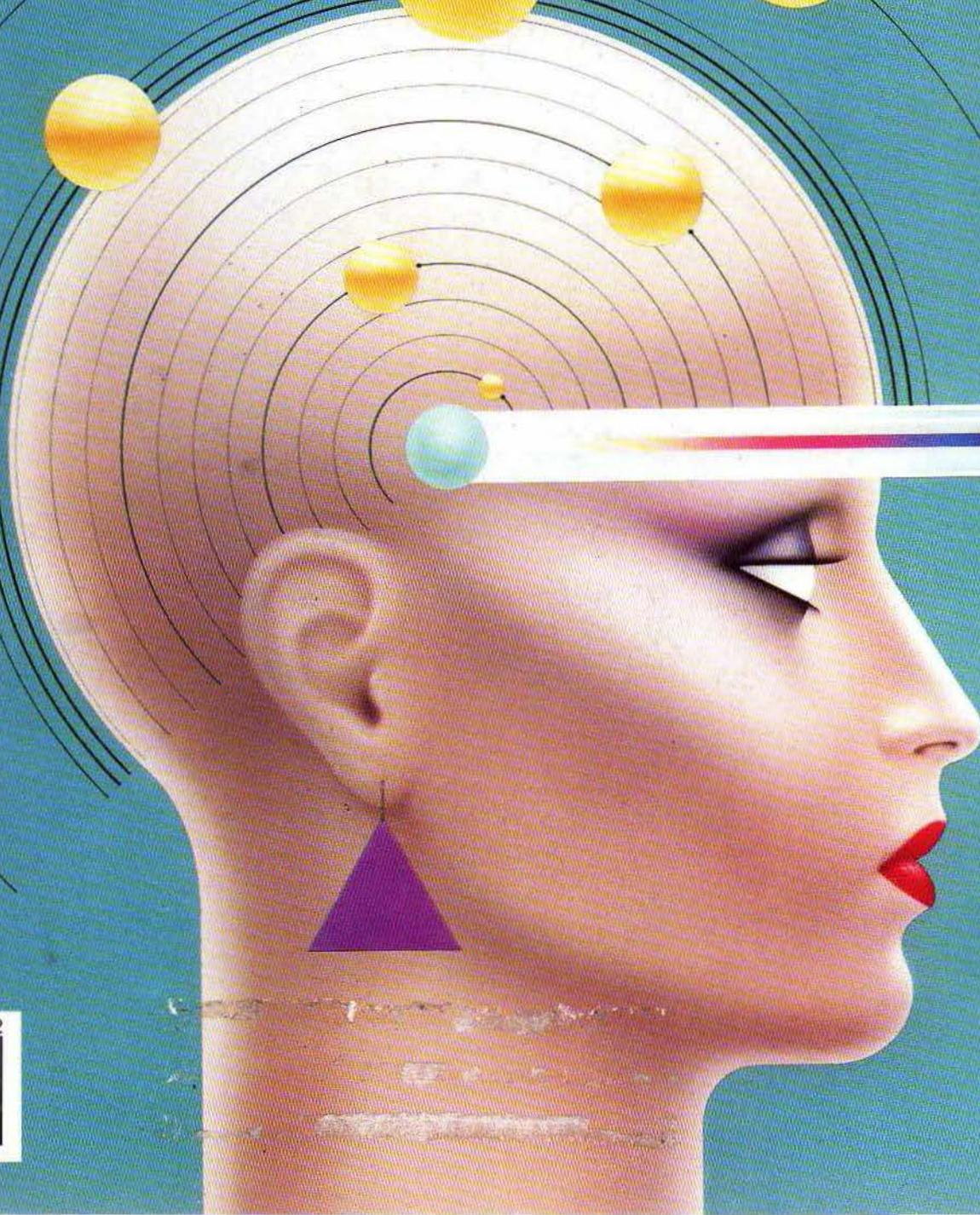


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## SCIENCE AND CENSORSHIP



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## ANTI MATTER

One is editor of a renowned magazine devoted to debunking UFOs, psychics, and astrology. The other believes that a superior intelligence will transform the human race. What's more, they're brothers.

Kendrick Frazier, forty-four, and James Frazier, thirty-nine, admit they have “lively disagreements” whenever they get together for reunions at the family home in Greeley, Colorado. Ken edits *Skeptical Inquirer*, the quarterly magazine published by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) and the scourge of the “new nonsense”—including beliefs of brother James.

But Jim, who works as editor of the local *Greeley News*, insists that his beliefs are neither new nor nonsense. “Our benefactors have been here as long as we have,” he declares, “initiating the likes of Gilgamesh and Socrates into the mysteries of the cosmos.”

To Ken, this sort of statement represents a threat to the progress of science. In the mid-Seventies, as editor of the respected publication *Science News*, he grew alarmed when readers wrote in asking for stories on the paranormal. Not long afterward he began to correspond with longtime debunker Martin Gardner. Their idea: the formation of a skeptical, scientific organization “to correct public misunderstanding.” Two years later, CSICOP was born.

Jim's odyssey began in the mid-Seventies as well. On May 17, 1976, around 3:30 A.M., he says, he was awakened from sleep by the voice of Beelzebub booming from his clock radio. Apparently, Beelzebub was speaking through radio-



show host Brian Scott, who said he'd been abducted by giant thick-skinned, long-eared aliens back in 1971. Ever since, Scott claimed, disembodied E.T.'s had been borrowing his vocal cords to express ideas of their own.

Frazier, a psychologist and would-be film producer, listened till dawn, utterly fascinated. Six weeks later he introduced himself to Scott. And several months after that, in December 1976, he accompanied his new friend on a visit to Inca ruins at Tiahuanaco, Bolivia. There, Jim Frazier says, he saw Scott become possessed

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by a mysterious being “with the presence of a king.” In fact, he was more than a king—he was Ticci Viracocha, the god who brought the Incas civilization from on high.

According to Jim, Brian Scott is just one of many humans who have been visited by alien forms. But, says Frazier, “Scott alone has survived the experience with all his faculties intact. If we only listened to him, he would help us create a new world, a new philosophy, new forms of language, a new relationship between man and the unknown.”

One thing's for sure: The relationship between Jim Frazier and Brian Scott continues to this day. Jim now owns the rights to Scott's life story and has even written a television miniseries about his friend.

Ken Frazier is reluctant to discuss his brother's unusual beliefs outside the immediate family. But, he states, “it's possible for people to have vivid personal experiences from which belief systems stem. I don't question the seeming realness of these experiences.”—JEROME CLARK