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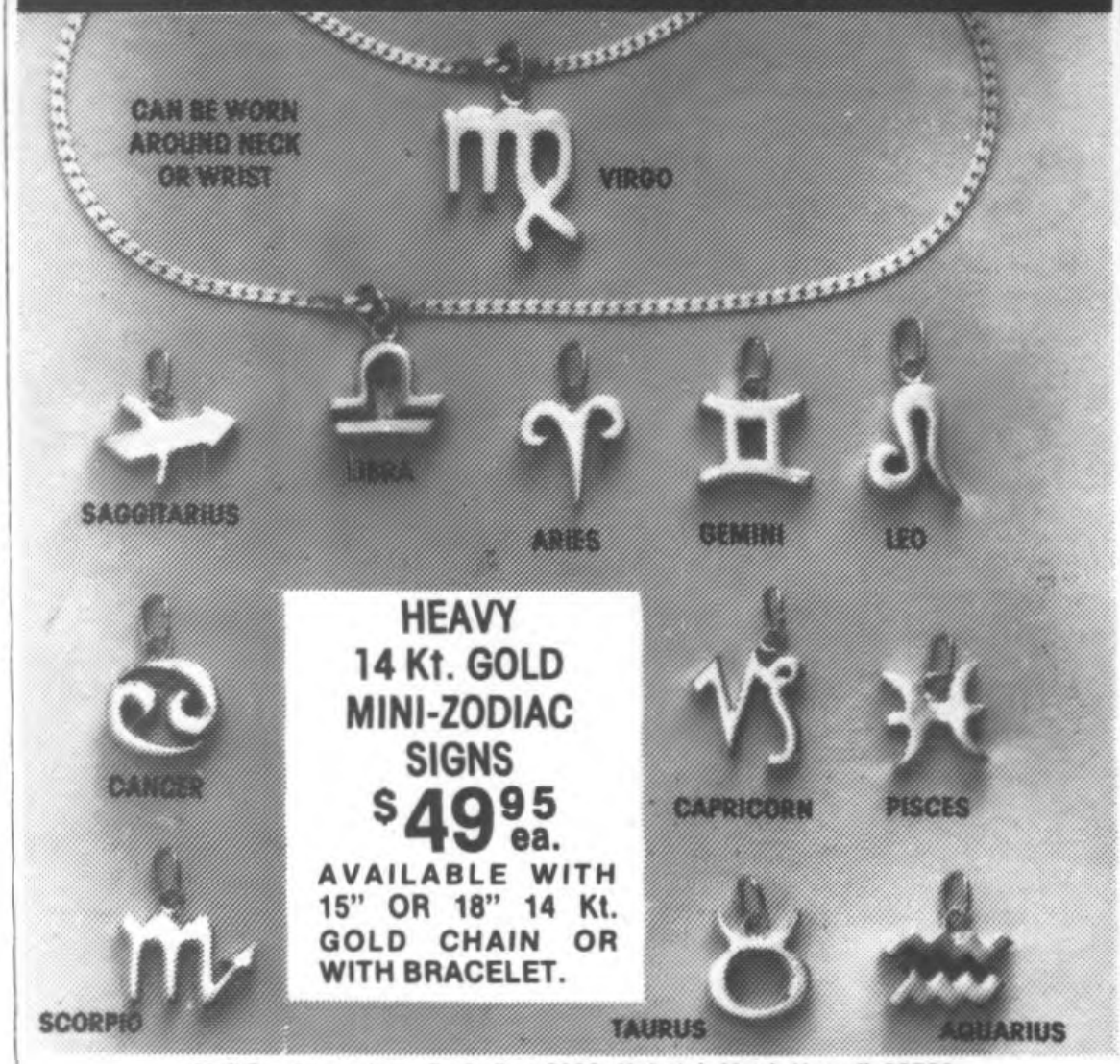
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by Curtis Fuller

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

The fact that something is farfetched is no reason why it should not be true; it cannot be as farfetched as the fact that something exists.

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It is axiomatic that the importance of a given thing cannot be determined by the number of people who are prepared to admit that it is important.

— Celia Green
The Decline and Fall of Science

HAVE "shoddy" criticisms of ESP fostered belief in the occult?

Ray Hyman, a psychologist at the University of Oregon and usually a responsible critic, believes they have.

Hyman says he never has seen any evidence that psychic phenomena exist. But initial criticisms made of parapsychological claims are all too often "poorly thought out. Inept criticism merely strengthens bad or misguided conclusions," Hyman told a symposium of the American Association for the Advancement of Science last winter.

Hyman usually appears open-minded but his reasoning here seems tortuous.

Apparently he begins with the premise that ESP is impossible. He looks upon the scientific community's increasing acceptance of ESP as a psychological aberration. There appears to be no room in his remarks for the concept that ESP might exist; instead he is looking at it as a problem in abnormal psychology.

"Some of our best minds are going down the wrong trail and we have to learn something from it," he says.

And "scientists who are taken in by claims of the paranormal should not be frozen out of the scientific community. We should take their claims seriously because if they're wrong, we have to learn why," he says.

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HOW GENEROUS!

THESE statements tell us clearly where Hyman is coming from.

When he uses the phrase "wrong trail" he obviously is referring to ESP research. He assumes a mantle of generosity by asking his fellows not to rule out of the scientific community those scientists who are "taken in" by positive results or claims.

His recommended solution to the ESP research problem is to investigate the thought processes of researchers who develop such unorthodox views — because their thinking is quirky.

Let us all be temperate in our criticisms, Hyman argues. It's obvious that these poor people are deluded fools but when the scientific community scorns them "the scientist making the find has no further reason for refining his beliefs." And then, of course, the beliefs become further entrenched.

Of course they do. And so do Hyman's beliefs.

If he's sincere about his view of "shoddy criticisms" by his colleagues, it's obvious that Dr. Hyman ought to keep better company than his fellow members of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

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DR. ROGERS DISAGREES

A PSYCHOLOGIST who takes a contrary view is Carl Rogers, a world-famous psychotherapist, now a resident fellow of The Center for the Study of the Person in LaJolla, Calif., and previously a professor at Ohio State and at Wisconsin and Chicago Universities.

In a chapter of the recent book *Explorers of Humankind,* Rogers describes unusual results that have been achieved by intensive therapy groups that he has led. These groups, he says, become one organ of a living, moving system. "We become more intuitive, knowing without 'knowing.'

"Some have developed to a degree which can only be called psychic. . . . Perhaps our more primitive capability, our largely unused right brain, is beginning to function again as it so often does in less 'civilized' societies. Perhaps this 'metamorphic mind' can come to know a universe which is non-linear, in which the terms time and space have very different meanings."

Unlike Hyman, Rogers has come to accept the reality of psychic claims. He has observed telepathic incidents and cites cases he believes to be true — of a person "seeing" a close relative dying in a hospital bed in another country, of a twin "seeing" her sister involved in an auto accident.

He cites one example of precognition in which a friend, who has received "significant" messages through the "much-scorned Ouija Board," received a detailed warning of a tragic accident, which later occurred, complete with names and date.

Rogers believes that the world of the paranormal may lead to new fields of knowledge. He asks whether the human species may be evolving in new ways more "suitable for transcending our present culture" which he regards as being in desperate shape.

"Will we discover new energies, new forces, new ways of being?" Rogers asks. "Are we entering new worlds of psychic space as well as the world of outer space? What is the future of the human spirit? To me these are tantalizing but definitely hopeful questions."

If I may be permitted to paraphrase a statement made by Celia Green, whose quotations began this column, I would like to say, "One of the greatest superstitions of *conventional science* [Green said, 'of our time'], is the belief that it has none."

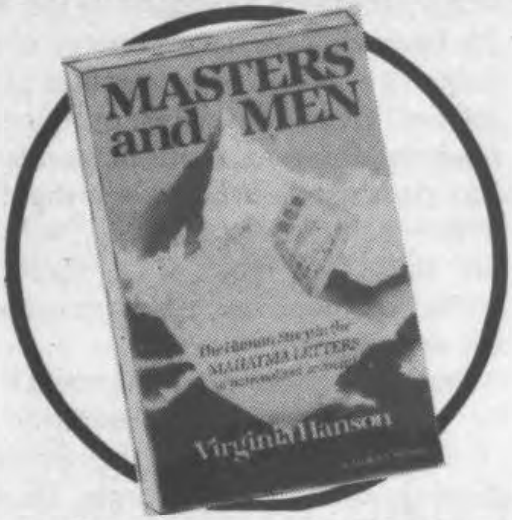
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A JEWISH VIEWPOINT

THESE persistent superstitions seem to revolve around our own

The Mahatmas Koot Hoomi and Morya with A.P. Sinnett

(The intimate details of their legendary, unique relationship)



MASTERS AND MEN

By Virginia Hanson

Just a few years ago, as time is measured by history, from the deep vastnesses of the Trans-Himalayas, two members of the Occult Brotherhood began exchanging letters with Alfred Percy Sinnett, brilliant English journalist, then residing in Allahabad, India. Due to the superphysical method of writing and transmitting the letters, and due to the astonishing facts and philosophy contained in them, an intense world-wide interest in this correspondence developed which has been sustained to the present day. In 1923 all of these communications were placed in book form under the title *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett*. They have gone through ten printings. The original letters are now in the archives of the British Museum. From this extensive correspondence, novelist Virginia Hanson has reconstructed what is coming to be recognized as a very vital episode of occultism. Based on carefully established fact, she has painted a delightfully human word picture of two wide and extraordinary individuals with super-human powers. Their names are Koot Hoomi and Morya, and they come vividly alive in this exciting story.

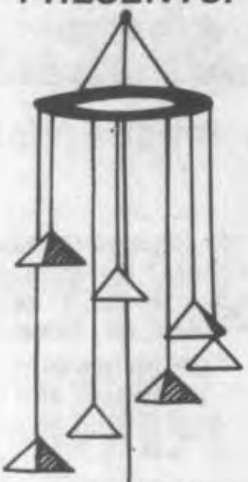
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commonsense view of reality, or what we personally find believable. Many persons of skeptical inclination will find the views of Adin Steinsaltz, 42, an extraordinary Israeli scholar and mystic, pretty hard to swallow.

An article on Steinsaltz in the May 26 issue of *Newsweek* quotes a colleague as calling him "a genius of the highest order." He has produced a modern Hebrew translation of the Babylonian *Talmud* that, together with his lucid commentary, will for the first time make that library of Jewish theology and law accessible to the average Israeli.

Steinsaltz presents the Kabbalah not as a rationalistic interpretation of Hebrew scriptures but as the authentic theology of the Jewish people. He also believes in reincarnation.

What would Ray Hyman say of an authentic genius with such a belief system?

Steinsaltz recently published a book, *The Thirteen Petalled Rose,* which sets forth his rather complex, mystical viewpoint. Kenneth L. Woodward and Milan J. Kubic, interpreting Steinsaltz's views from Jerusalem, state, "The Kabbalah locates man within a mingled hierarchy of material and spiritual worlds that exist both inside and outside human beings. According to Steinsaltz, creation is a continuing emanation from God who sustains spiritual worlds of angels above the material world of man."

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According to Steinsaltz, the purpose of Jewish life is to rise to the throne of God by good deeds, which requires assistance from 10 "interlocking *sefirot* or 'channels of divine flow.'" Since humans are incarnate souls they are to use these 10 channels to "repair" the world "and at the same time to rise individually through realms of higher consciousness to an understanding of God's creation."

Woodward and Kubic comment, "Steinsaltz has breathed fresh life into Orthodox Judaism, providing mystical underpinnings to biblical observance, and he has demonstrated to secularized Jews that Jewish law may be truly a path to spiritual enlightenment."

Steinsaltz believes in reincarnation because of his conviction that most souls must be born into another body because so few achieve spiritual perfection in one lifetime.

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KABBALAH AND MAGIC

IN THE rationalistic 19th Century, rabbis dismissed the Kabbalah as dangerous magic. It was eagerly seized upon by Christian occultists, however, like Eliphas Levi in the 19th Century and Aleister Crowley in the 20th. The so-called Tree of Life with its 10 interlocking *sefirot* is perceived as a diagram of creation, although the Kabbalists prefer the use of the word "emanation."

The Christian Kabbalists' beliefs do not seem far removed from Steinsaltz's



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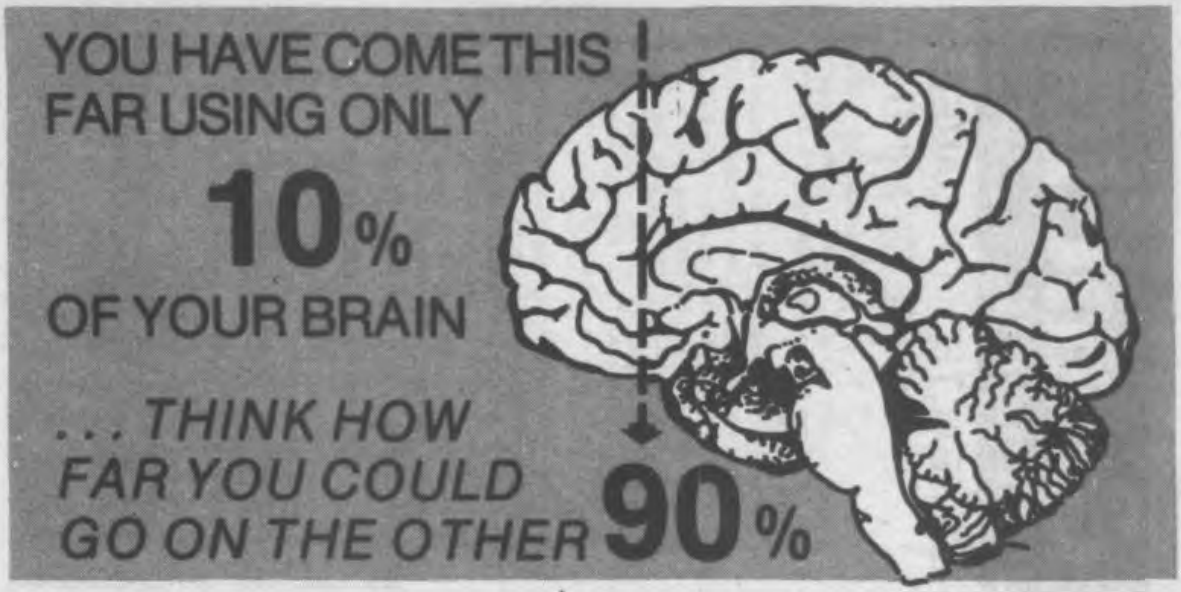
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My Luck Turns

I noticed that monks in saffron robes got free meals, so I became a self-appointed monk. In this guise I traveled the country for months. Frankly, I was getting a little bored, until I came upon a strange temple in a remote area.

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palaces, angels and demons. The adept had to use special words of power to force his passage through these supernatural guardians who barred his progress. These ideas also seem to have been adopted by modern magicians who sought names believed to be reservoirs of power. These names were usually gods of the Old Testament or ancient world.

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PROGRESS

MOST parapsychologists come from fields as diverse as medicine, biology, psychology, anthropology, history and philosophy. But now parapsychology has its own Ph. D. in the person of Jeffrey Mishlove, who, according to the UCLA *Daily Bruin,* has received the first such degree ever given in the United States from the University of California at Berkeley.

Mishlove believes (as most conventional parapsychologists do not) that it is possible to train people to improve their psychic abilities. He says it is necessary to do daily exercises, among which is "remote viewing."

In remote viewing (see Mishlove's two-part series on the phenomenon in the February and March 1980 issues of FATE) the subject closes his eyes and attempts to visualize and describe a place he has never seen. After enough practice, Mishlove says, "People can imagine real scenes they have never seen before, almost at will."

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IT SEEMS nearly all research into ESP has employed a psychological approach. One area in which physical research has made some progress in understanding psi may be the right brain/left brain problem, but even that is controversial.

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In the June 1980 issue of *Psychology Today* Dr. Daniel Goleman, a senior editor, interviewed Dr. Solomon Snyder, a psychiatrist-pharmacologist, who has focused his work on a group of neurotransmitters called peptides which act on the human brain.

Snyder says, "There are well-controlled studies demonstrating the validity of the role of mental attitude in disease." But what gives people this right mental attitude? Goleman asked, "Isn't it conceivable that we may one day discover the neurotransmitter that is the chemical analogue of a fighting spirit?"

Snyder responded, "Yes. Or of being dispirited."

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READING THOUGHTS

IN ANOTHER area of research, brain waves are being discovered that identify specific brain activity which hitherto has been regarded as the exclusive province of the mind.

- *P300* is a positive electric potential signal that occurs 300/1000 of a second after an event. This "decision wave" occurs after the brain has processed an incoming message and made a decision. Studies of this wave reveal that the people who make wrong decisions on tests usually have acted hastily, before their P300 waves had time to develop, according to Adolph Pfefferbaum, a psychophysiologist at Stanford University. He believes that persons who react after their P300 waves appear may make good leaders because they take extra time to allow their brains to make a decision.
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Ron Kotulak of the *Chicago Tribune*, who has written in detail about the new brain-research findings, explains that "the brain wave is the brain's signal that it is getting ready to command the muscles in the vocal cords, throat and mouth to form the words.

"Each word has its own wave form, like a fingerprint, and they appear to be the same for everyone, York and Jensen found. The potentially sinister part of this is that the brain sends out the word waves even if a person does not speak the word but only thinks it.

"By giving a person questions that can be answered with a 'yes' or a 'no' they can measure the characteristic word waves to find out what a person is really thinking, literally reading his mind."

Perhaps in this there is a clue to some ESP.

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BRAIN OR MIND

THE NEW brain research is showing vastly more learning potential than was previously believed. Instead of there being 10 billion neurons researchers now estimate 100 billion. Neurons are the brain cells that generate thinking, learning and memory.

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New studies also show that brain injuries need not lead to automatic loss of function: that although older brains slow down fractionally they still are able to function at a great rate; that the brain is so plastic that children who have had half a brain removed because of an accident grow up having normal intelligence.

And, to continue on the healing theme, Ron Kotulak reports, "Some scientists now believe that the brain exerts tremendous power over the body, controlling the immune system, for instance, and deciding when you will get sick and when you will get better, determining whether you get an allergy or cancer, and whether you should give up the will to live or die."

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LET'S switch from talking about health to talking about medicine and medical procedures; the two are quite different.

Conventional widsom got kicked in the teeth late in May when the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council disputed the warnings we have been hearing lo these many years about the dangers of cholesterol and fats in our diets. The Council, a division of the National Academy of Sciences, reported that it has found no clear-cut evidence that reducing blood levels of cholesterol by diet can prevent heart disease. And the Board also found no reason for the average American to restrict cholesterol intake.

The American Heart Association naturally took issue with the report. Nevertheless, the Board's statement agrees with the repeated findings made by a research friend of ours who, 15 years ago, assured us that not cholesterol, not saturated or unsaturated fats were the critical problems in heart disease but total fat intake, since the body was constantly manufacturing cholesterol anyway.

It is just as difficult to settle upon the truth here as in the equally esoteric areas of parapsychology. But the Board's report also seems to confirm a study reported in the May 9 *Journal of the American Medical Association* which analyzed the weights and deaths of 5209 men and women who participated in a Framingham, Mass., heart study from 1948 to 1972. The study showed minimum mortality for persons of average weight and increased mortality for

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GETTING AT THE TRUTH

THERE ARE many other paradoxes in today's medical research. Do you remember that some while back two red food dyes were ordered off the market because they were suspected of causing cancer? Now Dr. Charles B. Huggins, a Nobel laureate at the University of Chicago, suggests that two red dyes commonly used in lipstick can prevent leukemia. The two dyes, Sudan III and Sudan IV, prevented leukemia in 100 percent of more than 1000 rats which had received a leukemia-inducing drug. Yet 90 percent of the control rats, which received the same leukemia-producing drug without either of the red dyes, developed fatal leukemia.

Controversies over negative ion generators also remain unresolved. The FDA forbids the sale of negative ion generators for health purposes, although what else the FDA imagines they are being sold for is a mystery. Dr. Albert Krueger of the University of California and Dr. Felix Sulman of Jerusalem University believe that high concentrations of both positive and negative ions in the air can have physiological effects. Positive ions seem to produce irritability by raising serotonin levels. Negative ions do the opposite. Now Fred Soyka, in the book *The Ion Effect*, concludes that negative air ionization neutralizes the bad effects of too many positive ions. Nevertheless, Dr. Sulman adds to the

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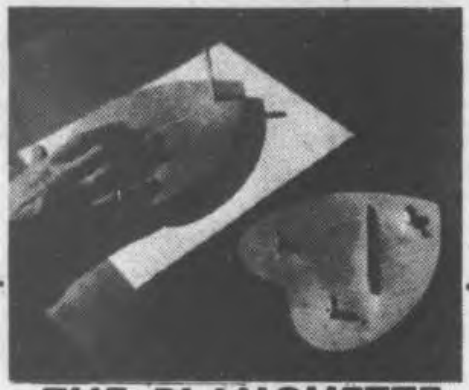
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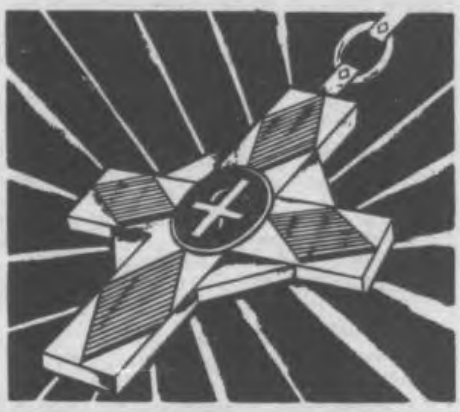
BRITISH scientists at the Wellcome Research Laboratories report that some kinds of seafood, including scallops and oysters, contain large amounts of a fatty acid which helps the body create a chemical defense against blood clotting, with its dangers of heart attack or stroke.

