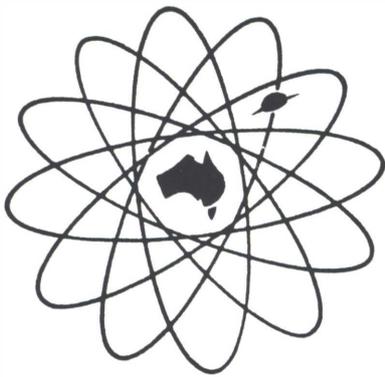


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# editorial

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UFO Research Australia Newsletter's {UFORAN} aim is to present thoroughly researched material and intelligent objective theories to its many and varied readers.

We shall always be scientific, but shall give theories that are logically presented, but with no proveable scientific basis, a voice - for we recognize that imagination can be a skillful tool if constructively applied.

Discoveries begin in the reasoning mind. The aim of all research is to uncover and understand, therefore, we shall on occasion speculate.

UFORAN will always present to its readers a balanced overview of the UFO phenomenon, as seen by those objective researchers who contribute their considerable experience and knowledge to this magazine.

The Newsletter must avoid the lunatic fringe where anything goes. Unfortunately wild unfounded beliefs still abound, and whilst they doubtless provide excitement for their followers, they are irrational, and shall definitely never appear in UFORAN.

We approach the illusive, often frustrating subject of UFOs with an open and questioning mind. We trust that we will enliven your thoughts, and increase your knowledge of the subject when we ask and attempt to answer the provocative question: "What are UFOs ?"

# far north queensland



## KURANDA

### MOTORIST ENCOUNTERS BRIGHT OBJECT

It was almost one month after the following incident occurred that UF0R {FNQ} was informed via a neighbour of the witness. When contacted, the witness, Mr K, could not recall the exact date of the event, although he believed it had occurred between 9 and 20 November, 1980.

It was on a clear morning, at approximately 03.55 am that Mr K departed from his home on the outskirts of Kuranda to drive to Cairns.

After passing through Kuranda the road to Cairns {Kennedy Hwy.} traverses the Kuranda Range, a winding section of some 12 km. Approximately 4 km from the top of the Range there is a lengthy section of road widened to 3 lanes for passing.

At about 04.15 am Mr K approached this section from the northern end and as he came around the almost 180 degree corner onto the straight, he immediately became aware of an extremely bright light source ahead.

Mr K described this as "like a very bright floodlight" shining "straight down at me."

He was travelling at about 60 km/h at this stage and continued on down along the road. In doing so he passed beneath and slightly to the left of the U0's apparent position, after which his view of the "light" was obstructed by the roof of his vehicle.

Curious as to what the light was Mr K was deciding to stop when another car appeared very close behind him. According to Mr K, this other vehicle was travelling so fast and so close that he decided not to stop because of the possibility of an accident occurring. Before approaching this section of the road, the other car had been following at a distance of some 200 metres, Mr K feels it is obvious that the other driver had also seen the light and became frightened.

Due to the speed Mr K was travelling, and the U0's apparent position, his observation of it was probably limited to about 8 seconds. When he first saw the light it was at an elevation of 40 degrees and at last sight almost 80 degrees above.

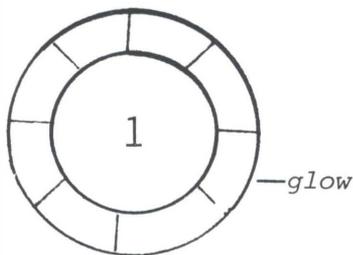
Describing the U0, Mr K stated "it was just a very bright, round light, yellow-white in colour." He estimated its size as approximately 30 cm at arms length. He had the impression that it was emanating from beneath something, although the effects of the light and darkness did not allow him to see anything. Strangely, although the light seemed directed downwards Mr K could not recall it lighting up the road or the surrounding scrub. He heard no sound nor were there any effects on his vehicle.

An attempt to trace the other vehicle involved was not possible as Mr K could not supply a description.

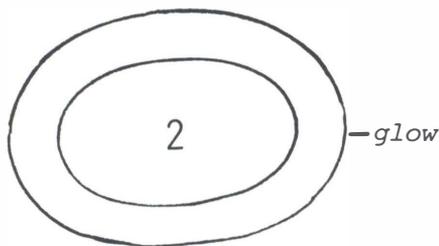
UF0 {FNQ} could find no explanation to account for Mr K's sighting, there is no artificial lighting on this section of the road. The witness thought the U0 was below 500 ft above the roadway. There were no helicopter flights in this area at the time of the event and other aircraft flying over the range are required to fly at an altitude of some 6000 ft.■

## FRENCHS FOREST

### View of Frenchs Forest "UFO"



1. Above car.



2. Moving away, to west.

### WHAT DID 14 PEOPLE REALLY SEE?

On June 11, 1980, THE MANLY DAILY carried the following headline on page 2: FAMILY "SHOCKED" BY UFO SIGHTING. The story started: "Air Force officials are to investigate a reported UFO sighting over the Frenchs Forest area ... seen on Saturday night by at least 10 people." The story was picked up by the Mike Walsh Show and 2GB - both by interviewing the main witness, Mrs M. All this publicity, as well as follow up stories by the Daily, generated several other lower-weight UFO reports. However, only the main report was considered worth investigating. All three families involved were interviewed separately to check the internal consistency of their stories.

All agreed on the following events. About 7.45pm on Saturday night, June 7, 14 people saw an oval ring of light move slowly west after some of them saw it hover over a car in Bambara Rd, Frenchs Forest. Mrs M and her two young sons stepped outside her house to send off Mr and Mrs K and their 5 children (one of whom had a cut forehead stitched up at a hospital two hours before). Mrs K, Mrs M and the children spotted a

circular bluish grey glow of light hover, without rocking, over the car. Some children claimed there was a red light on top. The object seemed to lift slightly, and move flying smoothly west. Mr K did not hop out of his car quickly enough to see it overhead.

Just at that moment, Denise L left her parent's house across the road. She ran back inside to fetch her father. Mr M emerged from his house. All 13 people saw the glow, now an oval ring in shape, continue to fly slowly west until it vanished behind the L's house. The total duration of the sighting was about 1 - 2 minutes. The UFO did not light up the ground at any time. No-one heard any noise, except Mrs K and some kids ("a faint bizz", when the car's engine was turned off). The 14th witness, a teenage boy passing by, fled from the scene. He was not known to the other witnesses and we did not find him.

The stories tallied well except for the size of the UFO, and on what it was thought to be. Mrs K said it was "definitely a UFO ... silver all over ... no matter what you find." Mrs M called it "saucer-like ... with the gut feeling of being solid."

Mr K and Mr L were the two most independent witnesses, and also the least affected emotionally. Mr K had been on a sales trip to the country the entire week between the sighting and interview, and had not discussed it with his family during the time. Mr L lives independently of the M family, and does not know the K's.

Both Mr K and Mr L did not use the word UFO. They called it a "dull ring ... like a smoke ring, but not that because the ring did not disperse like smoke." Both were baffled as to the explanation. Mr L thought it was hollow because the stars shone through the inner black space of the ring.

