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EDITORIAL.

If a person sent on an important mission meets with an accident that causes amnesia, it means little to him to be reminded of that mission. He has lost the meaning of it and he is generally in a confused state of mind. Even if he were told the exact definition of his mission, he would find in it no incentive to translate it into action. He finds himself dissociated from his former life and is no longer able to consciously long for its return. However, if this person had good friends, these would certainly try to help him regain his memory, and, if they cared enough they would teach him his old skills and understanding. For to identify with, and act as the former person, would help to reactivate the dormant memory and restore original abilities.

The plight of the human race is the great forgetfulness. Since the time of our serious accident, our former status and abilities have been obscured. Through this happening (the fall) the human race has been isolated from its former cosmic environment; this isolation has become so profound that only a few have discovered that the earth is a life's prison, a reformatory for beings, who, long ago, chose their own brand of reality. We may be very grateful for good friends, for if these

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ones had not seen that we could be rehabilitated to the cosmic ranks, they would have left us to dwell in this total forgetfulness. But they cared very much, and have been with us from time immemorial, watching and guiding us. The advanced ones come to us as masters to give out new and definite directions. But many were those who took on the human form to lift our concepts in smaller ways, for the way back is paved with innumerable efforts.

The self-centredness and self-importance of old made place for new knowledge. Was it not Copernicus, who, just before he died in 1543, finally revolutionised astronomy by his consideration that not the earth, but the sun, is the centre of our solar system? He also placed our earth in the proper order of the six planets then known. Have not scientists established, be it as yet in material fashion, that we are merely fringe beneficiaries of a galaxie, that in its turn this galaxie belongs to a vast universe, which appears to be without end? Smug conceit is rapidly making place for wondrous new understandings. Moreover, there are healthy signs that a new goodwill is finding its way into many a man, that at long last the possibility is now apparent that the etheric energy field will once again be made available to men of goodwill. Through a new concept of unity and a renewed consciousness of Life will the use of these powers be given again. No longer will we then toil by the sweat of our brow.

But how long will it take us to re-assume our spiritual status and abilities? Are these facts or cosmic day dreams? "Be it done according to your faith", said Jesus. The need of to-day is a sincere effort to apply the knowledge of that faith. The etheric realm is ready to reveal its secret abundance. Are we ready?

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We publish here extracts from a book which we feel sure our readers will find quite absorbing and stimulating. The principal thesis of this book is "Civilisation is older than we suppose".

WE ARE NOT THE FIRST.

By Andrew Tomas.

During the past three or four hundred years science has been rediscovered rather than discovered. Babylon, India, Egypt, Greece and China were the cradle of science. Our science has only rediscovered and perfected old ideas. Step by step, it has demonstrated that the world is more ancient and vaster than it was thought only a few generations ago. In the last one hundred and fifty years the Space-Time frontiers of the universe have been pushed far back.

In the fluctuations of scientific knowledge down through the ages a curious fact becomes evident - the possession of information which could not have been obtained without instrumentation. Occasionally, knowledge has appeared as if out of nowhere. These problems require an unbiased approach.

In excavations at Chou-kou-tien near Peking, Dr. F. Weidenreich discovered a number of skulls and skeletons in 1933. One skull belonged to an old European, another to a young woman with a narrow head, typically Melanesian in character. A third skull was identified as belonging to a young woman with the distinctive traits of an Eskimo. A male European, a girl from the tropics and another from the Arctic Circle uncovered on a Chinese hillside! But how, in the first place, did they get to China some 30,000 years ago? This episode out of prehistory is a mystery.

The sacred writings of ancient India contain descriptions of weapons which resembled atomic bombs. The Mausola Parva speaks of a thunderbolt - a "gigantic messenger of death" which reduced to ashes whole armies, and caused the hair and nails of the survivors to fall out. Pottery broke without any cause and the birds turned white. After a few hours all foodstuffs were poisoned. The ghastly picture of Hiroshima comes to mind when one reads this ancient text from India.

"A blazing missile possessed of the radiance of smokeless fire was discharged. A thick gloom suddenly encompassed the heavens. Clouds roared into the higher air, showering blood. The world, scorched by the heat of that weapon, seemed to be in fever", thus describes the Drona Parva a page of the unknown past of mankind. The physicist Frederick Soddy evidently did not take these ancients records as fable. In the "Interpretation of Radium" (1909) he wrote: "Can we not read into them some justification for the belief that some former forgotten race of men attained not only to the knowledge we have so recently won, but also to the power that is not yet ours?"

A radioactive skeleton has been found in India. Its radioactivity was fifty times above the normal level. Perhaps the Sanscrit texts about atomic warfare in proto-history are true.