Another strange medical claim comes from Alexander Schauss, director of the Institute for Biosocial Research in Tacoma, Wash. He says, "The use of color in tranquilizing aggression and potential violence is opening up a new frontier of behavioral technology."

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I HAVE RECEIVED THE GIFT OF HEALING

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ANTRON HAS GIVEN ME A MISSION—

Antron says that those on the Spacecraft had come because our world is going through a period of declining faith, and they were sent here to spread the word about life in other galaxies—and about the universal power of faith and of God. They have given me an instrument to spread the word, and that instrument is— THE CROSS OF ANTRON!

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The Hand of Lydia Stalnaker

Simulation: Actual photo is in my files and can be viewed as it appears in color.

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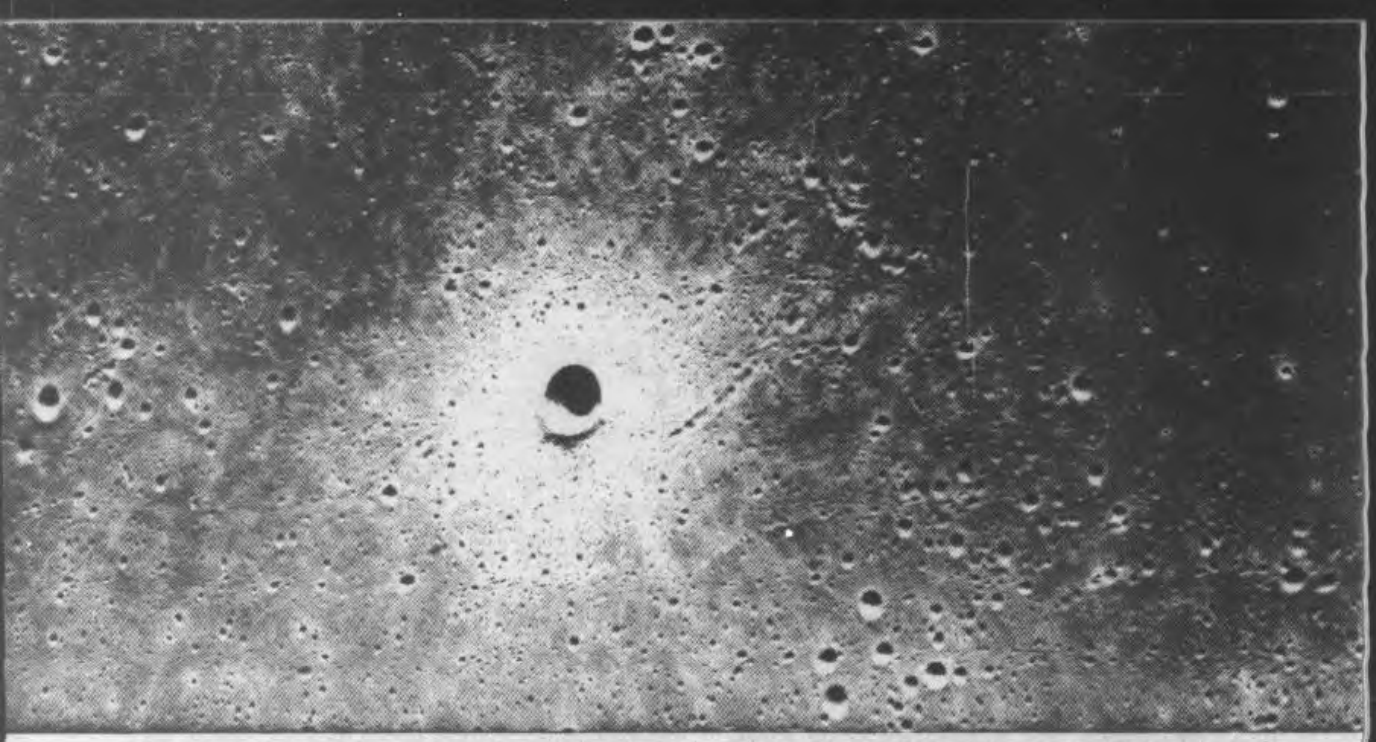
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Nineteenth-Century astronomers thought lunar crater had vanished mysteriously but this Apollo-15 panoramic camera photo, taken in 1971, proves it's still there.

Myths and Mysteries of the Moon

Extraterrestrial beings are watching the earth from secret bases on the moon — true or false? Here's the answer.

By James E. Oberg

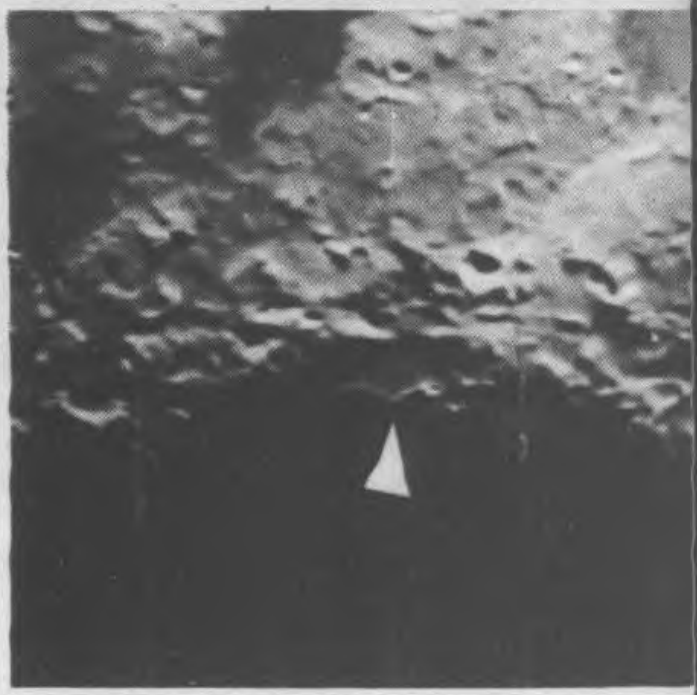
THE MOON maintains its aura of mystery even a decade after the Apollo expeditions. The new data scientists now possess have helped them eliminate old uncertainties and ask fresh questions. Now they seek to understand the interior structure, the surface melting history, the sources of remanent magnetism, possible deposits of ice at the poles, and other enigmas which are part of the basic problem of the moon's origin and evolution.

But such scientific mysteries are not the ones getting most public attention. Instead, we are presented with puzzles such as these: Did the crater Linné vanish from the face of the moon? Is there a "bridge" over the Mare Crisium? Did American space probes in 1966 reveal the existence of towering "moon spires" possibly of artificial origin? Were the Apollo astronauts chased by UFOs and has NASA suppressed photographs and voice transcripts?

A recent string of books and pulp-magazine articles demonstrates the popular fascination with this modern moon mythology — or at least demonstrates the conviction of publishers that the public can become interested with appropriate cover blurbs and teaser headlines. *Somebody Else Is on the Moon* by George Leonard claimed that suppressed NASA photographs clearly show the presence of alien spaceships and constructions all over the moon. *Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon* and *Secrets of Our Spaceship Moon* by Don Wilson champion a bizarre Russian theory that the moon is a giant space ark constructed aeons ago by aliens.

Throughout the 1970's UFO writers such as Joseph Goodavage, Timothy Green Beckley, Michael Hervey and Robert Barry presented detailed scenarios which showed that NASA had suppressed UFO evidence gleaned by astronauts. As recently as September 1979, the tabloid weekly *National En-*

Ridge on Mare Crisium caused optical effect which looked like gigantic bridge.



Apollo-17 panoramic high resolution camera photograph gives view of natural features which created bridge illusion in location between arrows (12 miles apart).





Long shadows on lunar surface suggesting presence of huge "moon spires" were caused by sun low on horizon. Objects casting shadows are rocks, not buildings.

quirer proclaimed that top scientists have revealed a massive cover-up of data proving that UFOs shadowed Apollo moon flights. It is not surprising that the more sensational UFO literature is full of such stories; what is surprising is that some have made their way into such reputable publications as *Science Digest* and *Reader's Digest.*

In fact, the crater Linné never changed; it is still there. There is no bridgelike structure near the Mare Crisium, nor are there any towering spires or rows of obelisks. Astronauts did not encounter or photograph UFOs on their lunar expeditions. The rumors are all false. Some have arisen through honest misunderstandings, others through deliberate fraud.

Far more fascinating is the *development* of these myths from people's imaginations into a full-fledged modern-day mythology of outer space, a cosmic equivalent of unicorns, mermaids and the Seven Cities of Cibola. Those medieval legends took centuries to spread and flourish; today's space fairy tales sprang up within a few years and spread all over the planet. They are now firmly rooted. With a little research they can be easily dispelled but there are few people on earth who have not at one time or another heard and maybe even believed the tales.

Let's examine a few of the most famous ones. Perhaps there is a general lesson to be drawn from this popular but counterfeit mythology.

LINNÉ CRATER

Astronomers have been fascinated with the question of whether or not the face of the moon is undergoing alteration beyond the sporadic infall of meteorites and space dust. Are there



One of the most audacious moon hoaxes transformed these ordinary window reflections filmed by astronaut Buzz Aldrin on Apollo-11 flight into bright luminous UFOs.

The hoaxer airbrushed and cropped a still from the movie until two bright ceiling light reflections resembled alien spaceships against background of moon's surface.



volcanoes or new river valleys or spreading crevices? In the late 1700's and early 1800's numerous reports of such events were logged but all turned out to be observational errors due to the crude instruments of the time. But the case of Linné is unique.

Linné is a lonely dot on the wide plains of the Mare Serenitatis. In the late 1800's an astronomer turned his attention to it and compared what he saw to some earlier maps. The crater looked much smaller! Other observers, excited by the development, focused their telescopes on Linné and began to describe a whole series of changes: it was smaller; it was now a dome; it had vanished entirely! Years later some observers announced dramatically that the crater had subsequently changed back to its original configuration.

A clue to the nature of the problem came when one of the men who had made up the old maps came out of retirement to observe Linné again. He reported that he saw no sign of change. The crater looked exactly as it had always looked.

It is a difficult crater to observe since it is just at the limits of resolution of the backyard telescopes of the time and since it is surrounded by a bright debris field. Decades later, photographs from Apollo showed that Linné is a very fresh crater and that it is only about a mile and a half wide. The early mappers, assuming the bright region was the floor of a much larger crater, had described the structure as having a diameter of five miles. But the Apollo photographs showed absolutely no sign of volcanism or any other ground movement since the crater was formed a million years ago or so. The only motion was in front of the eyes of the observers.

THE MOON BRIDGE

More than a quarter-century ago the "bridge over the Mare Crisium" joined the literature of space myths. A number of trained, experienced and presumably competent observers reported what appeared to be an archway running between the two promontories at the western edge of the dead lava sea. The object was visible because of the sunlight streaming through it, casting a shadow on the mare to the east.

Author Frank Edwards wrote (in *Stranger Than Science*, 1959) that "the gigantic structure appeared sharply in outline." Other UFO writers repeated and embellished the tale so enthusiastically that by 1976 George Leonard was able to claim, "That [the bridges] exist is probably one of the least controversial things about the moon — now. . . . Now the controversy revolves around their origin" (*Somebody Else Is on the Moon*, 1976). UFO celebrity Donald Keyhoe had made more detailed claims (in *The Flying Saucer Conspiracy*, 1955) when he described how spectrographic analysis had even identified the metallic structure of the bridge material. When astronomer Donald Menzel claimed he was unable to see the bridge, Keyhoe labeled him "one of the army stooges" and hinted at a cover-up.

The man who first reported the bridge in August 1953 was H. Percy Wilkins of Great Britain, a retired moon mapper. Although the bridge was also reported by John O'Neill, an

American journalist, nobody else seemed quite able to make it out. Wilkins raised quite a stir in the British Astronomical Association when his colleagues suggested that he was no longer seeing things so clearly as he had when young. Wilkins resigned in a huff and died soon thereafter.

The April 1954 issue of *Sky and Telescope* published a series of photographs which showed the development of the optical illusion — which the "bridge" was. Editor Joseph Ashbrook wrote that a fan-shaped sunlit area, interpreted by Wilkins and O'Neill as the result of sunlight passing under an arch, was "easily explained by sunlight coming through the pass and over the sloping shoulders of the promontories, falling on rising land towards the westward." Twenty years later, Apollo photos confirmed Ashbrook's analysis, showing the subdued rim of an old crater (called "Yerkes-Echo") which formed the cutoff falsely attributed to the presence of the arch. The resolution of these Apollo-15 and Apollo-17 photographs was better than 10 feet. There were no bridges in view.

The bridge lives on, however, in the fringe UFO lore, as proof of the presence of extraterrestrial creatures on the moon. That claim is just as vaporous and insubstantial as the bridge itself.

THE MOON SPIRES

Space photographs did not always solve space mysteries. Sometimes they gave rise to new ones. The "moon spires" is one of the most spectacular.

This famous photograph, relayed back to earth by a robot probe in late 1966, shows a group of fuzzy objects on the lunar surface which were casting shadows at least five times as long as their width. Because the view was from above, the estimates of the heights of the objects were based on the shadow measurements alone; some claims put the shadows as tall as a thousand feet and the towers (or "Blair cuspids," as one writer called them) have been thought to be radio beacons, rocket ships or living creatures. But whatever they were, some UFO and Fortean authors agreed on one thing: UFOs were responsible or somehow connected and the space scientists were lying again.

Unfortunately few people remembered their high school trigonometry well enough to realize the significance of the low sun angle at the photographed region, about 11 degrees. That angle implies that an object will cast a shadow 10 times its height, on level ground; the "tallest" obelisk was casting a shadow downhill into a crater, and the shadow was still less than 10 times the object's width. The conclusion: the objects are "ordinary" moon boulders, perhaps a few tens of feet across and half as high.

Such details did not deter the formulation of the myth, which got further inspiration from an unexpected quarter: the Soviet Union. The May 1968 issue of *Technology and Youth* featured a cover story on the "obelisks" and the Soviet painting depicted towering needles arranged in a subtle mystic pattern indicative of "intelligent arrangement." Cynics noted that if there really *were* any intelligence associated with this story, it *had* to be on the moon — there certainly was no sign of it among the earth people who

cherished the image of alien skyscrapers.

APOLLO AND UFOs

There must be dozens of UFO incidents which have been tied to various manned space flights, at least in the UFO literature. More than 10 of them were assigned to Apollo-11 alone. Readers may assume that "where there's smoke there's fire" and that at least *some* of the stories are reliable. Not so — many UFO writers have been deliberately spreading smoke screens of their own — and nothing more substantial than smoke has ever appeared.

In fact, the two most widespread stories are blatant hoaxes, which did not prevent them from being the centerpieces of a *National Enquirer* story in August 1979. One story refers to a "secret transcript" in which Armstrong and Aldrin describe the presence of two UFOs just across the crater from their lunar module; the other reports how Aldrin took movie film ("now classified TOP SECRET") of a "snowman UFO" which zoomed in close to their spaceship. Both stories are widespread and both are completely fictitious.

The "secret transcript" goes back to late 1969, only months after the moon landing, when it was published in a weekly Canadian tabloid newspaper of dubious reliability. Since it was crammed full of inconsistencies — it suggested that all three men had been on the surface, which was not the case — and full of gobbledegook completely out of place in authentic space conversations, it was quickly recognized as a hoax even by the pro-UFO FATE. But the story kept circulating and resurfacing. So garbled did the repetitions become, moreover, that over the years some writers who came across barely recognizable descendants of the original hoax concluded that they had found independent corroborative accounts, thus proving the authenticity of the story.

Aldrin's "snowman UFO" is less humorous. NASA's claim that the space data are open to the public is quite correct. All transcripts, tapes and film can be examined by researchers and writers who visit the space center in Houston. A Japanese UFO buff seems to have done just that in 1973 and obtained the first several feet of Apollo-11's movie reel "fox-trot." (So can anyone else. Place orders with the AV Corporation. Telephone 713 483-4231.)

The film was a test sequence shot out the window of the lunar module while Aldrin was attaching the camera to its bracket, in preparation for the lunar landing a few hours later. The window is full of glares, smudges and reflections of interior instrument lights and the module's ceiling lights; when the film is projected, the lights bounce around in harmony with the jarring of the camera as Aldrin tightened the butterfly nut which held it in place.

In the hands of the Japanese UFO enthusiast, the film underwent a striking metamorphosis. When stills of the magazine were printed in a UFO journal in mid-1974, the two bright ceiling light reflections were now more sharp-edged and outlined; the other glares and lens flares were nowhere to be found. It was now a UFO!

"The pictures of UFOs, taken by Apollo-11 spaceship over the moon's surface and now published for the first time, cannot but be considered firm evidence that UFOs are actually spacecraft from outer space," claimed the author, Y. J. Matsumura. "They are really scoop pictures and not one of them has been released by NASA as yet. Nobody knows yet that UFOs have been caught so clearly against the background of the moon's surface. Only you who have opened this magazine are now looking at them for the first time!"

It didn't take long for this sensational story to spread around the world. In the United States the pictures appeared in a tabloid newspaper *(Modern People)* which assured its readers that "these photos have not been retouched in any way." In France the story was incorporated into a book on ancient astronauts (the English translation, *Our Ancestors Came From Outer Space* by Maurice Chatelaine, appeared in 1978). A copy of the book made its way to Russia where an excitable and imaginative UFO enthusiast named Vladimir Azhazha read it; he told a press conference about the Apollo-11 UFOs and the story got back via the Soviet UFO *samizdat* network to UFO newsletters in England and Texas.

When these newsletters published the current version of the story (need I mention that nobody had ever checked with NASA about the film, which can be purchased for a nominal fee from a Houston studio?), it all added up to the *National Enquirer's* headline: world scientists from the United States, France and Russia *all agree* that UFOs followed the Apollo-11 space expedition!

There are numerous other stories of even more dubious parentage. A few are based on actual occurrences, such as the reflection of the moon off the Indian Ocean which baffled homeward-bound Apollo-12 astronauts or the flashing light spotted by the same men on their outbound leg — quite clearly a piece of their own booster rocket which achieved UFO canonization when one newsman completely misunderstood the astronauts' comments. Most of the other stories are pure and simple fantasies which never happened but which either make money for or bolster the egos of the UFO authors who pawn them off on an unsuspecting public.

REAL MOON MYSTERIES

There remains one still-unexplained aspect of the moon which amateur astronomers can help solve: the so-called Lunar Transient Phenomena (LTP). These are lights, clouds, glows and other optical manifestations on the lunar surface. They have been seen for centuries and astronomers, who admit they exist, have advanced various theories — from volcanic venting to cometary impacts to chemoluminescence induced by the solar wind — in an effort to explain them.

Whatever their origin, they probably will play a significant role in helping us to understand the true mysteries of the moon. Since most professional astronomers have turned their attentions elsewhere and since relatively small instruments are quite adequate to observe such activity, this

mystery has fallen into the lap of a small but enthusiastic band of amateur astronomers. Such an opportunity is not often open to nonprofessionals.

Another role for nonprofessionals is to help stamp out the counterfeit myths of the moon and to increase the public's awareness of the truly fascinating authentic scientific puzzles about our second world in space. Confronting the mythmakers is a bit like spitting into the wind, but the effort should be made.

The moon, of course, doesn't care one way or the other. It has been the subject of legends and half-baked notions for all of human history. Apollo should have been able to change that, but the human need to mythologize the moon is as strong as ever.

HAIRIER HUMANOIDS

By Ron Dobbins

ARE SOME human beings hairier than others?

An expedition in 1820 and 1821 exploring the western United States reported finding tribes of Indians who were entirely covered with hair.

"After crossing the [Rocky] Mountains, they passed 386 different Indian Tribes . . . some entirely covered with hair . . . and so wild that the company was compelled to run them down with horses" *(Annual Register for 1832).*

About 100 years later, the Dutch government ordered an expedition to investigate reports of a race of "hairy people" called *Orang padeks* living on small islands near Sumatra. They were described as "half-man, half-ape," about five feet tall, broad-shouldered, often having rudimentary tails, and exhibiting enormous strength. They were said to be meat-eaters and this differentiated them from the local herbivorous monkeys (*New York Times,* September 23 and October 5, 1924).

British explorer Hugh Knight claimed to have seen such a being in Tibet's Himalayas. It was described as being the size of a "big man," barrel-chested with long arms, yellow skin and mongoloid facial features. The creature had splayed feet and was covered with "blondish hair." It is set apart from the yeti or abominable snowman in that this hirsute humanoid carried a primitive bow over its shoulder, according to Knight.

Jean Marques-Riviere relates in his *L'Inde Secrete et sa Magie* (Secrets of India and its Magic) that an Indian pilgrim had told him that the abominable snowmen were in fact a race of human giants. His informant claimed to have been a member of an expedition of natives who followed the footprints of such a creature until they stumbled onto the tribe, 10 or more sitting in a circle, beating on tom-toms. They were 10 to 12 feet tall, entirely covered with hair, spoke a language of their own, and had faces "between man and gorilla."

