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EDITORIAL

International Skywatch weekend is an annual occasion to emphasise that many watch the heavens for signs from those who are the guardians of our planet in this crucial time. It is the outlook and hope of those of us who know that help for mankind must come from an extra-terrestrial source; those who have turned their faith from man's endeavours, and who know in simplicity that the heavenly or cosmic realms are about to reveal the plan to men of goodwill.

In this time of great changes in outlook and focus it is natural that a certain passivity makes itself felt in our ranks, a kind of "waiting to see what happens....." However, this is not meant to be; we can improve this attitude greatly. The power of positive thinking is a mental attitude which is increasingly required of anyone wishing to be successful in the business world. The application of metaphysical laws is now being used on a large scale by those who are sufficiently singleminded to achieve success for self. Just as it is true when Dr. Werner von Braun says that if you know the law of physics and obey it, space will treat you kindly, so its higher meaning is true - if you know the laws of metaphysics and obey them, the higher dimension will treat you kindly also. Many men and women use these

laws to further their worldly aims. Why then should we ignore the use of these laws and wait in passivity, and sometimes in doubt, for events to happen which we know will be of great benefit to mankind?

Our International Chairman, the Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench, quoted a telepathic message received by the International Committee Member for Canada (see Skywatch No. 20): "We welcome your invitation to meet with you. 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". Success depends upon the fulfilment of the law of supply. Because we are one with the source of supply we may draw from it ... to the extent of our faith. "Let it be done according to your faith" is an unalterable law. And he who consciously uses the law must be positive.

Although the dimensions of earth and the etheric are increasingly drawing together to become manifestly one, at present they are still separate from the point of cosmic law, and also from our point of experience. We have separated from the etheric existence; we must again open the door of our ignorance to receive the higher contact and assistance. Positive faith gives us this ability.

Now one might ask why that contact is so important as we believe in their existence anyway. This may be so, but surely we do not ask to only satisfy our curiosity; would not one good sighting help many unbelievers to have a change of heart? More people should be made aware that by positively directing a plea heavenwards, they can help to fill "the etheric banking account" to such a level that divine intervention on a global scale will be allowed before the great calamities strike the world. It is of grave importance to understand that we hold in our own hands the key to our timely salvation. Our space brethren are also governed by cosmic law; if this were

not so, they would certainly intervene without our asking. Divine intervention is an ancient promise ... it will occur ... but not without a global request.

While there is still relative peace on earth, we must request this assistance; if, however, the etheric banking account is still found wanting when the hour strikes, the great tribulation will release itself. Has not history proved over and over again that man is best at prayer when adverse conditions visit him? Will history repeat itself, or is there a sufficient number of positive and knowing persons who can turn the tide?

A simple and positive invitation on our part will lead to sightings ... to bring about greater understanding ... sending more petitions skywards ... thereby fulfilling cosmic law ... drawing to earth intervention ... averting the calamities, so that peace to men of goodwill be established. International Skywatch weekend can contribute to just that.

SPACE HUMOUR

A space ship from the Moon landed at the rim of the Grand Canyon. The man from the Moon called out, "Hello". His echo answered, "Hello!" The space man called out: "I'm from outer space." His echo answered: "I'm from outer space." The space man continued: "I'm from the Moon." "Don't kid me!" came the response, "everybody knows there's no life on the Moon."

INTERNATIONAL U.F.O. SIGHTING WEEK.

This year, the International Chairman of "Contact", the Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench, has decided to hold a U.F.O. Sighting Week, instead of the usual Skywatching weekend. This is due to the fact that the weather over only a weekend is not always favourable for U.F.O. sightings, and with the time extended to a full week, there will surely be some time suitable for skywatching!

The dates chosen for the International U.F.O. Sighting Week are: SATURDAY, 15TH JULY to SATURDAY, 22nd JULY, inclusive. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries.

Would all our members make a point of keeping a lookout for any U.F.O.'s? Do devote a little time each day and evening to "skywatching" - this can be done from a window of a flat or a house at night, and if small groups can arrange this, some time out in the open countryside spent "skywatching" would be a wonderful idea.