While atomic knowledge in ancient times was fragmentary in character, we cannot say the same thing about astronomy. The science of the stars reached a high level in antique times. No one can tell how the people of antiquity were able to obtain their information without advanced precision instruments which they apparently did not have.

This contradiction between poor instruments and rich knowledge has puzzled many a scientist and thinker.

There are references to the solar parallax in classical sources. In modern times the first observation of the parallax of the sun was made by William Gascoigne in 1670 by means of a wire-netting placed in front of the telescopic lens. But the sages of antiquity were not known to have telescopes. To observe the apparent displacement of the sun amidst the stars because of the movement of the earth on its orbit, requires advanced instrumentation. And how did the ancients know that the orbit of the earth was not round but elliptical? How did they arrive at the conclusion that the plane of the terrestrial orbit did not coincide with the plane of the earth's equator? Plutarch cites Aristarchus (3rd century B.C.) in introducing this subject: "The earth revolves in an oblique circle while it rotates at the same time about its own axis".

Stone carvings in caves at Pierres Folles, La Foulouzière, Vendie and Brittany have been identified as prehistoric astronomical charts. The constellations of Ursa Major, Ursa Minor and the Pleiades are represented by clusters of small hollows in the rock. Since astronomy would seem to have no practical use for hunters dwelling in caves, what was it that stirred their interest in stargazing?

Ancient Mexico had an incredibly high degree of astronomical knowledge. The actual figure for the duration of the year is 365.2422 days, according to present-day astronomy. Our Gregorian calendar takes it as 365.2425. But the Mayas computed the length of the year as 365.2420, the closest to sidereal figure. In other words, the ancient Central American Indians had a more precise calendar than we in this Age of Science!

The Vedas of India are quite definite about "Life on other celestial bodies far from the earth". Teng Mu, a scholar of the Sung Dynasty, summed up the views of

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ancient Chinese thinkers: "How unreasonable it would be to suppose that besides the earth and the sky which we can see, there are no other skies and no other earths".

On March 26, 1859 a Dr. Lescarbault of Orgeres, France, observed a moving astronomical body on the disc of the sun for one and a quarter hours. Leverrier, the Director of Paris Observatory, visited Dr. Lescarbault in order to check on his observation, calculations and background. He concluded that an intramercurial planet had been discovered by Lescarbault and computed its mass to be 1/17 that of Mercury, its orbit equal to 19 of our days, and named it Vulcan.

Napoleon III awarded Dr. Lescarbault with the Legion d'Honneur. While France was basking in the glory of this astronomical discovery, Vulcan suddenly refused to parade before the telescopes and vanished. To make matters worse, in 1878 Professor James Watson of the University of Michigan claimed to have seen two Vulcans instead of one! The observations were undoubtedly genuine but we still do not know what the body was that crossed the disc of the sun in 1859. Was it an asteroid or a giant space platform from another world?

Antarctica was discovered in the 19th century and its charting is still going on. Oddly, the ancient map of Piri Reis shows Antarctica stretching right under Africa, completely free of polar ice, and even indicates the altitudes of mountains which are under glaciers now, and whose height in many cases has not yet been measured. Until the International Geophysical Year probes we knew almost nothing about these mountain ridges sealed under ice. The riddle of the Piri Reis' maps still stands as a challenge to science. Who performed the geographical survey required for drawing these ancient maps with such precision?

The hypothesis of contacts of galactic civilizations with the men of earth in past ages can account for the following unexpected knowledge in remote antiquity:

How the ancients were aware of the two moons of Mars.

How the astronaut Hou Yih of China described the moon as "desolate, cold and glassy", forty-three centuries ago.

How Greek philosophers were aware of the vast distances between the stars.

How antique thinkers were aware of planets beyond Saturn, which could not be seen without a telescope.

How Sanscrit texts estimated the life span of the universe in milliards of years as does modern science.

The orthodox scientific view has no provision for an unknown advanced civilization in prehistory. It does not entertain ideas about culture-bearers coming from cosmic space and accelerating the progress of mankind on this planet. But orthodox science is not in a position to offer an explanation to the unsolved mysteries of the history of science which have been examined in this work.

Now we come to the crucial point. Did the ancients receive a scientific legacy from the survivors of an older civilization destroyed by tidal waves and the fires of submarine volcanoes in a geological upheaval? Or was primordial science and culture brought to this world by the space visitors who had aeons ago reached the level of evolution on which we are standing now?

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EXTRACT FROM A NEWSLETTER FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
CHAIRMAN OF "CONTACT", BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH.

In the old days of flying before the Jet Age, RAF pilots used to call out "Contact!" as a signal to the mechanic on the ground to swing the propeller, preparatory to take-off.

