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"There is no question that this artist is depicting a person in some sort of flying machine," said Richard Madigan, director of the Norton Gallery, a prestigious museum in West Palm Beach, Fla.

As he studied pictures of the 14th century painting, he added: "These objects certainly can't be construed as clouds. They are remarkable. I've nev-

er seen anything like them depicted in religious paintings of this period."

The painting covers a wall of the monastery of Decani, built between A.D. 1328 and 1335. The monastery is between the towns of Pec and Dakovica, near Yugoslavia's border with Albania.

Incredibly, in a monastery in the nearby town of Dubrovnik, there is a Latin holy book containing a bizarre entry which reads:

"The 8th of January 1388, in the first hours of evening, great luminous signs appeared all

over the sky flying in the air in line, almost like a formation of soldiers, and lasted for more than an hour."

Roberto Pinotti, who is one of Europe's top UFO experts and editor of the Italian monthly UFO News, says the holy book entry and the wall painting are proof that astronauts visited the Earth many centuries ago.

"The flying objects in the painting are not to be found in other artistic works of the period," he said.

"They look like rocket ships with wings and tail fins and a pilot seated inside, his arms stretched out to reach the controls.

"At that time, when most painting was done for the Church, artists were strictly limited in the things they could include in a painting.

"This could well be a very rare occasion when the artist was allowed to insert something out of the ordinary.

"I believe the artist saw, or else heard accounts of UFOs from ordinary people who had seen what he then painted.

"The whole painting is really incredible because other works of the period show angels with outstretched wings — not sitting figures which seem to be flying a machine."

Wendelle C. Stevens, a Tucson, Ariz., UFO expert and retired Air Force colonel, who has closely examined the ancient mural, told The NEWS:

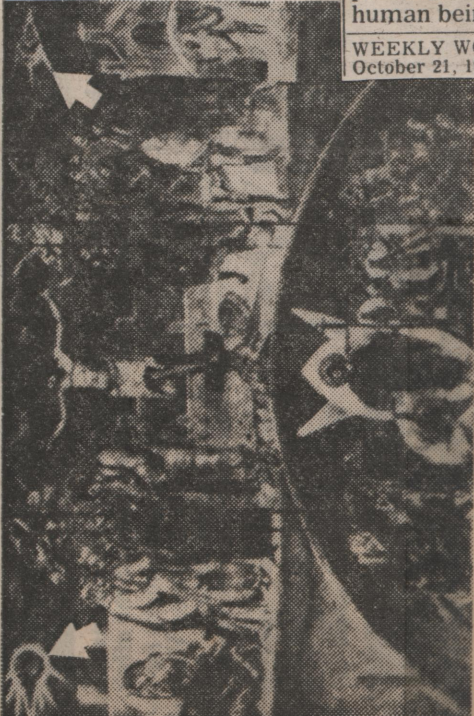
"This painting and other works of art from ancient times prove that UFOs visited Earth and their astronaut operators made face-to-face contact with humanity.

"This is just another proof in the growing belief that spacecraft played an important role in many of the great events recorded by the Bible."

The experts believe that even centuries ago, men preserved the wall painting because it recorded an event of great importance — a meeting between human beings and space aliens.



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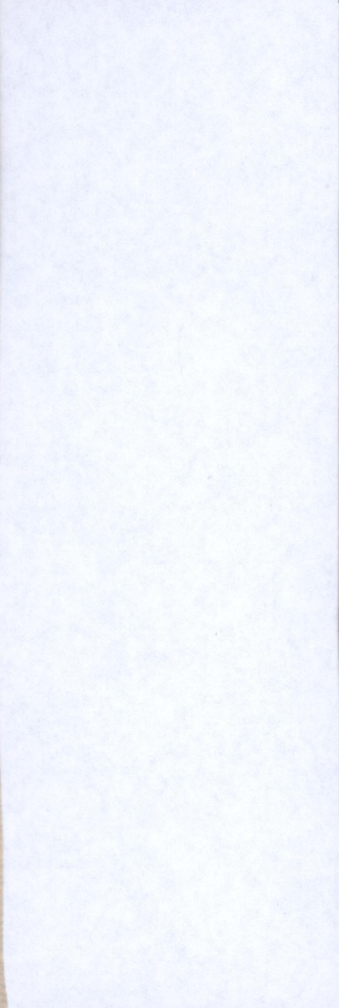
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