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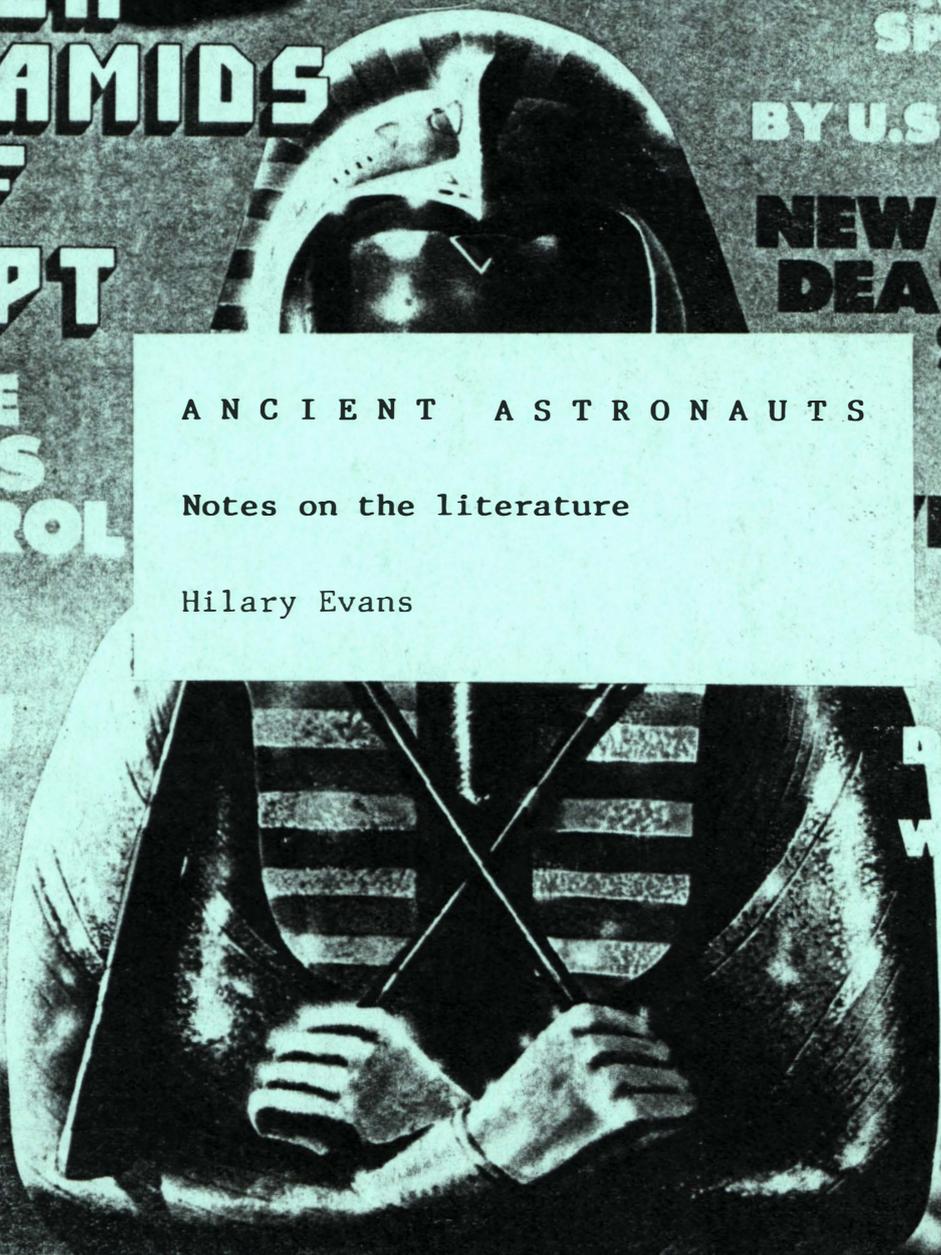
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Notes on the literature

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ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS : NOTES ON THE LITERATURE

This is not intended to be either a comprehensive catalogue or an in-depth review ; it is simply a collection of notes prepared for my own use, which others may find useful.

In particular, I am aware that there are many other books on this subject, particularly in Spanish : some of them I actually have on my shelves. Most of them are simply re-presentations of familiar material, but I know how good the Spanish are at concocting ingenious theories, and I am probably missing some treasures. However, I list here only those on which I feel justified in making some useful comment.

In addition, a belief that ET visitation/intervention occurred in ancient times is assumed by many contactees and channelers, without their feeling the need to offer evidence. For the most part, I have included only those publications which show some signs that the author has studied his subject, however superficially.

I do not pretend to have read these books thoroughly, less still to have studied them in depth. As Ellwood writes [in Story's **Space Gods revealed**, p.122] 'I cannot claim to have read all of these works, despite their intriguing titles. Frankly, the general level of scholarship is so low, and of pretentious but turgid writing so high, I do not see how any balanced person with equal access to, say, P G Wodehouse could do so'.

Editions are those which I happen to have, though I do try to have the original. I give references to the original edition when I can do so without putting myself to too much trouble. **Page references** are to the english-language edition of translated books.

Pen names are retained if all the author's books on such subjects were written under that name (eg Charroux, Kraspedon) but not if others were written under his real name (eg Misraki/Thomas, Smith/Norman). In the latter cases, cross-references are supplied.

Certain themes crop up time and time again - the Piri Re'is map, the Baghdad batteries, the Palenque slab. I have simply given brief indications to where these subjects are treated by our authors..

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ALLAN, John

The gospel according to science fiction

Falcon/Church Pastoral Aid Society / 1975

A is a committed Christian, and ultimately this little book is propaganda; but it contains some insightful debunking :

- 12,70 E v Däniken
- 30 Blumrich's Ezekiel reconstruction
- 38 W Raymond Drake
- 42 Barry Downing
- 47 R L Dione
- 52 L Ron Hubbard and Scientology
- 58 John Michell

ANICETO LUGO, Francisco

Emisarios de otros mundos

Diana / Mexico / 1978

Confronted by so many enigmas from the past, it seems reasonable to look for hitherto unsuspected or acknowledged causes. A proposes [p.10] :

- 1 Earth was originally a comet
- 2 Mankind is at least 12 million years old
- 3 Other civilisations preceded those which scholars generally regard as the earliest, and they have left many traces.
- 4 Earth's first human inhabitants were giants from Space, who developed a vast civilisation.
- 5 There was contact between America and other cultures long before the Norsemen came there.
- 6 The Gods and Angels were ET visitors.
- 7 Jesus was one such.
- 8 Our creation stories are not of terrestrial origin but are imported from other worlds.
- 9 Lemuria & Atlantis really existed.
- 10 Our Earth has undergone several cosmic accidents.
- 11 The Moon was captured by Earth but before that we had another, different satellite.
- 12 Tiahuanaco and the plain of Marcahuasi contain the traces of a great civilisation, which are the key to many mysteries.
- 13 Earth's orbit has varied at various times.
- 14 ET visits were not limited to the remote past, but have continued intermittently throughout history, as indicated by the Bible, the Vedas, the Book of the Dead, the Quiché Bible and the Trojan Manuscript &c.

AZCUY, Eduardo A

El legado extrahumano

ATE / Barcelona / 1976

Machu Pichu &c are testimony that in times past Earth was visited by 'Seres Sensibles Superiores' who came from the stars. Jesus was one of their emissaries, and they continue to manifest - viz. Fatima and UFOs. When we decipher their secret it will enable mankind to climb another rung in the cosmic scale. And we all want that, don't we ?

BENITEZ, J J

Existio otra humanidad

Plaza y Janes / Barcelona / 1979

If the 'Cabrera stones' of Peru are genuine artifacts, they are documentary evidence of all kinds of ancient knowledge. Some experts authenticate their antiquity, others deny it. At all events, they are sufficient to justify a book by Benitez...

