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EDITORIAL

Once again we move into the Christmas season and take this opportunity of wishing our readers everywhere a joyous and blessed Christmas.

Long before the event we remember at Christmas there were festivals to celebrate this time of the year. In the Northern Hemisphere it was a time of thanksgiving for the return of the Sun, a time of endings and new beginnings, a looking forward with hope, into the year to come. Man has always had this ability to hope; for better conditions, more harmony and peace, a greater degree of understanding among individuals, families, groups, nations and finally upon our planet as a whole.

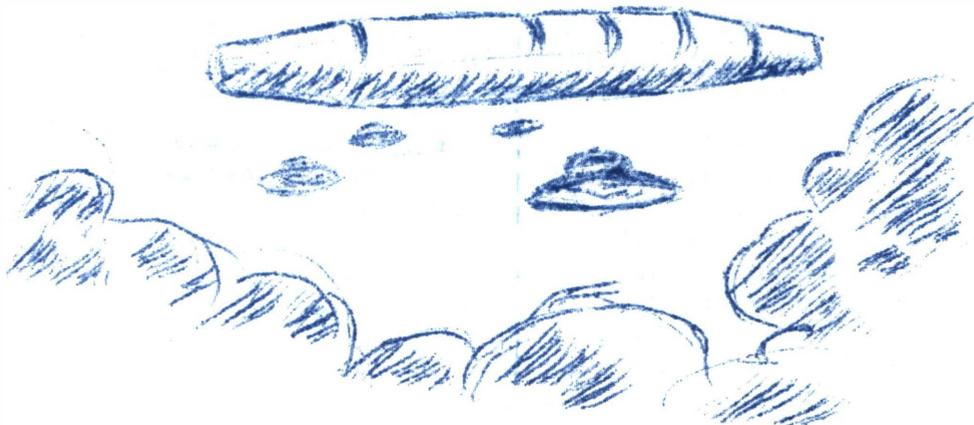
In the Southern Hemisphere there were celebrations to mark the full strength and force of the Sun, not only the physical sun but the spiritual power behind the physical manifestation. We all know that we could not exist without the physical sun; how much more would this be if there were not that inner urge and drive to climb out of our materialistic society into the finer realms of the spiritual sun. We look around us today and everywhere see this urge taking expression - the break with the old and outworn tradition and sometimes hypocrisy of the old way and the determination by the young people to find a better way; the will to try indicates a stimulation of the inner spirit of man.

Everywhere we see groups of people forming and quite often these groups span the oceans and join with each other

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in this urge to unite. We believe there is a glorious future ahead of our planet and that we can live together at peace with each other, nation with nation, then our brothers from outer space will come and make open contact with man on Earth. We have been shown the way so often by our great Teachers, Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, Quetzal-Coatl of the Mexicans, Osiris and many others and today mankind is again standing upon the threshold awaiting the reappearance of one of these Great Teachers.

Let those who know about these things work silently and diligently for the coming of the New World Teachers; not by speaking, but by positive thought and action. Let us go into this New Year with hope and not waste a moment of this precious time. Let us see this planet united and making contact with our "Brothers in Space". Let us keep an open mind about the things we hear, and a quiet heart; then to each one will come the overshadowing guidance of the Great Teacher.



THE COMING OF THE GUARDIANSThe Etheric or "4-D" Explanation of the Aeroforms:

The Aeroforms (flying discs, etc.) are for the most part EMERGENTS, i.e. they emerge on to our plane of perception from a space-time frame of reference which is different from our own. This process can also be described as a conversion of energy and a change of vibratory rate. When this change is affected, the disc or saucer becomes visible and tangible. It appears to be, and IS what we call solid substance, until the energy rate is reconverted. It amounts to a process of materialization and dematerialization (mat and demat). Energy is forever changing its forms. Invisible steam becomes visible vapour, the vapour becomes a liquid and the liquid becomes a solid (ice). This solid "dematerializes" under a blast of heat. Electricity, the 'flow' of invisible electrons, can be produced by radiant energy, but it appears to our senses as light, heat, colour, sound and motion. There are colours we cannot see (below the red and above the violet), and sounds we cannot hear. We live in a sea of waves, radiations, emanations, vibrations, but our senses can respond directly to only a few of these, our instruments to only a few more. All this is the commonplace of science - and has been known equally well to metaphysical and occult thought for thousands of years.