Mr L (a trainee light-plane pilot, with a lifetime interest in planes) estimated its speed as 50 knots, its height as 2000 feet, and its size when flying over his house as "two moon-lengths." Both Mrs M and Mrs K spoke of a much larger size than this (1½ roof-lengths).

An RAAF source told us that an exercise was in progress off the coast that evening. Military pilots have discretion to fly over land during such exercises. Frenchs Forest is 5 km inland from the beaches. A lady who phoned Mrs M anonymously told of seeing a similar object at Narrabeen, also flying west, a few minutes earlier. (Narrabeen is on the coast).

The westward path of the object is along the Longreef-Pymble track used by commercial aircraft landing at Mascot (clearly heard passing overhead during the interviews). Yet the UFO was reported to be noiseless. Therefore, if it was a military helicopter, we would have to assume that the wind at 2000 feet was strong enough to blow any sound away. A glider seems unlikely, as this would not hover, and Mr L says the thermals are not good enough for gliding here. A balloon with lights around its circumference, perhaps released during the exercise, cannot be ruled out as a possibility at present, although the duration (1-2 minutes) is rather short.

The RAAF report on this case is awaited with interest.■

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#### RESEARCH PROJECT:

THE ACUFOS PROJECT LOOKING AT AUSTRALIAN MOTOR VEHICLE INTERFERENCE CASES HAS NOW COLLECTED 58 SUCH EVENTS FROM THIS COUNTRY, UFOR (FNQ), UFOR (QLD), UFOR (NSW), TUFOIC, AND UFOR (SA) FILES HAVE BEEN PERUSED FOR EVENTS OF THIS NATURE.

IT IS HOPED THAT A PRELIMINARY CATALOGUE OF THE EVENTS MAY BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY AS A FIRST STEP DOCUMENT. LATER THIS YEAR AFTER ANALYSIS OF THE CASES COLLECTED IT IS THEN HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PUBLISH A COMPLETED STUDY.

ONCE THE PRELIMINARY CATALOGUE IS CIRCULATED IT IS HOPED THAT SOME ADDITIONAL CASES MAY COME TO LIGHT, AS OBVIOUSLY THE MORE EVENTS TO LOOK AT THE BETTER THE ANALYSIS WILL BE. SO IF YOU ARE AWARE OF ANY PAST OR RECENT VEHICLE INTERFERENCE CASE NO MATTER HOW OBSCURE WE'D APPRECIATE HEARING OF IT.■



We welcome the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre (TUFOIC) as contributors to UFORAN. - Ed.

TUFOIC was founded late in 1965, the Centre being a non-profit civilian Investigation and Research Organisation.

The principal objectives of the Centre are to collect and examine information on UFO phenomena, especially that which occurs within Tasmania, and to distribute that which is considered to be authentic, to fellow UFO research organisations both in Australia and overseas.

We have also made our annual magazine "UFO TASMANIA" available to the public, this has enabled us to establish the Centre as a responsible organisation in the eyes of both the public and the media.

TUFOIC attempts to investigate all sighting reports to the best of our ability, in an objective and unbiased manner.

As a group, TUFOIC draws no conclusions from its investigations, other than the fact that an unexplained phenomena exists and requires further research and rigorous investigation.

The Centre is based in Hobart, with representatives in various areas around the state.

Contact is maintained with fellow organisations in each state of Australia and many countries overseas, and publications are exchanged in an effort to gain a world wide picture of the phenomena.

Originally TUFOIC was administered by a membership elected committee until late in 1979, when a permanent executive was appointed to better serve the needs of a present day UFO research organisation.

TUFOIC was a founder member of ACOS (now ACUFOS) and continues to support the aims and policies of the national body.

Anyone interested in the activities and membership of TUFOIC is invited to write for further information to:  
PO Box 99  
North Hobart  
Tasmania.

We include for your information two of our more interesting reports for 1980.

## MURDUNNA

Two boys aged 13 and 12 had a frightening experience whilst out shooting during the June school holidays. They were on a farm at Murdunna and the sighting was reported to the Centre by their grandmother.

The boys were in the habit of going about after dark checking their traps in a nearby paddock and doing a bit of shooting if they spotted any animals. It was a fine clear evening on June 7 with the stars visible in the clear sky. A couple of hundred metres from the house they reached a paddock sloping gently uphill from the bottom of the small valley.

# TASMANIA

The boys slowly made their way up the paddock to see what could be found in the bush at the top. At this stage they noticed a white starlike light much bigger than Venus (it was not Venus). The light was at 20 degrees elevation to the west. It did not move. They tried to rationalize what it might be, plane, reflected light etc., but entering the bush once more the boys soon lost interest in the light.

Some minutes later (about 10.30 pm) with no sign of animal life in the bush, the boys decided to return and check the traps they had set in the paddock. Spotting a bandicoot one of the boys raised his rifle to shoot, at this point he noticed two areas of light appear out of nowhere on the grass two to three metres away. They were squarish in shape and 30 cm or more across. Both figures aimlessly circled each other across the paddock.

The boys now noticed a silver  $\frac{3}{4}$  moon-sized ball 30 metres away and approximately 20 to 30 metres off the ground above the trees.

One boy hid behind a bush, the other waited for him to shine the torch so he would not stand on any of the traps. A few seconds later the ball object grew in size as if moving closer, the boys decided to make a run for it.

Duration of the sighting is estimated at one minute.

## PLATEAU SIGHTING

This sighting took place in the early hours of July 6. The location was 1000 metres up in the high country north of Lake Sorell near Mountain Creek.

The two witnesses were on a shooting expedition.

Driving through the night the men noticed a light at ground level to the north-east. It was partially obscured by some tea-trees and they thought at first it must be another vehicle's lights. The light source was estimated at 300 metres from the witnesses. A deep whirring noise like an electric motor was heard, the witnesses left their car being convinced they were not observing another vehicles headlights.

They saw a long body illuminated by a green-yellow phosphorous glow. The object was approximately 8 metres long and 2 metres high with a white light containing a red flickering centre on each side.