Could such groups live in isolated places unknown to the rest of mankind? As late as 1971 a tribe of stone-age people, the Tasaday, were found living deep in the jungles of Mindanao in the Philippines. The Tasaday had made little effort to escape detection and were known to other natives in the area long before Western science discovered them.

Such hairier humanoids, if they exist, needn't be essentially different from *Homo sapiens;* the human body normally is covered with hair over 98 percent of its surface. Cases of extreme thickness of human hair are known as *hypertrichosis* and it is an occasional accident of birth, genetically transmissible. If such a gene became dominant, it might explain the existence of tribes of hairy people.

THE WOLFMAN OF AVELOSO

During his fits even as a child he seemed superhuman. Grown men could not subdue him.

By J. M. Andrade

IT WAS AN ordinary day in the small village of Aveloso, near Meda in northern Portugal. Farmers already had begun their day's work and housewives had gone shopping. In the village school, a small, one-classroom building, the elderly schoolteacher had just started the day's lesson. On this, just another school day, nothing seemed in any way out of the ordinary.

Then suddenly eight-year-old Albano started screaming and shrieking. His face took on a wild expression, his fingers twitched and he fell on all fours, jumping to and fro as he wrecked the desks in the classroom. The terrified teacher fled, followed by the near-hysterical children. Some strong men tried to subdue the little boy but his quick jumps and amazing strength made that impossible. Eventually the fit ended. When it did, Albano could not remember what he had done; he could only say, "I've been sleeping."

Albano de Jesus was born at Aveloso in 1880. His parents were peasants and his father died when he was a baby. Neither parent had a history of mental illness, and for his first few years he seemed an ordinary, lively boy. When he was seven, his mother sent him to the village school and a year later the fits began.



Albano de Jesus, left, suffered from lycanthropy, the rare werewolf disease which has been known since Roman times.

As the fits came back again and again during the next few weeks, Albano's mother finally took him to a doctor and to as many "healers" as she heard about. But no one could tell what was wrong with him, let alone cure him. In any case, Albaninho (little Albano), as he was known, was harmless enough if let alone and between fits he was as normal as any boy.

Soon the village got used to him. Old women, claiming he had been bewitched, called him "Albano of the Evil" behind his back but nobody abused or mistreated him.

As he grew, stories of his exploits spread throughout the country. He was almost a superman during his fits. He could jump up to 30 feet into the air and also from tree to tree, a feat that caused local journalists to call him the "apeman." He seemed to defy gravity. He could walk on fire without being burned or run about in the snow, often naked, without being frostbitten. He could drink enormous amounts of liquids — any liquids — with no unpleasant consequences. And after the fits were over, he had not a single scratch or ache.

One day in August 1904 Albaninho's cousin, a policeman in Lisbon, Portugal's capital city, came to Aveloso to visit his family and agreed to take Albaninho, already 24 years old, to see his older sister who also lived in Lisbon. The journey by train was uneventful enough, as was Albaninho's first night at his sister's.

The next morning, however, he had three successive fits, running away from home, chasing passing tramcars and jumping onto their roofs. He clung to power cables and rolled up and down the streets. Two squads of policemen tried to capture him but he reacted so violently that they limited themselves to clearing the area of passersby and waiting. Eventually the officers took Albaninho to the city jail, where he spent the night and the following day without causing any trouble. But on the third day, after he had had a violent fit in his cell, a psychiatrist conducted a cursory examination and announced that Albaninho was suffering from an acute form of lycanthropy — the disease of werewolves.

No definitive explanation has yet been found for lycanthropy, although it was first studied in depth by the Roman physician Marcellus, a contemporary of Emperor Hadrian. Several cases are reported by Pliny, Petronius, Virgil and other ancient writers. The poet Ovid relates that Jupiter punished the Arcadian tyrant Lycaion ("wolflike") by turning him into a werewolf. The mythological satyrs had werewolf characteristics. The disease brought upon Nebuchadrezzar by the Lord as related in the Bible (Daniel 4:32-33) may have been lycanthropy.

So Albaninho was sent to a local mental hospital, given electric shocks for a time with no results and not long afterwards released and sent back to his village.

Back in Aveloso, Albaninho's notoriety grew. During his fits he would run toward the local cemetery, jump over its wall, walk and jump on the graves, and finally break into the storage hut, where he usually would squat in an empty coffin. Press accounts describe similar behavior during his short stay in Lisbon. His antics there attracted huge crowds. But in his home village such behavior was so commonplace that nobody thought much about it.

For some reason Albaninho showed a deep hatred of dogs during his fits. If he came across one he would literally rip it apart. Once he killed wolves with his bare hands. On market days

he sometimes attacked horses or oxen, occasionally causing stampedes and appreciable damage to market stalls but never injuring himself. If a locked door attracted his attention, he would sometimes break it open with his fists, feet and head. But he seldom turned on people and when he did his victims were individuals who had been cruel to him. But he did not really hurt even these.

One day, during a fit, he charged a small house which was under construction, scared the workers away and brought down its half-finished walls with kicks and pushes. In the process he was partly buried under the debris. The workers prudently waited for some time, then lifted up the heavy stones (northern Portugal's traditional building material) to free what they assumed would be Albaninho's dead body. But they were startled to discover he was alive and uninjured; he was also back to his normal self. He simply stood up and walked away as if nothing had happened.

This was too much for the village. At the local people's request he was deported to the West African colony of Angola, where Portugal frequently sent its social misfits. On the way to Africa he had several fits aboard the ship. He would jump overboard and then jump off the water back onto the ship, although in his normal state he could not swim. He stayed in Luanda, Angola's main city, for some time during the 1920's but the disturbances continued. Finally he was arrested and taken to the Fortress, a 16th-Century building used as a jail. In the course of yet another fit he bent his cell-window's bars, squeezed between them and dove into the sea. The authorities decided they had no legal basis for detaining him any longer, so they sent him back home. His village would have to learn to live with him.

As a young man, although he was sociable enough between fits, Albaninho was never invited to dances or parties because his fits, which erupted without warning, frightened the girls. His peculiar condition rendered him officially unfit for work; he never learned a trade and lived on a pension given him by Queen Amelia of Portugal and on gifts from friends and visiting scientists.

Years later a local divorcee fell in love with him and bore him two daughters, both normal; but after seven years she suddenly grew afraid of him and left home, never to return. His daughters never reached adulthood. One died in infancy, the other in her late teens.

Albaninho's fits disappeared forever when he was 43. No one knew why. Albaninho's explanation was that Our Lady of Remedies had cured him. During a period of a few weeks between fits, he said, he had asked the Virgin to work a miracle and promised her a high mass of thanksgiving. She responded by relieving him of his terrible affliction.

Now that he was a normal human being, Albaninho gradually faded from public view. In the mid-1960's, however, a television program rediscovered him and invited him to go to the studios for an interview. He refused. He had had enough publicity already and besides, he was becoming neurotic and irritable in his old age.

Albaninho had always been a Chris-

tian although he had been banned from church services as a child for obvious reasons. Consequently he never bothered too much about religion. But in his last years parish priest Father Lacerda tried to bring him back into the Church and eventually succeeded in hearing him in confession.

In 1976, when Albaninho was 96, he had a premonition that he had little time to live. He suddenly remembered that he had never paid the promise he made to the Virgin. Although suffering from acute thrombosis in both legs — he had been in the hospital because of it more than once — he insisted that two friends carry him from village to village and help him collect money for the thanksgiving mass. Father Lacerda finally set a date for its celebration but it was already too late.

Gangrene set in both Albaninho's legs and his condition became so serious that Father Lacerda had him sent to the nearest hospital, in Guarda, despite Albaninho's requests to be allowed to die in his own village. On the day following his admission to the hospital, he had a stroke and never regained consciousness. He died on August 4, 1976.

After a hurried postmortem his body was enclosed in a lead coffin, which was sealed and taken to Aveloso for burial.

But Albaninho was fated to be controversial even in death. As the coffin was being carried to the village church, it burst and a foul-smelling liquid flowed freely through a crack. The body had apparently decomposed within some 24 hours of death. The stench was so overwhelming that the church ceremony was canceled and the coffin hastily buried. Two days later the smell inside the church was still unbearable. The building had to be disinfected and perfumed before it once again was suitable for normal services.

Thus ended the unhappy life of Albano de Jesus, the wolfman of Aveloso, the victim of a condition no one ever understood, least of all himself. Yet, although it left him a branded man for the rest of his life, he tried to live with it as best he could. Perhaps the best proof that he succeeded is in the words of the villagers who tell the researchers who occasionally visit Aveloso: "He was a good man. May God grant him eternal rest."



HE WASN'T SUPERSTITIOUS

ON OCTOBER 19, 1979, the Omaha *World-Herald* republished an item from 50 years ago about one Ephraim Johnson. When he entered Midland College in Fremont, Nebr., for his 13th year of schooling, he made arrangements by telephone. In those days the phone number at the college was 13. Johnson then registered three days late on Friday, September 13, 1929, and discovered that his schedule called for 13 hours of work a week. His check in payment of the tuition was numbered 13. Later he was the 13th student to audition for the dramatic society to play the leading part in "The Thirteenth Chair."

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A CAR DOOR SLAMMED. . .

By Thelma C. Foor

A CAR door slammed and a man walked past the window.

"Mom," Kathy called, "someone's here."

I walked to the front door expecting a knock but none came. I looked out the front window; I saw no car. Looking out the side windows in the kitchen, I saw none there either. Our invisible visitor had arrived again.

From 1968 to 1976 my family lived in an old farmhouse on 25 acres of land in central Ohio. For the first five years nothing out of the ordinary happened.

Late in the summer of 1973 my husband Marvin decided to build a garage on the north side of the house. He hired a local contractor whose workmen first removed half of the living room wall to put in sliding glass patio doors opening to the garage area. Next they put up a pole frame for the garage, then started to affix the aluminum siding. At this time we began to notice unusual happenings after the workmen had left for the day.

Thumping sounds came from the garage area — loud sounds as if something were striking the siding. I told my daughters that it must be the expansion and contraction the new siding. I felt this was a reasonable explanation and perhaps even the truth.

The children were home alone the first time our visitor came and they told me about the incident when I came home. Patty and Kathy had been watching television in the living room



The Foor Family

when they heard a car door slam. The shadow of a man passed the front window, heading toward the front door of the house. Then nothing more happened. No one knocked, no one entered the house and no car was in the driveway.

This happened twice more in the following weeks but never when my husband and I were at home. Again I tried to think of a reasonable explanation. A large oak tree stood at the driveway entrance; I told the girls it might cast a shadow across the window. They were content with this explanation until the next Saturday afternoon when three of the girls and I were in the living room and we all heard a car door slam. I looked toward the window and saw a man passing on his way to the front door.

"There he is, Mom," Kathy said.

Sure enough, I had seen him with my own eyes; yet he was not there.

"Well, whoever he is," I said to the girls, "there is no reason to be afraid because he doesn't come into the house." The fact of the matter was that he just disappeared as if he had never been there at all.

Then as suddenly as the visits started, they stopped. I certainly don't believe in ghosts and I have no reasonable explanation for what happened. I only know that my children and I heard a car door slam and saw a man pass the window and then disappear. — *Delaware, Ohio.*

A VISIT TO KENTUCKY

By Jacquline Deaner Workman

AFTER MY divorce from my first husband Bill Ingram, I moved to Detroit, Mich. Years later he also was living in Detroit and while we never saw each other he figured prominently in a most unusual dream I had in 1956.

I well remember that I had the dream the day before Decoration Day. In the afternoon I was overcome by a feeling of inertia — almost as if I were entranced. I lay down on my couch and had no more than closed my eyes when I found myself watching my mother Leona Ballard and Bill. I knew they were in Vanceburg, Ky., where my mother lived and they were picking wildflowers along the hilly path that leads to the cemetery where our countless kinfolk have been laid to rest.

The sun was bright and all the colors of sky and earth had a pristine quality. I seemed to be a part of the slight cool breeze and the clean clear air.

Mother and Bill were talking about me. She was saying, "We miss Jackie. She has never been content to stay in one place." Bill merely nodded in agreement.

As she spoke my heart was bursting with love for her. I tried to put my arms around her but they seemed to go right through her. Unaccountably they were both looking directly at me; yet they gave no indication that they saw me.

Why didn't they see me? Suddenly I thought, "I must be dead!" And at that instant my whole body jerked and I opened my eyes, still on the couch in Detroit.

I feared this dream warned of some dire happening in Kentucky and I went home to Vanceburg that weekend. I found that everything was all

right and felt a little disgusted with myself for even believing in warnings. But I couldn't understand the odd dream — until Mother said, "Guess who was here the other day."

When I immediately responded that Bill Ingram had visited her and accompanied her to the cemetery she was aggravated and frightened. But her fright turned to anger when I told her what she and Bill had talked about.

"There is no way you could know about it," she said, "unless you are a witch and in league with Satan." She firmly believed what she was saying and I could not explain what had happened because I didn't understand it myself. But now I know the meaning of astral projection. — *Canton, Mich.*

THE SKYLIGHT

By Clare Marie Hanrahan

IT WAS a windy February night in 1972. The trees were laden with ice and the snow of many storms lay deep. It was good to be inside, sheltered from the harshness of a typical Maine winter.

My husband and I shared the bedroom of our small apartment in Wiscasset with our three-month-old daughter Jessica. We had positioned her crib under a skylight situated over the stairwell where she would not be disturbed by our reading lamps. She was sleeping soundly and my husband was engrossed in a novel but I was restless.

I was tired, yet unable to sleep, and long after my husband was asleep I lay awake. A feeling that I ought to bring the crib closer to our bed nagged at me



Clare Marie Hanrahan

but I felt too tired to get up. Eventually I drifted off to sleep.

Hours later I became abruptly aware of floating near the ceiling, quite close to the skylight. I still remember the surprise and alarm I felt. Just as abruptly I was again in my bed and aware that the baby's crib *must* be moved. I awakened my husband and related my experience. Anxious to go back to sleep he gave in to my insistence that we move the crib. As soon as we had done so I was not afraid or restless any longer and I slept.

We awoke with a start at dawn. The wind was fierce and blowing into our room! A large limb had shattered the skylight and shards of glass covered the floor where the crib had been. I reached for my baby and held her close, thankful for that persistent warning which had saved her. — *Limestone, Tenn.*

A WALL HAS FALLEN!

By Harold E. Davenport

I THINK no group is more sensitive to hunches than our fire fighters who survive only by fast action and

quick responses to "hunches."

I worked with the Boston Fire Department for 40 years in a civilian capacity and I got to know these men, to think like they do, to agonize with them over the death or injury of one of their brothers. And I learned to follow hunches.

I remember the time Chief Downey and I rode up to a fire just as the ladder crew was stepping onto the roof to ventilate. Downey jumped out of his car and yelled, "Get those men off the roof!" Two minutes later the roof fell in with a roar.

"I just got a hunch," Downey told me later when I questioned him.

At Paine Hall one of Engine 22's men grabbed his companion and threw him backward just as the elevator they were about to enter crashed to the basement. "A hunch," he said later.

My hunch, had it come a few minutes earlier on October 1, 1964, might have saved the lives of five fire fighters.

I was lying in bed with my fire radio on, my eyes closed. An alarm beeped in on the radio: 1671 Shawmut and West Brookline Streets. Immediately I saw a brilliant picture of a five-story brick building with five windows to a floor, with fire showing in all of the windows. Then I saw the entire back wall fall out. I jumped from the bed and yelled to my wife, "A wall has fallen." And grabbing my pants I dashed out. As I went down the stairs I heard the second alarm sounding on the radio.

I lived just two blocks from West Brookline and arrived just as the first alarm companies were getting water. I ran up to Engine 22's pump and said to the operator, "Did a wall fall here?"

"Not that I know of, Hal," my friend responded. But his pumper was not in sight of the fire.

I ran around the corner where there was a vacant lot backing up to West Brookline St. There, about 200 feet ahead of me, was a five-story brick building with five windows to a floor and fire showing in all the windows. A cold chill ran down my back. I looked around frantically to see if any of the officers or men were nearby. I think I yelled a warning because a policeman started toward me. But I can't be sure. Perhaps I only thought I yelled. But at that second I saw the entire back wall fall into the back alley, burying three companies of fire fighters under tons of bricks and rubble.

I grabbed at the police officer and yelled, "Call for ambulances; there are men buried under the wall!" But he shook me off as if he thought I was drunk and slowly walked away. He did not realize what was happening.

A total of five alarms were sounded to get manpower to dig out the trapped men. But despite their efforts five men died, including the son of Chief John E. Clougherty.

Someone did their best to save those men through me. And given a few minutes more I might have made it.

This failure bothered me for several years. But then the thought came to me that perhaps some of the men might have received my telepathic warning and hesitated or hung back just long enough to save their lives. It seems a strange thing that the fire fighters I knew the best were not

among the dead or injured; and it is those persons closest to you who are most receptive to your thoughts. So I comfort myself with the thought that I tried my best and perhaps a few of my buddies are alive because of my vision. — *Brewster, Mass.*

EXPERIMENT WITH DREAMS

By Clifton J. Noble, Sr.



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AT 4:30 A.M. Sunday September 23, 1979, I awoke from a dream of walking home up the mountainous route I usually drive from the office. My watch read 8:30. I looked for the sun and found it low under stratus clouds in the *east*. Another glance at my watch gave the time as 5:30. The sun's going down in the east brought darkness with puzzling swiftness. Thinking that I must set it right, I looked hurriedly at my watch and read 4:30, which happened to be the actual time of waking. Dozing off after recording the above nonsense, I dreamed of buying a lottery ticket in Florence, Mass.

I got the idea of recording dreams from reading J. W. Dunne's *An Experiment With Time*. My 10-year record shows that dreams relating to the near future are about as frequent as those relating to the recent past. But unlike Dunne I usually find the dream version of an event considerably distorted from the waking version with perhaps only one key word or name to associate the two.

For instance, I awoke early September 14, 1979, with the unrealistic idea that an office acquaintance, Herbert Bushee, had an extra house in the northern part of the state. My records indicate that I had dreamed of this man only three times in three years. But at 8:10 A.M. when I arrived at the office I was shocked to learn that he was in a hospital 40 miles north with minor injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident the previous evening.

For years I have tried to discover ways to prevent this confusion of perception. My dreaming mind seems to look at both past and future events through a sort of mental fun-house mirror which, while reflecting their actuality, distorts them into almost unrecognizable forms.

The number-lottery dream detailed above certainly did not relate to my past since in all my 53 years I had never bought a lottery ticket or knowingly gambled. I had always regarded church raffle tickets bought at the request of friends as contributions to the cause.

In order to test the potential reliability of my dream against the reality of the Massachusetts Numbers Game, I must do two things. Using my own divining method — twirling a pencil between thumb and forefinger and observing its position when it stopped — I came up with 5384. Then, if the crucial test was to be made, I must choose

a day for buying a ticket. Meditation with the pencil yielded Thursday, September 27.

Early in the week I began reading the daily number as it appeared in the newspaper for the previous day. None of these published numbers resembled mine.

Thursday morning I was ready to abandon the experiment as a silly gamble. But the temptation to test my dream persisted.

On the way through Florence I stopped at the first store — a small grocery — which might sell tickets. Finding the "Game" desk I was baffled by the variety of bets on the ticket form and had to put on my glasses to read the directions.

Hurriedly I marked in 25-cent bets on my complete number, on three combinations of double digits and on some three-digit combinations. Then I noticed a column for checking more than one day of play. Instant prayer-guidance assured me that I should check "2." The ticket cost six dollars. I gulped and silently reassured myself that it was a sure thing and I would at least get my money back.

When I reexamined my ticket at lunchtime I discovered a new pitfall. Only the date when the ticket was accepted by the lottery's computer would be valid for "playing" my number.

The newspaper gave the number drawn Thursday as "6383." I spotted my -38- as correct and paying 53 to one. I wondered anxiously if my bet had reached the computer on time. Saturday, the newspaper disappointed me by mistakenly reprinting Thursday's information. I telephoned a local agent to learn Friday's number. It was 5373. My 53 — was correct, paying 41 to one. It should be noted that Saturday's number, like those early in the week, varied greatly from mine.

It was Tuesday before I could get back to the agent in Florence to check on the status of my ticket. Sure enough, it had reached the computer in time and the double-digit bets for both days were winners.

The relatively small payoffs indicate high chances of bettors' getting two digits correct "in exact order." But two days in a row?

My $23.50 winnings were a bonus, of course, but the big plus was the confirmation that when dreams feel true there is truth in them and that prayerful meditation can help to rectify the confused impressions my dreaming mind receives. — *Huntington, Mass.*

PRO GOLFER'S PREMONITION

AFTER the opening round of the 43rd Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Ga., Mac McLendon told his wife Joan that he was "playing so bad I'm afraid I might hit somebody."

He did. He hit Joan.

It happened on the first hole in the second round of the tournament. One of McLendon's shots went astray and when he rushed in pursuit he found his wife unconscious on the ground. She had been struck by the ball just below the shoulder.

She was taken to a local hospital for x-rays which showed she was not seriously injured. She returned to the Augusta National course in time to rejoin her husband on the eighth hole.

READ THE FUTURE IN YOUR HAND . . .

. . . but your fate is not fixed.
Palm lines can and do change,
foretelling things to come.