Just as there is a spectrum of sound and colour, there is also a spectrum of tangibility. This is a little more difficult to understand. What one might call the upper end of the spectrum is familiar enough; vapours, gases, the air itself, radiations of all kinds cannot be detected by touch. Any solid can be vaporised, and so disappear from our perception. But the important point here is, that matter can also be too dense to be touched. What we call solid matter is really a wide-open mesh, with immense distances between the 'particles' within the atoms - as every schoolboy knows. Lead is supposed to be a very dense metal, but a cubic inch of it (say) could in theory be compressed to pin-point size, and beyond that to invisibility, and there would still be plenty of 'room' between the atoms and the parts of them. This lead particle would then be invisible and untouchable - and would pass through other substances, such as wood or

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cork or steel, as easily as a rifle bullet through the air. It is easy to see that there may be (and indeed there are) material worlds - worlds of dense substance all about us, which we are unable to touch because they are too dense, not too rarefied. And some of these objects may at times be touchable but still invisible, (colours we cannot see) and make all kinds of sounds which we cannot hear. These worlds can interpenetrate with ours, and in turn be interpenetrated by others of still higher density and our normal senses would never report any of them. If the Aeroforms are to be understood in their true nature, as Emergents, it is essential that those elementary ideas be clear in our minds.

This extremely dense matter of the invisible worlds equates with the Ethers, and also with Space, Space is not nothingness. "Empty Space" is not even an idea, but merely a vocal sound to replace thinking. It is probable that there is an "infinite" series of others, i.e., of vibratory rates of extremely dense substances (Bertrand Russell defines an electron as "a wave of probability with nothing to wave in")-and this substance responds to the play of the finer forces, including the "energy" of mind or thought ("energy" of mind in quotes because it does not conform to the physics-definition; does not obey the "law of inverse squares"). Any shape can be thought into existence in etheric matter, and if its vibration rate can then be lowered to the right point (decrease of density) the shape or object is increased again, the object will disappear. If we were to vaporise and then recondense a brick, keeping the vapour-form within the same original volume, the operation would be an analogous one.

The importance of this matter of density, to our present enquiry stems largely from the repeated assertion by the Controls, that the Discs "come out of worlds of substance a hundred thousand times more dense than the matter you perceive by your senses". We cannot defend or explore here the concepts involved in such a statement, but we shall have to get some glimpse of them if we are to have even the most remote understanding of the true nature of the aeroforms. Our remarks about density so far may have seemed very naive to the physicist, and it may be useful to quote briefly from the mathematician, Lindy Millard:

"In scientific literature-i.e. technical Journals-more than one kind of density is mentioned. The terms most frequently used are electron density (number of electrons per unit volume) and energy density, besides the mass density.

The meaning of grain density seems self-evident. Vibration density, though seldom mentioned as such, can be expressed by associating together in a common region two other kinds of density: a high grain density with a low mass density.

"All discussions in which the word density is used should specify what kind of density is meant. Is it mass density, or grain density, or some other such as energy density or power density. Power being the same as work divided by the time during which the work is done, it would seem that power density may in some instances mean work multiplied by the frequency density, and in some other instances, energy density per vibrational cycle period"

There is a very profound occult saying, that "you are where your consciousness is" (for if not, where are you?). It is just as true to say, that a disc or ethership IS wherever its vibration rate puts it, on Venus or Mars or on our earth or within it, or five miles deep under-sea. Etheric matter can be 'tuned in', and here and there are matters of frequencies, densities, wave-lengths - not of special position in a three-dimensional void!! Of course, there is no end to the metaphysical subtleties involved in all this, or to speculative scientific thinking either - or to our ignorance. But the human race 'en masse' now seems to be getting its ABC instruction - and perhaps a few of us may get as far as D and E - which, at any rate, should bespeak an intelligent hearing for our "4-D" explanation.

Science is only now beginning its exploration of sub-atomic matter: along with this must go new concepts of space, time, the ether(s), tele - or apportation, the energetic character of thinking - and also of high importance, the reality of communication with etheric peoples, the Star-Wanderers or Guardians, and with wise and good people of our own race, who are in the regions of the so-called dead but indeed very much alive - far more alive than we are here, cloistered in self-conceit and ignorance.

