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## EDITORIAL.

Here is 'Skywatch', offspring of the International Sky Scouts (S.A.), setting its first, faltering footsteps on the Road which, we hope, will lead to a general acceptance in South Africa of the possibility, that there is intelligent life on other planets, and that intelligent and more advanced beings than ourselves are trying to contact us with the object of assisting and advising us at our present stage of evolution.

To make 'Skywatch' a magazine that is not only interesting but instructive, we need the help of all who have either had some UFO experience or have studied allied subjects, such as Astronomy, Electro-magnetism, photography, radio-tracking, and so forth.

We now form a united front of believers. May we soon be able to give proof to the world. Without anticipation and enthusiasm no one has achieved anything ever.

We feel that interstellar travel and communication is the next step in the evolution of mankind. That this may be achieved and bring with it a greater unity among man, is the wish of International Sky Scouts (S.A.).

N.B. This magazine is non-military and non-political.

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WE ARE BUILDING A BRIDGE.

by Evelyn van Vloten.

On a recent visit to England I was privileged to meet Mr. Brinsley le Poer Trench, who was delighted to hear from this small enthusiastic group, which had formed in South Africa. As Chairman of the I.S.S. he is particularly keen to get across the "Bridge-Idea" - this being that those who know about the existence of the Space Ships and the message of their occupants will become "The Bridge" between our Space visitors and the Earth people.

As with everything "The Bridge" has to be built on solid foundation and each part has to fit into each other, so that the finished product will be a strong one, able to withstand the storms throughout the ages to come.

This 'human bridge', built by the faith of those who are aware of our visitors, has its foundations already well laid; we only have to look at the many instances mentioned in one of the great Books of the world, The Bible, to see that for centuries people from outer space have been with us. In Ezekiel, Chapter 1, there is a perfect description of a space craft, and again in Ezekiel, Chapter 10; these accounts are given in the languages of the time, for in those days there were no man-made aircraft and no technical words to explain what the prophet saw. Through the centuries, long before the time of Christ, in the ancient records of some of the European countries, there appear interesting observations and statements of UFO sightings, although the scribes of that time did not then talk about them as UFO's or Flying Saucers. This brings us to this modern age, and Kenneth Arnold's now famous sighting on June, 24th, 1947, when the term "Flying Saucer" was coined, because he described the object to the Press as 'saucer-shaped'.

It has been suggested that the visitors became interested in us again after the 1945 atomic explosion in Hiroshima, and that they are keeping a close watch upon earth-man, as they do not want a repeat performance of a planet blowing itself up, such as possibly happened before in this galaxy where now there exists a belt of asteroids between Mars and Jupiter. The 'visitors', it has been suggested, are not so much interested in our material welfare as in our spiritual progress, and would like to see us (with their help?) develop the wisdom wherewithall to handle our newly found knowledge.

I.S.S. groups are now operating in many countries and all age groups are attracted to the movement, for the object is to prove beyond doubt that there are superior and benign civilisations on other planets in our galaxy, and indeed in the other galaxies in the Cosmos. Also to form in all parts of Southern Africa groups of people who are open-minded and humble enough to concede that earth-man is not the only one of its kind among the billions of stars around Earth, to inhabit a planet! Some of our greatest astronomers have said quite openly across radio and television that there must be life elsewhere in the universe. We have only to see how our technology has progressed by leaps and bounds over the last hundred years. Wouldn't it be possible that another civilisation on another planet had their technology for a thousand years or may be even longer and that, from an evolutionary point of view, they must be more advanced? Would their mode of travel in space ships then be so strange, and wouldn't they be naturally interested in a younger planet, whose civilisation has arrived at the point of the knowledge of nuclear energy? Wouldn't they naturally wish to prevent us from making an irrevocable mistake and blowing ourselves up?

In the Sunday Tribune of the 30th April, 1967 appeared an article on UFO's causing alarm in Africa, and the interest and activity in the United Nations, who have a special group called "The Outer Space Committee", to study all reports. Every week, recently, something appears in the National and local newspapers on UFO's, and not all these sightings can be dismissed lightly!

In conclusion then, "The Bridge" will be strengthened by those who know, uniting and sharing their knowledge with those who would like to know but need direction, and as each group works harmoniously with other groups, the different parts of "The Bridge" will be fitted into place and united. The 'visitors' will make themselves known to us gradually and without panic from earth man, and interterrestrial communication will not only be possible, but will be an established fact.

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REMEMBER: 24TH JUNE, 1967 IS INTERNATIONAL SKY SCOUTS DAY.