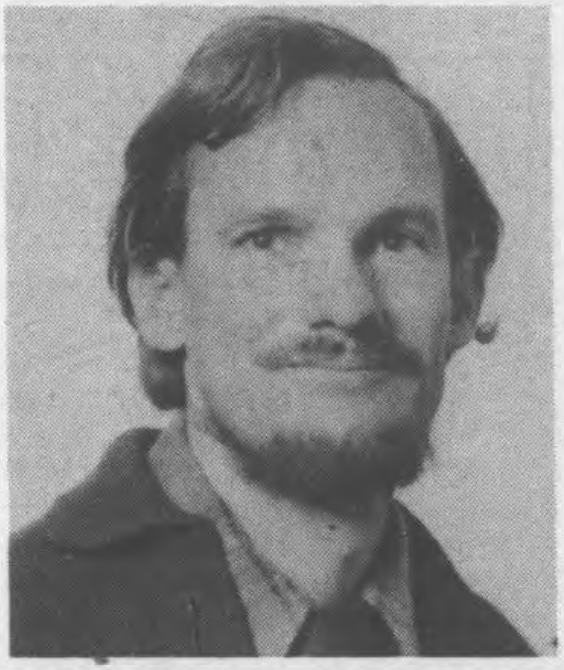
By Andrew Fitzherbert

CAN PALMISTRY predict the future? While most believers in handreading maintain that it can, the majority of books on palmistry are exasperatingly vague about how it is done. From my collection of more than 200 books on the subject and from my 10 years' experience as a palmist, I believe I can show you how to read your own hand and thus gain insights into your character, your health and even the future.

The lines in your palm, the fine ridges of the skin, the fingerprints and the form and shape of each part of the hand all reveal information about your character and your health. Palmists pay a great deal of attention to the study of character, for the most favorable marks in your palm will not help you achieve success unless the talent and ability to succeed are also there. It is important to know that the lines can and do change. Rather than indicating a fixed future they foreshadow the way your life is developing at any particular time. Of course the record in your palm of past events is fixed. But even so, these marks of the past may fade as the memory of them recedes.

The three major lines in the palm are designated Heart, Head and Life. Major events in life are recorded along the Life Line which is read downward around the thumb. The Fate Line, which runs up the center of the palm, is not a reliable guide to events, although often it will reveal additional information.

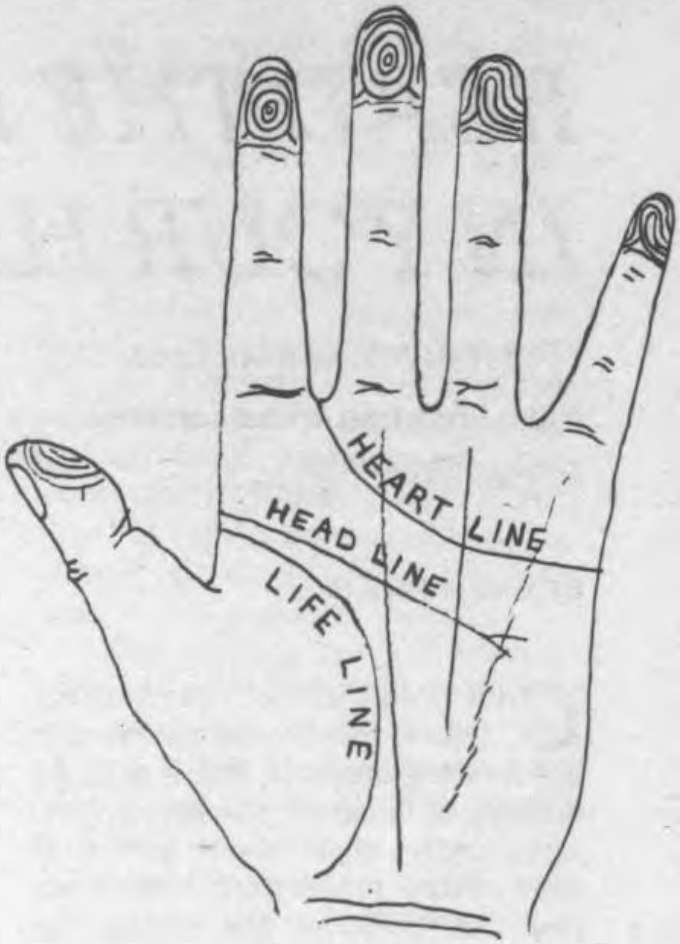
The easiest way to study the Life Line is with the aid of a palm print. To



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take such a print you can ink your hand with an ordinary stamp pad. (Professional palmists use fingerprint ink and a roller.) Take a good print of your right hand (left hand, if you are left-handed) and use Figure 1 to help you identify past events in your life. By this means you can fix the dating scale on your Life Line.

One needs a great deal of experience to read events absolutely accurately but you should be able to learn enough from your own palm to make a start. The first thing to do is establish a dating scale. On most hands the age of 35 years lies exactly under the middle finger and the age of 20 years slightly to the side of a straight line dropped from the edge of the first finger to the Life Line. These points vary a fraction from hand to hand so when you have established 20 years and 35 years on your Life Line, mark five- or 10-year intervals as far as the



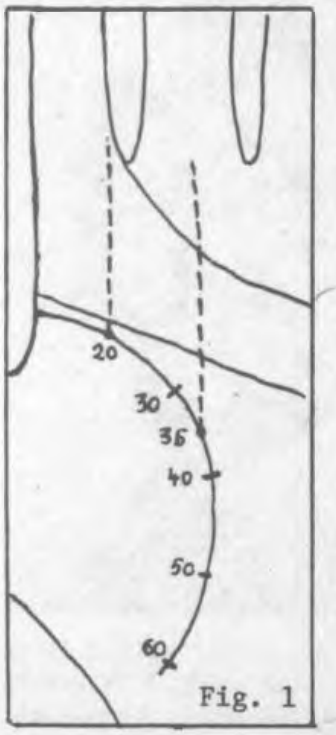


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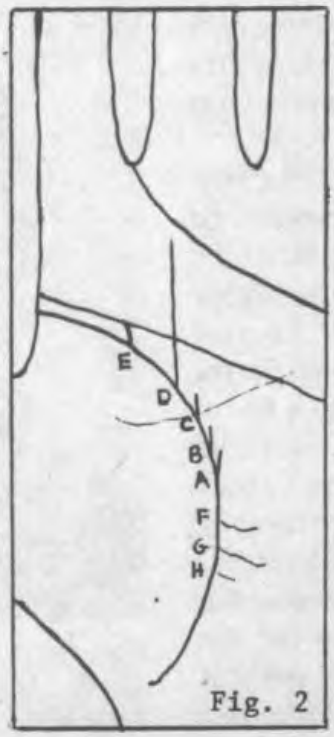


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

Life Line will allow (see Figure 1). Then adjust your dating scale by looking for a record in the Life Line of certain events that you know happened at definite dates in the past.

To do this, you first look for success lines, little marks rising from the Life Line (see Figure 2). Any step forward — a new home, a new job or a financial gain — will show in this manner. Also you can tell what sort of success the lines represent. Small lines like "A" and "B" generally reflect job promotions. If you find a line like the one at "C" the success concerns someone close to you and may mean your marriage or the birth of a child. A strong line such as "D" indicates an important new beginning, possibly a whole new career or starting life in a new country. The peculiar line at "E" is often found in college students' hands at the time of graduation. It is a small line rising into the Head Line, indicating success of an intellectual nature.

Lines running outward from the Life Line, such as "F," "G" and "H," represent travel. Strangely, a person may do a lot of traveling but only some of the journeys will show in his hands. For the small-towner or stay-at-home a rare trip to another town will be reflected. But among jet-setters only major tours or traumatic flights will show in the hands. A success line in conjunction with a travel line indicates a particularly worthwhile trip.

Persons who are important in your life show in your palm in two ways — as lines running into or parallel to the Life Line (see Figure 3). Lines such as "I" and "J" probably represent brothers and sisters, for they start at the very beginning of the Life Line. "K" and "L" represent close friends and of course a mate. A child may sometimes show in this manner. In some rare cases the "L" line may represent a

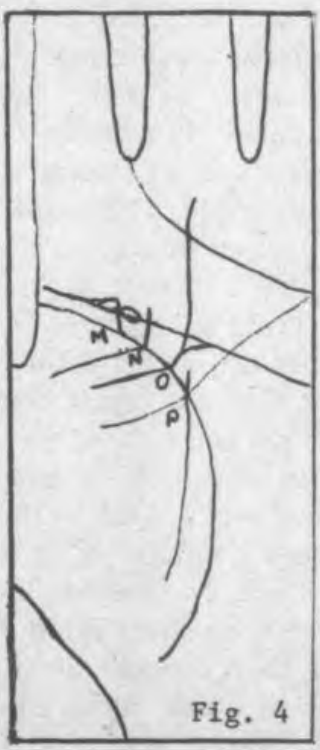


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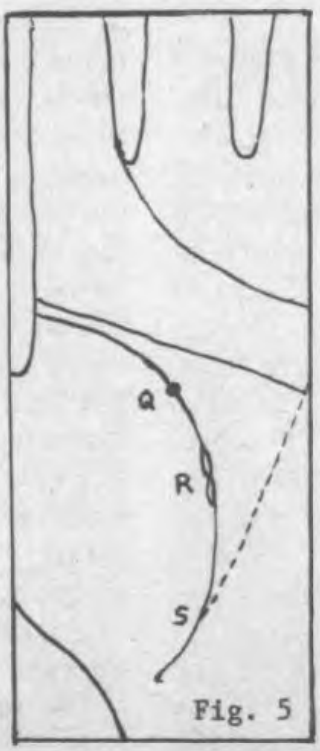


Fig. 5



Fig. 6

whole group of people, all of your kids together or an important group to which you belong such as a religious community.

You can gauge how long a person remains in your life by the length of his line alongside your Life Line. A sudden veering away shows the time the person leaves your life. By looking for marks along his line (breaks, islands, rising or falling cross marks) you can get an idea of what has happened to that person. A cross at the very end of a line usually represents death but it must be very clear to justify this conclusion. (Also remember it is unwise to *predict* death for anyone.)

A line running into or through the Life Line represents a happening concerning a person in your life. Old-time palmists said that all lines crossing the Life Line indicated troubles but this is not true. You can find out what sort of happening it is by seeing what the line does.

For example, line "M" in Figure 4 runs to the islands in the Head Line. This shows that there is cause for worry over the person the line represents. The Head Line concerns intellectual matters; the islands mean worry or trouble. Line "N" means a gain of money or property through another person. If line "N" ended in a cross, the financial gain is likely to have been an inheritance. Line "O" represents a person helping you with an important career development, possibly a business partner. Line "P," crossing Life Line, Head Line and Heart Line, is a typical marriage line. From the point where it cuts the Life Line, the long line running downward shows that the person involved is around for many years. Notice also the little success line at its juncture with the Life Line. Not all marriages are shown as clearly as line "P"; do not despair if you don't have one! Other lines crossing the Life Line and reaching up to the Heart Line may indicate other types of emotional experiences.

A dot on the Life Line (as at "Q" in Figure 5) warns of the danger of accidents at that period of time. This does not mean that an accident is inevitable but it indicates a need to be careful. Islands in the line as shown at "R" indicate health problems, mental strain or sometimes just general difficulties in your life. Another line, called the line of health, runs from below the little finger to the base of the hand. If this line "S" runs into the Life Line it is another warning of health problems at the time of the juncture.

A change in the direction of the Life Line ("T" in Figure 6) means a change of residence. If you move to a new home a long distance away a marked travel line may show as well. Any break in the line generally represents a move but implies a special reason for the change. For example, a break like the one at "U" may last for a couple of years; it means that a change in your life took some years to resolve. Divorce often shows up in this manner but such a break also may result from discontent with a job and a changeover to a new one. You must look for other marks to help interpret a break of this nature. "V" shows a sudden move to somewhere far away. Notice that the line seems to end, then starts again at the same level a short distance away.

The only type of break in the Life Line which can indicate injury or ill

health is shown at "W." It is a clear, complete gap in the line with no overlapping. This warns of sudden injury or onset of illness and anyone who has one of these must take the greatest care of his health and safety in the time period indicated. This type of break is rare, however. Most of the breaks which worry amateur palmists are merely changes of one type or another.

Many other small marks affect the Life Line. Often you can interpret them by applying a little common sense. Remember, the lines are symbols that convey information and experience will help you to learn their full meaning.

You can learn a great deal about the quality of your life year by year and what to expect in the future from changes in the Life Line itself. A clear, deep stretch of the line represents a busy, active time. Less clearly marked sections represent quieter years. Often a sudden change appears in the line at the 60- to 65-year point, foreshadowing the time of retirement.

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UNQUESTIONABLY the lines in the palm reflect the future to some extent but in certain rare cases a sudden change in a person's life causes changes in the Life Line. This certainly proves that the future is not absolutely fixed — although the rarity of such changes shows that we seldom manage to avoid an event once it is marked in the palm.

The most dramatic illustration of such a change occurred in the life of one of my close friends, June Chapman of Brisbane, Australia. At the time of the change in her Life Line — June 1976 — she was just 29 years old. She is an adventurous young woman and had decided to take up flying. Soon after she signed up for lessons with the Brisbane Aero Club, I examined her hands and found a great break in her Life Line at about the 30-year point.

Breaks in the line do not usually herald death unless other confirmatory marks also appear and in June's case, her palm gave every possible indication that her life would come to a sudden end. She is a headstrong person who seldom accepts advice, so I confined my comments to a suggestion that she should be extra-careful during her flying lessons.

Friends who knew June and also knew my opinion of the break in her Life Line expected to hear of her crash any minute. Her flying instructor, Bruce McKenzie, confessed that he was terrified by her erratic handling of the plane. Her mother also worried, sensing through her own intuition that June was in great danger.

All this worrying went on for several weeks — until June reached the point of applying for her pilot's license. Then, suddenly, she abandoned the whole idea of flying.

What happened next was the most amazing part of the whole episode. The break in her Life Line began to close up! The ends reached toward each other little by little until a few months later the break had completely disappeared. Here, indeed, was proof that the lines do not point to an unalterable fate. Instead, they are a guide to the best way to lead one's life.

Another case involved the son of a prominent businessman in Melbourne,

capital city of the state of Victoria. Trevor John Owen had made his money in real estate. When he died in October 1968 his 14-year-old son Arthur stood to receive a fortune when he reached the age of 21.

On a trip to the United Kingdom, Arthur visited my London office in May 1977. I knew from my first look at his hand that he was slated for an affluent life. A magnificent line rising from his Life Line at the 21-year point indicated his financial gain at that time.

Arthur came to see me again in November 1978, this time at my office in Brisbane. As Brisbane is some 2000 miles from his home in Melbourne and as he had seen me only a year earlier, I was naturally surprised. But he had a particular reason for calling on me.

His mother Mary Owen, suddenly and fanatically converted to religion, had donated a great part of their wealth to the church. Further, she had told her son that she might leave the rest of the money to the church.

When I examined Arthur's hand, I found that the Line of Apollo, a short line between the Life Line and the ring finger which reflects a comfortable life-style, had shrunk to a fraction of its former strength and the success line at his 21-year point had almost disappeared. A number of small dots had appeared in his Life Line, indicating difficult times.

A case of such dramatic changes in the palm is extremely rare but even so, it warns against overconfidence in an apparently rosy future.

My own hands reflected a change in my destiny. When I was 27 years old I noticed that at the 28-year point, an overseas journey was indicated along with a strong romantic relationship — although I saw no sign it would culminate in marriage.

In June 1977 when I was 28 I had set up my practice in London and one of the many clients who passed through my office was a young divorcee, Gale Jones. Within four months of this first meeting, Gale had flown out to Australia where we were married. (Full details of our romance are related in "The Man in the Palm of My Hand," March 1980 FATE.).

Over the ensuing months I developed a "Family Line" in my hand. It started from the line marking Gale's entrance into my life and ran the whole length of my Life Line. This shows the permanent influence my wife and her daughter Sophie have had on my life.

These three cases illustrate the way lines can change when the circumstances of one's life alter. Such dramatic changes do not happen very often, for once marks are laid down only a radical step can alter them — but it is always possible for new markings to appear.

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DISBELIEVERS will sometimes say that the lines in the palm are simply creases related to the folding of the hands. This can be easily disproved because many of the lines run *against* the folding. The lines actually are created by the mind and the nervous system.

In the face of the evidence, only someone quite ignorant of palmistry would dare call it nonsense. The best way is to investigate for yourself. The answer is in the palm of your hand.

The Kitten Came For Phil

Skitty was a wonderful cat but she could never take Phil's place — or could she?

By Alice Morgan

MY BROTHER Phil D'Amico was 8½ years old when he died of leukemia on July 11, 1966. He had suffered the ravages of the disease with incredible bravery and maturity and often expressed his innocent, deeply moving faith that he would continue to live after death.

His third-grade classmates, in an attempt to bring him some pleasure, took up a collection to buy Phil a darling little orange Persian kitten. But the gift came too late. The kitten arrived as we returned to our Yonkers, N.Y., home after having laid little Phil to rest.

Our parents, exhausted and grief-stricken, were not keen on having a pet and asked the pet shop delivery man to take the kitten back, explaining that Phil had passed on. The delivery man had taken the animal out of the cat carrier and was holding him in his arms when suddenly the kitten squirmed loose, jumped to the floor and dashed wildly up the stairs to the second-floor bedrooms. With a hurried apology the man rushed after the cat. In what had been Phil's room he cornered the animal. The kitten was crouched at the head of the bed, claws firmly anchored in Phil's pillow. When my parents saw the pleading look in the kitten's eyes, they couldn't resist; they agreed to keep him after all.

We called him Phil's Kitty which after a while was shortened to Skitty. And the little animal took his place as a family member in no time at all. Somehow he seemed like Phil, extremely affectionate and gently playful. As the months passed, we could not fail to notice there was something quite unusual about Skitty and although we did not often talk about it, we all came to suspect that Phil was trying to communicate with us through the kitten.

Skitty insisted on sleeping in Phil's now empty room and repeated attempts to lock him out brought forth endless pitiful wailing. At 3:15 each afternoon, the time when Phil would have come home from school, the kitten appeared in the kitchen to beg for a snack. It had been Phil's habit to have milk and cookies every afternoon at that very hour.

The truly incredible event that turned our suspicions into unshakable belief occurred the following November on the day that would have been Phil's ninth birthday. Skitty was now about seven or eight months old. On that day Skitty suddenly appeared in the front yard of the Mallory home.

Jimmy Mallory had been Phil's best friend. The cat was rolling Phil's pink rubber ball along with his little furry paws. Jimmy's home was a full two blocks away. How the cat traversed that distance, dodging traffic and maneuvering the ball up and down curbs, was beyond our comprehension. And how could he have known Jimmy's house?

Jimmy's mother had been raking leaves in the front yard when she spotted Skitty. Knowing that he never strayed from our yard, she called us immediately. We were stunned, for we hadn't even noticed that Skitty was missing. The cat had been playing with Phil's ball under our oak tree — but now he seemed to be indicating that Jimmy was to have the ball. What better way to celebrate Phil's birthday?

Other incidents through the years reaffirmed our belief that Phil was indeed "alive" and speaking to us through Skitty. In May 1974 the cat, now eight years old, started to lose weight. The vet diagnosed feline lymphosarcoma — a fatal disease similar to the one that took Phil. There was no cure, no treatment. We tried to make Skitty's last days as comfortable as possible and like Phil, the cat tolerated the illness with dignity. He purred when he was stroked up until the day he died — July 11, 1974, eight years to the day after Phil's death.

Later that year I married John Morgan and moved to my own home in a nearby town. I had developed a deep admiration and love for cats but we did not have one because my husband is allergic to cat dander. One evening the following summer I awoke in the middle of the night to the sound of a cat leaping onto my bed. There is an odd half-muffled "mrrr" that cats "say" as they land after leaping; it is an unmistakable sound. I was startled but I didn't want to wake my husband. I reached out in the darkness and felt a long-haired cat about the size and fluffiness of Skitty. I felt for the ears. One had a V-shaped notch, just as Skitty had had. It was incredible!

My husband, apparently awakened by my movements and sharp intake of breath, sat up and switched on the light. As he did so, the feeling of a cat under my hand vanished. I told him what had happened but he passed it off as a dream. I knew it wasn't a dream but I didn't argue.

The next morning as I was making the bed I found several orange-buff cat hairs on my pillow, exactly the color of Skitty's fur. There *had* been a cat in my bedroom the night before. I looked at the calendar. The date was July 11, 1975.

FISH FIGHT BACK

IN SUVA, Fiji, late in 1979, a fisherman had to be hospitalized after a three-foot swordfish speared him in the chest, narrowly missing his heart. Josala Tusoba, aged 31, was minding the business of fishing when the swordfish, apparently attracted by the light in the small boat, jumped out of the water and struck.

Artemio Tolentino was less fortunate than the Fijian. On a spearfishing expedition on Cebu Island in the Philippines, Tolentino was strangled by a giant octopus.

Malevolent Ghost Down Under

Suddenly the materialized figure leaped upon me and started to choke me with an immensely powerful hand.