BERGIER, Jacques

Les extraterrestres dans l'histoire (USA : Extraterrestrial visitations from prehistoric times to the present ; GB : Mysteries of the Earth)

J'ai lu / Paris / 1970 ; Regnery / Chicago / 1973

'I believe that these contacts [between ETs and us] do exist, but that they are hidden from man as a whole and have taken place, at well-defined periods, only with very advanced individuals who have been above the average of their fellows'. [p.xi]

19 Gurlt's cube & other artifacts including the Delhi pillar [25] adduced as evidence of ET visits. B surmises they may be 'data collectors' ie monitoring devices (23)

35 Nazca lines

55 Piri Re'is map

77 Baalbek terrace : Agrest suggests may be take-off port for ET travel

83 Baghdad batteries

97 Facius Cardan's visitors, 13.8.1491

117 adepts and initiates surmised to be ETs

139 Kaspar Hauser

161 The green children

Totally uncritical omnium gatherum of mysteries which are linked to an ET explanation simply because no terrestrial explanation is currently forthcoming. B protests continually how objective he is being, and is always careful not to assert, merely to suggest.

(Editor) Le livre de l'inexplicable (Extraterrestrial intervention : the evidence)

Albin Michel / Paris / 1972 ; Regnery / Chicago / 1974

The American title is a confidence trick : only a small part of the book is devoted to ET intervention, and it certainly doesn't constitute a review of the evidence. Instead this is a more or less arbitrary grab-bag of mysteries, some of them interesting.

BERLITZ, Charles

Mysteries from forgotten worlds

Doubleday / NY / 1972

B covers ground well-trodden by AA theorists, noting myths, artifacts and suchlike ; he concludes like them that intervention from other civilisations is indicated. Interestingly, though, he manages without invoking the ETs, believing that contact with other terrestrial cultures is sufficient to account for the paradoxes.

BLUMRICH, J F

Da tat sich der Himmel auf (The spaceships of Ezekiel)

Econ / 1974 ; Corgi / 1974

'I began to read von Däniken with the condescending attitude of someone who knows beforehand that the conclusions presented can by no means be correct... I read, smiled, grinned, and laughed - until I found technical statements and claims right in the fields of my own professional knowledge ! Suddenly it seemed very easy - I would take a Bible and explain why von Däniken was wrong... I soon lost my grin, became profoundly curious, and what followed was a wonderful experience... Hardly ever was a total defeat so rewarding, so fascinating, and so delightful !' [foreword]

'Rewarding' it probably was, since B's book went into many editions and translations. As a NASA engineer, he must have enjoyed designing a spacecraft which matched up to (some of) the description given by the prophet Ezekiel : a chance for some excellent game-playing. Dismayingly, however, he seems to have taken it seriously, though not all his readers have done so.

BRASINGTON, Virginia F (Rev.)

Flying Saucers in the Bible

Global Communications / NY / 1968

Familiar interpretation of Bible events in aa terms ; adds nothing new.

CHARROUX, Robert [pen name of Robert Grugneau]

Histoire inconnue des hommes depuis cent mille ans

(One hundred thousand years of man's unknown history)

Laffont / Paris / 1963 ; Berkley / 1970, Sphere / 1981

11 'We have evidence that interplanetary rockets streaked across the heavens millions of years ago ; that atomic bombs destroyed one or more civilisations ; that extraterrestrials left traces of their presence in several parts of our planet ; that Moses was familiar with explosives and a death ray ; that a man lighted his house with electricity in the time of Saint Louis ; that an airplane flew during the reign of John V of Portugal ; that secret societies forged the destiny of mankind. And that other conspiracies are now working in the shadows to take power...'

16 Piri Re'is map

19-20 ['There is] a conspiracy of initiates whose purpose was to keep the people of the world in ignorance of their ancestors' prodigious adventure... The conspiracy must have existed for at least six thousand years, doling out such scientific knowledge as men could safely assimilate, but holding back what could not be divulged without danger'.

32 Glozel ('incontestably authentic')

49 ETs probably came from Venus, because (1) legends say so and (2) proliferation of carbon dioxide there would make blood blue...

59 levitation of megaliths by ultrasound

72 electric light in C13

73 Ark of Covenant = electric condenser

81 long-lasting lamps

83 Pisco trident

101 Agartha, underground Himalayan sanctuary

116 atomic warfare in the past - also Tunguska, India

135 Flying Saucers (C sits on fence in regard to them)

141 Apocalypse soon

164 abductions

On p.111 C offers us a catalogue of marvels, which demonstrates the omnivorous appetite which enables him to swallow any unexplained phenomenon and regurgitate it as evidence of secret powers : there are flagrant instances on p.22, when for no good reason he starts talking about coincidences, and p.39 where his story of 'Pig 311' doesn't seem relevant to anything... Altogether, an appalling jumble of genuine and pseudo-mysteries, hurled at the reader in no particular order and adding up to no coherent thesis.

Le livre des secrets trahis (Legacy of the Gods)

Laffont / 1965 ; Sphere / 1964

11 Secret 'round table' who discuss these matters - typical 'ancient wisdom' glamour !

12 secret refuges

22 the world was born in the USA, until a nuclear explosion turned it into a taboo place

40 Gobi desert is also taboo : tradition of space visits

49 scenario of exodus from planet to planet

78 'Venus may be either a stabilised comet or a kind of gigantic spacecraft used by extraterrestrials for the purpose of fleeing from a threatened galaxy'

[Charroux]

81+ angels (= ETs, of course) and other biblical evidence

113 atomic war between Atlantis and Mu

279 ET messages (UMMO-type) from Baavi

Another spate of unsupported speculation, spiced with piquant anecdotes which give the illusion that there is a coherent logic to his thesis, whereas in fact it rambles this way and that and ends up nowhere.

Le livre des maîtres de monde (Masters of the world)

Laffont / 1967 ; Eng trans 1974, Sphere / 1979

Continues to affirm his thesis that ETs from Venus came to Earth and were 'Masters of the World' about 5000 years ago, maintaining several civilisations before leaving again for reasons unknown. They had aircraft and probably atomic weapons [p.17] ; unfortunately powerful conspiracies prevent us learning the true facts [p.19]

75 There have been several true initiates, such as Einstein

78 History is full of incidents which show how the conspirators have sought to conceal the truth (chronological catalogue)

140 Witchcraft is a path to knowledge

149 so are drugs and the 'third eye'

163 Palenque slab

179 Invisible Masters : various versions by Guy Tarade, Peter Deunov, R J Mouton &c

218 Keely's invention

227 Tulli papyrus

The topics listed are just a representative selection : once again, C manages to drag in almost any unexplained phenomenon as evidence that Secret Forces are at work.

Le livre du mystérieux inconnu (The mysterious unknown, also titled The Gods unknown)

Laffont / 1969 ; Spearman / 1972

Covers the same unbounded ground as earlier books, and no less confused - which is the more remarkable since we now learn that C was assisted in its writing by several initiates, possibly including some of the Invisible Masters who are secretly guiding mankind.

References to secret knowledge and mysterious 'Masters' abound, giving the impression that we are dead lucky to have someone so privileged as C to tell us what's really going on. However, the expressed opinions of his eminent collaborators on C and his book do little credit to either their scientific or their literary judgment.

Le livre des mondes oubliés (Lost worlds ; scientific secrets of the ancients, also titled : Forgotten worlds]

Laffont / 1971 ; Souvenir / 1973

Like its predecessor, this largely serves up again material from his earlier books - Pyramids, Easter Island, Atlantis, Nazca, etc - but now bringing in the Bermuda Triangle ('a magic zone') and claiming that Donald Crowhurst 'was a Victim of Occult Forces'.