This year the emphasis is on U.F.O. sightings, so do send out positive thoughts that the space people will give some sign of their presence round our planet Earth. The Law is such, that if we ask we shall receive, so with a concerted effort of positivity on the part of all "Contact" members, there must come a spate of sightings, and maybe telepathic messages and even contact!

Whatever you might have to report in the way of sightings and paranormal incidents, please telephone the message through as soon as possible. Any long-distance phone calls will be refunded if necessary. The following people will take any messages:

Mrs. Natalie Banks at Durban, 347921, daily between 12 noon and 4.00 p.m.; and
Mrs. Edna Smith at Durban, 69040, daily after 5.00 p.m.

We wish you all a happy and successful skywatching week, and look forward to hearing of the results as soon as you can possibly get to a telephone! And remember, KNOW that you WILL see!

GET CRACKING.

Do you wish to change your mental attitude and its reactions into a POSITIVE one?

Then understand that your subconscious mind may trip you up unless you "play it coolly and intelligently". The subconscious has no way of changing itself, it is merely a storehouse and it displays its goods as they have been put in. Only the conscious mind, the storekeeper, can change his own stock of "feedbacks". Just keep walking positive thoughts into it until it is full. In the meantime, be in charge and see and feel yourself as you wish to be.

Once both your conscious and unconscious mind are filled with positive attitudes, you have become a predictable power in your own right. It is the best investment on earth you can get, as no one but you determines the rate of return.

And just in case you have forgotten:
Determination is the stuff that separates the men from the boys.

U.F.O.'s ANONYMOUS.

By Graham Cowell, Editor of "Perception" Magazine.

Is our planet under scrutiny by creatures from alien worlds? Nothing seems to kill interest in flying saucers - not even official government investigations which deny our world is of interest to extraterrestrial visitors.

Scientists now admit intelligent life in the universe is relatively widespread. Putting men on the moon has done a great job in helping mankind accept the possibility that if Earthlings can reach another world, that is stopping another world from reaching us?

Nothing is going to convince a young man from Rainham, Essex, that Unidentified Flying Objects don't exist. A week before 19-year-old Michael Oram spotted a hovering U.F.O., a premonition convinced him he was going to witness something unusual in the sky. He did not take much notice of this strange "feeling" at first, but as the days went by he became more and more convinced something was "in the air". Sure enough, on the cold and clear morning of November 26th, 1969, Michael saw his U.F.O. His straightforward and honest testimony cannot be ignored, not even by the hardened sceptic.

"I was doing my bakers round", he explained, "and stopped for a flask of tea. To my amazement, I saw a cigar-shaped object in the sky over the Beckton Gas Works at East Ham." Michael relates that the object was bright yellow in colour and appeared to be only a mile away from where he was situated in a nearby recreation ground. "I was quite amazed as I had had a premonition only a week before of something like this," said the puzzled witness. "The U.F.O. came from the North North-East and kept stationary over the gas works for two to three minutes, then moved off until it disappeared from view." He described the mysterious object as solid,

keeping the same shape. No vapour trail was observed.

While watching dumbfounded the thing up above, the local Co-Operative milk roundsman came by. Michael, realising that a corroborating witness was of the utmost importance if he was to be believed, tried to tell the man about the strange apparition - but words failed him! He just couldn't speak, even though he knew what he wanted to say. "It was terrible," reflected Michael. "All I could do was gape skywards; I suppose the chap thought I was just plain rude, and walked away."

One lady, noticing Michael's dazed appearance, telephoned his employers, who quickly sent out a relief roundsman, and Michael was taken home. An interesting and significant factor to note in this sighting is the possibility of the witness being psychic. Said Michael: "I have had many premonitions in a smaller way, but this is the best yet!"

