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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS, A.D.

By Apollos, the Cappadocian Sage

Let our salutation be, the survival of Truth and its conquest of superstition. I was born, according to the Christian calendar, on the 16th day of February, A.D. 2, of wealthy parents; was educated, until my 26th year, in general philosophy and literature, when I served for six years under Euxenes, of Hērculeia, learning the Pythagorean philosophy.

After acquiring all I could learn from the teachings of that philosopher, I went to Antioch, and from there to Jerusalem. On account of some wonderful physical manifestations of spirit power taking place through my then young mediumship, which persons living in Jerusalem had heard of, my entrance to that city was hailed, as it has been alleged the entrance of Jesus of Nazareth was hailed, with hosannas and songs of praise to one who came in the name of the Lord. And now, mark particularly what I say; this took place when I was 33 years of age.

I want you to pay the closest attention to what I shall here set forth. You will, by examining Josephus' work, "War of the Jews", see that concerning the siege of Jerusalem a certain prophecy was given, or words were spoken, as is alleged, by Jesus of Nazareth, which were fulfilled. You will find what I refer to, in Matthew, 23rd chapter and 35th verse, where the so-called Jesus is made to have asserted that that generation were guilty of all the blood that had been shed from Abel to Zacharias, the son of Baroch, slain between the temple and the altar exactly 34 years after the alleged death of Jesus. And you will find this prophecy then fulfilled, while Jesus is made to have said that it was fulfilled in his time; and here you have an example of the unauthenticity of the Christian Gospels. All this I learned at the very time at which Flavius Josephus wrote the history of the "War of the Jews"; for I was employed and used by the Emperor Vespasian as his oracle, when in the same state as this medium, who now sits before you.

Never, during my mortal life, did I desire to be worshipped after death -- never did I, as a mortal man, teach such a doctrine. But I was deified after my death. Nine epistles were made a present to me by Phraotes of Taxila, India, or rather between Babylon and India, who was a satrap in those days. Those epistles contained all that is embraced in the present epistles claimed to have been written by St. Paul. And from what I have learned, as a spirit, I conclude that I am both the Jesus and St. Paul of the Christian Scriptures. Flattering enough to my vanity, but the ruin of my happiness. It is my duty here, to confess all I can bring to recollection, in order that spiritual darkness may disperse and the light of Truth shine in.
There is one thing that I desire particularly to speak of and that is the ultimate of spirit power on earth. All Materialists claim that it is impossible to restore that which is dead to life. Upon this point, upon my own knowledge, I assert that if you have developed your mortal body to that extent, not into what is called mortal purity, but into a holy, trusting love, with a heart that beats for humanity, if such a person can come in contact with a fresh, young body from which the spirit has been driven out before it could accomplish its mission, take that body by the hand, and with mighty will arrest that spirit, he can force it back to the body it once inhabited and make it fulfill its mission.

Three things are necessary to do this, first, a perfectly healthy organism. That does not imply a strong, powerful one -- it means an organism in which the spirit is greater than the body -- the excess of spirit producing this result. (Here the controlling spirit caused the form of the medium to arise, and extending his arms at full length to the right and left said:) The spirit addressing you is not confined to the limits of the form you see before you. It not only fills the physical organism you see, but extends far around it as well. In the time when I lived in the mortal form the old age was dying out and the new being born. By this I mean that superstition, gods and all such ideas were on the wane, and man was seeking, as he is today, for something more practical and beneficial.

It was not through any qualities that I possessed different from, or superior to, those of any other man, that I accomplished what I did; but through the spiritual power within and with me. This fact I want to have especially marked. The highest sensitive mortals living in any age or generation, and who are living the nearest in accord with nature's divine law of Truth, will bring forth a child who may be the so-called Savior of that generation. Those men and women who utter the highest and most beneficial truths to their fellow-mortals are the Saviors of their time.

Further I have this to say. I retired voluntarily; for I was neither ostracized nor banished for anything I had done, said or written, to the same island to which, as is alleged, the St. John of Revelations went, in the years 69 and 70 A.D. I there wrote what occurred through me in a trance state, not knowing what I wrote, an almost identical story with that attributed to the so-called St. John the Revelator. That story was nothing more than an attempt of the spirit world to give the truth of the spirit life, through a mortal organism, in a day and generation that was ripe to receive it. That is, the medium chosen for the expression of the teachings of spirits was too much imbued with the mysticism of Judea and neighboring countries to be well suited for that purpose.

What is known to you moderns as the anti-Nicene Library, contained documents, some of which are still extant, that fully warrant you in challenging the translators of today as to the correctness of their production. Let them examine, if they dare, the manu-
scripts referred to and they will find what is now being published erroneous in many particulars. They have followed too much what their ancestors translated without having translated for themselves.

APOLLONIUS PREACHED THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS

Now and here I declare that the Christian Gospels were all preached by me -- preached at Jerusalem -- preached at Ephesus -- preached at Athens -- preached at Philippi -- preached at Rome -- preached at Antioch -- preached at Alexandria -- preached at Babylon. In all these countries I preached, and by manipulations and certain qualities developed in me, I healed the sick, restored the sight of the blind and, in the way herein set forth, even raised the dead.

I will try to make this raising of the dead plainer. If a child, a youth or a maiden, whose body is fresh, full of vigor and perfection, and whose spirit has become detached from it, in that case I hold that one whose power is great and whose will is indomitable, while that body is yet warm, can cause the spirit to return and continue to inhabit that organism. In this way I know that the dead can be restored to life.

When I lived on earth all the philosophers who taught men to expect redemption, according to more ancient authorities, taught that such redemption was to happen at that time. From what I have been able to learn as a spirit, I was the person who was designed by spirits to fulfill that mission. I claim no pre-eminence over anyone. I only say that my mortal body contained more spirit than the average of men, or even the most highly developed among them, at the time I existed in the mortal flesh.

My history, as it has come down to you moderns, written by one Damis, and by others afterwards, in regards to the main incidents in my life, is correct; but in regard to the glamor, romance and mystery of the narrative it has no relation to me whatever. The latter was the work of my disciples and followers after my death and was promulgated by them.

One thing more and I am through with my communication. It is this. Almost every picture that in modern times is recognized as the likeness of Jesus, is the identical portrait of Apollonius of Tyana, painted in the reign of Vespasian. (A.D. 69 - 79). That emperor consulted me. I was the oracle in his camp. I was the means of saving the life of Flavius Josephus. (We here asked him how it came that Josephus had made no mention of that fact in his "Jewish War"? He replied:) The Jewish hierarchy of that day had a horror and dislike of even their best friends who were not of their faith, and Josephus being a Pharisee of the straightest sect was even more than usually prejudiced against a Gentile like myself. By this I do not mean that the Pharisees were bad people, but that they were so devoted to their religion as to be bitterly bigoted and prejudiced against those who differed from them.

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It is my opinion, from all I can learn as a spirit, that all of the Christian Gospels are borrowed from, and in fact that their origin was, the books that I brought from India, obtained in part from Phraotes, who was king of Taxila. I think those books were used by the Platonists, Eclectics and Gnostics of Alexandria about 150 years after. I died in the year A.D. 99, at Ephesus, and was 97 or 98 years of age, although some have enlarged the period of my earthly life to 150 years.

WHERE THE ORIGINAL GOSPELS CAME FROM

The originals of the four gospels I obtained through one Hiram Ermandi of Taxila, who took me forward into farther India. They were written in characters not unlike those used by the Chinese, on thin, tough paper. They treated of the four stages of the life of Buddha. The first of his incarnation and birth, the second of his childhood and youth, the third of his mature life, and the fourth to his old age and death. These books I obtained at Singapore, at the extreme point of India, on the strait between India and Sumatra.

(We here mentioned to Apollonius the fact that one week before we had received a communication from a spirit purporting to be Ulphilas, the Christian bishop of the Goths, who said he had translated from Samaritan manuscripts into the Gothic tongue the epistles and gospels to which he, Apollonius, had referred, and that the manuscripts Ulphilas translated were the writings of Apollonius after he had obtained the originals at Singapore. To which he replied:) One Hegesippus made copies from my translations and modified versions of the originals in the Samaritan tongue and Ulphilas copied from the manuscripts of Hegesippus. I wrote in the Hebraic-Samaritan tongue, which was the language of my country.

(Here control of the medium became wholly exhausted. Bidding us a hasty and most benign adieu, he left the medium more exhausted that we had ever seen him at any previous sitting. . . ) From J.M. Roberts* "Antiquity Unveiled", third edition, Oriental Publishing Co., Philadelphia, 1912, kindly loaned to us by Associate Col. A.E. Powell. An abridged version of "Antiquity Unveiled" is available from Health Research, 70 Lafayette St., Mokelumne Hill, Calif. $3.00. University Books, New Hyde Park, New York has republished G.R.S. Meade's book, "Apollonius of Tyana", at $5, originally put out in 1901. Meade was a scholar in the best 19th Century tradition in England and drew heavily on the biography of Apollonius written in the second century by Roman journalist Philostratus. He was commissioned to the project by Empress Julia Domna, herself a student of the Mysteries. Philostratus drew on the diaries of Damis, Apollonius' devoted follower who accompanied the Cappadocian Sage on many of his journeys throughout the known world of that day. We believe that with the waning authority of the Church and the loosening of its hold on the minds of men, the suppressed truth of the first 300 years of the Christian era will emerge, and Apollonius will be rightfully recognized as the prototype of the historical Jesus.

