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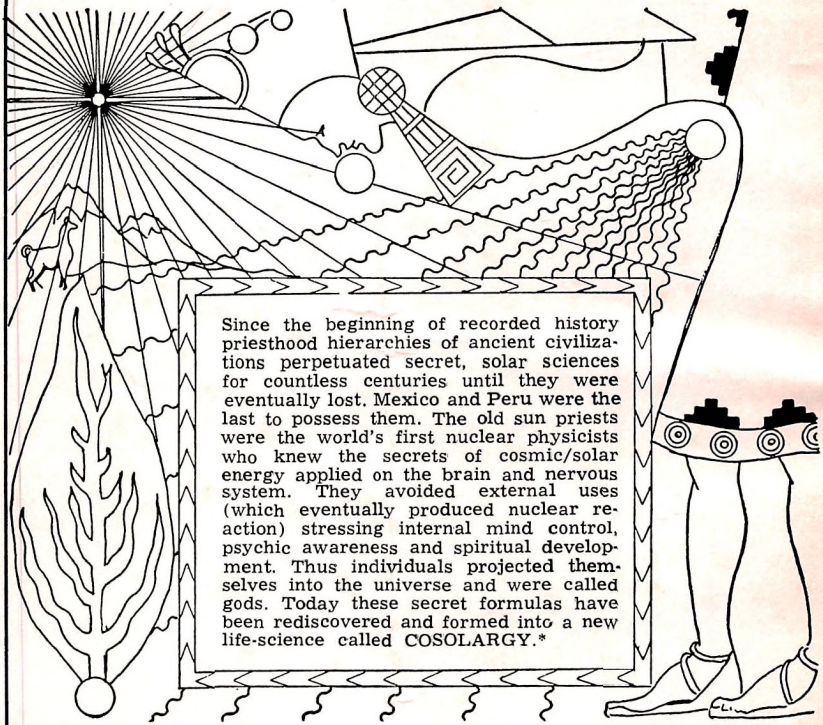
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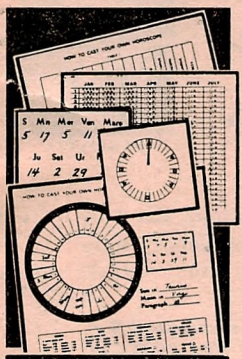
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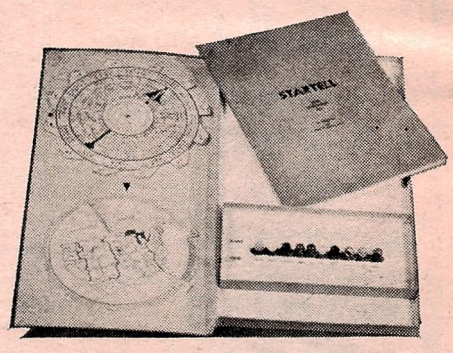
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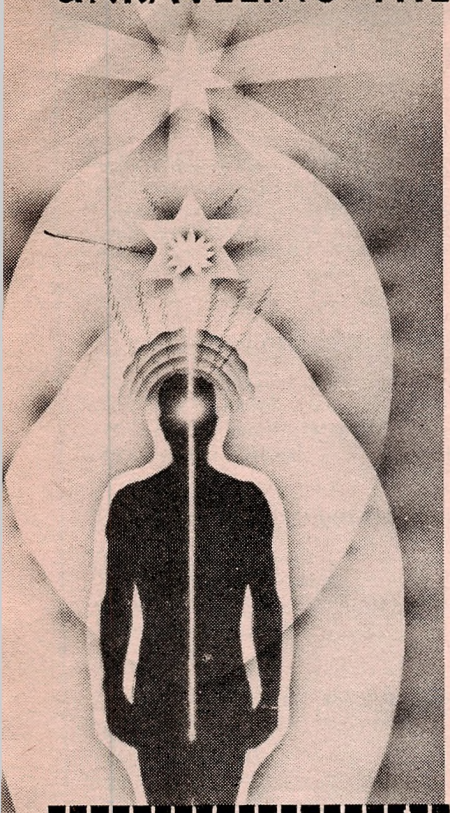
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From "Florence of the Medici" by Vincent Cronin, from *The Renaissance, Maker of Modern Man*

IN THE SAME book John J. Putman tells what Rome was like when 21-year-old Michelangelo Buonarroti, who was to become perhaps the world's greatest painter and sculptor, arrived there.

A full thousand years after the fall of Rome the devastation of the Dark Ages had not been repaired. "A cattle market befouled the Roman Forum; the Colosseum housed squalid taverns and shops; thieves infested the ancient baths. Above the huddle of medieval houses, many with vegetable gardens and animal pens, rose only a handful of great palaces and churches — the beginnings of the Rome we know. Yet the monumental stone ruins and sculptures touched him. 'There are many beautiful things here,' he wrote."

No one can study the times that followed the fall of Rome without realizing that all of Western Europe descended to barbarism; everything fell into ruins. And it would be pretentious of us to imagine that we have recovered all this lost ancient knowledge in the past two centuries which constitute our own age.

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Archaeologists perhaps should stop digging long enough to put into better perspective the history they are so patiently reconstructing. They should help us know just how many things the ancients knew how to do better than we do. Or if the fascination that ancient civilizations have for so many of us is based upon folk belief, on a romantic hope that we somehow shall recover the lost keys to knowledge, they should tell us. For at present no man knows how much was lost during those truly Dark Ages.

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MUMMIES' JEWELS

IT IS AMAZING how much we overlook because of simple-minded ignorance. In January University of Michigan scientists reported the discovery — through the use of X-rays — of priceless artifacts and jewels hidden in the mummies of ancient Egyptian royalty.

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Dr. James F. Harris, who headed the scientific team, says they found a sacred eye artifact on the upper left arm of Seti I, the father of Ramses II, who died about 1292 B.C. The body of Thutmose III, who died about 1447 B.C., wears a large bracelet on his right forearm which is probably gold; however, the artifacts have not yet been taken from the bodies.

Queen Notmet, who lived until about 1080 B.C., has hidden within her body a heart-shaped scarab the size of a saucer. It is covered with hieroglyphics. Four statues of ancient gods also lie inside her body.

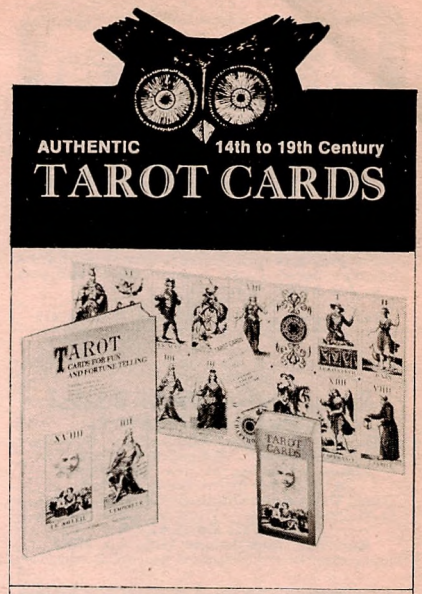
The jewels were not discovered before because no one thought to probe the thick black resinous paste which covers the mummies. All but one of them has lain unwrapped in the Cairo Museum's mummy room since the early part of this century. Yet these are the first royal Egyptian artifacts found since the tomb of King Tutankhamen was opened in 1922, for unfortunately the tomb-robbers of Egypt were world's most proficient.

THE FRESCOES OF THERA

JUST AS THE eruption of Vesuvius preserved for us the ancient Italian cities at Herculaneum and Pompeii, so the volcanic eruption on the island of Thera about 1520 B. C. has preserved intact some cities of the Aegean civilization of that day.

In Athens this spring colorful wall paintings — one of them an unbroken fresco covering 140 square feet — are to be exhibited. These frescoes were uncovered by Prof. Spyridon Marinatos during his excavations of a buried city on the southern tip of Thera. Only an area 170 by 80 yards has been explored so far but more than 3,000 clay pots and bronze utensils have been unearthed. Some of these pots still contained the remnants of food. There is a lava cast of a bed with its wooden frame and padded double hide stretched across to serve as a mattress.

The best preserved of three frescoes to be moved to Athens' Byzantine Museum originally covered three walls of a small sanctuary. The painting represents a field of red madonna lilies growing in clusters from a pile of varicolored rocks. Swallows are flying about joyfully, says Professor Marinatos, "flirting with each other in the air. The wedding of the gods of fertility is taking place."



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Another fresco shows a pack of blue monkeys climbing over red lava as they flee after ransacking a garden. Professor Marinatos thinks the monkeys are so natural they must have existed on Thera at the time they were painted, although they now are long extinct there. Included in a third fresco are two long-haired men wearing blue headdresses, sumptuous robes and many necklaces. This fresco is still being assembled.

Many of the clay pots bear letters in what is called Cretan Linear A script which never has been deciphered. The term "Cretan" or "Minoan" appears to me to be a misnomer since this form of writing was used throughout the Aegean area.

It also appears that the destruction of this Aegean civilization is a tragedy as great as the destruction of Rome. Indeed, we know far more about Rome through its preserved language and writings than the Greeks knew about the great Aegean cultures that preceded them by only 1,000 to 1,500 years.

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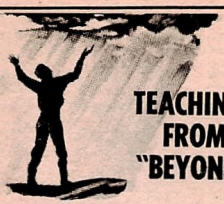
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Dr. Hallam Movius, curator of Old World Archaeology at the Peabody Museum, Harvard University, where Marshack now works, says that the studies "have thrown revolutionary new light on the intellectual level attained by our Upper Paleolithic forebears."

Dr. Ralph Solecki of Columbia University, says the markings are a "logical springboard" leading to the more sophisticated calendars of ancient Sumeria, Babylon and Egypt. According to Walter Sullivan in the *New York Times* Solecki thinks that Marshack's discovery is comparable to the discovery of carbon 14 dating.

There are regional differences in these markings but they appear to be only variations of the same symbols. Marshack believes that the lunar notations could have been used to anticipate phases of the moon for hunting purposes, for religious rites, for sacrifices or for following female menstrual cycles. Apparently Siberian and Australian natives used similar systems until quite recently.

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FOR DONKEYS' years stories of white-skinned, redheaded Indian tribes have been coming out of South America's jungles. Colonel Fawcett had heard such stories and one of his objectives at the time he disappeared was to find such a tribe.

Now a United Press International dispatch dated January 25 from Brasilia, capital city of Brazil, quotes the National Indian Foundation as saying that a white-skinned, red-bearded tribe of Indians has been found in the middle of the Amazon jungle. The Foundation states that about 500 male members of the tribe have been seen to date by Indian agents who are clearing the way through the jungle for a new Trans-Amazon highway. The agents say the tribe, called Assurni, are light-skinned "with long earlobes." This is a characteristic lacking in other Indians of the area. The agents have not seen any of the women of the tribe, they say. But it is a fair assumption they exist!

BRIEF NOTE ON OLD TIMES

THE ANTIQUITY of man in America always has been up for grabs. Every year or so some new discovery moves it back a couple of thousand years. Now a new fossil has been carbon-dated to an age greater than 23,600 years.

The dating was made from part of a human skull found back in 1936 during a WPA street excavation in Los Angeles. The portion of skull, plus two mammoth teeth found at the same level, has been in the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History all these years. The skull was not dated until 1969 at the UCLA isotope laboratory and then the age wasn't announced immediately because officials were looking for the two mammoth teeth to date them also. No one knows what has become of them.

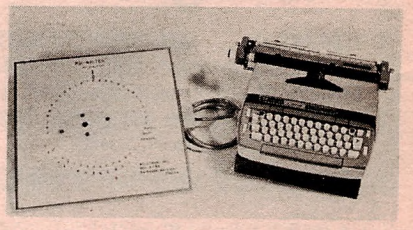
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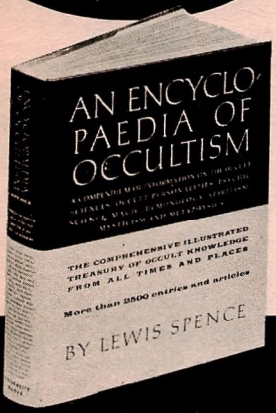
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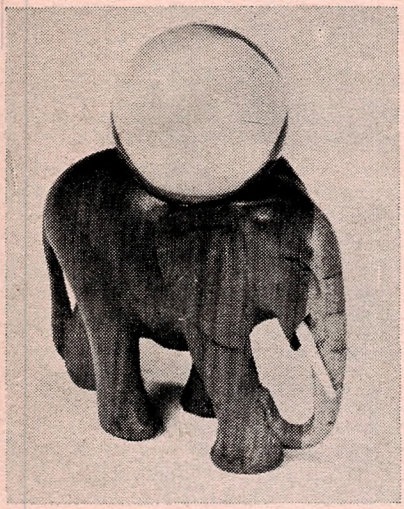
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experiments are not encouraging brain-to-brain communication by extrasensory means. That might make things too thick. Instead they are encouraging the brain to communicate with a computer which communicates back.

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The *New York Times* commenting on these experiments editorially takes comfort in the fact that so little is known about the brain "that there is no imminent prospect that the techniques being worked on at Yale" might help create a supertotalitarian state — not yet. The 21st Century, suggests the *Times*, might see us replacing the verb "brainwash" with "brainwave."

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HERE IS A crucial question on which the existence of FATE Magazine and your interest in the Unknown depends. It is, of course, unanswerable at present but it was dramatized this past winter in the opposing views of two nationally-known scientists — the retiring president and the new president of the prestigious American Association for the

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Advancement of Science.

Dr. H. Bentley Glass, a biologist of the State University of New York and the outgoing president, believes that the basic laws that govern our universe all have been discovered. "The great conceptions, the fundamental mechanisms and the basic laws are now known. We have at most a generation or two before progress must cease," Glass recently stated.

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, chemist, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and the new president of AAAS, on the other hand, believes "the frontiers are still endless and science is still our most visionary and intrepid pioneer."

Glass' view has been stated many times and each time the statement seems to precede a new breakthrough. In the early 1930's when I was a student at the University of Wisconsin I was advised not to become a physicist because all the fundamental discoveries had been made — and this before the atomic bomb and the acceptance of the work on nuclear physics!

From our viewpoint, Seaborg has to be right and Glass has to be wrong. We see too many unexplained mysteries in this world. If Glass feels all the work has been done he ought to be explaining telepathy, clairvoy-

ance, telekinesis and precognition, for example. Because if these things exist — and we believe they do — then science isn't describing our world properly.

But we've beat this drum . . .

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CLEAN POWER?

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THE RABBIT PICTURE

HERE'S A STORY that doesn't make any sense whatever but it's attracted so much attention in Jefferson, S.C., that you simply have got to listen to what the folks down there say. Our report comes from Bob Dennis, a correspondent for the *Charlotte (N.C.) Observer.*

In the early part of February Jasper Barrett shot a cottontail rabbit as it ran across the sandy road in front of his house. When his wife Erleen was skinning it for the family supper she noticed what looked like a purple bruise on the flesh under the rabbit's right foreleg. She started to wash the bruise or smudge away and then she gasped.

Jerry Lee Johnson, the night policeman, was there at the time and he saw it too.

It was the face of a woman.

"I just sat there and folded my hands," Mrs. Barrett said. "I just never read nothing about a thing like that and I have never heard tell of nothing like it."

Well, we never have either.

That face shook everyone up, including Jasper Barrett who said, "I'm an old country boy and I don't shake easy."

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half a dollar with the outline of the face in black — rosebud mouth, curly hair and long lashes. To some persons it looks like a tattoo. It's a good picture, everybody testifies, but no photos are available.

Jasper Barrett has pickled the piece of rabbit flesh in alcohol in a baby food jar.

When word got out people began to queue up to see this minor miracle. After a week or so Barrett estimated that 4,000 people had come to see the face. The weekend of February 20-21 the crowds were so heavy it took two state patrolmen to direct the traffic.

Mrs. Barrett wants to keep the picture but her husband wants to sell it and reportedly has been offered several thousand dollars. "It's too much trouble for me," he says. "People come all hours of the day and night, a hammerin' and a knockin'."

Jasper adds that he's not about to eat rabbit ever again.

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LOURDES AT WORK?

TWO YEARS ago Mrs. Deirdre Burns of Glasgow, Scotland, was told to "prepare for the worst" — that her three-year-old daughter Frances was dying of inoperable cancer. The case was terminal, completely hopeless, she was told.

Mrs. Burns tried one last thing. She boarded an airplane with the dying child and flew to Lourdes, the famous Catholic shrine of St. Bernadette. Frances suffered great pain after bathing in the icy waters. French physicians in attendance feared she would die during the return journey to Scotland.

But after three days back in a Glasgow hospital the child began to improve. Three weeks later she left the hospital without a trace of cancer.

In the two years since then there has been no sign of a recurrence, according to the *London Express*. The surgeon in charge of her case, a Protestant, told Alisdair Smellie of the *Express*, "It is a very wonderful recovery. I only wish we knew how it had come about.

"Of course going to Lourdes is not going to be the cure for all similar cases. This was an isolated instance."

A top Scottish cancer expert added his view: "One gets cases like this. They seem like miracles. But one must always look at it in the context of the numbers who go and aren't cured.

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The ROYAL WRAITHS of Britain

Dennis Eisenberg

England's treasury of ghosts — many of regal mien — is as rich as its long and glorious history.

NO COUNTRY in the world has so rich a treasury of well-documented accounts of haunted homes and ghost appearances as Britain. In this fast-paced age of scientific and technological achievement, surveys show that millions of Britons believe in ghosts.

In September 1970 a study made by social workers in the Shropshire town of Dawley indicated that fully 10 percent of its 8,000 population claim to have seen or felt a ghostly presence. Even persons in this typical English community who said they did not believe in ghosts claimed to have seen them!

A French sociologist once said that ghosts were the product of English "fogs and mists and the dank ruminations of the British mind." But his remark begs the

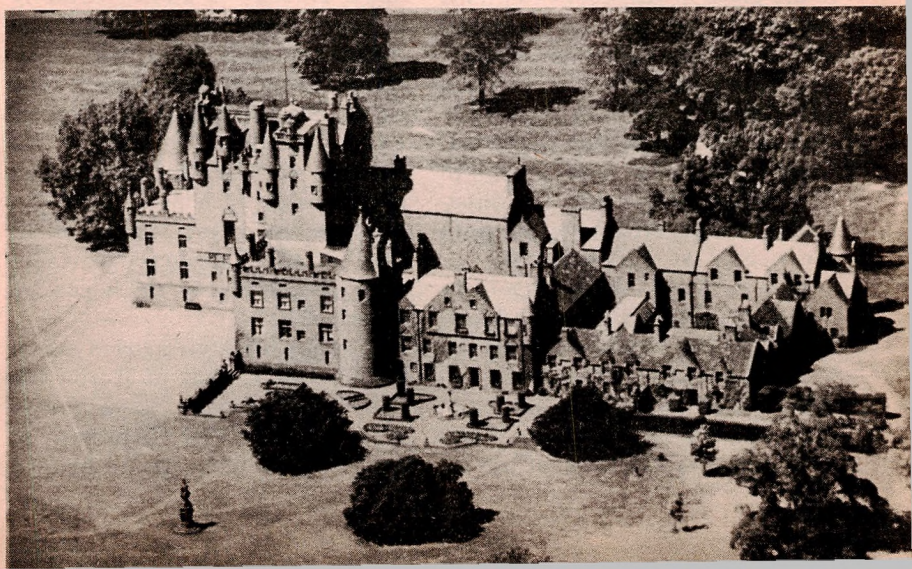
question, for in reality there is little fog in the United Kingdom and it is the upper-class and aristocratic circles in Britain more than the less well-educated classes who have produced the best-documented accounts of apparitions. The Society of Psychical Research which has been investigating ghosts since 1870 has on its shelves in its London headquarters more than 10,000 attested reports of supernatural happenings. Certainly not the least of these are incidents involving British royalty, for many of the royal family have seen ghosts with their own eyes.

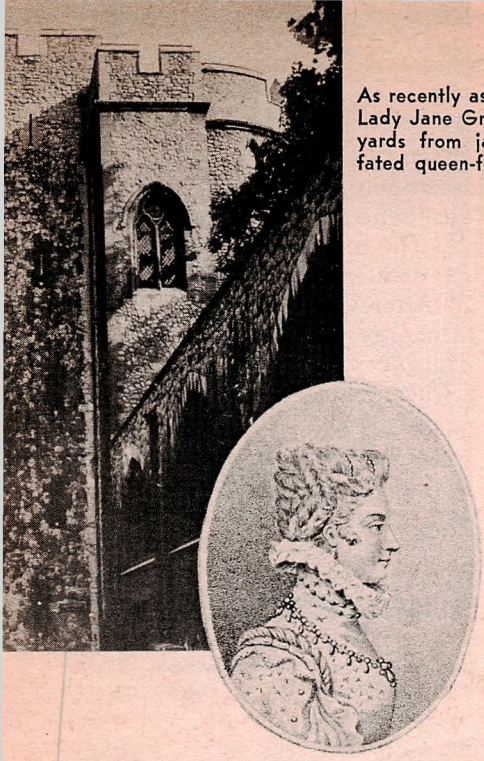
At Windsor Castle, the weekend retreat of the royal family, 23 miles from London, servants and princes have seen two regal



Windsor Castle, weekend retreat of royal family, houses another resident, Elizabeth I, most famous of English ghosts.