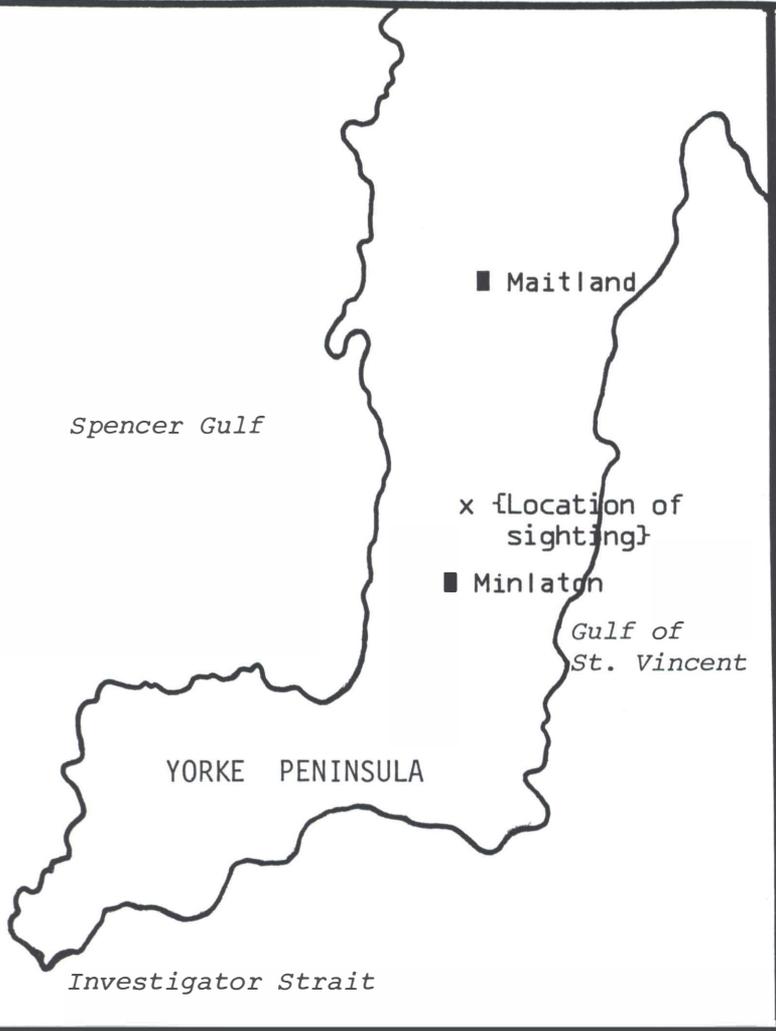
The object remained stationary at ground level, the witnesses fired five shots in its direction and it moved slowly away to the north east, moving just above the ground which it illuminated.

Soon the object disappeared, shooting up into the sky vertically it soon passed from view. ■



Support interplanetary  
relations  
- take an extraterrestrial  
to lunch.

# south australia



## YORKE PENINSULA AN UNUSUAL NOCTURNAL LIGHT

A nocturnal light of a  $\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  angular size was observed by Mr Kevin Morris of Adelaide for 2 minutes at an elevation of  $45^{\circ}$  travelling north to south at an angular speed of  $\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$  a second.

On Tuesday January 6, 1981, at approximately 2230 hrs (daylight saving), Mr Morris and his wife stopped to sleep the night in their car in a parking bay approximately 13 km from Minlaton off the road to Maitland on the Yorke Peninsula.

Before retiring, because it was a perfectly clear night, Mr Morris decided to look for the constellation Orion. His attention was drawn to an extremely bright white light half the size of the moon, at  $45^{\circ}$  elevation, in the northern sky moving south towards Minlaton.

Mr Morris told his wife he was looking at a possible UFO and asked her to hand him their 16x50 binoculars, which she did, but being frightened she

hid in the car and at no point during the sighting would she leave it despite her husbands appeals to look.

When viewed through binoculars the object was not a perfect circle as it appeared to the naked eye, but more egg shaped, flattened on the sides. As the object passed overhead, but not directly above the car, its speed slowed and the majority of light dimmed quickly off, folding in upon itself.

Mr Morris observed that the intensely bright light (which he likened to an arc lamp) originated from between five and seven circular lights encircling the underside of the object. When these were off Mr Morris noted a continuous circle of light, which he likened to fluorescent tubing at the outer rim of the object. This part of the sighting lasted approximately 20 seconds.

With the information at hand it is not possible to explain this sighting meteorologically or astronomically. Because of the flight path and absence of noise or coloured lights it does not appear to have been a conventional commercial or privately owned aircraft.

Investigations are continuing.■

The number and quality of UFO reports in Western Australia during 1980 was markedly low when compared to previous years.

Since listing mundane cases would serve no purpose, it would seem an opportune time to review past cases containing good, solid data. That is, information included in the National Computer Programme, based in New South Wales.

It is hoped that this long term computer study of all Australian reports will enable researchers to piece together the UFO puzzle.

So let us review three interesting Western Australian cases of recent years:

## CASE 1

Occurred 16 December 1976, at 12.25 pm (local time), at Kalgoorlie Airport.

The meteorological officer on duty had just launched the noon windfinding balloon. Before leaving the tower he noticed an oval shaped object pass across the sky from north-east to south-west. It appeared white and brightest at its edges.

The object stopped in the south-west for approximately five seconds before apparently vanishing.

## CASE 2

Occurred 14 March 1977, at 10 pm (local time), 7 km north of Yalgoo.

A prospector was disturbed by a very bright light, which approached him, coming within four metres of the witness.

Its upper half glowed bright orange and was round, slightly bigger than a softball.

The orange glow suddenly "switched off" and the object disappeared.

## CASE 3

Occurred 15 November 1967, at 6.30 pm (local time), at Yerecoin

A farm manager driving in a paddock heard a strange "whinning" sound, and suddenly noticed a saucer-shaped grey metallic object about a quarter of a kilometre away, heading towards him, about one hundred metres above the ground.

Reaching the witness the object hovered just above the ground, and was so close to the witness' vehicle that he could only just open his door without contacting the "unknown." Portholes were visible around the objects side.

After a brief period the object rose at great speed producing a sound like an overloaded generator before disappearing.■

## COMMUNICATION - A NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT

*By V. Godic and P. Barenson*

Our channels of communication are already heavily congested with the enthusiastic static of "believers." To maximise communication it is vital that serious researchers deal directly with serious researchers throughout the world.

In Australia the research organizations, cited on page 2 of this Newsletter, investigate sightings directly and carefully. Communication between these groups and their liaison with the Australian Centre for UFO Studies is consistently good. The Centre maintains a computer file of the investigations conducted by these research groups.

Any individual or organization desiring information about any aspect of UFO research in Australia is encouraged to contact: The Australian Centre for UFO Studies, PO Box 546, Gosford N.S.W. 2250, Australia.

Communication between the (then) Australian Co-ordination Section of the Centre for UFO Studies and the American Centre for UFO Studies broke down in 1979 because the flow of information went only one way - out of Australia.

The American Centre for UFO Studies also preferred to quote the Australian media, choosing not to deal directly with the Australian Co-ordination Section.

The most unfortunate aspect of UFO research is the hoarding of information. Since UFOs are a global event it is doubtful that any one individual organization can solve the riddle.

The human element is a very frustrating one. The age and/or size of an organization has no bearing on the efficiency or skill of that organization. The size and content of any individual's files does not necessarily indicate that the individual is a thorough and objective researcher.

UFORAN Vol. 1, issues 1 and 2 carried the investigation and conclusion of an "UFO" which reportedly crashed into a tree at Stirling, South Australia.

The event was a natural one - a limb weakened by a knot hole collapsed initiating a chain reaction of breaking branches.

Newspaper and magazine articles favoured the opinion of a local flying saucer club. A spectacular natural occurrence became in the media a close encounter Steven Spielberg would have been proud of.

The Apro Bulletin and other magazines quoted Australian newspapers, choosing not to contact UFO Research South Australia who immediately investigated this case and quickly solved it.

LES EXTRATERRESTRES (a French UFO magazine) desiring information on the December 1978 New Zealand sighting and film wrote to UFO Research South Australia choosing to deal directly with one of the responsible Australian research groups involved in the investigation of this report. This is an excellent example of international co-operation.

