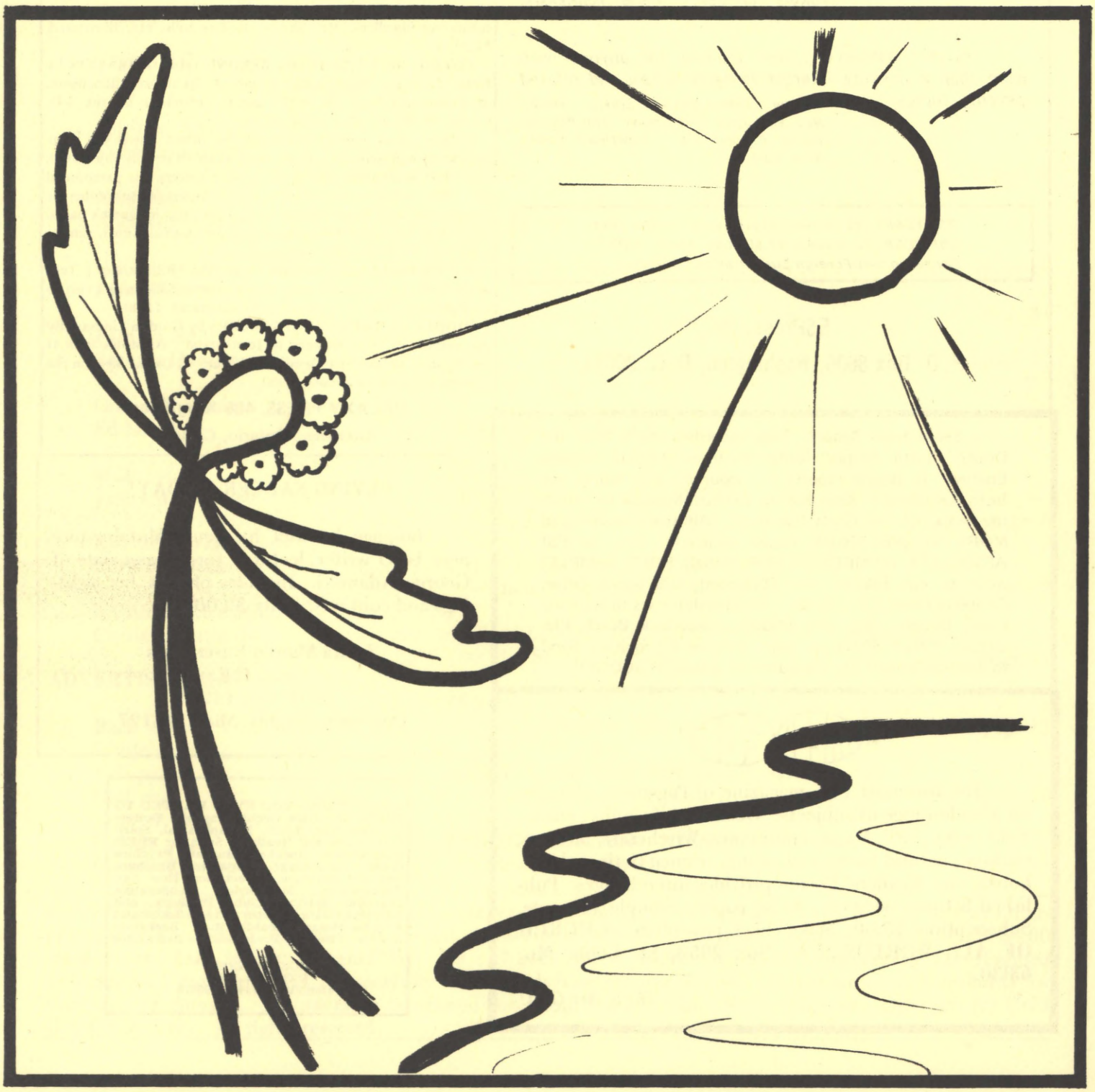
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EDITORIAL

By Eugene Steinberg



"Venus is the 'Home of the Gods.' From Venus in the year B.C. 18,617,841 came the first vehicle out of space to alight on our planet."

Perhaps this sounds like something out of a far-out science-fiction novel, or an off-shoot of Erich von Daeniken's theory of the ancient astronauts – beings from other worlds who visited Earth in Biblical times.

Von Daeniken has indeed become the craze of 1973. His *Gods From Outer Space* (Bantam Books, New York, April, 1972) has gone through 14 printings in paperback as of this writing, and the book was to be found in the *New York Times* as the number one paperbound best-seller!

His first book, *Chariots of the Gods,* was the subject of a TV special (see page 21).

But the author of the words quoted above is none other than Desmond Leslie, who with the late contactee George Adamski, co-authored *Flying Saucers Have Landed* in 1953!

The book was a big seller in its time, and the hardcover version went through a number of printings. So Desmond Leslie must be recognized as the first popular writer in modern times to put his stamp to the theory of Extraterrestrialism.

"Extraterrestrialism is pseudo-terminology for the exploration into the possibility that certain events recounted in the Bible actually describe visitations of beings from another planet in ancient times."

So wrote the controversial book reviewer for *Saucer News,* Richard E. Wallace, in their Winter, 1966-67 issue.

The term was first coined by Rabbi Yonah ibn Aharon, writing in the December-January 1957-58 edition of *Saucer News.*

But like most scholars who are ahead of their time, ibn Aharon's words only reached an audience of a few thousand avid saucer buffs. As he himself admitted in the March, 1965 issue of that magazine, "due to a lack of space, my articles were usually cut down to a tenth of their original length or even less. The result was something like a precis or summary of my Hebrew manuscript. This necessity, of course, resulted in a great sacrifice of literary style, and the series did not always make for easy reading."

The original manuscript, which to this day has never seen print, contains over 600 pages.

Others to write books on the subject include Dr. M.K. Jessup – the UFO researcher and astronomer who committed suicide years ago (*UFOs and the Bible,* Citadel Press, New York), Rev. Virginia Brasington (*Flying Saucers in the Bible,* Saucerian Press, Clarkesburg, W. Va.), W. Raymond Drake (*Gods or Spacemen?,* Amherst Press, Amherst Wisconsin), Brinsley le poer Trench (*The Sky People,* Neville Spearman, Ltd., London) and Paul Thomas (*Flying Saucers Through The Ages,* Neville Spearman, Ltd., London).

The main thing about these books is that they all appeared over seven years ago – and none of them were apparently known to von Daeniken, or are, at least, not quoted or discussed in the body of his two books.

Yet today the idea is being taken as thoroughly original, and we're sure von Daeniken is (deservedly so, we might add) rolling in money if he's got a modicum of business sense.

The very idea that spacemen may have visited our world in ancient times would have been a veritable heresy just a few years ago – and perhaps our vastly changing attitudes have created the climate in which the theory has now flourished.

But like so many old-timers in UFO research, we feel a trifle disturbed over the fact that a man is being acclaimed an original thinker when he decidedly is something else.

If any credit is to be sent the way of von Daeniken, it is for cashing in on the idea at just the right moment for it to take off like a skyrocket.

But for all this, we're a little saddened that the little-known scholars who first thought it up have become lost in the shuffle, and won't be accorded the recognition that is their due.

We hope Yonah hasn't destroyed that old manuscript. It'd make a sensational book. And if some folks felt the good Rabbi was just profiting from someone else's success, many others would know this just isn't so. – ERS

GETTING THE GOODS ON THE "NORAD RED ALERT"

By Curtis K. Sutherly





Hayden C. Hewes

UFO research is a fragile thing at best. One must be extremely cautious in approaching any reported episode with an intent to "get the facts." Sometimes those "facts" can be overly complex and extend into regions of knowledge where the investigator has no formal background. As a result, that researcher may be misdirected, resulting in misinformation and a final erroneous report . . .

* * *

In the July, 1972 issue of *SAGA*, long-time UFO advocate Hayden C. Hewes published his account of an incident involving an alleged high priority telephone leak in Oklahoma City – where unknown objects (UFOs) were said to have been pursued by U.S. Air Force fighter aircraft. According to Hewes, two unknowns were shot down, but "it cost the U.S. two jets and their pilots."

NORAD (North American Air Defense) Command Center at Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado was the agency charged in the article with having transmitted the telephone message describing the purported scramble. Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma was also supposedly involved.

The date of the UFO "Alert Call" incident was the evening of January 12, 1972. The persons involved were Sherry and Bill Eckhardt, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker, Sherry's parents. Briefly, this is what happened:

Sherry was talking to her mother on the phone. It was about 8:45 p.m., central time. The conversation continued for about five minutes when the line was abruptly interrupted by a voice talking about some kind of problem. The call was seemingly being transmitted to Tinker.

The voice went on to say that unknown objects were being tracked by radar coming in off the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean, and that fighters were being scrambled to intercept. Repeated use of the phrase "red alert" was heard during the conversation.

The jet fighters were identified as F-104's. Two of them were said to have been shot down by the UFOs. In return, two of the strange objects were knocked from the sky.

Near the end of the conversation, the final bombshell was dropped in the laps of the listeners!

They heard a voice that they assume to have been that of the President of the United States, Richard Nixon. The voice said in grave tones, *"This may be one of the historic, unusual phone calls I may have to make . . . "*

It then became distorted in garble and static. Attempts on behalf of the Eckhardts to make themselves overheard were apparently useless.

The entire conversation terminated shortly after a report that lines were down in Kansas due to bad weather and "power will be restored in approximately five minutes."

On the surface, Mr. Hewes' report seems fairly conclusive, indicating that military communication lines did somehow interfere with civilian lines, thus causing four persons to evesdrop on a top priority conversation involving what Hewes so sensationally calls "a modern day war of the worlds."

But when one probes beneath the surface, one is likely to find many small details that either don't or won't add up.

For instance, the not-so-small matter of civilian lines crossing with those of a military agency: During my tour of duty with the Air Force, I had the opportunity to talk with telephone and communications specialists working for that branch

of the service.

On all accounts I was informed that Uncle Sam generally doesn't bother with "out-dated" methods of communication such as telephones, and even when he does, the lines are scrambled and piped through *shielded underground cables.* At one end of the relay is a scramble box that codes the message being transmitted. At the receiving end is a similar box that decodes the message. Depending on the distance of the transmission, there are relay stations where the signal is picked up, strengthened and intensified. The only sound the unaided human ear could hear would be a harsh, distorted screech.

To add texture to the tile, Uncle Sam has methods of transmission that totally destroy the logic of using primitive telephones as high priority message carriers. I dare not release names of informants for obvious reasons, but there exists a device that can transmit coast-to-coast in *something under a second.* These informants were not fully versed in the capabilities of this device, but it's apparently computer controlled and goes by the code name AUTODIN (Auto Digital Network).

In a letter to the Department of Defense, I asked about the possibility of a leak such as that described in Hewes' *SAGA* article. One Lt. Colonel Audrey E. Thomas, USAF, replied in a letter dated October 13, 1972:

"We can confirm, as you have pointed out, that military telephone communications involving high level people or subjects may or may not be scrambled depending on the contents and classification of the message. Interception of scrambled communications is most unlikely."

It might also be interesting to point out that the military spends in the neighborhood of one million dollars per year for maintenance on their telephone communications systems, and approximately *three million dollars* to set up such an installation. Somehow it doesn't follow that an organization that can provide such astronomical financial support for its systems would allow a major leak to occur.

The first report about the whole affair appeared in the *Daily Oklahoman* of Oklahoma City. So I wrote to them about their position on Hewes' article. An answer was soon forthcoming from staff writer Bryce L. Patterson. His letter was dated September 28, 1972.

"Although you are close to the truth in your contention that most security telephone circuits are scrambled, there are some circumstances in which they are not.

"It may be that the conversation was a hoax, or Mr. Eckhardt may have been involved with a radio or television overlap in the area.

"It is also possible that he [Eckhardt] may have gotten involved with some sort of test communication. As I am sure you know, practice messages of an alert nature often don't carry the same security precautions – such as scramble phones – that actual alert messages would carry.

"Panic on the part of someone could account for the in-the-clear transmission, although I doubt that the President got involved.

"I am certain that Mr. Eckhardt thinks he heard what he reported. I know his employer and any hint that he was involved in a perpetration of a hoax on the media would be the instant end of his job and he knows it."

Thus it can be assumed that the Eckhardts did indeed hear some type of conversation after all. I talked with Bill Eckhardt for nearly half an hour over the phone on February 12, 1973 – and his sincerity impressed me. But I'll deal with that call in more detail later.

An item that bears close attention is the involvement of F-104's in the alleged incident. It is extremely interesting to note that F-104's are not currently in the Air Force inventory. The only operational 104 installation in U.S. territory is an Air National Guard outfit in Puerto Rico, located at San Juan National Airport. There are F-104's being used as trainer aircraft in various parts of the country (this was pointed out in the Hewes article), but these are generally not armed.

Hewes states that "the F-104 would be the ideal interceptor for something approaching the continental U.S. due to its extremely fast speed and rocket armament."

This is slightly off track, as is obvious to anyone having knowledge of current fighter aircraft.

The F-104, while possessing high speed capabilities, does not have a fuel-carrying capacity worth mentioning. It was originally designed to take the air speed record away from the Soviets. But once the wing-tip tanks are empty, such a craft has literally minutes remaining aloft. At best, an F-104 might stay airborn no longer than 30 minutes while operating at maximum speed. The pilot would have to get in, make his hit, and get out fast.

As mentioned by Department of Defense personnel in the Hewes article, an F-101 *Voodoo* or an F-106 Delta fighter would be better suited to such a campaign. Or better yet, the current F-4 *Phantom,* which has given the Viet Cong such hell in Indochina during these last years. The F-4 has greater range than the F-104, and has equal speed with much greater striking capacity.

But Hewes tends to dismiss all evidence to the contrary with an insignificant incident that supposedly occurred at Tinker. He quotes an anony-

mous government employee as saying that an F-104 was seen sitting in a Tinker hanger "all ready to go."