Supernatural incidents abound in history of Glamis Castle, Angus, Scotland, the birthplace of Princess Margaret and family home of Earls of Strathmore.





As recently as 14 years ago a Welsh guard saw Lady Jane Grey's apparition on Salt Tower, 100 yards from jailer's house where England's ill-fated queen-for-nine-days had been imprisoned.

ghosts. The most famous of these is the ghost of Elizabeth I (who is known, by the way, to have had strong psychic powers). Shortly before her death in 1603 she told her courtiers she had seen a vision of herself on her deathbed, "pallid, shriveled and wan." In that superstitious age the monarch's words struck terror into the hearts of her subjects.

Within days of the Queen's death, her ghost wearing a black mantilla was seen walking in the Queen's library. On several occasions the apparition has been seen walking on the castle walls and members of the royal family will own that they often have heard strange noises. At least one member of the present royal household, Princess Margaret, has confided to friends that she has seen the ghost of Elizabeth I, but naturally, in view of the official hostility of the Anglican Church to such reports, this is not admitted openly. (The Queen of England is also head of the English church.)

The other royal ghost at Windsor Castle is that of King George III who went completely mad in 1810. To keep him out of the way he was confined to one room at the Castle and it is no secret that to this day his ghost haunts the room where he was kept confined. Nobody is known actually to have seen his ghost but soft moans coming from the room have been heard again and again. No visitors to the famous castle, the oldest in Britain, are allowed to see this room and questions from close friends of the present royal family about this strange occurrence meet only silence and a quick change of subject.

Another widely-reported ghost at Windsor is that of Herne the Hunter, a warden there under King Henry VIII. Accused of practicing witchcraft, he hanged

himself from the branches of an enormous oak tree. The tree was destroyed by lightning in 1863 and servants at the castle tell me that Herne's ghost often has been seen in the park near where the tree stood. Historical records indicate that bad luck follows the sighting of Herne's ghost. Some minor disaster seems always to follow — like crop failure or "the falling down dead of cattle."

Not only ancient ghosts haunt Windsor. A mere four decades ago a young guardsman committed suicide while on duty near the spot where Herne the Hunter has been seen. Weeks later another soldier, an 18-year-old Grenadier Guard patrolling the same area, saw a man in uniform marching toward him. Thinking the new arrival was his early-morning relief, the young guard had the shock of his life when he caught a glimpse of the face beneath the tall bearskin. It was the man who had shot himself less than a month previously. After this incident the officer in charge of guarding the castle changed the patrol route.

Queen Elizabeth I crops up again in connection with weird happenings at Loseley Park near Guildford, 30 miles from London. The monarch slept there on several occasions as did other royal heads, including James I and Queen Anne. The present owner, Mr. J. R. More-Molyneux, admits that his stately home is haunted but refuses to discuss it, saying only, "Ghosts are very personal matters and I do not wish to discuss them. They con-



Herne the Huner, warden at Windsor under Henry VIII, hanged himself from oak tree which later was destroyed by lightning. In park where tree stood Herne's ghost is said often to appear.



On their wedding day, Earl of Strathmore and Mary Brennan had yet to learn the potency of the malediction visited on descendants of the Bowes-Lyon family.

cern our family and nobody else."

It seems the owner has reason to hide the strange history of his family home. Servants who work there will not sleep in the house and refuse to say why. Shortly before World War I an American woman, a Miss Dodge who had rented the house, fled Loseley Park early one morning together with all her guests. They were so terrified by what they had seen they refused to return — even for their suitcases. They insisted that their belongings be sent to them. Whatever they had witnessed unnerved the party but they were sworn to secrecy by Mr. More-Molyneux and refused to explain even to curious friends the reason for their flight.

Princess Margaret lives at Kensington Palace in the heart of London and fascinates guests at her dinner parties with accounts of the ghost of King George II who has been seen looking out of the windows of her present home. The Princess relates that her long-distant ancestor used Kensington Palace as his residence until he died there in 1760. He was often homesick for his native Germany and always looked forward to receiving letters and other news from his family seat in Hanover. He often peered from the Palace windows at the weather vane above the main entrance, for when the wind was favorable he knew the ships bringing him news would come all the faster. The Snowdons themselves have seen his ghost looking in the direction of the weather vane.

Margaret's mother, the Queen Mother, is more personally involved in accounts of ghosts than any other members of the royal family. Mystery surrounds numerous supernatural incidents involving Glamis Castle in Scotland, the family home of the Strathmores, the Queen Mother's family. Accounts of strange hap-

penings there go back as far as 1540 when one of the Queen Mother's ancestors — Jean, the beautiful Lady Glamis — was burned at the stake as a witch. Since then many of the descendants of Jean, the Bowes-Lyon family, have been involved in seductions, abductions and intrigue.

However, in 1820 when a son was born to the 11th Earl of Strathmore, the darkest shadow of all fell on the Bowes-Lyon family. The infant "was so hideously deformed at birth that his parents decided to record him as dead since he could not possibly inherit the title and estates."

The next son, Thomas George (great-grandfather of the Queen Mother) became the 12th Earl. When he was 21 he was "initiated" into the grim secret of his elder brother's fate. He was led down a passage to the room in Glamis Castle where the poor wretch was being kept alive. As each child in the family turned 21 he was let into the secret.

Only years later when a workman stumbled upon the curious passage and found the grisly remains of the family heir was the well-guarded secret laid bare to the world. The wall was hurriedly blocked up; the workman was given a large sum of money and

From gloomy Bloody Tower on right, sentries through the years have reported the appearances of ghosts of royal figures wandering the Tower of London's ramparts.



persuaded to emigrate to the United States where all trace of him has been lost.

The curse of the deformed boy still haunts the castle and the Bowes-Lyon family. People who live in the vicinity will tell you the ghost of the prisoner remains in the house where he lived out his pathetic years.

To this day the malediction seems to have lost none of its potency. Only recently the tragic story of the Earl of Strathmore, cousin of the Queen, was revealed in the British press.

At the age of 40, the Earl went into a nursing home in Dundee to recover from an illness. Here he met an Irish nurse, Mary Brennan, with whom he fell in love. She was Catholic but she agreed to give up her religion to marry the Protestant Earl. The ceremony was carried out in the Castle's private chapel — boycotted by the whole royal family. The only witnesses were two friends.

The marriage seemed doomed from the start. The couple's first child died of pneumonia 24 hours after its birth and in September 1967 the beautiful young Lady Strathmore was found dead in her bed in the turreted Glamis Castle.*

The Queen Mother herself appears not to have fallen afoul of the curse. She loves returning to Scotland during the summer months — but she keeps well away from Glamis Castle. The account of the ghost at the family home certainly seems authentic, for the Queen Mother's sister, Lady Granville, says: "We were never allowed to talk about it when we were children. Our parents forbade us ever to discuss it or ask any questions. My father and grandfather absolutely refused to discuss it either."

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THE FAMOUS Tower of London, which has witnessed the torture and beheadings of royal figures, appears to have more than its share of ghosts — seen, heard and reported by guards and governors who have lived there. The Beefeaters who show tourists around the dungeons refuse to discuss ghosts and the present governor will not be drawn out either. Superstition holds that even mentioning such matters will bring ill luck and the normally loquacious guides dry up when the subject of ghosts is broached.

Even so, the records show that the Tower must be the most haunted edifice in the world. As recently as February 12, 1957, the night of the 403rd anniversary of the execution on Tower Green of Lady Jane Grey (Queen of England for only nine days),

*Duncan Hall in Glamis Castle is the scene of much of Shakespeare's bloody *Macbeth*.

the appearance of a ghost was confirmed. A normally level-headed Welsh Guardsman named Johns was standing in his sentry box where he was startled by the sound of stones falling on its roof. Looking up he saw a "white shapeless form" on Salt Tower 40 feet above him. He shouted for help and a search party set out to investigate but found nothing. The officer in charge was about to laugh off Johns' trembling account when another guardsman reported seeing a "strange white apparition" with "no recognizable shape" at the same place on Salt Tower. This is about 100 yards from the house of the jailer where Lady Jane Grey had been imprisoned.

Said Guardsman Johns: "The ghost stood between the battlements. I went to tell the other guard and as I pointed to the battlements the figure appeared again." When questioned about this the next day, a Guards officer would say only, "Guardsman Johns is convinced he saw a ghost. Let us leave it at that."

Despite official reluctance to talk about the frequent appearances of ghosts at the Tower, it is not denied that during the First World War a sentry on duty at the Spur Tower called out the guard when an eerie procession passed right in front of him. He saw a group of men carrying a stretcher on which lay the body of a headless figure, the decapitated head carried beneath his own arm. (This follows the ancient execution procedure, for after going to the scaffold the body and head always were brought back to the Tower for burial.)

A century earlier — in 1816 — a sentinel at the Tower was so unnerved by the sight of an apparition walking up the stairs he lunged at it with his bayonet. The cold metal only passed through the figure and blunted itself on the stone wall beyond. The terrified soldier died a few days later — of shock, it is said — and his officers believed he must have seen one of the persons of high rank — Anne Boleyn (wife of King Henry VIII) or the Duke of Northumberland whose ghostly forms frequently have been seen walking the part of the Tower reserved for aristocratic prisoners.

A former Constable of the Tower, Col. E. H. Carkeet Jones, recounts that a soldier of the 60th Rifles was court-martialed in 1864 for having been found unconscious at the door of the room in which Anne Boleyn passed her last night before going to the scaffold in 1536.

The soldier explained that he had seen a figure in white com-

ing toward him. The figure failed to stop when challenged and the guard dutifully charged, aiming to stop the figure with his bayonet. Meeting no resistance the soldier saw the white apparition simply continue its advance. The frightened man fell to the ground in a faint. He was acquitted when two other soldiers swore they had witnessed the whole macabre scene from a window of the Bloody Tower where they were stationed.

A similar white figure of a woman was spotted in February 1933 by yet another guard. Like others before it in the annals of Tower history, the figure was headless. As the newspapers reported at the time: "Confronted by such an apparition the sentry fled, making his way to the guardroom, greatly unnerved."

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ALSO IN THE heart of London is another haunted building, Apsley House. Now a museum, it was once the London home of the first Duke of Wellington who lived there until his sudden death in 1852.

Although Wellington had conquered Napoleon, his position on the Third Reform Bill in 1832 put him at loggerheads with the people of Britain. The Duke refused to budge and as revolution threatened the mobs stoned his house. Completely unworried, the Duke fortified his house with iron windows and shutters and declined to step out of doors.

Sometime later he told colleagues that one night during this period as he was preparing to go to bed he was confronted by a ghost in a hallway. A man of unbending courage, Wellington faced up to the ghost whom he soon recognized as Cromwell. Wellington said afterwards that Cromwell's ghost pointed a warning finger to the yelling crowds milling around Apsley House. This must have been a one-time-only visit, for the ghost of Cromwell has not been seen in the building again.

Dozens of ancient stately homes and inns in Britain are reputedly haunted either by members of British royalty or persons closely connected with the royal house. For instance, at Sawston Hall near Cambridge many guests claim to have seen the ghost of Mary Tudor, called "Bloody Mary." Although she slept there only one night, in July 1553, it was a dramatic occasion. The owner of Sawston Hall, John Huddlestone, saved her life when he got wind of the Duke of Northumberland's plot to seize her and thus prevent her taking her place on the throne.

There was a fire in the house that very night but Mary's four-poster bed survived the blaze. It

is kept in the Tapestry Room and the many guests who have slept in the bed since relate that they have seen Bloody Mary clearly, smiling as she walks across the room to disappear into the faded Flemish tapestries on the wall.

Some visitors to Sawston Hall have heard the soft sound of music which the owners can explain only by recalling the virginal* Mary loved to play for her father, Henry VIII. A number of persons interested in ghostly phenomena, including the well-known British clairvoyant Tom Corbett, have confirmed the presence of a ghost in the house.

Another ancient residence less than 50 miles from London, Beeleigh Abbey near Maldon, houses the ghost of Sir John Gates, one of the gallant gentlemen who lost their heads for championing the cause of Lady Jane Grey. Sir John had purchased the house cheaply from King Henry VIII and according to present and previous owners his ghost repossesses at least the "James I" bedroom every August 22, the anniversary of the day he was beheaded in 1553.

When Henry died in 1547 Edward VI, aged 10 years, ascended the throne. Five years later, in 1552, Edward VI was persuaded by the Duke of Northumberland under whose thumb he ruled to assign the crown to Lady Jane Grey, Northumberland's daughter-in-law. Thus Mary and Elizabeth, the daughters of Henry the VIII, were excluded from the succession to the throne. One year later, on the death of Edward VI in 1553, the Duke of Northumberland proclaimed Lady Jane Grey queen — thus sealing her doom. This political take-over was unsuccessful and Northumberland, Lady Jane and the others were arrested. The Duke of Northumberland was executed on August 22, 1553, while Lady Jane Grey and her husband were not beheaded until February 12, 1554.

Henry the VIII figures too in the appearance of Anne Boleyn's ghost at Hever Castle in Kent where she was brought up and where King Henry courted her in the delightful gardens. Ann's ghost is said to be seen there about Christmastime every year.

Film companies have made various attempts to photograph these known regal ghosts of Britain. At Beaulieu Palace, once an abbey, many persons have seen ghosts of monks. But the major attraction there is the ghost of Mary Queen of Scots whose footsteps have been heard time and again tripping down the stairs in the Palace house. It is believed

*A small rectangular harpsichord of the 16th Century.

her ghost relives the escape she once made in real life using one particular staircase. A group of TV men spent all one night trying to photograph the phenomenon without success. However, one of the technicians going down the stairs during the night heard footsteps behind him. He paused expecting to see one of his co-workers. But the footsteps went right on past him and the startled crew member realized he was "alone" on the staircase.

The Frenchman may say what he likes but too many reliable witnesses in different parts of Britain have seen the royal ghosts. They can't be dismissed simply as "fogs and mists and the dank ruminations of the British mind."

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BASIL RATHBONE'S PREMONITION

By Bert Groth

IN HIS autobiography, *In and out of Character,* (Doubleday and Co., 1956, 1962) Basil Rathbone tells the story of a strange sad premonition he experienced.

In the last year of World War I the famous actor was a lieutenant in the British army. He was on leave, staying in a French farmhouse, and his brother John obtained leave to visit him for one night. During that night Basil Rathbone awakened from a nightmare in which he had dreamed John had been killed. He was so disturbed that he lighted a candle to be sure his brother was all right and still asleep beside him. He was restless the remander of the night, however, for he felt strongly that something would happen to John.

Some weeks later, at 1:00 P.M. on June 4, 1918, Rathbone suddenly thought of John and tears came to his eyes. He wrote immediately to his brother, only to learn much later that John had died at exactly 1:00 P.M. on June 4. The German army made their last offensive in June 1918 and John presumably died in that fighting.



The YOGI in the LAB

PART ONE

The Implications of Bio-Feedback for Control of Body Functions and Health

By John White

SO KIPLING WAS wrong. These days East *is* meeting West — and ever more the twain shall meet — especially in the laboratory.* Science is reexamining the nature of man and the findings weigh heavily on the side of the ancient wisdom of the East. The mind-body dualism characteristic of Western thought since Plato's time is being discarded as illusory, false. Instead, a unitive or wholistic view of man — as held by Buddhism, Hinduism and Taoism — is developing.

Behind this is the work of Freud, Pavlov and W. B. Cannon, the Harvard physiologist. These and other pioneers in psychosomatic medicine have demonstrated that mind and body are one, that many physical disabilities have a psychological basis, "for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Man can and does become what he thinks. The "thinking" is unconscious and negative, of course, but the shell-shocked soldier, the businessman with ulcers and the housewife with migraine all have one thing in common: a psychologically caused physical condition.

But what if the thinking were conscious, voluntary and oriented toward hope and pleasure? Instead of reacting to vaguely-defined fears and pressures, what if we began to act on the basis of clearly understood thought processes? Would we develop new abilities instead of disabilities? These questions

*The world's first conference on scientific yoga was held in New Delhi, India, in December 1970. Its purpose: "To foster the evolution of Supra-Mental Man through the discovery of new techniques for developing cosmic awareness." Sponsored by Centre House in London and The International Yoga Institute in Bangalore the four-day meeting brought scientist and yogi together "to employ this awesome pool of organized thinking for research into those divine vistas once contemplated by the ancient sages."

have led to some strange but important research now going on.

In the past such men as Emile Coué ("Every day in every way I'm getting better and better") and Norman Vincent Peale *(The Power of Positive Thinking)* approached the problem in a rudimentary way dealing with simple attitudes and mental "sets." Now scientists are investigating altered states of consciousness and their accompanying physiological states to discover how man may gain voluntary control of his brain and other internal organs.

Western science has scoffed at the idea that a person simply could think himself into control of body functions which by definition are involuntary. The autonomic nervous system keeps the heart, blood pressure, respiration, temperature and digestion working even during sleep. Since these functions do not depend on volition or conscious control they traditionally have been considered involuntary — beyond deliberate intervention and regulation.

In the East, however, the opposite notion is commonly accepted. Yogis have practiced autoregulation of the body as a means of changing consciousness and ultimately attaining divine union. (*Yoga* means "yoke" or "union.") There are medically documented cases of yogis who could suspend their heartbeat for up to 18 seconds, reverse peristalsis, even reduce metabolism and respiration so that breathing seems to cease completely and the pulse is indiscernible. In this condition some yogis have shown no ill effects when dug up after having been buried alive for days.

A yogi named Hamid Bey performed amazing feats here in America in the 1920's. In one instance three doctors using stethoscopes counted his heartbeat, one listening at each wrist and the heart. Their findings: the left wrist pulsed 96 beats a minute, the right 64 and the heart 84 — all at the same time.* Such results have made clear the need for a reexamination of "involuntary" body functions.

Through western technology many Eastern religious practices which seemed to verge on trickery are being validated and explained by hard data. Using such scientific equipment as the electrocardiograph (EKG) for measuring heart activity, the electroencephalograph (EEG) for measuring brain activity, the electromyograph (EMG) for measuring muscle activity, the

*Gay Gaer Luce, *Current Research on Sleep and Dreams,* United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare Publication No. 1389 (1967).

electrooculograph (EOG) for measuring eye muscle activity, audio oscillators, digital frequency discriminators and omnidirectional tilt detectors, scientists can study what is going on inside the human organism. The technique is called physiological feedback — or bio-feedback.

Norbert Weiner made the term "feedback" popular in his 1948 classic *Cybernetics*. ("Cybernetics" comes from the Greek and means "steersman" or "he who watches where he goes to control where he goes.") But the term "feedback" had been used first in an AT&T publication soon after World War II. In the next few years feedback studies mushroomed in electrical engineering literature and biologists soon adopted the term for their own purposes.

Today the word has wide application. A shriek from a public address loudspeaker may indicate too much feedback. Applause from an audience is feedback for actors. Votes represent (or should represent) feedback to politicians. Through increased or decreased sales, dollars are a form of economic feedback for businessmen. In the body politic as in the body, feedback is essential for healthy functioning. However, these forms of feedback have been either unconscious (in the body) or imprecise (in social situations).

Now through the new technique for self-monitoring called bio-feedback, both those persons serving as experimental subjects and patients in therapy have a means of rather precise internal scanning which can open the door to learning (or in the case of neurosis, unlearning) physiological and psychological data previously beyond the range of their awareness. The theta and alpha brain waves (electrical rhythms of four to eight and eight to 12 cycles per second respectively, as measured by an EEG), heartbeat, blood pressure, body temperature and gastrointestinal activity are subject to conscious control, just as Oriental practitioners have claimed for centuries.

Obviously, all this stands conventional medicine on its head. New ways — drugless ways — of dealing with chronic headaches, insomnia and epilepsy and simple preventive techniques for high blood pressure and heart diseases are being developed. Bio-feedback also can deal with character disorders and neurosis (although this is the least developed aspect of the field so far).

The thrust of Western medicine has been on cure but now must be oriented toward prevention, a much more efficient

approach to maintaining good health. Moreover, once the preventive process becomes internalized and an adequate degree of voluntary control is achieved, the electromechanical devices become unnecessary. This work is so new that no studies are available to show how long the learning will last. Periodic retraining sessions may be necessary. But preliminary information indicates that when awareness of the relationship between biological activity and a "feeling state" has been achieved the learning may last for months and even years.

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THE RESULTS OF bio-feedback experimentation so far indicate a hitherto overlooked human potential which can be released to improve physical and mental health, and promote creativity. Beyond that, the work seems to lead toward a marvelous convergence of science and religion.