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Everyone who sets out upon a quest should pause at intervals to take his bearings. Especially is this the case in such a quest as that of enlightenment; for with each flash of insight or illumination one receives, one is better able to see one's path and one's goal. When that path is the Occult Path, which admittedly lies through the realm of illusion, how great is the need of reliable landmarks!

Occult science presents to its students problems which do not occur in any other science that man studies. In all other branches of knowledge there is free communication between one laboratory and another; there is the open publication of results, in which it is expected that there shall be a clear statement of the grounds relied upon and the methods employed. This wholesome state of affairs does not prevail in occult science, where secrecy is the rule of the day, and the whole movement is divided up into innumerable fraternities and societies, each of which guards its secrets jealously as being its chief means of attracting candidates.

Common to all of them, however, are certain traditions which all unite in upholding. Chief among these is a belief in the existence of a body of secret wisdom, and of the Masters of Wisdom who preside over it. Every occult fraternity that I have ever met claims access to this body of knowledge and to be in touch with these Masters. The first question, then, that we need to ask ourselves concerns the truth of this rumor. Does the universality of the belief weigh in its favor, or are we reminded of Hans Anderson's story of the King With No Clothes On? In this delightful and true story, the king is offered a suit of clothes made from cloth that can only be seen by honest men and is invisible to rogues. To his horror, when the clothes arrive, the king finds that he cannot see them himself, but as his courtiers all exclaim at their beauty, he concludes that it is his own shortcomings which makes them invisible to him, and to save his face he also admires them, and proceeds to put them on, sedulously buttoning imaginary buttons.

When I first entered the occult movement I was told the usual stories and passed them on in good faith. Now, after twenty years, I ask myself, am I sedulously buttoning imaginary buttons? To this I answer that to the best of my knowledge and belief the occult method is a very wonderful thing, and a very good thing, but the organization of the occult fraternities is mainly bunkum.

In order to justify this thorny statement I must explain what,
in my experience, occult science has proved to be. The human mind possesses certain powers concerning which the modern West knows little or nothing; certainly official psychology has no knowledge of them. The universe, also, has an aspect, more akin in its nature to mind than matter, of which European science also knows nothing. Certain types of temperament are so constituted that they have a natural gift for perceiving the mind side of nature, just as certain persons have a natural gift for music; others are relatively insensitive. The proportion of these persons to the general populace, and the degree of their average development, varies enormously between different races and different epochs. The Anglo-Saxon race is shot through and through with the Kelt, and the Kelt is highly psychic. The most gifted race in this respect is unquestionably the Hindu.

THE AGE OF SAINTS AND WITCHES

Epochs also vary in their fertility for a psychic culture. There are ages of reason and ages of faith. The age of faith in Europe gave the Church her greatest saints; but it also produced the strange anomalies of alchemy and the witch cult, which struggled into a thwarted life in the face of repression and persecution. In the East, where there has been no organized persecution of psychism and its science, a philosophy based upon the Unseen has arisen and has been brought to a very high pitch of development.

In Europe we had no such philosophy; there was a clean break between the age of faith and the age of reason. This philosophy was introduced into the West by Mme. Blavatsky, and in the light of it we began to re-examine what was left to us of our religious heritage from the ancient world. The rich store that this yields is clearly shown to us in Mme. Blavatsky's first important work, "Isis Unveiled", which was written before she came into intimate contact with Eastern influences.

But although our culture may have been bereft of any philosophy of the invisible realities revealed by psychism, it nevertheless was not entirely without some degree of practical experience of the occult arts, and wise women in every village cast and removed spells; gypsies crossed foolish hands with silver and read the cards; and learned men, whose natural psychism received no understanding from either themselves or others, turned aside from the halls of orthodox learning, like Matthew Arnold's Scholar Gipsy, to dabble in strange arts under the guidance of ignorant and unsophisticated practitioners, and with no teaching as to the theoretical basis save that which was given in veiled and cryptic form by writers who in many cases knew no words in which to record their experiences, and who wrote with an anxious eye on the law, which considered all such researches eminently undesirable and rewarded them with faggot and rope.

The West was, consequently, ill-equipped both by temperament and tradition to deal with the opening up of the Unseen which came about with the very general awakening of interest in such things

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during the second half of the nineteenth century, and which has steadily increased ever since. The European occult tradition, therefore, finds itself in the same position as banking in America before President Roosevelt took it in hand; for it consists of an innumerable galaxy of wildcat ventures, mostly insolvent both spiritually and materially, which are under the control of no central organization.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE SUPERNORMAL

The organizers of these fraternities and societies, so far as my experience of them has gone, are for the most part very ill-equipped to fulfill their function. If the occult tradition represents the sum-total of super-sensual experience of humanity, as I maintain it does, it follows that in order to be able to assess it critically and teach it adequately a person must have a profound knowledge of psychology, and especially the psychology of the supernormal and subconscious states, which are so intimately associated. Adequate equipment in this respect is far to seek among the exponents of super-sensual science in any of its forms. It has been my principle strength in this field that I had a thorough practical training and wide experience in psycho-analysis before I came in touch with occultism at all, and have always used the analytical method as the touchstone to test all forms of super-consciousness with which I have had to deal.

The second qualification necessary for a teacher of occult science, if my definition of it as a body of tradition arising out of super-normal experience be accepted, is adequate, scholarship in the knowledge of the literatures in which the ancient traditions are enshrined. It is not, of course, reasonable to expect a specialist's knowledge of all the sources of esoteric tradition from one man; but whoever sets up as an initiator ought to be sufficiently equipped by education to be able to avail himself of the work of accredited scholars in these various fields. He should be familiar, for instance, with the work of such men as Frazer and Budge; of Mead and Waite; of Jane Harrison and Jowett. The Loeb Classical Library, and the "Sacred Books of the East" series give him no excuse for relying on sporadic quotations for his knowledge of the sources of the occult tradition.

When I was first initiated into the occult tradition I was told that the secret wisdom then imparted to me had never been revealed to the uninitiated. Wider reading, and access to original sources, have shown me that the whole of it is either actually in print in translations, or readily available to scholars in the national museums and libraries. The two principal exponents of occultism to the West, Mme. Blavatsky and McGregor Mathers, rendered a great service by collecting these scattered fragments, interpreting these cryptic sayings, and rendering them available for students; just as that great scholar, Sir John Frazer has done in his monumental work, "The Golden Bough". But although the "Golden Bough" can justly be claimed by Sir John Frazer as an ori-
original work, and be copyright to him in the sense that the arrangement of the material and the form of words employed were the products of his own brain, no scholar in his senses would claim proprietary right in the worship of Nature, or the myths of the origin of Fire.

THE STAGGERING NUMBER OF UNVEILED MYSTERIES

Mme. Blavatsky, very wisely, gives her sources in both "Isis Unveiled" and "The Secret Doctrine", and it is only in the subsequent developments of the Theosophical Society that we get so much of the supernatural authority and revelation.

McGregor Mathers, most unjustifiably, made mysteries where none existed; thus misleading simple souls and discrediting himself with scholars. The number of things which I have sworn to keep secret, only subsequently to meet with on the shelves of second-hand bookshops, makes a pretty staggering catalogue. To name but one instance, I was sworn to keep secret the very existence of an occult order founded by him, and yet the fact is published in the introduction to his magnum opus, "The Quabalah Unveiled", and enquiries invited. Little by little I have traced the sources of all the secret tables of correspondences which form the basis of the "Golden Dawn" teaching, and they are all on the shelves of the library of my organization of the Fraternity of the Inner Light, and we will lend them to anybody who wants them.

To make mysteries of these things is to sin against the Light. The only thing that makes the books of the Ancient Wisdom hard to come by is the very limited popular demand for them, which results in the printing of small editions which soon go out of print and become rare. If there were anyone to do for occult literature what the millionaire Loeb is doing for classical literature there would no longer be any scope for the mystery-mongers and purveyors of oaths of secrecy.

Having said all these hard sayings, may I be reckoned to have wiped occultism off the map? On the contrary, I maintain that I am simply establishing my original proposition, that the occult philosophy is valid and the occult orders bunkum. It may then not unreasonably be said to me, "How is it that you, Dion Fortune, are the warden of an occult fraternity?" To this I reply that the Fraternity of the Inner Light has undergone a rigorous and systematic process of what the Americans aptly call de-bunking, and rests upon what we believe to be a sound basis of psychological technique, scholarly tradition, and practical occultism, the test of practical occultism being the "signs following".

The secret occult teachings are not limited to initiates; anyone who can obtain a reader's ticket for the British Museum has access to them. And for the matter of that, what Mme. Blavatsky and Aleister Crowley between them have left unprinted would lie on the proverbial three-penny-bit. Interpret all this with the aid of
Jung's "Psychology of the Unconscious" and Baudouin's "Suggestion and Auto-Suggestion" and you have the whole of the law and the prophets.

THE REAL SECRET OF THE INITIATE?

