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talk about...other than the model rig you're using.

Anyway, it seems reasonable to me that life, whatever it is, has a good deal of power to influence matter. We see it in luck, psychokinesis, and so on. So why shouldn't this life force also be able to modify evolution towards its own goals? If the original DNA didn't arrive from space a la Hoyle, perhaps it was the life force which assisted its original assembly?

Of course, if DNA did arrive from space, that just moves back the clock. DNA had to start somewhere, somethen. And if earth is continually being peppered with DNA-based life forms from space, as Hoyle proposes, it does explain a lot of anomalies. Like why so many diseases suddenly spring up in a number of widely separated areas, all at the same time. And why so many new species have suddenly appeared in history without any apparent evolutionary bridges.

If "life" is influencing evolution, that might to some degree mollify the Creationists. It would certainly make life simpler for Evolutionists, who have a really tough time explaining the rapid evolution of specialized species of animals and plants adapting to new conditions. Shades of Lysenko!

So let's do our best to take off our blinders and be open to information which may not seem to be in line with our inculcated beliefs. The more you learn, the more I think you'll see how things start fitting together. All living things exhibit awareness, even CBers. Where we are different from animals and bugs is in our awareness of our awareness. Our drawback is a tendency to believe our senses. We believe what we see, so when some joker comes along and tries to convince us our senses are wrong, we kill him. Everyone can plainly see that the sun is going around the earth. And the stars, too. And the earth sure looks flat to me.

It comes as a shock to some when people find out that over 12,000 years ago astronomers worked out the circumference of the earth to within a 163 miles (they didn't allow quite enough for the bulge at the equator). And they even knew that the earth wobbled on its axis with a period of 26,000 years.

Copernicus and Galileo did not have an easy time convincing the scientists of their day that their beliefs and senses were wrong. So what's changed? The mental trip from believing that the earth was the center of all creation to understanding that it is a small planet in a relatively new solar system, out toward the edge of one of billions of solar systems in our galaxy...and that our galaxy is just one of billions of other galaxies, is a terrible downer. And where does God fit in this mind-bogglingly enormous universe? If you have an NDE and think to ask The Big Guy, please let me know when you get back.

Vanity Calls

The FCC is gradually phasing in vanity call signs. They'll cost you \$30 for a 10-year license. Cheap enough. When they get started, the FCC will be accepting applications (form 610-V) for the reissuance of calls you may have had in the past and lost, or the call of a deceased close relative. Hmm, I wonder if I should apply for W4NSD or W8NSD, or perhaps WR1AAB? Or K2PMM? I've had a bunch of calls down through the years, but I guess I'm stuck with W2NSD/1 until the Commission eases their restrictions so I can get "W."

Phase two will be open to Extra Class licensees. Then Advanced Class. And when that's all taken care of, any licensee will be able to invest \$30 to get rid of KF4ZXZ, or some other awful combo.

The Candy Company used to issue the same suffix in a new area when you moved. That's how I got W4NSD, when I moved to North Carolina. And W8NSD, when I moved to Cleveland to work at WXEL-TV. By the time I moved to New Hampshire in 1962, the CC had stopped this generosity, so even though W1NSD was open and available, they wouldn't let me have it. They said they expected the rules to be changed soon, so just to operate portable and hold my water. I'm still holding 33 years later. I probably don't have the record for operating portable, but I'm right up there.

It's probably been months since I've told you about my operating in the Sweepstakes contest from Ohio in 1951 as W2NSD/8. Then, just as my W8NSD license came through, I moved back to New York, so I operated the second weekend of the contest as W8NSD/2. The only common piece of equipment was the microphone. Even so, I did well in the contest.

Someone else has been issued my 1958 license for Navassa, KC4AF, so I won't be able to get that one back. Drat!

The address for the vanity calls, once the FCC gets their computer programmed, is: FCC, Amateur Vanity, Box 358924, Pittsburgh PA 15251-5924.

Alchemy Today

If you know anything about chemistry at all you know that you can't turn lead into gold. Well, it seems that the old alchemists were a little further along than history has been leading us to believe. It wasn't lead, it was mercury that they were transmuting into gold, and the "philosopher's stone" they used to help the action was made of phosphorous. I know you're going to find this difficult to believe, but the Japanese have been doing a good bit of research on this more recently, and with considerable success.