By Dorothy Spivey

I AWOKE from a refreshing sleep about six o'clock but since I didn't want to get up so early I lay half-awake thinking about my enjoyable stay in Australia. As I watched the light brightening in the single window of my bedroom, my eye caught a movement at the foot of my bed. A strange presence — one which had haunted me from the hour of my arrival — began to materialize. Soon I could see clearly a woman dressed in a long flowing garment. I stared in amazement.

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THE YEAR was 1971 and I had traveled 8000 miles from my California home to visit my daughter Marlee and her husband George. They had invited me to spend the Christmas holidays with them in Melbourne.

They met me at the airport and we drove to South Yarra where they own a small dress shop. This section had once been the main business district of Melbourne and most of the buildings were erected 60 to 100 years ago. After merchants moved to a newer business center the stores in the old district stood vacant for many years. Then young people began to move into South Yarra; the old section revived and once again became a thriving business center. In this district Marlee and George had opened their dress shop.

We arrived at the store and they gave me a tour of the premises right away. They were proud of the changes they had brought about in the drab old building and pleased with their living quarters behind the shop. After I had seen everything George carried my bags upstairs to the room I would occupy. It was a large high-ceilinged room furnished with antiques. Through a single barred window in one wall I could look out over the rooftops. The bars were to prevent the entry of burglars.

I set my train case on the dresser and glanced in the mirror. I was tired from the trip and my weariness showed on my 58-year-old face.

After being in the room awhile I began to notice bad vibrations. A feeling of fear struck me, for I knew from experience that there is always a reason for such an instinctual reaction. I had been interested in spiritual subjects for many years and always could feel a sinister atmosphere. I couldn't refuse to stay in the room and I didn't want to insult my daughter by objecting to it. I

decided to say nothing but to stay out of it as much as possible.

The first night was uneventful and I decided my overactive imagination had been at play. As the days passed I discovered Melbourne to be a most interesting city and the first few weeks sped by. I was so busy going places and being entertained that I spent very little time in my room. Marlee and I went sight-seeing every day or visited George's relatives and when we were at home we often watched television until midnight or later. Retiring at that hour I fell right to sleep.

However, I became increasingly aware of a presence in my room. At times I could hear the sound of breathing. At first I thought little of it because Marlee owned a large police dog who often slept in the hallway between the two bedrooms. I took it for granted the sound came from the animal.

The noise persisted, however, until each night I would hear it just before dropping off to sleep or upon awakening. One night it was particularly loud and I got up to investigate. When I reached the hall I did not see the dog. He was asleep downstairs. No sound came from behind the closed door to my daughter's room. This puzzled me and I began to wonder if the house was haunted.

At breakfast I decided to speak to Marlee about the persistent breathing. "Have you ever thought this house might be haunted?"

"Now that you mention it," Marlee answered, "I have had some weird encounters in this place. One night I felt a presence in the bathroom downstairs and was so frightened I ran back to bed. Another time I walked down the hall to the storage room and suddenly felt a cold dank atmosphere. I was scared again and ran out of there. Do you think it could be a ghost?"

"Yes, Marlee," I answered, "I believe you're living in a haunted house. I hear breathing in my room constantly. At first I thought it was the dog but then I found out he sleeps downstairs most of the time."

"Mother, isn't that ridiculous?" Marlee asked. "A spirit doesn't have to breathe."

"That's true," I said. "I think it's just trying to get my attention that way."

"What do you think we should do about it?"

"Nothing. It hasn't bothered me really and so long as it doesn't I'm not going to bother it. I'm the intruder. No telling how long the entity may have lived here. The sound really doesn't annoy me. I just ignore it and go to sleep."

I have a strong faith in God and I did not feel particularly nervous about the ghost. I believe an evil entity cannot harm me in any way.

One day the dog came into my room and when I began to stroke his head he turned away and started to growl at something. He sniffed and snarled, then acted frightened and dashed from the room. Seconds later Marlee called from downstairs, "What did you do to Rex? He's all freaked out and shaking."

I walked downstairs. "It's your ghost. The dog came into my room to be petted but became frightened and ran away."

"That ghost is getting to be a nui-

sance," Marlee said. "Don't you think we should try to get rid of it?"

I remained cold to her suggestion. "Just because it frightens people and dogs now and then doesn't mean anything. I don't think we should take action unless it gives us a reason. For the most part ghosts are harmless. Why don't we wait awhile?"

Later I realized my lack of concern was a form of escape, for I didn't know how to face the problem. I had no previous experience with a spirit and no knowledge of their potential for evil. I did not expect the circumstances to change so I intended to ignore the ghost. This was not to be possible for long, however.

A few nights later I had a strange dream of talking to a woman dressed in misty white clothing. "Who are you?" I asked.

"I am Sarah O'Malley," the woman answered.

"What are you doing in my room?"

"I have lived here many years. This is my home," she said clearly.

"I don't want you here," I said. "You must leave at once." As I spoke these words the misty figure drifted away and disappeared.

In the morning the dream was clear in my mind and at breakfast I told Marlee the details. She telephoned her landlord and learned that about 50 years ago the house had been rented to a couple named O'Malley and the wife's name was Sarah. This gave a certain validity to my vision.

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I HAD arrived in Melbourne about the middle of November. The time raced by and Christmas came with all its attendant social events. Then after the New Year Marlee and George took some time off and we toured the country. We had beautiful summer weather for our 200-mile drive along Victoria's picturesque beaches from Phillip Island to Lakes Entrance.

By the time we returned to Melbourne and the apartment I had practically forgotten the ghost. Again I noticed the bad vibrations but as I began to make plans to return to the United States I felt I should not concern myself with the uninvited occupant of the bedroom. In a few weeks I would be home and no longer involved. I did not consider the ghost dangerous — but I soon learned different.

A few nights after our return I went to bed at midnight and awoke about six o'clock in the morning. I lay half-awake thinking of our delightful trip and the interesting people I had met. The ghost was far from my thoughts — when suddenly she materialized at the foot of my bed! I stared in amazement at the figure of a woman dressed in misty white clothing. Then the figure crept slowly around to the side of my bed and leaped upon me. She put one finger into my right side; it felt like shooting fire. With the other hand she grasped my throat; it felt like a gorilla's hand, immensely powerful. That clutching hand could not be a dream or hallucination.

I tried to remain calm while I repeated the Lord's name over and over, praying for release. When a sense of power flooded through my being I knew it was God's answer. Instantly the strong hand on my throat began to weaken and in a few seconds I was free.

Now I prayed for God to remove

this evil spirit from the house forever. I could no longer remain indifferent to such a menacing presence. Obviously the entity was dangerous and might attack Marlee or George or another of their guests. I had to do what I could to rid the house of the specter, which now I could faintly see alongside the window.

I picked up my Bible, opening it haphazardly, until finally one scripture flashed into my mind — *Matthew 16:19.* I turned to it and the words seemed to be illuminated on the page: ". . . whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." I repeated these words a number of times and before long I heard a deep sigh. The white mistiness slowly seeped out through the window and peace settled over the room. I went back to sleep completely exhausted.

At breakfast I related my strange experience to Marlee and George. They were speechless and at first, unbelieving. But later they accepted my uncanny story, for in the year they remained there after my return to the States the apartment took on a pleasant peaceful atmosphere. No longer were they startled at unusual times by the cold dank presence. Peace had been restored to the old building down under.

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UNIVERSE MAY BE HALF AS OLD

A MISTAKE in a mathematical yardstick indicates the universe is only half as old as previously thought. Astronomers say this could upset many theories about the evolution of the cosmos. The three scientists who discovered the discrepancy say the universe is only nine billion years old, not 15 to 18 billion years, as usually believed.

The rule in question is Hubble's Constant, the number astronomers use to figure the distance between objects in space. John P. Huchra, a staff member at the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Marc Aaronson of the University of Arizona and Jeremy Mould of the Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona have found that the Constant, which is the ratio of speed to distance, should be almost twice as large.

"If the Hubble Constant is about twice as big as it was thought to be in the past, said Huchra, "that means that the age of the universe has dropped down to nine billion years."

Furthermore, he said, "The distance to the farthest point in the universe is the velocity of light times the age of the universe. Since we have now scaled down the age of the universe by a factor of two, that means that everything is half as distant."

Previously, scientists had thought that Hubble's Constant was 50 kilometers per second per million parsecs. (A parsec is 3.26 light-years.) Now, Huchra contends, the constant is 95 kilometers per second per million parsecs.

These findings are apt to upset scientists who have used the 15-billion-year estimate to work out theories about the development of the spheres.

"There is going to be a lot of scrambling . . . to makes sense of things if this result is correct," said George B. Field, head of the astrophysics center. "I think the first response of the scientific community will be to verify it and, frankly, to attack it and look at all the weaknesses in the argument."

Field, who tentatively accepts the researchers' conclusions, noted that some stars are believed to be as old as 15 billion years. "Now we run into the absurd situation that it appears the universe is younger than the stars," he said.

Yellowstone Kelly
And The Lawyer's Dream

He woke screaming, trying to warn his friend of the Indian ambush and to tell him of the one escape route possible.

By George Wagner



W. W. ERWIN was known as the "Tall Pine Tree of the North" in the American courtrooms of the late 19th Century. The noted criminal lawyer hailed from St. Paul, Minn.

Meanwhile during the mid-1870's Erwin's brother was stationed with the United States Cavalry in the Dakota Territory under Gen. Nelson A. Miles. The lawyer's brother worked closely with Miles' chief Indian scout, the famous "Yellowstone" Kelly.

When W. W. Erwin traveled to Bismarck to visit with his brother, he too became fast friends with Kelly. Over the next few weeks the army scout and the lawyer became inseparable companions. Kelly promised to visit Erwin in Minnesota.

One night in the first week of September 1875, safely back in St. Paul, Erwin leaped from his bed in his Jackson Street apartment. He threw himself to the floor. Erwin's roommate, himself shocked awake by the sudden commotion, noticed that the convulsing man was still soundly asleep.

"Kelly's in danger!" the somnambulist cried out. "The Indians are waiting for him in ambush in the canyon. There is but one way of escape. Kelly must ride straight forward, then turn to the right, put spurs to his horse and ride for dear life. If he does that, he will escape."

Erwin's roommate gently shook his companion awake. He asked the lawyer what he had found so frightening about his dream.

"I have had a nightmare," Erwin replied. "Yellowstone Kelly has been in great danger from the Indians. They lie in ambush for him in the canyon. I can draw a map for you which shows the only way of escape."

Erwin took pencil and paper and sketched a map. The scribbled chart revealed the location of the hidden Indians and the only path by which the scout could hope to elude them.

The Minnesota lawyer was worried for weeks about the fate of his friend. When Kelly turned up in St. Paul, the relieved Erwin immediately asked him where he had been on the night in question.

"I had a close call on that night," the army scout answered. "The saddle I sat in that night still has a bullet hole in it from an Indian's gun. I was caught in a canyon and almost surrounded. I rode straight toward the Indians until I found an unguarded passage off to the right. I sped through that passage and escaped."



ATTACK DOG TURNS TAIL

AN ATTEMPT to use a German shepherd in a robbery of a Newbury Park, Calif., gas station was foiled in the "man bites dog" tradition.

Jim Kendricks, the service station attendant, told police that a man drove into his station and while his gas tank was being filled, he told the attendant that his German shepherd was attack-trained.

Next the man told Kendricks he would order the dog to attack unless he handed over all the cash he had. The stouthearted Kendricks punched the dog in the mouth and the animal ran off.



X RAYS ENDANGER GHOST

SOME X RAYS were taken in Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia, particularly where the rafters join in the attic of the three-story building, in preparation for a $350,000 restoration project scheduled to start May 1.

Mrs. Hazell O'Connor, live-in caretaker in the hall for 10 years, expressed concern that these architectural X rays might harm "Patrick," a ghost who spends most of his time in the attic.

Mrs. O'Connor said that she and her husband believe it is the ghost of either patriot Patrick Henry or Patrick Cunningham, a caretaker of the hall who died of yellow fever in 1778, five years after the hall was built.

"Parapsychologists have agreed that Patrick does roam the house. Chairs have fallen over and there are pounding sounds in the night and boxes being moved," she said.

The building served as the meeting place of the Continental Congress and this is its first major renovation since 1857. Mrs. O'Connor hopes that Patrick will survive the turmoil.

Update . . . By Jerome Clark

MOST AMERICANS ACCEPT PARANORMAL.

Those persons who profess to believe that wide public acceptance of UFOs, ESP and other anomalous phenomena imperils civilization have fresh cause for alarm. A Gallup Poll released in late April of this year confirms earlier survey findings that the younger and better educated someone is, the more likely he is to view paranormal claims sympathetically. Fifty-seven percent of those surveyed consider UFOs real and not imaginary. Fifty-one percent (and 64 percent of those with a college background) think ESP is a believable phenomenon.

SCIENTIST SEARCHES FOR EXTINCT(?) ANIMAL.

Do Tasmanian tigers still exist? Most zoologists believe the marsupials, which resemble a cross between a tiger and a wolf but are neither, died out in the 1930's, done in by farmers who poisoned them and bounty hunters who shot or trapped them. But persistent sightings of a mysterious animal in the wilds of Tasmania, Australia's island state, have inspired Dr. Eric Guiler of the University of Tasmania to set up a network of automatic movie cameras along wildlife trails. Any animal passing through a pulsed infrared beam will set the film in motion. The device is similar to one used in attempts to photograph the Loch Ness monster.

INVESTIGATOR ENCOUNTERS BEAST — MAYBE.

Another researcher who is convinced thylacines (as scientists call Tasmanian tigers) still exist is Jim Sayles, a Texan who lived in Tasmania for several years. After mapping 47 "exceptionally reliable" sightings, Sayles found most occurred near the Arthur River in the northwest part of the state. It was in that area that he had his own eerie encounter. One night a large dog-sized animal came ambling down a trail, then stopped just out of camera range, sniffed the wind — and vanished. "I believe the animal was a thylacine," he writes in the zoological

journal Animal Kingdom, "but because of the excitement and dreamlike quality of the experience I will never be certain."

THE CURSE WAS A JOKE.

That's what Richard Adamson says and he should know. The last surviving member of the expedition that uncovered King Tut's tomb in 1922, he says the archaeologists concocted the curse story to scare away grave robbers. To protect the find, Adamson recalls, "I had to sleep in the tomb at night for seven years, alongside the gold coffin and the mummy." The curse was supposed to cause the deaths of all those who entered the burial site. Adamson is alive and well 58 years later.

FUEL-FROM-WATER MAN GETS CONVICTED.

On April 22, in U.S. District Court in Chicago, Guido Franch of Villa Park, Ill., was sentenced to five years' probation for bilking investors out of $160,000 over the last 30 years. Franch, 70, claims to have a secret formula for turning water into MOTA ("atom" spelled backwards) fuel ("I See by the Papers," July 1980 FATE). Prosecutors argued that he used sleight of hand to substitute aviation fuel for the water used during demonstrations. Judge Joel Flaum ordered Franch to spend 20 hours a week for the next two years doing work beneficial to the community. During the trial the defendant, who says he is in contact with space people, told a reporter, "In a few days you're gonna see hundreds of flying saucers leaving the earth. They don't like the way I'm being treated."

WOULD YOU BELIEVE A BABY ALIEN?

The wildest story of the month comes from (where else?) the National Enquirer whose May 20 issue tells us that the tiny skeleton of a "space alien child" has been found on a deserted beach in Panama. There's even a picture of the thing being held by one Francisco Ramon de Aguilar who paid $1000 for it. He thinks it "may have fallen from a high-flying UFO." A similar skeleton found on a Nicaraguan beach proved to be part of a shark. Better luck next investment, señor!

Confessions of a Biorhythm Salesman

Onetime skeptic discovers that critical days are nothing to sneer at and takes a critical look at biorhythm's critics.

By Randal Montgomery

ROBERT Schadewald's article "A Critical Look at Critical Days" in the February 1979 issue of FATE purports to debunk biorhythms. A scientific retort to Schadewald would require a discussion of logic and set algebra, the theory of probabilities and density function distributions and applied statistical tests of significance — all too complicated for FATE's pages. Moreover, despite the concreteness of statistics, they rely on assumptions and are no replacement for disciplined common sense. You can neither "prove" nor "disprove" anything with statistics; all you can do is calculate probabilities, given your assumptions about sampling and hypothetical universal distributions. Therefore, I will counter Schadewald's cynicism with a few simple statistics of the descriptive rather than inferential type. I also will cite case histories while cautioning that one should not overgeneralize from them or use them as an excuse for not collecting aggregate data.

ON A WHIM in 1974 I purchased a Biomate calculator through a *Playboy* ad. It took a long time to arrive — from Japan by way of an English distributor — and when it did I found the instructions somewhat complicated so I threw the device into a closet and forgot it. Several months later I heard the front door shut and footsteps trudge slowly up the staircase. I was expecting my petite wife Margaret who shuts the door quickly and ascends the steps lightly and rapidly, so I wondered who this shuffling stranger was. Gathering my courage, I went to the stairs. There was my wife, looking as downcast as I've ever seen her look. I thought she'd either been in an accident or heard some tragic news. But all she said was that for unknown reasons she felt totally exhausted, mentally and physically, and she went straight to bed — at 5:30 P. M., skipping supper. As she collapsed into bed she said she felt too emotionally upset and physically exhausted even to tell

me what a lousy day she'd had.

Of course, I was perplexed and concerned. My mind raced for an explanation. Then I remembered the Biomate! I dug it out, studied the instructions and set it to her birth date. As I turned the calendar dial toward the date of the event I thought, "If this thing isn't just a pile of garbage and a rip-off it should show me something." To my utter surprise that particular day in 1975 was the one day in the year when Margaret was at "triple critical"! (All three cycles were at their crossover points.) As a scientist and skeptic I was more amazed than most people would be at this finding.

In the following months I told all my friends about this and talked about it to all our guests. Most of them asked where I had gotten the Biomate and how they could get one. I eventually got tired of writing down the address and decided I could order a dozen or two from the distributor and save people the hassle of taking time off work to go to the customs depot, fill out forms, pay import duty, etc. That was how I came to be selling biorhythm calculators. It was never a business decision.

In Vancouver I consulted an old friend of my father's who worked for the customs bureau. As I sought advice from him regarding how the Biomates would be classified for import duty tax purposes, he asked to see one. As an experiment I set it up for him for that year and asked if he could recall any especially good or bad days. He couldn't so I spun the dial until it hit his triple-critical day. I showed him the date and asked if he recalled it. It turned out he had spent that day on a cross-country airliner flight, sipping drinks and watching the movie. Not surprisingly, it was not an eventful or crisis-filled day for him. Biorhythms are merely potential or mediating factors which cannot create events — good or bad — in a void.

I had to wait several months before a postal box was available so I sold the Biomates part-time from my residence. Because I worked as a postal letter-sorter all night I was available to meet customers during the day. It was during those sales demonstrations that I conducted the following research. I asked each person if he could remember a day within the last 12 months when everything went wrong or which was remarkably bad for some reason. For those persons who could pinpoint such a date I set up the calculator and turned it to that date. Scientifically trained readers will note that my procedure was "double blind." That is, neither I as researcher nor the person being studied was aware of the biorhythm status on the date in question until the Biomate plotted it. If, for example, I had reversed the procedure by turning the dial on the calculator until it registered a double critical day and then asked the person if he recalled having a bad day on that date the procedure would have been invalid. The person would probably have remembered it as a "bad day."

In 20 out of 25 cases the bad day remembered was critical on the appropriate cycle. By "appropriate" I mean that if the person had suffered a physical accident the physical cycle at least had to be critical; if the person was upset or suffered an emotional outburst,

the emotional cycle had to be critical; if the person made a "stupid decision" or "dumb mistake" the intellectual cycle had to be critical. In many cases more than this key cycle was critical or more than the key cycle was at ebb. For example, in the case of a self-caused accident, the physical cycle was critical and the intellectual cycle was low. In the case of a big fight with the boss and a subsequent firing, the emotional cycle was critical and so was the intellectual cycle.

Twenty out of 25 cases is 80 percent! Admittedly some proportion of these is due to chance but 80 percent seems a significant number. You may argue that my sample was biased in favor of pro-biorhythm people but not everyone who came by bought a Biomate and some were even hostile. All but one did not purchase the machine until after my demonstration — hardly a cohort of suckers or fanatics. Moreover, even if a customer was pro-biorhythm, why should that detract from the 80 percent, given the "double blind" procedure I used?

Barry, my cynical co-op mate, had been deriding biorhythms all the while. Barry is brilliant and has an M.A. in philosophy and a strong math and logic background. He was an avid and expert player of the Chinese game GO which is sort of like chess. One evening Barry arrived home upset because he had lost every game he played that day, even to people several levels below him in skill. He kept mumbling, "I can't understand it."

I suggested we check his biorhythms and he agreed it would be a crucial test of the theory. I set up my Biomate and turned it to the day. Lo and behold! It was a critical day on his intellectual cycle. Previously Barry had been critical of biorhythms, to the point of advising potential customers it was a rip-off (while I slept) and sending them away. Now he changed his tune and wanted to become a partner in my mail-order business.

A few of the people who arrived at our door were true-believer types who naively thought the Biomate would predict when they would become wealthy, "score" at sex or receive some brilliant insight. I tried to tell them that biorhythms are neither magic nor fortune-telling. Knowledge of biocycles does not make an idiot into a genius for a few days a month or temporarily turn a klutz into an athlete. Nor will a critical day flounder a genius or cause a stable person to suffer a psychological breakdown. However, biorhythms may interact with the dozens of other factors which affect our lives and increase or decrease the likelihood of errors in insights, successes or failures, etc.