The real secrets of the initiates consist, not in theoretical knowledge, but in practical technique! They are comparable to the superb draughtsmanship of Michael Angelo or the marvelous tone of Fritz Kreisler; they should not be placed in the same category as trade secrets. The supreme achievements of both artist and musician depend on the laws of perspective and acoustics; these in their turn have a mathematical basis. Michael Angelo might have bulked a trifle larger in the eyes of fame if perspective had died with him, and painting had reverted to the Byzantine manner after its brief blaze of glory at the hands of the master; but humanity would have been infinitely the poorer.

Our law permits no permanent copyright in books, no permanent ownership of patents; after a period of years all the discoveries of the human brain become the common property of the human race. Why then should the greatest of all sciences, the spiritual science of the approach to God, be treated as a trade secret? So far as I have been able to discover in twenty years' work at it, there is no intrinsic reason or necessity why this should be done, and there is certainly no necessity in common decency. Moreover, all the secrets have been given out more than once. Why try to gather them back into obscurity again?

How truly did the old writer say, "The pearls of wisdom I bring are not my own. Nothing is mine but the string they are strung on." Mme. Blavatsky says this frankly. It is a pity that other authorities on occultism do not do the same; especially when a child gets among them, taking notes and looking up the references.

Let it not be thought, however, that I would discard all the old symbols and legends, and express the science of the soul in terms of pure psychology. The methods of the ancients, fragmentary though their teachings be that have come down to us, are as precious as the Elgin Marbles because they contain some of the highest achievements of the human soul, which in their own mode have never been equalled since; for the mind of antiquity was nearer to cosmic consciousness than the mind of the modern, for reasons which we shall consider presently.

What I desire to do is to re-interpret the ancient wisdom in the light of modern thought; translating archaic terms into terms of philosophy and science, so that we may link up the Mystery Tradition with such exact knowledge as we possess today. The result of this translation and synthesis I proposed to call "Metaphilosophy", and to define it as that body of knowledge which is arrived at by reasoning deductively from first principles, these principles

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being derived from the innate qualities of the mind itself.

It is by the use of this method that the whole body of occult science, esoteric tradition, the Mysteries, or whatever we call it, has been built up. It is only by understanding the nature of the technique that has been employed that we can interpret its results; for it differs so widely from the modes of mentation to which we are accustomed that we cannot apply to it the rules of logic and enterprise derived from experience of the workings of the objective mind upon the pabulum presented to it by the senses. We do not realize that the mind can play in different keys, and that both are valid in their different spheres so long as we do not make the mistake of confusing and mingling them. We must transpose completely from one key to the other, or we shall produce horrible dissonances and do violence to the canons of truth and logic of both modes of mentation.

Those who are familiar with Egyptology will remember that the translation of the hieroglyphics long baffled Egyptologists; there was no clue by means of which the little pictures of birds and beasts and banners could be reduced to the words of modern speech. Then there was discovered the famous Rosetta Stone, on which the same inscription was engraved in three scripts, hieroglyphic, hieratic and Greek, and the key was found. The two forms of Egyptian writing were readily translated into Greek and the Greek to English.

It is my hope to supply the equivalent of the Rosetta Stone to the students of the human mind. There is a body of psychology with which they are familiar and feel themselves to be on sure ground; and there is a tangled mass of myth and symbolism of which they have found it exceedingly difficult to find any explanation which does not represent the ancients as gibbering imbeciles; and such men as Plato and Plutarch were very far from imbeciles. I have been in the peculiar position of passing within the veil of the Mysteries after having been trained in analytical psychology, and I know occultism from the inside in a way which no investigator, however open-minded and sympathetic, can hope to do; for I speak not as an investigator observing the mysteries, but as an initiate explaining them; and the explanation I give is in terms of psychology, which must be the Greek script on the Rosetta Stone of the Occult Tradition.

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Though Dion Fortune passed on in 1946 her Society of the Inner Light is still functioning as a physical plane Mystery School with organized lesson material for the student of the Mysteries. Write to the Secretary, 38 Steele's Road, London NW3, England for particulars. Many of her books on occult subjects are still in print by the Aquarian Press, as well as those of one of her star pupils, W. E. Butler. Write to Thorsons Publishers Ltd., 91 St. Martins Lane, London WC2, England for the latest 1968 list and prices. Another Fortune pupil, Christine Hartley, has just finished a book on "The Western Mystery Tradition", also issued by Aquarian Press, 21 shillings.

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THE CONDITIONED RESPONSE TO UFOS

By F.H. Castator
Editorial From His September "Sentinel"

We recently attended a lecture entitled: "Saucers From Space", which was held at the planetarium of a local junior college. They have a very nice setup there, and have consistently given high level presentations concerning all things astronomical. The lecturer was from the school's astronomy department. His presentation was knowledgeable and engrossing.

The surprising thing about that evening was the audience. Their skepticism apparently knows no boundaries, since they by-and-large rejected even the evidence as given by the scientist-lecturer. Those of us involved with the UFO mystery should be used to derisive laughter by now. But this was a different case. This was not some hallucinating "contactee", or a love-starved mystic. This was a card-carrying astronomer who was making a round-about case for the Interplanetary Hypothesis.

It was a disturbing experience for several reasons. In the first place, it appears that giggling hysteria has become a kind of conditioned response to the subject of UFOs in this country. You see and hear it everywhere.

The point is this: are UFOs really all that funny? We get the picture of "modern man" guffawing his way into the most exciting discovery in history. This gleeful chortling over such a potentially fantastic and awe-inspiring matter is beginning to look like a national neurosis. (Deliberately created by whom? For what? And how much? RHC.)

For at least 21 years now, we have been laughing our heads off. Every stale pun or cliche that could be scrounged up has been used and repeated continuously. In one of the recent N.I.C. A.P. bulletins, they mentioned the fact that they were sick and tired of all those "little green men" jokes. In all the thousands of reports they have investigated, there has not been one case of little green men. But the jokes go on, and the daily rags are filled with endless cartoons depicting UFO pilots as sickly, demented, stupid and lecherous goons with no greater purpose than delivering overworked punch lines to an over-exposed public.

It makes you wonder if they were telling jokes about the coming of Christ, or the discovery of the New World, or the cracking of the DNA code, or any other Titanic event. If you seriously consider for a moment the coming of the Saucers, I'm sure you can find implications much more astounding than they are humorous. We've been on a laughing binge for two decades without a letup. I'm beginning to think the "hang-over" will be devastating!

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"UFO's - IDENTIFIED" by Philip J. Klass

Reviewed by Trevor James

The late Wilhelm Reich MD used to say that in any human controversy every participant is right in some way. This is certainly true of the newest contributor to UFO bibliography, electrical engineer and aerospace magazine editor Philip J. Klass. His book, "UFO's Identified" (Random House $6.95) is the result of his two-year investigation of UFO's, from which he emerges convinced that UFO's are merely freak atmospheric phenomena -- plasmas formed near high voltage transmission lines and by poorly understood functions of atmospheric electricity.

Experienced students of UFOlogy, and BSR Associates in particular, will find Mr. Klass's cursory two-year investigation a slender thread on which to try and swing the author's assertion that he has broken the mystery. Suspicion of Mr. Klass's motivation is unavoidable for more reasons than his brahness. With commendable frankness he admits he was driven to his investigation as a result of his resistance to a proposed 1966 IEE Symposium on UFO's which was to be open to the public. He reports in his book that he was "disturbed" to find this project afoot, and by the interest shown in UFO's by IEE members. He thus took up the study of UFO's on a less than rational basis. His goal was to refute the "fanatics" that he anticipated would attend the symposium.

Mr. Klass had no prior knowledge of UFOlogy. From a character analytic standpoint, the orientation and attitudes of Mr. Klass are basically established by these events. His book further verifies the presence of an awkward compulsive element that impairs the author's clarity of thought. This is nevertheless not a book for light dismissal.

Mr. Klass's contribution to UFOlogy is far larger than his many antagonists to date are willing to grant. Having found what he terms "the fingerprints of plasma" in a number of authenticated sightings, Mr. Klass concludes that UFO's are plasmas -- bundles of electrified particles showing motility, plasticity, luminosity and pulsation. His failing is that having reached this conclusion early in his investigation -- earlier perhaps than common prudence would allow -- he ever afterwards looks at his subject through a plasmatic prism.

The resultant distortions do not preclude the essential truth of most of his findings, but the impact of this truth is diminished by the author's tendency to invade the sense perceptions of other persons with his prism. His attempts to establish, months after the actual participation of persons in a sighting, that they saw plasmas rather than anything else results in his frequently transcending his competence as an electrical engineer. BSR Associates

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are familiar, after two decades or more, with the boring futility of such post mortems on UFO sightings. Mr. Klass also indulges the old scientific conceit of the so-called trained observer who, by inference, would not have made the observational errors freely attributed to plain folks.

EARTH, THE ONLY INHABITED PLANET IN THE UNIVERSE

In his advocacy of the plasma theory Klass strikes some telling blows against the interplanetary hypothesis, and in his investigation excited the hostility not only of high personages in NICAP but also of Dr. James McDonald of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics in Tucson. Klass asserts, for example, that the U.S. radar network established to monitor the presence of every spacecraft in the vicinity of the earth has never detected a UFO. This devastating but undocumented statement would seem to be a body blow against the mechanistic concept (a la NICAP) that UFO's are vehicles from other planets or outer space. At the same time, the statement helps vindicate Meade Layne's "Etheric Interpretation" of the discs promulgated more than twenty years ago by BSRA.

