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Flying saucers have been seen since time immemorial. Throughout history there are traces and records of people seeing fiery chariots, winged sun discs and balls of fire in the skies. On 24th June, 1947, an American pilot spotted nine gleaming discs whilst flying over Mount Rainier in the state of Washington. He radioed his observation, and the Press were at the airfield when he landed. When asked to describe what he saw, he replied: "They were like flying saucers". The name was coined.

But not all the things people see in the skies are saucer shaped. There have been reports of cigar, cylindrical, cone and many other shapes. And so the term UFO — unidentified flying object — was coined by the U.S. Airforce.

But UFOs aren't just seen over America. They have been sighted in just about every country in the world, even behind the Iron Curtain.

In this country, the British UFO Society investigates about 800 reports a year. All sorts of people see UFOs. Trained observers, airline pilots, police officers, housewives, people from all walks of life. About 80 per cent of UFOs can be explained. Aircraft, weather balloons, meteorological phenomena, birds and other down to earth explanations result from many of the reports.

But there remains a hard core of evidence which defies mundane explanation.

It is naive of man to think that he is the only inhabitant of the infinite universe. Quite possibly there is a civilisation out in space that is more highly advanced technologically and is visiting us. Look how far we have gone into space in the past twenty years. The explanation for UFOs could be psychological, yet they have been tracked on radar, caused depressions on the ground and traces of radioactivity after landing in remote places.

The British UFO Society is responsible for investigating sightings in the country. They would like to hear from anyone who has had a sighting or is interested in the subject. Readers can either write to them at their headquarters: 47 Belsize Square, London, NW3, or telephone their 24 hour UFO Hotline on 01-794 3093.