Charroux : Overall comment : Wide and varied reading must inevitably throw up some good stories – but how can we rely on a single one of them when he destroys his own credibility by his lack of discrimination in what he will swallow, and his inability to exert any kind of critical judgment ? It would be something if all was clearly directed towards a clearly formulated end : but he seems unable to discard anything he has read, so all has to be stuffed somehow into the bag. The end result is total failure to communicate, still less to convince. The few specific claims he makes – for instance, that there is a conspiracy afoot to conceal from us the fact that our ancestors were educated by Masters from Venus – are lamentably unproved ; and the vast heaps of undigested anecdote merely serve to muddle us as to what he is about. He reminds us that there are a lot of things yet to be discovered about the universe : but he does not convince us that he has anything helpful to offer in the way of explanation.

CHATELAIN, Maurice

Nos ancêtres venus du cosmos (Our ancestors came from outer space)

Laffont / Paris / 1975 ; Stein & Day / NY / 1977

NASA engineer, who by his own admission knows everything there is to know about space communications [p.7], accepts that many incidents involving UFOs occurred during American space explorations. [p.16]

Being himself a mathematician, it was ancient measurements and calendars which persuaded him that our ancestors knew more about astronomy than we do, and that this can be explained only by ET intervention. What else could account for the truly stunning discovery that lines drawn between (some of) the great French cathedrals (many of which are dedicated to the Virgin) match (on a flat projection) the constellation of Virgo ! [p.82] Wow !

ET intervention, about 65,000 years ago, also accounts for the scientific knowledge of our ancestors : the control of gravitation which enabled them to erect Baalbek &c, the skill to draw the Nazca lines which could only have been designed from the air, &c.

For none of this he produces the slightest evidence.

CLARK, Adrian V

Cosmic mysteries of the universe

Parker / W.Nyack NY / 1968

NASA scientist re-interprets bible events in terms of ET intervention.

'Considering physical extraterrestrial men to have directly assisted early man and to be referred to in the Bible as God does not reduce the level of God, but may help us to better understand the actual physical representation of the God of our physical universe' [p.88]

'Sightings of unusual flying objects today may be evidence of God's helpers who are watching, protecting, intervening as required to carry out God's plan, and hopefully preventing man from destroying himself and all other life on this planet. God will intervene directly into the affairs of men when Christ returns in the clouds of glory. The Bible is not clear in this area, but apparently there will be a war between the heavenly bodies in which God will win and set up a utopian reign on earth'. [p.9] Whoopee !

COHEN, Daniel

The ancient visitors

Doubleday / NY / 1976

Debunking book, perhaps intended for older children. Doesn't go into much detail, but contains useful observations on :

- 31 Nazca lines
- 67 Antikythera device
- 68 Baghdad batteries
- 77 Piri Re'is map
- 87 Oannes myth
- 94 Tulli papyrus
- 95 Stanzas of Dyzan
- 97 Ezekiel
- 103 Bible anomalies
- 120 Evolution from space

DEM, Marc

Les Juifs de l'espace (The lost tribes from outer space)

Albin Michel / Paris / 1974 ; Bantam / NY / 1977

'The Jews come from space, and they will return there'. [p.20]

YHWH (as D somewhat awkwardly names him) is a (succession of) space traveller(s) with their own spaceship and some very advanced gadgetry [p.29-38].

A YHWH created the Jewish people by genetic engineering, [p.74] and he or his successors periodically carried out further modifications. Their crewmen did their share of breeding with the Chosen People, too. But on the whole YHWHs don't interfere more than they can help, because persecution, pogroms, ghettos and gas chambers develop national identity. An ingenious suggestion...

DIONE, R L

God drives a Flying Saucer

Exposition / NY / 1969

Is God supernatural ?

Bantam / NY / 1976

Reinterpretation of Bible events along ET-intervention lines. 'God is the head of a race of supertechnological beings who are conducting an experiment with mankind as their subjects'. [wrapper]

DOWNING, BARRY

The Bible and Flying Saucers

Lippincott / PA / 1968

'The space age has set us free to explore the Bible in a new way... Could many of the phenomena in the skies which are described in the Bible actually have been what modern science terms UFOs ?' [wrapper] Evidently the answer is Yes.

DRAKE, Walter Raymond

Gods or spacemen ? (later, **Messengers from the stars**)

Amherst WI / 1964

Spacemen in the Ancient East (later, **Gods & spacemen**)

Spearman / 1968

Mystery of the Gods - are they coming back to Earth ?

Private / 1972 (almost duplicated by 'Greece & Rome')

Gods and spacemen in the Ancient West

Sphere / 1974

Gods and spacemen throughout history

Spearman / 1975

Gods and spacemen in Greece & Rome

Sphere / 1976

Gods and spacemen in ancient Israel (later **G&S in the ancient past**)

Sphere / 1976

Not so much a reasoned thesis as a catalogue of texts, from anecdotes and myths to historical reports, which could provide evidence that ETs have visited Earth and influenced Earth events. Not always convincing, but the cumulative effect is impressive.

FLINDT, Max H, and BINDER, Otto O

Mankind - child of the stars

Fawcett / NY / 1974

[This text embodies ideas previously published by Flindt in his shorter study, **On tiptoe beyond Darwin**]

Confronted with the shortcomings of Darwin's evolutionary theory, the authors propose 'evolution from the stars' :

This new theory proposes that mankind is a hybrid between early men on earth and men from another world. And second, that Man and much of life on earth may comprise a colony, an intentional colony, put here and nurtured here by persons unknown, who came from outer space. [p.25]

This has been kept secret because 'man learns best that which he learns for himself, in his own good time'. [p.38]

The evidence presented is chiefly based on the physical nature of man, which is not compatible with terrestrial development but makes sense in terms of ET intervention. This is supported by :

- * 'The many legends, from all over earth among widely separated cultures, of "skymen" descending like gods and benefiting or guiding mankind'.
- * 'The fact that Man himself is a misfit in the scheme of classical Darwinian evolution' and that there are gaps, anomalies and contradictions in the Darwin theory.
- * The prevalence of 'little men' in human myth, sounding very much like reports of 'little humanoids'.
- * 'The Villas-Boas sex-seduction case, and those of other men and women, indicating biosexual experimentation still being carried out today by the saucer men'.
- * Evidence from 'contactee' stories, if taken at face value and not proved hoaxes or hallucinations.
- * Disappearances of people and animals 'which could quite logically (with no other explanation available) have been spirited away by UFOs'.
- * Vanishing ships and aircraft, eg Bermuda Triangle.
- * 'Saucer sightings' throughout history. Recent UFO waves, 'green fireballs', and UFO-related entities.
- * 'Unsolved astronomical sightings .. of gigantic objects in space'.
- * Biblical accounts of 'chariots of fire', 'glowing clouds', 'angels' &c, and references to 'Sons of God'.
- * Hieroglyphic and other representations.
- * Fantastic feats of ancient engineering, and sophistication of ancient astronomy. The Piri Re'is map, Nazca lines and other artifacts.
- * Probability of ET life and faster-than-light travel. [p.241]

The case is presented far more thoughtfully and reasonably than in any other book on the subject, and the material is presented in a well-ordered and coherent manner.

GALLAGHER, I J

The case of the ancient astronauts

Raintree / Milwaukee / 1977

Book for children, setting out the basic tenets of the AA writer's argument - Piri Re'is, Nazca, Maya temples, Easter Island. No counter arguments are offered, but G discreetly refrains from committing himself to acceptance of the hypothesis.

GINSBURGH, Irwin

First, Man. Then, Adam !

