptical," said M.I.T. chemist Mark Wrighton. "We've done the experiment now for 10 days, and we haven't seen anything exceptional. If nuclear fusion occurs, it is at a very low level and our detectors aren't sensitive enough to register anything. Or perhaps the process takes longer than 10 days to produce results."

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Among those in the early rush to duplicate the new cold fusion process, researchers at Texas A&M University and at the Georgia Institute of Technology reported having detected neutrons and heat, but later they issued statements that they had been in error. Texas A&M admitted to obtaining less heat in later tests. Georgia Tech said it had been misled by a faulty neutron detector.

Scientists in Japan and Switzerland reported having been convinced by their tests that the Pons-Fleischmann work had flaws. The Harwell Laboratory in England also reported a failed attempt to duplicate the process. The most comprehensive tests to date, made by Bookhaven National Laboratory and Yale University, found no evidence to support Pons and Fleischmann.

Carlos Melendres, a physical electrochemist at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, said that he and his colleagues spent a month of long work-days setting up tests under conditions they considered identical to those of the two researchers. But after all that time Melendres summed up, "our experiments have not found any effect we can attribute to nuclear fusion."

Amid these negative clouds gleamed a few positive rays. A team of scientists at Stanford University reported having

obtained "clear evidence of fusion in a jar." They said they had worked around the clock for two weeks after learning of the Pons-Fleischmann experiment.

"The effect is real and substantial," said Robert Huggins, a materials science professor who headed the team. The team reportedly measured what happened when they ran electrical current through heavy water and into a piece of palladium metal. "We got out 50% more power than we put in," stated Steven Crouch-Baker, a member of the team.

A report of "compelling evidence" for cold fusion came on April 19 from chemists at the University of Utah, colleagues of Pons and Fleischmann. "This is the kind of evidence that physicists have been waiting for," said Cheves Walling, a professor of chemistry at the university. Walling and associate John Simons said that they had detected helium-4 in one of several fusion experiments that were producing heat.

Scientists at the National Agency for Alternative Energy in Italy (near Rome) said on April 19 that they had conducted a cold fusion experiment that had produced neutrons. "They saw a lot of neutrons; that means fusion," said Francesco Celani of the National Institute of Physics, who worked with the Frascati group.

Despite these hopeful signs, a matter that remained troubling was the low level of heat reported by Pons and Fleischmann. If actual nuclear fusion occurred, why hadn't heat—and neutrons—been produced in dangerous amounts as physicists expected?

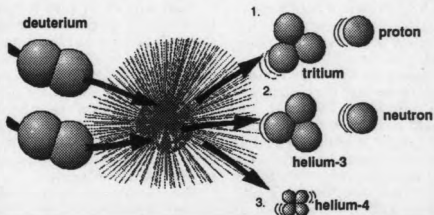
Since the two researchers have ruled out a chemical reaction as the source of the heat, just what happened in their jar of heavy water is the major element of mystery. A group of scientists at Birmingham University in England speculate that Pons and Fleischmann achieved an unusual form of fusion when they added a lithium salt to their heavy water to make it a better conductor of electricity. The lithium, they suggested, may have fused with the deuterium in the

water to produce the energy output they reported.

Cheves Walling of the University of Utah said the helium-4 he and John Simons detected in their tests may have produced heat by transferring its energy to the palladium lattice. That process would generate heat but not a dangerous amount of neutrons. A similar explanation was offered by Linus Pauling, the chemist and Nobel laureate.

Peter Hagelstein of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, inventor of the X-ray laser, theorized that if the helium-4 does transfer its energy to the palladium lattice, this energy can excite more deuterium nuclei and cause them to fuse. A rare neutron may result if a helium-4 nucleus splits, and these rare neutrons may be

In the fusion process, two deuterium atoms combine in reactions 1 or 2 to release energy. Reaction 3 has never been seen before, but may explain the absence of neutrons in some experiments.



what some researchers report. Pons said he has measured helium-4 from his fusion cells.

An interesting possibility is that Pons and Fleischmann may have solved a problem that has confronted another form of cold fusion, called *muon-catalyzed fusion*. This is an approach taken by Steven E. Jones, Associate Professor of Physics at Brigham Young University. In muon-catalyzed fusion the short-lived particles act as magnets to bring the mutually repelling nuclei of deuterium or tritium close enough to fuse. The reaction releases energy and frees the muon to fuse more nuclei. But so far muon-catalyzed fusion consumes far more energy than it generates.

Jones is now said to be considering the use of a palladium lattice as in the Pons-Fleischmann experiment, packing deuterium nuclei into it and then hitting them with muons. The palladium may be just the help the muons need to cause enough fusion to be practical.

