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• UFO religions are dying. The Aetherius Society is appealing to the United Nations for help. •

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The Brotherhood of the Seven Rays is gone. So are the Cosmic Star Temple, the Star Light Fellowship, and the Cosmic Circle of Friendship. Carrying on in their footsteps, though, are such groups as Understanding, Inc., the Aetherius Society, and Unarius—Science of Life.

These groups are the survivors of the Golden Age of UFO religion in the 1950s and early 1960s.

Many of the dozen and a half or so religions have vanished, but some, such as Understanding, Inc., live on in a slightly altered form. Understanding, Inc., was

founded in 1950 by Daniel Fry, who was inspired after taking a ride in a flying saucer, meeting an extraterrestrial named A-Lan, and rereading the Bible, from which he extracted 27 passages documenting UFO sightings.

At A-Lan's suggestion, Fry set up Understanding, Inc., proposing that the organization contemplate the problems of mankind. Since 1950, some of Understanding's 93 far-flung units have become inactive, while others have emerged as independent "study groups." But Fry is still in charge and occasionally receives a phone call from A-Lan, who has since relocated here on Earth and now, Fry says, operates an import-export business in Cairo, Egypt.

Ruth Norman, director of Unarius—Science of Life, based in El Cajon, California, says that she, too, has had contact with her "space brothers." Norman's cosmic contacts span thousands of years and dozens of past lives: She still remembers her days as Socrates, King Arthur, and Isis, purportedly the woman who found the young Moses



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will be used as a study center by members of Unarius.

Even more formal is the Aetherius Society, Earth's branch office of the Interplanetary Parliament, headquartered on Saturn. In 1954 "high priest" George King received an extraterrestrial communication designating him as the Parliament's spokesman here on Earth. He started a center in Los Angeles in 1960. Today his followers are found nearly everywhere, from Detroit to Ghana.

The Aetherius Society believes in rituals. Its apostles attend ceremonies three times a week and observe a special Aetherius religious calendar. The society's creed: When UFOs visit Earth, they channel their spiritual energy to members of Aetherius.

Even true believers have to admit UFO religions are not what they once were. To counteract disinterest, Ruth Norman says, "More Earth persons must extend their consciousness." The Aetherius Society is appealing to the United Nations for help. — STELLA INER

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But she did not get around to founding Unarius until 1954, when she met her husband, Ernest. She herself is the conduit for what her cosmic informers have to say, bearing a message that is contained in some 80 books and that she expounds to the 60 students who stay at her center. Her space brothers send pledges of peace and say that sometime soon they will land a megaspace-ship, made up of 33 smaller spacecraft, here on Earth. Once safely on Norman's property, the ships will stack up to form a giant pyramid that