That is still to come, however. Right now, in the laboratories. . .

Meditation and Bio-Feedback

Director of the awesome-sounding Psychophysiology of Consciousness Project at the Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute in San Francisco is Joe Kamiya. His research concerns physiological feedback training and the psychophysiology of meditation.

"It is the possibility of correlating the electrical activity of the brain with the subjects' reports of their experience and their behavior which has intrigued me as a psychologist," Kamiya says, "for I feel it is a more solid approach than building hypothetical mental mechanisms on the basis of verbal reports alone."*

In the laboratory Kamiya helps persons learn to control their brain states, especially the alpha brain waves. The alpha rhythm shows a pattern of eight to 12 cycles a second on the electroencephalogram. Alpha indicates a state of relaxed, serene, yet alert wakefulness in which floating images — but no deliberate thought — occasionally are reported. EEG electrodes are attached to the scalp to detect alpha waves and a loudspeaker sounds a tone when they occur, spontaneously or not. This bio-feedback technique helps subjects become aware of what is going on inside them and to control it.

In 1958 Kamiya began by having volunteers simply discriminate between the presence or absence of spontaneous alpha waves. He monitored the EEG

*Joe Kamiya, "Operant Control of EEG Alpha Rhythm," *Altered States of Consciousness*, edited by Charles T. Tart.

and controlled the signal tone, sounding it randomly and asking the subject whether he thought he was in alpha. His subjects usually became 75 to 80 percent correct in their discrimination within three hours. They were not able to describe how they did it but obviously they had succeeded in internally perceiving that which they could not describe because English and most languages lack the vocabulary. (By contrast, Sanskrit has dozens of words for describing different states of consciousness and Indian Buddhists, according to Lama Anagarika Govinda, have classified 121 mind states.

As his work developed Kamiya wondered if persons could be trained to control brain waves as well as to discriminate between states. The answer was clearly affirmative. He found his subjects could turn on or suppress the alpha rhythm at will, although the extent to which they could enhance it in amplitude and duration remains in question. All agreed that turning on alpha was preferable to suppressing it. (Incidentally, word of a new kind of "turn-on" spread and Kamiya reports he now is beseiged by volunteers!)

Kamiya will not speak publicly about the meaning of his work except to say, "The significance is essentially unknown. That's what we're trying to find out."

Despite his professional caution the parallel between the alpha state and Zen meditation is striking. The word "Zen" came into the Japanese language about the Eighth Century A.D. from China where the corresponding term was *ch'an*, the meditative or dhyana school of Mahayana Buddhism using modified yoga practices. Alpha waves have proved to be the predominant brain rhythm during early and middle stages of Zen meditation and theta wave activity predominates at the end. Zen meditation produces a relaxation of bodily and mental tension and when fully developed brings a mental condition called *satori*, deep peace and clear ecstatic consciousness and oneness with all creation. This highest state of consciousness is the goal of Zen.

Visceral Learning

While Kamiya works with brain waves in San Francisco, Dr. Neal E. Miller of Rockefeller University in New York is studying how people can learn to control their internal organs. A pioneer in the field of visceral learning, Miller is a former colleague of Jose Delgado at the Yale School of Medicine who is exploring physical control of the brain. Miller is demonstrating the possibility that men can acquire

mental control of the involuntary centers of the brain which regulate internal functions.

Miller began his most important work in 1965* with the help of graduate student Jay Trowill who now teaches at the University of Massachusetts. Miller began trying to produce a change in the heart rate of rats which had been paralyzed by curare, the substance used by South American Indians for poison arrows. Curare paralyzes skeletal muscles but not internal organs. Thus the rats couldn't "cheat" by using muscular exertion to speed up or slow down their heartbeats.

After three difficult years of exploring animals, methods and equipment, work largely done by Trowill, by 1965 all preliminary problems had been solved. Electrodes were implanted in the brains of rats so that their "pleasure centers" (in the hypothalamus near the base of the brain) could be stimulated. Every time a rat spontaneously increased his heart rate an electronic monitoring device flashed signals to his brain. Intense pleasure presumably rewarded the rat and he thereby was conditioned to learn that he could get more of the pleasant stimulation by increasing his heart rate.

In the very first experiment Miller and Trowill found that rats with only an hour's training could increase and decrease their heart rates by some 20 beats a minute over the normal 400, about a five percent variance. In subsequent experiments Miller changed the machine's response to require higher degrees of control. After attaining one level of control the rats had to do even better to be rewarded. Coaxed in this manner the rats attained an average of 20 percent change — from a slow 320 beats a minute to a fast 480 — and some averaged even higher.

Other experiments based on the technique of increased rewards produced equally amazing results. The rats learned to control the activity of their intestines, kidneys, stomachs, blood pressure and brain waves. Even Miller was surprised and "greatly delighted" when the rats showed such selective control they could dilate blood vessels in one ear while the other ear remained normal.

This work has vast implications for man. Tongue-in-cheek, Miller says, "I believe that people are at least as smart as rats. The question is whether they can be trained as well."

* Prior to this Miller had challenged the Pavlovian hypothesis of conditioned response by teaching thirsty dogs both to increase and decrease salivation, using water as a reward. According to classical conditioning theory either one or the other response was possible but not both because salivation is "involuntary."

He has begun to teach cardiac patients to control their heart rates. Electrodes in the brain to stimulate "pleasure centers" are unnecessary for human beings. Their desire for improvement is incentive enough. Wires taped to chest and leg tell a monitoring device whenever a slight heart rate deceleration occurs spontaneously and the patient hears a beeping tone which provides feedback on his condition. One man's abnormally fast rate of 95 to 100 beats a minute had dropped to about 65 after three weeks.

But Miller warns that he is not announcing a miracle cure for anything. "It could be due to placebo effect," he cautions. "Although these results are promising, a good many more tests will have to be made before we can be sure it is an effective method of treatment."

Other scientists now are investigating the regulation of blood pressure, digestive disorders and epilepsy; the latter signals an impending seizure through recognizable brain wave activity. In Miller's report on his work, "Learning of Visceral and Glandular Responses," published in *Science* January 31, 1969, he said that he and three others had "some success in using the method . . . to train epileptic patients in the laboratory to suppress . . . the abnormal paroxysmal spikes in their electroencephalograms."

At Harvard Medical School Drs. David Shapiro and Bernard Tursky have spent seven years teaching both healthy and ailing persons how to change blood pressure. An associate, Dr. Gary Schwartz, has four groups of students at work on a related problem: one group to raise blood pressure and heart rate simultaneously, a second to lower them simultaneously, a third to raise blood pressure while lowering heart rate and the last to increase heart rate while lowering blood pressure. And in Maryland Dr. Bernard Engel of Baltimore City Hospital is training elderly heart patients to slow their heart rates and his results show that some retain this ability for more than a year.

Is all this new? Not to some Orientals. Aldous Huxley in *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* wrote about an Eastern friend, a yogi, to whom "pain is merely an opinion." The yogi proved it by sticking skewers through his flesh. He also could slow his heart to 40 beats a minute and increase it to 150 merely by thinking of it. Huxley comments, "It would be extremely convenient to be able to treat neuralgia or lumbago as opinions, to calm the heart, to take the cramps out of one's vis-

cera in moments of emotional stress, to plunge at will into profound and restorative sleep."

It may be that science is about to provide this convenience.

Training for Creativity

In a small room of the Menninger Foundation Research Building in Topeka, Kans., Dr. Elmer E. Green and his wife Alyce use bio-feedback to teach subjects self-regulation of internal states. Their subject wears a special jacket equipped with a built-in respiration gauge which gives a readout to one of the pens on their 24-channel polygraph. Other channels record the raw EEG on left and right sides of the brain; frequency of theta, alpha, delta and beta brain waves; muscle tension; blood volume and flow in the subject's hand; galvanic skin potential and response; and heart rate. Brain waves, temperature changes and arm muscle tension also register as vertical bars of light on a screen in front of the subject. These light bars give him an easily understood indication of his internal physiological activity.

First the man in the jacket tries to relax his arm completely. Monitored by an electromyograph, his muscle relaxation records graphically as the bar of light lengthens, rising five inches from bottom to top — 100 percent success. Next he wills the temperature in his hand to rise. Thermistors on his skin detect the heat change and in a few minutes a second bar of light reaches its maximum height, equal to the first. The hand temperature has risen 10° Fahrenheit.

Both muscle tension and temperature are functions of the peripheral nervous system. Thus, the subject has performed exercises preliminary to the conscious production of sustained alpha waves, for which voluntary control of the central nervous system is a requisite. Now the subject begins to turn on alpha and soon a third bar of light rises to its maximum height. He has achieved 100 percent continuous alpha for 10 seconds. The bar continues to rise or fall as it computes an average percentage of sustained alpha over 10-second periods.

Even if their work stopped here the Greens have obtained many worthwhile results. One of their subjects has eliminated her chronic headaches for almost a year using techniques learned at the Menninger Lab. She also has alleviated her long-lasting insomnia by increasing the temperature of her feet at night.

The matter of temperature control has direct relation to the phenomenon called *tumo* which

is the yogi's term for the power to regulate body heat voluntarily. In Tibet, lamas have been photographed standing naked in the snows for up to 24 hours as an act of worship or endurance. The College of Magic Ritual (which existed there before the Red Chinese took over) once offered courses in telepathy, clairvoyance and tumo. The final tumo exam required a student to sit naked on a frozen lake and to use the heat of his body to dry one by one a pile of wet sheets. This ability has been recorded and documented but never adequately explained.*

However, the Greens are interested primarily in experimenting with lowering alpha frequency and increasing the percentage of theta rhythm, for theta waves predominate in the final phase of Zen meditation when the masters achieve *satori*. For this research two more bars of light have been added to the feedback screen in the lab to indicate lowering alpha and continuous 10-second theta.

This research — voluntary control of alpha and theta brain rhythms — in Elmer Green's words, is specifically to explore "the general processes, conditions and contents of consciousness during a state of deep reverie." Reverie, he says, is a state of inward-turned abstract attention or internal scanning akin to some dream-like states. This condition is associated with the low-frequency alpha and theta waves. In reverie has been detected the hypnagogic-like imagery which is "the *sine qua non* of creativity for many outstanding people."

The hypnagogic state of consciousness occurs in the transition from wakefulness to sleep and from sleep to wakefulness

*See "Discovering the Yogis' Secret" by Mayne R. Coe, Jr., September 1969 FATE.

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Early in 1972 Doubleday-Anchor will publish a book edited by Mr. White, "The Highest State of Consciousness." It is a collection of articles on attaining enlightenment and includes writings by Aldous Huxley, Alan Watts, R. D. Laing, Norman O. Brown, the late Abraham Maslow, Jean Houston and R. E. L. Masters, W. G. Roll on psychic phenomena, Durand Kiefer on bio-feedback and Walter Pahnke on psychedelic drugs.

(in the latter case called "hypnopompic"). In these states dream-like images appear behind the closed eyelids, coming into awareness fully developed rather than having been logically or discursively developed by the intellect.

Green notes many instances in which unconscious processes reveal themselves to the waking self through hypnagogic-like imagery in words, symbols and gestalts which result in brilliantly creative solutions to perplexing problems. German chemist Kekule's theory of molecular construction arose from a series of reveries in which he saw atoms gamboling before his eyes. "I saw how the larger ones formed a chain," he wrote. "I spent part of the night putting on paper at least sketches of these dream forms."

Jules Henri Poincaré (1854-1912), the outstanding mathematician of his age, arrived at some of his most important discoveries in a similar fashion, and Robert Louis Stevenson envisioned full-blown publishable plots.

"There are literally hundreds of other anecdotes which show beyond doubt that in some way not yet perfectly understood, reverie, hypnagogic imagery . . . and creativity are associated," the Greens now declare.

Apparently reverie is a naturally-occurring condition which may be used for problem-solving and other creative activity. Through bio-feedback these dream-like states may be brought into waking life — not as the hallucinations of a sleep-deprived person or a "speed freak," but in a healthy and constructive manner.

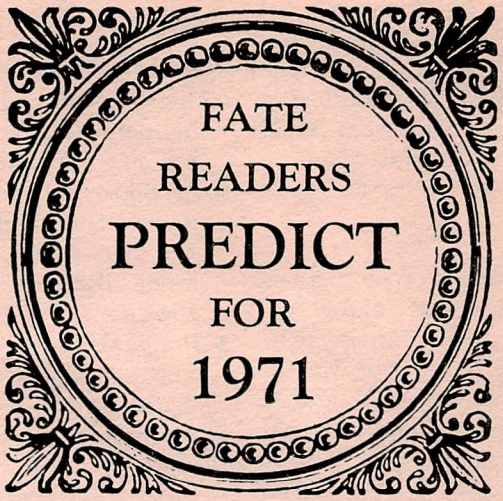
(This is the first of two articles. Part II will appear in the next issue of FATE.)

THE RAIN DANCE WORKED

AFORT MADISON, Iowa, high school humanities class learned the hard way that it's not always safe to assume that old customs are no more than superstitions. As part of their study of primitive man members of the class worked out their own ceremonies, with chanting and rituals, for a rain dance. That night the rain started and didn't stop for 24 hours, much to the consternation of football coach Jim Youel and band director Larry Miller, who were preparing for a game.

When the class went through a rain-stopping ceremony the rain stopped — but only for a while. "It started up again the next morning," humanities teacher R. D. Fahey said ruefully, "so I guess our weather system isn't foolproof."

So you thought 1970 was bad? Before you start breathing easier, read what the psychics have to say about the year ahead of us!



By Jerome Clark

WATCH OUT! 1971 is not going to be a good year.

This is the nearly unanimous verdict of seers and would-be seers whose predictions have poured into the FATE office in the last few weeks. Most of them see turmoil in 1971 as a logical outgrowth of the problems and unresolved conflicts of 1970. Riots, violence, natural disasters and economic difficulties will dominate the national and international picture over these 12 months.

The most encouraging thing they say is that World War III is still a few years away.

Everyone is getting into the act this time around. For the last three or four years a handful of well-known seers who have achieved dramatic hits at one time or another have been making public in January lists of predictions for the coming year. We have wondered how much better these famous seers do than the ordinary unknown Americans could do if they put there minds to it. So here is what some of our readers think

is in store for 1971. At the end of the year let's compare them with what has happened.

If you really dig this game you may wish to take a quiet moment for meditation and see what you think is in store for us during the rest of this year. Then you can score yourself when we are scoring the others at year's end.

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Of the hundreds of predictions FATE has received, many appear to be little more than guesses or the product of wishful thinking. Some, such as one that insisted Charles Manson would not be convicted on murder charges, already have been proven wrong. Others clearly reflect the social and political views of the "seer."

Nevertheless some predictions appear with startling regularity. Among them:

- The stock market will dip disastrously, probably in August. President Nixon will be forced to impose rigid wage and price controls which will curtail drastically the power of labor unions. In fact, unions as we know them may disappear from the scene. Inflation will continue and small business particularly will suffer.
- President Nixon is in some kind of danger. Several psychics believe attempts will be made on his life. He will experience health problems in the region of his chest or stomach. His political difficulties will grow as he faces a hostile Congress and continuing widespread suspicion of his policies among young people and minorities.
- As Spiro Agnew develops into a powerful political figure in his own right a rift will develop between him and the President.
- Political violence, with bombings and riots, will continue to disrupt cities and campuses. A major riot, so critical it may close down the city, will occur in the San Francisco-Berkeley area sometime in May or June. Tension will accelerate on campuses throughout the country; the rioting will spread and soon a virtual civil war will be under way. The government will institute a policy of repression and all Americans will lose some of their basic liberties.
- Pope Paul will not survive the year. His health is failing and during the spring an attempt may be made to assassinate him.
- A prominent movie star, a man in his 40's, will die in an accident.
- There will be a great earthquake in Chile and Peru.

- A tragedy in space involving the death of an American astronaut will shock the world.
- Queen Elizabeth of England will be hurt deeply when her son Prince Charles renounces his right to the throne by becoming engaged to a commoner.
- Churches will continue to decline in membership and influence.
- Red China will play a menacing role on the international scene.
- A well-known American magazine will fold.
- The war in Southeast Asia will expand into Cambodia, Laos and other countries. (This already appears to be happening.)
- A prominent civil rights leader will be assassinated.
- Fidel Castro will have to struggle to stay on top in Cuba. 1971 will be a difficult year for him. He may even be assassinated.
- The White House will be the target of physical attack and authorities will be forced to take special security precautions. The violence will be the result of a conspiracy, backed by wealthy interests who intend to make black militants the scapegoats.

Four more predictions which are not quite so gloomy are:

- Researchers will discover a cure for certain types of cancer.
- Mr. and Mrs. David Eisenhower will be parents this year.
- Tricia Nixon will announce her engagement.
- Toward the end of the year there will be peace between Israel and Egypt.

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You may wish to compare these predictions by the unknown predictors with the four which celebrated Chicago psychic Mrs. Irene Hughes has given us:

(1) Devaluation of currency by another nation (possibly France, although I feel it might be coming from Germany or even Israel). I predict this will create grave problems for the United States and world exchange methods. This news will come out between August 9 and September 15 — possibly right on September 6 or 7.

(2) Another year of numerous transportation problems (breakdowns) and accidents, many of them in local transportation systems, plus major ship disasters and plane accidents. The ship problems will be in the news between May 15 and July 29. There will also be a major subway

accident with some loss of life.

(3) I predict that before summer, during summer and early fall, headlines will tell of bomb threats and actual throwing of bombs that will not do as much damage as those involved would hope.

(4) I predict that actions taken by nations involving Russia and the Mideast, but also the Indo-China area, will be the first major seeds sown, in October 1971, that will lead to another world war which actually will begin by the middle of 1974.

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Perhaps the most interesting and unusual prediction comes from a trance medium in Springfield, Mass., who suggests that the coming months will see the development of a dramatic new art form — psychic movie-making.

"During the first six months of 1971," she, or more properly her spirit guide, says, "a method will be developed by which psychic photography can be achieved with such clarity and vividness that a company will be formed to psychically record on movie film and televideo tape for the purpose of showing these psychic photographs to the public either in movie houses or on TV screens. A way will be found to record the sound effects also.

"Before the end of 1971 these methods will be used to psychically record scenes and sound effects of events that occurred hundreds of years ago. Apparently the entire past exists as a record that can be replayed.

"And not only will scenes from the past be photographed, the new psychic photography will be able to pick up pieces of the future as well as dreams.

"During 1971 directors will start making films that would have been impossible to do before, including science-fiction and fantasy movies without a single living actor in them. One of these will show centaurs, satyrs, nymphs and other mythical creatures living amid scenes of incredible beauty. The entire shooting of these movies will take place in just one small, dark room."

Fantastic? Undoubtedly. Possible? We'll see. Ted Serios may have to look to his laurels.*

This invention — if it comes to pass — will mark a bright spot in a year that psychics see as fraught with peril for the United States and for all of us.

"In plain language," one of them concludes, "right now this country is like a cat on a hot tin roof."

*See "The Psychic Photography of Ted Serios" by Pauline Oehler, December 1962 FATE.

True Mystic Experiences

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STEPPING INTO ANOTHER WORLD

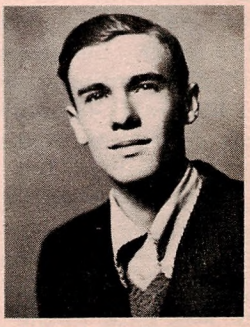
By Joseph W. Pearson

I WAS LIVING in 1952 in Ozark, Ark., and working as a watchmaker in Leroy White's jewelry store.

In the fall of the year I had a problem: my dog, a collie, was getting mean. I was afraid he'd bite someone. I told Mr. White I intended to place an ad in our local weekly newspaper, *The Spectator,* to see if some farmer would take the animal for a stock dog. One afternoon I took time off to walk to the newspaper office. It was a cold brisk day and as I walked along I regretted that I had failed to slip into a jacket. But since it was only a block and a half to the office from the jewelry store I continued on my way.

About halfway to my destination I seemed to step into a curtain of warm air. I laughed to myself, glad it was getting warmer and thinking I didn't need my coat after all. As I continued my stroll I noticed that the buildings along the street didn't look quite right. I had been working every day and I knew no renovations had been taking place but even the building that housed the newspaper office looked different. I walked in and up to the front desk. The office had changed from a crowded cluttered country-town newspaper office to a spacious ultramodern room.

I wondered, "What's coming off here?" Then to add to my amazement the girl who came



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forward to greet me was dressed in an impressive gown, long and black and flowing, like an evening gown.

Gulping down my astonishment I said, "Say, you've made some changes in this place, haven't you?"

She looked surprised and said, "Why, no, not in some time."

I replied, "Well, it has been a while since I've been here so perhaps that explains it."