Just what is that supposed to tell us? F-104's find their way into various Air Force installations with infrequent regularity. As I said before, they do still have their uses, although they're probably off the active inventory listing. The hangered 104 at Tinker was probably a transient aircraft that had been detained for maintenance problems, thus delaying an earlier scheduled departure.

Another little ditty that Hewes pops on us is found in the fourth paragraph of the first page of the article. Here he describes how two television station employees, Mark Worley and George Shearer of KAMV-TV, College Station, Texas, watched five interceptors flying fast and low. Hewes takes the cue and interjects a statement that those jets "might have been scrambled to meet those 'flights' of UFOs."

Sheer supposition!

The two TV station employees go on to say that "one might see one or two jets, but never five."

Not supposition this time, but pure, obvious bunk!

Anyone with any knowledge of Air Force procedure will agree that fighter aircraft are often seen running in packs of three or more, especially around or near an Air Force base. Games of "chase the rabbit" are common, with the "rabbit" taking a long lead, eventually to be sought-after by the pack of harassing group fighters.

Hewes writes in the first paragraph on page 65, that "witnesses were located to verify the scrambled jets [There was an apparent cover-up story at the alleged crash site, and names of NASA pilots killed and photographic evidence of a downed unknown in the Pacific were obtained.]." Proof!

Where's the proof? Can Hewes produce his witnesses or the needed evidence to tie any prints or footage of UFOs in with the Oklahoma incident? On this we have only his word, or do those two TV station employees count as "witnesses"? And what were NASA pilots doing in Air Force jets? It's rather doubtful whether NASA pilots had anything to do with it, and I've never heard of Space Administration boys flying vintage F-104's. Those guys go first class, not third rate!

Of course Hewes continues on, with an account of a newspaper release of January 21, 1972 – a report about the death of two NASA pilots who crashed in their T-38 trainer near Matagorda Island in the Gulf of Mexico.

Here's where Hewes makes another grandstand play of assumption, and shows extremely poor regard for the intelligence of others by doing so. He states, "Although the release date on the story was some time after the NORAD incident, when did they actually crash? Would it not seem logical to delay a crash report to separate events in an attempt to cover up a major NORAD incident?"

Once again we have a totally separate incident being dragged into the picture. And this is obviously where Hewes dredges up his earlier remark about NASA pilots being involved. But if these two pilots were cover-up names for actual Air Force pilots supposedly killed, then why does Hewes quote Mrs. Eckhardt as saying that she heard (by way of the phone transmission) that the pilots were discovered alive?

But our master of suspense takes this whole series of boloney a step further by stating, on page 70, paragraph one, "Knowing that a leak was possible, certain amounts of false information were fed into the conversation – wrong code names, fighter numbers, locations, etc. Thus, it would be easier to cover up the incident if it became known to the public."

And thus do *we* see that by stating this, Hewes has managed to "cover up" his own possible flaws in story-line or investigation. Anything that doesn't necessarily follow his line of thinking can be attributed to "false information fed into the conversation."

In the final stages of the article, Hewes details several accounts of UFOs that were seen around the time of the alleged scramble. I have no quarrel with these reports. They most likely did occur as described. But how can we know that they had anything to do with the case in question?

Simple. We can't! Again, it's more supposition.

Then there's the matter of the President's alleged interjection during the conversation. His words, "This may be one of the historic, unusual phone calls I may have to make" can be heard in nearly the same vein on an LP record!

The conversation is that which the President had with the Apollo 11 astronauts after their historic moon landing. Hewes mentions this recording in reference to a "hoax tape" his International UFO Bureau supposedly investigated, but why then does he disregard the obvious possibility that the "leak" could also have been a hoax?

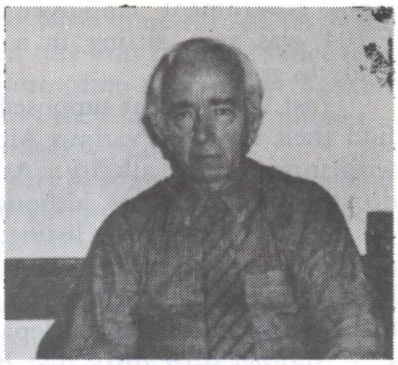
To put the icing on the cake, the President's press secretary said his boss was busy writing the State of the Union message and wasn't accepting or making any phone calls at the time his voice was reported heard by the Eckhardts and the Parkers!

On February 12th of this year, I talked with

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THE CAVEAT EMPTOR INTERVIEW:

Hans Stefan Santesson



(Editor's Note: *Hans Stefan Santesson is (or should be) familiar to many of our readers as a prominent figure in UFO and Fortean research. He has been active in the field of fiction writing too, as an editor of science-fiction books and magazines. Santesson is also a student of Indo-Pakistani affairs of long-standing, and is especially familiar with the increasing interest in Islam in our urban areas.*

He is presently the chief administrative officer of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained in Columbia, N.J., an organization founded by the late Ivan T. Sanderson. The interview you are about to read was recorded during the Philadelphia science-fiction convention in December of last year, before the sudden death of Stefan Santesson's friend and colleague of many years.

The conversation got underway after Stefan Santesson conveyed to us a marked feeling of disenchantment with UFO research in general. Thus, the first question seemed a natural starting point.)

* * *

GENE STEINBERG: Let me ask you first of all, what has turned you off about the flying saucer field?

HANS STEFAN SANTESSON: I would not say that I've actually been turned off the flying saucer field, but as I tried to explain to a Swedish UFO group a couple of years ago, when I spoke for them, I was a little unhappy about the tendency of some personalities in the field to be exploiters of a widespread interest in the field, rather than contributors to this interest.

I said at this particular meeting in Stockholm that I had not come there to attack anybody, but I had come to say a number of things – talk about some of the people I had known over the preceding years. I was not concerned with attacking George Adamski [*the noted contactee who died some years ago – Editor*] in terms of Adamski's truthfullness, but I was concerned with the very real and very human character that Adamski was as far as I was concerned.

I liked Adamski as a man. He left me when he began to describe how the people on the other side of the moon were just like you and me – or because I'm afraid I think he departed into a particular fantasy world of his own. But at the same time I felt – and I think you will agree with me – that throughout his life, throughout his early years, George Adamski did no harm. He did not affect the minds of people, he did not contribute to the disunity, to the dissention which is a part of the body politic of this country. In other words, he was essentially a sensible, warm human being and I responded to him as such.

GS: As far as George Adamski is concerned, do you feel that he had valid experiences of the kind he had reported to the public? Do you feel anything happened to him that was at all unusual?

SS: I don't know whether he did. I wouldn't presume to challenge the accuracy of some of his claimed experiences. I do think that in the case of some saucer personalities, you are presented with the problem that these people may have had certain experiences, may have had unexplained things happening to them, but that in the process of repeating ad infinitum what happened on that particular night or that particular morning in the desert or in the otherwise deserted room that they occupied – after repeating a story two times, three times, four times, five times, they may have unconsciously sometimes improved on the original experience.

I do think for example that one man, who I am afraid I will not identify otherwise – I do think that he, like several other people in the saucer field, hypnotized himself into believing that things happened to him which possibly did not occur. I do think that one man who used to go out into the field outside his farm house and wait for the people in the saucers to come down and land there . . . I do think that he may at one time or another have met the blond from Venus whom he later

talked about, but I do think that some of the experiences were apocryphal.

I think for example that this man, this grain salesman, who – Reinhold Schmidt wasn't it? – who, for example, ran into some German-speaking extraterrestrial astronauts, may actually have run into some German-speaking locally-based pilots on an experimental aircraft and then extrapolated from there.

I think in the main when you are talking about the experiences of contactees, you are dealing with people who wished that these things had in fact happened to them. I have rarely, if ever, and in my life – and remember I have met quite a number of the people who were active at one time in the field. I have rarely, if ever, met a contactee, a man who allegedly had contacts with peoples from other planets, intelligent beings from other planets, whom I felt I could believe.

On the other hand, I have met a number of contactees who I feel did in fact believe that these things had happened to them. Do you appreciate the distinction?

GS: Are you speaking in a psychological sense here?

SS: I'm raising the possibility that some of these people were sincere. I'm raising the possibility that some of the contactees you and I know but whom I at least do not choose to identify, believed that these things did really happen to them. I'm not questioning their honesty; their original honesty, shall we say, but I am raising the very valid possibility, which has been my experience over the years, that inevitably, whether or not you are aware of it, when you describe a happening, by the time you have repeated that story or that account or that happening ten times, fifteen times, twenty times, you unconsciously improve upon it.

And when these people were lecturing to their constituents as they were, let's face it there was a very understandable temptation to embroider perhaps a little bit. I don't say that these contactees are necessarily even amoral, but I do say that they were perhaps unconsciously or consciously improving on the original contacts with alleged extraterrestrials.

Let me give you an example: On one time, and you know I am speaking now as the former chairman of NYSIB, the New York Saucer Information Bureau [*now defunct – Editor*], with which I no longer have any connection.

At one time we . . . introduced a gentleman who had a distressing habit of visiting ladies bedrooms in his astral body. We introduced a man who was a younger Adamski, a highway engineer, a craggy faced, open faced, outdoors-type man who allegedly once had met a spaceman, rescued him from something which shouldn't happen to a spaceman, and so promptly they went – they used to go fishing together, and the spaceman, the extraterrestrial spaceman, would be telling him stories of what's happening.

Now unfortunately I'm a little better read, I'm a little more well-read than some people seem to give me credit for. And about the third of the way through, I began to smell things. I began to recognize huge passages from this author and that author, from Blavatsky, from Velikovsky, you name it, he had it.

I think he knew his lesson rather well. He had done his homework. But as far as I was concerned, he was somebody that I certainly did not want us to be involved with. So I'm sorry to say I went into the kitchen and told the people there, "Give him to Jim [Moseley]," because at that time, Jim – as you know – was having a number of speakers whom I'm afraid were perhaps not quite kosher.

I'm very fond of Jim. I like Jim, but at the same time he had a policy, a programming policy at the time which was not ours.

GS: Let's skirt on to another aspect of this. What is your personal feeling about flying saucers. What do you think they are?

SS: Let's say that I think that a sizeable portion, no, a number of the reported saucers are very possibly intelligently-operated machines, not necessarily from within the Earth, but from outside the Earth. I accept the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligences visiting us periodically on check-up missions to see whether we have committed any more stupidities than we have done since the last time around. I recognize the possibility that some of these machines may be operated by extraterrestrial intelligences.

I do not on the other hand emphatically believe in the necessity for these extraterrestrial intelligences having our forms, our shapes, our appearance. I do not believe in blonds from Venus. I do not believe in Saturnian evangelists, I do not in other words believe in a number of the things which are part of the stock and trade of the contactee field.

GS: What about the theory of John Keel and others about Ultraterrestrials?

SS: Well, which particular theory are you talking about? John Keel has gone through a number of spiritual transformations after all.

(continued)

GS: Let's talk about the one with regard to the book *Operation Trojan Horse.*

SS: I'm not completely familiar with this. We had a discussion some time ago, however, on the subject of contactees and on the subject of extraterrestrial intelligences.

I do not believe in what I understand to be an aspect of his thinking nowadays that some of these spaceships may come from bases either in the Amazon or in the center of the Earth or from the Antarctic or what-not. I do not believe this. I do not believe there is sufficient evidence in it.

On the other hand, and here I think we should probably bring this to a close, I accept the possibility not of necessarily "men in black," as identified either by Gray Barker or peripherally by John Keel. I do not believe that the "men in black" are necessarily hiding behind a pillar here listening to what we're talking about.

But I recognize the possibility that the thinking or the thoughts of groups interested in these matters would be of undoubted interest to private or other bodies interested in the manipulation, shall we say, of opinion, mass opinion. I can recognize that there is undoubtedly a certain interest in what not the hundreds of thousands, but more than hundreds of thousands of people throughout this country who are interested in this subject think on a number of issues.

What dismays me and has dismayed me in the past, is that some of the contactee personalities like our friend George Van Tassel, the man who at one time attempted to take over the "I Am" movement, and was thrown out of the "I Am" movement and then went on to bigger and better things. I think that people like Van Tassel have a suspicious familiarity with economic and social texts which I refuse to believe are familiar to extraterrestrial intelligences.

This happens to be one of the several reasons why several years ago, I felt that I did not belong in this field, that there were a number of very strange people operating in this field, a number of, shall we say, con men, minor charlatans, self-deluded possibly, and possibly not. And as a result, I'm afraid that I would normally never even acknowledge having at one time been on speaking terms with some of these refugees from Venus, whom you and I have often met in the past.

GS: What do you think should be done in flying saucer research to one, regain your respect, and number two, accomplish something?

SS: I am nobody. I'm certainly not anybody to feel that I can even answer a question of this nature. I had a tremendous respect for the serious work done in the past by Isabel Davis, Alexander Mebane and some of the people who were trying to apply solid research procedures to the collection of data respecting extraterrestrial, alleged manifestations, appearances or what-not.

I believe that the penny-ante exploitation of saucer aficionados is somewhat less than desirable. I am more likely to believe somebody who hesitates to even announce that he has been on a familiar trip to the other planets.

George Fox met me one day on the street after he had read my book on Mu [*Understanding Mu,* Paperback Library, New York, 1970] . . . he complimented me on another book, and so then he proceeded to ask me if I had been on any trips recently. And for a moment I was tempted to answer a little flippantly, but I said I was afraid I hadn't been invited. I'm not so sure that I would even do like I did one time with our friend out in New Jersey, when I told him that I would be perfectly willing to wait out there in the meadow with him whenever his friends from Saturn were coming down next time.

He never took me up on the invitation, nor I'm afraid have some of the others accepted my perfectly – well half-serious, willingness to wait with them, watch with them.