Simon & Schuster / NY / 1975

'The many spaceflights, both unmanned and manned, which have occurred in the past decade, have changed the thinking of a great many scientists with respect to interplanetary and interstellar travel. In view of the reality that such flights are more than fanciful imagination, it is now possible to re-interpret some of the allegorical sections of the Bible and to place them into a credible context'. [p.3]

G confines himself to the Book of Genesis, and offers various suggestions for ways of reconciling the Biblical account with possible fact. His boldest proposal is that 'the Garden of Eden was a space ship that crash landed on the Earth, and that it carried two superior space people, Adam and Eve'. [p.60]

GREENE, Vaughn M

Astronauts of ancient Japan

Private / Millbrae CA / 1978

Presents evidence from artifacts and traditional legends that Japan, too, received extraterrestrial visits in times past.

GUIRAO, Pedro

La protohistoria

Plaza y Janes / Barcelona / 1979

'Sacred geometry' is the key to knowledge of our remote past, and tells us that our forefathers had access to scientific skills beyond ours. All this must have come from elsewhere...

HATEM, J S

We called them gods

Vantage / NY / 1976

'Has Earth been visited many times in past ages by people from other planets in other star systems ? Were our ancient forefathers well aware of this ? Are our concepts of God shaped by the meetings of our primitive ancestors with these interstellar travellers ? In fact, are we as a race the product of inter-breeding and education programs conducted by these extraterrestrial visitors ? Is the Earth still being visited regularly by these, or similar, peoples from beyond our own solar system? To each of these questions, J S Hatem answers with a resounding yes'. [Wrapper blurb] However, he brings no new evidence or ideas to this journey across familiar territory.

HOLROYD, Stuart

Prelude to the landing on Planet Earth

W H Allen / London / 1977

H, an intelligent 'sympathetic skeptic' got involved with Andrija Puharich, Sir John Whitmore et al in what purported to be telepathic communications with an ET group calling themselves The Management. They 'had been observers of the Earth's history for millennia, and had intervened in it on several occasions in the past, and their communications contained a wealth of detail about the origins and progress of civilisations, the origins of languages and mythologies, and the roles of historical figures' [p.6] H found parallels in Steiger, **Revelation**, and the Mark-Age material ; it would surely be possible to find other examples among the contemporary channelled output. He inclines to accept these at least as genuine communications from an external source, but discusses the alternative options fairly.

JESSUP, M K

UFOs and the Bible

Citadel / NY / 1956

'Scarcely a week goes by without some alert reader sending me suggestions that I should expound on the biblical references to UFO and related phenomena of a so-called miraculous type' [p.9] The statement is revealing: in God-fearing America, there was - perhaps there still is - a spate of literature which insisted that UFOs were somehow associated with The Powers Of Evil. Those who wanted to believe in them sought some reassurance that they were not evil. What could be more reassuring than to show that UFOs were involved in the Bible itself ? With man's tentative ventures into space as a justification, several theorists were ransacking old accounts for evidence that UFOs were not something new, but had long been with us : the Bible, familiar to most Americans, was an obvious source, and it was soon found that many of its supposedly supernatural incidents could be accounted for more literally in terms of the new deus ex machina, the UFO.

Jessup seems to have been the first to go into print with the serious suggestion that the divinities of the Bible were ET in the physical rather than the supernatural sense. In developing this thesis he displays considerable ingenuity : how much of it did he really believe, I wonder ?

KOLOSIMO, Peter

Timeless Earth

Sugar Editore / Milano / 1968 ; Garnstone / London / 1973

Ranbling catalogue of unexplained archeological remains, with a modest suggestion (for which no evidence is offered) that they may be the work of ETs.

- 39 Tunnel under Pacific from Asia to America
- 45 Easter I
- 56 Mu
- 91 Pyramids
- 137 Atlantis

Though there are bibliography and index, too often references are to such scholars as Charroux and Bergier/Pauwels. And there are credibility-discouraging quotes such as [p.41] 'Lamas who have been questioned about the tunnels have usually replied : "Yes, they exist : they were made by giants who gave us the benefit of their knowledge when the world was young".' What lamas ? To whom were they speaking ? When ? Where ? Under what circumstances ? How dependable were they ? etc etc...

Not of this Earth (orig Non è terrestre)

Sugar / 1969 ; Souvenir / 1970

Another parade of wonders, for instance :

- 16 Dinosaurs & early man with bullet-traces
- 47 Spencer's adventure at Tuerin lamasery
- 79 Antarctic mysteries
- 92 Arctic mysteries
- 105 submarine mysteries

and much more beside. For many he offers no reference whatever : eg Campbell's discovery of a crystal dome containing a skeleton in a chair. K writes more reasonably than others, and attacks not only Adamski but also Charroux : but his own book is an ill-assorted jumble of mysteries, with no attempt at coherent argument or progressive development. Still less does he give us any grounds whatever for looking to ETs for an explanation.

Spaceships in prehistory (orig Astronavi sulla preistoria)

Sugar / 1971 ; Garnstone / 1975

If it were presented as a collection of enigmatic artifacts and critically arranged, this book could win our respect : for K has certainly brought together an impressive assortment. Unfortunately, because he seeks to present them as evidence for the thesis of his title, they are torn out of cultural context and we are unable to judge them impartially. Nowhere, indeed, does he attempt to construct a coherent thesis : his argument consists in saying to us, look at these amazing things, they don't fit into any pattern of earthly history, so don't you agree with me they must be of ET origin - not exactly a convincing argument !

LANDSBURG, Alan & Sally

The outer space connection

Bantam / NY / 1975

Grab-bag of findings and research projects all of which show that genetic engineering is a possibility, and therefore that's what ETs had in mind when, if legends can be believed, they...and so on. The book is so awful than even if it contains any genuine insights I haven't the stomach to hunt for them. The authors claim to give answers where others only ask questions: even if I could believe they have the answers, I'd rather wait and hear them from someone else.

LEONARD, R Cedric

Flying Saucers, ancient writings and the Bible

Exposition / NY / 1969

'For a long time now I have suspected that "Flying Saucers" and religion are connected. The first thing that tipped me off was the fact that the more proof there was of their existence, the more "religious" people rejected them.' [p.17]

As research, it's a fantastic effort. L draws on not only the Bible but also apocryphal testaments, Judaic texts, Indian records, theosophical commentaries, Churchward, and recent channelled messages, all of which ostensibly display an impressive convergence. The trouble is, he seems to regard them all as being equally authoritative ; for example, when [p.46] we find a quotation from 'the ancient writings' it turns out to be a from Bailey's **Treatise on cosmic fire**. L ascribes our possession of these documents to 'the Elder Brothers' who preserved and disseminated them : one can only comment that they were not very selective.

L inclines towards an occultist view, accepting the existence of 'Lords of the Flame' whose Rulers 'founded the first Mystery-School on this planet to teach man that which was necessary for his mental and spiritual development'. [p.25] (He cites G R S Mead, **Fragments of a faith forgotten**, in support). L adds 'Jesus is to all appearances one of the "Lords of the Dazzling Face" from the Planet Venus', [p.31] and his mother had been 'visited often during her young life by messengers and "prodigious lights'. [p.33] Naively, L adds 'Joseph himself saw some pretty strange sights for that time'. [p.34]

L is as free with dogmatic statements. Chapter 4 opens : 'Our world has been destroyed four times since "God planted a garden eastward in Eden"'. However, he explains that by 'destroyed' he simply means 'underwent overwhelming catastrophes' ; in an evasion worthy of EvD, he backs down and rephrases his opening statement as 'As far as humanity was concerned, the world was destroyed'. [p.59]

He needs all the dexterity he can summon because, unlike EvD, he is committed to the faith that 'the Bible is always correct' [p.131] So to explain how Cain is able to find a wife in the Land of Nod at a period of history when a literal reading of the Bible would say that his mother was the only girl in the world, L has to explain that 'Adam' is not a single person, but signifies mankind, consequently there were plenty of available brides. (Why, don't the sacred writings of Mu [where they ?] say that at the time of Mu's destruction it alone had 64 million inhabitants ? [p.131] For sheer ingenuity in extracting new meanings from old texts, L probably deserves first place in this catalogue. His splendid book is far superior in this respect to the works of EvD or Charroux.