Next I asked the woman if she knew where the boss was. (The editor of *The Spectator*, Hiram Burrow, was a friend of mine and I wanted to make a social call as well as a business call out of my visit). When I mentioned the editor by name, the young lady looked blank and replied, "I've never heard of Mr. Burrow!"

I decided to let the mystery drop and simply place my ad. When I asked to do that, the woman threw back her head and laughed. She said, "Why, we haven't used newspapers in years!" She continued to smile as if I had said something very comical. At no time was she impolite or impatient but simply acted like a sophisticated person in very good humor.

I thanked her for her time and hurried out the door in confusion. On the way back to the jewelry store I cursed myself for being such a dolt that I couldn't keep up with business changes occurring in so small a town as Ozark. Again, halfway back, I felt myself entering a wall of cold air. I hunched my shoulders and thought, "Good grief! How changeable the weather is getting."

When I walked into the jewelry store the weirdness of the whole experience struck me. My boss looked up and asked, "Did you place your ad?"

"No, I didn't. Say, has *The Spectator* gone out of business? They've moved."

"Moved? Not likely!" Mr. White said. "I was up there an hour ago."

"Was Mr. Burrow there?"

"Sure he was there," my boss laughed. "Wasn't he 'in' to you today?"

I hated to tell him the girl had never heard of Hiram Burrow and I was going to let the matter drop. But then I had a thought.

I asked, "Mr. White, do you suppose it's possible that other worlds exist in different dimensions and that they are similar to our own world?"

My question utterly dumbfounded my boss. He seemed at a loss for a reply but finally he said, "Well, Joe, I guess when you analyze it, anything is possible. But what made you ask such a question?"

"Mr. White, you would never believe me if I told you." — *Fort Smith, Ark.*

OUR FRIEND WHITEY

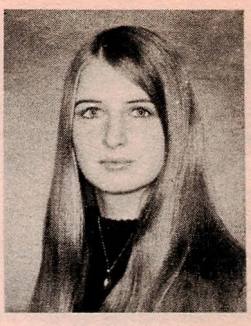
By Sarabeth Dermer

FROM THE beginning my mother and father had opposed my seeing Irv Dermer. I was a senior in high school and he was a college student whose long hair and political views my parents feared would corrupt me. In the four years we had gone together they had done everything possible to discourage us until finally now they had forbidden me to see him at all. At that point I took a part-time job to save money to leave home. I continued to meet Irv secretly whenever I could.

One night in February 1970 as I lay in bed depressed about the double life I was forced to live, a strange sensation led me to look to the foot of my bed where I saw a small man sitting in the easy chair staring at me. His hair was very light blond or white and he wore a dark suit jacket and tie, all clearly visible in the hazy white light that surrounded him.

At first too stunned and scared to move I managed after a few moments to get up enough courage to switch on the bedside light. He vanished when the light went on.

The next day I was at my job



Sarabeth Dermer

in the layout shop of *The Catskill Shopper,* a weekly newspaper of advertisements published in Liberty, N.Y., when Irv came rushing in to tell me an amazing story. He said that morning when he parked his 1960 Volvo at the Raleigh Hotel in nearby South Fallsburg where he worked as a waiter, a spirit appeared in the front seat next to him. His description of the specter tallied exactly with what I had seen, including the suit and the radiant white hair — but I hadn't told Irv about it yet.

Whitey — the name we later gave the spirit — told Irv that he had paid me a visit the night before but left without relating his message because I was frightened.

Then he told Irv that we needn't be upset over our situation because we would be married. He explained that spirits from his world cannot help men in their hardships but that men

must work for themselves and use strength and determination in dealing with problems. Whitey said he could only advise and offer assurances to those having difficulties. "I am an old friend of yours," he said.

He asked Irv to look up and when he did he saw himself near a stream on a clear summer day. He saw himself, me and two children (a girl and a boy) standing by the water holding hands. After the vision faded Whitey told him to be happy because he was working for a good purpose.

The next thing he knew, Irv was in the hotel dining room with no memory of having walked there. Another waiter greeted him casually and Irv began setting up for the morning meal suddenly feeling very good indeed.

Less than a month later we left our homes and got married. We haven't seen Whitey since but we never forget him. — *Liberty, N.Y.*

MYSTERY RAIN

By Marc Owen

IN OCTOBER 1959 we sailed from the port of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on the Italian cruise ship M/v Franca C. We planned a 14-day sea excursion with visits to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Martinique, Trinidad, Barbados and Curacao.

As a magician booked to entertain the tourists aboard, I made a host of friends during the cruise and on the shore excursions found myself always with a different group.

The stopover that will linger longest in my memory, however, is one we made on the island of Barbados. I had joined Mr. and Mrs. Milt Merren and their daughter Maryln early in the morning and we spent several hours sight-seeing. When it came time for lunch we stopped at one of the seaside hotels, the Adventura, located on a beautiful cove, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. An usher led us to an outdoor patio where we could hear the waves breaking against the supporting wall of rocks.

As we studied our menus, I turned to Mr. Merren and said, "Milt, I feel rain falling on me."

He looked at me strangely. "You're kidding. I don't feel any rain."

But I persisted. "Look, Milt, see the raindrops on my shirt?" We were just across the table from each other but I was wet and he was totally dry.

I got up and said, "Well, folks, I'm not going to get any wetter. I'm going into the inner dining room." Shrugging, the Merrens followed indoors.

Inside we had no more than ordered our lunch when we

heard a tremendous roar and a crash. *The entire patio had crashed into the sea!*

Over the years apparently the continuous pounding of the waves had weakened the structure to the point of disintegration. If we had stayed on the patio we surely would have been killed. For when we stepped to the window we saw that only a vast emptiness — with rocks and boulders heaped below — remained. We stood there shivering and wondering at the miracle rain that had saved us. — *Miami Beach, Fla.*

HE DIED THERE ANYWAY

By Helen Martin

MY DAUGHTER Lynne and I were doing our weekly laundry together at a laundromat in Delphos, Ohio, one day in August 1970 when milkman Skid Wrocklage stopped in to get a can of pop from the vending machine.

As he walked in the door I looked up to see a small bird flying at the window trying to get back outside. It must have come in with him. The sight dismayed me because I thought immediately of the old superstition that a bird inside a building means someone nearby is going to die.

His thoughts apparently paralleling my own Mr. Wrocklage said matter-of-factly, "Someone's going to die."

Lynne scoffed, "Oh, I think you're just superstitious."

"I wouldn't be so sure," he said. He reminded us that two deaths had occurred in our City Building after a bird had gotten inside. Lynne told him to look at the placard on the wall of the laundromat. Under the picture of an austere undertaker were the words. "Don't dye here."

A couple of weeks later — on August 28, 1970 — Lynne asked me, "Did you know that Henry Best was found dead in the laundromat this morning?"

Henry was an old pensioner who worked around the laundromat to supplement his meager income. — *Delphos, Ohio.*

MY CLAIRVOYANCE HELPED MIKE

By Lois L. McFall

MY FRIEND Carol in Arnold, Mo., has an emotionally disturbed boy named Mike who in the summer of 1969 lived in a world all his own. While he was



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able to read, he had a very short concentration span and the only activity that seemed consistently to interest him was running down the country road that passes between my house and Carol's.

One day Carol came over and asked me to stay with Mike because she had to go to the doctor.

"Are you sick?" I asked.

"See my fingers?" They were blue. "They feel numb and tingle in a strange way. I'm really worried. I can't understand what's wrong."

As I looked I saw clearly a pair of rubber gloves on her hands. I gasped, "Do you wear rubber gloves?"

Surprised, she answered, "Why, yes, constantly. I'm allergic to some soap powders and I wear them all the time I'm housecleaning."

I told her I thought they were the cause of the trouble but she said she wanted to check with the doctor.

After she left Mike spent a short time leafing through his picture books. I studied him while he turned each page. Then he wanted a drink of water. As he drank, I said aloud, "Oh, Mike, if only I could help you. I know the spirit of God that is in me is in you too and you *can* be helped."

Mike's blue eyes reflected momentary understanding and he smiled. But then he wanted me to run with him through the house and I did — as long as I could stand it.

Then I said, "Boy, I'm getting too old to run!" He seemed to understand and sat down quietly beside me.

When Carol returned from the doctor's office she said he had said her hand problem came from wearing the rubber gloves too much.

"How did you know about the gloves?" she asked. I described how I had "seen" them.

After that experience she began to listen to every word of advice I gave her. She confessed how much she worried about Mike and I found myself telling her that help would be coming soon. I was right.

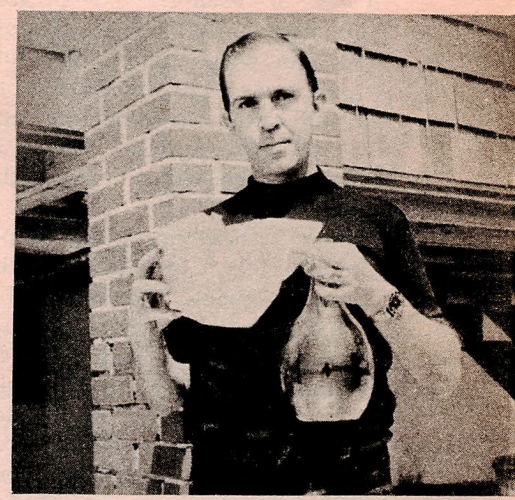
Not long afterwards Carol learned through a relative about a nun who works with disturbed children. She arranged to see the nun who came to the house and spent an entire day giving him different kinds of tests, then arranged for Mike to enter Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis for further examination.

Mike did so well that now he attends special classes at Washington University where his steady improvement has been a source of delight to his mother and to me. — *Arnold, Mo.*

Message from a *PHANTOM SHIP*

"Instead of answers I have a note, a bottle and the knowledge that I saw a ship that could not have been there."

By Glenn P. Thomasson



Author Thomasson holds the note (written on an envelope) and the bottle in which it was found.

I SAW IT for a few fleeting minutes and then it was gone. What it was I have no idea. As a psychologist, trained in the scientific approach, I would be certain it was no more than an hallucination — yet I have proof it was there.

I retired in 1967 to write some books on my experiences with emotionally disturbed and retarded children I had known in hospitals in Kentucky and Florida. My wife and I bought a home — an old beach house on the Gulf of Mexico — on Anna Maria island on the west coast of Florida. She opened an import shop on the lower level and I set about writing and beachcombing.

After a couple of years of this I became bored and started looking for something to break the monotony. Eventually I hit upon the idea of writing an article about the fishermen of Cortez, Fla., an old community just across a bridge on the mainland.

The Cortez fishermen, clannish and superstitious by nature, at first were suspicious of me and it took awhile before they would accept me as a friend. For some six months I sat in a local tavern and listened to their tales of the sea. The stories often were strange and improbable-sounding

— at least to my ears — but the other fishermen would listen quietly as though none of it was really new to them. While naturally intrigued I decided their stories of seeing "old pirate ships" and similar phenomena of the ocean were the products of hyperactive imaginations or autosuggestion. Nonetheless all this did give me an idea — I wanted to go out to sea with them.

When I asked my friend Captain Bill Nelson to take me with him on his boat, *The Bonny B.*, he turned me down flat. But for the next few days I kept badgering him until finally he gave in. He said I could write my article about the life of a fisherman if I wanted to but I must not mention in print either the name of the boat or the names of the crew.* It is an unwritten law among the men of Cortez that a man has no past. As long as he fits in and does his work no one bothers him with questions. I agreed to his terms and we shipped out three days later — on August 1, 1970, at 2:00 A.M.

It was a new and exhilarating experience for me and I enjoyed every minute of it. We expected to be out for not quite two weeks, the average stay for a fishing boat. We headed south for a day and a half until we reached Dry Tortugas, the famous old pirate base, where the fishing began. During our three days at Dry Tortugas we made a fair catch. When the evenings came, after everyone else had gone to bed, I stayed up to stroll the decks, breathe the clean ocean breeze and wait — not too seriously — to glimpse a pirate ship with Blackbeard or Jean Laffite aboard.

The fourth day we pulled anchor and headed for Campeche off the coast of Yucatan, fishing along the way. After five more days, Captain Nelson announced our catch was big enough that we could head for port the next day. I didn't mind since I had collected plenty of material for my article.

That night (the eighth of August), not the least sleepy, I sat alone on deck watching the sky. It was a beautiful night. The moon was almost full and the stars looked close enough to touch.

An hour before sunrise I was sitting on the bow of the boat when a large ship, illuminated clearly by the moonlight, appeared approximately 150 yards directly in front and perpendicular to our boat. It was only later, when I thought about it, that I realized there were no running lights visible. After I had spent

*The names, fictionalized here, are in the FATE files.

about 10 minutes observing the ship through the captain's binoculars I noticed the name but could not read it. All I could see was a large "I," the beginning letter. The rest seemed to be rusted over. Suddenly a man walked to the railing of the ship, lifted his arm and waved it back and forth in a gesture of greeting. I caught myself just as I was about to yell a greeting in return but thinking of the sleeping crew I waved instead. He lit a cigarette but even in the glow of the match I could not see his face plainly. Then he reached down and picked something up and dropped it into the water. I saw the object shine in the moonlight but I couldn't tell what it was.

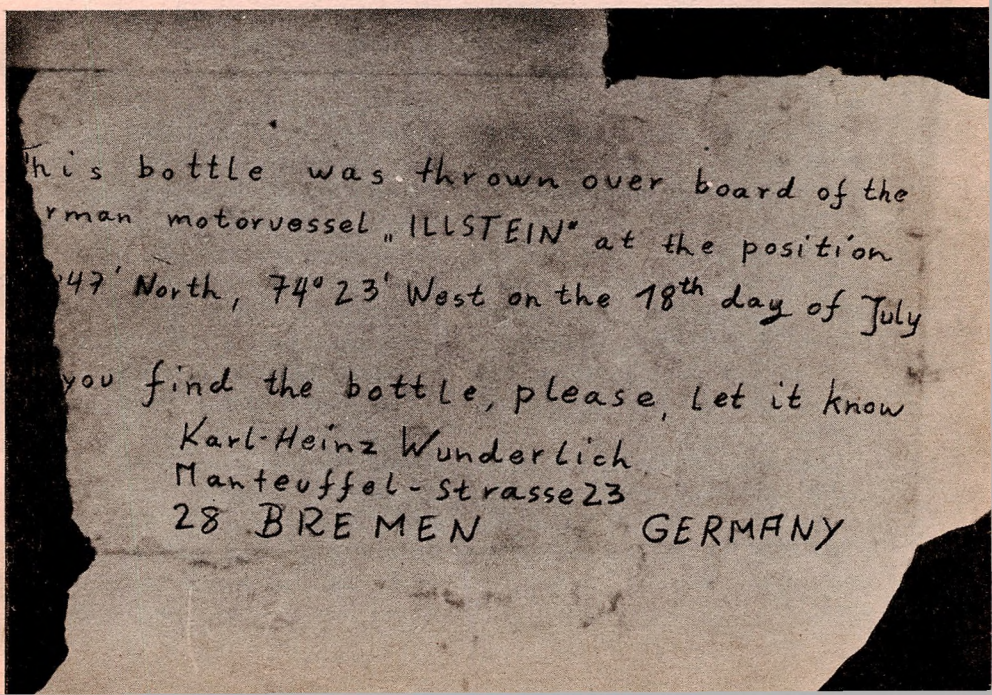
Several minutes later I walked into the cabin to pour a cup of coffee, then returned to the deck, took one look and gaped in astonishment.

The ship was gone!

Though I was a novice at sea I knew at least that I should have heard the motors or engines — and a ship that size would have loud ones — but there had been no sound at all.

I just sat there for the next

This is a photograph of the message author received from occupant of phantom ship.



half-hour or so until the sun began to rise and the crew started to stir. It was now about 6:00 A.M. After breakfast and lots of talk about what each man was going to do with his share of the money for the catch, they set about readying the boat for the return trip.

As one man was hauling in the anchor he shouted, "Look what I found!" He held up a bottle containing a sheet of paper. With a knife he dug out the cork and then used some kind of long tongs to pull the note from the bottle.

The note, written on the back of an envelope, is yellowed and old-looking — although possibly exposure to sunlight gave it the aged appearance. The text — as much as is legible — reads:

"This bottle was thrown over board of the . . .rman motor-vessel 'Illstein' at the position . . . 47′ North, 74° 23′ West on the 18th day of July . . . you find the bottle, please let it know . . . Karl-Heinz Wunderlich, Manteuffel-Strasse 23, 28 Bremen, Germany."

"I haven't seen anything like this in years," the captain remarked.

After we sat down for more coffee I decided to tell my story to the others. When I had finished they just sat staring at me and saying nothing. A bit uneasy, I asked the captain if I could read the note again and he snapped, "Take the note and the bottle." None of the seamen wanted to touch it. Shortly afterwards we headed home without again mentioning the incident.

We arrived home on the 11th of August. As soon as I got back to my house I told my wife about the weird incident and she urged me to write immediately to the man whose name appeared on the note. So I did.

I waited impatiently for three weeks before a letter came from Germany. It was from a woman named Hilda Stein, a cousin of the man who wrote the note. Her letter was short and to the point. Her cousin had served aboard an oil tanker during World War II, she said, but it was reported missing in early August 1943. She could not recall the name of the ship but assured me that Karl-Heinz Wunderlich must be dead.

Next I checked with the West German government and learned that most of the records covering shipping in World War II had been destroyed. A letter to East Germany elicited no reply.

One aspect of the whole business particularly bothers me. Although the note is yellowed either by age or sunlight, the bottle looks almost new. The maritime people assure me that no bottle could last any length of time in those heavy seas, particularly



with hurricanes. They placed the dropping point somewhere near the Leeward Islands and said it must have drifted up through the Yucatan channel but could offer no other explanation.

So here I sit still perplexed and confused asking myself the inevitable questions. Did the ship exist? Did Karl-Heinz Wunderlich drop the bottle over? Is the note that old? Instead of answers I have the note, the bottle and the knowledge that I saw a ship that could not have been there.

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Ballet in the Sky

By R. F. Sibol

The UFOs were incredible enough in themselves but the most startling part of our sighting was yet to come.

ON JUNE 24, 1970, on our return from a brief camping trip in the Rockies my friends Jim and Laurie Swindler and I encountered three UFOs whose flight pattern, distinctive appearances and characteristics we believe to be without precedent.

I had spent nearly all of one week of my vacation with the Swindlers, who had shown me much of their native Kansas. As the week drew to a close we decided to cross the border into Colorado and do a little sightseeing in the Rocky Mountains. We took our time, traveled at a leisurely pace and ended up camping overnight in the state park. On our return to Kansas we agreed that since I had a plane to catch back east the next day we wouldn't spend another night at Laurie's parents in Hays, Kans., as we'd planned originally. Instead we would continue straight through until we got to the Swindlers' apartment in Lawrence, which would give us all a chance to get a few hours' sleep before driving to the airport about 35 miles away in Kansas City, Mo.

About 100 miles out of Hays we stopped for coffee at a truck stop, for about 15 minutes. Afterwards, exhausted and starting to doze, I crawled into the back of the old VW bus to catch some rest. I just had slipped into that vaguely defined state between sleep and consciousness when Jim and Laurie saw something beginning to creep over the eastern horizon. At first it looked like any tower light or neon sign of the kind that always seems to pop out of nowhere in flat country. The moment they realized they were seeing something out of the ordinary they roused me.

For the first 15 or 30 seconds I thought that I was dreaming — the objects I was seeing were so far outside my experience that

they seemed unreal. There were three of them, each with its own distinct shape and size. The first was round, bright and star-like; rather unimpressive, its appearance was akin to the light of a helicopter. Yet this one evidently had some sort of control over the others, which followed behind it like cars on a train but without apparent linkage.

I kept thinking — I suppose more like a poet than a hard-headed UFO observer — this is a "ballet in the sky." By that I don't mean the kind of precision trick flying that the Navy's Blue Angels might do. I mean a display with form and grace — bobbing, sharply angling with the excellence of programed choreography. It was an amazing sight.

As we sat there watching, the objects crossed the highway at an elevation we estimated to be about 1000 feet.

The second object was most spectacular because we could discern within its rectangular shape some sort of structure that reminded me of the "struts" on a structural steel girder. These struts were emitting intense ray-like beams of red light much like the auras artists depict radiating from religious figures. This center object held our attention almost to the exclusion of the other less spectacular UFOs.

The third object was triangular and pale yellow in color with three prominent white lights, one at each corner. For a while we entertained the possibility that the three were separate parts of one huge object but rejected this idea when we saw them move short distances away from each other.

After flying across the highway into the sky south of us the objects came to a halt and hovered. Jim stopped the car and cut the motor and I opened one of the windows facing the objects. We listened carefully but the only sound was that made by a slight breeze wafting over the flat

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Jim Swindler, 23, today is studying philosophy at the University of Kansas and lives with his wife Laurie, a schoolteacher, in Lawrence, Kans.