All members are requested to join in a world-wide Sky-watch-day. Durban members are holding a field day and picnic during the day and a 'Sky-watch' at night.

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OUR ASTRONOMY CORNER.

If we believe that interstellar travel is a thing of the future, it behoves us to learn a little more of the heavens in general and our own galaxy in particular. The Astronomy dealt with here, will be of a very elementary nature, as most of us are laymen.

There are three main branches in Astronomy, and we are interested in the one called "Descriptive Astronomy". It is the branch which requires to be studied principally in the open air, and with the eye or telescope.

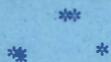
Below follow some of the fundamental facts, relating to this branch, and one or more constellations.

THE APPARENT MOTION OF STARS. This is due to the rotation of the earth on its axis, from West to East.

VARYING BRIGHTNESS OF STARS. This is called magnitude. The brightest stars are of the 1st magnitude, those a little less bright of the 2nd magnitude, and so on. Up to the 6th magnitude stars are visible with the naked eye. Below the 6th magnitude optical assistance is necessary.

A CONSTELLATION is a group of stars. Every constellation has a name, e.g. Southern Cross, Orion, etc., and we shall try and deal with some of them in each issue.

From "An Easy Guide to Southern Stars" by M.A. Orr, we quote: "In the Southern Hemisphere our starting point is the Southern Cross (Crux Australis), a well-known and easily found constellation. The observations in the maps below always refer to about 9 p.m. in the latitude of about  $34^{\circ}$  South - in South Africa Cape Town is about that latitude.

SOUTHERN CROSSIn February:to S.E. approx.  $\frac{1}{3}$  between horizon and point overhead.In May:

South, but nearly overhead.

In August:

to South West, approx. half way between horizon and point overhead.

In November:

due South, close to horizon.

I.S.S. MEETING AT 'THE CENTRE', DURBAN.

A report by Edmund Bentley.

A popular meeting took place on Thursday, 27th April, 1967 at 8 p.m. at The Centre, Durban, under the Chairmanship of John Elliot, to correlate and assess data already collected in connection with the newly formed Organisation of International Sky Scouts (S.A.), which has been created to note and make reports on Unidentified Flying Objects in Southern Africa.

The first speaker was Mr. Philipp Human, who has studied and collected reports of Unidentified Flying Objects from all over the world during the past 15 years, as well as having personal experiences connected with visitors and objects from outer space. Mr. Human discoursed briefly on one or two of his experiences and discussed some aspects of the work which would have to be done by the new Organisation.

Mr. Gregory Roberts, the second speaker, a scientist, who has been an official tracker of satellites on the staff of the University of Natal, mentioned that in the course of his work he had observed objects which he took to be UFO's in character. He was convinced that such phenomena existed. His observations were of interest when connected with research into the movements of artificial satellites, some hundreds of which were encircling this planet.

Finally, Mr. Philip Botha, the last speaker, claimed that he had been in touch with Flying Saucers since the age of Five and that he was able, telepathically, to converse with beings who inhabit and use them. He claimed that these people spoke a universal solar language between themselves, that they were benevolent in their intentions to mankind, not out to prevent atomic explosions as was popularly supposed in some circles and, that the message they had to give was purely a spiritual one, aimed at uniting and uplifting mankind to a universal vibration of harmony and love. He affirmed that inmates of Space Ships ranged from four to eight foot in height and that they were living a physical incarnation on a higher wavelength to ourselves, and that they represented many planets outside the Solar system which were not subject to the earthly condition of what he termed "The Fall of Man".

An audience of fifty put questions to the three speakers and evinced satisfaction and enthusiasm with the atmosphere of the meeting.

ARE THE OCCUPANTS OF UFO'S FRIENDLY OR HOSTILE?

by Ann Elliot.

Assuming that UFO's are real and that intelligent life exists on the millions of planets in our and other galaxies, we may also assume that some will be more and others less advanced.

One might say that the fact that they have conquered space, is sufficient evidence of their greater advancement. This is a debatable point, for it depends in what field the advancement has been made. If it is only in the intellectual and material field - which the world call scientific - then it is, in my humble opinion, rather lo-b-sided. Man is a three-fold being, physical, mental and spiritual, the latter being the true essence. Both the body and the mind are, or should be, the instruments of Spirit, the true Self. This true Self, being part of the Infinite Father/Mother-Spirit or God, can only separate itself from the Source in thought, never in reality.