It is unfortunate that serious researchers constantly frustrated by the communication barrier, inevitably fall away from research for it seriously delays a solution to the most fascinating aspect of the many faceted UFO phenomenon and that is - the unexplained.■



## "NOT SO 'ALIEN HONEYCOMB'?"



my conviction that the "alien honeycomb" was of a terrestrial origin. He had handled similar material throughout his career.

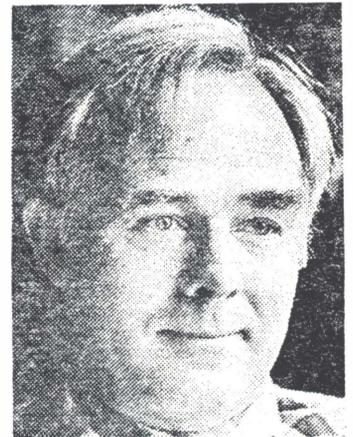
Subsequently we were able to determine that the most likely candidate was a bonded structure made up of a phenolic resin and possibly woven glass or fibre-glass honeycomb. Such material fits very well the photos and descriptions in the book. It is also consistent with the "strange" properties attributed to the "alien honeycomb" by the authors and the anonymous scientists who were asked to comment on it.

Ciba-Geigy, incidentally market their honeycombs under the registered trade name of Aeroweb. They come in 3 basic varieties, namely:

- (a) aluminium alloy foils,
- (b) non-metallic honeycombs made from polyamide paper with phenolic dip-coat resins, and
- (c) woven glass honeycombs available dry or impregnated, expanded and cured with polyester.

Mr. Paul Brixis, the metallurgist quoted in the book, "Alien Honeycomb" on another "UFO fragment", also agrees with Paul Hebron and myself, that the material Pinkney and Ryzman have is similar or identical with terrestrially produced material.

Now we must ask how the material turned up at such an unlikely locality. The answer to that question is still not certain, however it seems we may not have to look as high as a UFO for a possible answer. It seems that 2 Liberators crashed in the region during the 1950s and perhaps even more relevant, a Canberra bomber apparently crashed there in 1965.



*John Pinkney*

Honeycomb structures have been an integral part of aircraft technology for quite a few decades and its use is appropriate wherever the properties of light weight and high tensile strength are required. Honeycomb is widely used in aircraft fuselage shells, wing skin panels, flying control surfaces, engine structures and cowlings, tail structures, doors, hatches, floors, interior trim and furnishings. Thus under circumstances, I would not find it unusual to find honeycomb material scattered around the locality in question.

With such an obvious possible explanation for the "alien honeycomb", the authors - John Pinkney and Leonard Ryzman - must either present adequate proof for their "alien" and "unknown" material or accept the mundane scenario offered here-in, as being possible. In either contingency, an open public analysis of the material by a recognised laboratory in Australia would quickly resolve the controversy. Such an offer was made to John Pinkney by electronics entrepreneur and millionaire, Dick Smith, on the John Singleton TV variety programme (Channel 10 - Sydney - June 19th, 1980). The offer was backed up by a cheque for \$ 10,000, which would be paid to Pinkney if a public Australian laboratory, confirmed that the "alien honeycomb" was in fact unidentifiable. The offer allowed for Mr. Pinkney to either accept the money himself, dispose of it at his discretion or donate it to charity. It should be noted that John Pinkney refused both the offer and an open debate on his book, with this author (BC) on the same programme.

The authors have indicated that they wish only the United Nations to examine their material, however, should we stand by and wait at their leisure, while they in

# "NOT SO 'ALIEN HONEYCOMB'?"

turn await the UN's response? With so much of the material apparently available, it is both a logical and reasonable demand that the material should be examined by a recognised testing laboratory. In that way the controversy will be quickly resolved one way or another.

Dick Smith has confirmed with me that he wishes his offer to be made again to the "Alien Honeycomb" authors. That offer is as follows:

"If Mr. John Pinkney can hand over a sample of his "Alien Honeycomb" to a recognised testing laboratory in Australia, of his own choosing, and that same laboratory confirms that the material is "alien", unidentifiable and not a mundane terrestrial artifact within a week, then Mr. Dick Smith will give Mr. Pinkney a cheque for \$ 10,000. The money then may be donated to charity or disposed of at Mr. Pinkney's discretion."



Dick Smith

Based on the claims made in the book, "Alien Honeycomb", such a challenge is quite reasonable. The general public would then be able to determine how valid the book actually is. A cursory application of Occam's Razor to "Alien Honeycomb" seems to have put a sizeable question mark over the whole affair. The books authors should now accelerate a resolution to the controversy. The offer described above is certainly the quickest and most reliable way of doing just this. I along with the rest of the UFO research community in Australia, wait with bated breath to see whether we have in the "alien honeycomb", the "first solid evidence for UFOs" or a retrieval of the naive kind!

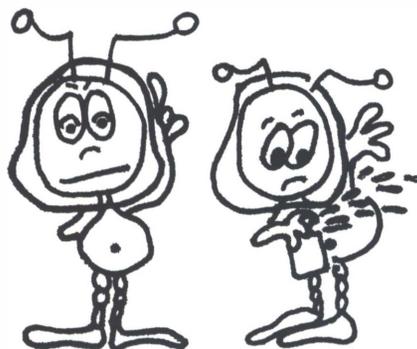
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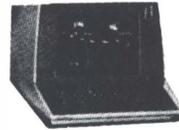
One of the principal objections held against the "alien honeycomb" from Greenbank, is the very poor correlation with an actual confirmed UFO event. Far better correlations between UFOs and related fragments already exists. I refer here in particular to the Ubatuba fragments of high purity magnesium (Brazil, 1957) and the Kallavesi Lake material (Finland, 1964). In both cases a far more compelling case for the UFO origin of the fragments are available in the public domain, than for that given for the Greenbank "alien honeycomb".



A wise extra terrestrial always uses anti-terran spray before disembarking!



# THE AESG COMPUTER FILE



Volume 1, issue 1 of this Newsletter described a simple computer programme which is storing basic information on Australian entity reports.

This file has now been updated to provide more in-depth information about such entity reports. A typical display as view on the 30 cm TV style monitor is:-

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1. Date           0860
2. Type           ERA2
3. Location       Belmont NSW
4. Time {Local}   0130
5. Duration       N/R
6. Reporter       IF
7. ENT           012110120403
8. ENT           ---22051125
9. Source         UF0IC
    
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Items 7 and 8 are presented in a series of numbers and letters which represent information as follows:-

Item 7 has 12 digits, from left to right:

<u>Digit</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>In the above example</u>
1&2	Number of entities	1
3	Type of entity	Humanoid
4-6	Height in cm	110 cm
7	Body features	Covered by one piece clothing
8	Built	Slim
9	Hand features	No information
10	Movement	Walking
11-12	Behaviour	Moving on ground outside object

Item 8 has 11 digits which from left to right are:

<u>Digit</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>In the above example</u>
1&2	Equipment of entity } Other features } Reaction of entity to reporter	No information
3		
4		Approaches
5	Head of entity	Helmet-face plate
6-7	Reporter's reaction	Panic
8	Type of communication	None
9	Sound from entity	None
10	How did entity appear	Entered field of view
11	How did entity disappear	Reporter left

The AESG computer file now holds coded information on all the 105 known Australian and New Zealand events and will be updated as events occur.■













AN APPROACH TO THE UFO MAZE: PHILOSOPHY BASED ON CLARKE'S 3RD  
LAW

by John Prytz

"God does not play dice with the universe" according to Dr. Einstein. That is to say, the universe is fully comprehensible given the time, money, effort, manpower, resources, knowledge to build on, rational methodology, etc.