"When I worked as a tea-taster at Bethnal Green, a friend of mine tried to jump from a window eight floors up. Just before he did, I suddenly became aware he was going to jump up on the window sill, and so was ready to hold him until he could be rescued. What I would like to know is whether I will have any more U.F.O. sightings through premonitions - I feel, however, that this is not the end of it, and next time I will be prepared!" (Michael had an urge to take his camera with him on the days before his memorable experience, but did not do so). He relates how somehow he felt "eyes" watching him as the U.F.O. remained motionless in the heavens. "I seemed to be frozen to the spot, unable to move until the U.F.O. had gone. But I must say quite clearly I didn't feel any evil presence from the object."

I know Michael Oram fairly well, and consider him to be an honest, sincere person, not given to making up stories or seeing things that don't exist.

The emotional state of the witness after his experience (which can be vouched for by several people, including his mother) certainly rules out any possibility in my mind that he is making the affair up. Michael is very interested in and knowledgeable about astronomy, although his background knowledge to U.F.O.'s is not so extensive. He has an earnest desire to find out exactly what he did see on that unforgettable morning of November 26th. Last word goes to Michael. "The experience I witnessed is quite fixed in my mind and will be for the rest of my life".

The classic sighting made by Rev. William Gill in New Guinea is well-known among U.F.O. researchers. His story is often cited as proof flying saucers exist, and are spaceships from other worlds. On a cold winters day the Anglican minister gave a fascinating lecture on what he and 37 other witnesses saw 12 years ago.

Rev. Gill, a free-lance journalist, and a staff member of the Anglican Mission in Papua for 13 years at the time of the sighting, was engaged in educational work on the north-east coast, in the Goodenough Bay area. On the night of June 26th, 1959, he told his amazed audience, he watched a flying saucer hover approximately 300 feet from the Boianai mission. In his testimony he states clearly that previous to the sighting he considered U.F.O.'s "a figment of the imagination", certainly nothing of "material substance". But that was not all. The impressive number of observers noticed four human-like figures on the "deck" of the craft. When Rev. Gill waved to them, they apparently acknowledged his gesture by waving back. This sighting is recognised as one of the most authentic on record, remaining "unidentified" after a number of investigations. Earlier this year Rev. Gill visited this country from Australia. He spoke of his adventures at the Rectory of Rev. H.D.L. Thomas of Long Hanborough, near Oxford. I will let Rev. Gill tell his story.

"I worked for the BRISBANE MAIL at the time. As a free-lance journalist, I was naturally enough used to jotting down notes for possible news stories as quickly as possible ... this was no exception! Coming out of the dining room after dinner at 6.45 p.m., I glanced up at the sky. Venus was there, as well as a sparkling, extremely bright light. The object gradually descended to probably about 300 feet". But, he stresses: "I am a poor mathematician, and as at the time twilight was quickly moving into darkness, it was difficult to estimate accurately. This figure was agreed upon by those present. Four men appeared on the top of the object, seemingly engaged in doing something on the "deck". At about 7.10 p.m. an electric blue light shaft, like a thin search-light, shone upwards from the craft at an angle of 45 degrees into the night sky. It went on and off at intervals."

Rev. Gill estimated the craft to be about 35 to 40 feet at the base and 20 feet at the top. Underneath the object appeared to have four fixed legs in pairs, "rather like tripods". "When one of the men seemed to bend over, I waved one hand overhead. The figure did the same." Rev. Gill describes this experience similar to that of a skipper of a ship waving to someone on a wharf. "Others on the ground joined in, and so did others on the craft." He describes their skin colour as yellow-grey, but adds: "I cannot be definite, as it was difficult to tell. No expressions could be discerned - they were rather like players on a football field at night." When flashed by torch, the U.F.O. apparently answered by making several wavering motions. The U.F.O. appeared again on a subsequent night.

My impressions of Rev. Gill are that he is an extremely rational, down-to-earth person, not given to flights of fancy - in short, an ideal witness to sensibly report such an extraordinary affair. I have little doubt he is reporting exactly what he witnessed (and don't

forget, there were 37 others present as well). In his own words: "I had too much at stake to worry about hoaxes!" Amazingly he has no definite views on the subject, even after over a decade of constant reappraisal. But one thing he is sure of. The object was solid, and not an experimental Earth craft.

THE MATHEMATICAL CONCEPT OF GOD.