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farmland. In the silence I felt afraid and curious at the same time. I wanted to look at the objects through binoculars but we had none! I wanted to take photographs but we had used all our film on Rocky Mountain scenery! Failing these things I had the urge to bolt out of the bus and dash across the field to get a better look.

But at that moment Laurie said, "Come on, let's get out of here," just as the objects began moving again. Not that any of us felt more secure once the car was rolling. Only as we approached Junction City at dawn and saw the objects fading rapidly away in the distance to the south did we feel at ease once again. We had watched them for nearly 15 minutes.

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So — after all this — what have we? One more UFO sighting — at an isolated place — in the early hours — with no photographs or tangible proof of any kind. Just the testimony of three baffled witnesses added to the testimony of millions of others. Of course, we saw what we saw, but after the usual explanations have been ruled out we're where we started.

Where can we go from here?



A TALE OF TWO CATS

DONALD F. Corrin and his family like cats. The Cleveland, Ohio, family has had a couple that have taken good care of them. In December 1970 carbon monoxide fumes from a car idling in a closed garage below seeped through the Corrins' apartment building. "Rusty," their 15-year-old black cat, alerted the family with a scream cats usually reserve for when their tails get caught in refrigerator doors. Corrin awoke and investigated, then alerted other tenants to open windows.

One reason he responded so quickly to the cat's alarm is that a few years ago his two-and-a-half-year-old son wandered away from home when his mother's back was turned. Their nine year-old-cat "Taffy" found the boy, raced home and whined and scratched at Mrs. Corrin until she followed him to the nearby railroad tracks. There she found her son.

Atlantis

History's Most Enduring Riddle

So far the evidence warrants a healthy skepticism — but our generation may find the answers.

By Margaret Lougee Bowers

ATLANTIS — the fabled lost continent which has been called the cradle of mankind, the navel of the ocean, the island of the cities of gold — still awaits discovery. As our knowledge of the distant past continues to grow we find the age of civilized man is far greater than we suspected. And there still is a great deal to be learned. Beneath the earth lies history untouched by the archaeologist's spade. Beneath the sea even more surprising antiquities one day may be discovered — or, given the nature of the earth's ever-changing, shifting crust, may rise again in all their forgotten splendor.

The world's greatest mystery story began more than 2400 years ago in ancient Greece when Plato penned the first account of a highly developed people who dwelt on a series of islands beyond the Gates of Hercules. In two dialogues, the "Timaeus" and the "Critias," he describes how the main island, Atlantis (or Poseidon), and the others together formed a "mighty power which was aggressing wantonly against the whole of Europe and Asia." This empire "had rule over the whole island and several others, as well as over parts of the continent; and, besides these, they subjected the parts of Libya as far as Egypt, and of Europe as far as Tyrrhenia."

The "continent" he refers to well may be America for he explains that Atlantis was so close to the Pillars of Hercules (the Straits of Gibralter) that only a harbor separated them. The traveler might pass through these islands to the "real sea" and from there to the "surrounding land" which "may be most

truly called a continent." Plato seems to have had his geography straight enough.

Those who dismiss Plato's narrative as mere fabrication often fail to take note of other historians of antiquity who mention Atlantis as a matter of factual record — some, like Diodorus (in the third book of his *World History*), independently of Plato. Aristotle, who disbelieved in Atlantis, nonetheless wrote of a large island in the Atlantic which the Carthaginians called *Antillia*. Krantor (Fourth Century B.C.) reported that he had seen the Egyptian columns on which the written story of Atlantis was preserved. Strabo and Pomponius Mela (First Century Romans) confirm its historical existence as does Theopompus of Chios (Fourth Century Greek). Plutarch refers to islands and a continent in the Atlantic. One of them, Ogygia, also appears in *The Odyssey* in the Eighth Century B.C. *The Odyssey,* we should remember, was merely the first written record of historical adventures passed down by word of mouth for centuries before Homer's time.

Marcelinus and Proclus, Third and Fourth Century Romans respectively, confirm that Atlantis was sacred to Poseidon and tell of its eventual destruction. Herodotus (Fifth Century Greek) claims that "the first of the Greeks to perform long voyages" knew of a city called *Tartessos* "beyond the Pillars of Hercules" where these early traders "made by the return voyage a profit more than any Greeks before their day." Tertullian, Philo Judaeus and Arnobius Afer all comment on a tremendous upheaval in the Atlantic that swallowed up huge islands and the land bridge that once joined Sicily to Italy disappeared beneath the sea, leaving the Sicilian Strait in its wake.

An especially intriguing record, now lost, supposedly told of an Egyptian expedition sent by a Pharaoh of the Second Dynasty to learn whether anything remained of Atlantis. According to the record, the expedition returned after five years with only negative answers.

Plato's legacy provides a detailed description of the Atlanteans, their geography, their architecture, their rulers and social order, even their dress and customs. He claims that in the beginning the gods divided the earth among themselves. "Poseidon, receiving for his lot the island of Atlantis, begat children by a mortal woman and settled them in a part of the island." He goes on to tell how the mighty empire began to degenerate from within until at length

"there occurred violent earthquakes and floods, and in a single day and night all your warlike men in a body sank into the earth, and the island of Atlantis in like manner disappeared beneath the sea." Plato remarks it was the decision of the "god of gods" to punish these men for the wretched state into which they had fallen.

If the foregoing sounds familiar, let us refer to *Genesis 6:2-7*: ". . . the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives all of which they chose . . . and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth . . . and the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth. . ."

His method, of course, was what Biblical writers believed to be a universal flood. It is not unlikely that both accounts, which parallel each other so closely, have their roots in the same primeval cataclysm. In both cases destruction was by water and the land destroyed was the cradle of civilization. Initially men lived there in bliss but became corrupt through intermarriage with an inferior race and the Creator elected to punish them by "total" destruction. Could the "mighty men of old" in *Genesis* have been the Atlanteans themselves — of whom Noah was one of the survivors?

All countries from Great Britain to North Africa, through the Canaries and the Azores and on to the Americas — all of these bordering the Atlantic — cherish legends that seem to refer to this



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great land. Peoples of the eastern Atlantic coast point to the west for their primordial origins while those of the west coast claim their ancestors arrived from the east. The mythologies of the Chaldeans, the Hindus, the Moslems, the Greeks, the Welsh, the Scandinavians and the Indians of North, Central and South America all contain deluge legends — some with rather curious angles — that parallel the Hebraic flood.

The hero of the Aztec story, for example, is named *Nata* (Noah). The Toltecs trace their origin back to a country named *Atlan,* which the Aztecs called *Aztlan.* The records of numerous North American tribes claim their ancestors migrated from an eastern land which was destroyed in a deluge and many preserve the image of the ark or the dove in their myths. The legends of the Hopis are remarkably similar to those of the Biblical Hebrews. So are the ancient rituals they practice to this day.

Heinrich Schliemann in the last century and Thor Heyerdahl in our own have found that legend, however archaic, has its origin in fact. Significantly the flood legends appear only among peoples living on landmasses within reach of men who might have abandoned a sinking island in the mid-Atlantic. Indeed the Atlanteans may have established colonies in many of these areas before the deluge.

But what about Egypt? Its strategic location would lead one to expect that it too would preserve a flood legend. Since it has not, we must return to Plato for the answer.

Plato relates that his ancestor Solon, while visiting in Egypt, met with the priests of Sais, who were well-versed in matters of antiquity. When Solon attempts to reckon the dates of certain events, one of the older priests tells him that he is a mere child in matters of ancient science and tradition.

"What do you mean?" Solon asks. The priest proceeds to discuss certain episodes in the distant past and reflects on the nature of world history — suggesting the existence of a tremendously old and methodically written historical record. The Egyptians had no flood "legend" because their history recorded the destruction of Atlantis and they knew there had been no "universal" flood.

"There have been and there will be again," says the priest, "many destructions of mankind arising out of many causes . . . You remember one deluge only, whereas there were many before that." He adds that by virtue of their location in the Nile Valley

the Egyptians have escaped both floods and conflagrations and consequently "the things preserved here are said to be the oldest." In fact he maintains that the Egyptians have preserved in their temples records of all important events known to have occurred in the lands with which they were familiar.

In modern times the great American psychic Edgar Cayce gave numerous readings on the subject of Atlantis. He claimed that the history of Atlantis as a continent began about 25,000 B.C. About 12,000 B.C. earthquakes and volcanic action caused the landmass to begin to break up into islands. From 12,000 to 10,000 B.C. many of its citizens migrated to established colonies in Spain, France, Egypt, Central America and what is now the southwestern United States, where they introduced arts, letters, medicine, monotheism and other accouterments of a highly developed culture.

According to the testimony of geology and oceanography there is little doubt that a landmass, or series of islands, once existed in the Atlantic. To begin with, the entire stretch of the north and mid-Atlantic is geologically unstable and prone to seismic and volcanic disturbances. Even today, as the landmasses of the southern hemisphere rise, the coastline of Greenland is sinking so rapidly that inhabitants no longer build anywhere near the shoreline. The shallow limestone banks off the Bahamas, which drop suddenly into the abysmal Tongue of the Ocean, are riddled with deep sinkholes, some boring to depths of 200 feet and more; these sinkholes were formed by rain action during a period when the banks were above water. The Piri Re'is map and Antonio Zeno map respectively show the landmasses of South America, the Antarctic continent and Greenland, depicting the latter two as ice-free — conditions extant 8000 to 10,000 years ago. (The maps, Renaissance copies of others said to have been in the library at Alexandria, are a mystery in themselves. No one knows the age of the originals, or who charted them.)* Further, analysis of lava samples from the Atlantic floor has revealed that the ocean bottom from which they were collected was above water and volcanically active no later than 10,000 to 15,000 years ago.

Moreover, additional questions arise from the mysterious appearance of Cro-Magnon Man in France, Spain and America. It was this magnificent creature —

*See "The Piri Re'is Map of 1513" by Charles Hapgood, January 1966 FATE, and "The Antarctic Map of Oronteus Finaeus" by Charles Hapgood, May 1966 FATE.

with an average adult height of over six feet and a cranial capacity comparable to our own — who replaced the primitive and ungainly Neanderthal Man. With his arrival he brought the skills of a fairly advanced race (witness the cave paintings of Lascaux in France and Altamira in Spain). He did not rely on wood and stone but employed sophisticated and intricate implements of bone, delicately carved, including bone needles with eyes which he used for sewing skins together. He bedecked himself with necklaces and mantles of bone, shell and teeth. With his carefully fashioned tools he carved ivory; with his clever weapons — including harpoon, bow and arrow — he hunted; he also domesticated certain animals and cereal grains. These achievements indicate that he had progressed from the state of nomadic wanderer to that of permanent village dweller.

But where did he come from? He already had reached his extraordinary stage of development when he appeared in Spain, France, Greece and Egypt. He appeared spontaneously — as if from nowhere on earth — and scholars have succeeded in tracing his culture only as far as the Canary Islands. These islands are actually the peaks of a mountain spine extending from the north Atlantic to the northwestern coast of Africa. It is likely that the Canaries are the last remains of a sizable series of submerged islands — perhaps even at one time an entire continent.

Equally suggestive is the date at which Cro-Magnon Man made his debut in Europe. It is estimated at 23,000 B.C., with migratory waves *up to* 10,000 B.C. — precisely the date fixed by Plato and Cayce for the submergence of Atlantis.

In passing we might note the curious fact that the Basques, a cultural group isolated for innumerable centuries in the Pyrenees, their origins clouded in mystery, still speak a language unlike any other in the Indo-European family. A unique language on the earth, it nonetheless resembles the tongues of some *American Indian* tribes! Baffled linguistic experts never have considered the possibility that this enigma suggests both groups are linked to a single origin.

If we weigh all of the evidence in the light of reason — not romance — we still have no more than a hypothesis, albeit a substantial one. But the absence of concrete physical proof does not necessarily preclude the existence of an historical reality; after all, Herodotus was proclaimed history's greatest liar —

until Pompeii was uncovered. We must remember too that written history is a mere 5000 years old and that, prior to written records, historical events survived through an oral tradition. Thus the "legend" of King Arthur remained a fairy tale until recent excavations disclosed the actual site of Camelot.

And so it may be with our Atlantic islands. For the time being the evidence warrants a healthy skepticism — but we would be foolish to deny the possibility that new developments, perhaps in the near future, could clear up forever the many questions surrounding the lost continent. Who knows? Perhaps our generation will find the answer to one of history's riddles.

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ALL IN THE STARS?

TWO SOPHOMORES at Baker University in Baldwin, Kans., were discussing an article on astrology when they discovered that they both were born September 21, 1951, in Frankford Hospital, Philadelphia. This was only one of the amazing parallels in their lives.

Steve Lebofsky and Wayne Bernath found that both of their families moved to New Jersey shortly after their births. Steve lived in Moorestown and Wayne in Maple Shade only three miles away. They attended rival schools and attended many of the same athletic and social events.

In their senior years their guidance counselors — who happened to be personal friends — urged each of the boys to attend Baker, a school of 850 students. They did and each was the only student from his high school to select this university. And both chose to major in speech and journalism.

"It's like I've gone through life with someone I never met," Steve commented.

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COMPUTER'S CHOICE

FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, officials are at a loss to understand the antics of a computer used to select persons for jury duty. It seems it's taken to choosing women exclusively. One recent list of jurors contained the names of 100 women.

"It's just weird," remarks jury commissioner William Carpenter. "Maybe the machine's got something going."



After 40 years in the army William Blakeney continues to serve England.

British Colonel Relives TERROR *from Another Life*

By Straun Coupar
London Express Features

"I have been in some tight spots but never in my life have I felt so scared as I did then."

A MAN WHO has risen through the ranks in the British Army to become a lieutenant-colonel is not the kind of person one would expect to suffer from hallucinations or flights of fancy. And when that man, having retired after 40 years' service, carves out a distinguished career in Britain's Civil Service you can be sure he is a fairly hardheaded individual.

Retire that man a second time, watch him bounce back to a full-time job working for a government board and you are dealing with someone of the caliber of William Blakeney.

Yet Colonel Blakeney had an experience 30 years ago in India which reduced him, then a stern sergeant-major, to inexplicable and barely controlled panic. It is an experience he feels can be explained only by reincarnation.

Colonel Blakeney now lives in a village not far from Inverness on the shores of Scotland's Beauly Firth. Although a Northumbrian by birth he has chosen to live there so that he can work with a government body called the Highlands and Islands Development Board.

His wife, who saw the effect

that long-ago experience had on him, finally persuaded him to tell about it. At the time he was 18 years in what is now Pakistan. He knew the language, culture and beliefs of the Moslem population forward and backward.

"But I knew little of the south," he says. "You must remember that India is a continent. The north and south are as different as Denmark and Spain in customs, history and religion."

In 1939 he was sent 2000 miles south to raise a new unit at Bangalore. His wife traveled with him. One night he dreamed "of a village with the Mohammedan name of Sultan Pet and of a bull and a Hindu god.

"It was such a strange dream that I asked local people the next day if there was any such place around. Everyone said no, until I met an old fellow who said that it did exist but its name had been changed a long time ago to a Hindu one which meant 'the Hill of Shiva's Bull' — Shiva being a Hindu god.

"Several weeks later we set off on a picnic to a spot known as Mundi Drugh. It had been known for centuries as a place of relaxation, a peak which rose almost sheer out of the plain. It had walks, gardens and rest houses."

Sergeant-Major Blakeney and a friend walked together up the hillside path to the top.

Says Colonel Blakeney: "He pointed out some cannon a bit ahead of us which had been stuck upright in the ground to use as posts between which chain was hung. I remember his saying he wondered how old they would be. Without thinking I said, 'George III.'

"Then I stopped because I knew nothing at all about cannon and could not imagine how I had come to say that. From there on a sense of fear grew in me."

A little later Bill stopped and told his wife and the others to go on without him.

"He was white and shaking," his wife says. "Eventually he wandered off on his own and when he came back he looked as if he had seen a ghost. I've never seen him look so ill."

Colonel Blakeney explains, "I went off by myself and as I was going up the path I had a feeling of absolute dread about what was coming round the next corner — although I had never been to the place before. It was several minutes before I could bring myself to go on. When I did and turned the corner, there in front of me was a sheer drop.

"We found out later it was called 'Tippoo's Drop,' a place from which the enemies and victims of a long-ago local prince had been thrown. It was a hor-

rible means of execution.

"Somehow I felt I had been one of those victims. It was a long time before I got over the sense of dread but eventually I dismissed it as just one of those things."

Then eight years later he was sent back to the south, this time to Madras, and there, walking through the ruins of the old East India Company's Fort George, he remarked to a fellow-officer: "That's where the dungeons are."

"My friend replied that there were no dungeons there and never had been. But once again I was sure. I made inquiries and again my suspicions were confirmed.

"In the days of Robert Clive, who founded the empire of British India, the storerooms had been used to hold offenders and captives taken in skirmishes with native forces. For the second time I was convinced that I had been in that place before, a long time ago."

Since then Colonel Blakeney has had no other experiences which tie in with reincarnation.

But he says, "I can see no other explanation for my knowledge of those places than that I was either a soldier in India at the time of Clive or perhaps a native recruit. Whatever the details are, I am convinced that I was once held captive or imprisoned at Fort George, that I visited the village on the Hill of Shiva's Bull and that I met my death in a plunge over Tippoo's Drop.

"I'm not given to romantic nonsense of any kind. But the feelings I had about those places and things I found I knew about them were almost too much for me.

"I have been in some tight spots but I have never in my life felt so scared as I did then — for no apparent reason."



"RUSTIC PSYCHOTHERAPY"

BRUXAS — witches or sorceresses — are popular in Portugal and their advice is especially valued in affairs of the heart. Thus the public watched with some trepidation when Silvina Rodriques, aged 54, was charged in Lisbon, in December 1968 with illegally practicing medicine.

In defending Silvina, her lawyer declared her practice was merely "a kind of rude but effective rustic psychotherapy." She was acquitted.

YOUR PATH around the ZODIAC

By WINIFRED TENNES



A NATIVE of Illinois, Winifred Tennes studied astrology for some years with Katherine de Jersey, assisting her in preparing personalized horoscopes. In recent years Mrs. Tennes has been teaching, writing, lecturing and giving personal consultations. Since 1969, at the invitation of Maine Township High School which maintains an extensive adult education program, she has been teaching astrology in its East and South branches in Park Ridge, Ill.

Recognized as a foremost authority in the field today Mrs. Tennes is a member of Friends of Astrology in Chicago and the American Federation of Astrologers.

ARIES

Or Aries Ascendant — March 21-April 19 — Cardinal Fire Sign — Ruler: MARS

JUNE IS A month that could call for important decisions. Financial affairs still demand your atention. You can gain by budgeting carefully or investing in securities that assure long-term gains — look for both income and growth. June 1 to 6 is the most favorable period for reaching serious decisions. Then be cautious on the 7th to avoid making errors.

The planet Saturn has affected your finances for the past two years but on June 19 will move into the third sector of your solar chart where it now will influence travel, writing, study and your association with blood relatives. This will continue for some time.

June 8 to 21 is a period when what you say and how you say it will be important. Your mate or business partner may suggest an unusual idea that would be helpful in your work; give it consideration. Do not excite yourself over news from a distance; letters or a telephone call from a loved one, a daughter or a female friend around the 13th may be both vague and deceiving.

If you are an Aries with great dreams don't be too disappointed between June 22 and 30 when they fail to materialize. Try to avoid disputes with your marriage and/or business partner over property or possessions. As difficult as it may be for you, try to finish one of your projects. The month ends on a favorable note if you will do just that.

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TAURUS

Or Taurus Ascendant — April 20-May 20 — Fixed Earth Sign — Ruler: VENUS



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2nd week





3rd week



4th week

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT is a wonderful thing! Although you who have been trying to attain this have done so under restrictive circumstances during the past two years now, in some way your life has been stabilized and whatever changes have been made should last. On June 19 the planet Saturn will pass into your second solar house bringing greater emphasis on your financial affairs for some time to come.

Convincing someone important to you to complete a pending project may be difficult from June 1 to 6.

You desire greater independence and recognition in your professional life. Early in June you may face a tricky situation and should reevaluate your financial picture. A business partner or mate could be evasive or deceptive about how funds are being spent.

Some changes executed where you work, which affect the employer-employee relationship, favor monetary gain from June 8 to 11 — better understanding should result in greater harmony. June 22 to 30 is a favorable time to get in touch with blood relatives by letter, phone or visit.

From June 24 to 26 beware of becoming involved with someone else's kooky ideas.

GEMINI

Or Gemini Ascendant — May 21-June 21 — Mutable Air Sign — Ruler: MERCURY





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4th week

EARLY JUNE gives you an opportunity to bring into the open things you have had to keep hidden. Some of you have been making plans that will change your lives or have been leading dual lives because of a romance. From June 1 to 7 you could be called upon to make a decision involving your martial and/or business partner. This decision could be costly if it requires the services of a lawyer. To enter into litigation would be poor judgment. You may feel very indecisive at this time and midmonth will be a better time to settle this situation.