A basic philosophy to the UFO phenomena (mine, if nobody else's) is that "UFOs do not play dice with us". They are not one thing yesterday, another thing today, and something else tomorrow yet again! In other words, UFOs are understandable. There is a solution. There must be a solution which in the final analysis explains all of the diverse aspects of UFOs.



Many Ufologists have strong opinions (even firm beliefs) as to what the solution is, but those opinions can be as seemingly far apart as noon and midnight! Nobody really knows - yet. Just because we don't know yet, doesn't mean that we shall never know. However, until the proof-positive comes to hand, the UFO problem will continue to tax our reasoning abilities to the limit. How we approach the problem therefore is of prime importance if the next 33 years will be any more fruitful (and less frustrating) than the past 33 years.

Probably the only point every ufologist will agree on is that the UFO problem exists! Though all roads may lead to Rome, only one road leads to the UFO solution (or should I say obstacle course?). However, just about as many possible roads as there are ufologists have been travelled towards the solution, most of which are dead ends, and seemingly to date all of which have been dead ends! However, I will assume that at least one ufologist is on the right track. Which one(s) is of course another question, meaning that which pathways are which, dead ends or correct solutions, aren't knowable in advance. The best analogy is akin to being confronted with a highly complex maze, not of our own making.

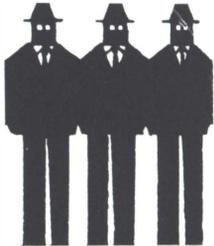
So, central to the puzzlement: what does one do when confronted by a maze? The time-wasting way is to wander aimlessly. The best way is to adopt a methodology, stick to it, build on it, and leave a well defined trail so that duplication is avoided and also so that steps can be retraced if necessary. In ufology, that means collecting data (of which we now have plenty) which defines the maze, then ask questions about the data (what does it all mean) which suggests the pathways to the solution. When the answers to the questions explain all of the data, we are very close to the core of the maze!

I have often wondered if (for starters) we are even asking the right questions. Of the series "who, what, where, when, and why", the "what" always seems to be asked

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first in the form of "what are UFOs?" and the others stem from the answer to that! For example, given the collected data, some ask "what are UFOs?" (time machines). "Who is in control?" (humans from the future). "Where are they from?" (a future Earth). "Where do they go?" (to a past Earth). "When do they come from?" (the future). "When do they arrive?" (the past (to them) or the present (to us)). "Why do they come?" (historical research). "Why pick June 1947 to arrive in force?" (interesting historical period). "Why evolve shapes?" (avoids cultural shock). "Why have flaps?" and "Why 'Men in Black'?" and "Why this?" and "Why that?" and "Why the next thing?". Of course if the "answer" to the original "What" question is wrong, then a dead end must be reached sooner or later.



I'd rather start with a "why" question, not a "what". My "why" inquiry is "why UFOs at all?".

UFOs have always existed, somehow, somewhere, to someone or some culture, and always explained in terms of "what" (Gods, ETI, secret weapons, ghosts, time travellers, etc.). Therefore. If UFOs didn't exist, if all the "whats" are wrong, if there are no Gods, ETIs, secret weapons, ghosts, time travellers, etc., if UFOs have no reality, does that mean that they were invented? If so, they were invented by all peoples during all times!

Thus, do we believe in UFOs (or flying saucers, flying chariots, fiery dragons, etc.) because they exist in a physical, even "nuts and bolts" sense, or do they exist because we believe (in fact need to believe) in them for whatever (psychological, social, religious, etc.) needs our make-up demands, or both? That yields four possible scenarios.

1) UFOs exist in a physical, even "nuts and bolts" sense, and are the sole stimulus (cause) for the data.

2) UFOs exist in a physical, even "nuts and bolts" sense, but the picture is further confused because of the prevalence of psychic, religious, sociological and psychological phenomena that are part and parcel of the needs that make us function as human beings. In other words, an unrelated masking effect - a "signal to noise" problem. Thus, we may need to believe in UFOs (or mysteries) and the universe is accommodating us with physical mysteries as well as intangibles.

3) UFOs exist only because we need to believe in mysteries, and are solely the product of psychic, religious, psychological and sociological phenomena.

4) Although contributing as a stimulus to all of the above, UFOs in the fourth case are 100% natural phenomena (which can be physical) and are not "nuts and bolts" nor would the reality of them be less real even if human beings didn't exist to perceive them. However, we should include here natural phenomena which acts upon the products of the technology of mankind (i.e.: searchlights reflecting off of clouds, etc.). Thus, there is no UFO problem except an inadequate knowledge of natural phenomena and/or human perception.

History provides no answer as to which is which. So, we can not even answer our introductory "why" question. If we could, we would be a long way towards being able to ask and answer "what are they" with a lot more confidence. However, the four possible "why do UFOs exist?" scenarios, can be boiled down into three general "what are UFOs?" answers, one of which should lie at the heart of the maze.

The three "whats" are: 1) Physical Phenomena; 2) Mental Phenomena; and 3) Technical Phenomena.

However, our four "why" openings to the maze, yielding three general and introductory pathways, is a factor three more complicated as each "what" can be divided threefold.

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The nine "what" subdivisions, or "causes" to the various facets of the UFO phenomena, which are not mutually exclusive, are:

## Physical Phenomena

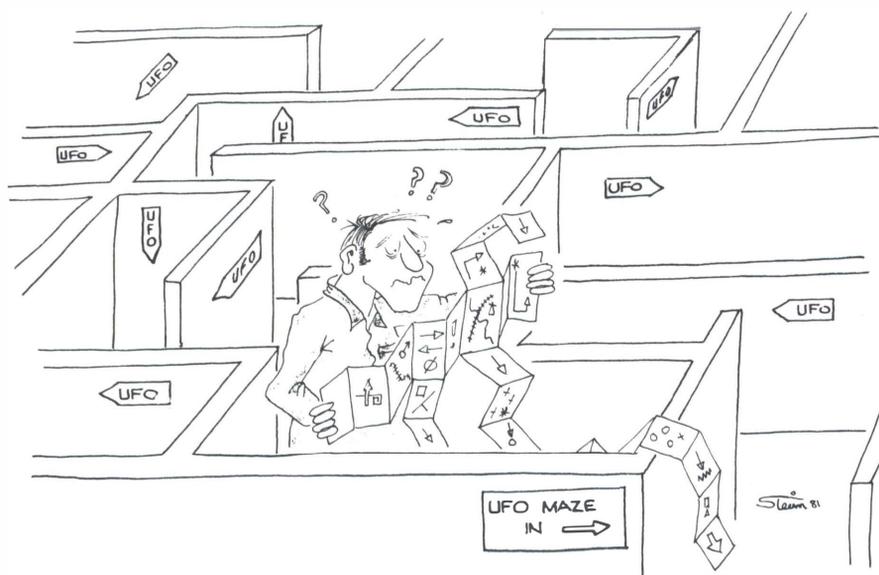
- 1) Natural and common phenomena (Venus, mirages, etc.)
- 2) Natural and rare phenomena (ball lightning, etc.)
- 3) Artificial but manmade phenomena (flares, satellites, etc.)