My interest in the transmutation of elements began when I read the

Bird-Tompkins 1976 book, *The Secret Life of Plants*. There was a chapter on how chickens are able to convert the potassium in mica into calcium for their eggshells. It almost got me to think. So I chased down Christopher Bird and got up to date on some of his newer books. His *Secrets of the Soil* is fantastic. It's a must read. I also got in touch with Cleve Backster, the chap who did much of the original work on communicating with plants. And he put me on to Brian O'Leary and *The Secret Life of Your Cells*, another fascinating book. But I've told you about those and you should have read 'em by now.

Chris suggested I look up the transmutation work by Michio Kushi. I found him and think you ought to know about his 1994 book, *The Philosopher's Stone*. Before you dismiss transmutation via biological processes as baloney you should at least look at the remarkable research data Kushi presents. He makes a very good case for the heavier elements on earth being made biologically from carbon, oxygen, and nitrogen instead of having to have originated from a supernova explosion, which is the current scientific dogma. It turns out that many scientists have researched this area with very positive results.

For instance, take $_{11}\text{Na}^{23} + _8\text{O}^{16} \rightarrow _{19}\text{K}^{39}$, for starters. Kushi put 2.3 mg of sodium in a vacuum, then ran an electric current through it until it was melted. Then he added 1.6 mg of oxygen. The result was 3.9 mg of potassium.

Then there is the data from Louis Kervran, who carefully checked the input and output of food and wastes from a group of men working in the Sahara in 1958. They generated far more magnesium output than input. Ditto potassium. More than could be accounted for in any way other than biological transmutation.

I think you'll enjoy the book, and it may almost get you to think. Or not. It's \$10 (plus s/h) from One Peaceful World Press, Box 7 Becket MA 01223, ISBN 1-882984-07-2; 413-623-5741.

One of the reasons I got interested in transmutation is that the scientific establishment has been putting cold fusion down because it seems to involve the changing of hydrogen into helium, and "everybody knows" that alchemy died a deserved death a couple centuries ago.

Those Pesky ETs

Somehow, in amongst trying to keep up with the editing and production deadlines for two magazines a month (*73* and *Cold Fusion*), I also manage to read my mail and even answer some of it. For instance, I got a wonderfully chatty letter from Frank Thomas W4QDM. It didn't hurt when he started off saying how much he likes my editorials and the

challenges I provide. He's been reading many of the books I've recommended and enjoying them.

Sure, I could just write about amateur radio, but my editorials are more like a monthly contact with you, where I talk not just about the hobby, but about anything else I think you might find interesting. And that's what you like about some of the ham contacts you make, isn't it? So get off the concept of everything printed being a lecture and get the idea of communication.

Anyway, Frank mentions that he's interviewed two people from Sylvania (GA) who had good close looks at a UFO which had landed in a field near town. One was a retired meteorologist from the Dept. of Commerce, and the other was the owner of radio station WSYL, so their credibility was high.

Unless you've been living in a cave with no radio or TV, you've seen and heard plenty of UFO stories. I've got stacks of UFO books—some are kooky, but many are well researched. The author of one was a good friend of mine, Jay Stanton. I've forgotten his ham call. When I first moved to New Hampshire he used to come up and visit. He went into the UFO book project as a skeptic, with the intent of exposing the whole business as baloney. He soon was convinced that most of the reports were real. Millions of people have seen UFOs and they're not all crazy. Thousands have reported being abducted, many repeatedly.

Another reader sent me a most interesting tape of David Jacobs talking about the real purpose behind the abductions. More *National Enquirer* stuff, right? Only if you don't do your homework. It's easy to dismiss something you don't know much about. Look at the fools some top scientists recently made of themselves in dismissing cold fusion. And we had the spectacle of the medical establishment trying for years to deny *H. pylori* as the cause of ulcers. And the ongoing power company fight against EMF dangers, the tobacco companies and cancer, and the ADA's fight to continue the use of dental amalgams despite all the scientific evidence of their destructiveness.

With the Big Bang theory now having been pretty well discredited, scientists admit they haven't any clue as to the age of the universe. This tends to make the possibility of there being alien visitors from more advanced civilizations much more likely. And then there's the possibility of time travel to further confuse things. We've enough reports of verified precognition to know that we still have a lot to learn about how time works.

I'll keep letting you know about the books I've found which I think you'll enjoy. When you come across a book you think I should read, please let me know.