Gregory Roberts.

This article, the last in this series, we shall discuss star clusters. Star Clusters are assemblages of stars whose members are less widely scattered than the stars in the fields around the clusters. They are not temporary congestions in the celestial traffic. The stars of each group are moving together so that the clusters will retain their identity for a very long time.

Star clusters can be divided into two classes; open clusters and globular clusters. As the name open clusters suggests, these are clusters which are not highly concentrated toward their centres. Some typical examples are the Pleiades (or Seven Sisters) the Hyades in Taurus, the double cluster in Perseus, the Praesepe cluster in Cancer and the cluster of Coma Berenices. These are all naked eye, the remainder being telescopic objects. Over 400 open clusters are known.

Astronomers have found that the open clusters seem to predominate in the plane of the Milky Way. The number of stars in a cluster range from a few to several thousand and giant stars are scarce in most and entirely absent in some clusters. On account of this and the heavy dust clouds in the directions of the Milky Way the present visibility of open clusters is limited to those within about a distance of 20,000 light years.

Several star clusters are so near to us that the stars can be seen moving relative to one another. This requires some extremely small measurements on photographic plates as the movement is very small as seen from the earth. One good example is the Ursa Major group which has over 40 members. As the common motion suggests a common origin it has been possible to estimate the lifetime of clusters as being some 10^{10} years (10,000,000,000).

Globular clusters are more compact and are spherical in form. They are much larger, more populous and more distant than the known open clusters.

A hundred globular clusters are recognised in the Milky Way and can usually be distinguished from open clusters by their more regular form and their greater central concentration. Only a few are visible at all without the telescope.

Omega Centauri is the brightest globular cluster and is visible as a giant hazy Star to the naked eye. In a small amateur telescope it is a most impressive object. The cluster 47 Tucanae is second in order to brightness and looks like a giant comet to the naked eye. The Messier 13 in Hercules is the favourite for Northern Hemisphere observers but it is not as spectacular as Omega Centauri.

Globular clusters usually have a diameter of about 100 light years, whilst the central condensation is about 30 light years in diameter and the spacing between stars becomes more nearly planetary than stellar. Any one of the nearest clusters contains at least 50,000 stars bright enough to be observed though the stars near the centre are too congested to be separately visible. These are the supergiants, giants and the bluer stars. The globular clusters are relatively scarce, probably none exist within a radius of 18,000 light years.

It has been found that the globular clusters seemed to form a spherical system some 200,000 light years in diameter, having its centre 48,000 light years distant from the sun in the direction of a point in Sagittarius.

We have now completed our very brief survey of the subject of Astronomy and it is hoped that readers will have a better appreciation of the wonders that surround us and it is also hoped that some readers have become more interested and are now improving their knowledge by reading general books on the subject. Astronomy is the oldest science known to man and it is also the one about which the least is known. Ideas and theories change from year to year as new discoveries are made. The Astronomy of twenty years ago is vastly different from that of to-day and few astronomers are up to minute unless in their specialized field.

TELEPATHY

Ideas taken from Telepathy & the Etheric
Vehicle by A.A. Bailey

"The growth of telepathic rapport will bring in an era of universality and synthesis, with its qualities of recognised relationships and responsiveness. This will be outstandingly the glory of the Aquarian Age".

Those who watch our Earth from the sky leave us in no doubt that for the most part they are well in advance of our civilisation. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that their ways of communication include telepathy. For in the Ageless Wisdom teachings for this New Aquarian Age we learn that while there are higher forms of telepathy than those of mind to mind, mental communication is one of the most important and vital next steps for humanity in this new Age now on the threshold of our own time.

We use telepathy very often without knowing it—hit or miss, as it were. But in order to communicate in this way constantly and at will, as do the Spiritual Hierarchy of our planet, the study and practice of this instant and sometimes remote form of mind interplay is necessary and seen as desirable by many people today. Telepathy or wordless contact of mind to mind over any distance in the great ether of space is a destined goal for humanity in the future; while a growing capacity for mental interchange of thought among friends, workers and our brothers in space is the more immediate aim.

What provides the common meeting ground which makes mental interplay possible?