A new long cycle starts for Geminis on June 19. The planet Saturn, under whose influence one learns many lessons, now enters your first solar house. Your personal plans will start to undergo changes; many of you will be rewarded for years of hard work; still others may find this a disastrous, disappointing period. Geminis born between May 21 and 31 will be first to feel this influence.

Look for a touchy situation in your home during June 16 to 20. Someone may be trying to bluff you but being an unusually perceptive person you should be able to understand their motives.

June 8 to 12 is a favorable period in which to enjoy the company of a child or loved one. The association should be exhilarating and different.

CANCER

Or Cancer Ascendant June 22-July 22 Cardinal Water Sign Ruler: MOON

JUNE IS A favorable month for some serious soul-searching. There are times when it is essential to discard meaningless thoughts and concentrate on those which will bring you ultimate success and satisfaction. If you will clear away the cobwebs, eliminating the miscellaneous information you have gathered over the years, friends will help you attain your goals.

On June 5 Jupiter, the good luck planet, moves back into your fifth solar house. Once again, romance, children, speculation and good times are to be expected, except between June 5 and 11. At this time you may disagree with your friends and you must curb your extravagances — with both your money and your affections. Carefully consider any plans presented to you between June 8 and 16. Propositions which may look good on the surface can have disappointing results.

A word of warning to the shy and retiring Cancer: Emerge from your shell rather than seek solitude when the planet Saturn moves into your 12th solar house on June 19. This new cycle will last for the next two years during which Saturn will influence and make difficult any secret activities you are planning.

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LEO

Or Leo Ascendant July 23-August 22 Fixed Fire Sign Ruler: SUN

LEOS, YOU ARE leaders both in your homes, businesses and social lives. But even leaders need a kind word and a helping hand. From June 12 to 30 the planet Venus will be in your 11th solar house of friendship to bless you with love and affection. In addition, Jupiter will be back in your fourth solar house bringing good fortune to your domestic life. Entertain in your home as elegantly as you always do and perhaps expect a newfound romance to prove ideal.

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2nd week 

KEYS TO THE SYMBOLS:

SUN: personal affairs. DOLLAR SIGN: finances. LETTERS: communications of all kinds, documents. HOUSE: domestic affairs. HEARTS: love affairs. CHILDREN (self-explanatory). CADUCEUS (medical insignia): health. DOUBLE RINGS: marriage and business partnerships. SKULL AND CROSSBONES: death. SUITCASE: travel. SUNDIAL: age and responsibilities. HORSESHOE: general good luck. HANDCLASP: friends. DAGGER: arguments.




3rd week

Saturn, planet of conditioning, enters your 11th solar house of friendships, hopes and wishes on June 19 for a two-year period. Try to use the good this planet can bring by associating with serious reliable persons and make an effort to persevere in reaching your goals although it may be difficult not to vacillate between projects.




4th week

From June 1 to 7 overoptimism and poor judgment could affect a business deal or your domestic situation. June 7 to 21 can be a beneficial period for you if you have an inventive mind and are seeking to practice something new. Your ideas may sound rebellious to others but you must follow your intuition.

During June 21 to 30 a partnership matter — business or marital — needs consideration. Arguments persist but can be solved as the month ends.

VIRGO

Or Virgo Ascendant August 23-September 22 Mutable Earth Sign Ruler MERCURY



1st week

AN UNSATISFACTORY situation exists in your home environment from June 1 to 7. You can do something about it if you are optimistic but in the meantime be philosophical about conditions you cannot alter. Up to June 12 should be a good time to travel but if you are unable actually to go away then use your imagination — mental journeys can be stimulating and satisfying.




2nd week

Financial matters, for the most part, have been unpredictable lately. A decision concerning your profession made during June 8 to 12 will have a beneficial bearing on your finances. If things have been slow you can look for some improvement about June 17 when the planet Uranus turns direct in your second solar house. On the days of June 1 to 12 be prepared to give advice and aid to an older person.



3rd week

The recognition some of you have been working hard to achieve should come to you this month. And new deals could be favorably consummated.




4th week

You usually take very good care of your health but this month try to conserve your energy. Overdoing could lower your resistance. However, if you become ill you should recover quickly as you have the protection of the moon's north node.

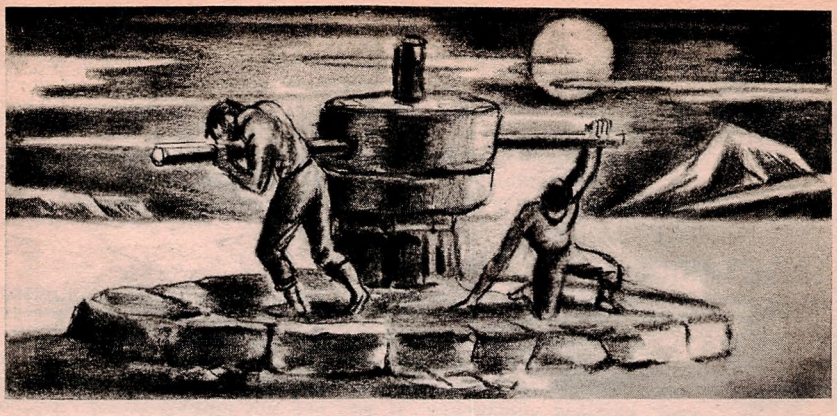
LIBRA

Or Libra Ascendant September 23-October 23 Cardinal Air Sign Ruler: VENUS




1st week

THE AREAS IN your life that seem to be under constant fire are romance, children, speculation and pleasures. Your child, seeking independence from parental supervision, is eager to break away from home. Librans in love are apt to be having disagreements that are emotionally upsetting. If you are speculating, it is possible that you may suffer a



KNOW YOUR ASPECTS: The sun in adverse relationship (square or opposition) to Saturn signifies those born under this aspect will be self-made. Its influence does not preclude material success but it is likely to come through hard work. The individual may be pessimistic, obstinate, miserly and overcautious.

loss because you acted in haste. Whatever your problems have been you will have an opportunity to right the wrongs, kiss and make up as June ends.

Short trips and communication with brothers, sisters and close friends will be satisfying this month except during the days of June 1 to 7 when a poor decision on your part could cause confusion and land you in chaos.

Saturn, planet of discipline, moves into your ninth solar house on June 19 where it will remain for the next two years. During this time partnership funds — marriage or business — could cause you a headache. Inheritances may be delayed because of legal complications or taxes. Other legal affairs also must be watched. And this is a time for you to be careful if you are planning long trips.

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SCORPIO

Or Scorpio Ascendant October 24-November 23 Fixed Water Sign Ruler: PLUTO

SCORPIOS, once again concentrate on yourselves! Only once every 12 years do you have a year of such favorable auspices. On June 5 Jupiter, the good luck planet, although retrograde, will be in your first solar house. Especially persons born during November 13 to 22 will have great opportunities, popularity and sex appeal. Others will seek your company because you now have so much to give.

Some marital or business partnership problems could cause you anxiety from June 1 to 7. Your ideas are opposed by an associate so that you must be both diplomatic and patient if you insist on doing things your way.

Mars, now transiting your fourth solar house, makes you

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restless. While a change can be beneficial do not act in haste. In some cases a parent may cause you to move or disrupt your home in some way. A happy solution to these difficulties can be reached as June ends.

Financial matters may cause you concern during June 7 to 21, particularly if you have a joint bank account. But an inheritance or gift may be received at this time, also.

SAGITTARIUS

Or Sagittarius Ascendant November 24-December 21 Mutable Fire Sign Ruler: JUPITER




1st week

YOU MUST STAY on your toes from June 1 to 10 in order to cope with a rather difficult situation at your place of business. A co-worker, probably a woman, is part of an existing conspiracy. If you are not employed then watch your reputation!




2nd week

On June 19 the planet Saturn moves into your seventh solar house where it will remain for another two years. Then you should feel freer in your job. Also, if poor health has been restricting your activities you now should note some improvement. But overoptimism and overindulgence during this same period, June 1 to 10, can be detrimental to your well-being.



3rd week

During June 12 to 17 consideration should be given to a marital problem or a problem with a business associate. A friend could be instrumental in helping you reach a favorable conclusion. From June 24 to 26 disappointing and/or disillusioning news will come to you by letter or telephone.



4th week

A few Sagittarians, particularly those born between November 23 and December 3, have experienced Jupiter's benevolent rays before and should be ready for the good fortune they will bring later in the year. At the same time you must turn your dreams into something real and lasting. Persons employed in the field of travel or communication especially should do something constructive this month.

CAPRICORN

Or Capricorn Ascendant December 22-January 19 Cardinal Earth Sign Ruler: SATURN




2nd week

CAPRICORNS WILL encounter both happy and disappointing situations in June. However, between June 1 to 11 you may receive news from or about a child or loved one which may confuse you.




1st week

You should be attracting admirers and gaiety. A friendship with the opposite sex easily could develop into a more serious affair. But some of you may find that an older person tends to throw cold water on your plans for having fun.

Those of you who are creative should do something

constructive and worthwhile with your brainchild.

Some Capricorns have had long-time responsibility for a child. They need advice and/or financial help. Others have suffered financial loss through speculation. Each Capricorn has had to solve a fifth solar house problem! On June 19 Saturn, planet of discipline, will move into your sixth solar house to influence your health and service to others.

3rd week 

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Capricorn born between January 11 and 20 may find they are drastically changing their lives. This could be the result of study, travel or research which has made them see things in a different light. Getting rid of the old, although difficult of course, and embarking on a new course of action means progress.

Excessive expenditures may be required of you in June, either for your business or to help a friend. On the days from June 21 to 30 keep cool when confronted with partnership questions!

AQUARIUS

Or Aquarius Ascendant January 20-February 18 Fixed Air Sign Ruler: URANUS

YOU WILL FIND affairs in the home pleasant and gratifying from June 1 to 11. Those who move during this period should be happy in their new surroundings although a serious matter concerning a parent or older person in your house may demand your attention. Your advice to them will be appreciated.

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There seems to be confusion over the motives of a friend and there could be doubt as to whether this is an ideal relationship. You are in a highly emotional and impatient period and this will affect your decision. It will be better if you do not force issues.

2nd week 

Jupiter again smiles on you from your 10th solar house. Some of you will gain recognition in your profession while others will ride the crest of popularity in their communities. You should see the last conflict between home and job when the planet Saturn moves into your fifth solar house on June 19.

3rd week  

If you take a long vacation, abroad or to any place foreign to your conventional way of life, surprises are in store for you. You will find your new surroundings exciting and ideal for your present state of mind.

4th week 

PISCES

Or Pisces Ascendant February 19-March 20 Mutable Water Sign Ruler: NEPTUNE

THE PISCEANS who have been experiencing drastic changes in marriage and/or business relationships will find they can deal with these situations advantageously between

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June 1 and 9. Use your intuition and persuasiveness to convince others to see things your way. Remember, no tears! Just the truth and the facts!



3rd week

Should you vacation or travel for business reasons keep your hand in your pocket; you may tend to be extravagant. You may meet with a disappointment or receive a discouraging word from a blood relative if you are traveling during June 8 to 11.



4th week

Someone unknown to you or a secret worry seems to be bothering you this month. Rest assured this situation will be resolved as June ends. June 7 to 21 marks a period when you should attend to your property or home affairs. If you need to make changes in either your marriage or business partnership or your financial situation take advantage of this period for best results.

On June 19 Saturn, the planet of discipline, enters your fourth solar house where it will remain for two years. Pisces born between February 19 and 29 will be the first to feel a restricting influence in home matters.









"RETURN FROM DEATH" LEADS TO NOTORIETY

IN THE SUMMER OF 1970 Mrs. Kim Nevitt, a 23-year-old mother of three girls, was found lying unconscious on the beach at Crosby near Liverpool, England. The two workmen who found her called the police who in turn called a doctor. He pronounced Mrs. Nevitt dead.

In the mortuary an observant attendant saw a tear at the corner of Mrs. Nevitt's eye and doctors began a three-day fight for her life. She survived and might have lived happily ever after — except for the notoriety she had achieved, for of course the story made headlines.

Mrs. Nevitt told a British newspaperman she had to change her name, for "When I decided to take an office job I heard whispers I came to dread — like, 'She's the woman who came back from the dead. . .'

"Now no one where I work knows who I am. For the first time in months I'm being treated as a normal person. It's marvelous!"



ALL OUR MEMORIES are indelibly engraved in a living electrical field that is rooted in a nonphysical but very real world. After our death, when our mind is no longer blocked by inert matter, we can probably recall all of these memories, even those of which we were never consciously aware during our organic life."

The man who said this was one of the leading scientific thinkers of our age. Many believe his conclusions will profoundly influence future interpretations of scientific discoveries, especially those relating biology and physics to the nature of life and the ultimate destiny of the individual.

"A reliable basis for the belief in the survival of the soul and memory . . ."

Dr. Gustaf Stromberg's NONPHYSICAL WORLD

By James Crenshaw **Part II**

The late Dr. Gustaf Stromberg, world-renowned astronomer, mathematician and physicist, on the staff of the Mt. Wilson Observatory in California for 28 years, also said:

"A new and effective element has lately been introduced into our scientific world picture. In reality, the new element is very old, since for many centuries peoples of many cultures have intuitively felt that such a source of power must exist. From an analysis of scientific discoveries in various fields I think I have been able to show that by assuming the existence of a Universal Mind capable of purposive activity we can better understand the world in which we live and of which we all are parts. In simple language, this Universal Mind can be described as a Being of unlimited power.

"It is this Being we call God."

Stromberg based this conclusion on his scientific studies. He said he had found that "a concept similar to the God of many religions is indispensable for a full understanding of modern science."

He went on to say, "The idea of a God is needed to secure a

logical basis for the modern theories of the origin of matter and energy. It is needed to understand the origin of the organizing and purposive electrical fields found to exist in all living organisms and cells.

"The idea of a God in the form of a Universal Mind is necessary to explain the origin of our own mind and our consciousness."

His broad, universal viewpoint evolved over the years as he observed the heavens through the great 100-inch telescope (the world's largest until the construction of the Mt. Palomar Observatory) and as he studied the related findings of science in fields other than astronomy.

He had concluded by 1940, when his first book *The Soul of the Universe* was published, that behind the physical world lies an all-important nonphysical world in which everything we perceive with our five senses has its roots. Furthermore, he believed all life and growth are governed by emergent energies and living fields which become physically manifest from this nonphysical world.

The discovery and measurement of "organizing fields" in association with living matter, as principally reported at Yale University, corroborated his theoretical findings. Then when the British mathematician J. G. Bennett and his associates came up with a tenable addition to Einstein's fourth dimension called the "eternity" or fifth dimension, Dr. Stromberg found further corroboration for his concept of a great universal realm of unseen forces that impinges upon and directly motivates, if it does not govern and control, all that exists in the solid world of our senses.

"The introduction of an eternity dimension in the framework of theoretical physics has made it possible for us to form a picture of a realm beyond physical space and physical time," he decided.

What relationship does human personality, thought and memory have to this newly conceived eternity?

Stromberg was gratified to find that his earlier conclusions concerning the indestructibility of memory and the thus implied surviving consciousness after physical death fitted easily into Bennett's eternity dimension — a kind of perpendicular plane where a nonphysical time exists that cannot be measured by clocks. (Bennett worked this out mathematically with consummate skill.)

Stromberg said he believed Bennett's eternity dimension was practically the same as his own previously described nonphysi-

cal world, where space and time do not exist in the earthly sense.

While Dr. Stromberg did not endorse mediumship in some ways he went further. He said that communication between the world of the here and the hereafter — between the physical and nonphysical or eternity realms — whether proved or not should at least be theoretically possible. Such an idea, he said, would not be contrary to the laws of nature. And it is interesting to note that spiritistic communicators often refer to themselves as living in a world where there is no time (although there is a sequence of events) in earthly terms.

In the foreword to my own book, *Telephone Between Worlds* (DeVorss & Co., Los Angeles, Calif.) Dr. Stromberg wrote concerning extensive studies of psychic phenomena, by the British and American Societies for Psychical Research and by universities of high standing in the United States and Europe:

"A mass of evidence has been collected which, among other things, has proved that the phenomena of telepathy and clairvoyance are certainly real and involve a direct communication between the minds of different people.

"The reason why the reality of such phenomena has not been generally accepted lies — and this is an interesting commentary on the way of thinking in the modern world — not in any inconsistency or any incompleteness in the evidence itself, but in the absence of any scientific theory which could account for the observed facts. . .

"In recent years some progress has been made in the development of scientific theories for the explanation of psychic phenomena in general. One of these theories was developed, not to explain psychic phenomena, but to give a satisfactory explanation of the high degree of organization in the living world and of the relationship between our nervous system and our mental activities."

He, of course, was referring to his own theory of emergent energies and organizing fields arising from a nonphysical world. He also was referring to the interdependence of memories and consciousness as nonphysical entities and their manifesting bodily organisms in the physical world.

Stromberg concluded there is a law of the conservation of memories just as there is a law of the conservation of energy, momentum and electric charge. Memories are preserved and can be reproduced at a later time and also can serve to identify a particular "soul."

"Our memories," he wrote, "cannot be imprinted in the atoms of our brains, since new atoms are continuously incorporated in the brain and the old atoms are removed as waste products, so that we have a 'new' brain in a relatively short time. Memories must therefore be imprinted in or associated with the brain field; that is, the nonmaterial field of force that organizes and stabilizes the matter of which the brain is built."

The field of the brain, as distinct from the atoms and molecules which make up the physical structure as a governing matrix, gives it the complex nature which it manifests. This field is extremely stable, he said, because the imprints upon it (that is, memories) can remain unchanged during a whole lifetime, nor are they destroyed by the penetrating cosmic radiation to which the brain is continuously exposed. He wrote:

"Our bodies are continually dying; every second some cells in our body die and others are born. This process is modified in our brain, where new cells cannot be formed by division and therefore must exist in potential form in the embryo and in the egg cell.

"Memories probably cannot be associated with any particular nerve cells. Like thinking, they cannot be located in any isolated part of the brain. Instead, they seem to be associated with the brain field as a whole. When a man dies his brain field contracts and his brain disintegrates quickly, since its structure is no longer sustained by its organizing field. This field contains all the memories of the man, his soul, if you want to call it so.

"Where does it go to? Like the other fields (associated with living bodies) it goes to a world beyond space and time. It goes to the same world from where it originally came, the world where life itself has its origin. Since it has no longer any field structure, we should not call it a field at all and the only name we can give it is the soul."

In dealing with memory in relation to psychic phenomena — and thus touching on the whole problem of personal survival — Dr. Stromberg referred to spiritistic communications as contacts with "memory complexes." These, he said, well may belong to a person who recently has died or has been dead — in the biological sense — for a very long time.

"Facts can be presented which support this view," he wrote in a 1957 paper on "Psychic Phenomena and Modern Science."

"It has been established that the communications imparted through mediums in trance or in hypnotic sleep sometimes contain information unknown to any living person and which has been verified by subsequent investigation.

"Although so-called spirit messages capable of verification are rare, there should be no difficulty in investigating them. If the occurrence of veridical messages of this sort can be definitely established, it points directly to the existence of a pool of discarnate cosmic memories."

Interestingly enough, within months after the astronomer died in 1962, Mrs. Gustaf Stromberg was unexpectedly invited to a Spiritualist meeting. Some friends took her at the last minute. Her husband purported to manifest and spoke to her three times — once in English, once in Swedish (his native language) and once in Danish. Few knew that his mother had been Danish and that he had learned the language from her at an early age in Sweden. The conversations, Mrs. Stromberg said, were in the vein and style of their spoken interchanges during his life.

"Since thoughts belong to the eternity domain of the universe," Dr. Stromberg had written, "we conclude that the ideas and associations of men who have long been dead, in the biological sense, may still exist in effective form and can influence the thinking and ideals of modern men. If this is so man is not only omnipresent, he is also everlasting."

However, he did not rule out reincarnation. Since the organizing fields of living matter seem to be connected with some directing force — ultimately with a cosmic purpose — he could understand that the subsisting memories of a "soul" could, by some conceivable circumstance, be submerged and reprojected into a physical life form. This would then be merely one step in the "wheel of necessity" or cycle of reincarnations in which the submerged memories would have a profound motivating influence upon the outwardly manifested life of the individual.

He specifically subscribed to the ancient belief in indestructible "akashic records" or cosmic memory imprints of individuals, groups and worlds — an infinitely complex recorder system in the universal ether, whereby memories and emotional impressions are permanently maintained.

"If we accept the theory of the indestructibility of memories we should expect that every event that has been registered in the conciousness of any man has been recorded in the eternity domain of the universe," he declared. "In this way, we arrive at the old idea of an indestructible 'akashic record,' well known from Indian philosophy but now expressed in modern scientific form.