Russia has been studying psychology for years, says Dr. A. Bradley, M.D., who practises Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Denver, Colorado, and Russia is miles ahead of us in many respects. The Cyberneticians, the mathematical geniuses of Russia, have arrived by actual mathematical formulae at a concept of a Supreme Being.

They found that their probability curve did not fit the dynamics of Human behaviour, which indicated that "Somebody is running the Show", and that Somebody has a beneficent attitude towards Humans. In other words, the High Scientists of Russia who made the Sputnik found by actual calculation, evidence of a Supreme Being. They found faith in a new Spiritual Awakening among the Mathematicians of Russia.

(Thanks due to
Heralds of the New Age.)

It was with tremendous interest that we read an article in the September/October 1971 issue of "PSYCHIC" on E.S.P. in inter-planetary space. The article took the

form of an interview with Captain Edgar D. Mitchell, the astronaut who, during the flight of Apollo 14 to the moon conducted E.S.P. experiments. We publish extracts from this article for those of our readers who were unable to obtain a copy of this excellent magazine.

EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION IN SPACE.

Captain Edgar D. Mitchell startled the world with the first E.S.P. experiment in outer space during the flight of Apollo 14 to the moon. The Apollo 14 flight, which lasted from January 31st to February 9, 1971, set several space programme records, and yet only a few people on earth knew that he was in the middle of an historic moon-earth E.S.P. experiment. Four men (three of whom are still anonymous) were attempting to use E.S.P. to traverse the hundreds of thousands of miles separating them from astronaut Mitchell as he concentrated on E.S.P. targets.

During the 200 odd hours of the Apollo 14 flight, Captain Mitchell was able to find time for four E.S.P. transmission sessions - two on the way to the moon, and two on the way back. His targets were recorded on a sheet of paper which shows evidence of salt water from the splashdown in the Pacific.

Collaborating in analyzing the results were Dr. J.B. Rhine of the Foundation for Research on the Nature of Man in Durham, U.S.A., and Dr. K. Osis of the American Society for Psychical Research in New York.

Captain Mitchell has predicted that such tests might prove as important to man as space exploration itself. He feels that Man's whole paranormal experience is very important, because throughout our history we have based philosophies, theologies and ways of life on these phenomena, quite often without even acknowledging them as such. Furthermore, he states that we are approaching

a point in our scientific and technological development where we can bring this modern knowledge to bear on the solution of the understanding of these phenomena. And he is convinced that they are totally natural phenomena without any "super-natural" or "occult" manifestations at all; just totally normal human experiences - perhaps of the spiritual side of man - and very valid and important ones.

As is the case with so many people today, Captain Mitchell became interested in para-psychology because he felt that traditional theology does not hold all the answers that it purports to hold. He believes that there is nothing in this universe of ours that is not worthy of investigation if it pertains to human experience, and for this reason he started delving into it. Furthermore, he hopes that more scientific people will be attracted to the field of parapsychology and so be able to discover the overriding principles of clairvoyance, psychokinesis and out-of-the-body experiences.

The actual E.S.P. experiments consisted of trying to transmit columns of numbers, and to assign to each number an E.S.P. symbol (cross, square, wavy lines, circle, star) to four people on Earth. Two of these people are very competent professional people, and Captain Mitchell did practise with three of the subjects to establish a rapport and work out the procedures they were going to use.

At the time the article was published, the results had not yet been completely analysed, but it appeared that the results were going to be precognitive - out of the 15 columns of guesses, all but one preceded the target time. Subjects A and B had a total of 200 guesses. Where you would expect 40 hits, they had 51 right, the chance odds being about 1 to 40 for this result. This was not phenomenal, but about the same as the preflight testing results. The preflight tests were for telepathy, and the flight tests, as it turned out, appeared initially to be precognition!

Captain Edgar Mitchell intends carrying on with his experiments, and further, is going to use all his efforts to help bring the field of parapsychology into a respectable place in the scientific community.

While on the subject of E.S.P., don't you agree that many of today's shows and films require a dose of "Extra-Censory Perception"?!

SIGHTINGS OVER SOUTH AFRICA.