This 'separation-in-thought' has taken place on the earth plane, for man has ignored or failed to see himself as he truly is. He has ignored the 'Pattern' or 'Way of Life' given to him from time to time, and the results are a one-sided unfoldment. His spiritual unfoldment, which is the truly scientific part (if he would only dare to prove it), is sadly lagging behind. The result is intellectual knowledge without understanding and wisdom, a knowledge which is neither complete nor scientific. Ample proof of this can be found all around us.

Coming back now to the question whether or not the occupants of UFO's are hostile or friendly, the answer: "They could be both" seems justifiable. Assuming that there are civilisations who, like our own earlier civilisations on Atlantis and Lemuria, have gone ahead without a spiritual foundation, they might well try to assert their power upon us, as is happening all over our own planet to-day among mankind himself. Taking into consideration the so-called 'dog-fights' in outer space, there seem to be those who are protecting us.

Assuming the one possibility we must also look at the other side. It is my personal belief that there are beings on other planets, far in advance of man, not only intellectually, but spiritually, and that their only motive is to assist and guide us at our present stage of development.

From our Scriptures we learn: It shall be according to your faith. Let us then put into practice this statement and utilise this power by directing our thoughts towards the Will of God, which is Goodwill. So much has been written and said about the power of thought - let us now exercise it for the good of all.

"As a Man thinketh in his heart, so is he" and "Like attracts like" - let us purify our hearts, live with God - all good - and nothing but good can come to us.

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UFO's OVER SOUTH AFRICA - RECENT SIGHTINGS.

Mr. R.J.Ellis, Durban. On March 7th, 1967, between 8.45 and 9 p.m. he was standing on his balcony, when he suddenly became aware of two craft in the Eastern sky. Searching the sky, he saw three similar craft in the West. They were slightly tilted and hovering. With his binoculars he could distinctly see the antennas. They were discs with a dome-shaped centre from which a brilliant red light was shining. Also the circumference was quite brilliantly lit up with red light.

Miss Rie Kok, Johannesburg. On the 28th March, 1967, 7.30 p.m., she observed what looked like an enormous amber star, moving from West to East, making a sudden turn around the Moon towards the North. When near the Moon it stopped and hovered, changing its colour from amber to red. A few minutes later it moved North-wards, changing its colour in amber again.

Miss Astrid Beringer, Johannesburg Astrid (14) observed five UFO's on the 20th March, 1967 at approx. 7.30 p.m. Four were close together in the South and one, like a big globe, in the North. The smaller ones changed colour.

Mrs. N. Banks, Durban. On the 9th May, 1967, between 4.15 and 4.30 a.m. Mrs. Bank observed a silver disc, the size of a 50-cent piece, moving slowly in south-easterly direction. It disappeared out of sight. A few minutes later it returned to disappear in the South-East.

UFO'S over South Africa (contd.)

Extract of an article in "Dagbreek" of 21st May, 1967:

Mysterious Ufo's have frequently been seen over Nylstroom for the last 6 months. Mr. Erasmus, a farmer outside Nakoomspruit, saw it with five other persons on Friday 19th May, 1967. It was high up in the sky and twice as big as the evening Star - then it came with great speed in half a circle down. It was soundless and its colour changed from red to green.

Mr. Link, a Hotel Proprietor at Nylstroom, heard one morning at 3.20 a.m. a terrific noise. Going outside he saw nothing, but when he started walking down the street he saw a big, round object, yellow - like the rising moon - hovering in the sky. Suddenly it shot down near the ground, there hovered a while, moved to the left, changed colour from an almost red glow to green, lighting up the surroundings. Then the UFO started suddenly turning around its own axis, shot obliquely into the sky and disappeared.

Mr. Bosman, also from Nylstroom, has an 8 mm. cine-film on which a yellow disc is visible for a few seconds. His sister took the photograph without seeing the UFO. It was only discovered when the film had been developed.

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WHAT V.I.P.'s SAY:

Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding: "The existence of these machines is evident and I have accepted them absolutely."

Alberth M. Chop: (former Air Force Press Official, handling UFO information at the Pentagon) "One thing is absolutely certain. We are being watched by beings from outer space."

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NOTICES: Here follow the dates for our next three meetings, to be held at THE CENTRE, 3rd floor, Prince of Wales Building, 380, Smith Street, Durban. Saturday 29th July - Thursday 31st August and Saturday 30th September, 1967, all at 8 p.m.

Also watch the Press under 'Club Notices'.

Questions, suggestions, articles in both Afrikaans and English are welcomed. Acceptance is subject to approval.  
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