Some of my other customers needed no such lessons; they included professors, medical doctors and dentists. The latter intended to use the Biomate for research and to apply it so as to benefit their patients (e.g., do no oral surgery when the patient or the surgeon is on a critical physical point).

I decided to verify some of the claims made about famous people by authors of biorhythms paperback books. I checked on the date of Edward Kennedy's Chappaquiddick accident and on his birth date. With the Biomate I quickly ascertained that the accident did occur when Kennedy was at critical intellectual and physical

points. Moreover, his emotional status was not particularly good.

Some persons make a big deal about some of these cases by saying the person was not *exactly* at a critical point. But the cycles are continuous lines, not individually distinct points. A critical day doesn't suddenly begin at midnight and end exactly 24 hours later. Rather, one's risk increases gradually to a maximum at noon and decreases just as gradually. The cycle is geometric in shape and not a histogram or series of spikes. One's risk is not much greater at 11:00 A.M. on a critical day than at 2:00 A.M., which again is not all that much more critical than 10:00 P.M. the day before. Obviously no one is going to die or do something stupid or suffer an emotional problem at exactly noon on a critical day. In other words, half a day or even a day on either side of the intercept point is acceptably "critical." This view of "critical" may account for Schadewald saying triple criticals occur only every seven years. Using my more realistic and sensible criterion, I counted a triple critical if, say, one cycle is bang on the halfway point and one is a day before and one a day after. To demand that all three be exactly in the middle is too theoretically ideal and assumes a calculator with infinite gradations. (The Biomate's gears are such that one day is as "fine" as one can get, so that 11:00 P.M. one day and 1:00 A.M. the next are two different gear notches. This slight physical limitation of my measuring instrument makes my results even more impressive.)

Some of my best customers have been rock musicians. A bunch of them lived upstairs. The bandleader Dave Townson was musing about why he could not play his guitar or sing as well on some nights as on other nights. It turned out that his bad nights correlated with his biocycles. He was so impressed on finding this out that he spread the word and sold dozens of Biomates to Vancouver musicians. I am sure a placebo effect and other subjective biases operated for them also — knowing in advance that it was a "good" day, musicians would play well; expecting a lousy day they wouldn't try as hard, thus creating a self-fulfilling prophecy. This is why I rarely look up my own biocycles in advance. I use it only for predicting, trying to juggle examination dates so that I don't write exams on critical intellectual days. In any event a good night's sleep is the best help.

Dave also found that biorhythms explained why he and his live-in-lady would have spates of fighting and then get along marvelously for weeks. It turned out — as we ascertained the problem dates before determining their biostatus — that it was a function of the synchronization (or lack of it) between Dave's emotional cycles and that of his girl friend. The tension and quarrels occurred when they both were on the low half of their emotional cycles. Dave plotted all this on a wall chalkboard in an effort to understand and prepare but I disapprove of this. As I tried to tell him, *knowing* that a mutual low period was due would itself precipitate problems. A little biorhythm knowledge is a dangerous thing, it seems. Dave was also forgetting that biological cycles are just a few of the dozens of factors which

affect how we think, act, feel and perform. Biorhythms can induce or inhibit, amplify or dampen an interpersonal relationahip, but strictly speaking they cannot cause anything.

In 1978 I moved from Vancouver to Edmonton to resume my academic career in sociology. As a graduate student with almost no income, I decided to try to sell a few Biomates at Christmastime; I thought they'd make memorable gifts. But university students are trained to be skeptical, just as I was before that eventful day in 1975, and they are not rich. Hence only two responded to my advertisements. I gave them the same combined demonstration and research procedure I had used two years earlier. One student was a 19-year-old female who recalled having had a bad day. Her professor had said something which upset her so much she "went off the deep end" and cried in front of everyone. The professor was dismayed and the girl herself could not understand why she had overreacted. When I turned the Biomate to that date it indicated a critical point on her 23-day physical cycle, the bottom of her emotional cycle and just past the bottom of her intellectual cycle!

The other student was a 22-year-old female who could not recall having had a particularly bad day during the previous 12 months. However, she was concerned about her father — a 49-year-old farmer who had inexplicably stepped backward off the back of his truck while loading hay. He hurt himself and was hospitalized for a week. I set up the Biomate for that man on that date and found he was at an emotionally critical point and at the bottom of his intellectual cycle. The accident had nothing to do with physical clumsiness; his physical cycle was at its peak.

It is true that some persons' cycles will be of unusual periodicity all their lives and other persons will go off-cycle occasionally. (Just as menstrual cycles correspond to the 28-day emotional biorhythm.) But Schadewald insinuates that biological cycles can't be easily and reliably plotted for most people. He also implies that biorhythms of the 23-, 28- and 33-day type don't exist!

It is true that the Hawthorne or intervention effect can reduce industrial accidents — the awareness of danger rather than biorhythms, of course, is responsible. In considering the Canadian National Safety Council find (and similar Japanese findings) that automobile drivers were seven times more accident-prone on critical days we must presume that most of the accident victims didn't know their biostatus, so no subjective or psychological explanation can explain away these biorhythms effects.

Those persons who label biorhythms pseudoscience or superstition actually prevent serious biorhythm research. In 1974 I worked with a noted psychiatrist on a psychosocial study of accidents on a General Motors assembly line. Although we looked at many variables, I was afraid to include biocycle status of the worker for fear of blowing my credibility as a researcher and being laughed out of my profession. Bigots in the name of science inhibit research on all controversial topics. In my own department most faculty members have a good laugh

at the mention of the word biorhythm — or astrology or UFO or psychic, for that matter. They share the short-sighted view that what you can't reliably measure doesn't exist. Given this approach germs and electrons never would have been discovered or accepted.

Critics may retort to this article by saying that because I sell Biomates* everything I say is invalid. They may try to dismiss my results as fiction and this paper as a sales pitch — completely ignoring the fact that I began selling biorhythm calculators only because of convincing results.

I have an important thing to say to the many thousands of people who have purchased Biomate calculators from anyone other than me. (I have sold only a tiny proportion of the many thousands sold by a dozen fly-by-night companies in North America.) The chart on the back of the device and in the instructions says *year* to the left of the three code numbers. I find that everyone takes this to mean the year of birth and sets the calculator accordingly. However, this means that hundreds of thousands of meaningless biorhythm results have been accepted as valid because the chart should say *age*. It refers to your age in years in whatever year you are setting it for. I ascertained this myself and double-checked with the English distributor. So I urge anyone who has been dissatisfied with his Biomate results to redo the calculation using age (in years) rather than year (of birth) in setting the device. I offer this advice as a public service since I have already made the correction on all the models I sell, with a special pen that writes on plastic.

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POINT-BLANK BULLETS STOP SHORT

By Corinne Pilbrow Adams

IN THE last few months of 1978 two point-blank shootings occurred but the targets, a policeman and a security guard, escaped death by a hairbreadth.

In Chicago, Patrolman Gregory Rydell and his partner Kathleen Lambros responded to a call from a woman who said two men were trying to enter her second-floor apartment. Rydell saw two men standing in front of the building, one of them with his hands in his pockets. When Rydell told him to raise his hands the man drew a gun and fired. The bullet struck Rydell's nameplate which he wore on his regulation leather jacket. It ripped off the nameplate, tore two holes in the jacket and then bounced off the officer's right arm without tearing his jacket sleeve. Rydell was unharmed — except for a bruise on his arm.

In Charleston, W. Va., Robert Hanson, a security guard in an office building, was going off duty. He locked up his revolver, picked up his small leatherette-bound Bible from his desk and hurriedly stuck it into his shirt pocket. On his way out of the building he encountered a pistol-packing intruder who shot him at point-blank range. Hanson went down half-unconscious — but he was more scared than hurt. The bullet had gone into his Bible and had stopped at the back cover. Hanson's only injuries were a red welt and a bruise on his chest.

Great Lakes Mysteries

Ghost Ships & Vanished Planes





In fair weather or foul mysterious forces are claiming men and machines on and above the waters of the Great Lakes.

By E. A. Metz

LEGENDS, even modern legends, begin in many ways and the Great Lakes area is as rich in legendry as any area of the world. As I demonstrated last month* many of the fabulous tales of the Lakes are just that. In the old days of the sailing ships, legends developed around the tables of inns and sailors' rests as veteran seamen spun yarns to entertain each other. Before that, many grew around the campfires of the Erie and Wyandot Indians. My first article dealt with a less innocent type of legend production: the distortion of known facts by writers seeking financial profit.

But if one looks closely enough, elements of truth can sometimes be found in the legends and the lies. Ships — and, in our time, aircraft — *have* vanished in the Great Lakes for no apparent reason. Crews *have* disappeared from ships without logical explanation. Disappearances as genuine and mysterious as anything that has ever taken place in the Bermuda Triangle have been occurring in the

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Great Lakes at least since the days of the Iroquois and they continue to occur today.

On the cold, rainy night of November 23, 1953, an air force F-89D Scorpion all-weather fighter was scrambled by the radar unit at Truax Air Force Base, Madison, Wis., to investigate an unknown blip coming in over Lake Superior from the west and heading for the Soo Locks area. The F-89 was based at Kinross, Mich., near the Locks and flown by Lt. Felix Moncla with Lt. R. Wilson as radar officer. In the total overcast Truax's long-range radar directed the F-89 to its target. Holding full power, climbing through the clouds, the F-89 began to close in on the blip. The unknown object, flying at a moderate speed, changed course and headed northwest back over Lake Superior. The fighter continued to close.

We probably will never know what happened next. But as radar personnel watched both blips on their scope, the two blips merged and briefly became one. Then that single return left the scope on a northwest heading, accelerating to a speed well beyond the F-89's capabilities. The F-89 and its crew were never seen again. Radar and radio contact with the F-89 was lost at about 8000 feet over Lake Superior, 70 miles off Keweenaw Point and 160 miles northwest of the Locks.

Truax personnel immediately notified Air Sea Rescue. The particular radar in use that night had no equipment for determining vertical placement but from the nature of the return it was evident that the F-89 was gone, possibly down into the icy waters of Superior. For the next two days combined American and Canadian forces scoured the entire lake and adjoining land areas, checking locations well beyond the aircraft's range. They found not a trace.

The air force, never known for credible explanations in such matters, attempted on several occasions to explain away the F-89's loss. Initially it claimed that the unknown blip was in fact a Royal Canadian Air Force Dakota (DC-3) aircraft which had strayed off course. The F-89, it said, properly identified the blip and returned to Kinross (now Kincheloe) AFB without incident. The personnel operating the radar at Truax had simply misread the scope, the air force insisted. Since two men and an airplane were missing, this explanation failed to impress even the credulous. In addition the Canadians repeatedly denied — in writing — that the blip had been one of their aircraft.

Next the air force admitted that the F-89 had not returned to Kinross but announced that Lieutenant Moncla had suffered an attack of vertigo while making his instrumented letdown and had dived vertically into the lake.

Vertigo may occur regardless of the pilot's instrument experience or the type of aircraft he is flying. Under certain conditions the F-89's external lighting system made for increased possibility of vertigo on formation night work. But the F-89 was a sophisticated piece of machinery for 1953; low-time pilots inept at instrument work were not allowed to fly it. A vertical dive into the lake would have left considerable debris and there was none. In any case, Moncla would have known if he was suffering from vertigo

and taken appropriate action. Wilson had his own set of flight controls in the rear cockpit and the chances of both men's suffering such a case of vertigo are remote. The aircraft would have remained visible on the radar from the intercept point to the point at which it struck the water. But it did not — it simply disappeared.

As one of the ex-military fighter pilots with whom I discussed the case some years ago put it, "Hell, if he [Moncla] dived in vertically like that, it wasn't vertigo. He must have just plain wanted to commit suicide!"

Later the air force declared that for some unstated reason the F-89 had exploded in midair just after identifying the blip as a Canadian transport. Such an explosion, however, would have been apparent in the nature of the radar return. The F-89 did not explode; it just ceased to exist.

Undaunted, the air force tried still another explanation. Although radio transmissions had made it clear that the F-89 was at 8000 feet and climbing when it vanished, the air force theorized that Moncla crashed into the lake while flying too low. But when Moncla's wife requested her husband's body, she was told that the body had not been recovered because the fighter had exploded at high altitude!

Whatever the unknown blip might have been and however asinine the attempts to explain it away, one fact is evident: two men and an airplane vanished without a trace while attempting to intercept an unidentified radar return. It may be that the cause of the return was an airplane, a bird or a balloon but since the return was never identified as such, it is by definition a UFO. Nonetheless the fact that the object in question departed the radarscope at speeds in the area of 1500 knots (1725 mph) makes it an unlikely plane, bird or balloon.

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THE F-89 WAS not the first victim of mysterious forces in the region. Several ships and aircraft have vanished in the Keweenaw Point area. Most of these alleged mysteries have conventional explanations having to do with storms, human error or mechanical failure. Others, although they may have occurred during storms, cannot be accounted for so easily.

One of the most famous of the Great Lakes losses to occur in this same area involved the *Bannockburn*, a British-built ship of Canadian registry. Accounts differ concerning her home port, destination and course at the time of her loss. Some have her downbound for Midland City, Ont., while others have her departing Midland City for Port Arthur on Lake Superior. Her cargo was 85,000 bushels of wheat and according to the more accurate sources she cleared Midland City upbound on November 18, 1902, passing through the Soo at 3:40 A.M. November 19. It was already late in the shipping season and weather was poor. *Bannockburn* was late in clearing the Soo and seas were running heavy at the time.

They were even heavier by the night of November 21, when the bridge crew of the freighter *Algonquin*, downbound 50 miles east of Passage Island and northeast of Keweenaw Point, saw the *Bannockburn* fighting a heavy sea. But several of the *Algonquin*'s crew later testified that *Bannockburn*

passed their ship close abeam on a nearly reciprocal heading; she appeared to be having no particular difficulty. *Algonquin*'s captain noted that she was lost to sight very quickly aft, but considering the darkness, poor visibility and heaving sea, he did not consider this surprising or unusual.

A recent version tells a far more colorful story. It omits the storm entirely and has *Algonquin*'s captain noting *Bannockburn*'s passing "on a fine clear morning," after which *Bannockburn* simply blinked out of existence before anybody else could see her. This is nonsense. The next morning, November 22, *Bannockburn* was seen just east of Isle Royale by the crew of the *Huronic*. She was making good headway and even with a worsening storm she was still having no great difficulty.

Bannockburn was never seen again. When she failed to make port, a search was begun. It was initially hampered by the severe weather but continued long after the storm had subsided. While *Bannockburn* had completed 95 percent of her voyage and was probably within 40 miles of port when last seen, she vanished totally — at least for a period of time. In almost every case of a ship loss in which the cargo is a bulk floatable like *Bannockburn*'s wheat, the cargo has been found, often strewn over several square miles of lake and beach. Nothing was ever found of *Bannockburn*'s wheat.

But 15 months later, in the area where the *Huronic* had last seen her, a life belt bearing the name *Bannockburn* washed ashore. And in 1927, in exactly the same spot, someone came upon a bleached and battered oar on a stretch of beach. The name *Bannockburn* was barely discernible on it.

Bannockburn has long had a reputation as a ghost ship — a sort of *Flying Dutchman* of the Great Lakes. I have talked with sailors who claim to have seen her as late as 1954 off Kelley's Island in Lake Erie. As the legend goes, she is doomed for some reason to sail the Lakes for eternity, fighting heavy seas.

I put little stock in this aspect of the story. Still, there are unanswered questions about *Bannockburn*'s loss. The oar and the life belt, the only items from the ship ever recovered, may have come from a lifeboat, but if so we must also assume that the lifeboat in question was launched or freed itself in heavy seas and then remained in exactly the same spot for the next quarter-century despite storms, changing seasons and shifting currents. Also, as I have pointed out, no trace of the 85,000 bushels of wheat ever turned up although it should have covered the sea and shores like an oil spill. No body or fragment of the ship herself was ever found.

I doubt that any cork life jacket such as those in use at the time would float in Lakes weather for over a year or that an oar could either float free or be wedged under water for 27 years and still be recognized as an oar, let alone bear a readable name. Yet it was no hoax. It was — and is — a mystery.

On September 8, 1864, the U. S. freighter *Mohave* was bound across Lake Michigan when she encountered and spoke with the crew of the schooner *J. S. Minor* near midlake. That was the last anybody ever saw of

the *Mohave*. A thorough search failed to uncover remains or bodies — yet the weather at the time was beautiful. There had been no storms at all on the Lakes for several days prior to the incident and the calm continued for several days after. The lake was pond-calm and no white squalls were reported. Under these conditions something should have been found. *Mohave* was a wooden ship and she carried nothing volatile. It is conceivable that she met with an emergency that caused her to sink or burn in a very short time while out of touch, but with weather eliminated as a causal factor, what else could be responsible? And why was there no debris?

The fate of the Canadian steamer *Waubuno* constitutes one of the Lakes' better-known mysteries. Recent versions of her story continue the process of embellishment that is a part of the evolution of any legend. *Waubuno* was a side-wheeler of Canadian registry, 150 feet long by 40 feet abeam. She plied a regular route between Georgian Bay ports. She is not, contrary to some accounts, a vanished ship.

Waubuno sailed from Collingwood, Ont., early on the morning of November 22, 1879, under the command of Capt. George Burkett, with several passengers and a mixed cargo of oats, tea, sugar, horses, apples and miscellaneous goods. Her destination was Parry Sound, about 70 miles away. The weather was poor and gale force northwest winds were already blowing across Georgian Bay when she finally put out. Apparently with Captain Burkett's misgivings she sailed late and when she did sail, she did so abruptly and with such little warning that she left passengers and crewmen in Collingwood.

One passenger, the wife of a doctor relocating to Parry Sound, claimed to have had an ominous prophetic dream in which *Waubuno* sank with all hands. Just prior to sailing she became so hysterical that she was put off the ship, thereby saving her life and that of her husband. There probably is nothing paranormal about this, however. The woman, who had a history of unstable behavior, had always been terrified at the thought of *any* water travel.

Waubuno passed Christian Island and her passing was logged by the lighthouse keeper there. She then faced about 30 miles of open water. The weather was deteriorating rapidly and by noon a cold front had passed through the area, bringing higher winds, lower temperatures and heavy snow. Visibility dropped to nearly zero. *Waubuno* didn't make those 30 miles. She vanished, at least temporarily.

When the weather subsided on November 24, a search for *Waubuno* began. Soon searchers sighted apples and other cargo, most of it washed ashore, in the South Channel area. All her life jackets were eventually recovered; when investigators examined them, they discovered that none had been used. Four months later, *Waubuno's* hull was found floating belly-up in a bay behind Moose Point, east of a series of reefs called "The Haystacks" which were uncharted at the time. *Waubuno's* cabin structure, boilers, wheels and other machinery were gone but her

anchor was recovered in 1962. Authorities theorized that the increased violence of the weather took *Waubuno* in midlake and Captain Burkett, seeking the safety of a lee to shelter behind, ran her onto the Haystacks, about which he could not have known.

It seems clear enough that *Waubuno* neither vanished nor met with any paranormal activity as a ship. She collided with an unknown reef in a violent storm.

But where are the bodies? The human beings aboard were just about the only items that were never recovered. Most of the ship itself and almost all the cargo were located. Apples, oats and assorted junk washed ashore in great quantities; those dead horses that did not come ashore were seen floating not far away. The exact location was and is known and the wreck has been subjected to several close examinations over the years.

We could logically assume that with the weather as severe as it was, passengers and crew would be inside and away from it. When she hit the reef, they had no time to don life jackets and launch boats. They were trapped within her.

Waubuno didn't sink, however. She capsized and continued to float inverted and areas such as the crew's quarters remained intact. But they contained no bodies; neither did the superstructure wreckage.

Either those aboard remained in that part of the ship which remained intact, in which case they would have been found within, or they ended up in the water, in which case they should have been found among the animal bodies and general debris. Neither of these things happened.

Maybe *Waubuno* hit the Haystacks because there was no hand to guide her past them. Apparently she was devoid of crew and passengers well before the weather finished her.

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IN RECENT YEARS some writers have claimed that because certain areas within the Lakes swallow ships and airplanes at an alarming rate, pilots and Lakes sailors shun them. I have uncovered no evidence that this is so. Many light civilian aircraft are lost in the Lakes every year but they do not vanish. The most common cause of such aircraft loss is pilot error, usually a low-time private jock losing his horizon in the poor winter weather. Only rarely does an airliner or military aircraft qualify for legitimate inclusion in the ranks of Great Lakes disappearances.

One such loss attracted considerable attention when it occurred. On June 23, 1950, a Northwest Airlines C-54 (N95425) took off from New York's La Guardia Airport at 9:31 P.M. EST, bound for Seattle via Minneapolis and Spokane. Her course took her over the southern tip of Lake Michigan.

It was not an ideal night for flying. Moderate to severe turbulence was expected in the Great Lakes area, with thunderstorms, lightning and squall lines at low altitude. The storms extended to an altitude well beyond the limits of the airliners of the day. But 425's pilot Capt. Robert Lind and his copilot Verne Wolfe received the latest weather reports prior to takeoff and knew what to expect.