Each person's etheric "body" (or sheath) interpenetrates and stretches beyond this dense physical body including the brain which is the receiver and transmitter of all messages from the mind or mental body. "All this Energy" say both the Ageless Wisdom and advanced science of today and this human mechanism of thought transmission and reception lies within an ocean of energies which constitute the one synthetic energy of our planet. And further: the energy body of every form in nature is an integral part of the "substantial" form of God—not the dense physical form, but what the esotericist regards as form-making substance, the

etheric. We use the word God to signify the One Life "in Whom we live and move and have our being" Who animates every form on this outer objective plane.

The etheric or energy body therefore of every human being is an integral part in the planet and consequently of the solar system itself. THIS explains how telepathy is possible.

Broadly speaking there are two main kinds of Telepathy the vertical and the horizontal. The former concerns contact with our planetary Elder Brethren and the latter means communication between the Hierarchy ourselves as friends and workers.

ATTITUDE The subject is both deep and extensive and here are only a few of the leading and most important ideas as given in the full instructions and explanations of "Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle". A strong desire to achieve success in telepathic communication as well as fear will offset any fruitful effort. Intense desire on the part of the broadcaster simply attracts the outgoing thought back to itself. Similarly, intense desire on the part of the receiver blocks the stream of incoming energy which is driven whence it came. The attitude required therefore is one of "non-attachment"; a spirit of "don't care" is said to be of real assistance.

Successful telepathic work depends upon the following factors: 1. No barriers existing between receiver and broadcaster. 2. The broadcaster is mainly occupied with the clarity of his symbol, word or thought and not with the receiver. 3. Let the receiver think love and affection for the broadcaster for a minute or two. Then forget the personality. A link has been established and exists. Forget it. 4. Let the receiver work with detachment "a quiet spirit and well regulated thoughts and the cultivation of that dispassion which desires nothing for the separated self and nothing violently".

Simple Exercise copied verbatim from the same book:

"Choose a word knowing why you have chosen it. Study it in four ways.

1. Study its form symbolically as a work picture.
2. Study it from the angle of beauty, quality, desire.
3. Study its underlying purpose, teaching and mental appeal.
4. Study its very being, and identify yourself with its divine underlying idea.

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On reaching this final stage hold the consciousness steady at that high point if broadcaster (transmitter) and send out the word to the receiver or receiving group. Receivers should in their turn achieve as far as they can complete alignment between soul-mind-brain so as to be responsive to all these four aspects of the word. The word goes out on the life breath of the transmitter; his lower mind then sends out the purpose; his astral consciousness is responsible for sending out the quality aspect; and the form aspect is sent out as he says the word, very softly and in a whisper. The above is a very good and very simple exercise."

In that most illuminating book called a "Treatise of White Magic" (magic of the Soul) the Tibetan Master using mental telepathy in writing through Alice A. Bailey deals in several instructive pages - with all the important subjects including vertical telepathy and its dangers, qualities and inspiring possibilities. Ideas along these lines will be dealt with in the next article.

ANOTHER RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL
SKYWATCH WEEK-END.

Sighting reported from "CONTACT" Puerto Rico, extract from a letter by The Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench our International Chairman.

" a young man (age 34) and his girl friend saw a craft for two hours plus. During the course of observation some small objects were seen to come out and fly along either side of the parent craft - two on either side.

There have been no sightings reported in S. Africa over the last few months. Will readers please send in any news they hear of sightings, contacts etc.

The following story comes from "Flying Saucers through the Ages" by Paul Thomas.

Two years previously (1950), Pope Pius XII was favoured on several occasions by a most unexpected vision while walking in the gardens of the Vatican. Let us read the words of Cardinal Tedeschini, who gave an account of the event to the world:

" The Sovereign Pontiff, much troubled and very moved as I have never seen him moved before (...) honoured me with the confidence which follows: "Yesterday I saw a wonder which made a great impression on me". And later he told me he had seen the sun and in what form(...)