"It seems that we are able to pick out, from the enormous pool of cosmic memories, those which represent our own experiences, with the exclusion of all other memories. But sometimes we seem to pick out memories which belong to an entirely different personality. In itself this is not more difficult to understand than are the known facts of telepathy."

He also said, "Although seldom considered among psychic phenomena, conscious memories should definitely be included among them. They constitute important manifestations of the human psyche but we are so familiar with them that we are apt to forget that the existence of memory requires an explanation. I believe that if we could solve the mystery of memory it would give us an explanation of many other psychic phenomena."

Dr. Stromberg criticized the old idea that memories are represented by grooves or impressions on the physical brain. He pointed out that the brain is a "fluid structure," that we can no more make complex and lasting impressions on a brain than we can write our life story on water or shifting sands.

In arriving at his general conclusions regarding the survival of the human personality he largely ignored the great body of psychical research literature and the dogmas of organized religion, although he noted that some surviving memories probably will torment us and others bless us in the nonphysical world. Our conscience, he said, gives an inkling of what we can expect in a more intense degree in the nonphysical realms.

He added, "This, it seems to me, is the heaven and hell indicated by the many new discoveries in modern science."

Stromberg agreed with philosopher Henri Bergson that the atoms in our brains are obstacles that prevent an avalanche of feeling, thoughts and memories from descending upon the earth-conscious mind all at the same time.

"The atoms form a screen or veil," Stromberg said, "that makes it possible for us to concentrate on the immediate requirements of our earthly life. When this veil disappears at death, our memories from this and perhaps from earlier lives crowd in upon us without hindrance, tormenting us or blessing us, and above all, teaching us about the real meaning of life.

"If Bergson is correct and if by life we mean mental rather than physical development then when death comes our real life begins anew. . .

"The good and highly developed men can be assumed to be quite happy in the nonphysical world and feel no urge again to visit a place like the sorrowful earth.

"But this suffering cannot be an end in itself; it would serve no useful purpose if it did not teach the suffering individual a lesson useful to him in the future."

Stromberg believed conscience and a storehouse of memories, carried over into the nonphysical world, thus earn for the individual not only the deserved rewards or whatever may exist in the eternity realm but the opportunity for development, improvement and progression, just as many religions have taught throughout history.

Of course, there is a certain amount of conjecture in all this but the least we can say is that there is no conflict between modern science and the age-old ideas of a life after death, with rewards and punishments.

"Wise men through the ages have intuitively grasped these fundamental ideas concerning the meaning of our lives. This is not surprising, since thinking is a fundamental characteristic of the nonphysical world and our ideas are rooted in this world, from which we all have come and to which we return at death," he wrote.

Stromberg's beliefs are supported by similar statements made by the late Sir James Jeans, eminent British astronomer and physicist, who based his conclusions on his studies of the nature of matter and its atomic structure. He once said, "We are led conjecturally to think of space and time as a sort of outer surface of nature, like the surface of a deep flowing stream. The events which affect our senses are like ripples on the surface of the stream but their origins — the material objects — throw roots deep down in the stream. . .

". . . We have no right to assume that this external world is . . . itself confined within the limits of space and time . . . we must move to some new plane of thought before we can realize that the particles and the waves are shadow pictures of one and the same universe."

It is interesting that Jeans used the phrase "new plane of thought," implying a transcendent level of sense perception or thought beyond the strictly physical plane of perception. Perhaps it is no coincidence that both his and Stromberg's choice of words seem to coincide with the Spiritualist contention that man and his memories — in other words his mind and personality — gravitate to other planes of existence after death, there to face the consequences of good, bad and indifferent thinking and behavior on the earth level.

These planes of the Spiritualists are pictured as ever ascending shells of consciousness, surrounding the earth world like layers and finally merging into a higher universal realm beyond the pull of planetary influences.

Dr. Stromberg himself, without acknowledging the spiritist thesis, depicted a similar layered structure. "I like to picture a gravitational field around the earth as a series of concentric spherical shells representing surfaces of constant gravitational energy," said one of the characters in Stromberg's book *The Searchers.*

And like the religionists, including the Spiritualists, Stromberg throughout all of his writings made it clear that he subscribed to a teleological view of the universe — behind it all there is meaning and purpose.

"If our will is not in harmony with the Cosmic Will," he said, "we may for a time retard our own development, and we recognize the conflict in our own suffering."

He had no doubt that humanity eventually will rise to high ethical levels — in the total view there is always advancement.

"But we must all learn the required lessons . . . most of our lessons consist of painful experiences but when we look toward the goal happiness returns to our soul."

The purposiveness of life seemed quite apparent to Stromberg. He believed that in the eternity domain there must exist innumerable elements of life in their purely mental form, each with its own "purposive" structure, capable of performing a definite function as it emerges into the physical world. Some he called "instruments" of mental activities; others represent the motivating forces in the development of bodily

organs and functions. Each element of life exists in a potential form as an idea in the nonphysical eternity domain, or as Stromberg added, "In the mind of the Almighty."

He continued, "The physical world of space, time and energy and the nonphysical world of ideas are in potential contact with one another and when certain contact points are stimulated or activated a mental element emerges as a physically effective organizing element (a living force field) into the physical world. . .

"If molecules of the proper kinds are present the organizing field expands and the subsequent incorporation of matter makes it physically observable. In this way we can understand how a pure idea in the eternity domain can become 'flesh.'

"Reasons have been given for the belief that an active God exists in the nonphysical world beyond space and time and that with our mind we can maintain communication with this Universal Power. I believe that the 'eternity domain' is the 'abode' of God and that it is also the abode of man's immortal soul which represents his real self after he has discarded his 'garment of flesh.'

"I believe also that in this cosmic abode beyond space and time man's spiritual and ethical development will continue until he can fulfill the mission for which he was created."

Gustaf Stromberg was saying that, contrary to some modern thinking, God is very much alive and only the old-fashioned understanding of him is dead.



"I PAINTED ONLY WHAT I SAW"

By Raymond C. Otto

IN 1795 BENJAMIN BELLOWS, a New York City exporter, commissioned artist Gilbert Stuart to paint a portrait of his brother, John, who was sailing soon for India. When the exporter saw the completed painting he was shocked. "You have made my brother look insane!" he accused the painter.

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THE MOURNING CAT

By Alice Cary Williams

OUR CAT "Blackie" died in a strange manner — although he might be said to have outwitted death in reaching the age of 18 years.

He was a much-loved pet in our Ridgefield, Conn., household which consisted of my parents, Harold and Alice Williams, my friend Marta Stearns and me. It was Blackie's habit in the evening to stand in the doorway of the living room and look over the available laps before choosing one to honor. But always the choice fell either to Father or Mother. After Father's death in 1925 Blackie rarely left my mother. Never have I seen such devotion from a cat.

Mother died in 1929 leaving Blackie to make do with Marta and me. She and I remodeled the house entirely, taking down partitions and altering the entire aspect of the interior. As it happened, a radiator was installed right over the spot where the head of Mother's bed had been.

In the early 1930's when Blackie's last illness struck it drained his strength swiftly. Meowing pitifully he dragged himself to the foot of the stairs. He made desperate efforts to mount them, falling off the first step several times with a thud which brought forth an agonized yowl. He continued to try but simply couldn't make it.

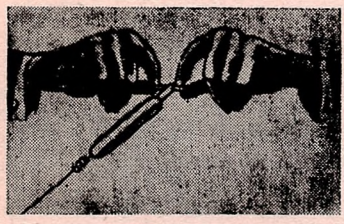
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FLOWER SMELL

By Audrey Kroha

MY HUSBAND George was in the Leech Farm Vets' Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. in October 1961 when my old car quit running. Living in the country with two small children — George, Jr., and Donald, not yet in their teens — I was really stuck.

As always I turned to my brother James Best for help. Anytime I needed anything Jim always came through. This time he gave me his car, then went and bought an old car for himself. The night he picked up his car he came to show it to me. I opened the door and smelled the heavy odor of flowers. I asked Jim what in the world he had in the car to make it smell like that. He said he couldn't smell anything but he laughed and said, "That's me you smell. Whenever you smell flowers I am close to you."

The next time I smelled that heavy odor was in the funeral home a month later where he lay dead — but of course the room was full of flowers.

The third time came in June 1963. I was driving very fast on a busy highway in Butler County when the scent filled my car. It was so overpowering I stopped the car and got out. I could find no source for the odor and soon it disappeared. Starting again I picked up speed and the smell came again. Now feeling uneasy, I slowed and proceeded on my way at a snail's pace. After a few minutes my car lurched to the shoulder. The left front wheel had fallen off the car. If I had been driving at my usual speed I doubt I would be here to report that I believe Jim

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THEY'LL BE THERE

By Glady Brierly Ashour

FOR THE 38 years of our married life my older sister Emma Brierly was an essential and much-loved member of our household. During the last years of his life my husband Gerald suffered from cervical arthritis and my sister used to massage his neck and shoulder.

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Gerald suffered three successive strokes in October 1967 and during his brief stay in Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md., before he died October 14 he often called for Emmie. But by then she was too frail to make the trip to the hospital.

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A little before nine o'clock Emmie was apparently sleeping and I stepped to the dresser to pick up my purse, thinking we might as well leave the hospital.

At that moment my daughter called "Mother!"

Turning quickly I saw Emmie sitting up in bed. Her eyes were wide open, her lips parted in a smile of recognition. Then quietly she lay back on her pillow.

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MY FATHER Jacob Procheria died suddenly on May 9, 1956, after a heart attack. For months I pined. I couldn't get over the sudden loss. We had been very close and he often had said, that should he die first he always would return to be on hand if I needed him.

On Christmas night seven months after his death I experienced the first of many strange events which were to follow in the New Year.

Mother had come to live with us in our home in Philadelphia and it was our first Christmas without Dad. She had retired for the night, my teenaged son and daughter, Francis, Jr., and Joan, were out with friends and my husband had gone off on an errand. I sat alone feeling blue until the church bells striking nine reminded me it was time to put my 17-month-old baby Debra to bed. Off to the bedroom we went but for some reason the baby would not go to sleep. She cried and fussed. Mother got up and called down to see if she could help. I assured her I would handle it and I heard her padding back to bed. Finally the baby fell asleep.

Just as I was about to tiptoe from the room, almost holding my breath so as not to waken the baby, I heard footsteps on the creaking stairs. I was furious, for I was sure it was Mother coming down to pamper Debra. As quietly as I could I walked over to the door fearing Mother would fling it open noisily. But the footsteps stopped at the door and through the glass I could see a shadow. I put my hand on the knob to open the door as the footsteps and shadow continued down the hall to the living room.

I stepped quickly into the hall expecting to find Mother in the living room — but no one was there. I snapped on the lights, feeling suddenly apprehensive. Mustering my courage I entered the kitchen and switched on the light. It too was empty. Where had the shadow and footsteps gone?

I sat down at the table and started to cry, completely unnerved. But suddenly a warm feeling came over me and I wasn't frightened anymore. I felt Dad was with me.

After that, whenever I had a problem I'd go into the kitchen and pretend Dad was there and I'd tell him my troubles. Before I left the room I always found a solution.

Then, on December 4, 1957, sitting alone in the living room I heard a noise in the kitchen. Startled I turned to look down the hall and I saw a bright light coming toward me. I was frightened and fell to my knees, praying. But out of the bright light stepped my father!

"Don't touch me," he said. "I've come for your mother. It's time for her to come with me."

Suddenly the room became even brighter, as if it were on fire. Dad threw me a kiss and the light went out. I found myself kneeling on the floor crying.

The next day at 12:20 P.M. my beloved uncomplaining mother died of cancer — in her own bed in our apartment.—*Philadelphia, Pa.*

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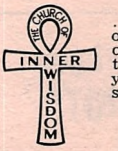
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Then without warning, just before Christmas 1969, my hard-working uncomplaining wife died, the victim of a heart attack. I had to arrange for the most economical funeral possible and could make only a down payment for that. I tried in vain to borrow.

Six months after Laura's death the undertaker called and said he was putting a lien on my humble home and furnishings unless I paid a substantial part of the balance on the funeral expenses. Deeply depressed I thought of committing suicide.

The old washer had broken down so I had to use washboard and tub for my laundry. One dismal day I was doing the washing when suddenly I heard Laura's voice.

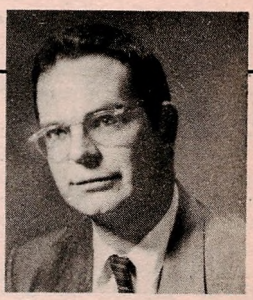
I looked up and saw her standing in a bluish haze near me. She said clearly, "Bill, go into the bedroom, open the left-hand door of my wardrobe and way in back you'll find an old pair of overshoes. Back of them is an old black pocketbook. Take it out and open it."

As suddenly as she had appeared she left. I went quickly to the bedroom. I hadn't had the heart to touch her wardrobe since her death and I had intended to call Good Will to carry it away.

Trembling, I opened the wardrobe, bent over and found the overshoes. Reaching beyond them I felt the old black pocketbook, one I think I never had seen before. With fumbling hands I opened the purse and emptied its contents on the bed — bills in small denominations and coins! When I was calmer I counted the money. It amounted to more than $1,000! — *Eugene, Ore.*



New Books



By David Techter

THE FOLKLORE OF PSI

SOME MONTHS AGO I mentioned an ambitious series of volumes scheduled for publication by Gale Research Company (Book Tower, Detroit, Mich. 48226). Few of the titles I mentioned have appeared to date. However, reprint houses frequently announce prospective titles well in advance and then wait for advance orders before actually going to press.

Now some recent circulars from Gale announce several items that may be of interest to FATE readers. (The date of reprinting is not given with most of them so some may not be precisely "new books." But I believe all are new to FATE.) Those of you with limited budgets may balk at the price tags on some of these volumes. Gale's customers are primarily libraries and the price is partly explained by the books' superior bindings and paper quality.

The most immediately relevant title is *Strange Things* by John L. Campbell and Trevor Hall (350 pages, $10.00). The long subtitle reads: "The Story of Father Allan McDonald, Ada Goodrich Freer, and the Society for Psychical Research's Enquiry into Highland Second Sight." Actually this is not a reprint since the records, dating back 70 years, never were previously published. Another obvious title is Charles Thompson's *The Mystery and Romance of Astrology* (296 pages, $7.50), originally published in 1929. Astrology also receives attention in T. S. Knowlson's *The Origins of Popular Superstitions and Customs* (242 pages, $7.50) along with witchcraft, vampirism, palmistry and numerous other topics. A similar collection is William Jones' *Credulities Past and Present* (560 pages, $18.50) which includes writings on amulets, talismans, omens and divination. Jones also is the author of *History and Mystery of Precious Stones* (376 pages, $12.50). Both these volumes date back to 1880.

Readers interested in healing may wish to consult Robert Charles Hope's *The Legendary Lore of the Holy Wells of England* (222 pages, $11.50). Hope cites many cases of alleged hauntings as well as miraculous cures. Another volume of

related interest is E. C. Brewer's *Dictionary of Miracles* (582 pages, $13.50) concerned mainly with Christian saints. A particularly intriguing title is James Charles Wall's *Devils* (152 pages, $8.50) which contains such fascinating information as that the ancient Talmudists estimated that Hell's population "numbered 7,405,926 devils, 11,000 confronting each human being." This volume, first published in 1904, also contains a chapter on exorcism.

SEA SERPENTS AND DIVINING RODS

ANOTHER VOLUME of potential interest to many readers is *The Case for the Sea Serpent* (291 pages, $8.50), by Rupert Thomas Gould, best known for his twin books *Enigmas* and *Oddities*. While this has been largely superseded by Heuvelman's more recent review, many will be pleased to have this 1930 study in print again. Sea monsters also figure in a much older monograph, John Aston's *Curious Creatures in Zoology* (348 pages, $12.50). This 1890 study describes numerous mythical animals as well as real ones and is illustrated with some 130 wood engravings. The Gale catalogue contains several other volumes dealing with mythical animals and the folklore of nature, many with unusual illustrations.

Perhaps the oldest items in the Gale collection are reprints of volumes printed in 1883-1894 which were abstracted from the original publisher, the British *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1731 to 1868. The third of these, *Popular Superstitions* (333 pages, $12.00), contains a major section on witchcraft. "Prophecies, Dreams and Ghost Stories" is a section in the fourth volume, *English Traditional Lore* (356 pages, $12.00), which also contains folklore on fairies. Readers with especial interest in fairy lore will want to check the Gale catalogue for several other related studies. Both Nandor Fodor and A. R. G. Owen have remarked on the similarities between the activities ascribed in the past to fairies or brownies and which we now call teleportation and poltergeists. Indeed, it is unfortunate that few psychic researchers are familiar with folklore — and so few folklorists are sympathetic to the psychic.

Another topic of interest is the divining rod, a history of which is included in Francis Stauffer's *The Queer, The Quaint and the Quizzical* (367 pages, $19.50). Another volume discussing divining is Walter K. Kelly's *Curiosities of Indo-European Tradition and Folk-Lore* (306 pages, $12.50). Published first in 1863, Kelly's study was one of the earliest volumes to interpret folklore in a scholarly fashion. Other entries touch on "The Dead, Their World and the Way To It," witches and werewolves. Water witching also is a subject in *Straight Texas* (348 pages, $8.00), edited by J. Frank Dobie and Mody C. Boatwright.

ON MARKETS AND REPRINTS

THE ABOVE IS a sample of the books in the Gale catalogue which are of greatest interest to FATE readers. Those of you seriously interested in these books might write to Gale for their handsome descriptive brochures. As I said, the high prices are based partially on the library-quality production but also reflect the fact that Gale is aiming at this limited market rather than at the general public. If the sales were five or six times as large as expected these prices could be cut in half.

Correspondence with Gale in the past has established that they are not unaware that the psychic market is a rapidly expanding one today but so far they have made no concerted effort to tap it. Orders and inquiries from FATE's readership might hasten the day when the books announced

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TORONTO ON THE MOVE

A RECENT VISIT to the thriving city of Toronto for scientific meetings gave me the opportunity to become acquainted with recent developments in the psychic field in that Canadian metropolis. A significant step has been the establishment of the New Horizons Foundation (10 North Sherbourne, Toronto 5), an organization that lists parapsychology amongst its interests. It has acquired a handsome brick building and hired as its director the aforementioned A. R. G. "George" Owen (best known for his excellent book, *Can We Explain the Poltergeist?*). Owen strikes me as well-nigh the ideal head for such an enterprise. He combines a perceptive and open mind with British reserve and tactfulness.

The New Horizons Foundation also is interested in archaeology and George already has organized an expedition to excavate a coastal site in Ecuador. A still-to-be-established division of the Foundation will con-

cern itself with miscellaneous unknowns, covering pretty nearly the gamut of FATE's interests. It is a challenging prospect and Owen is to be commended for getting things off to such a propitious start.

The Foundation's headquarters also serve as the meeting place for the newly formed Toronto Society for Psychical Research. Under the leadership of Allen Spraggett, long-time religion editor for the *Toronto Star*, this new organization has made great strides in its first months. Allen waxed enthusiastic as he described the various interest groups concentrating on various areas within the field. A medical committee is studying healing. The mediumship committee already reports encouraging results with a local sensitive. Other committees are investigating physical disturbances and collecting spontaneous cases. The first two items contributed to the group's premonition bureau turned out to be impressive hits.

Spraggett fans also will be pleased to hear that Allen is writing another book to follow up his excellent *The Unexplained*.

It all sounded exciting and in keeping with the forward-looking city of Toronto, surely one of the most attractive cities in North America. Readers in the Toronto area are invited to write (to the Sherbourne address) for details on the Society's activities.

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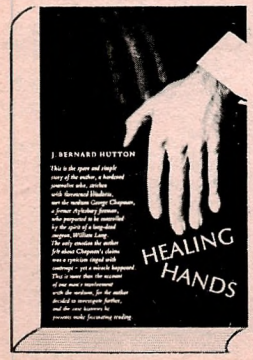
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However, if Mr. Christopher intends his book as a serious challenge to parapsychology I'm afraid it will be received with humor and contempt.

One of his most common failings is to mislead by "omissions." It is relatively easy to condemn parapsychology superficially by picking and choosing isolated experiments to criticize. For example, in the treatment of Eusapia Palladino, the Italian physicial medium, Christopher devotes himself to the unfortunate Cambridge and New York 1910



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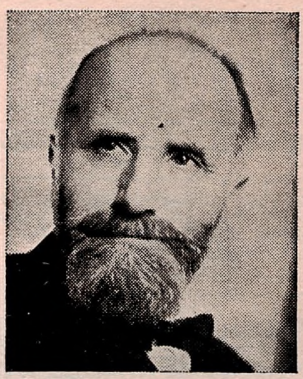
experiments, which were decidedly negative, but does not mention the 1892 Milan Commission, the 1893-4 Warsaw report, the Rome sittings, Richet's Ile Roubaud series, the 1897 Naples experiments or the 1906-7 Genoa reports, all of which were positive.