I cannot, I repeat now definitely, I have not met any contactee, and I'm going back over a number of years now, who I could believe in. I have met individual contactees who I am confident believe that these things they said had actually happened to them.

GS: Let's talk about the Mu books and your connection with that particular project. Do you believe there was a Mu?

SS: You mean am I doing it in order to eat? Is that what you mean? Well, I mean, let's face it, no professional writer refuses an assignment unless he has strong moral grounds. But I will say this: I refused to go ahead with a projected book on the saucers, because of my feeling that this was a field which had been exploited and tormented out of shape and context. But if I'm asked to do a book on a subject which interests me, and which I happen to know a little bit about because I have a background of 30-odd years of Indic studies after all, I'm delighted to do so, particularly if the publisher in question is willing to pay me real money.

In the book in question, you will find that I said I did not disagree in principle with [Col. James] Churchwood's theories, which were not original, that there had been a lost continent, a lost civilization in the Pacific, but I, let us say, I called

him on his tendency sometimes to be as characteristic about his interpretations of this possibility as some saucer people have a tendency sometimes to stretch a point a little unduly.

Mr. Churchwood quoted without giving due credit to a number of sources which placed these happenings in the Atlantic. He simply moved these things over into the Pacific. When somebody had written something which could be ascribed to Atlantis, he proceeded to transfer it to another continent.

Mr. Churchwood I do not know if he ever had some of these experiences. I have talked to people who knew him when he was younger, who knew him as a human being, and who were convinced that he had in his youth had these experiences. I did not have the privilege of knowing Col. Churchwood. I have, however, read manuscripts of his. I have talked to innumerable people, as I said, who knew him and I recognize the possibility that these things may have happened to him. But I am not going to commit myself beyond this.

I think that Churchwood must have been an extraordinarily interesting man, and I'm really sorry that in those days I was simply too concerned with other matters.

GS: Regarding SITU, what facet of their investigations do you find most fascinating?

SS: My dear boy, and if I sound on tape like Ivan [*Sanderson, founder of SITU – Editor*], you have to forgive me.

I am President and Chairman of the Board of SITU, the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained. I am that partly because I'm an old friend of Ivan's. We have worked together on many projects. But I am President and Chairman because I happen to be, as they discover here this afternoon, a moderately good or efficient chairman. I can run a meeting. I am sort of a backroom parliamentarian. And I am Chairman in part for these reasons rather than because of my special interest in any one or another of the solid, scientific Fortean-oriented research projects of SITU.

GS: What do you think about some of the things that Ivan writes about in his books, like the gold artifact he was mentioning in *Investigating the Unexplained* that looked like a delta-winged airplane, and his theory about possible alternate realities that he mentioned towards the end of the book?

SS: I have handled this artifact you mentioned the way I'm handling this microphone right now. I know the man who did the original gold thing that you are talking about. I have read the files and material on it. I recognize because I happen to be reasonably well-read in history, the possibility that many of these things are in fact true.

I, as far as the alternate reality, this is something which anybody who has lived in science-fiction professionally and personally as I have done over the years, recognize this as quite possible. Ivan has come to it late in life, but he has discovered something which we in science-fiction have recognized as eminently possible for a considerably longer time.

GS: Do you seriously entertain this as a possibility or are you just putting it on the level of "this is a possibility" and giving it no further weight?

SS: How long have you known me?

GS: Let's see, it goes back now about nine or ten years.

SS: Well, you have known me nine years, ten years, whatever it may be, and I think you have found that I very seldom say something which I don't mean. I have in the past publicly and in print expressed my opinion on what a lot of people like to call flying saucers, because I accepted the possibility of alien intelligences, not necessarily humanoid, visiting us on and off, over the centuries. There are repeated examples of these visits in British chronicles of the 10th, 11th century, in French chronicles of still earlier, in Egyptian records, in you name them, you have them. In other words, I'm not basing my acceptance of the possibility of extraterrestrial visitations on the statement of any one or another contactee, the late George Adamski, pleasant though he may have been as a human being included.

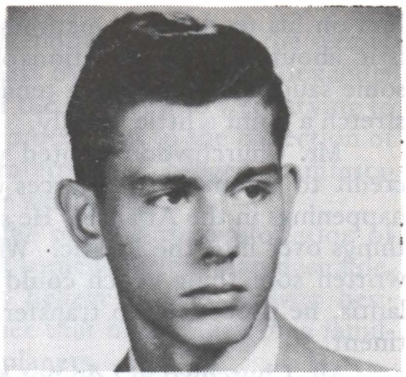
I am, in other words, accepting the historic possibility of these things having happened in the past. I am not saying in so doing, I'm not necessarily saying that a number of contactees we have both known were in fact telling the truth. I have my great doubts that they were. I think they were exploiting the rather normal tendency of believers to believe. There's no contradiction between this and my chairmanship and implied sponsorship by such, of the research done by SITU, but I am increasingly concerned with historical research rather than with the misunderstandings of people who, in the main, have no knowledge of their own past, and certainly less knowledge of their own present.

I feel that there is every reason to accept the possibility that we are the last of a succession of cultures which conceivably did exist on this Earth

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DISSENT: A CHALLENGE TO THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

By Steve Erdmann



The theory of evolution is no longer taught as a theory anymore.

Tons of literature has been written on the subject in many technical and scientific journals, much of it espousing evolution as a dogmatic assertion.

Indeed, I doubt very much if anyone existing today has not been touched by this theory in one way or another. And many people actually visualize themselves as the end product of a long series of mutations and genetic changes over the past trillions of years, which first began as a primeval ooze in the oceans, transmitted to our present time by way of the "ape man" – our direct ancestor between ape and man.

The trouble is: There just has never been any legitimate evidence that such an ape man, or even the evolving of the species, has ever existed. In fact, a lot of information says that the odds are trillions to one that random chemicals could have eventually joined to make one protein, or any simple living organism.

Let's take a look at the facts, first, by seeing one overall principle that evolution fails to come to grips with, and then get into some specific examples.

Number one, science has yet to discover where any species of animal, plant or insect is presently in the stage of genetically mutating into another type of species. It is essential that this be happening today if the theory of evolution is true. But to the contrary, mutations are not normally found in nature, and when they are, they are abnormalities, diseases, and not a progression in the development of the living thing.

Hear the voice of the experts on the matter:

"In spite of all the efforts of trained observers," says Charles Darwin, the father of evolutionary thought, in his *Origin of the Species,* "not one change of species into another is on record."

"The evidence of modern experimental genetics seems to indicate that most mutations are harmful, and that many of them are even lethal, and that they are attributable in the main to deterioration." (Hooton, *Apes, Men and Morons*)

"No useful mutations have appeared, and none is anticipated." (*Life Magazine,* November 21, 1949)

"It is conservatively estimated that over 99% of mutated genes are harmful." (*Science News Letter,* November 4, 1950)

"Mutations, it is now understood, are not superior," says Donald M. Patten, geographer and graduate of the University of Washington. "The germ tissue, and the organization of the molecules within the cells are sufficiently delicate and precise that any disruption, such as damage to a gene or shearing of a chromosome, is almost sure to be in the direction of disorganization and imbalance, that is to say, inferiority." (*The Biblical Flood and the Ice Epoch*)

Scientific experiments in laboratories that attempt to prove that the basic building blocks to animate life can be artificially manipulated into producing that life, seem to have fallen short.

In 1953, Dr. Stanley Miller and associates had shown that a "primitive planetary atmosphere" of hydrogen, ammonia, methane, and water vapor could produce amino acids, the basic building blocks of protein. Later, Fox and Windsor of the University of Miami succeeded in constructing nine amino acids by heating ammonia and formaldehyde together at 200 degrees centigrade, with an ultraviolet light and electrical discharge to simulate the primeval lightning or radiation.

Chemical evolution is not necessarily "biological" evolution, however, and amino acids do not randomly form protein.

Even if it were possible that a few chemicals could randomly join together to form a few amino acids, this is still extremely distinct from the simplest living organism.

The odds that one small protein could have evolved are very small, about 10^{42} (that's the numeral ten with 42 zeros following). Miller was able to only mix together enough chemicals to come up with a few of the wrong kinds of amino acids that are not part of the basic building blocks of protein. The problems inherent in creating a simple 153-unit protein would have to be ridiculously com-

plex. And to go from a simple protein to a complex protein to a basic cell – the whole possibility is lost in a mathematical, giant impossibility.

Even the simplest form of life – the single-celled, tiny amoeba (often called the first life form on the evolutionary ladder) – has posed some perplexing questions for the evolutionist.

In the evolutionist's scheme of things, the idea of "simplicity" seems mandatory to preserve the "simple to complex" idea of Darwin's survival of the fittest. The amoeba has seemingly fallen dupe to this title. Surprisingly, we are discovering that this so-called "first life form" is far from simple. Instead, it is highly complex, having a form of sophisticated intelligence.

Says Reginald D. Manwell in *Introduction to Protozoology:* "Seemingly so simple in its organization [the amoeba] is highly complex. It has its nucleus and constituent chromosome, its contractile vacuole, its mitochondria, and frequently a rather complicated life history."

The amoeba has amazing qualities of capturing its food by "arms" (pseudopods) that change to fit its victim. The amoeba has a very special diet that if not followed will kill it.

But most amazing, it has unknown mechanisms of movement whereby it can flow from place to place. The amoeba's reproduction is quite unique, as one "parent" splits into two distinct, equal bodies.

And evolutionists have yet to demonstrate one bit of evidence that any of this simple activity has come about by chance or random happenstance. Not the amino acids. Not a live cell. Not even the littlest amoeba.

The road that stretches from our alleged primeval ooze to our ancestor ape man is a long and sordid history. Even it is confused.

George Gaylord Simpson declares in *Horses* that the history of the horse is "still the simplest way to convince any open-minded person that evolution is a fact." Yet when all the evidence is amassed on this question, you will shockingly find no such proof.

"The horses are often cited as an outstanding example of 'straightline evolution' or of 'orthogenesis,' " says Edwin S. Colbert in *Evolution of the Vertebrates,* "and it frequently is maintained that these animals evolved with little deviation, along a straightline path from the little Eocene . . . or Eohippus to the modern horse."

However, when all the fossil evidence is collected, Colbert says, "the history of horses in North America is seen to be anything but a simple progression along a single line of development."

There was no constant and overall increase in size. The feet did not steadily change from four toes to three toes to one. And the first horse fossils discovered in England in 1838 were so unlike a horse, but more like a hare, that Simpson concludes: "From the evidence available it would have been most unscientific to jump to the conclusion that this queer little beast was a sort of a horse . . . [to speak of] the horse as a typical example of orthogenesis . . . it is now seen that this was a serious mistake, a mistake caused in part by inadequate evidence and in still larger part by superficial and erroneous methods of study."

In actuality, the fossil "horse" eohippus, says Carroll Lane Fenton in *The Fossil Book,* has much more in common with the Old World Cony or hyrax, having a rabbitlike appearance, and a great similarity in the teeth, feet and limbs.

Yet with the firm establishment of the evolutionary theory after 1859, by practically all scientists, eohippus has become a horse – and that, they said, is that!

What could be said of eohippus could likewise be said of any one of the multiple examples of living species.

The duckbilled platypus of Australia has been called a patchwork mammal, which originally was termed a "Chinese joke," and it became a source of puzzlement to the evolutionists who could not explain the many innovations inherent in one animal.

The platypus has a beaver tail, webbed feet like an otter's, but only retractable. It has a reptile shoulder girdle, and cheek pouches as in a monkey. A duck bill near extra-sensitive worm-finding radar. And it suckles its young as a mammal, yet lays eggs which are reptilian in nature. It has only a single ventral opening for elimination of wastes, mating and birth, like a reptile, yet is warm-blooded, which reptiles are not. Its brain also is well-developed.

"It came as a shock to zoologists 160 years ago," says *Life Magazine* in *The Wonders of Life on Earth,* to discover such a creature. One journalist called it "an animal misfit . . . [which had] absorbed every mad trick of nature." (Kendrick Howard)

The platypus has avoided every argument of the evolutionist, even that of being a mutation "not quite finished" (Bernice Kohn, *Marvelous Mammals*), because "no fossils have yet to be found in any continent which reveal the lineage of the [platypus] prior to the last few million years in Australia itself."

What is the platypus?

It is a "created" animal, perfectly designed for a specific place in nature!

The metamorphosis of the moth, the radical innovations of lichen, the mysterious four eyes of the anableps fish, the heavy interdependency on

the bee for nature to function as a whole, as well as a host of other mysteries of nature are an embarrassment to the evolutionist.

But the biggest cause for embarrassment may very well be our alleged ancestor, the ape man.

In 1908, Anatomist-Paleontologist Marcellin Boule took the remains of these "links" and attempted to reconstruct a stereotype. Oddly enough, all features of our "ancestor" were in line with what we expected to find.

Yet today scientists now know that Boule's reports on the Neanderthal man were highly colored and mistaken in picturing him as a beast.

In 1955, Professors William Strauss of Johns Hopkins University and A.J.E. Cave of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, reexamined the skeleton of La Chapelle-aux-Saints, and their report in the *Quaterly Review of Biology* said in 1957:

"The skeleton which had belonged to a male 40-50 years old, was rotten with arthritis. This disease had affected the hinges of La Chapelle's lower jaw, his neck and much of his body. The forward thrust of his head noted by Boule was due, in part at least, to a wry neck, and the stunted stature and stooped posture were due to arthritic lesion in his vertebral column. In his youth, La Chapelle had been as tall as the average Frenchman born in Dordogne today."

Carleton Coon, in *The Origin of Races,* called them "mesomorphs," which are Neanderthal-like people actually living today in the Abruzzi Mountains in the Alps and Bavaria.

F. Clark Howell, in *Early Man,* also spoke of the fact that there never has been a blending of one supposed Neanderthal-type to another. Dr. William Howells made mention also, in *Mankind So Far,* that the Neanderthal man had a crude religion which emphasizes his intelligence and wide separation from brute creation.