The plane did encounter turbulence and Lind requested clearance to descend and maintain a lower altitude than his assigned 6000 feet. At 9:49 CST he was given permission to descend to 4000 feet where turbulence was less severe. At 10:29 Air Route Traffic Control dropped the aircraft to 3500 feet to give increased clearance with an approaching eastbound flight which was also having difficulty holding altitude due to the considerable turbulence.

At 11:13 Lind radioed ARTC at Benton Harbor, Mich., made a routine position report and requested permission to descend to 2500 feet. Permission was denied, Lind acknowledged this refusal at 11:15 and was heard from no more. When attempts to contact 425 met with silence, Air Sea Rescue facilities were alerted at 11:58 P.M. and searchers set out at 5:30 A.M.

Some writers would have us believe 425 was a vanished aircraft. They say that the only trace of her was a logbook fished out of the water near Benton Harbor. This is false. At 6:30 P.M. on June 25, about 18 miles north-northwest of Benton Harbor, the coast guard cutter *Woodbine* located an oil slick and a large amount of floatable debris including the logbook. When more sophisticated search gear was brought in, the bulk of the wreckage was found in the same area. The wreckage lay in over 150 feet of water under which there was a layer of mud and silt 30 to 40 feet thick. Divers and heavy grapnels tried to recover wreckage and bodies but had to give up because of the thick mud. Divers reported visibility to be less than eight inches and movement was nearly impossible.

Such wreckage as was recovered consisted of seat cushions, blankets, clothing, bits of luggage, cabin decking and so on. All the items were literally torn to bits, far more uniformly and thoroughly than should be the case in a "normal" crash under the existing conditions.

Initially the Civil Aeronautics Administration reported that lightning had hit the 425 and caused it to explode in midair. Although that was sufficient explanation for the layman, veteran pilots vocally rejected the theory even though there had been lightning in the area and lightning can destroy airplanes. But the effects of lightning on aircraft were well known by 1950 and all aircraft had safety devices to protect themselves. One writer and active airline captain commented that he had often been hit by lightning in DC-4/C-54 types of aircraft; on one occasion he had been hit 12 times within three minutes with no ill effects.

Later the Civil Aeronautics Board speculated that 425 was lost because of extreme turbulence or mechanical failure but admitted that lack of evidence prevented the determination of any definite cause.

Turbulence certainly can kill an airplane and severe turbulence existed in the area that night. But Lind had been warned of it. Evidence indicates he reduced speed after Battle Creek, Mich., to further reduce the effects of the turbulence. Some aircraft in the area elected to skirt the squall lines to the south and three westbound flights departing Detroit about this time re-

turned. But over a dozen flights had penetrated the area an hour before and an hour after 425's loss and none experienced undue difficulty. Lind at no time indicated that the turbulence he was encountering was causing more than nuisance-level problems.

Examination of the aircraft's maintenance records produced no sign of mechanical or structural failure. She was a high-time aircraft which had seen operational use in World War II but her records were excellent. She had been thoroughly inspected prior to the flight and pronounced in good condition both by maintenance crews and by the previous flight crew.

Structural failure is doubtful also because of the condition of the wreckage. If an aircraft sheds a wing due to structural failure, large areas are torn free by the forces that caused the initial damage and come down relatively intact. Turbulence may tear an airplane apart to the extent that it may crash suddenly and violently. It will not shred blankets and grind up luggage and seat cushions. None of the recovered wreckage was over a few inches in diameter. Turbulence does not do that thorough a job, nor does a midair explosion.

There is reason to believe that Lind, who had over 8600 flying hours and almost 2000 in C-54's, had the existing turbulence under control. He had been briefed to expect even worse weather than he in fact encountered. The fact that he throttled back and attempted to get a more comfortable altitude shows how sensitive he was to the situation. Whatever happened struck at a point about five miles (just under two minutes) after the final transmission, during which Lind had not mentioned any difficulty. The speed with which the disaster occurred precluded a Mayday.

It was as if she had been instantaneously slapped down by some force or object. In my opinion no downdraft, bolt of lightning or gust, however severe, could have done such a swift and thorough job on her. It is hard to resist the conclusion that 425 was "shot down" by an unknown aerial attacker. There is no direct evidence of UFO activity in connection with the incident, but nonetheless the condition of the downed aircraft is peculiar, even suggestive.

Finally, consider the case of the tug *Sachem,* lost (sort of) off Silver Creek, N.Y., on December 18, 1950.

Sachem's case is unique. She did not vanish and neither did her crew. She sank virtually intact in 80 feet of Lake Erie on a calm clear day when the surface of the lake was as placid as bathwater. Most of the bodies were recovered, although much later. A lifeboat either was launched or broke free and floated long enough for one crewman to scratch his name and a brief message, "Can't hold," on her inverted hull.

Sachem was not only found but recovered and put back into service. Her pilothouse windows were broken and her rudder locked full astarboard. Her engine had been shut down. Other than the broken windows, she sustained no damage at all and even the rudder proved completely operational when she was lifted off the bottom. There was no reason for her to have sunk. She was stationed in Cleveland's Cuyahoga River after her refitting and

served without incident until 1970.

The coast guard ruled that her loss came about because she had been converted from steam to diesel power. The new diesel was a much more powerful engine and consequently made the tub more responsive. Her captain did not realize this was the case and in the course of making a high-speed right turn, she responded more violently than expected, capsized and sank.

But in fact she had been converted to diesel power over a year before the sinking. She had been in service with the diesel, under the same captain, for at least a year. Could her captain have been so stupid or incompetent that even after all that time he remained unaware of her new handling qualities? Moreover, capsizing out of a high-speed turn would have caused more damage and when found *Sachem* had *not* capsized; she was sitting upright on the bottom. And why, seeing that some disaster was imminent, would the captain elect not only to throttle back the engine but to shut it down completely?

So in this case we actually have a ship that sank very suddenly in calm water with no warning and in a completely seaworthy condition. What possibly could have happened? We probably will never know the answer to that question.

There are other names, ghost ships and vanished planes that have been lost under puzzling circumstances. Space does not allow the telling of all their tales. But mysterious forces still claim victims in the Lakes. There is no reason to assume that such losses will cease.



TALES OF GIANT SNAKES

By Loren Coleman

TALES OF giant snakes have captivated mankind since prehistoric times. From ancient Chinese literature come stories of the giant Pa Snake, a fabulous monster capable of swallowing whole elephants and ejecting the bones three years later. And carvings of great serpents decorate the monuments and temples of the ancient Toltecs, Aztecs and Mayans.

Giant snakes tend to be almost ghostlike on the one hand, yet frighteningly solid on the other. In the winter of 1959-1960, for example, large flesh-and-blood snakes were found on three occasions in places where they should not have been. In September 1959 William Hayden found a five-foot blacksnake in the backyard of his Bronx, N. Y., apartment. He popped it into his bathtub for safekeeping. This find in itself is not so remarkable but the next day Hayden found a five-foot boa constrictor curled around an ash can outside his apartment.

In December 1959 Reid Trail ran over and killed a 12-foot python near Roanoke, Va. He decided to have it stuffed because without this evidence, no one would believe his story, he thought.

In the third case, Canadian Marc Rivard returned to his Montreal home one evening in February 1960 to find a seven-foot-long boa in his living room.

Similar cases of out-of-place giant snakes have occurred through the years — from a 16-footer killed in a field in Lock Springs, Mo., in 1897, to a five-foot boa captured in Champaign, Ill., in 1972.

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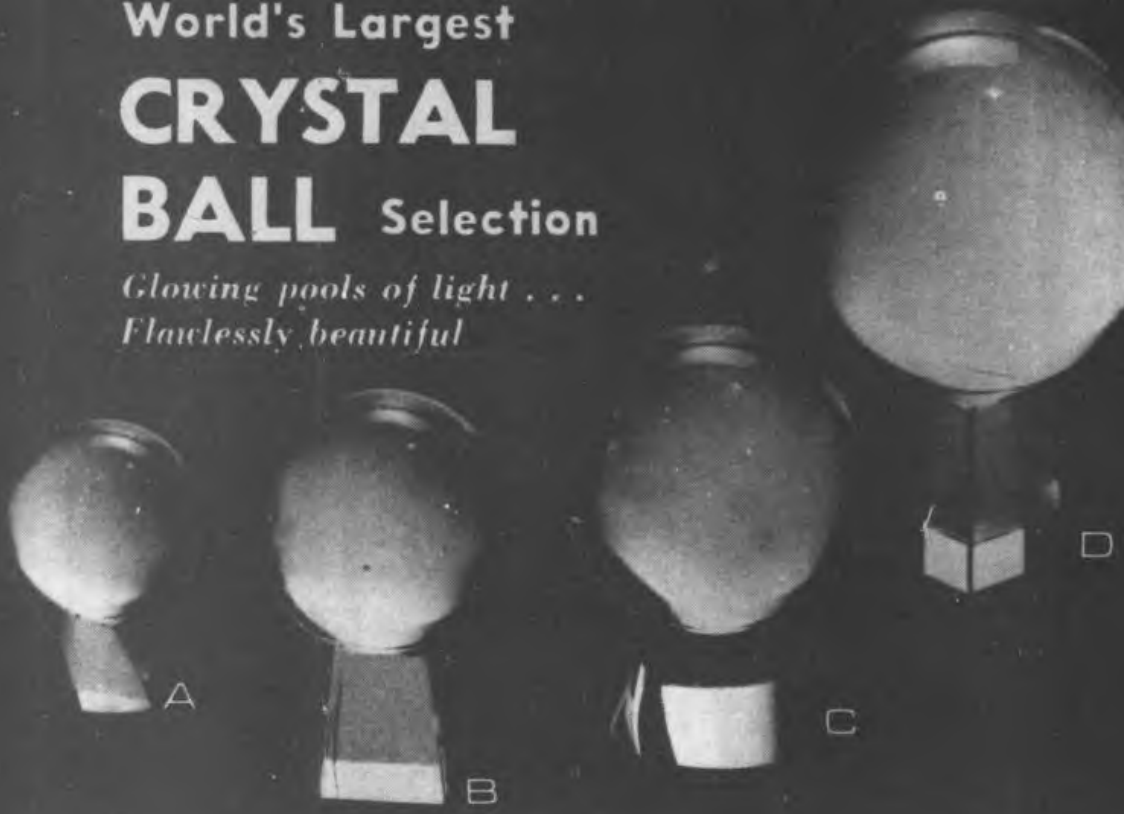
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HIGGINS

By Dale Michael Brisson

MY GOOD friend John Higgins died in June 1979. Somehow, while operating a tractor, he collided with a train. For nine agonizing days and nights he lay in a hospital bed, slowly dying.

All my family loved John, his vibrant laugh, his zest for life, even his talents as a con man. He could sweet-talk an Arab into buying gasohol. He was a deep friend with whom I shared all my problems, girl friends, drugs, parents, my darkest secrets and fears. One of the late-night raps we shared many times centered on life after death. We both agreed: it exists. If anyone could come back, John Higgins would.

One gray morning a month after John's death I stood beside the small lake in front of my North Carolina home. My sailboat rocked gently at the homemade dock. I thought of John; it seemed impossible that he was gone. But I'd seen his body, laid out with a smile — not his smile, but the mortician's. I had heard the words an unfamiliar preacher spoke about a man he never knew. I had smelled the flowers, read the cards, got drunk, partied and thought I saw John drifting, strutting, laughing among us. But dead? Gone forever? It was inconceivable. My grief was deep and tears streamed down my face as I spoke aloud: "John, if you still exist, please show me a sign!"

Feeling a little better for the cry, I listened to the early morning sounds for a few moments more. Then I patted my dog's head, checked her chain and went to work. As closing time drew near, the thought of sailing brightened my spirit.

I enjoy my sailboat every day in the summertime but it's not unusual for me to get home and find some friend sailing her in my absence. Thus, when I wheeled into the driveway and saw the bright red sail slicing across the lake, it was nothing to get excited about. I got out of the battered Chevy and called my dog, another habit. "Muffin!"

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"Muffin!" I called again, then looked down the road. She was standing in a small grassy inlet, a natural green beach, and the sailboat was heading directly for her. Muffin stood there, tail wagging, watching it approach as she always did to greet me or my friends when we landed.

From the driveway I couldn't tell who was sailing the tiny craft, so I walked to the inlet. Suddenly my heart froze. There was no one on the sailboat! How had she sailed so perfectly?

It's only 50 yards from the driveway to the lake. I would have seen anyone coming ashore and there are no bushes or trees to hide in. Yet there was no one on the boat which had now beached expertly. How did the sailboat — and my dog — get untied in the first place?

A strong tingling sensation surged through my body as I recalled my appeal to John Higgins that morning. Muffin stood there, wagging her tail, smiling a doggy smile at the empty space beside me. Obviously she saw something or someone that I didn't.

I haven't cried over my friend Higgins since. — *Granite Quarry, N. C.*

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up. It was August 18, 1967, and the whole month had been hot and muggy in Norristown, Pa., but this night seemed worse than all the others. I was soaking wet with perspiration. I crept softly out of bed and after getting a glass of cold tea from the refrigerator, I sat quietly on the couch.

All that week my thoughts had been with my mother Frances Beecher. She had been depressed when I left her at her home in Queenstown, Md., the week before — although she had written since and told me all was well at home. On the afternoon of August 17 she had telephoned to tell me she had a new grandson. My brother David and his wife Carol lived next door to Mother and she was taking care of their oldest child until Carol got out of the hospital. Mother had sounded excited and happy and



Doris J. Messer

I assumed she must be feeling much better by now.

What could I do to help her? Going to Maryland with my own four active children certainly wouldn't help much. I made up my mind to ask my husband Dennis if he would look after the kids while I drove down to Maryland the next Sunday. I could take Mother to see the new baby and help her catch up on her work so that she could rest a bit.

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caught my attention. I could see dim outlines of figures in the distance and my mother coming toward me as if she were drifting on a cloud. A shadowy figure was with her, holding her hand. A wave of love and warmth flowed over me; I could not be afraid.

Mother spoke to me, saying, "I must go now. He has come for me. Take good care of the children." I rose and reached out my hand to detain her but the shadowy figure next to her spoke: "No, you must not come yet. She must go with me now."

The two figures receded into a foglike mist but the feeling of love and warmth stayed with me. I awoke with a start and looked around me. My dream had been so vivid that it seemed as if Mom were still in the room.

Shaken, I lay back on the couch, trying to decide whether I was asleep, awake or somewhere between. I must have dozed off again, for the ringing of the phone roused me.

It was my brother Dale calling from Queenstown. His voice sounded strained as he asked me to call my husband to the phone. I did as he asked but a cold band of fear crept around me. I knew the call was about my mother.

"Your mother passed away at five-thirty this morning," my husband said softly as he put his arms around me. "You go to Maryland and I'll take care of things here."

When I got to Maryland I learned that both my brothers Dale and David had had a sign from Mother. Somehow she had let each of us know that she had gone.

I also learned that on the morning of August 18, 1967, Mother had been taking care of Cheryl in my brother's mobile home. She had dozed on the sofa until David came home from the hospital, then went across the yard to her own home, changed into her sleeping gown and went upstairs to bed, awakening my father as she did so.

He told us that after she had lain down she sat up again and said to him, "He is coming for me. I must go with Him now." Then she had fallen back on her pillow and simply stopped breathing. Dad also said that she had the most peaceful and serene look on her face that he had ever seen. — *Queenstown, Md.*

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JONESTOWN COVER-UP?

MY CONTINUING attempts to comprehend the tragic events at Jonestown led me inevitably to Mark Lane and his account of the situation, *The Strongest Poison* (Hawthorn Books, New York, N. Y., 1980, 494 pages, $12.95). Lane's association with the Peoples Temple climaxes a string of involvements in controversial cases. As a lawyer he touted a conspiratorial interpretation of President Kennedy's assassination and he was defending James Earl Ray, convicted murderer of Martin Luther King, at the time of the Jonestown deaths. Lane never has hesitated to voice his feelings about government ineptness and cover-ups and he can find a conspiracy almost anywhere.

I frankly do not know how much of Lane is self-serving bravado, hard fact or speculation based on some fact and a lot of intuition. Where Jonestown is concerned, I find that reading newspaper accounts and Congressional reports has led me to many of the same conclusions reached by Lane.

In an earlier column (April 1979 FATE) I reviewed two of the quickie books that appeared in the weeks after the tragedy. I suggested that readers wait for more substantive and thoughtful treatments of Jonestown. Lane's is not such a treatment but he does show why it may be years before the definitive book can be written. The House Foreign Relations committee has locked up those documents that give the full picture of just what was going on in those faraway South American jungles.

From the documents that have been published, the statements of House members who have seen the unpublished material, and the list of secret items, we know the Jonestown situation is much more complex than originally believed. It is more than a simple ritual suicide by a group of mindless fanatics following a paranoid leader. Too much evidence points to murder, not suicide, as the overwhelming cause of death. Lane reveals incidents in which Jonestown residents defied Jim Jones' authority and the tape recording of the final hour carries a number of protests against the forced deaths.

Lane believes the State Department played a significant role in the affair. While we now know that a CIA agent witnessed the mass poison-taking, the State Department has consistently prevented inquirers from finding the answers to the other questions concerning official involvement. What did the American embassy in Guyana do to Jonestown? Was it trying ineptly to monitor Jones' activities? Was it using Jones to assist in its own foreign policy objectives? Did it fail to inform Congressman Leo Ryan (who was murdered at Jonestown) of the volatile situation he was walking into? We cannot get the answers to these questions because for some reason the Jonestown situation is a matter of "national security." Why?

There are other questions. Why were autopsies delayed so long, performed so quickly and discontinued before most bodies could be examined? Why were no nitrate tests done on Jones' hand to see if he had in fact committed suicide? What happened to all the papers (some of which turned up on the black market in Panama) seized at Jonestown?

Lane is not the first to ask these questions

and he certainly does not answer them in any satisfactory manner. But he does tell the reader what the questions are and why they are important.

Lane, neither a defender nor a prosecutor of Jones, offers a refreshing new perspective on the events in Guyana. He is one of the few writers who seem genuinely interested in understanding the complex situation that led to the 900 deaths.

GURU FOR THE WEST

GEORGE IVANOVICH Gurdjieff, while not so well known as Jim Jones, claims disciples who are just as dedicated although their leader died many years ago. Gurdjieff, a Western guru, gathered disciples first in prerevolutionary Russia and then in western Europe. Eventually some of his close disciples scattered throughout Europe and North America to create a small but elite occult subculture which spread different versions of Gurdjieff's teachings.

In *The Harmonious Circle* (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, N. Y., 1980, 608 pages, $19.95) occult historian James Webb tells the story of this strange man, of his main disciple P. D. Ouspensky and of the followers of both. Gurdjieff inspired intense devotion in his disciples and intense hatred in his enemies and ex-friends. He taught his students, whom he gathered into communal groups, a chaotic variety of activities: coordinated dance, meditation, work, interpersonal communication, unquestioned discipline. Gurdjieff presented himself as a mystagogue. He prompted students to see him as a fount of mystic wisdom learned in the course of travels to distant lands such as (where else?) Tibet.

Webb traces in great detail — sometimes excessive detail — the travels and intrigues of Gurdjieff. He tells us the sources of Gurdjieff's occult knowledge (in some cases surprisingly mundane), describes his relations with students and lists the schools he founded in Russia, Turkey and France. The story is a fascinating one.

Detractors have condemned Gurdjieff and accused him of being just another two-bit occult teacher. After reading Webb's book, one has to consider the possibility that Gurdjieff was not playing with people

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This mystagogue regularly collected students, taught them and imposed his personality on them. Then after a few years he suddenly dispersed them and disappeared, later to reappear and start all over again with a new group of people.

Students who stuck with Gurdjieff accepted his inexplicable, often cruel behavior because they believed they were not yet ready to understand the universe — an understanding they thought they could acquire only from Gurdjieff.

In a time when all occult secrets have been published and are available to any diligent searcher, when gurus come and go daily, Gurdjieff still seems a disturbing, unsettling figure. To an outsider like me Gurdjieff looks like a teacher with limited knowledge and an unstable personality — a metaphysical carpetbagger. His disciples see him differently, of course. But *The Harmonious Circle* makes one wonder, in this age of gurus and self-appointed prophets, what qualifies anyone to assume the role of absolute spiritual guide.

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THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UFOs edited by Ronald D. Story, Dolphin Books, Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, N. Y., 1980, 440 pages, $24.95 hardcover, $12.95 paperback.

At 500,000 words Ronald Story's *The Encyclopedia of UFOs* is surely the longest UFO book in the English language. It is also the most ambitious. As an attempt to cover every significant aspect of the UFO controversy, it is clearly the work of a courageous compiler.

In putting *Encyclopedia* together, Story solicited contributions from responsible ufologists and interested physical and social scientists. Their presentations are sober and thoughtful, as befits ufology's growing status as a protoscience. The wilder moments come in the statements of fringe personalities who see UFOs as the products either of demons or of angelic "starfolk." At the other extreme are those excitable souls who represent what might be called the apoplectic school of UFO journalism — would-be debunkers who are more adept at exuding heat than at shedding light.

Fortunately the writing of other than autobiographical entries has been left to cooler heads, among them the book's unofficial coeditor J. Richard Greenwell whose even-handed appraisals of various aspects of the UFO question make for refreshing reading. His essay on the "Extraterrestrial Hypothe-

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sis" (pages 114-118) is the most intelligent discussion of that theory I have seen anywhere. His review of "UFO Theories" (pages 360-364) also is outstanding.