At any rate, shortly before they explained their table-top fusion process, Pons and Fleischmann discovered that they were in a race with Jones. They said they would have preferred to postpone their announcement, but Jones revealed he was scheduled to discuss his work at a meeting of the American Physical Society in May 1989. At the urging of

University of Utah officials, who feared the loss of cold fusion acclaim as well as government funding of research, Pons and Fleischmann went public on March 23.

Amid all slings and arrows—including those directed at them during the American Physical Society attended by Jones—Pons and Fleischmann continue to stand behind their results. A source of irritation to scientists is that they have concealed important details of their work that would enable others to repeat it. Since a successful cold fusion method would bring fame and fortune to its discoverers, it appears that the two chemists are being secretive in order to protect their financial interests, as well as those of the University of Utah, which has filed patent applications on their process.

The withholding of many details of the experiment may explain why other researchers have failed to confirm their results. It appears that results can be affected by small differences in materials and methodology. Pons states, for example, that if the palladium rod used in the experiment is machined down from a larger size, almost no fusion occurs. Only cast palladium, melted and poured into a form, works.

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cold fusion became apparent on April 26, when Pons and Fleischmann, accompanied by University of Utah officials, discussed their work with the House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space and Technology in Washington, D.C. University officials told the committee that they needed \$25 million in starting funds to establish a \$100 million cold fusion research center. The Utah state legislature has approved \$5 million to start such a center.

Accompanying the "fusion furor" among scientists was a "capitalistic furor" among investors eager to get in on the ground floor of profits from cold fusion. Almost immediately after news of the Pons-Fleischmann process was released, the University of Utah was swamped with phone calls from numerous Fortune 500 companies seeking further information and almost willing to write blank checks for a license to the process. Inquiries also were received by Texas University and Argonne National Laboratory.

Georgia Institute of Technology received calls from rare metals dealers wanting information about the price of palladium. A silvery metal of the platinum group, palladium is used in white gold jewelry, catalytic converters

that filter automobile exhaust, in oil and gas refining and in electronics manufacturing. Investing in palladium futures erupted at the New York Mercantile Exchange, with contracts increasing from an average of 700 a day to more than 2,000. The price of palladium soared from \$145 to \$185 per troy ounce, but about a month later was down to \$160.

Early in May the cold fusion mystery grew murkier as Pons and Fleischmann were reported to be soft-pedaling on their original claim. At a national meeting of the Electrochemical Society in Los Angeles, attended by 1,500 people, and at a later news conference, Fleischmann admitted, "There are deficiencies in our gamma ray measurements. We are quite aware of this. We don't ask anyone to believe our results prove fusion. We published a preliminary report that we generated excess heat not consistent with any known chemical process."

As of early May, Pons and Fleischmann were assisting scientists from Los Alamos National Laboratory to conduct tests using a duplicate of their equipment.

Pons and Fleischmann have sparked a revolution in the way scientists think about nuclear fusion. They will have that accomplishment to their credit even if their own work does not bear fruit.

REPORT FROM THE READERS

by the Readers



AN AUTHOR'S RESPONSE

Nickell and Fischer (*Did Jack Angel Survive Spontaneous Combustion*, FATE, May, 1989) are confident that they have debunked a number of facts that led us to suggest that Jack Angel was *The Man Who Survived Spontaneous Combustion* (FATE, September 1982). Joe Nickell, the article's principle author, instructs us that a good investigator must "go back and look at the documentary evidence," guard against "bias [that] gets in our way," and "look for corroborative evidence." Let's see how well he follows his own guidelines.

1) On several occasions we interviewed the victim, his physician, his attorneys, and other principles in the Angel case. Nickell, by his own admission, spoke to none of these people.

2) Angel said his hand was burned black and Dr. Fern said that the burns did *not* resemble a scald but were "very typical of electric-type injury...a high heat source." That is, from a high energy source. Nickell and Fischer reject these statements as

a "minor discrepancy" in the evidence, but they do accept statements by two untrained laymen who said that Angel's burns "look like" scalding.

3) Photos of Angel's injuries were shown to Dr. Donald Mackay, a surgeon who treats burns at Pennsylvania State University's prestigious Hershey Medical Center said "this gentleman suffered these burns as a result of contact with an electrical source of some kind."

4) Nickell and Fischer allege a radiating "directionality" in Angel's burns as evidence for a jet of scalding water. The photos reveal no such marks.

5) If the wounds were caused by a bad valve shooting scalding water, as Nickell and Fischer claim, Angel would have had an easy-to-win lawsuit. Attorney L. Paul Cobb, Jr. reaffirmed to us recently that "we didn't have a viable case."

6) We interviewed three recreational vehicle technicians/dealers who represent 36 years' experience servicing ARCO/RV water systems. They agreed that it was rare for such

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a valve to go bad, and the water would drain down, and not out, anyway.