Today, our organization Contact has taken off and is now the largest U.F.O. movement in the world. The flying saucer story interests people of all nations, whatever their colour, religion, and politics. In our small way at the moment we are a movement bringing together a marvellous mixture of human beings from all over the planet, and as Contact grows, its influence will spread for the good. I foresee the time when it will become a strong inter-locking lattice formed by people of good-will with a common interest. Beacons of Light in this violent, troubled war-scarred world.

Now, let me give you the interesting account of the Contact and Sighting Week-end of 19/20th June, 1971 from Carol Halford-Watkins, our International Committee Member for Contact (Canada). This is for the most part a telepathic message and seems to say that our annual Skywatch week-end is from the Sky People's point of view, worthwhile.

"On the night of June 19, our Skywatch revealed nothing in the way of sightings. It was a humid night, with an overcast sky and no stars visible. There was hardly a breath of wind and an almost uncanny silence hung over all. Later, around 2 a.m. I got up and stood in my darkened bathroom, looking through its window at the sky above the vacant plot of land which adjoins our property. Still this breathless hush and not a movement in the trees. After twenty minutes,

I saw a brief flash of light which streaked horizontally at a low level across the vacant lot. Intrigued, I continued my watch and was rewarded by more of these intermittent flashes of light - until it dawned upon me that they were fireflies! Finally, when I was about to give up, something rather inexplicable happened, for suddenly a strange, oval-shaped pool of yellow light, about 20 feet in diameter at its widest point appeared on the ground of the vacant lot for about two seconds and then vanished. It was not a car light or a flashlight as they could not have produced this distinctly outlined oval shape and there was absolutely no noise.

"In bed, I tuned in telepathically to the Sky People and received the following message:

" 'Once again, we welcome your invitations to meet with us. All such positive thoughts are being stored in what you might call an etheric "banking account" and when the right amount has been reached, it will enable us to make contact with you without contravening Cosmic Law. We urge you to continue not only these valuable yearly efforts of mass contact by Earth people but also individually on a regular basis in order that your objective may be achieved earlier. Keep sending out these positive requests for contact with your strongest will-power, and in time, it shall come to pass.

" 'At present, we, the Guardians of your Planet, are still busily engaged on the vital project of Operation Earth Survival and among many other things, are endeavouring, through applied thought power, to rectify man-created geophysical anomalies developing around your polar regions caused by nuclear explosions and the overheating of your planet from misuse of your resources. This must be our prime target before we can devote our energies to making wider contact with

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you and we call upon you to assist us with strong thought projections for the safety of Earth.

" 'We are well pleased with the expansion of Contact in many countries of your world and urge you to continue your efforts to unite with other countries until you become a world-wide force of Light and Contact with us, for especially in the dynamic years ahead as the cleansing of Planet Earth takes place, we shall need to make contact with you to offer guidance and help. CONTACT will then have a special mission to fulfil - and also our protection. We leave you now with our Blessings and Spiritual Love.' "

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" Q U O T E ".

" There is beauty in space and it is orderly. There is regularity. It is predictable. Everything in space obeys the laws of physics. If you know these laws and obey them, space will treat you kindly."

Dr. Werner von Braun.

" I cannot say I believe that there is life out there. All I can say is that there are a number of reasons to think it is possible and that we have at our command the means of finding out. Those two things being the case, I would be very ashamed of my civilisation if we did not try to find out."

Astronomer Carl Sagan.

SIGHTINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA.CORNELIA, Orange Free State:

On Christmas night a prominent Pretoria businessman and his relatives watched a "flying saucer" in the air, at close range, for six minutes.

Among the people who watched the cigar-like machine after it had appeared from the north, to hover over the co-operative store at Cornelia, was the deputy commander of the Odendaalsrus police station, Captain J. Jacobs. Mr. Hattingh, who reported the sighting, said that he was standing outside when the object suddenly appeared and hovered and whizzed about, at a distance of a mile or less from the home of his parents-in-law. It was cigar-shaped and glowing brightly in the middle. It was completely silent, and seemed to be about 10 metres wide.

RANDBURG:

Mr. Frank Muller was having a braaivleis in his garden with his family on Christmas night when he spotted three unidentified flying objects, flying towards the east.

Mr. Muller has seen similar lights on previous occasions, but this time his mother, his wife and their three children also saw the "flying lights".

Mr. Muller said the lights looked like large, very bright stars to the naked eye, but when looked at through binoculars they were shaped like tennis-balls.

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IN PASSING

Our local press has recently been featuring much of interest to all those with a yen for space news - albeit not about U.F.O's.