And the Cro-Magnon man:

The Cro-Magnon remains were discovered in 1808 in Perigord, France. William Howells, *Mankind in the Making,* said that there were no major differences between the Neanderthals and the Cro-Magnon man. "The evidence itself disappears . . . we have only Neanderthals."

There is no evidence that the culture of the Cro-Magnon man was an evolutionary transition from worse to better. It is questioned just how primitive these people were:

"Art came with a burst, in the sense that from the very beginning the record includes works performed in a mature and established style." (John Pheiffer, *The Emergence of Man*)

Donald Wesley Patten, in *The Biblical Flood and the Ice Epoch,* states that the answer to the ape man lies in endocrinology (the study of glands and hormones and their effects on the organs within the body), and not in the "transmutation" of the species.

Patten feels that our ape man was a human being who had a glandular malfunction known as acromegaly – an endocrine disorder that will develop apelike features in one's skin, hair, metabolism and skeletal system. It is caused by the abnormal continuance of growth hormone after maturity. The pituitary gland – the "master gland" – causes renewed bone growth which, because the bones fuse at maturity, they then thicken. The descriptions Louis J. Soffer gives of a person inflicted with acromegaly, in *Diseases of the Endocrine Glands* (and A. Stuart Mason and G.I.M. Swyer in *Major Endocrine Disorders*), are strikingly similar to our ape man.

Another phase, Patten says, is that if "Gigantism," which is caused by an increase in the rate of growth hormone before maturity. Hypothyroidism (Cretinism) is a glandular malfunction that tends to result in dwarfism. Darwin knew nothing about genetics and endocrinology, and therefore his theories were rather arbitrary, says Patten.

But could a clear picture of our supposed ape man be constructed on such skimpy skeletal evidence to begin with?

When the Trinil bones of the Java man were discovered in 1891 in excavation 40 feet below the surface, they were not lying together when found. The teeth were three feet from the skull; and the thigh bone, discovered a year later, was nearly 50 feet away.

The discovery of the bones by Dr. Eugene Dubois, who termed his find an ape man; came to say 20 years later that it was a true ape and not a man. Dubois died in 1940 convinced that he had discovered a fossil remains of an ape – not an ape man. However, subsequent finds by Dr. Von Koenigswald tended to say that the Java man was not an ape at all, but a true human being of pigmy size.

Such confusion is only inherent to the evolutionists.

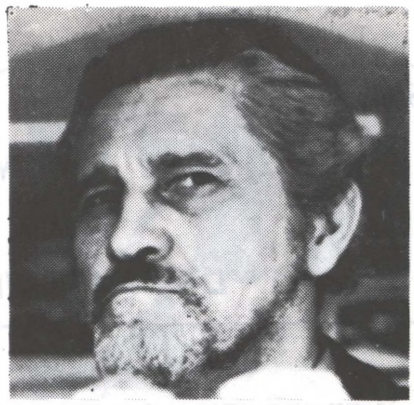
The Heidelberg jaw, discovered in Germany in 1907, was the sole skeletal remains found. Yet from this fantastic, imaginary reconstruction of one piece of fossil, another ape man was born. The late Henry Fairfield Osborn, former president of the New York Zoological Society, said:

"It is absolutely certain that these remains are human. They bear no trace of being intermediate between man and the anthropoid ape." Dr. William Howells, in *Mankind So Far,* confirms this by saying "it is, of course, not safe to con-

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TEROS & DEROS

By Richard S. Shaver



This sort of simple view of life, and of its reverse, evil, should be taught in grade school.

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Behind the use of the words *Dero* and *Tero* is the ancient concept of mind as a receiver of exterior impulses to action. This contrasts with the modern idea of mind as an imprisoned ego that has no contact with the exterior world but creates all its own motivations and acts out of interior thought.

Both concepts are true, but only partly so. The complete mind is one in contact with the exterior world, hearing and analyzing the whole activity of the whole world in a greater or lesser degree. This hearing in modern times has come to be called "intuition" or "telepathy," but in ancient times it was called "far-sight" and "far-hearing," and is written of in quite recent times – that is, compared to really ancient times before the flood. (In manuscripts from the 8th to 12th centuries in Britain, Ireland, etc., far-sight and far-hearing are spoken of and relied upon.)

The Elder concept of mind as a recipient of exterior impulses and motivations was contained in their word "ro," which is very similar in meaning to the sound of "row" a boat. The boat is the "ro," and is guided by the rower. This concept comes down to us in such words as robot, which we think of as ultra-modern, but it is not. Robots of almost human capabilities (chess-players of unbeatable skill, etc.) were built by the pre-deluge cultures for strictly entertainment purposes, as well as for such chores as minding water-purifying machinery and so forth.

Life itself as a "ro" of exterior impulses was quite well known to the Elder world, and they minded the herds of buffalo and the teeming wildlife of their world from underneath, with the machinery that has come down to us in the legend of God – as in the psalm, "He leadeth me by still waters and maketh me to lie down in green pastures."

This concept of mental guidance from afar is what is meant by *Tero*, and the "T" symbol stands for integrative magnetic patterns – the "togetherness" of the magnetism of life itself. The integrative forces of all life and growth do induce by *magnetic induction* reinforcement each of the other!

This concept of electronic surveillance, through mind-contacting and mind-influencing machinery underground, is what is meant when the words *Tero* and *Dero* are used ordinarily. This is not the original basic concept, however.

A *Tero* is a person whose mind is guided by the inducting magnetic fields of life and growth everywhere, a togetherness with nature – an ecological robot for ecological betterment. His mind represses all the disintegrant source energies with their inherent flu-apart destructive patterns. Instead, his mental neurons and little cell batteries generate a wholly integrative current of energy which his mind converts into reason. Such reasoning is always integrative. It puts things together into new and greater wholes.

A *Dero* is precisely the opposite, a person whose mind inducts influences magnetically from the destructive forces of nature, from the sun-static of powerful disintegrative magnetic fields. The sun-spot of the scientist is one great source of *Dero* mental motivation, but there are many. Any radioactive concentration such as an atomic pile is apt to create "*Dero*" around it by *induction* (in the same way a radio station creates "listeners" just by being available at the flick of a button).

Induction of energy from the sun takes place constantly. In every wire some current is induced as the sun passes and as the Earth turns. So does a dynamo induce electrical current as it turns; a wire passed through a magnetic field induces a current to spring up in itself. That is the phenomenon of induction upon which all electronics hinges as the main source of energy.

So do the sun and the Earth, turning in each other's magnetic field, induce currents in each force line of the magnetic fields, just as in wires. So does a neuron in the mind when you turn your head, from passing through the magnetic fields of

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Satire: *Part IV*

NAKED CAME THE FORTEAN

By Richard E. Wiplash



INTRODUCTION TO THE PREFACE OF THE AFTERWARDS

By Dr. Donald H. Menzwell

(Professor of Astronomy, Harvard University)

Good Riddance!

(Be sure and look for Dr. Menzwell's forthcoming book The Great Oswald Lurch Hoax, *in which he will sucker you out of $7.95 to read his explanation of how the whole thing was really just a combination of an eclipse and a cumulus cloud!!!)*

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INTRODUCTION TO THE FOREWARD

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1) The Strange Disappearance of Oswald Lurch!! Yep, there's *three whole pages* devoted to just this!!! Of course, judging from the title, you'd think that the whole book was about this, but let's remember what P.T. Keyhole once said: "There's a saucer freak born every minute, and we've got to get to this guy before Barker does!!"

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So long gang – till my next book!!! (which will be out day after tomorrow)

(Editor's Note: *Would you readers like to decide the fate of the irrepressible Mr. Wiplash? He's all set to bring us a whole pail filled with satires, including ones about James W. Moseley, Major Donald E. Keyhoe, and even Gene & Geneva Steinberg [if we'll let him!] If you want to read any of this stuff, let us know!*)

The Ego Corner:

THE SILENCING OF WILHELM REICH

By Geneva Steinberg



Wilhelm who? Oh – *that* nut!

Case dismissed.

Wilhelm Reich has a peculiar reputation – either he was the greatest genius of our time, or he was a raving lunatic. His actual writings are not widely known, so it is easy to automatically lump him into the first category. Up until a few months ago, I knew practically nothing about Reich, except that he had invented some contraption called an Orgone Box.

Then, almost by accident, I happened to leaf through a book titled *Me and the Orgone,* by Orson Bean. What I read intrigued me, so I later borrowed a book of Selected Writings from Reich. I was highly impressed.

In this article I mainly want to deal with Reich's ideas as related to UFOlogy. However, so far I have read none of his own material on that subject, and only a few paragraphs written by other people about Reich and UFOs. Nevertheless, his *earlier* work ties in well enough to make your hair stand on end!

Now, I know little of biology and almost nothing of physics. If any of you readers are familiar with these fields and have any comments on Reich's theories, either pro or con, we are eager to hear them. But fascinating as these and the UFOlogical aspects of his work may be, his early observations on psychology were what convinced me Reich should be taken seriously. His powers of observation and reasoning are awesome. So either we are to believe that something in his brain went haywire in later years, somehow also affecting the other scientists who worked with him – or else . . .

Basically, Reich claimed discovery of mass-free, universal "Orgone" energy – life energy – which functions on different principles than other forms of energy. This is said to be the power source behind UFOs.

Back in issue number one of Caveat Emptor [*still available from us at 75 cents per copy*], I had an article speculating on the possibility that the UFOnauts do not necessarily have a civilization all that much more technically advanced than ours, but had simply happened to stumble upon one far-reaching principle still unknown to us – and might be desperately trying to make sure we don't discover it.

Orgone energy would fit this description perfectly.

People who worked with Orgone energy commonly experienced reddening of the skin and conjunctivitis. Other people have had the same symptoms after too-close contact with a UFO! Reich says the energy involved is analogous to solar radiation, not atomic radiation.

I even recall reading one account of failure of a battery-operated machine in connecting with Orgone. The machine resumed operation spontaneously when removed from the vicinity. Of course, we have all heard the stories of cars stalling near UFOs . . . and then starting later by themselves, which would not ordinarily be expected to happen once the motor had stopped running.

Now, let's compare Reich's ideas with some others – how about Richard Shaver? (Let me emphasize that by pointing out these connections, I mean to prove nothing for either Reich or Shaver, but only give some food for thought.) The De and Te forces that Shaver speaks of are also to be found in the beneficial and harmful aspects of Orgone energy, which Reich termed OR and DOR. In both cases, the main energy source is said to be the sun. According to Shaver, at some point the benign sun turned destructive and began sending off De rays, affecting the minds and health of Earth inhabitants. In his article this issue, Shaver speaks of "Overlays" affecting great areas of opinion. Reich also wrote of "Oranur clouds" which would affect the functioning of all life within certain areas. Shaver says that any source of radiation creates De around it. Reich said the same about radiation and DOR.

According to Shaver, Deros are deranged creatures driven mad by overuse of machines which had stored up De energy from the sun. Reich found that Orgone Boxes could be permanently affected by contact with nuclear radiation, and become sources of great danger.

So there you have the more obvious par-

allels. Make of them what you will.

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Ray Palmer had an article in one of his magazines, *way* back when, about some people who had done an experiment with plumb lines to check the Earth's center of gravity. The lines turned out to be closer together at the top than at the bottom, which leads to all sorts of interesting speculation, if true! Reich claimed that what we call "gravity" is misunderstood:

"The sun and the planets move in the same plane and revolve in the same direction due to the movement and direction of the cosmic orgone energy stream in the galaxy. Thus, the sun does not 'attract' anything at all. It is merely the biggest brother in the whole group."

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One recurrent theme we often encounter is the existence of ancient Secret Societies who have access to Forbidden Knowledge and have been guiding the development of civilization from behind the scenes. Ordinarily, this concept wouldn't hold up too well. Any technology needs a base to build on, and it seems absurd to imagine any advanced science springing up suddenly in, say, the Middle Ages.

Unless their discovery was Orgone energy! From Reich's descriptions, the stuff sounds absurdly easy to work with. As Reich said, the most amazing thing about the principles is that no one discovered them sooner!

Any group utilizing Orgone energy could hardly help having advanced knowledge of psychology also, since, as Reich noted, the motive forces of the human psyche are also to be found operating in the Universe at large. Suddenly, the ideas of a planetary intelligence, or the existence of the natural forces called Elementals, don't sound so fantastic after all! According to Reich, the origin of Life from non-living matter is not astronomically improbable, but inevitable.

Now, as for what happened to Reich – he died in prison, and some of his *books were burned* in 1960, on order of the FDA (and you thought it couldn't happen here?) – there is a question in my mind as to whether this was just another example or ordinary human stupidity and intolerance, or was something more behind it? And I'm not necessarily talking about *Them.* It could just as well have been *Us.* As Reich himself stated, once humanity learns to use Orgone energy, we will have no second chance. Either we learn the technique of "functional," organic thinking (as opposed to "armored," mechanical thinking) – or we will destroy ourselves. Maybe somebody in a high place wanted to postpone the day of reckoning? But if Reich was deliberately Silenced, and if Orgone Energy is a fact – can you believe for a moment that Somebody isn't learning to use it right now?

There is one simple way of testing the basic truth of Reich's findings, by a device that any schoolchild could make with household materials. However, I won't repeat the instructions here – if it does work, it is *highly* dangerous. Maybe someone wanted Reich discredited before his readers got the idea of checking him out in this way? If so, the job was very thorough. Today even a mention of Reich's name will evoke smiles from most people, if they have heard of him at all.

And I can't even feel too sure that this Silencing was a bad thing. Would you want information equivalent to "How to build an atomic bomb in your basement in 10 easy steps" to become common public knowledge?

Reich made a great point that the Truth must be lived, not preached – it is worse than useless to those not ready to understand it. Maybe he should have taken his own advice?