Nickell/Fischer boldly claim that "the preponderance of evidence indicated hot water...as the probably cause" for Angel's burns. The only supporting evidence we see are comments by two laymen. Our research and new, corroborating evidence, speaks against a scalding incident and reinforces a high-energy, undiscovered source for Angel's burns.—*Larry E. Arnold, Harrisburg, PA.*

(Editor's Note: This quote appears in Nickell and Fischer's article: "We did not...actually investigate the Angel case (largely because we were swamped with work at the time) but we did privately discuss the case at some length.")

Please note that on the illustration for my article *Using the Ouija Board* (FATE, June 1989) the numbers on the board should have run from 0-9 rather than from 1-10.—*Jose Feola, Lexington, KY.*



NEW AGE CHRISTIAN

I personally take issue with the U.S. being referred to as a Christian nation. One might say this is principally a Christian country, at least according to statistics. As to reality: it takes more to follow Christ than a very shallow mouthing of words and dunking in water.

I was raised a Christian, and am now a New Age Christian. The world would be far better off if left to individual belief, with the free-will God permitted humanity as regards what, when and how the individual

returns to God. As Jesus said, if the blind lead the blind, both fall into a pit.—*Jo Allers, Moab, Utah.*



UFOS—MY TURN

Prior to October of 1987 I was a UFO skeptic. Now, some 40 sightings of UFOs later, I am skeptical not of UFOs, but rather of the objectivity of many so-called UFO researchers and investigators.

Through participation in UFO conferences on local, regional and national levels I have become acquainted with a number of the field's most veteran researchers and investigators. I have also read and analyzed hundreds of publications and their subsequent fallout. My first perception of the field of UFO study was "awesome." Now I see that the field of study more clearly my perception has changed dramatically to thinking that the field is "muddled."

For every one dedicated, straight forward investigator I have met, there have been a half-dozen whose attitude displays nothing short of total disregard for solving the world's biggest mystery.

Working together, with the many great intellects of the current time, there is a good possibility the UFO mystery would be brought to a swift conclusion. Instead of joint efforts, I see groups, individuals, investigators, researchers and international organizations working independently of each other to satisfy their own large egos and strong appetites for the limelight.

It's time to grow up—*Danny B. Gordon, Wytheville, VA*



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I subscribed to FATE magazine some 25-years ago, and let it lapse soon after as the format of the magazine was too "stodgy" and silent on science.

The magazine stamp outfit ran a sweepstakes and in looking through the stamps for magazines I saw FATE, so I re-subscribed not expecting much change. Well, it is not the same by far. There is much more science in it so I will re-subscribe to it. The last issue (June 1989) was just right. Stick to good, solid evidence for the stories and you will be O.K. Conventional modern science is quite hopeless—the new science will encompass magic and religion and they will be one.

Keep up the good work and have fun.—*Stan Jamison, Sacramento, CA*



CAN YOU HELP THESE READERS?

Does any FATE reader know of research which has been done on the subject of luck? Is there a subconscious ESP connection, especially in games of chance such as lotteries? Do all the conditions have to be just right for a person to be lucky?—*Stan Farnsworth, Box 134, Lakeside, Nova Scotia, B0J 1Z0, Canada*



I would like to hear from other FATE readers about the mystery cat and any other mysterious creatures, i.e., Bigfoot, lake monsters and such. I will gladly furnish some of my own stories, strange encounters and sightings.—*Don Grey Day, 4830 S. Elati, Englewood, CO 80110*

Does anyone know of any secret mystery schools that teach a person how to use astrology and numerology plus channeling with music? Also, is there anyone in the music field who channels music by focusing on a person's inner and outer vibrations and making them into music to record for that person's personal and spiritual attunement and healing?—*Craig Briscoe, 3426 Charlotte, Kansas City, MO 64109*



I have been collecting stories of the appearance of angels and or fragrance of roses or violets. I would appreciate hearing from readers any reports or dream experiences concerning angels. Also, I am interested in reports of coming disaster, personal dreams or visions thereof.—*Frances Miller, 3101 Hawthorne, Flint MI 48503*



I have some mimeographed material entitled "How to Change Your Life While You Sleep," Lesson Six. It was written by Dorothy Thomas of the New Age Healing Ministry, 1542 Glendale Blvd., L.A. CA, and were copyrighted by the New Age Publishing Company in 1954. Can someone supply other lessons in the series, information about the New Age Healing Ministry, or the present address of Dorothy Thomas?—*Jo Filardo, 49 W. 11th St. Apt. 11, New York, NY 10011*



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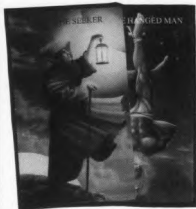
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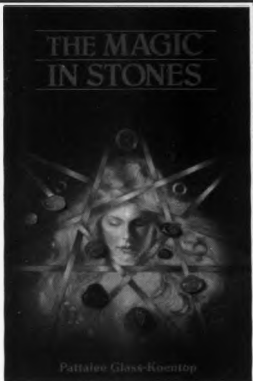
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