Despite their many authors those entries dealing with specific UFO cases manage, with a few exceptions, to reflect the consensus of ufological opinion about the claims in question. Ancient astronauts and crashed saucers, for example, are treated skeptically. Captain Mantell's "UFO" is explained as a skyhook balloon and the Travis Walton abduction and the McMinnville photographs are held to be valid UFO incidents.

On the other hand, Kevin Randle's entry on the "Pascagoula (Mississippi) Abduction" (which does little more than paraphrase Philip Klass' theories about the case — see Chapter 27 of *UFOs Explained)* would have us believe the story is a hoax, an opinion not widely held by ufologists. Maybe it is a hoax, although the evidence for that is less conclusive than one would infer from reading Randle's account, which maximizes the negative aspects while minimizing the positive. Also, after raising some seemingly legitimate questions about the veracity of Charles Hickson (the principal figure in the affair), Randle seriously undermines his case with this bizarre pronouncement (page 262):

"... Hickson has reported additional contact with the creatures. That is something that has not happened before, except in cases of the classic contactees, and most of the contactee stories have proven to be hoaxes. Hickson was perhaps trying to join the ranks of George Adamski, Dan Fry and others. With that new bit of evidence, Hickson stopped being an 'abductee' and became a contactee, and that distinction is very important in UFO research."

If Randle believes any of this, then he has no business writing on the subject of UFO abductions. First of all, in most such cases I have investigated personally, the percipients *have* claimed "additional contact with such creatures." Other investigators have reported the same pattern in incidents with which they are familiar. In fact, postabduction "contacts" of one kind or another are more rule than exception. Second, these contacts, which do not typically involve messages of cosmic uplift from

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benevolent Space Brothers, are distinctly different from those recounted in the fanciful tales of the professional contactees. There is no evidence whatever that Hickson was or is "trying to join the ranks of George Adamski," et al, and it is unfortunate that *Encyclopedia*'s apparent endorsement of so dubious an allegation gives it a stamp of authority it does not deserve.

But on the whole the book contains few factual errors and questionable conclusions. (I should note in fairness that Randle's other contributions on such subjects as the Lubbock lights, Project Twinkle, and the Montana and Utah films are excellent.) Where there are questionable conclusions, they usually can be found in the statements of those ufologists — there are several of them — who believe that UFOs have played a significant role in history or even in human evolution. This is a theory without visible support; sorry, folks, but paintings of saucerlike designs on Cro-Magnon cave walls don't count as evidence of anything. Wild-blue-yonder speculation may be fun but it doesn't do much to help us understand the UFO phenomenon.

Story himself is responsible for one serious factual error. On page 252 he describes a 1949 humanoid encounter as perhaps "the first occupant report since the days of the mystery airships" of 1896-97. Not so — ufologists know of *several dozen* close encounters of the third kind that allegedly occurred between 1897 and 1949. At least four such incidents were recorded in the days immediately following Kenneth Arnold's celebrated June 24, 1947, daylight disc sighting.

I am disappointed to see the use of "UFOlogy" instead of the more compact, sensible "ufology." Not only does "UFOlogy" look funny but it also leads some speakers (such as the head of one major UFO organization) to pronounce the word "yoo-eff-oh-ology." Furthermore, the dictionary, which should know, calls it "ufology," which looks the way it sounds.

These small complaints aside, the fact remains that by any standard *Encyclopedia* is a magnificent achievement. It is, as all of us who awaited its appearance hoped it would be, *the* essential UFO reference work. In striking the right balance between belief and skepticism, it succeeds in placing

the issues of ufology in a context that will appeal to any intelligent reader, whether veteran ufologist or casual inquirer. Reading it, one feels he is confronting the UFO phenomenon as it really is, shorn of the cant, polemics and exaggeration that have confused and obscured the real questions for too long.

As a major contribution to the serious literature *The Encyclopedia of UFOs* deserves a wide reading and frequent use. — *Jerome Clark.*

HAUNTED HOUSES by Richard Winer and Nancy Osborn, Bantam Books, New York, N. Y., 1979, 244 pages, $2.25, paperback.

Haunted Houses, written in the style of an investigative report, is so beset with problems that it has little to recommend it. Richard Winer and Nancy Osborn present no overview of their subject matter but instead recount several anecdotal ghost stories drawn mostly from dubious sources.

The book consists primarily of tape-recorded interviews with witnesses who have encountered supposedly ghostly phenomena at such "haunted houses" as the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose, Calif., Whaley House in San Diego (a local tourist attraction), the *U.S.S. Constellation* (on whose deck a ghost was allegedly photographed some years ago) and a few randomly selected homes, cemeteries and the like. *Houses* is also heavily padded with extraneous material.

Now there is nothing wrong with presenting interviews with the people who have supposedly encountered ghosts, but Winer and Osborn never critically evaluate the material even when it is obvious that the



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persons were misinterpreting reflections, household creaks and other perfectly natural phenomena. Yet the authors take pains *not* to voice any suspicion that their witnesses were confronting anything but genuine wraiths!

What is worse, Winer and Osborn do not even do an adequate job of writing up the cases they have investigated. Their summary of the *U.S.S. Constellation* is so incomplete that they don't *mention* that the ship's ghost was one reputedly photographed. (The photograph was published in the December 31, 1955, issue of the *Baltimore Sun* and in the January 1966 issue of FATE.) There is good evidence that Whalen House is genuinely haunted but Winer and Osborn do not seem to know that the California Parapsychology Foundation once conducted a full-scale investigation of the house and published a booklet on it in 1968.

A more interesting part of the book concerns an attempt the authors made to investigate personally a haunted room at the Miami Biltmore Hotel. They brought in several psychics to "feel out" the place and it does appear the psychics came up with information directly relating to the haunting.

On the whole, however, *Haunted Houses* is a credulously-written book which hardly does justice to such a potentially fascinating topic. — *D. Scott Rogo.*

THE TUJUNGA CANYON CONTACTS by Ann Druffel and D. Scott Rogo, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1980, 264 pages, $9.95.

During the night of March 22, 1953, Sara Shaw and Jan Whitley were sleeping in a cabin located in California's Tujunga Canyons. They were abruptly startled into wakefulness by a sudden bright glow outside their cabin. For the next two hours and 20 minutes the two young women lost all conscious awareness of what was happening to them.

More than two decades later, during long and sometimes frustrating sessions under hypnosis, they were able to fill in the time gap. The story that emerged suggested they had been abducted and taken aboard a UFO. There they had communicated with

alien occupants and undergone a strange medical examination. (An abbreviated account of this experience appears in Ann Druffel's "Alien Encounter at Tujunga," April 1980 FATE.) These and related impressions and events have been pieced together by Ann Druffel, an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, and D. Scott Rogo, FATE's consulting editor and an experienced researcher in parapsychology.

The virtue of *The Tujunga Canyon Contacts* lies in its painstaking accumulation of surface facts, related events and background, coupled with its careful efforts to analyze the psychological patterns which seem to emerge from the available data. The use of hypnotic regression, to unearth elusive details of the original abduction and of later UFO contacts, allows a wide margin of error, elaboration or sheer dreamlike fantasy; yet it remains so far the only available research technique.

The authors explore the strong possibility that UFO experiences cluster in specific regions and at particular times, that the experience reflects a "contagion" based on sheer imitation and develops because a specific setting or milieu favorable to it has been created. They specifically examine what they regard as the "Tujunga UFO Milieu" peculiar to southern California's Tujunga Canyons, "mysterious and compelling in themselves," which "hold secrets that no one knows how to unlock." Reports of sightings in the area go back to the late 1940's.

I found the concluding chapters particularly instructive. The coauthors are admirably undogmatic in their efforts to explain the Shaw-Whitley case. They describe the manner in which UFO manifestations have changed over the past decades, reflecting our society's technological development and mass-psychological needs. In separate analytical chapters Druffel and Rogo offer their conclusions and there is a final personal observation by the main Tujunga Canyon abductee, Sara Shaw.

Druffel speculates that UFO occupants represent a form of "God's creation," angel-like, above or beyond mankind. She assumes "they are intellectually superior to man, at least in our present stage of evolution, and they are also superior in not being

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bound by the confines of a material world." Both authors observe that public concepts of UFOs have evolved over the years, moving from the idea of totally material extraterrestrial "flying saucers" to more flexible psychophysical entities that may respond to the personal characteristics of the individuals they contact.

Druffel points out that the UFO percipients whose experiences the book relates were homosexuals and that Sara Shaw specifically was concerned about her sexual identify at the time the UFO crew appeared to examine her medically. (She now practices a heterosexual life-style.) Rogo interprets Sara's "abduction" as "a rape fantasy drawn from her mind and objectified into physical reality in the form of a genuine UFO sighting and abduction."

At this point it is possible to observe a meeting ground between poltergeist phenomena (presumably the physical manifestations of suppressed psychological drives) and UFO visions or experiences. Rogo writes, "UFO abductions occur when the witness is in a state of psychological need, and when the unconscious mind needs to impart an important message to the conscious mind. Once contacted by a human mind in such a state, the supermind creates an abduction experience for the witness by drawing upon information and preoccupations buried deep within his mind. It structures this information as part of the abduction scenario and presents it to the witness in objectified form. The supermind does all this by relying upon a prototypical experience, which it then individually molds to best communicate a vital message in symbolic form to the witness."

It is a tempting hypothesis, if only because it widens the area of the dream and dreamlike experience. This area has now come to include reincarnation "memories" elicited under hypnotic regression; it may include pseudopossession experiences and certain types of poltergeist phenomena. But the dream state itself and the states between waking and sleep — with their hypnagogic images — remain only partly explored. The Druffel-Rogo book has significantly advanced the discussion of the psychodynamics of the UFO experience, buttressed by detailed, fascinating case material. — *Martin Ebon.*

REPORT FROM THE READERS

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A COMPLICATED ARGUMENT

D. Scott Rogo's comments concerning my chapter, "Geophysical Mechanisms . . ." in *UFO Phenomena and the Behavioral Scientist*, edited by Richard F. Haines (reviewed in the June 1980 issue of FATE), interest me. Although I realize that he is primarily a popular writer who is not familiar with technical research problems, I still would be interested in knowing why he believes the model is "illogical." The model is merely that: a model to be tested systematically and carefully.

The neurophysiological principles involved are quite routine. Since Mr. Rogo has been a relatively systematic writer, I am curious about his rationale for suggesting that any neurobiological effects would be questionable. Has he surpassed his depth of analyses in this instance or does he have some counterdata that should be made available to neuroscience?

I assume that Mr. Rogo recognizes the necessity for isolating (1) the limitations of the measurement procedure and (2) the ever-present problem of confounding variables. In the case of paranormal events in general, the primary measurement procedure relies on human memory. Many, many situations can confound the actual details of memory (even group experience). Unexpected or emotional stimuli are notorious for their ability to confound or modify memory.

We do not know what kind of discussion occurred between the observers of the Travis Walton event immediately after this traumatic experience. The verbal labels available during that period could have modified the details of the experience. Contrary to Mr. Rogo's presumption, the model does not say that they did not experience what they reported. Rather, it stipulates that we must consider the possible confounding variables in the details of the memory recall.

Ultimately, the test of any model is how well it predicts or, more technically, how much of the variability in the phenomena can be accounted for by the analyses generated from the model. Reports like Walton's are interesting and important but they are case histories — not proofs. They are subject to the same problems that plague the analyses of any past single event correlated with limited data.

I realize that book reviews are intended to stimulate interest and debate. However, if Mr. Rogo actually finds some clear limitations to the model, even in principle, I would like to know about them. — *Michael A. Persinger, Sudbury, Ont., Canada.*

D. SCOTT ROGO REPLIES:

In my review I could only briefly criticize Dr. Persinger's "Geophysical Sources of Close UFO Encounters: Expected Physical and Behavioral-Biological Effects." I am glad to be able to amplify my comments.

It seems that Dr. Persinger believes that many UFO-related phenomena result when



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an individual comes into close contact with an electromagnetic column produced by freak seismic activity. He bases this theory on the UFO-like lights often seen in the vicinity of earthquake sites. My major objection to this is that no empirical evidence exists to show that any part of Dr. Persinger's "model" is correct. While there is some inferential evidence that earthquakes can generate large electric potentials, Dr. Persinger fails to cite any evidence that "electromagnetic columns" of the sort he has postulated even exist. So his whole theory is based on pure speculation.

Second, Dr. Persinger suggests that many close encounter symptoms — such as blackouts, amnesia, paralysis, seeing humanoid forms — may be produced when one approaches this "electromagnetic column" and the result is a mock "close encounter of the third kind." Again, the critical point here is the lack of evidence that these phenomena can be attributed to electromagnetic radiation. Dr. Persinger does show that these phenomena can occur in the body and brain when certain parts of the latter are electrically stimulated. However, there is hardly any evidence that electromagnetic or microwave radiation can cause the human organism to undergo the types of phenomena suggested by Dr. Persinger. Some forms of such radiation can cause mood shifts, buzzing sounds in the head and, conceivably, paralysis — but that is all.

In short, Dr. Persinger has presented us with a nonmodel built from pure conjecture coupled with neurophysiological findings which are not pertinent to the subject of electromagnetic radiation.

As for the Travis Walton case the fact that all seven witnesses saw a metallic object cannot be explained as a memory artifact.

Lastly, Dr. Persinger states that his model is "to be tested systematically and carefully." A model is tested by experiment; yet Dr. Persinger has failed to outline a purely empirical test of his model. All he suggests are some methods of collecting data which would be consistent with his theory. I don't see how his model is testable and therefore, it is not a scientific theory. — *D. Scott Rogo, Northridge, Calif.*

A FRIGHTENING CULT?

I fear that FATE is accepting advertising from persons who are governed by self-interest and who care little for the benefit of humanity or truth or religion.

Two offers from L. Ron Hubbard appear in the June 1980 issue of FATE. I was horrified when I saw those ads, for I have heard many stories about L. Ron Hubbard and Scientology. The government has been fighting this cult for many years.

Reader's Digest (May 1980) carries an article titled "Scientology: Anatomy of a Frightening Cult" which discusses its methods of extortion and deception. Does FATE endorse such a cult in the name of religion?

I believe other FATE subscribers will agree with me that you are lowering your standards by advertising such charlatans. — *Helen L. McGill, Osseo, Mich.*

We are not endorsing the "cult" of Scientology by letting this organization advertise in FATE's pages. (A cult, by the way, is any religion with which you do not agree.) Since the government has failed thus far to convict Scientology of anything, we do not feel it is our role to do so. — *The Editors.*

ALONE, ARE WE?

James Oberg, an engineer working for NASA, an air force captain and a rumored CIA agent, claims in his article ("We Are Alone," June 1980 FATE) that we are alone in the entire galaxy and therefore extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI) does not exist. To back up his argument he quotes astronomers who state that they see no evidence of life in the galaxy.

I disagree with Mr. Oberg's opinion that these astronomers are accurate in their observation of the galaxy when they look through their million-dollar telescopes. It is a documented fact that the advent of the space age in 1957 proved that all the observations made by astronomers in the previous 300 years were wrong. They could not even detect the radiation belts only 100 miles above their heads until the first satellites flew through them. For decades they believed that Mars had an advanced civilization which built a giant network of canals, that the moon was covered with a thick layer of dust and that Jupiter and Sat-

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urn are frozen worlds. They were shocked when they found out that the sun emits deadly radiation, that Mercury was covered with craters and that Jupiter and Saturn had more moons than they believed after looking at those planets for hundreds of years.

Despite this track record, Mr. Oberg tells us that many of these same astronomers are absolutely sure that no life exists hundreds, even thousands of light-years away from us.

I believe Mr. Oberg has given his support to the anti-ETI astronomers because there is a master plan to colonize the galaxy. Any colonization plan has to be based on propaganda and lies. He gave this away when he wrote, "If the anti-ETI assumption is correct, the galaxy is still 'wild' and unpopulated. Perhaps it will be up to our descendants to 'tame' it."

The coming colonization of space will follow closely the pattern of European colonization of North and South America where the natives were considered to be savage beasts. Taking this attitude, the Europeans exterminated two million Indians in North America and up to 30 million in South America — then confiscated their wealth. By assuming at this early date that alien races either do not exist or do not have any real intelligence, Mr. Oberg is preparing the way for the extermination of any and all alien civilizations which might prevent our descendants from taming the "wild" galaxy. — *Michael Cohen, Bronx, N. Y.*

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If you paid James E. Oberg good American cash for his article "We Are Alone" you should have saved the dough to pay someone who is familiar with the subject. — *Gerhardt Messerschmidt, Indianapolis, Ind.*

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In "We Are Alone" James Oberg pontificates in defense of the not uncommon opinion that we just must be alone in our universe.

I suppose that almost any of the God's creatures, even the lowly protozoan, who lives in isolation and looking around finds no others like himself outside his little colony, assumes and even somehow announces, "Fellows, we are alone." — *Chet Powers, Chula Vista, Calif.*

UP, UP AND AWAY . . .

The letter from James C. Shelton ("Report from the Readers, July 1980 FATE) prompts this comment from me:

If Mr. Shelton ever does see a saucer hovering over his property and if he ever does "put a few rifle slugs in it," the retaliation from the visitor from an unknown source will be so swift, so powerful, so silent, so advanced, so complete, that in less than a split second of earth time, there will be poor Mr. Shelton disintegrated in his own backyard — no witnesses, no clues, no suffering, no opportunity for apology, just the evidence that a James C. Shelton, U. S. A., Planet Earth, is no more.

I suggest that in addition to his proficiency in photography Mr. Shelton ought to start studying ways and means of communicating on a friendly basis. All he has to do is put himself in the place of the space visitors. Suppose it is he traveling to another planet. In his ship he hovers over some spot to get a better look at the terrain below. Would he like it if some nut down there aims some sort of toy weapon that fires sparks at his ship? Is that the kind of welcome he'd expect? No, he'd retaliate in the only way he knew with his weapon which happens to be a disintegrating ray gun.

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BELL, BOOK AND GHANA

FATE readers who have had personal experiences with the paranormal telephone phenomenon are invited to write to me. I would like to hear from anyone who has received a telephone call from a deceased person or who has experienced any other form of mysterious telephonic behavior. — *Raymond Bayless, 11348 Cashmere St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90049.*

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I am seeking the book *Grey Witch* which was published in 1979. — *Leona F. Traub,*

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"DOC" ANDERSON DIES . . .

I was sad to hear about R.C. ("Doc") Anderson's death in Rossville, Ga. I knew him and was very fond of him.

I believe he died in March but none of our local news media reported it. His death was reported on cable TV from an Associated Press release. *— Mrs. R. E. Boden, Columbus, Ga.*

RECONSIDERING PSYCHIC HEALERS

Critics of my article "Had by a Healer" (September 1979 FATE) should reread it. It is about psychic surgery. My points were (1) we were promised psychic surgery and did not receive it and (2) we were promised this help in return for our financial aid in paying Feliciano Omilies' transportation, supporting his family for the month he was to be here, and later sending aid to the mission branch church he was to start when he returned home. Instead, we were told that each of us would have to put up an additional $250.

We were put through mental anguish and exposed to the doubts and distrust generated by the district attorney and the press. As a result our belief in psychic surgery was undermined along with our faith in our leaders. *— Kay Hurlburt, Scappoose, Oreg.*

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From Kay Hurlburt's article "Had by a Healer" it is clear that Feliciano Omilies is suffering the same resistance as I am — because of the negative attitude of people who cannot appreciate the free gift of healing from one human being to another.

After four heart attacks (I was clinically dead after the last one and restored to life), I find that I am being used by a higher power as a healer. Yet, during a visit to Reseda, Calif., I contacted two Spiritualist churches with a view to helping them in their healing services without charge, but I was informed that I could be prosecuted if I

did so without being ordained.

However, I did perform successful healings but then it seemed as if people were told not to contact me because I did not have the proper credentials. Is it true that lack of "proper credentials" stands in the way of psychic healing in California? — *James Alcorn, Victoria, B. C., Canada.*

NAY-SAYING SCIENTISTS

I appreciated D. Scott Rogo's "Carl Sagan and the Paranormal" (April 1980 FATE). It amuses me that some scientists are too occupied with nay-saying to realize that many of the physical "sciences" are based on theories that are not even as logical as old wives' tales.

For instance, it can be shown that most of the early theories about celestial bodies and the solar system are either incomplete or misinterpretations of what was known. And because a theory once established in science is rarely reviewed and updated to conform to later discoveries, error is built upon error. — *Mary Sauve, Arleta, Calif.*

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The controversy over Clever Hans, detailed in D. Scott Rogo's article on Carl Sagan, brings to mind a great many "brilliant" animals.

An early one was a "Learned Pig" (actually a series of them) at Bartholomew Fair in Great Britain in the 1700's. One of these was taken on tour in Scotland in 1787 along with a drumbeating hare, a fetching turtle and six country-dancing turkeycocks. This suggests that the pig too was simply a trained animal but supposedly it could read, perform mathematical calculations and duplicate the feats of magicians and mentalists.

Similar feats were attributed to a Learned Pig exhibit at Boston, Mass., in 1798. Chicanery surely was involved, for the pig's trainer, William Frederick Pinchbeck, explained the secrets of porker prestidigitation in his conjuring book, *The Expositor: Or Many Mysteries Unravelled* (Boston, 1805).

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