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Anyone interested might want to do the following experiment: Look at a blank, bright surface (the sky is ideal for this). Concentrate your attention not on the view outside, but *inside* your eyes. Soon you may see a shimmering, and then what look like many distinct particles darting around in spinning trajectories. Reich says these are manifestations of Orgone energy. I don't know what they are, but they *are* there to be seen.

Your comments, please, Readers?

We'll publish them next issue.

– Geneva Steinberg

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(GETTING THE GOODS ON THE NORAD RED ALERT – continued from page 7)

Bill Eckhardt via long distance telephone. Although he still positively stated that the conversation that he and his wife overheard did take place, he's no longer so certain that the communication was genuine.

I asked Bill for his present opinion of the in-

incident:

"Now that I can look back on it, I feel kind of foolish, but it happened just as we told it, and yet nobody has ever come up with sound evidence either verifying it or pin-pointing it as a prank or an elaborate hoax. It possibly could have been a hoax . . . . "

This remark by Eckhardt is in exact opposition to a statement made by Hewes in the *SAGA* story, when he said, "It seems highly probable that it was a highly sensitive communications alert concerning what may have been a modern day war of the worlds."

In asking Bill whether any unusual followup occurrences have taken place over his phone system, he laughed and said, "No, other than that our phones have been just a disaster since then. I'm sure we were tapped for awhile after that, but it's my understanding that when somebody reports something like this, whether it happened or not, the government has to check things out and make sure the people involved aren't a bunch of crackpots."

But Bill did remark that for six months after the incident, he and his wife had extreme difficulty dialing out. In fact, at the time of my conversation with Bill, he stated that one of the home phones wasn't working properly. He also added that whenever the telephones were reported as inoperative, correction was always made without anyone ever having to visit the house. There may be some connection between this and Bill's suspicion that Uncle Sam had been tapping his line after the episode. Or perhaps the heavy storms reported in the Hewes article, and verified by Bill Eckhardt, were responsible in some way for the faulty phone system.

In all fairness to Hewes, I can't and won't attempt to reach a final conclusion on what may have happened that evening of January 12, 1972. Speculation isn't sufficient. But there does appear to be more than enough evidence to say that the incident wasn't overly serious in nature. Perhaps the whole thing was a sham, perhaps not . . .

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If we turn out back on the unknown, we face fear and ignorance. But if we attempt to force that which is difficult to accept and understand into the public eye by sheer sensationalism, then we face self-dishonesty, dishonesty to others, and eventually the ridicule and controversy that comes from men and women who devote their lives to obtaining something called . . . truth.

— Curtis K. Sutherly

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(THE CAVEAT EMPTOR INTERVIEW — continued from page 11)

in times gone past. I do not think that we are necessarily the best. I think we're all agreed that this is by no means the best of all possible worlds, and I think that we have, in the increasing concern with our tendency to destroy ourselves ecologically and politically, we have an illustration of the possibility that this may in fact have happened before in the history of man.

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(DISSENT: A CHALLENGE TO THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION — continued from page 14)

jecture what the rest of the Heidelberg skull might have been like."

The Piltdown fragments were scattered throughout a gravel pit in Piltdown, England. But also, the finds were made in 1910, 1911, and 1912. It is not known that they all belonged to the same creature or type of creatures.

The fragments of the skull did not at any time, except in one doubtful instance, touch each other and fit. Says Dr. Howell:

"The idea of so human a skull having so simian a jaw was too great an outrage to credulity and they rebelled with justice . . . . [The scientists] began to doubt as to whether any valid reconstruction could be made from four such ill-fitting fragments as the remains of the Piltdown brain case."

Then, in 1953, nine years after Dr. Howell wrote these words, scientists discovered that the Piltdown fragments had been deliberately faked by some unknown trickster. The jawbone and teeth were those of an ape, the teeth having been filed to give it the appearance of age. It is now believed that the small piece of skull belonged to a human being.

It is apparent now that common anatomic resemblances no more prove that man was evolved from the ape than architectual resemblances prove a kinship between St. Peter's in Rome and a Masonic temple. There are anatomic resemblances between a dog and a lion, yet evolutionists do not

place them in the same group; one is canine, the other feline. Neither should Man be grouped with the anthropoid ape because of certain anatomical similarities.

Why stress the resemblances and overlook the enormous divergences? As one person said: The evolutionary theory is crammed full of holes in credibility. Note the remark of the late Professor Pasteur, the great bacteriologist:

"Posterity will one day laugh at the foolishness of the modern materialistic philosophies. The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the works of the Creator. I pray while I am engaged in my work in the laboratory."

The late Sir J.W. Dawson, L.L.D., F.R.S., mentioned the Old Testament account as the most accurate history of the creation of man, when he said in *The Meeting Place of Geology and History:*

"The history in Genesis has anticipated modern history. This ancient book is in every way trustworthy, and as remote as possible from myth and legends of ancient heathenism."

In the face of such remarks and facts, it is amazing that the teaching of evolution (and atheism) has gone on in such an unchecked fervid rate in our universities and schools, and even our seminaries.

"The attempt to find the transition from the animal to man has ended in total failure," says Professor Virchow, a naturalist of world-wide fame. "The middle link has not been found and never will be. Evolution is all nonsense. It cannot be proved by science that man descended from the ape or from any other animal."

How much longer will it be before it is proven beyond all doubt whether evolution is fact or fiction?

— Steve Erdmann

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(TEROS & DEROS — continued from page 15)

the Earth and the sun, induce in itself a tiny current of alien energy.

Now, a *Dero* is a human being who listens to these induced currents and calls them thought, and acts upon them as if they were thought. He is like a tumbleweed, blown forever before the energy winds of the sun. And he is bent on inflaming all into fire and destruction, because his mind is attuned to these induced currents that other minds ignore as nothing but error and distraction.

The word *Dero* has come down to us in Webster's dictionary in a great many words — "derogatory," for instance. For some weird reason, the word *Tero* hasn't come down to us in as numerous examples.

The reality behind the words *Tero* and *Dero* is the reality of invisible force. When you see a dust-devil in the wind, whirling like a dervish, you see such forces visibly. They are always around us, but we don't think about them because we don't see them. Always there — electricity and magnetism and a dozen others not named because we don't know how to name them. A whole spectrum of forces exist and act upon us invisibly, but very consciously to many of us.

But this concept behind the two words has perished utterly, it seems, like all our once-great knowledge of physics and electronics — ignorance in the dark ages lost us all education.

— Richard S. Shaver

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That's right, we've bowed to your requests to publish CAVEAT EMPTOR more often. We weighed the decision carefully. More frequent publication would mean that we wouldn't have as much time as before to bring you the kind of quality magazine you want. Switching to a monthly schedule was just out of the question — unless we got big enough to hire a large staff to keep up the pace.

But — starting this fall — CAVEAT EMPTOR will appear every two months — and, as usual, right on schedule!

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CULTURE CORNER

IN SEARCH OF THE ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS

NBC-TV — January 5, 1973 — 10:00 p.m. EST

When World War II came to the island of Tanna in the New Hebrides, it brought with it American airmen in cargo planes parachuting food, clothing, radio sets and other supplies down to natives who were still technologically in the stone age. Bewildered by the flying machines and the oddly-costumed men they carried, the natives formed a religion that worshipped a white-faced god from the skies named "John Frum" — "John" because it was the name of many of the strange visitors and "Frum" because they came from the sky.

They built shrines consisting of crude replicas of airplanes, a dummy landing strip for his return and a white-faced effigy of "Frum." While waiting for him to fulfill his promise to return, they emulated him by forming a pathetic "army" with the letters "U.S." worked into imitation T-shirts and carbines made from bamboo. They spend their time in awkward drilling and are still waiting, watching the skies for his return.

If you have a condescending smile on your face after reading this, you're probably one of those who missed "In Search of the Ancient Astronauts," an NBC-TV documentary produced in Germany. Based on Erich von Daeniken's book *Chariots of the Gods* and narrated by Rod Serling, the show presented evidence to support the premise that thousands of years ago, man was visited by extraterrestrial beings who brought knowledge far in advance of what man had then. These beings were worshipped as gods. Depictions of such visitations are to be found in strange sculptures and enigmatic words and pictures from all over the world.

The program began and ended with shots of natives belonging to a "Frum"-like cargo cult (there are several in the South Pacific) watching the skies while sitting by a crude replica of an airplane. The scene was obviously staged but was successful in making its uncomfortable point.

After briefly introducing us to von Daeniken, we were whisked off on a fascinating "magical mystery tour" of oddities from all over the world. Evidence was flashed onto the screen in a dizzying flurry of strange monuments, cryptic drawings and ancient accounts of possible spaceships. The program covered material familiar to most Forteans with a special interest in ancient enigmas, but it was a new and pleasant format in which to revisit these old mysteries.

Not having to fall back on our inadequate imaginations as we do when reading about such things in cold type, we could see how the mysterious figures of animals and the apparent runway on the plane of Nazca becomes more impressive on the screen. We first view them from low altitude then follow the camera up higher until, unbelievably, we see them for the perfectly etched drawings they are.

The show questioned how ancient civilizations achieved the know-how to move massive stones for monuments, such as the pyramids, and wondered how such civilizations as the Mayans reached such intellectual heights with ancient observatories and accurate calenders.

The famous electric batteries in the Baghdad Museum were shown and demonstrated, and numerous ancient drawings of strange beings and men in what looked like spacesuits were presented. One stunner was a cave painting from Japan which shows a definite rocket-like object.

Some pictures were compared with modern day scenes. One was a drawing in the temple at Copan showing a figure resembling an astronaut seated at the control board of a ship. To drive home the point, it was compared with a photograph of an American Astronaut in a similar position.

Innumerable ancient legends of gods from the sky were accentuated by showing the weird monuments erected to some of them, and parallels between such ancient myths were examined. A strange example was a rock painting from Australia depicting Vonjina, a mouthless god from prehistory.

Scientists Wernher von Braun and Carl Sagan

were interviewed. The latter sounded a cautionary note that there was really "no evidence" for such ancient visitations, though it can't be ruled out. His remarks were blunted right afterwards, though, by the closing scene of the show, the one it had opened with, showing the 20th century natives watching the skies waiting for the planes to return.

The show was highly informative and, though the evidence is far from overwhelming, it will cause you to pause and think. In doing this, the program can be rated a success. — Floyd F.B. Murray

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GODS FROM OUTER SPACE

By Erich von Daeniken — Bantam Books, New York, N.Y. — April, 1972 — $1.25.

There is a passage in the Old Testament of the Hebrew Scriptures that tells about the "giants in the Earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

It is from this passage that we tend to view the accounts espoused in the von Daeniken book.

Much like his earlier book, *Chariots of the Gods?,* von Daeniken goes about exhibiting artifacts and legendary tales from all over the world that would tend to prove that "giants, mighty men of renown" did give birth to a hybrid race of people in the early history of man; indeed, that the hybrid race may well have been the result of the "sons of God."

— The Trident landmark on the cliffs of the Bay of Pisco, Peru faces heavenward as if a beacon for aerial visitors of a bygone era.

— The mysterious ground markings on the plain of Nazca, Peru, which extends over 30 miles and looks like an airport layout.

— Huge stone chairs on the plateau of El Enladrillado, Chile, that only a giant could sit on.

— The strange stone statues and sculptures on Easter Island that suggest alien visitors.

— Hundreds of perfectly spherical stone balls lie in the middle of jungles, on mountains, on river deltas and hilltops in the Central American state of Costa Rica; a science of a bygone race!

Paintings of "spacesuited" beings, statues of "angelic spacemen," drawings, tablets, inscribed tales of "visiting gods from space" are prolific throughout the book, and most are the result of von Daeniken's personal investigation — right on the spot. Such puzzles are a thorn in the side of the scientist that has a conventional view of history: Hybrid races, giants and aerial wars?

Von Daeniken, however, pushes things a little too far in asking us to accept all his evidence as "spaceships from other worlds." Holding vague and erratic drawings such as those shown on page 80 does not prove his case. And his cynical approach to the Holy Scripture is just a little more than healthy skepticism.

Where the Hebrew Scriptures tend to uphold the idea of "aerial visitors and spaceships," von Daeniken finds no fault and, in fact, says we should accept the accounts almost literally. But where the Scriptures show God as supernatural and possessing divine and universal omniscience, he debunks such accounts as "inconsistent." It is my contention that such incongruous, discordant rendering of the Scriptures is a fault of Biblical students. It is the whole record — one compared to the other — concordantly, that reveals a better understanding of the prophecies and doctrine within.

The whole Scripture is a living organism (II Tim. 3:16, 17), and the original idiom and its proper grammar elements often help in understanding.

As an example, von Daeniken mentions "the sons of God" who gave birth to a hybrid (super?) race. But he ignores the fact that a harmonious rendering of the Scripture shows these "sons" were the "fallen" demons (Jude 6, 7) who became Satan and his angels. There are cases of "Incubus" and "Succubus" demon lovers throughout recorded demonology that have nothing to do with "spacesuits" or "spacecraft." Not all supernatural studies rely on von Daeniken's materialistic approach.

Von Daeniken puzzles over the fact that his "hybrid" race left artifacts and constructions all over the Earth before Noah, but later appeared only to a select tribe of Israelites released from Egypt. Could it be that the one "God" was not totally related to the previous "god"? Certainly the demon-hybrid visitors referred to in Genesis were purposely and deliberately destroyed because of their wickedness (Genesis 6:5-13), as their Creator "destroyed them from the face of the Earth" in the Flood.

Why von Daeniken wants to see the demon-hybrids of Genesis 6 as the "Lord" of Exodus and Leviticus is beyond me. — Steve Erdmann

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TAU ZERO

By Poul Anderson — Lancer Publishing Co., New York, N.Y. — 1970 — 95 cents.

A nominee for science-fiction's coveted Hugo

award, this novel sweeps the reader along on a *tour de force* that is awesome in magnitude. From the opening paragraphs until the bitter-sweet finale, Anderson's enchanted pen enfolds one with a sense of timelessness; of being caught up in events incapable of being controlled by mere men.

