

Ancient Astronauts Modern Mysteries

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Eighty years ago radio broadcasting seemed like an impossible dream even though a young Italian named Marconi was toying with coils of wire and glass tubes filled with iron filings. Prominent scientists of the day scoffed at Marconi's claims, pointing out that even if his long waves of electromagnetic energy could be sent through the air they could never be beamed over great distances. But 5 years later the youthful inventor proved them wrong when he managed to transmit a long wave across the Atlantic Ocean.

Shortwaves, capable of spanning thousands of miles, were not developed until the 1930s. Very short microwaves became a reality during WW II when radar saved England from the German Luftwaffe. During that same period, a small group of scientists began to quietly investigate the radio waves pouring in to Earth from outer space.

Radio astronomy was born and earth-bound men started to wonder if there might be powerful transmitters on distant planets beaming intelligent signals to our remote sector on the fringes of the Milky Way. In the 1950s this search for extraterrestrial broadcasts became a major scientific endeavor. Gigantic radio telescopes were constructed all over the world and men who called themselves "exobiologists" applied for massive grants from governments and foundations. In the late 1950s and early '60s the U.S. alone poured \$500 million into the challenging search for extraterrestrial radio signals. Scientists in the Soviet Union became world famous overnight by issuing periodic announcements claiming they had discovered cosmic radio beacons from the far reaches of the universe. (But again and again those "beacons" proved to be natural radiations from highly energized stars called pulsars and quasars.)

In the relatively short span of 80 Earth years we progressed from Marconi's wireless telegraph to color television. We opened a magical cornucopia of electromagnetic energy and we are still exploring the electromagnetic spec-

trum as we build larger radio telescopes and even broadcast signals of our own into space in the hopes that there is someone out there who may be listening. Radio astronomy has become a fruitful (and profitable) pursuit. However, 2 problems confront these efforts. The first is that radio waves can only travel with the speed of light. If an inhabited planet exists 20 light years away it will take 40 years for us to exchange a simple "Hello." Secondly, our radio telescopes are using knowledge gained in a mere 80 years. Forty years ago we would have been unable to receive a microwave broadcast. Forty years from now our present equipment and theories will have undergone radical changes. We may discover new frequencies as yet undreamed of. We might even find a whole new technology for communication that will render radio itself obsolete.

An advanced civilization could be thousands of years ahead of us and our radio astronomy is so primitive that they may have no way to receive and reply to our broadcasts . . . just as the wire recorders of the postwar era have been replaced by tape recorders. A box of reels of wire recordings is worthless today because we have nothing to play them on. Eighty years from now your collection of long-playing records will be nothing more than worthless plastic discs because an entire opera can be recorded on a chip smaller than your thumbnail.

If by chance one of our transmission into space reaches a planet 400 light years away, their reply would reach us 800 years later. By then we may have progressed far beyond radio telescopes and, just as we can't listen to a wire recording today, we would be unable to receive the message.

BIOLOGICAL RADIO

Modern technology is incapable of communicating with a distant civilization and efforts to do so are a waste of time and money. If a Martian scientist had attempted to reach us by radio in

1876 he would have failed because we had no radio receivers then. If another Martian should try to contact us in the year 2176 he might also fail because we would no longer be using primitive radio. One hundred years from now we will in all likelihood be using a powerful form of biological radio broadcasting on frequencies now undefined. It is quite possible that these biological frequencies are being used today even though we are unaware of it.

Parapsychologists have been studying biological radio for some years now. It is usually called ESP and means that one human brain is broadcasting to another human brain. Such transmissions are *instantaneous*. Once we fully understand the process we can broadcast mentally to brains on a distant planet, circumnavigating the limitations of space, time, and the speed of light. Conversely, brains on that far-off world could broadcast to earthly minds and might even control us without our being aware of it.