HILLCREST:

On Sunday evening, the 6th of February, Mr. H. Kemp of Durban was returning from the airfield he leases at Cato Ridge, when he saw three orange, flaming objects shoot across the sky at a fantastic speed. Mr. Kemp has been flying for about 16 years, and is accustomed to seeing objects flying through the air, but claims that these objects were quite definitely not the usual identifiable objects. He says they looked rather like sky-rockets, had white tails and were flying horizontally in tight formation.

Later the same evening Mr. Kemp's wife made a similar sighting - three glowing red objects with white tails.

PENNINGTON, Natal, South Coast:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Farrell of Pennington saw an unidentified flying object twice early one Saturday evening during February.

PENNINGTON (Cont.)

Mrs. Farrell was sitting on the veranda of her house when she became aware of yellow-mauvish light bathing the surroundings. Then she saw a ball of flame lifting off and flying over to disappear behind some trees nearby. It left a trail of smoke. When first seeing the yellow glow, Mrs. Farrell called her husband, but when he looked the flaming object had disappeared, although he did see something grey high in the sky, and travelling at a terrific speed.

Later the same evening while they were sitting on the veranda they saw a huge ball of light. It appeared to be much bigger than any house in the vicinity, remained stationary for nearly half a minute, and then just vanished.

DURBAN:

Mrs. S. Dreier of Durban saw a U.F.O. on Saturday evening the 12th of February. She first spotted the object at 7.15 p.m. and watched it for almost one and a half hours. The object appeared to be solid and pulsated with a tremendous yellow and red glow, which was more pronounced when the U.F.O. was moving than when it was stationary.

The object remained over the centre of Durban for some time, before slowly moving away over the Berea and off in a westerly direction.

Mrs. Dreier's husband, and a neighbour, Mrs. A. Kay, also witnessed this sighting.

Following Mrs. S. Dreier's interesting sighting on the 12th of February, she and her husband again saw a U.F.O. on the 29th of April.

DURBAN (Cont.)

On this occasion the object was a large pulsating light which they first noticed at 5.45 p.m. It seemed to move periodically at tremendous speed, and then remain stationary for a time. While moving the object appeared conic shaped with a faint tail, and yet when it remained stationary it took on an oval shape, with a bright glow.

The U.F.O. travelled from the direction of Umhlanga Rocks inland towards Pinetown, and was finally no longer visible at about 10.00 p.m. when dense clouds overhead obscured it.

SPACE PROBE DOES NOT NEGATE GOD.

Colonel James B. Irwin has stated: "I have encountered nothing on Apollo 15, or in this age of space and science, that dilutes my faith in God. While I was on the Moon, in fact, I felt a sense of inspiration, a feeling that someone was with me and watching over me, protecting me. Several times when tasks seemed to be impossible, they all worked out right each time...".

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IN PASSING

Much interest has been expressed in the book "We are not the First" by Andrew Tomas, from which we printed extracts in the last issue of "Skywatch" magazine. Our readers will not be surprised to hear that Andrew Tomas was editor of the "Australian U.F.O. Review" for some time, and that he travelled extensively for research into prehistoric civilizations and possible space-contacts in antiquity. He has travelled in India and the Himalayas, visited Egypt, spent months in the Louvre and in the British Museum, and studied in the Leningrad Library. He lectured in France, England, Germany, Austria, the U.S.S.R. and in other countries, and contributed articles to various U.F.O. publications. He has written two other books - "Atlantis", published originally in Paris, and "Beyond the Time Barrier". Certainly a man who has studied his subject!

Another popular author, Erich von Daniken, who needs no introduction to "Contact" members, is preparing to write a further book on the possibility of visitors from another planet having inhabited the earth thousands of years ago. He recently went to New Zealand seeking evidence for his theories, and while there the 36-year-old author was studying the Moeraki boulders in Otago, two specific items at the Auckland museum, and ancient cave drawings. But he would not say exactly what he was looking for. We shall have to wait for his book to be published!