In plasma theory, Mr. Klass has hit upon a cardinal element in the UFO mystery that has been too long minimized by those who now deprecate his efforts. Unfortunately, he has made his contact with the UFO subject tangentially, and as a prisoner of his mechanistic training and outlook he cannot follow the functional leads that are everywhere evident in his findings. He does not conceive of plasmas as other than freak atmospheric phenomena -- creations of Mother Nature's electrical workshop in possible interactions with the electrical works of man. Mr. Klass vigorously denies ever having attributed intelligence to plasmas when he reports in his book that J. Allen Hynek broached this idea at a Washington meeting of MIT alumni.

BSR Associates and friends who obtain this book will find many fascinating connections between Mr. Klass' postulates concerning plasma UFO's and the invisible atmospheric life-forms photographed by this reviewer and James O. Woods during the past eleven years. The creatures we photographed in such profusion in both stills and movies are, of course, plasmati\n\n...
ning, coronas and plasmas in the atmosphere -- at second hand. For more than eight years the reviewer has plied the oceans of the world as a ship's Radio Officer, and has seen his share of plasmas, coronas and ball-lightning. On one occasion a globular plasma came whistling down the antenna trunk, shot across the radio room and expended itself with an explosion against a bulkhead. These phenomena are familiar to the reviewer at first hand, and they are most assuredly not what thousands of persons describe as UFO's.

The same methods used by the reviewer to photograph the invisible plasmatic creatures in the atmosphere also yielded photographs of vehicles -- electrically propelled constructs. These two general classes of UFO's, both belonging in essence and in the main to an invisible-physical level of life, have been mutually confused for over twenty years. No amount of evidence can persuade the spaceship bunch that there are also plasmatic living forms involved, and Mr. Klass as an advocate of plasma (lifeless) UFO's doggedly refuses to see the merit in NICAP's case for spaceships. Modern man's split character splits everything he considers.

"UFO's Identified" is a good example of how this splitting-up process takes place, of how a mechanistically-oriented person once settled on a mechanistic idea cannot follow the golden filaments of functionalism to their source. Mr. Klass' book is the first strong orthodox pitch in behalf of plasmas as the solution of the UFO mystery, and Klass doesn't hesitate to boast that he has cracked the enigma. BSRAssociates will disagree with the author's obviously excessive estimate of his contribution to ufology, but the book is nevertheless valuable in drawing official attention to plasma phenomena in ufology. If a physicist can be found with the guts and functional mentality to pursue what Mr. Klass has started, the scientific world is in for one hell of a surprise, even if it will be "old hat" to BSRAssociates.

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THOSE FLYING PLASMAS ARE SURE HUNGRY!

Mr. Klass didn't see this story in the Orlando, Florida "Sentinel" and reproduced in Joan Whitenour's "Saucer Scoop", December 1967. Researcher John Keel pulled the material together:

"A rapidly mounting mass of reports from all over the world indicates that many people are now convinced that those elusive unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are busily stealing and dissecting, dogs, cows and horses. Irate farmers and pet owners everywhere are confusing local law enforcement agencies with these far-out claims backed up by the dismembered carcasses of hapless animals. Strangest of all, the blood, bone marrow and certain vital organs have all been expertly removed from the bodies!

"Last November, William Watson of Gallipolis, Ohio, discovered his missing German shepherd dog in the center of an isolated field. The knee-high grass around the dog's body was pressed flat in a (Concluded in CQC, page 26)
The use of rheostats for tuning, involved a problem of practical use. One could not be sure that a previous setting would be exactly duplicated in the future. Even with the aid of a pointer on the rheostat knob and a scale marked on the panel, there was always the possibility that the sliding arm on the rheostat would be set slightly higher or lower than before, when the operator wanted to duplicate a previous tuning. To eliminate this problem, the tuning mechanism was changed. Instead of rheostats, selector switches were adopted. Fixed resistances were connected between each adjacent pair of switch contacts, as shown in the accompanying diagram. All resistances used between contacts of one rheostat were of the same resistance value, designated as ohms.

In this way, use of the switch knob determined how many equal units of fixed resistance were placed in the circuit. For example, if the switch knob was turned to place the switch arm at position No. 3, then three of the fixed resistances were placed in the circuit. Similarly, if the switch knob was turned so as to place the switch arm at position No. 6, there would then be six units of fixed resistance included in the circuit. Usually the switches that were used gave a choice of 10 or 11 positions, numbered from zero to 9 or zero to 10. The resistances used had to be of the non-conductive type, and preferably of very close tolerance with respect to the resistance value.

Previously when rheostats were used, the rheostat dials were usually marked from zero to 100 in 1-unit or 2-unit steps. This range of 100 units could be duplicated by using two selector switches as shown in the accompanying diagram. In place of a 100-ohm rheostat, the left-hand switch would have 10-ohm resistors between each adjacent pair of contact points, while the right-hand switch would have 1-ohm resistors between each pair of adjacent contact points. In this way, each resistance value from zero to 100, in steps of 1 ohm (the customary unit of electrical resistance measurement) could be included in the circuit by using the appropriate settings for the two switches. Correspondingly, two rheostats in series were replaced by four selector switches in series.

In an early period each resistance step was represented by a switch contact point mounted on a panel in the form of a screw having a large flat head. The heads were installed on the curve of an arc; the switch had a metal arm bent down at one end to make contact with the flat heads -- the other end of the arm had a collar and set-screw for attachment to the switch shaft or axle, which was rotated by a knob. Later this rather cumbersome arrangement
was superseded by the use of rotary single-gang selector switches in which the arm and all contact points are contained inside the switch housing. From this housing protrude the contact connections and the shaft for changing the switch setting.

**TWO SELECTOR SWITCHES IN SERIES**

Because of Dr. Abrams' experience with tuning rates derived from the use of rheostats, he assumed that it was the quantity of resistance in the circuit which tuned the emanations coming from the human body, and from other organisms and types of matter. This assumption was accepted for many years by his followers and successors, but was later proven to be a fallacy. There was another factor in the use of the rheostat, which went unrecognized for many years. It will be discussed in a later instalment, devoted to the theory of radionic tuning.

**MEASUREMENTS OF AMPLITUDE OR VOLUME**

The inauguration of tunings for disease radiations as outlined previously in this series, was a major, even a revolutionary advance; but there was a further need -- some means to determine the magnitude of each radiation detected. Before this was found, the operator could get some idea of the magnitude through variations in the apparent strength of the percussion reflex, but this was not at all specific and depended too much upon the interpretation of the operator.

It was then learned that once the tuning rate of an incoming radiation had been ascertained and placed on the instrument panel, another rheostat could be brought into use to find the relative strength of the radiation being detected. This auxiliary rheostat was used to extinguish the reaction -- if the magnitude of the incoming radiation was small, a low setting of the rheostat would cause the reaction to disappear. If on the other hand the magni-
tude of the incoming radiation was large, then the rheostat would have to be advanced to a considerably higher setting, adding more resistance to the circuit, before the reflex action disappeared. Thus for the first time it became possible to measure disease radiation electronically!

MEASURING ORGANIC CONDITIONS

Later, when tunings were found for radiations from body organs, the measurement process was applied to the determination of extent of organ function, since the strength of radiation from an organ was found to be indicative of the condition of the organ and of its extent of function. Then the operator could determine which organs were functioning normally, which were below par in function (and just how much below par for each deficient organ) and which if any were functioning at an abnormally high rate (over-active).

For even more precise measurements of extent organ function, or of magnitude of disease radiation, two or more rheostats could be used in series, for example, a 100-ohm rheostat for gross measurements and a 1-ohm rheostat for fine measurements. The measuring rheostat or rheostats could be connected in series with the tuning rheostats, but had to be at a different position on the vertical (top to bottom) axis on the instrument panel from that occupied by the tuning rheostats. In other words, the measurement rheostats had to be placed either above or below the row of tuning rheostats -- ordinarily they were placed below the rheostats used for tuning. If placed on the same horizontal row as the tuning controls, the rheostats intended for measurement purposes ceased to serve these purposes and instead became part of the tuning mechanism. It was possible also to use other than series connections between the tuning controls and the measurement controls, provided that the pre-requisite of keeping the two types of controls on separate horizontal rows was observed.

When tuning rheostats were replaced with selector switches, some instrumentmakers continued to use rheostats for volume measurement purposes, while others replaced them with selector switches to which a series of fixed resistances were connected as with the tuning controls. (To be continued).

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"PROPER BREATHING oxidizes the blood stream. That is what so many of us need. The oxidation system has run down and the toxins in the body are not burned up. We feel run down and old. While we are diligently seeking to take care of the spirit it would be well to take care of the physical body at the same time. When we start the study of the inner wisdom one of the first things we learn is that the body is truly the temple of the living God. Too often we come to the strange conclusion that there is something evil about the physical body -- that we must try to rise above it. This is not in keeping with the laws of nature."