## Mental Phenomena

- 4) Delusions, "under the influence", hoaxes, frauds, fabrications
- 5) Psychological and/or sociological phenomena
- 6) Psychic and/or religious phenomena

## Technological Phenomena

- 7) Terrestrial "secret weapons" present day technology
- 8) Parallel and/or alternative times/universes technology
- 9) Extraterrestrial technology



I would suggest that one of the above nine "whats" lies at the core of the maze, although the purity could well be less than 100%. Each of the nine "whats" has at least one champion, and all have various strengths and weaknesses when it comes to logically explaining the data. That, however, in itself, is a clue! It hints of "strangeness"!

Anyway, how to choose between the four "whys", the three broad "whats" and more exactly the nine specifics? What pathway in the maze is

the logical one, at least for a first attempt? There are two broad philosophies, in fact 180° opposite philosophies, which one can apply as an initial methodology. They are:

- 1) Occam's Razor: Assumptions and speculations needed to explain the data are kept to a minimum. If two or more "whats" can explain the data, the one with the least assumptions is most likely the correct explanation. Simplicity rules!
- 2) Arthur C. Clarke's Third Law: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic". The word "magic" implies "strangeness". Strangeness rules!

UFOs are not simple! UFOs exhibit a high degree of strangeness!

Strangeness in "effect" (the data) needs strangeness in "cause" or the "whys and whats". The greater the strangeness in one, the greater the need for strangeness in the other.

To date, those applying Occam's Razor to the UFO problem have failed. The simplicity formula points directly at those "whys and whats" we best understand, which

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overall is my category of "physical phenomena". Yet, no category has been more unable to explain away the hard-core UFO sighting than that of "physical phenomena" mainly because of the high degree of strangeness such UFO reports suggest. So, I will abandon OCCAM (which goes counter to just about everything I've been taught) and adopt Clarke's philosophy.

To put Clarke's 3rd Law into perspective, I'll start off with an analogy. How would the Australian Aborigine of 1000 years ago explain any one of our modern technological wonders to a fellow tribesman if so confronted with it? Say a television set, electric light, airplane, motor car, typewriter, computer, etc. Would a telephone be magic? A submarine a sea monster? A rocket a God? Would taking LSD, whose physiological effects are known to us, be a psychic/religious experience of the first magnitude?

Assuming the analogy is valid, that we might be now (and for a long time in the past) in a similar situation with respect to UFOs (whatever they are), where does that leave us? Perhaps a pathway to the heart of the UFO maze? To answer that, we have to look at what "what" exhibits the highest strangeness, for only the highest strangeness will be compatible with Clarke's 3rd Law, given that as an appropriate methodology.

What single theory for the UFO phenomena best accounts for the totality of that phenomena: the "best-fit" for the UFO picture? The admittedly unscientific methodology I used was to take each of the above "whys and whats" and rank them by as many facets of the UFO picture (the "effects") as I could think of. The "effects" I divided into three broad subdivisions, which were:

- 1) Internal Variables - those which must or can exist independent of witnesses, where the data is acquirable given the right circumstance, for example, the physical traits of UFOs (shapes, colours, sounds, angel's hair, etc.) their occupants (types of) and their behaviours.



- 2) Internal/External Variables - data which exist either because of the nature of UFOs (internal variables), the introduction of external variables (witnesses), or both. No fine dividing line is always possible between the observed and the observer. Examples include things like statistical trends, historical trends, etc.
- 3) External variables - Data actually acquired by the luck of the draw. The functions of time, distance and place that can alter the data when the human element is introduced, including such things as government interest in UFOs, types of sightings, types of witnesses, etc.

Anyway, to make a long story shorter, and irregardless of what categories the facets of the UFO phenomena were placed into, the total number of "effects" I had my "causes" (the "whys and whats") attempt to explain was 37.

The ranking of one against the other was carried out on a scale of from one to five, where "1" represented a highly improbable "cause" for the given "effect", "2" was improbable, "3" was possible, "4" was a probable, and "5" was a highly probable, in my opinion within this "think tank" exercise. By summing the totals, a numerical figure was arrived at, which because of the large number of traits considered, I trusted would represent a reasonable picture of what "what" best explained UFOs.

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Since "strangeness" could explain a facet which otherwise couldn't be explainable, the final sums represented a direct "degree of strangeness". This was done without predetermination, though without going into pages of statistical data, ranking of sub-sub-divisions into sub-divisions into rankings for divisions (with respect to the "effects") the reader has no way of confirming this.

Assuming my word will be taken, a purely physical explanation ranked lowest (on 290 points), with a mental explanation occupying the middle ground (on 348 points), and a technological explanation rating at 436 points, or higher. However, within the nine "whats", the picture is somewhat more precise. From lowest to highest, they ranked: artificial but manmade phenomena (85); natural and common phenomena (91); terrestrial "secret weapons" present day technology (104); psychological and/or sociological phenomena (106); natural and rare phenomena (114); delusions, etc. (115); psychic and/or religious phenomena (127); parallel and/or alternative times/universes technology (162); and, extraterrestrial technology (107). The minimum points that could have been scored would have been 37, the maximum, 185.

What this little personal exercise suggests of course is nothing more than what has been often suspected right along, but though "gut feelings". That is: "Everything that I have come across still confirms me in my assertion that the UFOs are solid machines flown by flesh-and-blood operators. I think that it is only the advanced element of the technology which appears to give them their supernatural or ghostly qualities."<sup>1</sup>

Of course for those who have an affinity for a mental explanation, the "strangest" is the psychic and/or religious avenue; for the physical theory buffs, the highest strangeness is within the area of natural but rare phenomena. As for myself, the extraterrestrial technology theory has high strangeness value. This requires some further explanation.

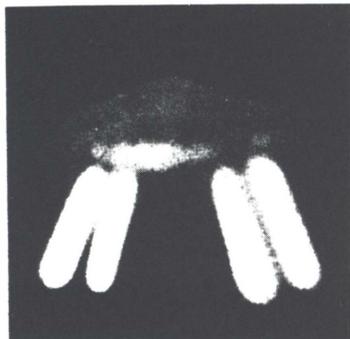
But first a brief word about the "strangeness" value of the nearest rival, the parallel and/or alternative times/universes technology "what". Obviously any technology that has the ability to pass through time and/or dimensional barriers must be very very advanced, hence exhibit high "strangeness", and needs not be further elaborated on here. However, only the possible terrestrial component has been considered, as for example human beings coming from a future or parallel Earth. Any extraterrestrial component has been lumped collectively in the extraterrestrial technology "what". Where the parallel and/or alternative times/universes falters relative to the extraterrestrial technology "what", is in reports of UFO occupants, which tend to be humanoid and not in general human. Other than that, there is very little to choose between the two.