LETHBRIDGE, T C

The legend of the Sons of God

Routledge / London / 1972

L had just finished writing this when EvD's first book was published : 'the two books were so similar in many ways that I felt tempted to destroy my version' [p.ix]. Fortunately he didn't ; for this is everything EvD's book isn't - a modest, charming piece of speculation, firmly rooted either in fact or in reasonable conjecture. L suggests that the biblical 'Sons of God' were ET visitors, who probably came to Earth in consequence of a 'war in heaven' and, being stuck here unable to return home, intermarried with us and gave us the benefit of their skills, gradually merging. Now, with the UFOs, perhaps another generation is rediscovering our planet.

MEDINA, David

Elohim's nursery

Regency / London / 1981

Dedicated to EvD, whose writings inspired it, this is another interpretation of Bible events in which ETs seem to be involved. M is particularly interested in reports of ET-human sexual contact [esp p.148], stating 'similarity between modern and the biblical stories suggest that visitors from outer space are again attempting to procreate their own species on this planet. No doubt the resultant children will become great spiritual leaders, who, from a Christian viewpoint, may be placed amongst us in preparation for the return of the Messiah' [p.11]

MICHELL, John

The Flying Saucer vision

Sidgwick & Jackson / London / 1967

M's thesis is on such a higher level than that of most other AA writers that it seems insulting to rank it with theirs ; nevertheless his belief is fundamentally the same as so many others, that religious and folklore traditions contain memories of ET contacts in the past. Where he distances himself from the rest of the field is in the significance he ascribes to the ET-mankind relationship.

MISRAKI, Paul

Les extraterrestres (using nom de plume Paul Thomas)

Plon / Paris, 1962 ; later retitled **Des signes dans le ciel** ; English translation, **Flying Saucers through the ages** (as Paul Thomas)

- 10 ETs visited Earth in remote past ; they intervened in human affairs
- 15 Angels are ETs
- 20 Spacecraft, similar to today's UFOs
- 37 Bible events : 'pillar of cloud' = cylindrical mother ship, &c.
- 78 Fatima as ET visitation
- 176 Jesus & Mary as cosmic visitors ; but M isn't so naive as to suppose they came from another planet. No, they probably came from a parallel universe...
- 201 La Salette

One of the earliest AA hypotheses, setting the tone with an uncritical parade of insufficiently understood data for which the AAs could provide an explanation. Not unintelligent but entirely speculative.

MOATTI, Pierre-Jean

La bible & les extraterrestres

Laffont / Paris / 1977

Reinterpretation of the Bible in terms of ET intervention. Miracles and other puzzling episodes are shown to make more credible sense when re-interpreted.

MOONEY, Richard

Colony : Earth

Souvenir / London / 1974

Gods of air and darkness

Souvenir / London / 1975

Classic AA approach - science is inadequate to explain paradoxical finds, but religion enshrines history if we read it carefully, and is confirmed by traditional beliefs about early man's associations with 'a Superior Community in space'. He speculates [in CE] that 'perhaps survivors of some menacing situation on another world found it necessary to colonise earth' [p.17]. More logically structured and more reasonably argued than most, but M is less rigorous in his evaluation of his material and less critical of others' interpretations than one would wish. In GOAAD he criticises other AA writers, notably (and with reason) Charroux, but though he claims to be arguing strictly from fact, it is hard to justify founding any useful argument on, say (taken completely at random !) such a statement as 'The Christian historian Eusebius carried ... a stone on his chest which answered questions in a low whistling'. [GOAAD 136]

NOORBERGEN, Rene

Secrets of the lost races

New English Library / London / 1977

Like the AA authors, N is intrigued by 'ooarts' - anomalous objects. Gurls' cube, the Coso artifact [p.43], the Baghdad battery [48], Noah's ark &c. He is concerned to demonstrate, rather than explain, these evidences of advanced technology in ancient civilisations. But he specifically says :

Let's not sell humanity short by attempting to link the remains of the ancient technology to supposed visits of creatures from outer space, by ascribing to beings from other planets what in reality is the logical effect of the synergistic growth of a human super-civilisation. [p.205]

NORMAN, Eric - see SMITH, Warren

PAUWELS, Louis, & BERGIER, Jacques

Le matin des magiciens

Gallimard / Paris / 1960

The book that started it all ? In a sense... but only in the sense that they gathered together a great collection of diverse enigmas and puzzles (and false-enigmas and pseudo-puzzles) and, by including them between the covers of one big book, gave them a spurious unity which was probably the dolorous blow. For what distinguishes most AA literature is the enthusiasm with which authors cram all kinds of unrelated material into their theses - so we find Ancient Wisdom being supposed to hold the secrets of how ET visitors are responsible for anything and everything that has hitherto failed to find a terrestrial explanation.

Specifically, P&B refer, albeit ever so briefly, to many topics which will henceforward become standard exhibits in every aa author's repertoire :

- 190 construction of the Pyramids
- 194 Easter Island
- 195 Tiahuanaco
- 196 Mayan civilisation
- 198 Nazca lines
- 203 Piri Re'is map
- 205 Vimanas and interplanetary visitors
- 206 Baghdad battery

ROBIN-EVANS, Karyl

Sungods in exile

Spearman / London / 1978

The Dzopa people live in a near-inaccessible region of Tibet : Oxford scholar R-E made a one-man expedition there in 1947 ; found them ; and learnt that they are in fact the degenerate descendants of ETs who came to Earth from Sirius in 1017.

I assume it to be fiction from first to last.

SENDY, Jean

La lune, clé de la Bible (The Moon : outpost of the Gods)

Julliard / Paris / 1968 ; Berkley / NY / 1975

Ces dieux qui firent le ciel et la terre (These gods who made Heaven and Earth)

Laffont / Paris / 1969

The coming of the Gods

Laffont / 1970 ; Berkley / 1973

Based on a combination of religious texts and astronomers' findings, these books present the familiar re-interpretation of myth with prolific reference to science. They would be a lot shorter if he didn't devote so much time to setting up establishment science as an aunt sally at which to hurl brickbats.

He finds meaning in the fact that the names of the first three to land on the moon began with A,B & C [Coming, p.149], might make us cautious about regarding his ideas as authoritative : his prediction that exploration of the moon will reveal traces of ET visits confirms that such caution would be justified.

SITCHIN, Zecharia

The twelfth planet

Stein & Day / NY / 1976

Finding much early history unexplained, S takes it to be inexplicable - except by introducing an external element, ET intervention. Thus, at a period of history when the human race wasn't doing too well, 'a mysterious hand once more picked Man out of his decline and raised him to an even higher level of culture, knowledge and civilisation'. Assuming a factual basis to ancient Middle Eastern traditional literature, he notes a belief in celestial visitors to Earth : these stories are confirmed by pictures and artifacts which clearly show rocket-craft and command modules quite similar to our own...

The fact that the Nefilim came and went frequently implies an origin within our solar system ; existing planets we know to be unsuitable, but fortunately there's a tradition of a 12th planet, Marduk, whose orbit brings it close to us every 3600 years. Evidently its inhabitants landed and colonised Earth 450,000 years ago : subsequently they created mankind as second class citizens, but eventually this experiment got out of hand, so at the time of the Deluge they departed, expecting the human race to be wiped out by the tidal waves caused by the reappearance of the 12th planet. As speculative game-playing, it is much above the average, but since the only basis is dubious interpretation of uncertain texts, academic game-playing is all it is.