The Yada di Shi'ite

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THE NEW WORLD RELIGION

From Alice A. Bailey's
"The Reappearance of the Christ"

The world today is more spiritually inclined than ever before. This is said with a full realisation of the generally accepted idea that the world of men is on the rocks spiritually, and that at no time has the spiritual life of the race been at such a low ebb. This idea is largely due to the fact that humanity is not excessively interested in the orthodox presentation of truth, and that our churches are relatively empty and are under public indictment as having failed to teach humanity to live rightly.

These affirmations are distressingly true, but the fact still remains that human beings everywhere are searching for spiritual release and truth, and that the truly religious spirit is more fundamentally alive than at any previous time. This is especially true of those countries which have suffered the most in the late world war (1914-1945). Countries, such as the United States and the neutral countries show, as yet, no sign of any real spiritual revival. The other countries are spiritually alive -- not along orthodox lines but in a true search and a vital demand for light.

The religious spirit of humanity is today more definitely focused upon Reality than has ever before been the case. The orthodox world religions are rapidly falling into the background of men's minds even whilst we are undoubtedly approaching nearer to the central spiritual Reality. The theologies now taught by the ecclesiastical organisations (both in the East and in the West) are crystallized and of relatively little use. Priests and churchmen, orthodox instructors and fundamentalists (fanatical though sincere) are seeking to perpetuate that which is old and which sufficed in the past to satisfy the enquirer, but which now fails to do so. Sincere but unenlightened religious men are deploring the revolt of youth from doctrinal attitudes. At the same time, along with all seekers, they are demanding a new revelation. . . They ask themselves many questions and are assailed by deep and disturbing doubts. It is interesting here to note that the answers to these questions come (and will increasingly come) from two sources; the thinking masses, whose growing intellectual perception is the cause of the revolt from orthodox religion, and from that overshadowing source of truth and light which has unfailingly brought revelation down the ages. The answers will not come, as far as one can see, from any religious organisation, whether Asiatic or Western. . .

Many answers can be given. The most important one is that the presentation of divine truth, as given by the churches in the West and by the teachers in the East, has not kept pace with the unfolding intellect of the human spirit. The same old forms of words and
of ideas are still handed out to the enquirer and they do not satisfy his mind nor do they meet his practical need in a most difficult world. He is asked to give unquestioning belief but not to understand; he is told that it is not possible for him to comprehend and yet he is asked to accept the interpretations and the affirmations of other human minds who claim that they do understand and that they have the truth. He does not believe that their minds and their interpretations are any better than his.

ATTACK CHURCHIANITY, NOT CHRISTIANITY

The church today is the tomb of the Christ and the stone of theology has been rolled to the door of the sepulchre.

There is, however, no point in attacking Christianity. Christianity cannot be attacked; it is an expression -- in essence, if not yet entirely factual -- of the love of God, immanent in His created universe. Churchianity has, however, laid itself wide open to attack, and the mass of thinking people are aware of this; unfortunately, these thinking people are still a small minority. Nevertheless, it is this thinking minority which (when it is a majority and it is today a rapidly growing one) will spell the doom of the churches and endorse the spread of the true teaching of the Christ.

It is not possible that He has any pleasure in the great stone temples which churchmen have built, whilst His people are left without guidance or reasonable light upon world affairs; surely, He must feel (with an aching heart) that the simplicity which He taught and the simple way to God which He emphasised have disappeared into the fogs of theology (initiated by St. Paul) and in the discussions of churchmen throughout the centuries. Men have travelled far from the simplicity of thought and from the simple, spiritual life which the early Christians lived. Is it not possible that the Christ may regard the separative life of the churches and the arrogance of the theologians as wrong and undesirable -- dividing as they have the world into believer and unbeliever, into Christian and heathen, into the so-called enlightened and the so-called be-nighted -- and as contrary to all that He Himself held and believed when He said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold." (John X:16).

It is not the evil rampant in the world today which is hindering the revelation and hindering the unfoldment of the spiritual life. That evil is the result of the misapprehension and the wrong orientation of the human mind, of the emphasis upon material things which ages of competitive activity have brought about; it rests upon the failure of the religious organizations throughout the world to preserve the truth in its purity and to avoid the fanatical idea that anyone's individual interpretation of truth must necessarily be the only and correct one.

The presentation of religious truth in the past has blocked the growth of the religious spirit; theology has brought mankind
to the very gates of despair; the delicate flower of the Christ life has been stunted and arrested in the dark caves of man's thinking; fanatical adherence to human interpretations has taken the place of Christian living; millions of books have oblitered the living words of Christ; the arguments and discussions of priests have put out the light which the Buddha brought, and the love of God as revealed by the life of Christ has been forgotten whilst men have quarrelled over meanings, over phrases and words. In the meantime, men had agonised, starved, suffered, demanded he and instruction and, unsatisfied, have lost faith.

EXPECTANT MANKIND

Today everywhere people are ready for the light; they are expectant of a new revelation and of a new dispensation, and humanity has advanced so far on the way of evolution that these demands and expectations are not couched in terms of material betterment only, but in terms of a spiritual vision, true values and right human relations. They are demanding teaching and spiritual help along with the necessary requests for food, clothes and the opportunity to work and live in freedom; they face famine in large areas of the world and yet are registering (with equal dismay) the famine of the soul!

We are surely not in error if we conclude that this spiritual dismay and this spiritual demand have assumed a paramount place in the consciousness of the Christ. When He reappears and when His Church, hitherto invisible, appears with him, what can They do to meet this demanding cry and this intensified attitude of spiritual perception with which They will be greeted? They see the picture whole. The cry of the Christian for spiritual help, the cry of the Buddhist for spiritual enlightenment, and the cry of the Hindu for spiritual understanding — along with the cries of those who have faith or have no faith -- must be met. The demands of humanity are rising to Their ears and the Christ and His disciples have no sectarian scruples, of that we may be sure. . . Humanity is in desperate need and that need must be met; only great and fundamental principles of living, covering the past and the present and providing a platform for the future, will really meet that human invocation. The Christ and the spiritual Hierarchy will not come to destroy all that humanity has hitherto found "necessary to salvation", and all that has met its spiritual demand. When the Christ reappears, the non-essentials will surely disappear; the fundamentals of faith will remain, upon which He can build that new world religion for which all men wait. That new world religion must be based upon those truths which have stood the test of ages and which have brought assurance and comfort to men everywhere. These surely are:

1. The fact of God. 2. Man's relationship to God. 3. The fact of Immortality and of eternal persistence. 4. The continuity of revelation and the Divine Approaches. . .

Another great Approach of divinity and another spiritual re-

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A new revelation is now hovering over mankind and the One Who will bring it and implement it is drawing steadily nearer to us. What this great approach will bring to mankind, we do not yet know. It will surely bring us as definite results as did all the earlier revelations and the missions of Those Who came in response to humanity's earlier demands.

THE GREAT CONCEPTS OF FREEDOM

For some years now the spiritual Hierarchy of our planet has been drawing nearer to humanity and its approach is responsible for the great concepts of freedom which are so close to the hearts of men everywhere. The dream of brotherhood, of fellowship, of world cooperation and of a peace, based on right human relations, is becoming clearer in our minds. We are also visioning a new and vital world religion, a universal faith which will have its roots in the past, but which will make clear the new dawning beauty and the coming vital revelation.

Of one thing we can be sure, this approach will, in some way -- deeply spiritual yet wholly factual -- prove the truth of the immanence of God. The churches have emphasised and exploited the extra-territoriality of Deity and have posited the presence of a God Who is creating and sustaining and creatively active, but at the same time outside His Creation -- an inscrutable onlooker. This type of transcendent Creator must be shown to be false and this doctrine must be countered by the manifestation of God in man, the hope of glory.

On the fact of God and of man's relation to the divine, on the fact of immortality and of the continuity of divine revelation, and upon the fact of the constant emergence of Messengers from the divine centre, the new world religion will be based. To these facts must be added man's assured, instinctive knowledge of the existence of the Path to God and of his ability to tread it, when the evolutionary process has brought him to the point of a fresh orientation to divinity and to the acceptance of the fact of God Transcendent and of God Immanent within every form of life.

"DRAW NEAR TO HIM AND HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO YOU" (James IV:8)

The great theme of the new world religion will be the recognition of the many divine approaches and the continuity of revelation which each of them conveyed; the task ahead of the spiritually minded people of the world today is to prepare humanity for the imminent and (perhaps) the greatest of all the Approaches. The method employed will be the scientific and intelligent use of Invocation and Evocation and the recognition of their tremendous potency. The science of invocation and evocation will take the place of what we now call "prayer" and "worship.

Invocation is of three kinds: There is the massed demand, unconsciously voiced, and the crying appeal, wrung from the hearts of men in all times of crisis such as the present. This invocative cry rises ceaselessly from all men living in the midst of disaster,
it is addressed to that power outside themselves which they feel can and should come to their help in their moment of extremity. This great and wordless invocation is rising everywhere today.

Then there is the invocational spirit, evidenced by sincere men as they participate in the rites of their religion and take advantage of the opportunity of united worship and prayer to lay their demands for help before God...

