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## EDITORIAL.

The Fort Beaufort sighting has reminded us again of the substantial ignorance and mistrust of the establishment towards unexplained flying objects. It is one thing to enter a new experience carefully, quite another to use .303's to convey one's disapproval of its presence or even its existence.

The thought comes to mind that as John the Baptist conditioned his contemporaries to prepare themselves for new concepts, so also now a cycle later, does the world need the forerunners of a new understanding of the many ways that Life can be expressed by the more evolved ones.

Religion becomes a cult or a cul-de-sac affair when particles of Truth are taken from the highway of Life to be loved and worshipped as Truth itself. However, the danger is not that man has only partial understanding of his origin and destiny; it lies in man's fear to stand without the familiarities of his limited concepts. This prevents him from accepting the way back to the cosmic highway. The limitations of man's understanding of this sublime highway, is expressed in, or as "the Establishment" and we know that that which is well established will resist change to the degree that the change leaves the old pattern.



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It serves little purpose to stop with a limited understanding of the nature and purpose of the mission of our space friends, for smug satisfaction with a partial understanding will surely lead to the limitations of a cult.

Shall we say that we are in the process of assembling a giant jig-saw puzzle in which all pieces will find their own meaningful place as part of the whole picture? In our field of research we will only go forward when we prayerfully place all pieces of understanding in their proper order, and at the same time resist jumping to conclusions. When a wholehearted interest is present, one absorbs and stores all related materials in groups, always intuitively probing to discover the vital links, so that at last the overall picture or plan becomes perceptible. The ability to bring together accepted beliefs, philosophies and other facets of Truth or Life in one great vision of the unity of all Life, requires a continued desire to receive this understanding.

We know that the label "flying saucer cult" has already been stamped on those who see a religious significance in their coming. While such a verdict can be expected, it is up to us to probe further into the mystery of our origin and destiny to fit as many pieces of our life's puzzle in the proper order.

We do invite our readers to come forward with thoughts and personal insights so that the greater picture of our history of fall and climb, supervised by the celestial ones, becomes such reality that the last hurdles to our ascent can be taken in the full expectancy of the greater life to come.

It is with regret that we have to announce the transition of Mr. Cecil Alder, who was, from the inception of "Contact", our Investigating Officer. He interviewed people and taped reports of interesting sightings which we were privileged to hear. We very much miss his pleasant personality.

YOU AND ME.

By Brinsley Le Poer Trench - International Chairman, Contact.

Your Editor has invited me to contribute a column to "Skywatch". Now, the enigma of the U.F.O's has made those that study the subject think as never before. This is all to the good and what makes Ufology so fascinating. In this column I am going to put down my thoughts. You, the readers, may or may not agree with them. I would be happy to have your views. Let us make this part of the magazine a kind of forum for the exchange of ideas. In short, let us put Contact into action. It takes more than one person to make contact. Write to me and in succeeding contributions I will try to bring out your ideas. Please do not expect me to answer letters as I am already swamped with mail! I will deal with your points in my articles. This should be most stimulating.

In the 1950s and early 1960s the general view among the ufologists of those years was that the U.F.O's came from extra-terrestrial sources. That is, if not from our own solar system, then from somewhere else in our Galaxy. This was the E.T. theory. Now the pendulum has swung the other way round and the popular view seems to be that the U.F.O's come from invisible parallel universes. Frankly, in retrospect, we really know very little. However, I would like to throw out some thoughts for your consideration.

Firstly, though I think that there is a lot to be said for the Parallel Universe concept, I do not think that the E.T. theory should be entirely discarded. It seems to me that Ufology is getting in to a similar position to women's dress fashions. Mini skirts one year and Maxis the next!

Let us take another look at this somewhat discounted E.T. theory. The first point that comes to our attention is that leading astronomers, both sides of the Atlantic, including Dr. Harlow Shapley doyen of American astronomers, Sir Bernard Lovell director of Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope, Prof.