Take an interstellar starship, the *Leonora Christina.* Add to this craft a diversification of men and women, scientists, engineers, electricians, and toss them into the endless realm of deep space, outward bound for a new home. Then interject the X-factor – malfunctioning drive units. Unable to apply counter-thrust to the runaway star-drive, the crew finds they are being carried out beyond the galaxy – and forward in time!

Anderson makes excellent use of Einstein's theory of relativity in presenting the basic crux of his novel. According to the theory, if an object approaches the speed of light, its time sequence slows in relation to the time flow of the surrounding space. In essense, while the universe moves forward at its normal time rate, the lives of the people inside the starship slow tremendously, actually allowing the crew to "outlive" the cosmos about them.

But aside from and contrasting sharply with the effect of the space-time theme, is the drama of the men and women who live within the bowels of the *Leonora Christina.* Here, Anderson comes into his own as he leads the reader from moods of blackest despair, to joyous festivity, to turnabout and eventual victory over odds seemingly insurmountable. As the story progresses, one feels cast into the role of a crew member.

Each new obstacle is not only something affecting the characters, but is an episode that is personal as well. You don't read this book, you *live* it!

Charles Raymont is the mainstay of the dramatic focus. Acting as a futuristic "sky-marshall," he finds himself becoming entangled in the lives of the various personnel and especially the life of one Ingrid Lindgren. An uncomplicated love affair between the two is rudely broken off as human emotion and pride overrules (as usual) good sense.

Raymont, a man who doesn't know the meaning of defeat, gains more and more of the responsibility for the ship's day-to-day existence. At times one thinks that the load is more than any man should bear. But he struggles on with his duty and eventually is the source of determination that pulls the crew back from the ragged pit of defeat.

The ship itself, in the skillful hands of Anderson, becomes more than just an artificial shell. In fitting counterpoint, he allows the reader a glimpse of the cosmic whole and the role the *Leonora Christina* plays in the shaping of it. I caught myself thinking that the ship seemed as alive as any of the humans that inhabited her . . . .

From the novel:

"*Leonora Christina* extended her scoopfield webs. They glistened in the sunlight, silver across the starry black. From afar she seemed to suggest a spider, one of those adventurous little arachnids that went flying off with kites made of dewy silk. She was not, after all, anything big or important in the universe.

"Yet what she did was awesome enough on the human scale. Her interior power plant sent energy coursing into the scoopfield generators. From their controlling webwork sprang a field of magnetohydrodynamic forces –invisible, but reaching across thousands of kilometers; a dynamic interplay, not a static configuration, but maintained and adjusted with nigh absolute precision; enormously strong but even more enormously complex.

"The forces seized the trailing Bussard unit, brought it into micrometrically exact position with respect to the hull, locked it in place. Monitors verified that everything was in order. Captain Telander made a final check with the Patrol on Luna, received his go-ahead, and issued a command. From then on, robots took over.

"Low acceleration on ion thrust had built up a modest outward speed, measurable in tens of kilometers per second. It sufficed to start the star-drive engine. The power available increased by orders of magnitude. At a full one gravity, *Leonora Christina* began to move . . . "

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Sir:

I received my first copy of **Caveat Emptor** and I find it to be both amusing and interesting. However, I thought I would bring this to . . . [your attention].

In your "Letters to the Editors" department, John A. Keel says that "there is no such place as Walesville, N.Y."

Well, I have news for Mr. Keel: *There is such a place.* It is in Oneida County, three miles off N.Y. Route 5, in the township of Kirkland.

Some 20-22 years ago, there was a UFO incident here that caused an Air Force jet fighter plane to crash in this tiny village. The plane was stationed at nearby Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome.

If Mr. Keel would kindly take a ride to Walesville, I'm sure several residents would be very obliging to fill him in on more details.

George Fritts
Verona, N.Y.

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Why don't you stop milking kids with this crap!

(Anonymous)

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Dear Geneva:

With all the things to do here, I find time to write you a letter:

"Zombies of the World Awake!" is unique. Now we know you are as nutty as a fruit cake. Don't feel badly. I send you congratulations.

I liked the article by Columba Krebs. She draws illustrations in *Solograph Bulletin,* which I get. She used to, anyway . . . .

Thanks for all the interesting articles. I like the photos.

Richard E. Wiplash is amusing. No doubt a pure voop, who evolved from the 1st dimension, slowly. He recently satired Nutley, N.J. – my home town. But feel not badly, as this place was the most ungodly town I ever lived in!

Orestes Wilson
Reading, Pa.

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Dear Fellow Zombies:

. . . About the Zombie article by that "G" person, I always loved the Jabberwock thing, and it haunted me most of my life, for there is something about it redolent of vast and ancient mysteries.

This came home to roost when I picked up a Rock Book that contained Alice in Wonderland in toto – as well as Alice through the Looking Glass – which gives one to pause: Where did Lewis Carroll get it? He was supposed to have rattled it off to amuse his grand-daughter.

Actually, when you run into it in a rock of ancient age, you realize that Lewis Carroll was *used* to transmit an old masterpiece into modern time, and *did not* create it. A study of Alice gives one a very fair picture of how things look and act in the underworld living places, which are really sealed worlds, rock terrariums with their own light and heat and also some pre-flood refinements of living unknown to us, such as the removal of age poisons from the air and water, and the existence of self-service cafeterias in fairy tale style.

You decide what you want and automation provides it. Some people *lived* in these places for thousands of years undying – a fact of life hard to get used to. The poem you quote is an example of pre-deluge usage of word meanings too.

Richard S. Shaver
Summit, Ark.

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Dear Editors:

. . . I thought you might be interested to know the results of some research I did on the technical aspects of Mr. Shaver's article, "Wet Radio" [in Caveat Emptor number 5].

I found that if we follow Mr. Shaver's idea and build a radio-type device to augment encephalograph signals, we unfortunately do not obtain thought signals of added strength as he claims. This is easy to explain when we realize that it has been established that encephalograph signals are a statistical analysis of static electricity discharges through nerve junctions within the brain. They are not thought signals and there is no basis for believing that they are such.

I am caused to wonder at the extent of Mr. Shaver's knowledge in the field of electronics technology when he indicates that the wavelength of encephalograph signals, or as he calls them, telaug waves, are shorter in wavelength than radio and television signals allocated wavelength. This is also an error. By using a simple radio formula, we can take the frequency of encephalograph signals, which is 0 to 25 cycles per second, and determine their wavelength. The answer thus yielded shows that the wavelength of encepha-

lograph signals is vastly longer than any radio or television signals, not shorter, as Mr. Shaver contends.

These important and obvious errors cause me to doubt Mr. Shaver's claims through the years, based as they are on what he calls elder technology. When this technology is described in technical detail by Mr. Shaver . . . it shows many basic errors. I can't believe that a great technologically advanced empire of the remote past would have produced such an error-ridden science.

While Mr. Shaver was not the first to express the ideas he has championed (they have been discussed for centuries among many), he is the first to take concepts that are *entirely possible* and turn them into a pseudo-science with no basis in fact. Mr. Shaver has done more to drive serious and realistic study interest from the hidden and detrimental aspects of our world — which surely do exist — than he will ever realize. Most are quick to detect fabrication and equate it with even reputable interest, even when the basic subject itself is merely unusual, not impossible. The only followers Mr. Shaver has are those so gullible that they will believe anything he says without checking into the most simple facts to find his many errors. But I guess the truth speaks for itself, once it's revealed, doesn't it?

Michael Watson
Sonoma, Calif.

(Mr. Shaver's reply: *I have repeatedly stated that you could build a radio-type device to augment mind waves — but that even though it works, it won't work, because it would be shorted out by shorter rays.*

Mr. Watson has made the same discovery and assumes that with encephalograph signals, "we do not obtain thought signals" of sufficient strength.

This is very odd when they do have sufficient strength to operate the stylus of the encephalograph, isn't it?

The truth is, your work is being shorted out by "unseen" "non-existent" observers who do not want you penetrating the secret of their existence (if you did this work instead of just saying so at their behest — I have been through this rigamarole with a dozen others, so I know what occurs).

Truth is, it can *be done, in certain areas where they* let *you do it and it* can't *be done in other areas where they* won't *let you do it.*

Mr. Watson says *that encephalograph signals are bounce static, as I get it, that are analyzed by the machine. He might even be right. The existence of this method then only determines the physical condition of certain nerve endings, according to Mr. Watson. I do wish someone would tell me why they need* five *different types of waves to do this simple chore, however.*

If all five *waves are longer than short waves, as Mr. Watson mentions, it is a disaster due to my having misread some book or other in the past. I just don't happen to believe this information either, and would like some clarification from someone more thoroughly informed.*

"Longer than any radio or television signals . . . " Huhm hum. That's pretty long to originate in a brain, isn't it?

I am so glad to have Mr. Watson point out my errors in the past. I would just like to know what he considers an error. Or does he just like to use the word indiscrimately because it sounds nasty?

I never tried to give anyone any precise information about Elder sciences, but only to point out that they exist and need study. Mr. Watson infers that too is an error. I have wasted my life — ah me.

I am sorry I have driven him from the serious study of the "detrimental aspects of our world." I really didn't mean to. I only suggest that he return to this study at once. — RS)

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Dear Caveating Emptors:

I wish to comment on some letters in number 7. First, to be brief, on the Steve Erdmann letter, obviously public display of works designed to excite lust and promote immodesty are wrong. I might point out, however, on the "porno versus violence argument," that when not used to defend immoral licentiousness, it does have a certain value. This in that, as Paul said, it was o.k. to eat food offered to idols, because you knew they were fake; so also, it is obviously o.k. to read about sex, so long as you know and obey the proper moral standards.

However, inasmuch as Erdmann is correct here (I don't really know about his other statements), he is wrong in that there is no "Kingdom of God, in the Millenial sense." It is a sham, rejected by Christ in his temptation of the devil.

Secondly, Mr. Katzen saying that Christ is within, is precisely what God meant by informing us that people would try to localize him. Do you think that even His seven spirits stand still? "The wind bloweth where it listeth."

Third, and most importantly, on the subject of flying saucers, and such miscelleny: Dulcie Brown's letter states that UFOs are here to wipe out the bomb. Quite to the contrary, the bomb is not wiped out. Amchitka proved that, as does the search for a laser igniter (could they light what wouldn't go off?). However, the UFO is quite adept at scourging the credulity of those adept enough to adopt absolute moral labels for those who *do* ignite these devices. In other words, those who think their judgment of reality to be sound, get zapped. That is their true meaning.

She is correct in saying that MIB are frauds and that Adamski was faked out.

The matter of the UFO warning detector in the form of a psychic buzz is this: It is a coincidence detector, not unlike the electronic device that detects when two signals are coming in on different lines, but will not light when only one is there. The reason for it is this: . . . Two different sets of spirits, with two different sets of beliefs are involved. This is true also, in that UFOlogists and spiritualists do not usually share the same cosmology. Now, the spirits in the other realm have nothing to do with the dead. The dead are another matter entirely. These spirits are commonly called demons — all of them. That some of them should tell different lies than others is so common as to be painfully a part of the current scene.

The MIB, being hoaxes, are to be regarded in the same way as voodoo demons, in that if they hurt you, say, but hitting you with a stick, it is pefectly ordinary. But if you do not believe in them, they can do nothing to you spiritually. The hougan can only do it personally . . .

Peter Sutherland
Winchester, Mass.

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Dear Editors:

. . . I read with interest Morris Katzen's remarks that Jesus is semen. Here is a perfect example of some of the rampant but irrational Higher Criticisms today. The Higher Critics, dating back to medieval times, have espoused numerous theories about the Bible: Christ was never a Jew; Christ was a Tibetan monk; Christ was a diabolical demon, and some go so far as to say that there was no early Church – it is all one big hoax. Most of this dates back to the era of German Rationalism, following the wave of radical nihilism, when everything was questioned at extremes that were more indicative of the mentally ill than the scientific.

It is really a waste of time to answer all of Mr. Katzen's accusations; each critic has a theory that is "proof" or "absolutely proven," and they contradict themselves in the large percentage of cases. In this case:

1) The Scriptures give numerous, plain statements of Jesus as a walking, breathing man – and later Divine Person. You can doubt this, but you do it at the expense of sanity.

2) Historians contemporary to that time attest to the man, Jesus; often called "Christ." Jewish records refer to Jesus, derogatorily, but they refer to him nonetheless as a human being, not a filmy substance.

3) Katzen takes Scripture out of context of the whole chapter – the whole Bible. Galatian 3:16 refers to gencalogy not embryology! 2 Corinthians 13:5 refers to God's Spirit – the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:30 again refers to genealogy – and the premise of Divine inheritance through King David. Luke 3:38 merely refers to the fact that Born Again Christians have entered into the God Family – that spiritual rebirth, say the apocalyptic religions, is going on right now.

Hassling with the Higher Critics is just too much of a waste of time in some instances. I hope to present a more sober article on the topic later.

Steve Erdmann
St. Louis, Mo.

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Greetings:

I have just finished reading Caveat Emptor number 7, Spring, 1973 issue. Please let me offer a little criticism regarding the amount of truth which the articles contain in your "Book Reviews," and also that which is contained within Morris Katzen's letter to the editor . . . [in the] same issue – just to show how "near" some individuals can recognize *truth*, and as to why they are unable to make contact with the "real essence" which is contained in *truth*, and that which is contained in *fallacy*.

In the first place, any Editor should know that Demagogical Hypothetical Philosophs Ideology [sic] publishing is "controlled" in one way or another. They should also know that there is an "Establishment" which controls this phase of "ideology," but actually, a lot of Editors are not aware of this fact, and of how that "Establishment" operates. This "Establishment" is controlled by a "Hexagon Hierarchy" [sic] which should also be known as "Sorcery, Wizardry, and Witchcraft," under which all nations operate.