Then lastly there are the trained disciples and aspirants of the world who use certain forms of words, certain carefully defined invocations and who -- as they do this -- focus the invocative cry and the invocative appeal of the other two groups, giving it right direction and power.

THE KEYNOTE OF THE COMING WORLD RELIGION

This new invocative work will be the keynote of the coming world religion and will fall into two parts. There will be the invocative work of the masses of the people, everywhere, trained by the spiritually minded people of the world...to accept the fact of the approaching spiritual energies, focussed through Christ and His Spiritual Hierarchy, and trained also to voice their demand for light, liberation and understanding.

There will also be the skilled work of invocation as practised by those who have trained their minds through right meditation, who know the potency of formulas, mantrams and invocations and who work consciously. They will increasingly use certain great formulas of words which will later be given to the race, just as the Lord's Prayer was given by the Christ, and as the New Invocation has been given out for use at this time by the Hierarchy.

This new religious science for which prayer, meditation and ritual have prepared humanity, will train its people to present -- at state periods throughout the year -- the voiced demand of the people of the world for relationship with God and for a closer relationship to each other...Through this response, the belief of the masses will gradually be changed into the conviction of the knowers...The expansion of human consciousness which will take place as a result of the coming Great Approach will enable humanity to grasp not only its relation to the spiritual life of our planet, the "One in Whom we live and move and have our being", but will also give a glimpse of the relation of our planet to the circle of planetary lives, moving within the orbit of the Sun and the still greater circle of spiritual influences which contact our system as it pursues its orbit in the Heavens (the twelve constellations of the Zodiac)...!

(For full reprints of Chapter Six of Alice Bailey's "The Reappearance of the Christ" write to World Goodwill, 11 West 42nd St., New York 36, New York. The book itself, as well as other of Mrs. Bailey's writings can be obtained from the same address.)

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ASHTAR COMMENTS ON "THE ILLNESS OF OUR TIME"

"I wish to speak to you this day concerning the act of meditation. We have asked you whom we serve to spend at least one hour a day to send out thoughts of love to help us in balancing the negation we must constantly overcome in our work. We see among you a great conflict as to how to go about this without the guilt of taking time from 'things that really need doing'!

"The secret of sending out love and light is in remembering what love FEELS like. Sit back and remember being in love. You all have those feelings within you -- go back in time if need be and pick up those emotions of being so enraptured by another being that you floated on a cloud of pure happiness when you could spend hours upon hours just enjoying the feel of being needed, cherished and adored by that love in your life.

"The sad truth is that most of you have forgotten how to feel love, and send it out from yourselves to others. This is an illness of your time, a result of over emphasis on sex as the total end -- or that which should satisfy every need.

"How much you miss in not practicing the act of receiving love -- not only in what we wish to send you, but from others around you because you feel you must read the paper, turn on the radio or television. In doing this you dull the sensitive receiving centers of your being to the vibration of love that surrounds you. It is you who have dulled your minds and hearts to the vibrations of we who seek desperately to aid you by refining your emotions and teaching you once more to feel.

"If we asked a person who was truly in love to meditate, and to send out love to that loved one, they would laugh and say, 'He's (she's) a song in my heart I sing day and night. I'm never alone because I feel his (her) love around me'.

"Go back and remember how it feels to love, and then you will see what it is we need. It will not be a chore but just a love song sung by hearts that yearn to know truth, freedom and a oneness with their God-self."

I am Ashtar.
(Through Marion Hartil)

Present-day psychiatry is trying, through various techniques, to relieve adults of their emotional hangups about love by taking them back to the spontaneous releases of childhood. An Associate sent us the following news clip from San Francisco.

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"HOW NUDE THERAPY WORKS"

S.F. "Chronicle", Aug. 30, 1968: "The advantages and the perils of bringing men and women together in nude therapy groups were told by three psychologists and a psychiatrist yesterday in the Fairmont hotel. The main report was made by Paul Bindrim, a Los Angeles psychologist and 15 months ago conducted the Nation's first experiment in this sensitive area. He had led 21 such sessions and other professionals are following his lead.

"Group therapy aims at helping neurotics break through to happy, healthy living. Bindrim said group therapy has won the backing of the Los Angeles County Society of Clinical Psychologists. He showed a movie of one session that displayed plenty of nude exploration by touching, mostly in groups of from three to 12 persons. But he said with emphasis, no pairing-up was allowed during one of these 22-hour marathon experiences. The idea, he explained, is to avoid sexual intercourse.

"'Certainly, on an above-ground level, this is not possible in our society today,' the psychologist told participants in a meeting of the American Association for Humanistic Psychology. 'Nudity in a group which encourages skin contact seems to be therapeutic in itself.'

"Bindrim opens his group sessions by having his patients spend several hours in clothes, digging for emotional hangups mainly by talking. Later all strip and adjourn to the pool where, in the comparative seclusion of water, they allow their bodies to express their whims in motion. Generally they flow against other bodies. Bindrim said exposure of the body in this situation has proved specially helpful to 'some self-defeaters who fail because of negative self-images arising from real or assumed bodily defects, and to some emotional drop-outs who feel alienated...'

"Bernard Gunther, author of 'Sense Relaxation: Below Your Mind' and a specialist in 'sensory awakening', told the audience that in his experience people together in the nude 'can be very, very non-intimate'."

"HOW TO DISCOVER THE CHILD WITHIN"

"Two dozen men and women took off their shoes and played 'nursery school' for an hour yesterday in the Fountain Room of the Fairmont Hotel. Several of them were professors of psychology. They joined hands in childish dances. They finger-painted, both on paper and one another. They leaped wildly on a big-truck inner-tube. They played Indian. Two of the women got carried away with a pile of 1920-style female clothing -- they lived it up playing 'mother'.

"All this was done in a workshop called 'Becoming More Alive Through Play'. The teacher was Marian Saltman, who explained: 'By going back in an easy non-threatening way to rediscover the child within, the adult can rediscover latent potentials.'

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"She told her students that in America "we're becoming a society of spectators who look at things but don't do things." So she told them, 'You may do what you want for an hour.'

Apparently most of these people hadn't been told that for many years, if at all. They went at it furiously. Two of the men enjoyed kicking down a castle built of blocks by two women. Other men put a toy helmet on pretty Elizabeth Owens, a psychological counselor, and backed her into a tower of beautiful, colored cardboard blocks. They topped it off with a yellow umbrella and shouted with joy.

"How did they feel when it was over? Leonard Topp, a Headstart counselor in New York City, said he felt baffled when Mrs. Saltman said they could do just what they wanted. He said he found out that way why some kids stand around when confronted with a go-ahead signal in school. Topp said he enjoyed seeing the men destroy the women's castle of blocks. 'In school,' he said, 'boys can't be themselves -- you seldom see boys knocking down blocks.'

"One woman said she got very mad at another woman at the clay-modeling table and stuck out her tongue at her for 'messing with my clay'. Another woman got mad at Mrs. Saltman 'because she was pounding on the table and making my clay tree droop.'

"In another workshop, Paul Baum, a psychotherapist, led about 30 men and women hand in hand, with their eyes shut, into a perception experience that fumbled its way into the center of the Fairmont lobby. A waiter, scoffing-eyed, commented: 'My three-year-old kid does this.'

"These workshops were two of the more colorful sessions in many conducted yesterday, the second day of a convention of the American Association for Humanistic Psychology. In another session, on 'a non-drug approach to psychedelic experience', Bernard Aaronson, an experimental psychologist from New Jersey, told delegates: 'If you can't be hypnotized, you're sick, because you're unable to get out of your head and you obviously can't trust anybody.'

"In his discussion of hypnosis, he said: 'One night I tried to give up the desire to smoke, so I smoked all night without any desire.'

"Dr. Price Cobbs, a Negro psychiatrist, and George Leonard, a senior editor of Look magazine, told a fascinated, bi-racial audience about a nitty-gritty, inter-racial encounter group system they have established for the Esalen Institute. Dr. Cobbs said these 24-hour marathons are showing white persons that 'black people, whether they are in the Cabinet or from Hunter's Point, struggle every day to try to get some kind of a narrow ledge where they can say to the white man, 'Dont push me out!'"
perfect circle, 20 feet in diameter. Although there was no sight that the dog had been attacked by any 'ordinary' animal, every bone in its body was crushed and there was no blood in evidence. Innumerable residents in the area had reported seeing low-flying, saucer-shaped objects shortly before the dog's carcass was found.

"A few months earlier, a registered nurse living alone on a nearby farm had complained to the police and the FBI about mysterious 'cattle rustlers' who were slaughtering her cows late at night. She said that she had seen strange luminous objects hovering at tree-top level above her pastures on a number of occasions. One night she glimpsed a tall male figure dress in white coveralls in her field. She ran out with a shotgun and the figure left hurriedly, leaping over a tall fence with astounding ease. The cow carcasses had been expertly butchered in part and the bodies were bloodless....