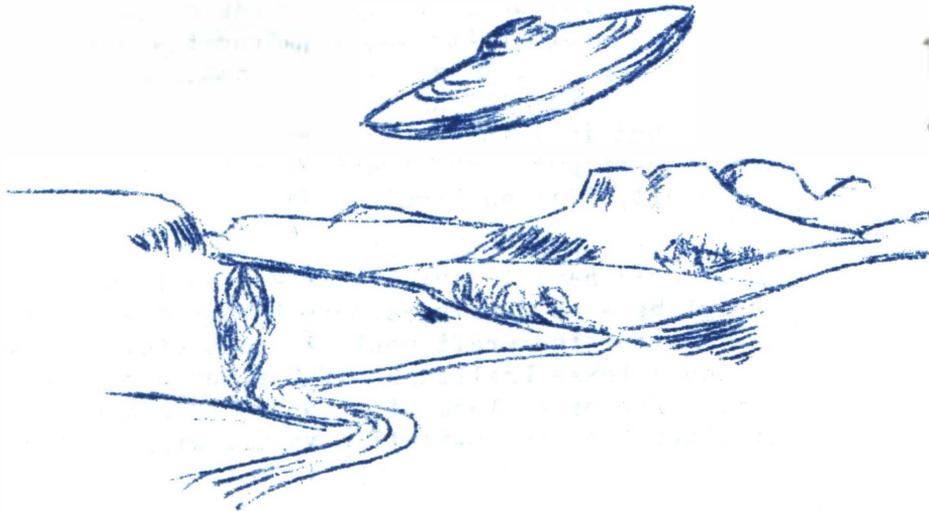
" It was the 30th October 1950, two days before the Assumption into heaven of the Very Blessed Virgin Mary. At about four o'clock in the afternoon I was taking my usual walk in the garden of the Vatican, reading and studying various papers as I usually did.(...) Raising my eyes from the papers I was holding I saw a phenomenon the like of which I have never seen before. The sun, which was still very high, appeared as an opaque globe, a pale yellow, completely surrounded by a circle of light but which was not so bright that made it impossible to look at it. There was a small cloud in front of it, very tenuous. The edge of the opaque globe was moving slightly, either turning or moving from left to right. But the centre of the globe was seen to be moving very clearly and without interruption. The same phenomenon was repeated the next day, 31st October, and on 1st November, the feast-day, and then 8th November, its octave. After that nothing. Many times I have looked at the same time on other days in identical atmospheric conditions to see if the same phenomenon would occur, but in vain: I have not seen the sun except in its usual dazzling brightness" (Quoted in Fatims, Esperance du Monde by G Renault, Editions Plon)

To obtain the effect described, a disc-shaped space ship would have to put itself - when it was far enough from our globe - as nearly as possible on the Sun-Earth axis. At that moment the craft would be completely invisible to us, lost in the intense brilliance of the Sun's rays, which are too strong for us to look at. It could then approach without fear of attracting our attention until, owing to the perspective, its

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disc had reached the exact dimension of the solar disc. It then formed a kind of total eclipse substituting its own luminous surface, iridescent and slightly amber in colour for that of the sun, whose rays would make something like a corona round it. The effect produced would be, for us, that of a very pale star, not blinding, which we could look upon without fatigue. If the craft wobbled slightly or revolved it would seem to us the Sun danced. In no other way could this effect be obtained, for it is impossible for us to look at the Sun for more than a fraction of a second without having to look away. This phenomenon is what Pius XII saw in his garden.

It might be worth while before ending this chapter to compare this phenomenon with that of Fatima. According to the editor of 'O Seculo' it did not burn anything, it blinded no one - people said it was an eclipse'. 'It was wonderful' wrote in his turn, Senhor de Almrida GARRETT, yet Another, eye witness of the wonder, 'that it was possible to look on the star for so long without any effect on the eyes. With the exception of two brief moments when the Sun shot forth brilliant rays violently, which made everyone run away...' etc.



ARE THERE SPACEMEN ON EARTH?

This article is taken from "Weekend" February 5 - 11, 1969.

There is evidence that a tribe living in Asia came from another planet. It is one of the world's five weirdest wonders which scientists are trying to solve.

It was a find that baffled the scientists. Deep inside some mountain caves they had come across hundreds of strange, disc-like objects each with a hole in the centre. And on them was engraved an account of how creatures from outer space arrived on earth...12,000 years ago.

This incredible, but authenticated discovery, made a few years ago, is only part of one of the five weirdest mysteries of the world still defying explanation from our best brains.

For centuries, experts have been intrigued by mysterious phenomena like ghosts, undersea monsters and unidentified flying objects. Most of them have yielded their secrets to the ruthless probing of science.

But a few so far have beaten the experts. Experts like British-born biologist Ivam Sanderson, Director of America's Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, a body dedicated to solving the great riddles of past and present.