Would an extraterrestrial technology really be advanced enough to exhibit the high degree of strangeness associated with UFOs? The recent spate of science fiction,

1. Paget, Peter - The Welsh Triangle - Panther Books, Granada Publishing Limited, London - 1979 - p.168

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mainly in the highly visible films shown on television and on the cinema screen, have reinforced a chauvenistic viewpoint of what ETI would be. The aliens projected by Hollywood are very similar to ourselves, and exhibit very little "strangeness" except perhaps in appearance, which is very superficial. The alien is very near to ourselves in terms of technology, behaviour, etc., thus understandable. We can project ourselves, without future shock, into the settings of "Alien", "Star Trek", "Battlestar Galactica", "Star Wars", "Buck Rogers", even "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". Yet these encounters

would not be typical or even likely examples of intercourse between humans and aliens.

The movie "2001: A Space Odyssey" on the other hand was very different. There was no possible frame of reference of identifying with the extraterrestrial technology represented in that film. The aliens were too advanced relative to ourselves, and that is the sort of thing A.C. Clarke (and I) mean by "advanced technology". I fully suspect that ETI would be far closer to the concept exhibited in "2001" than to any other science fiction film yet screened or conceived.

How could any ETI be so advanced? What really are the odds that ETI (on average) would be only as advanced, or only slightly more so (after all they have interstellar travel) than ourselves, hence exhibit little real degree of "strangeness"? Almost nil!

Consider the "state of the art" technology of mankind one million years ago relative to today and the mind boggles! Our current technology would indeed be "magic" to our cave man ancestors! What will our technology be like one million years from now relative to our current technology? Probably the same degree of difference would apply. If we were to journey one million years into our future, we would be confronted with a high degree of "strangeness" or in fact magic!

Yet, on a cosmic scale, one million years is but 0.01% of the age of the universe and that is allowing for from four to ten billion years of cosmic evolution (formation of galaxies, stars, planets, heavy elements, etc.) first!

If UFOs represent ETI, that ETI could not represent a technology equal to or less than our own. It must be greater. How much greater?

The odds that any two ETI civilisations would be within 1000 years of each other (considering just our own galaxy) is 50/50. Given that our galaxy is 10 billion years old (after cosmic evolution) and that there should be some 1 million civilisations within the galaxy (which is an average estimate by those given to calculate such numbers) each civilisation would be removed (in time) by about 1000 years from any other civilisation either side of it. Given that our technology only really dates from the Industrial Revolution, we must be the newest technology around in the galaxy. The nearest civilisations to us (in terms of time, not distance) would be roughly 1000 years ahead of us and 1000 years behind us. Further, the odds that the civilisation nearest to us in time would also be the nearest to us in distance is pretty much minimal. Even if it was (hence the one most likely to be behind the UFO phenomena), a technology 1000 years in advance of our own current technology would be as our current technology would have been to the Aborigines of 1000 years ago, only more so as technological advances seem to be exponential, and we know of no universal limit that would suggest such an increase to ever slow down and level off. In other words, MAGIC!

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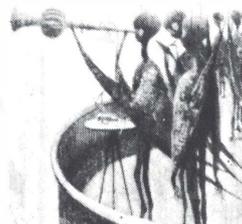
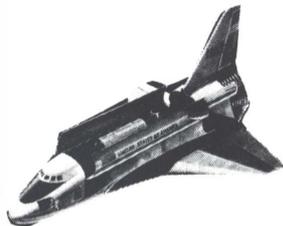
This one approach, assuming UFOs to be one (of possibly many) manifestation of a really advanced ETI, can be used to explain just about any facet of the UFO "strangeness". Although more "way out", "2001" may be far closer to reality than "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". How to prove it of course is a different matter, and may be a hopeless pursuit, relying on our own resources at any rate, for years, decades, even millennia to come.

I can just about hear the cries of protest! Anything which explains everything explains nothing! Of course in one sense the application of Clarke's 3rd Law is a "cop-out", an easy solution, in that almost anything (even everything), violations of known physical laws, religious miracles, psychic phenomena, inexplicable behaviour, etc. can be easily dismissed as "advanced technology". Of course religion does the same, and believers in God do the same, when questioned about Biblical absurdities. The pat answer is a shrug and a "well God works in mysterious ways"! However, in either case, that is no reason to doubt the validity of the possibility.

To what end does this all serve? I have not so much discovered a reasonable pathway to the UFO maze as bulldozed one directly! Of course the maze may be so complex that I only think I have arrived at the core, but I believe that the solution is that simple. Not of course the simplicity of Occam's Razor (if 95% of UFO sightings turn out to be identified, therefore 100% must be without drawing upon anything more complex than that which explained the first 95%), but the simplicity of explaining the hard-core by "advanced technology", where "advanced" is whatever is needed to explain all.

The present day UFO picture has become ever more confused as time has progressed. Each time a "simple" theory has been presented to explain the UFO phenomena, something happens to upset the apple cart! Then it's back to the drawing boards, resulting in ever more contrived theories which grow ever more complex. So, my philosophy/methodology has been to go back to square one, and arrive at an overall theory which best fits the phenomena. It turned out to lie in the area of "advanced technology" which could be extraterrestrial, although an almost equal probability exists for alternative forms of "advanced technology", such as time and/or dimensional travel.

The picture is too confusing now. A core or "smoking gun" must lie at the heart of the mystery (which I believe is technology in some form). One needs to isolate that heart. This has been perhaps one way of doing it■



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*"UFO...CONTACT FROM THE PLEIADES" Volume 1 Published by Genesis 111 Productions Ltd., Phoenix, Arizona, 1979. Price U.S. \$24.95. Available from Genesis 111 Prod. Ltd., PO Box 32067, Phoenix, Arizona 85064 U.S.A.*

*"UFO...CONTACT FROM THE PLEIADES" is an unusual book, to say the least. Its format of 30cm by 30cm pages affords the reader easy reading of the text and some startling glossy photographs. Its intended purpose is to convey an account of the "contactee" story of Eduard Meier of Switzerland which is partly unravelled over the 71 pages of text and pictures.*

*Just as the proof of the pudding lies in the eating, the "proof" of this account lies in the photographic material provided, and therefore for our readers we review this evidence.*

## "UFO...CONTACT FROM THE PLEIADES VOLUME 1"

A book review by Frank Gillespie

The presentation of this UFO contactee story is quite different from any of its predecessors. The backbone of the book is a series of twenty two flying saucer photographs, supported by a rather sketchy and disjointed text; and padded out by personal photographs, snatches of cosmonaut and other philosophy, and seven pages invoking tenuous connections with the pyramids, the parthenon, and various other ancient structures. There are also some visually impressive computer generated images, for which the interpretations may or may not have been quoted correctly. The credit for the preparation and publishing of this book is shared by a team of nine individuals and four companies; but all of the flying saucer photographs are attributed to Eduard "Billy" Meier, a farmer/caretaker of Hinwel, Switzerland.