"Another case was reported on April 1, 1963 at Chileno Valley, California where a farmer told police that a Flying Saucer had stampeded his herd of cattle. Aroused by the rumpus he said he reached the scene just in time to see a group of short men in white coveralls grab a calf and haul it into the object. Early in September 1967 a baffled vegetarian was called upon to examine the bodies of several strangely butchered cows near Allentown, Pa. Parts of their hides had been removed, and all of their blood and bone marrow was inexplicably missing. Ordinary animals of prey were ruled out as the culprits.... Several pigs also reportedly vanished from their well-protected pens at the Agricultural college in Farmingdale, L.I., this August (1967) at a time when there were repeated power failures in the area and UFOs were allegedly appearing nightly.

"During the massive wave of UFO reports in Nov. 1956 there were several well-documented cases of dognapping. A Dante, farm boy, Everett Clark, told reporters that he saw four people get out of an oblong object on Nov. 5th and make an effort to catch his dog, Frisky. Hundreds of miles away on that same night, John Trasco of Everittstown, N.J. complained that a strange little man with frog-like eyes tried to take his dog. Trasco said he angrily ordered the creature off his property and it got into a luminous, egg-shaped craft and flew off...."

"RAW MEAT ELECTRONICS"

Go back to your Jan-Feb 1968 Journal, page 13, of the article on the "Gruesome Etheric Border Patrol" by Andy Hardy. There in the brief message from Myron, of the Ashtar Command you'll read how these Elementals use electronic beams to dissect animals and remove the blood and other "raw meat" delicacies they enjoy. In their way these humanoids are just as bloodthirsty and brutal as we are. And now the heart-transplant fad is making big business out of the traffic in human flesh!

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From the Eatonville, Washington "Intelligents Report" and Portland Flying Saucers Club July "Newsletter": "Daniel Ward, 810 Rollings, Missoula, Montana related the following experience to us about two weeks ago in Missoula. He was one of those on the fire lines during the great and seemingly unextinguishable forest fires last summer during the dry season. Dan related on the night Aug. 23rd he was working on a fire on the Salmon River, Montana-Idaho border near the salmon spawning grounds. There were about 12 fires in the region, out of control. Through the night the men watched 50 Flying Saucers hovering over the fire area. One man, from Hamilton, took rolls and rolls of moving pictures. This man, whom they called Pop, said, 'I wondered why I had this film along and now I know!'

"The next morning,' continued Dan, 'the fires were all out or under control. It was fantastic! The Flying Saucers seemed to bring, or were the cause of the change. The morning came and the men were able to walk out of the woods; the danger was over.'

"We are attempting to find Pop in the Hamilton, Montana area to find out how the films came out -- or were they developed? Or was it confiscated as much UFO film has been confiscated? Anyway this was a new experience in the annals of fighting forest fires and history of the West. We wondered what the rangers thought. The men (fire fighters) were all certainly impressed. Said Daniel Ward, 'There are a lot of things the Flying Saucers could do to help us, but all we do is shoot at them whenever the Air Force gets the chance. If the Saucer wants to land, they have to select a place in complete seclusion of they would be confiscated and held. We have no legal provision for their landing. We want legislation to protect them.'"

Ed Palmer, head of the Portland group, and Wayne Aho, head of the Eatonville group, have sent letters to the governor of every state, to the President and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in regards to this problem of getting laws enacted to make it legal for Flying Saucers to land openly in this country. Thousands of names are needed to fill petitions to back this project. If you want to take part in it write to the Committee for A True Space, 8 Smith Street, Seattle, Wash. 98109.

UFO HOVERS OVER MADRID, SPAIN FOR ONE HOUR

This appears to be the best Flying Saucer sighting of 1968 and we used it to open our "Flying Saucers, 1968" lecture to the San Francisco Interplanetary Club, Nov. 22. It was written by CNS reporter H. August Debelius and datelined Madrid: "The mysterious UFO, which appeared above the Spanish capital Sept. 5 during an evening rush hour, when the sky was still light, cruised above the center of the city for more than one hour. So many people stopped to stare at the strange gleaming object that traffic in the Gran Via, Madrid's main street, became completely jam..."
jammed. At half past seven that evening I was at the Plaza de Colón in central Madrid, waiting for the arrival of the Olympic Games torch-bearer. The crowd was not looking up the broad avenue leading to the ceremonial platform. All heads were turned skyward. First with skepticism, then with growing astonishment. I saw a brilliant apparition in the western sky.

"As it moved slowly to the southwest the entire crowd's attention was completely distracted from the ceremony. Photographers turned their cameras skyward and took numerous photos, some through telescopic lenses. The photos clearly showed that whatever the thing was, it was something very unusual, conical in shape and emitting a blinding light.

"The Spanish Air Force, which picked up the unidentified object on their sophisticated American-designed radar network, dispatched F-104 jets to investigate. One pilot attempted to approach the object at an altitude of 50,000 feet but was forced to give up the chase with the device still a great distance above him, when his fuel ran low. Another pilot came close enough to give a graphic description of the device, 'It was pyramid shaped and there were three globes of bright light at its base.'

"The many photos and telescopic information from the Madrid Observatory bore out his description. Amid the flurry of speculation at least a few facts emerged to establish what the thing was not. The first reaction from the Madrid Observatory was, 'We don't know what the thing is but we assume it must be a satellite.' However, a spokesman for the U.S. space tracking facility at nearby Robledo stated, 'It is definitely not an American satellite.' When asked if it could be a flying saucer he answered, 'Who knows?'

"The Spanish Weather Bureau announced that there was no reason to suppose it was one of their meteorological balloons. While tens of thousands of Spaniards gaped at the moving object in the heavens and Spanish radar briefly tracked it, strangely the vast U.S. military air base at Torrejón on the outskirts of the capital claimed it did not show up on their radar screens.

AIR FORCE REGULATION 200-2

There is nothing strange about the assinine statement of the Public Relations Officer at Torrejón AFB near Madrid, if you are as familiar with the provisions of Paragraph 9 of APR 200-2 as he is: "Release of Facts. Headquarters USAF will release summaries of evaluated data which will inform the public on this subject. 

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In response to local inquiries, it is permissible to inform news media representatives on UFO's when the object is positively identified as a familiar object (see paragraph 2b), except that the following type of data warrants protection and should not be revealed: Names of principles, intercept and investigation procedures, and classified radar data. For those objects which are not explainable, only the fact that ATIC will analyze the data is worthy of release, due to the many unknowns involved.

The UFO over Madrid the evening of Sept. 5th could not be explained away as a man-made satellite. Ours do not hover over cities at 90,000 feet altitude. It could not be explained away as a weather balloon. Balloons do not give off a blinding glare. It could not be explained away as a meteor. Meteors do not hover over cities for an hour at a time. The UFO was obviously an alien space ship in controlled flight. For the past 20 years the U.S. Air Force has claimed that such space ships do not exist; so the Public Relations Officer at Torrejon could not even admit that AF radar confirmed what thousands of Madrilenos were seeing, and photographing. And because of the above policy, no data will be forthcoming from ATIC at Wright Field, Ohio; however, agents of the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron will have analyzed the data and long ago made their report to the Flying Saucer Board in Washington.

**AMERICA'S LEADING UFOLOGIST**

That's the title given by "Playboy Magazine" to Allen "Wafflemouth" Hynek in introducing his article on Flying Saucers in the December 1967 issue. There this pseudo-scientist has already stated his position on photographs of Flying Saucers: "So far, I have not been able myself to accept any photographs as representing incontrovertible scientific proof of the existence of truly strange objects." What will Dr. Hynek say about the Madrid sighting? As a hired propagandist of the U.S. Air Force he will say just what his employers tell him to say.

Need I remind you that Hynek is thus ridiculing the character and reliability of our best men, the Astronauts? All of them have seen Flying Saucers during their orbital trips and some have brought back photos and moving pictures to back up their sightings, Glenn, Carpenter, Cooper, McDivitt, White. Isn't this evidence of our sick civilization? Here we spend billions of dollars to select these men and get them into space, and then cover up the most important information they bring back, that space is inhabited by intelligent beings! No wonder our young people are rising in protest at this humbug. Instead of leading our young people in the thrilling search for truth, our universities have sold their academic souls to the government, whose leaders themselves worship not truth but America's Green God, the dollar.

**EVER HEAR OF BRAZOS-10TH?**

Not unless you buy and read America's underground press, those profit-less news rags published by a younger generation.
of newsmen more interested in truth than money. Here are some pointed observations from the "Washington Line" column of the Sept. 28th New York "Guardian", a radical weekly.

"In January of next year (1969), a new director is likely to take his seat on the board of Brazos-10th St., a holding company in Austin, Texas. The accession of the new director, and the formal transfer of company stock in his name, is not likely to change its pattern of control, since Lyndon Baines Johnson established the firm and named members of his family and close friends to run it after John F. Kennedy's assassination elevated LBJ to the White House. Now, with his enforced retirement from the presidency, control of Brazos-10th St. (named for its address in downtown Austin -- coincidentally, the same building that houses Texas Broadcasting Co., Johnson's TV station), is expected to revert to its founder.

"Brazos-10th St. bought stock in seven Austin banks in 1965 and also holds large block of stock in Greatamerica Corp. Greatamerica is a conglomerate of insurance companies (such as Franklin Life, American-Amicable Life, Gulf Life, etc.) that controls Braniff Airways and in which the giant war contractor, Ling-Temco-Vought, has acquired a sizable interest. Thus, LBJ will have a direct personal economic interest in several firms whose financial fortunes his administration greatly advanced through the Vietnam war.