But of course, not just exclusively with Personages doing all the deceptive work, because even during the supremacy of the Grecian World Empire, there were also the "Forty-Nine Flames" [sic], which was an octupus-like conglomeration of organizations who dealt exclusively in what is now commonly called "Rhetoric," so as to keep the "Searching Multitudes" in ignorance, and confused as to what is actually taking place, while the "Heads" of the nations use their "Diminished Wheel of Twelve Spokes" with which to "divine" their procedures in order to keep the Amalgamation of Nations intact – so there would be very little chance of them losing their stronghold upon the multitudes of ignorant individuals.

I readily recognize, therefore, that your "Book Reviews" are based upon the same "scheme" of hypothetical philosophical deductions which are also contained within the patter of the author's misconceptions as to what, actually, is meant within the patter of the author . . . . The author knows full well that if he expects to get a manuscript published he "must slant" the patter within the realm of the publisher's desires of continually keeping the "seeker" in distress as to what is actually desired by that "Hexagon Hierarchy" of controlling power.

. . . I noticed that you did detect why Dr. Hynek took the occasion to disregard "reports" by individuals who have encountered, and sighted UFOs, just as I have done. I have had occasion to, and in contacting Five Types of UFOs . . . have learned much from those contacts – although, so far, have not experienced any difficulty or harm from their occupants, although I have had occasion to converse with some of the pilots. But it is a "trick" of the "Establishment" to search out individuals similar to that of Dr. Hynek with which to further "confuse" individuals who may be searching for *truth*.

My words to Morris Katzen . . . [as follows] will illustrate this a little deeper in detail:

Mr. Katzen is so near the *truth* that I feel it is my duty to enlighten him a little further concerning his knowledge, understanding and wisdom as to why Jesus did not actually exist.

During the time of the writing of the Scriptures, when Greece held supremacy of the then known world, there were no such things as "Synonyms." Only "Parent" words were used to express genealogy and progeny of parenthood. In other words, positive and negative positions of words were used by the "Controlling Power" (the "Hexagon Hierarchy"). Although there were those few individuals who desired to have the *truth* brought before the multitude, it is also true that there was no such thing as "Upper" and "Lower" cases in writing – all writing was done in Capitol Letters. Now of course, there was no such thing as an individual named Jesus.

The word Jesus is a mistranslation of the original Greek word *Aesous*, which, when correctly pronounced, is *A-Zoos*. This "pollution" shows that the Magicians "completely camouflaged" the Greek word *Aesous*, when they came up with the word Jesus – by changing the letter "A" to that of "J," by dropping the letter "O," which gives the pronounciation of the word *Jesus* as that of "*Gez-us.*"

Dewey Schley Carroll
Tennessee Ridge, Tenn.

(*Since you supply no evidence of this vast conspiracy, I won't comment on it, except to say that your letter would never have been published here if such a thing existed.*

I'll leave it to the readers to deal with your translations; however, you seem to have completely forgotten that there is something called the Greek alphabet. Unless you take that factor into account, no attempt to figure out the real meaning of "Jesus" could possibly succeed. – ERS)

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Dear Editors:

I am writing to respond to a letter by Morris Katzen which appeared in your "Letters to the Editors" column, Spring, 1973 issue.

Morris' letter stated many things about the Lord Jesus Christ, and I will just take one sentence of his which I quote: "The truth is that the man Jesus Christ never existed as a human being, and the evidence supporting that statement is in the Bible."

I would like to reply to Mr. Katzen (and *all* others who refused to accept the *fact* that God came to Earth in the flesh) by quoting Scripture. The following verses, incidentally, are from *The Living Bible* which is very popular among young Christians today:

"Dearly loved friends, don't always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God; test it first to see if it really is. For there are many false teachers around, and the way to find out if their message is from the Holy Spirit is to ask: Does it really agree that Jesus Christ, God's Son, actually became man with a human body? If so, then the message is from God. If not, the message is not from God, but from one who is against Christ . . . " (1 John 4:1-3)

"Watch out for the false leaders – and there are many of them around – who don't believe that Jesus Christ came to Earth as a human being with a body like ours. Such people are against the truth and against Christ." (2 John 1:7)

Tom Roark
Lancaster, Pa.

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Dear Steve Erdmann:

I am very much in agreement with your views as expressed in **Caveat Emptor** . . . [about] morality.

The establishment uses many angles to keep the people from thinking reasonably and rationally. If the people learn to think, they will discover what is being done to them. Hollywood does its part by presenting fantasies of violence, murder, rape and every other obscenity. Even the one-time family mags are no longer acceptable in the decent home. Instead of wholesome entertainment, many of . . . [their] feature articles, claimed to be written by wise people . . . [are] all about how to do it, and how women should further tempt men to dissipate their energies in domestic orgies in the bedroom. Wording makes the difference between educational advise and porno. But whether it's a long word like "intercourse" or the shorter one, it means the same thing. Keep your mind on sex . . . .

All winter I have fed birds in my front yard. I feed them because they cannot find enough good food in the cities. They either have to resort to eating contaminated garbage or go hungry. I feed them because I would rather they hatch strong little babies, able to fly directly from the nest, and not fall to the ground, too weak to avoid being caught by cats. Now comes mating time. When the process of fertilization is done, those birds forget all about sex until next mating time. They are wiser by a long shot than humans.

Through centuries of using the mating impuse as a sport, the male of homo sapiens has become very much over-sexed. So much so that it has become a hang-up beclouding all the rest of his senses. Alcohol and drugs finish the job and behold! Zombies. Self-made to order zombies.

But not all people have fallen for these diabolical traps. Not as many as the establishment wants. It therefore becomes necessary to throw pornography and liquor at us every place we go. Just ask anybody who is trying to kick the alcohol habit. There is no place he can go that he isn't reminded – look at TV; first thing they do is pour out booze in every picture, and start on the sex angle. No place he can go that he isn't reminded. Just the same way the male can't look anywhere but he is tempted by stupid women cavorting in their underwear or less. All he can do is elevate his mind above such nonsense and gather his reason unto himself.

The theatre in our town that featured extreme porno has gone bust. Out of business. For sale. No buyers as yet.

Jesus upheld marriage, but he also upheld old Mosiac law about women being totally submissive to man. He apparently wasn't a marrying man himself. He was an Essene, and there were no women in the Essene organization.

Dulcie Brown
Fresno, Calif.

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Dear Editors:

. . . I would like to relate to the editorial.

Upon thinking from the public's side of view, I have come up with two reasons: One *for* the continuation of the space program, and the other, a thought *against* it.

If the report on "Titan," the largest moon of Saturn, is correct, then it is just what we've been waiting for. Think about it; another planet only 745,000,000 miles away (in our solar system) which contains the "basic building blocks of life." Sure, it would take almost 1,250 days to get to this promising planet at a speed of 25,000 mph. This is just another reason for the U.S. to develop high-speed nuclear rockets! Since this planet is in our solar system, then why couldn't we plan to land there, say by 1985? As you mentioned, the thought of a space race to a planet would certainly boost the U.S.'s efforts. Imagine a U.S.-U.S.S.R. space race to Titan!

Now – a thought against NASA. If "we" did get to Mars by the 1977-1984 time period, and NASA did find life on that planet (if they haven't already) would the U.S. public be told about it??? Or would the spaceship's camera "*suddenly*" be out of order?? Would the same thing happen as it has several times already??

Some Gemini and Apollo crews (and unmanned flights) have seen or filmed some peculiar things. Take for instance the strange "bogeys" that one of the Apollo crews saw. The commander for that particular crew exclaimed that some shiny objects were being noticed. Mission Control immediately cut off the Apollo crew's words, and when the public heard the crew speaking again, they told the public that it was just their own booster rocket which had fallen behind. But was it???? Scientists still claim that their booster rocket had fallen many miles out of sight! Many sightings have been made by the astronauts, and also by the cosmonauts. Most of them have been undisclosed. The U.S. military censors it to the public. *Why?* A state of panic across America??? I should hope the U.S. public has enough intelligence to accept the facts when (or if) they are released. The Earth is being watched by aliens. The Earth is not alone in intelligence in the universe. When will the U.S. government along with

NASA let these "secrets" out? . . .

Richard Glaser
Randallstown, Md.

(*You speak of many "undisclosed" sightings by astronauts and cosmonauts.* How *do you know this? Unless you had access to some "top secret" files, I doubt that it would be* possible *to know such cases existed.*

Secondly, I think you're going a bit too far with that blanket statement that aliens are *watching the Earth. We do not know this to be a fact – yet! All we can say is that strange "things" are being reported in the skies and occasionally on the ground. What they are and where they come from simply hasn't been established.*

True, some people claim contact with the entities that pilot these UFOs. But all we have is their report. While I cannot say I necessarily disbelieve such people, only they *know what really happened to them, and they haven't been able to* prove *it to everyone's satisfaction.*

A lot of UFO buffs berate the scientific community for not bothering to look at the evidence. Perhaps if we were less apt to jump to conclusions, scientists would be more inclined to give the matter some serious study. – ERS)

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Dear Folks:

May I respond to several of your letters in the Spring, 1973 edition of Caveat Emptor – splendidly done up, incidentally.

In commenting upon Dulcie Brown's letter concerning Adamski, may I from the point of personally working with him for many years correct some of her ideas concerning him.

I not only had the same kind of saucer come over my home in Dearborn, Michigan in 1954, that he had in California in 1952 (and seen elsewhere by other people in other parts of the world who never heard of Adamski), but I also met Orthon, which Adamski did not know before telling other people present at the 1956 Detroit saucer convention I sponsored that Orthon had been present.

It is possible that the space people may have heard, through themselves, Pre-Atomic or Pre-Energy Being (my word for God) appeal to Adamski's vanity, or other personal traits he would have to become aware of . . . or not qualify to go any further into space and to other planets – as have we all to do so (the space people with limited negative, positive and Higher Neutral missions, or not be in harmony with Pre-Atomic Being, atomic vibration-wise, who is likewise).

Miss Brown says, as a psychic medium, she "finds it strange there are not many reports in the occult field about UFOs. Spiritualists do not give messages about them. The spirit world seems silent on the subject!"

Adamski warned at the beginning that the space people had said they do not try to contact us mentally . . . because we do not know the 3-fold atomic mak-e-up of our own minds, and the atmosphere, distorted by accelerating sunspots on towards a planetary climax, disturbs it also.

I have had psychic experiences also (as witness "Invisible Hands" by Columba Krebs), almost kicking a heavy weight absent-mindedly. My foot and leg held up behind me, instead, until I became aware of what might have happened. Once tripping my toe when coming up garden steps, [I] started to fall face forward, right down on the cement walk. Something pulled . . . me to [the] left and . . . [I fell] instead face down in the soft grass. All of which I consider initiated by my Highest Neutral Self (if it can't contact me, in my daily living, as well, or me It, then how can I contact Other Higher People mentally, or they me?)

Miss Brown says she is not willing to doubt the evidence of her senses, as a psychic, *but I say we can misinterpret what we experience mentally also.*

I have also had one of the Three Men In Black call, who I met briefly previously and knew was a space person, as one could prove out to himself . . .

Laura Mundo
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The Emergency Press
Dearborn Heights, Mich.

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Dear Mr. Steinberg:

I enjoyed . . . your *Caveat Emptor* magazine very much. Your Spring, 1973 issue and its review of Dr. J. Allen Hynek's book, *The UFO Experience* . . . is one I would like to respond to in your Letters to the Editors column.

For the most part, I would agree with your review with few exceptions. I believe the book could have been written 25 years ago by many different authorities in the UFO field. The fact that it was written 25 years later by the Chief Scientific Consultant to the Air Force Project Blue Book has, however, made it more acceptable to the scientist and the public at large, as is evidenced in its 5th printing and the large number of foreign editions now being published. Progress sometimes is slow and painful, and this has certainly been true in the UFO field also.

We must remember that Dr. Hynek saw the UFO problem officially from the *inside* out, rather than from the *outside* in, which helped others to view the enigma from a balanced position – who were perhaps not so fortunate as to have access to Air Force studies of the phenomenon.

Dr. Hynek did not dismiss the "contactees" in general, in that he gives great weight to the New Hampshire Betty and Barney Hill case. Hynek has learned that there are two types of "contactees," as I have – the silent ones and the verbal ones.

He has found that not only are the reports credible, but that for the most part, UFO observers are stable, highly educated, married, hold down responsible jobs and are well thought of in their own communities. In other words, not just crackpots and misguided individuals, who for the most part do not make UFO reports in the first place.

Dr. Hynek does not name witnesses and their addresses out of respect for their confidence (otherwise much valuable information would have never become known) and this is a very important factor that experience has taught me also in this field of UFO research and investigation. Hynek separates the reports from the reporters, which also is important for the physical and behaviorial sciences.

Hynek's major contributions in his all-important volume on UFOs, is his classification of various reports into workable categories, as well as call for a "new methodology" and another "high level" global scientific approach to this international scientific problem.

His book reflects both objectivity and subjectivity, based on years of both doing the proper homework and field investigations first-hand. And because of this, I can

admit that his book is the one I wish I had written and it is one that I would recommend both to the scientific community, as well as to the layman in search of the truth . . . .

I would welcome both old and new UFO reports and I can mail free information sheets, flyers and questionnaires . . . to those who write and send long . . . self-addressed return envelopes [with 16 cents postage].

George D. Fawcett
607 North Main St.
Mount Airy, N.C. 27030

(*The Hill case, in brief, is certainly quite different from the traditional "contact" report. The manner in which it became public, by means of a noted doctor, also made it eligible for the kind of serious attention lacking in the run-of-the-mill contact tales.*

Your statement about the reasons Hynek leaves out the names and addresses of witnesses is merely a repetition of what the author himself says in the book. My argument does not preclude gathering such sightings. Instead, I feel there are sufficient numbers of reports where this information can be included without breaking a confidence – also that Hynek can hardly take other writers to task for inadequate documentation when he is also guilty of this.