There seems to have been a revival of interest in U.F.O. recently, and the press are certainly affording the subject more coverage than they have done over the past few years. No doubt this is partially due to the books published by these two authors. Statistics have proved that increased sightings occur every four years, and as 1972 falls into this four-year cycle as the year in which we can expect more sightings, we have much to look forward to. Further proof that U.F.O.'s do exist must be forthcoming.

ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY OF THE RUSSIAN ASTRONAUTS?

In July, 1971, Mrs. S. Hart of Port Elizabeth attended a group meeting at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and the following questions were answered through the well-known medium, Les Harwood:-

Question: What caused the death or transition of the three Russian astronauts on re-entering the atmosphere after their long flight in orbit?

Answer: There is a three-fold significance to this transition of these three individuals, and first of all there is significance in the fact that there were three of them, the holy number of three, the number of completion. These three individuals were placed into orbit and in effect reflected the hopes, aspirations and the dreams of the Russian people. We speak here of the spiritual aspect and do not concern ourselves that there are those in Russia who have a negative approach to this, and who would use the technology for destructive purposes. But here we speak of the spiritual yearnings, the longings, the hopes and the dreams of the Russian people. And these three individuals, in fact and in symbol, carried these with them up into the heavens and thus removed these from the earthly vibrations. From a cosmic point of view, they were not permitted to bring these back to earth, as these aspirations were to remain in the higher regions. The three astronauts not only represented the nation of Russia, but also the upliftment which must come to that nation. They are a type of sacrifice, if you wish, not in the sense of a blood sacrifice, but in the sense that they had given themselves in order that there might be the spiritual upliftment in that country in due time. They were taken up, not to be returned to the earth where the darkness and the miasma of ignorance, fear and persecution resides. But they have, in effect, taken up the Russian people into the higher regions.

There is, in addition to this, the third aspect which is perhaps a bit more subtle. These three individuals have encircled the entire globe, and so have inscribed in the heavens the circle, the symbol of God, on behalf of the Russian people. They exhibited the dreams of the people to be lifted up above their materialisms and the unhappiness of their present physical world. And it was necessary that this be worked out in symbol by these three individuals. The Russians have not yet successfully placed another individual upon another planet or the moon. However, when their space capabilities have done that, it will mark a step forward for the nation of Russia in spiritual terms, and it will mean that they have finally broken their bondage in figure and in symbol.

Question: Have you any idea how far the astronauts were from the earth's surface when the transition period came?

Answer: We believe that in essence this occurred at a very high altitude, i.e. in keeping with the symbolism which we have mentioned, the transition in effect occurred reasonably soon after the atmosphere was re-entered. In other words, before they were really able to enter into the denser atmosphere to any extent whatsoever.

Question: It would be interesting to see what reaction came from the astronauts when they made the transition.

Answer: Actually, they were in a state of being, very close to astral travelling, even prior to re-entry. This was one of the difficulties they were having, and they were subject to the same phenomena that many of the American astronauts experienced, namely, remaining in their physical bodies while in orbit. One of the three astronauts, particularly, was half out of the body long before the re-entry began. So generally, the transition was extremely easy.

Question: There has been some talk of a leakage which would bring this transition about from a mechanical point of view. Would you care to enlarge on this?

Answer: Yes, there were the mechanical aspects to it as well. It is part of an overall plan; there had to be a physical manifestation to coincide with the spiritual and metaphysical aspects. The essential part was that they made the transition, in a certain way before they could return to earth, so there was definitely, as you have stated, a mechanical failure. However, this was only incidental, in as much as I have said, the three of them were half over already. The astronauts would have experienced very great difficulties on the earth plane, as a result of the prolonged period of time spent in orbit. The difficulties include not only a type of weightlessness which they would experience, symbolic of the adjustment of their bodies to the higher reaches and not just a higher atmospheric region, but also the fact that they would not be too closely attached to the physical body for a considerable period of time. As a result they would experience many strange phenomena, even upon the earth plane, after a prolonged period in orbit. In going beyond the earth gravity, or reduced gravity, there is that problem at the moment. And these three individuals would have been very distressed as a result of this, had they arrived safely without the transition.

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