In criticizing Rhine's work at Duke University Christopher again singles out isolated tests to invalidate decades of work. In fact, he employs Professor Hansel's notoriously defective criticisms as if they were fact.

Being a magician Christopher seems prone to explain away much parapsychological data by his own limp theories. What of D. D. Home's fire immunity when he handled white-hot coals? According to Christopher, the coal Home really handled was just white pine not at all hot and the blisters his onlookers received when they touched the same coal were caused by suggestion! Equally amusing is his acceptance of "confessions" in poltergeist cases — when the confession doesn't begin to explain the phenomena reported. Is this Mr. Christopher's own "will to believe," that mystic quality he seems to find in everyone else?

Following the lead of other authors of books of this nature Christopher holds that the supernatural can be explained away by the artful tricks of the conjurer. Perhaps he doesn't know that most of the great conjurers — Keller, Thurston (whom he does mention) and Robert Houdin — all came to accept, psychic phenomena as genuine.

In view of the present-day status of parapsychology it is hard to believe that a book of this nature still finds an audience. To criticize man's "will to believe" and his thrill-seeking fascination with astrology, witches and fortune-tellers is one thing but to take on the whole parapsychological community is quite another matter. Christopher's material, his criticisms



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and his explanations are all old hat to parapsychologists.—*D. Scott Rogo.*

LSD, MARIHUANA, YOGA AND HYPNOSIS by Theodore Xenophon Barber, Aldine Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill., 1970, 337 pages, $8.95.

Like Dr. Barber's earlier book, *Hypnosis: A Scientific Approach,* the new volume maintains the high standard of scholarship we have come to expect from its author. It is divided into seven chapters, each dealing with some aspect of drugs, yoga or hypnosis. Each chapter includes an extensive list of references and the book is indexed.

Chapter I is a long overdue, dispassionate, up-to-date, lucid, accurate and readable review of research relating to the chemistry, uses and effects of LSD and related psychedelic drugs. Nearly all significant topics related to LSD are discussed including the effects of the drug on psychological and physiological processes. Research related to alleged chromosomal damage produced by the drug and that relating to the effects of the drug on the developing fetus are considered in detail. This chapter alone is worth the price of the book.

Similarly, Chapter II reviews the literature relating to the physical, psychological and social effects of marihuana. The similarities in the effects of marihuana, THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) hashish and LSD are discussed and Dr. Barber concludes there is little if any evidence that moderate use of marihuana is physically or psychologically harmful — although heavy use may result in conjunctivitis and respiratory diseases. Also, interactive effects of drug dosage, situation, set and personality remain unexplored.

If marihuana use is legalized Dr. Barber proposes it should be available only from licensed dealers and

penalties for misbehavior under its effects should be strengthened, possibly along the lines of those imposed for misbehavior under the influence of alcohol. In any event THC and hashish should not be legalized, he believes.

Chapter III, written in collaboration with Abdulhusein S. Dalal, is an elementary introduction to yoga in which some of the popular beliefs regarding the feats of yogis and fakirs are discussed and compared with hypnotic phenomena.

The remainder of the book is devoted to hypnosis. One chapter each reviews the physiological effects of hypnosis, its effects on pain, and hypnotic age regression. The final chapter deals with Dr. Barber's theory of hypnosis. In brief, he believes that hypnotic phenomena are explainable as joint functions of the subjects' attitudes interacting with what they expect their performance under hypnosis to be with the wording and tone of specific suggestions, task motivational instructions, the way the experimental situation is defined, and relaxation-sleep suggestions made by the experimenter. — *C. J. Parshall.*

THE PSYCHIC WORLD OF PETER HURKOS by Norma Lee Browning, Doubleday and Co., Inc., New York, N.Y., 1970, 297 pages, $6.95.

According to the dust jacket this incredible work proves beyond all reasonable doubt that Peter Hurkos possesses genuine paranormal abilities. Whatever value the book may have — and I find practically none — its scientific verification of the psychic's abilities is nonexistent.

Miss Browning's 14 chapters give a glib, breezy, anecdotal, journalistic — and superficial — coverage of Peter Hurkos' life and include several highly publicized cases in which he was involved.

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Certain examples cited by Miss Browning are interesting but the majority of the incidents mentioned are of no value to the psychical researcher. Verifying evidence is not presented and many judgments of material rest upon witnesses who through no fault of their own are not qualified to analyze it. As a result any serious student of paranormal phenomena must dismiss this "evidence."

Included is the Jim Thompson disappearance into a Malaysian jungle which so far as evidential material goes ended in no evidence and no case. Even Miss Browning admits this. The involved Boston Strangler case is described but again, for all practical purposes, it fades to an inconclusive ending. And so it goes.

Miss Browning apparently believes she is a keen skeptical psychical researcher. I find no evidence for this in her book. She remarks in the first chapter, for example, that she has a researcher's familiarity with such "flamboyant fakes" as D. D. Home, etc. With this incredibly naive statement she has excluded herself from the ranks of knowledgeable researchers.

On page 76 she writes: ". . .Rhine has refused to accept Peter as a subject for his ESP experiments."

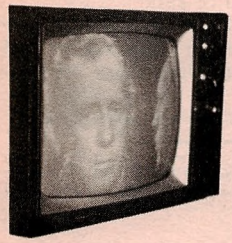
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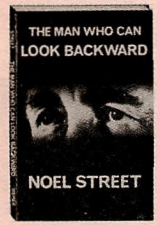


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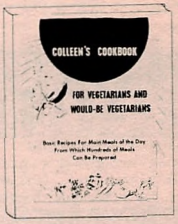
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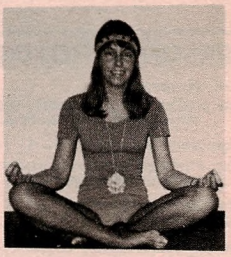
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home. His evasiveness was very obvious."

A few derogatory remarks about the noted parapsychologist, Professor Tenhaeff, further reflect Miss Browning's lack of scholarly qualification. And as one last observation regarding her self-admitted abilities as a "researcher" I note that on pages 263 and 264 she seems impressed by that old warhorse of fakir trickery, the bed of spikes trick.

I am impelled to paraphrase Ambrose Bierce by remarking that scientifically speaking, Miss Browning's book has too many pages between its covers.—*Raymond Bayless.*

BORN AGAIN by Hans Holzer, Doubleday and Co., New York, N.Y., 1970, 267 pages, $5.95.

For his book on reincarnation Hans Holzer has compiled case histories brought to his attention by readers of his earlier books.

Chapter II, presenting a general background on the subject of rebirth, reads like an encyclopaedic abstract of Head and Cranston's *Reincarnation in World Thought,* but the rest of the book for the most part presents new case histories and a little rehash of some familiar ones.

If any aspect of Holzer's investigative demeanor irritates me it is the repeated assurances that he (Holzer) is infallibly exhaustive in the conclusions he reaches. Such perfection is hard to gulp down in the face of my own human lapses. Somewhere, I keep praying, he eventually must confess, "I may have missed something!" Such a confession is not to be found in *this* book.

The author's investigative premise for this book is that if reincarnation cannot be clinically demonstrated we at least can work to eliminate all alternative explanations for such memory phenomena.

Holzer tests the alternatives of *dé-*

jà vu and ESP as primary choices and makes the honest evaluation that psychic perception and precognition could supply most of the memory phenomena that has been presented as proof of reincarnation. His thesis is that reports can be considered authentic only after these alternatives are deemed impossible.

The thesis is commendable but his efforts to rule out the psychic alternatives in the cases he claims as genuine seem evasive. Those that do not suggest precognition at least raise speculation about ESP, simple hypnotic regression and even suggestion of coincidental fantasy.

Almost all of the case histories concern persons who either were psychic from an early age or have demonstrated psychic abilities since their reincarnative revelations. It seems evasive for Holzer to state, "I am not concerned with (her) psychic experiences as such . . ." when he earlier has admitted that such alternatives must be eliminated before the revelations can be genuine evidence of past lives.

The stories that tempt acceptance as valid rebirth memories would be those reported by small children who recount adult-like experiences. But then one remembers childhood fantasies and the mountain of research evidence that all children have psychic powers until they are smothered by ridicule, dogma or brainwashing.

It seems unlikely that this book will produce any mass conversions to belief in reincarnation. The serious reader is likely to feel that nothing new has been proven and that an unproven rebirth theory remains irrelevant to all except the idly curious. — *Tom C. Lyle.*

ROSA, The Life of an Italian Immigrant, by Marie Hall Ets, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minn., 1970, 254 pages, $7.50.

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THE ETHERIC DOUBLE by A. E. Powell, Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Ill., 1969, 140 pages, $1.45 (paperback).

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THE COSMIC WOMB by Arthur W. Osborn, Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Ill., 1969, 233 pages, $2.25 (paperback).

A Quest Book original, *The Cosmic Womb*, "an interpretation of man's relationship to the infinite," discusses survival and immortality, the mind-brain relationship, mystical and psychic experiences, God and evil and such disciplines as ancient and modern Yoga and Zen.

THE MYSTERY TEACHINGS AND CHRISTIANITY by Gerald Tranter, Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Ill., 1969, 208 pages, $1.75 (paperback).

Gerald Tranter, for many years a student of philosophy and religion, in this Quest Book original challenges orthodox Christianity to recognize the value of other great religions and to give greater cognizance to the ancient mysteries "to help man find his way in his present great need."

MYSTIC MAN by Mark Western, Regency Press, London, England, 1969, $3.50.

For "people who are quite new to mysticism" this book outlines a 14-week course in basic development and includes telepathy, astral travel and memory of past lives.

THE PERENNIAL RELIGION by Francis Foster, Regency Press, London, England, 1970, $8.00.

Francis Foster's theme is that all the world religions are popularized and hence debased forms of mankind's original simple faith. The first half of the book is devoted to uncovering the historical Jesus from the myths that originated after the Crucifixion and the second half advances scientific evidence to prove the existence of God and the spiritual plane of existence.

Report FROM THE Readers

THE RECORD RESTRAIGHTENED

In a letter published in your March 1971 issue under the heading "Setting the Record Straight" Dr. J. Manson Valentine makes certain claims concerning our discovery of evidence of an ancient civilization in the Bahamas.

In February 1969 Michael Grumley, Margaret Adams Huenergardt of Miami, Mrs. Marguerite Barbrook of Mallorca and I organized an expedition to take my boat, the *Tana*, to investigate the prophecy of Edgar Cayce that Atlantis would show signs of having existed off the island of North Bimini. We were assisted by information garnered by the Edgar Cayce Foundation (the Institute for Research and Enlightenment) of Virginia Beach, Va., and the Marine Archaeology Research Society of Florida (organized by Mrs. Huenergardt). Dr. Valentine joined us on Bimini and came aboard as my guest, not as head of the expedition. And he did so at his own request.

Valentine is not an archaeologist, as he led us to believe when we met him and as he implies in his letter. He is a doctor of entomology, with a specialty in beetles. As to his work in the Bahamas previous to our discovery, his one find was announced in 1967 as an "Atlantean temple," a conceit he holds to today,

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despite its having been proved—by Count Pino Turolla of Miami, who is indeed an archaeologist-explorer and geologist—to have been a conch pen built in 1934 by one Edwin Smith of Andros Island.

As described in our book, *Atlantis, the Autobiography of a Search* (Doubleday and Co., 1970), Valentine had no idea of exactly what we would find or if we would find anything at all. It actually transpired that on February 26, 1969, we were led to the site of the discovery by a native fisherman of Bimini called Evangelo to investigate a recently uncovered group of large rocks which he and several other fisherman-guides had been using as a marker for particularly good fishing grounds. Michael Grumley and I were in the water a full half hour before Valentine could get himself into his scuba gear. On this occasion he took no pictures whatever that were not ruined in the process of taking them or developing them later on. Also, because no decent photos had been taken of the discovery, Count Turolla (among his other accomplishments he is a professional underwater explorer and photographer as well) was asked to make a photographic study of the site. It was these photos Valentine used in his article for *Muse News* (June 1969). By the time these photos were taken, however, more of the tidal sands had receded and Count Turolla made additional discoveries on his own, to wit: three other sections of wall and 44 sets of pillars, which since then Valentine has made every effort to find but without success.

Then, in September 1970, Count Turolla made what is perhaps the most important discovery of all. As announced in the February 14, 1971, *Chicago Tribune* he found south of the wall a gigantic ancient symbol, a huge semicircle and connecting arrow, which in today's symbology

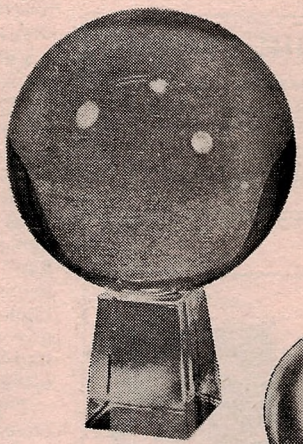
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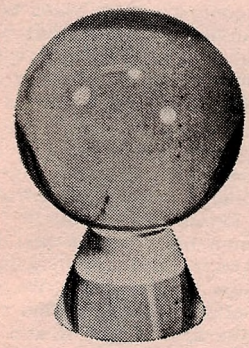
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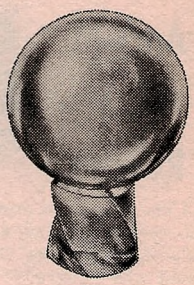
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most closely resembles the astrological sign of Mars. It measures approximately 200 feet across and professional opinion speculates that it may be the world's oldest symbol.

Of these things and more, Valentine knows nothing. If one were to check back into the constant reiteration of his claims in this matter, one would be surprised and appalled to see how many times his scenario and cast of characters has been changed. It is frankly untrue that anyone called "Bonefish Sam" or Jacques Mayol, the diver, has had any but the most recent involvement with the discovery.

Valentine's statement that Mr. Grumley and I made a press release to *The New York Times* before the publication of our book is equally untrue. Their coverage was a follow-up to an article about our adventure published a year before that paper's Boat Show Edition of 1968, and it was unsolicited. It is true, on the other hand, that Valentine himself called a press conference the week before our book appeared, but failed to attract any more than local interest, for he had nothing new to report after his allegations in the *Muse News* article.

The excavation rights to the discovery now have been awarded to Colonel Rockwell of the North American Rockwell Corporation who has extensive holdings in the Bahamas and neither Mr. Grumley nor I have anything to gain or lose from the whole affair. We do, however, claim the distinction of having been the first to find it and we have made every effort, in our book and subsequently, to deal justly and honestly with everyone involved. — *Robert Ferro, Rome, Italy.*

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When I stand before God I will have to give an accounting of my talents. I want to do all I can while I can. I want to help anyone who needs help and will write to me. When I get a prayer request by mail the Spirit takes control of my body; I "feel" the trouble and I "feel" when it is healed. — *Ray Howell, 210 Palmetto St., New Smyrna Beach, Fla. 32069.*

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Stanton Friedman, a noted nuclear physicist with 14 years' experience in various specialized fields of science, will be the featured speaker at the 1971 Midwest UFO Conference to be held in St. Louis, Mo., on June 12, 1971. The Conference is to be hosted by the UFO Study group of Greater St. Louis. Mr. Friedman has spent more than 10 years investigating the UFO phenomenon and has stated that it is the most challenging scientific problem of this or any other age.

Information concerning the Conference may be obtained by writing to W. Christian, c/o UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, 758 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis, Mo., 63125. — *Lucius Farish, Plumerville, Ark.*

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Many persons since have tried to find the treasure using the doctor's scanty notes made on his trip. Through the years the value of the rock has come to be grossly exaggerated. Some journalists have said it is worth $2,200,000 to the finder. However, my husband and I realize the meteorite has little monetary value but we are entranced by the romance of the find. (We publish the magazine *Oregon Outdoors* and currently we are printing a series of stories on the Port Orford meteorite.)

It has occurred to us to engage a gifted psychometrizer to hold a sample of the meteorite to see what he or she might learn from it. (There is such a sample in the Smithsonian Institution.) We would like to hear from someone in the vicinity of Washington, D.C., who would be willing to help us. To find the Port Orford meteorite would be the thrill of a lifetime. — *Montana Costelloe, P.O. Box 658, Winston, Ore.*

A $40 LESSON

After reading David Techter's review of Brad Steiger's book on Irene Hughes, *Know the Future Today,* in the March 1971 FATE I feel a comment is in order.

My husband and I had an appointment with Mrs. Hughes in Chicago on January 20, 1971. I looked forward to our meeting with her because I had read the book earlier.

Mrs. Hughes asked if it would be

agreeable to us to spend an hour with her together instead of 30 minutes separately. We said O.K.

After seating us Mrs. Hughes said she would take my husband first. She said we had been in a downgrade cycle of turmoil and confusion in the last years (true) and things financially and otherwise would take an upward swing through 1976 (hopefully). My husband had an Uncle Charlie with whom he was very close. (He had two Uncle Carls and wasn't especially close to either.) Also, this favorite uncle had a pond which he hoped to stock with fish. (Neither of the two Uncle Carls were remotely interested in either water or fishing.) Next, she mentioned a Ralph with whom my husband was very close. (He knows — slightly — two or three men by that name.)

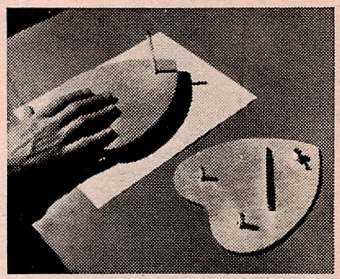
Mrs. Hughes felt our daughter-in-law was a tall blonde. (She is quite brunette.) And my husband's mother lives on property now owned by us which has a slope to it and a background of shrubbery (entirely untrue). My husband, she said, was a machinist. (He has been a cattleman all his life and a machinist he is not!)

She said I would start a gift shop on our farm in the next year (which I am sure I will not, having just sold out a clothing business). So much for the negative side.

To give Mrs. Hughes her due, she mentioned the name "Lou" which was the nickname of my deceased sister and said we were engaged in a legal property transaction (which we are) and which wouldn't be settled until August. Our daughter-in-law would suffer the loss of a beloved older person before November (remains to be seen), and our daughter had been in an auto accident (true, but Mrs. Hughes got the wrong daughter). She came up with several other statements which can't be proved or disproved.

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Anyway, as they say, "live and learn." Our experience was interesting if not very informative. — *Mrs. A. E. Boe, Lumberton, Miss.*

ANOTHER "FLYING CUCUMBER"

In November 1942 my husband and I saw a UFO like that described by Madge Brosius Allyn (March 1971 FATE. We were on a back road about 9:00 P. M. after leaving his parents' home at Hilltown outside of Doyleston, Pa. This object glided some 20 feet above the ground toward a group of about six trees. There it stopped.

It was about 100 feet long, oblong-shaped and had square windows in *one* row across its center. The light coming through the windows was the color of lamplight. The exterior of the object appeared to be a substance similar to aluminum and a brilliant bluish light enveloped the object.

My husband wouldn't stop for a better look. He said, "Oh, someone is advertising something," and we drove on. — *Margaret J. Rickert, Lambertville, N.J.*

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and sometimes in normal consciousness. Anyone having the experience of hearing this music is invited to write me giving as much detail as possible. — *D. Scott Rogo, 18048 Schoenborn St., Apt. 5, Northridge, Calif. 91324.*

TYPO

In regard to the biographical note on Eugene Burr ("Broadway Bogies and Other Phantoms," March 1971 FATE) will you tell me how Mr. Burr was born in 1910 in New York City and was graduated from Columbia in 1920? That makes him only 10 years old for his graduation. How could this be? — *Adelene Devore, Alexandria, Ind.*

This was a typographical error. Mr. Burr was born in 1910 and was graduated by Columbia in 1930. — The Editors.

WITCHES FOR PEACE

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We feel the cause is a good one and we need all the help we can get. Only an hour's effort is required from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M., PDST, on August 1 of this year. Please try to help. — *Ken Nahigian, Sacramento, Calif.*

THE STRANGE "THING"

About the middle of 1968 my husband Kenneth and I were visiting friends and relatives in Las Cruces, N. Mex. At that time my oldest daughter and her husband lived in Anthony, about 20 miles south of Las Cruces and on the border between Texas and New Mexico. One afternoon we drove down to Anthony in our truck and camper and didn't leave until about 11:30 P.M. We were about six miles out of Anthony going north toward Las Cruces when we came upon this strange thing squatted right in the middle of the highway devouring something which I guess had been killed by a car. The beast was much too big to be a dog and it looked like an ape, covered with long black wavy dusty-looking fur. As soon as the thing noticed our headlights its leaped up and disappeared into the darkness in a flash.

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The next time she heard the window scraping she snapped on the lights and moved faster to the kitchen window. The first thing she saw was moving very fast. It looked like a bear running on its hind legs. The second figure didn't move so fast and she had a good view of it in the lighted area. It looked like a man running on all fours yet not a man for it had shaggy tan fur.

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