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Some people think that the coming of the space people started about 1947. This about them coming many times a long time ago.

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What did the Three Wise Men really see over Bethlehem?

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40 years ago, a Swiss hotel manager produced a book that was to launch him as a bestselling author and turn an obscure and eccentric theory into a widely discussed, if unorthodox, take on human prehistory.

Erich von D-niken's book Chariots of the G-ds argued that the go-s of human re-igion were not supernatural beings from a world of s-irit, but visiting aliens from advanced extraterrestrial cultures. The evidence cited was wide-ranging.

Von Da-iken (below) identified several ancient artefacts and drawings as models and images of astronauts. He claimed mysterious lines in the deserts of South America were extraterrestrial airports and he also quoted from rel-gious scriptures.

At first glance, the opening chapter of the Old T-stament Book of Ezekiel certainly seems to give credence to the theory. It contains a curious and enigmatic description of a close encounter between the prophet Ezekiel and what was described as the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

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I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north, an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures.

In appearance their form was that of a man. As I looked at the living creatures,

I saw a wheel on the ground beside each creature with its four faces. This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: They sparkled like chrysolite, and all four looked alike. Each appeared to be made like a wheel intersecting a wheel. As they moved, they would go in any one of the four directions the creatures faced; the wheels did not turn about as the creatures went. Their rims were high and awesome, and all four rims were full of eyes all around.

When the living creatures moved, the wheels beside them moved; and when the living creatures rose from the ground, the wheels also rose. Wherever the spirit would go, they would go, and the wheels would rise along with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. When the creatures moved, they also moved; when the creatures stood still, they also stood still; and when the creatures rose from the ground, the wheels rose along with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

The mainstream explanation, to be found in J-wish and C-ristian teaching, is that Ezekiel's vision is perhaps the closest anyone comes in the

Hebrew Bi-le to offering a description of -od.

[3] But if, in fact, Ezekiel had seen a flying saucer and its extraterrestrial

crew, then the G-d was an alien hypotheses starts stacking up.

And the Ezekiel vision is by no means unique.

Other passages in the Bi-le can be interpreted in a similar manner. What about the Prophet Elijah's sudden ascent to the heav-ns, leaving behind just his clothes: As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heav-n in a whirlwind.[4] Could this have been an early alien abduction?

In a similar vein, we might ask what was the Star of Bethlehem that led the Wise Men to the baby Je--s? (See panel, p36) Or the pillar of fire that guided the Israelites? Or the strange object witnessed by the prophet

Zechariah, just after he had been shown what the Bibl- account describes as a gold lamp stand with a bowl at the top with seven lights on it and seven channels to the lights [5]

I looked again and there before me was a flying scroll thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide.

Contemporary descriptions of alien craft often describe them as cigar-shaped.

The prophet, being unfamiliar with cigars, chose a simile closer to his own experience to describe whatever it was he saw.

VISHNU'S FLYING CHARIOTS

Turning from the Judo-Ch-istian tradition to that of the Hindu scriptures: The

Bhagavata-Purana, Mahabharata and Ramayana, the h-ly books of epics and legends, contain multiple references to flying objects of various shapes: Dhruva saw a very beautiful chariot descending from the sky that illumined him

and the ten directions as if the full moon itself was appearing. There he then saw

two beautiful demigo-s in it with four arms, a blackish skin, being quite young

and with eyes reddish like a lotus flower, holding clubs, attractively decorated

with helmets, bracelets, necklaces and earrings.

Not only did Dhruva witness the chariot, he was invited aboard to take a ride

through space, much in the manner of later UFO c-ntactees.

As the associates of the creator of this entire universe, of the G-dhead have we approached you to take you with us to where the L-rd resides. The position of Vishnu, so difficult to reach that not even the greatest of enlightenment can achieve it, has been -----ed by you. Come and simply see the supreme abode which the moon, the sun, the other planets and the stars circumambulate to the right. Never ever was this achieved by your forefathers or even others, O dear one; come and live there in that supreme position of Lord Vishnu who is so worshippable for the inhabitants of the universe. O immortal soul, you are worthy to board this unique heavenly chariot that was sent to you by the Praised One, the head of all living beings. [7]

There is even a collective term for these airborne vehicles of the Hindu tradition be they described as thrones, chariots or even carpets.

They are the Vimana.

And those that travelled across time and space, perhaps originating from other star systems, are known as the Devas equivalent, some would argue, to the a-gels of the three monotheistic faiths, Islam, Jud-ism and Chri-tianity.

Stories which can be interpreted as relating to visitations by creatures of superior intelligence to Earth's more primitive inhabitants are widespread and found in many cultures.

Ancient Chinese writings tell of rulers of greater wisdom and knowledge who could travel by flying.

Tibetan accounts make mention of kings coming from the stars. Records have survived, it is claimed, from the Sumerians and the Egyptian

Pharaohs that fit equally well with the notion of alien visitations. Whether the vehicles are described as like flying pearls, as in Tibetan sources, or as

flying fire-breathing dragons, to use Chinese terminology, perhaps there is a common thread linking all the descriptions.

Despite their belief in the Jinn, a whole race of s-irits of fire who inhabit the

Earth, Muslims find no direct references to possible UFO visitations in the Quran.

However, they share and revere the Bibl-cal stories known to Chris-ians and Jews; and the possibility of the existence of other creatures in other parts of

the Universe is seemingly endorsed in scripture. -od holds the option to gather all the creatures of the Universe together, says the Quran: One of His signs is the creation of the H-avens and the Earth and what He has spread forth in both of them of living beings; and when He pleases He is all-powerful to gather them together.

Thus, an alien encounter on Earth is not theologically impossible and neither

is space travel ruled out: ----ye assembly of Jinn and men!

If it be you can pass beyond the regions of the hea-ens and the Earth, pass ye! Not without authority will ye be able to pass! Then which of the favors of your L-rd will ye deny?

But as a warning to any future Muslim astronauts, the Quran warns: Neither on Earth nor in He-ven shall you be beyond reach: nor have you any guardian or helper besides A-lah.

Von Daniken was not the only modern-day populariser of the theory that the G-ds of old were space travellers. There have been several others who have gone on to put a whole additional spin on the theory.

ELOHIM, NEPHILIM ET AL

One widely read writer on such topics was the late Zecharia Sitchin (see next issue's Necrolog for his obituary), whose followers believe Earth has been visited by a race of extraterrestrials from a planet called Nibiru (or http://www.forteantimes.com/features/interviews/3973/planet_x_or_dark_star.html Planet X), whose orbit, he claimed, lies beyond that of Neptune, and comes closest to Earth every 3,000 years, bringing with it natural disasters, such as the Great Flood related in Ge-esis.

Sitchin based his ideas, he says, on his study of Mesopotamian iconography and symbology. In his book The 12th Planet, he claimed that this unacknowledged planet was known in ancient times and was the home of the Anunnaki, an advanced human-like people who bred modern Homo sapiens through genetic engineering in order to produce a race of slaves.

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