SMITH, Warren [writing as NORMAN, Eric]

Gods, demons and UFOs (later Gods, demons and space chariots)

Lancer / NY / 1970

Gods and devils from outer space

Lancer / NY / 1973

Read S's account of the Piri Re'is map [GDU p.120] to see what an unscrupulous author can do to clothe the bare bones of a story : then suppose that the rest of his material is equally trustworthy... Clearly there's no point in reading either of these books except to wallow in American sensationalised bandwagon-riding at its most extreme. What is sad is that S is clearly an intelligent, perceptive writer who would be capable of producing far better books than these collections of unreferenced snippets and anecdotes supporting 'his' theory that ET intervention has taken place throughout history.

STEIGER, Brad

Worlds before our own

Berkley-Putnam / NY / 1978

S considers the 'erratic' artifacts and traces which point to high levels of knowledge in the past, but sees no need to presume an ET origin for them. 'Erratics do not appear to be the products of a "supercivilization" capable of interplanetary flight. These objects are generally of a workmanship which ranges in technical sophistication from what we would judge by our orthodox historical yardsticks as comparable to that possessed by the societies of Greece or Rome or to that level achieved by our own twentieth-century technology... Even if a highly advanced extraterrestrial race might have visited this planet in prehistoric times, it seems unlikely that such common, everyday items as nails, necklaces, buckles, and vases would have been carried aboard a spacecraft and deposited in such widely separated areas'. [p.15]

STEINHAUSER, Gerhard R

Jesus Christus, Erbe der Astronauten (Jesus Christ, heir to the astronauts)

Kremayr / Wien / 1973 ; Abelard-Schuman / London & NY / 1974

Another re-telling of biblical episodes : rambling and disordered, but displaying some originality. I like the suggestion [p.17] that the 'sepulchre' in which the crucified Jesus was placed was in reality a kind of chamber in which his body could be processed to a 'semi-disembodied' state in which he could 'ascend' onto another level of being - thus explaining, inter alia, his instruction to Mary Magdalen not to touch him - and perhaps also accounting for the Torino Shroud...

Other biblical episodes are explained in terms of hostilities between warring ETs... and so on...

STIEBING, William H, Jr

Ancient astronauts, cosmic collisions

Prometheus / Buffalo / 1984

pp.81-106 consist of a brief but effective debunking of EvD : specific items treated are :

- 85+ Biblical errors
- 91 Piri Re'is map
- 94 Nazca lines
- 96 Tunnels in Peru
- 98 Palenque slab
- 102 Easter Island
- 103 Tiahuanaco Gate of the Sun
- 104 Elephantine Island / Baghdad batteries
- 105 Delhi pillar / Antikythera device

STORY, Ronald

The space gods revealed

Harper & Row / NY / 1976

Guardians of the universe ?

New English Library / London / 1980

By far the most thorough review of the AA hypotheses, these two books constitute a superb debunking of the subject. The main target is EvD, who is referred to passim, but S also comments on :

Blumrich - SGR/19, GOU/39

Downing - SGR/21

Jessup - GOU/24 (note on his change of views)

Temple - GOU/113

Trench - GOU/30

SGR contains, as an appendix, a piece by Ellwood originally written for the **APRO Bulletin** in 1971, 'UFOs and the Bible : a review of the literature'.

While a non-American might see the subject differently because from a different perspective, this is an insightful insider's view.

Specific topics :

SGR

- 14 AA and the Bible
- 17 Ezekiel's vision
- 23 genetic engineering
- 27 Piri Re'is map
- 34 Nazca lines
- 42 Easter Island
- 61 Pyramid construction
- 67 Palenque slab
- 78 Peru tunnels
- 83 Tiahuanaco calendar
- 86 Tassili frescoes and other such images
- 88 Delhi pillar
- 91 Elephantine Island
- 96 Ark of the Covenant
- 96 Baghdad battery
- 99 Moons of Mars

[Story] **GOU**

- 29 Biblical events
- 33 Sodom & Gomorrah
- 36 Ezekiel's vision
- 40 Ark of the Covenant
- 45 Evolution
- 53 American artifacts
- 54 Palenque slab
- 60 Nazca lines
- 63 Pisco trident
- 65 Peru caves, Crespi artifacts
- 69 Easter Island
- 77 Pyramids &c
- 85 Tassili &c
- 89 Helwan cloth
- 92 Cabrera stones
- 95 Tunguska event
- 113 Sirius 'mystery'
- 153 Appendix by RICHARD GREENWELL replying to Flindt & Binder, **Mankind, child of the stars.**

TEMPLE, Robert K G

The Sirius mystery

Sidgwick & Jackson / London / 1976

'In the light of the evidence connected with the Sirius question, as well as other evidence which has either been dealt with by other authors or remains to be tackled in the future, it must be entertained as a serious possibility that civilisation on this planet owes something to a visit by advanced extraterrestrial beings'.[p.6] Specifically, T suggests that amphibious beings from the star Sirius visited the earth 5000+ years ago, bestowing astronomical knowledge that is embedded in centuries-old traditions of the African Dogon tribe who also have stories of beings emerging from aerial vehicles.

Probably the most thoughtful and best-researched of all AA books, this is rooted in impressive evidence which is single-mindedly assessed in the light of both astronomy and religion. Nevertheless, as Ridpath has shown [Skeptical Inquirer 3.1.56], T's hypothesis is ultimately pure speculation, and is open to many awkward questions.

THOMAS, Paul - see MISRAKI

THIERING, Barry, and CASTLE, Edgar (editors)

Some trust in chariots

Bailey Bros & Swinfen / Folkestone / 1973

Collection of papers critical of EvD's **Chariots of the Gods ?** from various points of view. Though all have pertinent points to make, some are more immediately useful than others :

- 7 Hennessy : errors in Near East archeology
- 13 Gauld : scientific errors
- 23 Crown : errors re the Piri Re'is map
- 31 MacLaurin : errors re Biblical & Egyptian history
- 45 Thiering : errors re scroll records
- 49 Whittaker : errors re American sculptures, Easter Island, Nazca, Palenque slab &c
- 61 Baker : errors re Egyptian archeology
- 75 Weeks : errors re Gilgamesh epic &c
- 83 Houlsby : errors re construction of the Pyramids
- 109 Cole : errors re Ezekiel & other Bible puzzles
- 117 Grouse : scientific errors

TOMAS, Andrew

We are not the first

Souvenir / London / 1971

Review of many of the familiar 'riddles of ancient science', pointing to undoubted puzzles, and concluding that ET contact is the most logical explanation. More restrained than most ; but as always the reader is bombarded with a succession of 'facts' whose reliability he has no means of assessing.

TRENCH, Brinsley Le Poer

Men among mankind

Spearman / London / 1962

- 26 Megaliths : 'The fact, cold, hard and material, is that in various places around the world there are remains of cyclopean masonry of a size and form that could not be contemplated today, with all our mechanical aids and developments'.
29 The catastrophe that destroyed Atlantis, but spared the part of it now known as Britain ('the Fortunate Isles')
31 our moon is too big...
33 Maltwood's Somerset Zodiac
114 'The Sky People probably first came back to attempt the rehabilitation of the planet about 1000 years after the sinking of Poseid. This would be around 8000 BC...'
156 'Mankind on Earth has never worked alone. He has always had all the guidance he is able to accept...'
175 Franklin, Tesla etc as divinely inspired persons
Another book which pre-dates EvD by several years.