The classification system represents nothing new to most objective UFO researchers, who have for years tended to place reports in much the same categories. The contribution Hynek makes is in writing an orderly, readable book, with an excellent insight into the workings of the military UFO non-investigation.

In short – and despite its shortcomings – the book is well worth the purchase price and should be read by anyone *seriously interested in UFOs. – ERS*)

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Dear Gene and Geneva:

. . . I truly enjoyed [your magazine] – Wiplash and all! However, will you kindly inform the dear gentleman that I do *not* like beards! I don't even like long hair, and I do hope that Mr. Wiplash's outcropping of brillo is a wig [*It's not! – ERS*], or else he just escaped from the Monkey's old boob-toob!

Also, you can tell your ex-Air Force Agent that I just picked up a report from a Lake Benbrook, Tx., which is near Carswell Air Force Base, which is near Ft. Worth (how you like the geography lesson?) – Anyway, this report was made by an A.F.B. Sargeant – and he swears that he was in the woods near this lake, and a huge, hairy, etc. jumped out at him and growled!!! Can you possibly imagine *anyone* growling at the Air Force? Such manners!

Joan O'Connell
Editor, *Spectrum*
Copperas Cove, Texas

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Dear Sir:

I find you have accepted my suggestion, to send me a copy of your magazine for my own personal examination.

I received the sample . . . and have read it. Thank you.

. . . The publication was, as I suspected from reading your lavish descriptions sent to my mailbox in recent past – it is merely a rehash of many controversial things which tend to give very little light on any of the subjects. Much of the conclusion is guesswork and wishful thinking, and some are even downright fantastic to the point of idiocy!

You are quite aware, I am *not* referring to yourself as an idiot. I think you are a rational person. I am only referring to your subject matter, which has been worn threadbare by other publications in this country, periodicals who cater to the bizarre and appeal to the imagination.

If you would like something that has a very logical and very real base for thought on the planet's past, I suggest reading the works of Erich von Daeniken. I do not suggest [von] Daeniken has all the answers, however. He does point out the way to most of them, if we will only drop the curtain of misconception and approach these very real, very concrete artifacts of the Earth's past with an open mind and without superstitious fear.

I am afraid such study will be far into the future, because most scholars of today would be afraid to learn the cold truth. They would have no retreat to wishful thinking, no room for guesswork and contradiciton. Ivory towers would crumble and leave them naked to the world. The masses could no more be swayed with fear and superstition, to succumb to the powerhold of a few!

Mr. [von] Daeniken is a very courageous man. He holds my utmost respect and damn near has me convinced!

Thank you for the sample, even though I still do not care to subscribe to your magazine.

R. Louis Richardson
Silverbell, Arizona

(*Sorry you didn't decide to subscribe, Mr. Richardson, for you're going to miss my answer to your letter.*

I was interested in your comments about "guesswork and wishful thinking."

How about some examples?

Without them, I can hardly take your statements seriously. Anyone can string adjectives together, but that doesn't make it so.

As to what I think about von Daeniken, he is something less than an original thinker, but I'll refer you to my Editorial for the specifics.

But he is *"very courageous." I go along with that. And very rich too! – ERS*)

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Caveat *Vendor!*

(Let the *Seller* beware!)

Sincerely,
Friends of Ralph Nader

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Dear Gene:

. . . Spring, 1973 issue at hand. Shaver looks as if he is going to bite off his nose. Article by Katzen, page 26, mentions "the *seed* within Christ."

Man *has no* seed, only live *sperm*, which *creates* homo erectus. Christ has nothing to do with this, nor for that matter, Buddha or Allah!!! *Crack In The Cosmic Egg* – we are *not* Garuda-Bird-Men, who *probably* came out of eggs there on Venus!! *Gold-Mermaid-Naga* found in King Tut's tomb (see *Agharta*, 1951) and the creature had wings

. . . . Read *Behold – The Venus Garuda,* now $6.00 due to deflation of American dollar. [*see page 34 – ERS*]

The *Biblical* Jesus said, "I come *not* to bring peace, *but the sword*" – to rule Earth with a rod of *iron.*

It happened: Eisenhauer means *iron-beater* or to beat with an "*iron rod.*" [This was] demonstrated when Ike beat the hell out of the Germans in World War II.

Hebrews still awaiting the Messiah – with the shooting down of Libian Tet (casualties 106), they will have to wait that much longer and *not* even Henry the Swinging "King," . . . can put that one in good order again in *our* time!

. . . Yes, in my work, *The Eternal Fountain,* now $5.00, it says that the Atlanteans [were] responsible for the Egypt and Maya colonies. [They] flew each year in August to *Venus* in contraptions . . . left all over Asian countries ages ago by spacefaring space pirates . . . .

Robert E. Dickhoff, Ph.D.
New York, N.Y.

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– Kenneth J. Alpert
March 25, 1973

There is little more we can add about THE SEARCH FOR THE HIDDEN WORLD. As we write this, the book is at the printer – and we hope copies will be rolling off the presses in just a few weeks.

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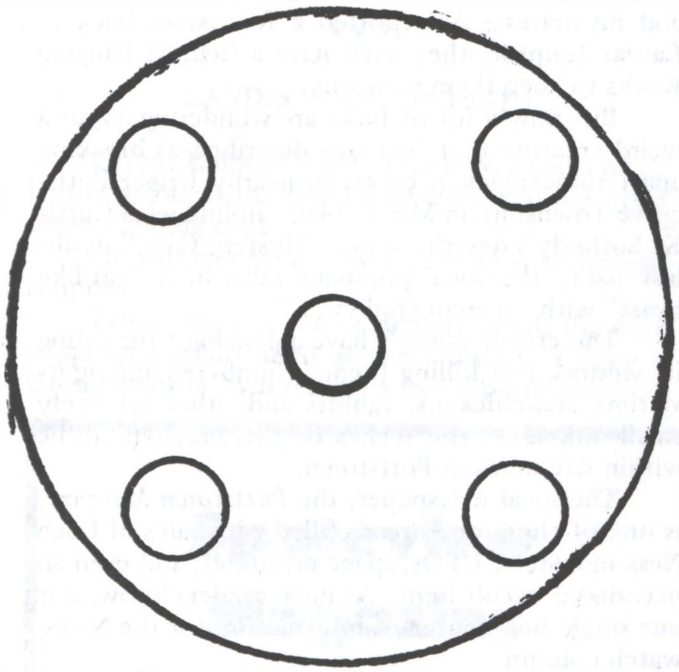
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NEWSWATCH

UFOs EN MASSE IN PA.



It seemed almost like the old days, picking up the morning newspaper and finding stories about flying saucers prominently displayed on the front pages.

14-year-old Allen Pfeiffer was walking home on a frigid night in Saylorsburg, Pa. It was March 1st. The youth's feelings just prior to the experience are probably lost to posterity.

The first indication that anything was wrong came in the form of a big ball of fire. The excited boy was right near his home, and he didn't delay getting there, to tell his mother about the strange light in the sky.

Mrs. Shirley Pfeiffer told reporters she thought it was broad daylight when she came outside. It was quite some time before the aerial apparition – which was actually a whole procession of UFOs – moved off to the west and vanished. The woman phoned the radio station in nearby Stroudsburg, and was referred to the State Police.

Trooper Jeffery Huntz was the next person to be swept up in the rapidly accelerating chain of events. A glance in the sky was enough to tell him the nocturnal visitors had returned. Huntz used the words "Christmas tree" to describe the brightness of the saucers. Mrs. Pfeiffer remarked that Huntz ducked slightly because one of them came down so close.

When everyone had time to sit down and assess it all, it turned out Mrs. Pfeiffer had counted 42 UFOs, up to three at a time. Naturally, it isn't known how many repeaters were involved.

Pictured at the left are the UFOs seen at a distance. The five small circles glowed red. At close range, a greenish blue light was located right in the center of most of the objects. In a few cases, the lights flashed on and off, and were white in color.

There was a distinct metallic cast reported by Mrs. Pfeiffer, much like aluminum.

Even a touch of an electromagnetic effect was evident. The woman said that, despite the fact that she was outside without her coat, in the freezing climate of Pennsylvania's northeast region, she still felt warm – whether from any nervousness she might have felt after seeing the mysterious lights, or from some outside cause, isn't certain.

The second effect couldn't be passed off so lightly. It was a numbness that spread through her head.

"I couldn't feel my body while I was under the object," according to Mrs. Pfeiffer.

The next day, she and her son Allen had headaches.

The impact was nothing short of astounding to Mrs. Pfeiffer.

"Before this whole thing started, I didn't know what a UFO was."

Air traffic controllers at the nearest airport, the one serving Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, reported they didn't have any radar and had no way to track the saucers.

(*Reading* [Pa.] *Eagle,* 3/2/73; *Allentown* [Pa.]

Morning Call, 3/2/73, 3/13/73, 3/21/73, 3/22/73; *Wyoming Valley* [Pa.] *Observer,* 3/11/73; *Reading Times,* 3/20/73. Credit: William L. Bucher, Mike Gannon, Frank W. Landis, Steve Polte, and Orestes Wilson. *Summary by Eugene Steinberg.*)

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THE HAMBURG UFO

It was March 12, 1973.

Mrs. Sharyn Semmel, of Focht Lane, two miles southwest of Hamburg, Pa., was returning home during the late evening hours – approximate time uncertain. As she and her three-year-old son approached the driveway of their isolated dwelling, a brightly lit "something" caught their attention.

A craft of oval design, outlined with pulsating red and white lights, moved silently near, approaching from the direction of the stubble corn field opposite the Semmel house.

"At least as large as our car, the object made no sound at all," said Mrs. Semmel in an interview on March 24th.

"When my son and I ran from the car to the house, the thing which struck me as oddest was the total silence. If it would have made some sound, like an airplane or a helicopter, then perhaps it wouldn't have frightened us so much."

Mrs. Semmel, eight months pregnant and a registered nurse by profession, has been feeling repercussions ever since the initial sighting. She witnessed the UFO at least twice after her close-in sighting, but never from anything but a distance. She stated that the object would cavort about in the field across the lane, or slide ghost-like over the trees beyond the field, to settle and disappear from view.

"I only wish the thing would never have come here," sighed the worried mother.

Joyce Settlemoyer, living down the lane from the Semmel home, also reported seeing the object during one of the nights. She described the craft as being "large with red lights in front and white lights in back."

Other persons claiming to have seen the UFO have differing descriptions, ranging from football-shaped to a "device with swept-back wings."

But for Mrs. Semmel, the nightmare came in the days following her sightings.

Dozens of teenagers and curiousity seekers have hounded her and her family, pounding on the door at all hours of the night asking, "Is that the thing you saw."

The local press, notably the *Reading Times,* after initial objectivity, have reduced themselves to disturbing ridicule of the witnesses.

During a visit by Caveat Emptor, relatives from Rhode Island were spending the weekend with the family.

At one point, Mrs. Semmel declared she felt like returning there with them.

"Perhaps then I could get some peace of mind until this whole thing blows over," she stated.

(*Investigation and summary by Curtis K. Sutherly.*)

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MORE MONSTERS ON THE LOOSE

The greater Pottstown area in Montgomery County, Pa., is noted for a few interesting legends and mysteries. As reported a few issues back in Caveat Emptor, they even have a field of Ringing Rocks to keep them company.

But now a lot of folks are wondering about a weird creature that first was described as breaking apart some chicken coops in nearby Upper Pottsgrove Township on March 14th. In line with Curtis K. Sutherly's description of "Mystery Cats," in our last issue, the local populace talks of a "cat-like beast" with "piercing red eyes."

The critter doesn't have a penchant for eating its victims, just killing them. Numbered among its victims are chickens, rabbits and other relatively small animals. The scenes of this mayhem all lie within five miles of Pottstown.

The local newspaper, the *Pottstown Mercury,* is one of those rare breeds filled with tales of Loch Ness monsters, UFOs, space mysteries, and even an occasional occult item. As most readers know, it is our single best source of information for the Newswatch column.

So naturally there were plenty of monster-chasers about after a series in that paper – all ready to find out what the beast is. A few even went so far as to spend nights in the woods to locate the enigmatic animal.

Though some speak of wolverines and wild dogs, others think that something strange indeed is afoot.

And so the nightly vigils go on . . .

(*Pottstown* [Pa.] *Mercury,* 3/15/73, 3/17/73, 3/19/73, 3/28/73, 3/30/73; *Philadelphia Inquirer,* 3/25/73. *Summary by Eugene Steinberg.*)

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SANDERSON SUCCUMBS TO CANCER

Noted Fortean author and naturalist Ivan T. Sanderson died on February 19, 1973 of cancer. He was 62 years of age. His death followed what

is believed to have been a long illness.

In the final years of his exciting life, Sanderson served as director of the organization which he founded, the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained. This organization embodied his high standards of investigation and reporting.

Though SITU was hit hard by his untimely passing, it is expected the organization will continue to observe the standards set forth by its founder.

Caveat Emptor is preparing a special memorial article on Sanderson that will probably appear in our next issue.

(*Philadelphia Inquirer,* 2/21/73. *Summary by Eugene Steinberg.*)

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FLASHES: Next issue, we welcome Paul Braczyk to our pages, as author of "Fort-ifications." The column is basically a continuation of his "Enigmatological Survey," a review feature that appeared for a time in *Data-Net Report,* a California-based UFO magazine.

There will be distinct differences between "Fort-ifications" and the older column, though. We're giving Paul a freer hand to try new things, and to skip the necessity of sticking to any set format. We're sure you'll like the results.

If you've got a magazine or book you'd like to have reviewed, send it to us, and we'll see that it goes either to Paul Braczyk or a member of our own staff.

— Also next issue, we'll have a new article on the current status of UFOlogy from John Keel; a fascinating insight into the possibility of a 10th planet in our solar system from William Moser; a diary of our planned visit to the National UFO Conference in Atlanta, and a lot more . . .

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