A connected series of photographs such as this can be likened to a chain, where the failure of a single link disrupts the entire chain. Rather ironically, the very first photograph in the book is the one in which evidence of fakery can be most clearly seen, so that detectable discrepancies in later photographs only go to confirm that a superimposition technique such as front projection has undoubtedly been used. This first picture, which is reproduced again precisely half way through the book, is one of a series supposedly taken just before sunset on 29th March, 1976. It has the appearance of a scene largely in shadow, but lit from the right by a reddish sun, which also flashes brightly off the upper section of the spacecraft. However, this apparent illumination terminates abruptly along the line of the distant hilltops, along with the transition from pale blue sky to brownish hills. Close examination reveals that this appearance of sunshine has been achieved by displacing the magenta and yellow colour images laterally from the cyan and black, thus generating an orange flash on one side of the tree limbs. The effect of this technique is apparent only where the background is lacking in magenta and yellow - in this case, the sky. The question arises, was this the result of poor printing technique, or was it deliberately done, either before or after the picture reached the hands of the printers? Consider the evidence; that the only pictures in the book which have this defect to any serious extent are the ones in this particular series, that the extent of the defect is far beyond what any reputable colour reproducer would allow, and that the effect of the misregistration is so pronounced that it could not possibly have been missed. As to who was responsible for the fakery, the buck appears to stop at the colour reproducers, because in the second printing of this picture, the colour displacement has been done in the wrong direction, and the trees appear to

be sunlit from the left. The printers would have used the blocks as received, on equipment which automatically preserved the registration of the four colours.

It would be tedious to go through all the individual discrepancies in the various pictures, particularly as the book pages are not numbered for reference. Suffice to say that the faults to look for come into the following categories:

1. Lighting direction discrepancies between the background and the spacecraft.
2. Overcast sky and flatly lit ground scene, with a brightly lit craft.
3. Correct exposure for the craft, when the scene is badly underexposed.
4. Craft in better focus than any part of the scene.
5. Lack of ground shadow cast by the craft.
6. Inconsistent lighting between shots supposedly taken at the same time.
7. No signs of life in any of the UFO pictures.

The first five of these faults all indicate that a superimposition technique has been used, probably involving models for the spacecraft. Confirmatory evidence comes from the last saucer picture in the book, where the painted on "portholes" are fairly obvious. The most likely technique used for the superimposition is front projection, which is widely used in the United States today. With this technique, you can have your wedding day photographs taken in front of Salt Lake Tabernacle, even though the ceremony took place in a Brooklyn registry office. The technique is virtually undetectable, except when mistakes are made, such as those listed above.

The text of this book is also not immune to criticism. The claim is made, for instance, that the focussing of the camera used for all the saucer stills was jammed just short of infinity. This is just the setting which would be used to obtain maximum clarity in a landscape photograph, so it becomes a rather hollow excuse for the poor focussing evident in many of the pictures. The captions of the two micrograph pictures are nonsensical - all metals have adequate conductivity for scanning electron microscopy, but the specimen in the picture exhibits signs of poor conductivity, suggesting an improperly prepared nonmetallic object; and the machining in the other micrograph is not only very poor, but it appears to have been done by an unsuitable technique. It is repeatedly claimed that an abundance of pictures are available for publication, which makes it hard to understand why five of them have been printed twice, for no good reason. Looking at the drawings of the various craft, one would expect, from their clarity and detail, that they would be accurate. This appears to be so for type 5 craft, and for type 2 other than the one in the movie sequence, but it is definitely not the case for the remaining variations. The claims made for the movie segment deserve some attention. Ask any film producer, and he will tell you that these are all standard effects with a tripod mounted camera, involving only simple stop/start and time-lapse techniques.

The scientific investigation is one aspect of this book which worries me. Apart from acknowledging the part played by De Anza Systems Inc., the book does not name any of the persons involved; but one would expect an honourable scientist to revoke any abuse of his professional status. I can only conclude, therefore, that some, at least, of my colleagues, have allowed themselves to be so blinded by state-of-the-art technology, that they cannot see how easy it is to cheat such a system. Relying entirely on a computer for UFO photograph analysis is like staking your reputation on the computer beating all comers at chess. Anyone knowing or guessing the factors on which the computer calculations are based, can devise techniques to force incorrect analyses from the computer. For example, distance and size assessment are both based on edge sharpness data, which can be readily manipulated to give any desired result during a superimposition. Regarding the metal, biological and mineral specimens left by the cosmonauts, there is a technique called isotope analysis now available, which will determine with absolute certainty whether a material is of extra-terrestrial origin. There are many places where it can be carried out; and some of these must be known to the American scientists allegedly involved in the investigation. Significantly, no mention is made of this technique being used.

This scientific aspect is so important, that, at the risk of boring layman readers, I will deal specifically with some of the misconceptions which appear in the book. Electron microscopy always sounds impressive, but it would be hard to conceive of a greater exercise in futility than using it on colour film images. A scanning microscope would show only the topography of the emulsion surface, whereas in a transmission microscope, the dye materials of the image would be indistinguishable from the gelatin medium. Three dimensionality can be detected with reasonable certainty from an original photograph, taken under known conditions. However, UFO's have frequently been assessed as three dimensional from analysis of copied photographs, which are, by definition, photographs of photographs having only two effective dimensions. Alternatively, skilful artists routinely transfer attributes of three dimensionality to canvas, sufficient to fool any computer analysis. In colour film, the image is composed of three dyes, each of which is visible to the eye. There is no other material present with which any invisible image could be formed; and to suggest that some mysterious radiation produced such an image is surely ridiculous. Similarly, it is foolhardy to suggest that any wire or thread supporting a model must show up with computer enhancement. A 300mm diameter foam plastic model, for instance, could easily be supported by a single fibre from a nylon stocking, which, at 2 metres from the camera, would be well beyond the resolving power of its optical system. A general characteristic of film grains is that they overlap - it is only thus that a true black image can be built up. This is especially true of colour film, where each of the three emulsions has to be capable of developing as a solid colour. Another characteristic of film grains is that once they are developed, there is no way to tell how or when they were exposed; hence film grain analysis gives no information about the use of multiple exposures, or of most darkroom techniques. In conclusion, computer techniques have their place, but they cannot substitute entirely for careful visual examination of any UFO photograph.

I will conclude this review with a message directed to Eduard "Billy" Meier. Should the Pleiadian cosmonauts take exception to my scepticism, please inform them that they are welcome to visit with me at any time. I undertake to receive them with all possible courtesy and consideration; and I positively guarantee to take infinitely better photographs of their spacecraft, with which to convince the world of their existence. The avowed purpose of the Pleiadians is to contact willing and loyal humans prepared to disseminate knowledge concerning their existence and coming, so, my offer is one which they cannot reasonably refuse. ■

#### A WORD OF CAUTION

Some late material has been received concerning this book. Walt Andrews of MUFON writes in the MUFON Journal of June 1980 that the book is an outright fraud perpetrated upon the public for financial gain.

In the APR0 Bulletin, dated Nov-Dec 1979, Apro staff also take the book to task and label it a hoax.

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