Forgotten heritage

Spearman / 1964

'The oldest religions of which we have any knowledge at all...agree that there was a time in the history of the world when the earth and the heavens were in good communication with one another'. This leads T into the deep waters of ultimate reality, involving Four Universes and all kinds of occult wisdom known only to certain Masters. Where EvD & Charroux swamp us with unsupported anecdote, T gives us unsupported speculation, resulting in a more thoughtful book, but explaining why he didn't become a best seller like them.

UMLAND, Eric & Craig

Mystery of the ancients

Walker / NY / 1974 (page refs are to Signet PB)

The Maya were ETs from outside the solar system, who came to Earth circa 190,000,000 BC. They settled on two planets - Planet X, which was destroyed either accidentally or due to their activities, and became the asteroid belt, and Earth. Here they settled in Antarctica until the Ice Age, at which point (ca 3100 BC) they migrated to Central America.[p.92] Their records probably contain information which would be of immense value to us, over and above the evident traces of extraordinary technical and scientific skills : this is why both the US and the Soviet governments are interested in 'archeological' research in this area.

The physical frailty of the Mayas made them very vulnerable to Earth disease etc [What, even after 190 m yrs ? - HE] hence they died out or took refuge : 'Everywhere they have had to withdraw - to mountaintops in Peru, to dense rain forests in Honduras, to deep caves in Yucatan, and possibly to undersea bases off the coast of Peru. There may be bases inside volcanic peaks, or beneath the South Pole, or hidden under the lunar surface. Everywhere they have had to go underground, or hold out inside volcanoes like Mount Shasta, or Mount Erebus. Even now, the last groups are hiding and waiting...' [p.132]

Ingenuously worked out thesis, marred by lack of critical rigour in regard to such matters as artifacts on the Moon [p.103] and the occupational disease of speculators, inferring too much from too little.

VAN BUREN, Elizabeth

Rainbow round the sun

Regency / London / 1979

Journal of a 'Seeker' naively but not stupidly exploring the borderland of New Age and occult thought, reading an awful lot of awful books, like me. Her text is studded with references to 'the knowing ones', the akashic records and so on, implying a constant interchange between 'them' and 'us', though she does not seem to be committed to any particular viewpoint. One thing she does is get messages from the dead, who inform her about the terrible catastrophes that will take place in 1982 (remember ?) and about ET intervention. We learn (p.47) that 'the planet Earth is an evil planet' which has got other planets worried. Catastrophes are in store for us, and 'after the cataclysm the governments of the world will be close to collapse; there will be near-anarchy... but sometime before the end of the century Christ will intervene and bring into the earth's 'atmosphere' a third force... At that time a balance between the female and male principles (Yin and Yang) would come about, which will be nice.

Lord of the flame

Spearman / London / 1981

'I believe that He [who was and is revered as the Son of the Almighty throughout the world by different names] is the leader of the star-people, those beings who have visited Earth throughout the ages in an attempt to raise man's consciousness to the meaning of the Cosmos and himself. The space ships which are being seen even now in our skies are piloted by these Beings...

'The Secret of the Great Pyramid and why it had been placed on the desert sands of Egypt by our brothers in Space was revealed to me while writing this book. The Science of the Stars is the Key and with it one can also unlock the secret of the Dog Star, Sirius, from whose system the "gods" have come in the past...

'Now is the time to disclose these secrets for the End Days are upon us and very soon the People of the Stars will arrive on this planet led by their prince, Lord of the Flame'. [p.13]

'Look up into the sky at night-time or in the early dawn when Venus shines alone in the lightening Heavens and know that man is not alone. Soon, very soon he will witness a great fleet of ships sailing down through the Ocean of Space towards planet Terra, for the Way will be open again. Our brothers from the stars who also serve the One God will return to help mankind begin a new Golden Age. They come from the Sirius system many light-years away though they call themselves quite rightly Venusians for they are filled with the Christ-Spirit'. [p.192]

Though far more sympathetic than the writings of EvD, EvB's books are tinged with her own brand of nonsense. Eg writing of Venus : 'There is a great mystery regarding the planet of Love and one in which we may not delve too deeply...' [p31]

VON DÄNIKEN, Erich

Erinnerungen an die Zukunft (Literally, 'Memories of the future', but English-language title is **Chariots of the gods** ?)

Econ / 1968 ; Souvenir / 1969

- 28 Piri Re'is map : 'the originals of Piri Re'is' maps must have been
aerial photographs taken from a very great height' [p29]
- 30 Nazca lines ('landing strips')
- 34+ monoliths & megaliths
- 42 various artifacts
- 50 ETs in the Bible : Sodom & Gomorrah, Ezekiel, &c.
- 75 Vimanas : 'space vehicles'
- 78 Tulli papyrus
- 94 Baalbek : Agrest's airfield theory
- 95 Pyramids
- 111 Easter Island
- 147 Tunguska event

The jacket blurb says : 'Of course, von Däniken does not prove anything. But then he has not set out to prove anything.' In fact, all he does is take us on a whirlwind tour of curiosities, about which his readers are likely to be even less well-informed than himself, pausing only long enough before each to pose a rhetorical question whose pertinence his readers are unlikely to be in a position to assess, or to ask a 'Sounds familiar, doesn't it ?', before hurrying along to his next exhibit. Since they have been selected so as to imply a single unifying solution – the ancient ET visitors of his discreetly interrogatory title – the overall effect is that he has produced evidence in support of a thesis. Whereas in fact he has done nothing but pose questions.

Zurück zu den Sternen (Return to the stars)

Econ / 1968 ; Souvenir / 1970

Covers much the same ground as previous book – Easter Island, megaliths, Nazca etc, but now he is more confident of his position – 'I am convinced that extraterrestrial intelligences visited the earth...we men are programmed by the "gods"' [p103]

Editor Wilhelm Roggersdorf, in his preface, says 'EvD is not a scholar. He is an autodidact...' and indeed EvD refers to himself as a 'Sunday archeologist' with assumed modesty. His policy is to create the idea of a 'sacrosanct' platform of established science, which he – though only a self-taught amateur – is nevertheless able to shake with his questions, like the child inconveniently questioning the Emperor's new clothes. The implication is that the reader could have done the same if he had been in EvD's position, and this is no doubt a major factor in EvD's success compared with better-informed competitors, whose better-informedness actually detracts from their popular appeal.

Like its predecessor, this book is made up more of questions than of statements [eg p46]. He implies the answers in the way he frames his questions, but he can always evade responsibility for our conclusions.

[von Däniken]

Aussat und Kosmos (The gold of the gods)

Econ / 1972 ; Souvenir / 1973

The book opens with an account of visits to a tunnel system discovered by Moricz in Ecuador, which it was subsequently established EvD never personally entered. Speculation runs wilder than ever in his third book, as EvD travels to South America, China, Russia, Polynesia on the trail of mysterious objects which could conceivably supply grist to his mill. When he thinks he's onto a good thing he makes a positive identification – for instance [p111] he identifies Polynesian masks as tribal memories of flying machines, or [p176] he captions a picture on a vase from San Salvador as 'an astronautess with all the attributes of her profession'. Where even he has doubts he leaves us with an open question : [p161] 'Could this gold plaque be a message from alien astronauts to us ? Who will decipher this code ? What has it got to tell us ?'. When totally baffled he drops suggestive hints : a mural from Sete Cidades [p138] comes with the comment 'A tricky puzzle to solve. A space station in orbit ? Concentric circles with little windows ?'