"In the final quarter of Kennedy's budget (fiscal 1964), Texas ranked 11th among the states in war contracts, receiving $224 million, or 3.1% of the total. By spring of the following year, this had risen to $316 million (4.1%) and by the end of 1967, Texas stood second in war contracts with $1.3 billion -- almost 11% of the total (excluding billions for the NASA Houston Space Center). In anticipation of the three-year rise of 460% on Texas war contracts (against a 55% national increase for the Vietnam war), stocks of Texas corporations rose in price immediately after Kennedy's assassination: Ling-Temco-Vought from 10 in November 1963 to 169 in early 1968, Texas Gulf Sulphur from 8½ to 66, Litton from 34 to 120, and Braniff, which also received numerous Vietnam war contracts, rose by 1600% in the first three years of LBJ's reign. Ling-Temco-Vought rose to 10th place among all corporate war profiteers.

"Brazos-10th St. also has close ties to investments in Australia, faithful stooge of the U.S. in Vietnam. LBJ's ambassador to that country is Ed Clark, senior partner of Johnson's personal law firm in Austin. Clark's law partner, Donald Thomas, is president of Brazos-10th, and another of the firm's partners, Franklin Denius, is on the board of Australian Petroleum, Ltd, together with Sid Richardson's (an old Johnson crony and Texas oil millionaire) nephew. Another Texas family long associated with LBJ, the Klebergs of King ranch fame, has bought extensive oil leases in Australia through their King Ranch Pastoral Co. Pty, Ltd. It is no wonder that Australia was exempted from restrictions on U.S. investment in Europe that went into effect in January of this year.
"So when Johnson returns to Austin in January, he will have far more than a job at the University of Texas to look forward to; his family fortune has enormously benefited from the Vietnam war directed by his administration."

Shrewd in the ways of the world LBJ has demonstrated that it is easier to make money than it is to solve the unsolvable problems of a dying civilization. "Each man for himself and the Devil take the hindmost." Happy Holidays, Prez.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Maybe this is why civilizations die, they can't afford to educate their children. From Dec. 9, 1968 "Newsweek":

"This is not a very happy day before Thanksgiving," Youngstown, Ohio, school superintendent Woodrow W. Zinser said last week. And it wasn't. Since 1966, when Youngstown teachers struck for and won a wage increase, the school board annually warned it lacked the funds for covering increased expenditures. But in five subsequent ballots, Youngstown voters vetoed a proposed tax increase. "They didn't believe we needed the money," Zinser explained. "They wanted us to just pinch our pennies."

"After the November election, when Youngstown turned down a tax increase for a sixth time, Zinser and the board had no more pennies to pinch. And on Thanksgiving Eve, Youngstown's 1,095 teachers and its 28,060 pupils walked out of city schools for the last time this year. The doors that shut behind them will remain closed until 1969, when the funds budgeted for the new year become available.

"But if the closure assured Youngstown youngsters of the city's longest Christmas vacation on record, the future was a good deal more ominous. Unless the additional tax is somehow approved in the interim, Zinser warns that Youngstown's schools may not open again next September -- which poses the possibility of a record-breaking summer vacation as well!"

CAN A SUITABLE DIRECTION BE FOUND?

Not so, writes this University of California co-ed to her mother, from Berkeley; Nov. 6, 1968 LA"Times":

"... The students do realize what a tremendous effect the university activities have on the public. Unfortunately a good plan hasn't been found, and too much effort is being put into poor, fragmented plans that can have no good effect. We all talk about creating a united campaign where the student body can demonstrate responsibility, honor, stability and maturity. An overwhelming number of students would support a sensible action toward the specific goals which students feel are vital. Quite a few people did not want to hear (Eldridge) Cleaver call (Governor) Reagan every name in the book, but no one wanted Reagan to say that Cleaver couldn't.

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"There were people who supported a non-educated rabble-rouser as a speaker, and there were those who opposed his speaking -- and they all had valid reasons. But the reasons got knocked out of the way in the wave of protest that followed on both sides. This is exactly what happened on every issue. No one really knows if it is a racist issue, a political issue, an emotional protest of specific personalities, the older idea of student voice, or what any demonstration is for. Now the students have to sort out their plans and ideas, present a better, more sensible front, maintain a definite goal and organize their efforts, and 99% of the students will support the move. But no one can find a suitable and effective direction. The damage is increasing faster than the accomplishment."

MEANWHILE, THE OLDER GENERATION MAKES DEALS

TV comedian Bill Cosby, interviewed by LA "Times" reporter Joyce Haber, Nov. 17, 1968:

"He (Cosby) is less involved than he used to be with certain liberal efforts, such as the Watts festival, which he didn't attend this year 'because nothing happens. No hospitals have gone up, no schools, man. It's celebrating -- what? I haven't talked to any black nationalists, but I really believe if we don't get something done, we're going to have a civil war.' Cosby backed Bobby Kennedy, was for Rockefeller, and now distrusts all politicians 'because they all have to make deals, regardless of race, color or creed or what color suit you have or how much bread. And they do this in Washington, the city that was laid out by a black man. . . . The executive really has very little power. Anything he does has to be voted on. . . . So the thing we've got to clean up is the Establishment. . . ."

AND THE AQUARIAN AGE DAWNS -- IN LOS ANGELES?

With the opening of the Aquarius Theater and the New Age play, "Hair", about which producer Tom O'Horgan says: "Hair is a perfect idea; it is about a movement and the protagonists of that movement are explaining their own geography, using their own language, singing their own songs, dancing their own dances. The framework of their lives is the framework of the show and it works according to how free the actors are."

"When the moon is in the seventh house
And Jupiter aligns with Mars
Then peace will guide the planets
And love will steer the stars
This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius."

Excerpt from "Hair"

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WE STAND CORRECTED

"On seeing in the November Journal that Koch Glyoxylides could be gotten by mail, I called a friend who had, in the past, used quite a bit of it for her family and others and who had not been able to get it for several years. She had also had a letter from the Drakes Agency in Canada and pointed out that nowhere in the letter was there mention of Glyoxylides, only "chemistries discovered by Dr. William F. Koch". My friend tells me that what the Drakes Agency is shipping by mail is Parabenzoquinone, an earlier and different drug of Koch's which is effective in certain cases but is not comparable to Glyoxylides."

M.S., California

ANSWER FOR AN ANXIOUS ASKER??

"Do you know anything about the Magnetic-Arc instrument of S.S. Knight, who is a Chemical and Electrical Engineer of Walnut Creek, California? This was used extensively in curing cancer and tumors. Any information on this will be appreciated."

A.L., Nevada

No, but undoubtedly some Associate does and can forward the information to us for release in CQC.

A FLASH OF SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

During one of our lectures on spiritual healing last fall we showed 35mm slide illustrations of spiritual forces, including a copy of a painting of a healing angel towering serenely above the bed of a sick person. From the heart-center of the angel a ray of golden Christ-light was directed down into the body and aura of the sufferer. After the lecture one of the guests came up to Mrs. Crabb with tears in her eyes and said the painting reminded her of a time when she was deathly ill as a little girl. Her father was by her bedside on his knees praying for the life of his daughter. From somewhere above them a brilliant light beamed down into her little body. She saw it and felt it. Her father saw it too, and was astonished at this visible response to his prayer. The little girl went to sleep under the blessing of that radiance. When she awoke the next morning she was completely well. The showing of the painting, from Geoffrey Hodson's book, "The Kingdom of the Gods", had stirred a memory for long, long years forgotten.

"Certain rays exist which, when men can open themselves to the Divine Intelligence, can be used to heal their bodies. This will depend not so much on the quality of the healer's intellect as on his spiritual intelligence or insight, which will enable him to attract these rays to himself (much as a magnet attracts), and re-direct the light through his patient. . ."  

Arthur Conan Doyle

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Few of us are in a position where we have enough power to affect the course of events in our troubled civilization, one way or the other; but we do have the power to guide our own lives. We can cleanse our bodies, calm our troubled emotions, inspire our minds with noble ideals. Thus we aid the Guardians of the Race in affecting the birth of the New Age. Christmas is here again to remind us of this re-birth. In this BSRA brochure we give you some of the deeper meanings of the Gospel story and its symbology. Consider these sub-heads: The Christmas Initiation, The Physiological Awakening, The Higher Trinity, The Three Signs of the First Great Initiation, Part II: The Winter Solstice, The Two Christmas Archetypes, Mary and Jesus, The Womb of the Earth, The Queen of the Angels, The Sun Behind the Sun, The Tree of Life, Tarot Trump No. 19, and a Christmas Ritual. Everyone who is trying to regenerate himself under the Aquarian Age influence is living the Gospel story, whether he realizes it or not. As Geoffrey Hodson says, "We all have nativity, conversion, baptism of sorrow, transfiguration or upliftment, betrayals and crucifixions." And this five-fold cosmic cycle is repeated over and over again, for civilizations and for human beings as we move through incarnation here on the surface of this earth. This is preparation for the five Great Initiations by which we wind up our human evolution. 8½x11 mimeo brochure, illustrated, 41 pages, $1.50 post and tax paid. .......