Sanderson is currently concentrating on what he calls the world's "five weirdest wonders".

"CAVEMEN" FROM ANOTHER WORLD.

Mystery No. One is concerned with the strange case of records found in the caves.

This is how it was revealed to the world a year ago.

An article in the English-language Russian periodical SPUTNIK reported that the stone discs had been found by Chinese scientists in the mountains bordering China and Tibet.

On them, words in an unknown language were engraved in spirals, like the grooves on gramophone records.

The article claimed that Russian scientists had succeeded in deciphering the words, and found themselves with an account of how two separate groups of visitors from outer space had landed in Eurasia about 12,000 years ago.

To back up the discovery was the claim that scientists had also discovered, still living in the caves in which the records were found, a group of tiny people, just four-feet

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tall, who called themselves the Ham and the Dropa.

The Ham people told scientists they had records to the effect that after their space ship had crashed, other space ships arrived with the Dropa.

After hiding from them for a time, the Ham people realised the Dropa were friendly and allowed them to stay.

Buried in the caves are said to be the skeletons of tiny people with enormous skulls. And engraved on the walls of the caves are....maps of stars.

Another strange fact is that the "records" although basically made of stone, contain metal. They vibrate at certain frequencies, as if they carried an electric charge.

A CIVILISATION UNDER THE SEA?

Mystery No. two deals with the age-old theory that humanoids—creatures who look like human beings—are living among us.

It is claimed that either they arrived from outer space or are the descendants of others who came here in flying saucers.

But there are other theories... that the humanoids are descendants of ancient civilisations with headquarters in jungle areas, under the Antarctic ice cap, in artificial underground caves, or at the bottom of the sea.

Support for the last theory was discovered in 1965 when some U.S. naval vessels on anti-submarine manoeuvres located a mysterious object at a depth of more than 20,000 feet—about $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles under the Atlantic.

They tracked it for more than four days and worked out that it was being driven by a single propeller and was making about 150 knots - 175 miles per hour.

Sanderson points out that no vessel known to man can travel at that speed under the sea. And only recently have seabed scientists managed to go down as far as 20,000 feet. At that depth a mere two knots is the fastest we can travel.

He says: "This is only one of a mass of reports that looks like evidence of a super-civilisation at the bottom of the sea.

TAPE LIBRARY.

We are very pleased to let our members know that a tape library is now available to those who would like to borrow these tapes.

A charge of one rand for one tape is made and these may be kept for a fortnight. For each week thereafter or part thereof after fourteen days an additional fifty cents will be charged.

Below is a list of tapes available. Where the talk is short there are two talks on the one tape. The tapes may be played on a 2 or 4 track tape recorder at $3\frac{3}{4}$ speed.

1. The Progress of Man on the Planet in relation to U.F.O.'s by Denis Montgomery. 30 min and 20 min questions.
2. Flying Saucers - Springbok radio broadcast (late September 1969) 25 minutes.
3. Esoteric significance of Flying Saucers by Rex Dutta. approx. 50 minutes.
4. Flying Saucers. Rex Dutta, Frank Coulston, Keith Robertson. approx. 50 minutes.
5. Elizabeth Webb interviews Waverney Girvan on Flying Saucers. approx. 20 minutes.
6. Monka from Mars and Jim Deacove from Canada Contact (member).

If there is anyone who would like to share their tapes with us, we will be glad to hear of them.

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MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

DURBAN

December No meeting
January 30th - Friday
February 27th - Friday
March 27th - Friday

Meeting Place: The Centre, 3rd floor Prince of Wales Building, 384, Smith Street, Durban.

JOHANNESBURG: December 1st Monday
January No meeting
February 2nd Monday
March 2nd Monday

Meeting Place: 17, Westmeath Road, Parkview, Johannesburg.
If friends would like to attend these meetings, please contact Mrs. Neslie Schmutz at the above address.

PRETORIA. December
January
February 6th - Friday
April 3rd - Friday

Meeting Place: Theosophical Hall, 424, Skinner Street,
All are welcome. Chairman; Mr. Johan Jacobs. P.O. Box 215, Pretoria.

EAST LONDON. Meetings are held at irregular intervals
Please contact the Chairman Mr. E.E. Buttner at 88, Frere Road, East London.

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