Meine Welt in Bildern (In search of ancient gods)

Econ / 1973 ; Souvenir / 1974

91 Palenque slab

Picture book which goes over ground EvD has trodden before, but with – to do him justice – a wealth of illustration. The captions are the usual suggestive nudges ; thus [p158] 'the enlargements may encourage the reader to form his own ideas'. On the subject of the Nazca lines he invites us to consider a theory which he admits is no more than a theory, yet deftly begs the underlying question by referring to the site as an 'airport' [p197]. He maintains his customary act by referring to himself [p47] 'in my role of "enfant terrible"'

Erscheinungen : Phänomene die die Welt erregen (Miracles of the gods)

Econ / 1974 ; Souvenir / 1975

EvD argues that religious visions are in fact ET visits, presented as 'signs' of their power. Miracles are not miracles, but demonstrations of superior skills. Solar phenomena are of course ET spacecraft. Though he does not claim Jesus as an astronaut, most other unexplained phenomena are glibly linked to his basic hypothesis. And so on...

Beweise (According to the evidence)

Econ / 1977 ; Souvenir / 1977

Covers largely familiar ground, but adding :

- 19 Supports Velikovsky : 'Nearly all V's claims have already turned out to be right... Specialised research work would probably show that his few remaining published claims were also correctly diagnosed'.
- 80 Takes Temple's Dogon hypothesis on board.
- 302 ..and the Sassoon/Dale 'manna machine'

[von Däniken : **Beweise**]

He starts the book by bravely presenting 'My Theory' :

'In prehistoric and early historic times the Earth was visited by unknown beings from the Cosmos.

These unknown beings created human intelligence by a deliberate genetic mutation.

The extra-terrestrials ennobled hominids 'in their own image'. That is why we resemble them - not they us.

These visits to Earth by alien beings from the Cosmos were recorded and handed down in religions, mythologies and popular legends. In some places the extra-terrestrials also deposited physical signs of their presence on Earth'. (p.v]

However he admits [p336] 'I have woven a thick chain of circumstantial evidence'.

Signs of the gods

Econ / 1979 ; Souvenir / 1980

16 More in support of 'the Manna Machine'

82 Malta

214 Information about the Ancient Astronaut Society

215+ EvD comments on his critics, and defends his views

- by **Peter Krassa**

Erich von Däniken : disciple of the gods

Bauer / 1976 ; W H Allen / 1978

Written by a friend, this is hardly an objective account ; even so, reading between the lines it bears out the impression given by his books - an unscrupulous egotist, concealing his ruthless pursuit of personal kudos behind the mask of the 'enfant terrible' who dares to question scientific orthodoxy. It is surely significant that the 'biography' is almost entirely devoted to anecdotal gossip, and makes no attempt at a serious evaluation of EvD's claims.

Overall comment : One might feel inclined to give EvD credit for encouraging his readers to question entrenched beliefs, were it not that his slipshod methods and dishonest use of material risk destroying his own credibility and proving ultimately negative. Nor can we even admire his success, which is no doubt in part due to his personal gifts of showmanship, but which has been largely built on widespread borrowing from his predecessors, who anticipated most of his ideas. Any value there may be in any of them is likely to be obscured by the unjustifiable extrapolation with which he juggles his data : if he has become a best-seller when others did not, it is partly because he has been willing to venture farther out onto thinner ice than any of his rivals.

But above all, his success is an exercise in marketing, which I am willing to believe was not - originally, at any rate - deliberately contrived, though I suspect that editor Roggersdorf may deserve some of the credit. By presenting himself as the 'enfant terrible', never afraid to ask awkward questions, and by presenting the scientific establishment as a bigoted and close-minded giant entrenched behind fixed opinions, he wins the sympathy of those who have been taught by thousands of years of folklore into believing that Davids are always in the right and Goliaths wrong, that rebels are always the goodies and the powers-that-be the baddies.

[von Däniken]

EvD must be credited with a flair for finding suitable material (even if he finds it in the pages of other people's books) and the courage to defend his writings - and even his methods - in public.

We must also recognise the social importance of 'von-Däniken-itis' which, like 'Gelleritis' is a malady of our time from which the behavioral scientists can learn something about people's needs. For, whatever else may be said for or against EvD and his kind, the genuine curiosity which has made their books best-sellers is very much to mankind's credit - an indication that millions of people are not nose-down in the here-and-now trough, but are drawn towards matters of greater concern.

WILKINS, Harold T

Flying Saucers on the attack

Citadel / NY / 1954

Though by no means an AA proponent, W notes :

There are curious passages in old English chronicles...and in Latin incunabula... which suggest that our earth may have been under observation by extra-terrestrial visitants for some 1250 years past... At the moment, we cannot...assert that cosmic visitants ... have or have not visited our own planet'.

But he goes on to point out that enigmatic references in old myths, and anomalies such as the Nazca lines, could be accounted for in terms of ET visitations.

WILLIAMSON, George Hunt

Secret places of the lion

Spearman / London / 1959

1 'History is rewritten in these pages in the light of translations from very ancient manuscripts preserved in the great library of one of the world's time-honoured mystery schools...a "lost city" high in the mountains of Peru... In this city lives a master teacher...a survivor of the Elders, the great men who lives on earth when "giants" roamed this planet...'

We really are in never-never land now, a land traversed by the 'Goodly Company', or 'Wanderers' who carry with them the 'Most Ancient Wisdom' which now and again they share with us lesser fry. These 'certain secret orders have always managed to salvage or save universal truth, and on clay tablets, scrolls, and papyri' which they hid in tombs, secret chambers, caverns, temple ruins, catacombs & [p.3], these truths are preserved for us to find.

W is apt to throw around names of persons and places for which no substantiation is offered : typical is :

'Before the great civilization of Mu, there existed in the North Pacific a large continent known as **Adoma**. As it sank some five hundred thousand years ago, Lemuria rose in the south Pacific. A-Fom is a Lemurian word meaning "race of men from the red earth". It has come down to us today as "Adam"'

W has read widely enough to intersperse his text with impressive details, and has sufficient literary skill to present them with glib assurance. In fact, I take his book to be fiction from start to finish.

Road in the sky

Spearman / 1959

Today's UFOs are merely the current visitations of ETs who have been coming to Earth for dinkey's years - as witness the Nazca lines (clearly beacons, p.65) and other artefacts.

Interestingly enough, the UFO intelligences hold Christian principles [p.134] and if we would all follow in the footsteps of the 'One Who Came' most of our problems would disappear.

So it's not surprising that it is to simple god-fearing folk like the Amish that the UFOs manifest so vividly [p.135] ; and it is to another such race, the Hopi Indians, that we should look to understand the secrets of the universe.

[Williamson]

Our system is threatened by a gigantic embryo star :

'Now we know why the UFO intelligences would impose their superior culture over our inferior culture. There is an emergency in the heavens and all the inhabited planets belonging to the Space Confederation have been alerted. The Earth will eventually be destroyed... The **visitants** are literally pushing us into a consciousness where we can accept the inhabitation of space, space ships and space people. The Earth planet must rejoin the Interplanetary Brotherhood, and quickly !' [p.240]

WHITE, Peter

The past is human

Angus & Robertson / Sydney / 1974

Prehistorian demonstrates that there is no need to attribute enigmatic relics of the past to ET visitors ; often we find evidence that the necessary skills did exist, or that parallels exist, or that the mystery is illusory : notably :

- 69 stylised pictures
- 83 Nazca and Pisco
- 91 Piri Re'is map
- 97 Mayan calendar
- 104 massive stone construction
- 112 Palenque slab
- 120 Zimbabwe
- 124 Baalbek
- 126 Easter Island

WILSON, Clifford

Crash go the chariots

Lancer / NY / 1972

The chariots still crash

Signet / NY / 1975

Both books are open responses to EvD – other theorists are scarcely ever mentioned. W has archeological experience, and it is therefore EvD's archeological claims that he is chiefly concerned to rebut. The Piri Re'is map, Nazca lines, Pyramids &c are all referred to.

Though W is a Christian, and EvD openly anti-religious, I am not aware that this has prejudiced W's writing. But it is a pity that it should be so specifically directed against Evd, rather than the AA theorists as a whole.

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