A few select humans have been utilizing these biological channels for thousands of years. Some people have even claimed the ability to leave this planet and cruise among the stars on beams of biological energy. If Mankind ever manages to escape this puny little solar system it will not be by technological means (spaceships), but will involve utilization of the biological frequencies of the so-called "super-spectrum". The process calls for the human consciousness to abandon the frail biochemical machine that houses it. This process has been known for thousands of years and is called astral projection or O.B.E. (out-of-body experience). It isn't limited to a few random crackpots and cultists. There have been scientists, scholars, and important public figures who have claimed this ability.

Apparently the thing we call consciousness is a fragment of energy somehow inserted into our bodies by an outside force or energy field. It gives us an awareness of self which separates

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us from all other animals. Persons near death frequently report that they found themselves floating in the air above their bodies, able to watch the doctors and nurses working over their dormant form. Others have taken bolder flights across the country, over oceans—and even into outer space. When they returned to their human shell, they were able to describe accurately distant scenes and events they witnessed. Dr. Edgar D. Mitchell, one of the astronauts who left his footprints on the Moon, calls this “externalization.” Our individual consciousnesses may be part of a larger energy field, capable of cruising that field like a bird gliding along an air current.

Unfortunately, astral projection is a dangerous process. Each year the newspapers tell how someone is found dead after attempting it. Their family and friends often try to keep the authorities from hauling the body away because they know the projectionist has done this before and always managed to return. But apparently they try it once too often and the “silver cord” is broken. (Legend tells us that the consciousness is attached to its human body by a silver cord which, if broken, makes the return trip impossible.)

WANDERING THE DIMENSIONS

Most astral projectionists claim they are escorted into the strange world of the super-spectrum by a “guide.” These guides usually look like Indians or Tibetan lamas and carefully tutor the wandering consciousness. Some UFO

contactees have had an O.B.E. without understanding it. Alone in a forest or desert, they were zapped by energy from the super-spectrum, fell into a trance, and their consciousness was led into the “Twilight Zone” by strange beings who posed as spacemen. Although the experience seemed very real it was a subjective mental adventure quite separate from their entranced body. Like dreams, time is distorted during an O.B.E. A second becomes an hour, an hour becomes a week. And when the person returns to his body he is surprised to find that only a few minutes have passed.

Astral projectionists often drift into other dimensions and find themselves grotesquely huge, looking down at an Earth and Moon the size of marbles. They cross the entire universe in an instant and find themselves looking back at a Milky Way that has become nothing more than a feeble glint of light in the cosmos. They feel that they are an infinitesimal part of something much larger.

There are thousands of books recounting the experiences of astral projectionists across the centuries. One cult theory for the UFO phenomenon is the notion that astral projectionists on other planets frequently visit Earth and are seen only by humans with psychic ability. Perhaps thousands of years ago all Mankind was capable of O.B.E. but as we became more materialistic and technological we lost the talent. Now we are entering a new phase. A gradual return to ancient ways as we gradually reexamine the mysterious around us and develop a new understanding.

Dr. Carl Jung, the great psychologist who had some O.B.E.s himself, vis-

ualized astral projections as going swimming in the cosmic sea of the collective unconsciousness. Jung suggested that we are all linked to some greater intelligence, or intelligent energy field, that remains separate from our physical world, our faltering reality. We are boxed in physically by finite space and the stream of time flowing in only one direction. But our consciousness is capable of escaping from this three-dimensional world by hitchiking on some super energy field that permeates the universe *and even controls it.*

Ancient peoples were much more aware of the multidimensioned universe. They measured the flow and effect of the cosmic energies with astrology. Marconi helped us begin the long road back. He saw the electromagnetic spectrum and how it could be used to serve us. Today, scientists like Dr. John Lilly, the man who learned to communicate with dolphins, and Dr. Edgar Mitchell are pioneering the exploration of inner space. We may be on the threshold of a new age when the miracles of our minds will replace the lesser miracles of our technology. Each of us may be able to glide into the night sky, leaving our feeble bodies behind as we cross into a strange new dimension where death is unknown and unnecessary and all human values are exposed as psychotic constructions. In 80 years we have gone from Marconi's magic box to the Moon and beyond. In the next 80 years we may learn that intelligent life exists but is forever beyond the reach of our radio telescopes just as the deepest recesses of our minds are beyond the reach of medical science. ★