We have read of the Russian and American attempts to explore Mars, and apparently these attempts "mutually complement each other" according to an article by two Soviet scientists in a Moscow newspaper. Further, the Soviets and Americans have agreed to exchange data on their findings, and a special "hot line" has been set up for this purpose, linking the jet propulsion laboratory in California with the Soviet data compilation centre. Does this not seem to indicate that the hand of friendship is being extended between the two in the quest for knowledge about outer space?.

At an international conference on Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence recently held at an observatory in Soviet Armenia, fears were expressed that civilisations on other planets might be undetectable with any of the equipment that is at man's disposal. This inability to detect them is allegedly not due to any fault in the instruments - it is just that the civilisations, assumed to be ahead of ours, will have become so good at conserving energy that there will be none radiated into space for our earth-bound probes to detect. This conference was attended by, amongst others, two Nobel prize winners. This, the first international conference of this nature, certainly bodes well for the future.

Once it is accepted that life does exist elsewhere, surely our pettiness must give way to a greater human understanding with accompanying social benefits for this, our Earth.

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IN SEARCH OF TRUTH

By C. d'Oultremont I.C.M. Contact Belgium.

"Radix" was written by a man who in no way seemed destined for such a strange experience. Only his great courage and unfaltering quest for Truth attracted the Space People to him, and enabled them to prepare him to give to humanity more knowledge and a greater awareness of their presence.

Bill Looney's youth was spent as any country boy on a farm in Texas. During his university years sport was his favourite past-time. Later on he entered the oil business where he remained for twelve years. This career enabled him to travel all over the world, and seek that which his soul desired: "Truth", "Greater Understanding" and "Awareness".

A telepathic contact was soon established between Bill Looney and his "guides", the Light Angels, which led him to the Negev Desert of Israel in 1967. There he was able to witness an amazing display of brilliant moving lights, similar to those which guided Moses, the Hebrews and other persons of biblical history.

This book shows in a very personal way, that we are once again being impressed, instructed and spurred on to action by our great teachers, the Light Angels - beings having Power, Love and Intelligence. The author of "Radix" explains: "Angels are celestial beings from other worlds or dimensions, and this world is in subjection to them".

The word angel has no holy meaning, and is a word used to define a particular kind of being. There are

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different types of angels - some are good, whilst others are extremely evil and sadistic. Angels are similar to human beings, and are manifest; that is, they use a particular type of body or form which is not as dense as the physical body we use, but it is a body nevertheless. They are not invisible, formless spirits as so many people believe.

Angel beings are quite ahead of us in scientific knowledge and travel in space and light ships. They have great intelligence and tremendous power.

The author of Radix explains very clearly the many types and variations of celestial beings. However, there are three groups which we should take note of: The Light Angels - those that seek to follow the Christ, and have taken on the responsibility of watching over humanity; Satan's Angels - the adverse group who seek to destroy and create confusion; and The third Conglomerate group from various planets, who are in the process of evolution in a different vibrational body than we have. They are mostly adventurers, curiosity seekers, etc., and have no particular power or influence on the outcome of this planet.

I, with the author, and I am sure many others, find it a pity that most ufologists are infatuated with the diverse groups of outer space beings, and are more interested in the adventure of a sighting than understanding the background and purpose connected with these celestials. Let us hope that in the very near future more information will be given out to the general public about the real meaning of Space People, and especially the Light Angels. A thorough search into the Bible and biblical prophecy will clarify errors about these beings. What is especially needed, is a modern scientific explanation which many would be able to understand.

This "Radix" has the possibility of giving to its readers.

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U.F.O. RADIO TIME.

Recently the editor of "Spaceview", a quarterly journal published in New Zealand which deals with U.F.O. topics and scientific space research, was offered radio time on the private radio station "Radio I" of New Zealand. The editor, Mr. Henk J. Hinfelaar, accepted this offer, and to date has attended a number of sessions.

The programme comprises an hour devoted to the subject of U.F.O's - the first half hour is normally covered by a topical talk on any facet of the U.F.O. field, while the rest of the time is spent answering questions by the listeners on a direct telephone line.

This programme has created considerable interest, and studio research estimates the number of people listening to this programme to be approximately 25,000.

Through the medium of the station some unusual U.F.O. cases have come to light, and these are being investigated.

MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

DURBAN: March: Wednesday, 22nd at 8 p.m.
 April: Wednesday, 26th at 8 p.m.
 May: Wednesday, 24th at 8 p.m.

Meeting Place: The Centre, 3rd Floor, Progress House,
 Hermitage Street, Durban.

JOHANNESBURG: March: Monday, 6th at 8 p.m.
 April: Monday, 3rd at 8 p.m.
 May: Monday, 1st at 8 p.m.

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