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Fred Hoyle, who has recently resigned as Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge University, and Dr. Carl Sagan, of Cornell University, have all postulated that millions of planets in our Galaxy - the Milky Way - and indeed, in other Galaxies, may well be inhabited. Furthermore, our own Fred Hoyle, has hinted in one of his books, that there might be a Galactic civilisation and that we should get our name in to what he terms the "Galactic telephone directory".

Of course there must be intelligent life on millions of planets in our physical universe. You just could not have a lot of empty mudballs floating around in space, devoid of life. That would be a mockery of Creation! It wouldn't make any sense at all.

Now, we here on Earth have only had our present technology for some two hundred years, and we are just an average third-rate planet. On the basis of the Law of Averages, there must be planets in the Galaxy far more developed in every field, possibly thousands or even millions of years, in advance of us. Just imagine what they could do!

The great argument that the anti-E.T. ufologists and scientists generally, produce against the E.T. theory are the distances involved for the U.F.O's to come here. They quote the number of Light Years involved. I agree that the distances are astronomical and awesome! One Light Year is approximately six million million miles, and when you think that the nearest star system, outside our own solar system, is Proxima Centauri - 26 million million miles away, then you may get my message.

The anti-E.T. critics stated that it would take an awful lot of years for U.F.O's to come from even the nearest star system to us, and many scientists have added that it was impossible for us to travel faster than the speed of Light, i.e., about 180,000 miles per second, and so it would be impossible for us to reach the stars, and presumably for U.F.O's to come to us. They said that the late Albert Einstein had

stated that it was a fact that we couldn't travel faster than the speed of Light and that this was the final word on the matter!

Well, of course, it now transpires that this is not true! We are indebted to Ivan T. Sanderson, the well-known biologist, a member of our Royal Society, a former member of the British Naval Intelligence, now resident in the U.S. and author of two very interesting U.F.O. books, for telling us that Einstein meant no such thing. Sanderson was a personal friend of Einstein, and shortly before the great man's death, had an interview with him. All Einstein envisaged was that when an object was travelling at the speed of Light it would turn into infinite mass.



Now, Professor John A. Wheeler, Professor of Physics at Princeton University, for better or worse, was co-discoverer of the Hydrogen Bomb. He has done some in depth research into Einstein's theories and has come up with the idea that we can definitely reach the stars one fine day. An article about his work edited by Adrian Berry was published in the 7th May, 1971, issue of the London Daily Telegraph Colour Magazine. Although this article was not discussing U.F.O's but the possibility of us reaching the stars, and Professor Wheeler thinks it is more than possible that we will be able to do so, as a result of his conclusions, it is my considered opinion that this article should be standard reading for every ufologist. It is the most important article that has ever appeared in print discussing the work of an eminent scientist on space travel.



I have not the space to go into all the technical details in that article. Briefly, Professor Wheeler, as a result of his work considers that it is possible for us to reach the stars almost instantaneously when we have the know-how. In short, this trip would not involve all the many years envisaged by the anti-E.T. group.

The whole trouble is that, as so often happens, most

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people look at a problem based on their present knowledge, and this quite frankly, is a ridiculous thing to do with Ufology. We are probably dealing with people, thousands, possibly millions of years beyond us in every field.

Now, let us take a look at the Parallel Universe concept. First of all, I must make it clear that Professor Wheeler states that in order to reach the stars we have to go into an area where Time and Space do not exist, rather similar to the Hyper Space that the science fiction writers have been talking about in their stories. Wheeler terms it Superspace. When I read the article about his work it thrilled me, because in my book "Forgotten Heritage", published in 1964, I had written about something akin. Wheeler states that the shape of the physical universe is like a doughnut and that all the stars and galaxies of the universe are on the curved surface of the doughnut. The hole inside represents the mysterious region of Superspace, in which Time and Space do not exist. All journeys through it are, therefore, instantaneous.

In my book I postulated that the physical universe and mankind were originally made by some of the "Sons of God", and that this physical universe in which we have our being was a bastard one, deriving from four original Cosmic ones. Professor Wheeler stated that this physical universe was an addition to something created before, bearing out my own conclusions.

However, what I want to put over in this article, is that it is more than possible that people from other planets in this universe, that is, from various Galaxies, may be capable of visiting us. Professor Wheeler has shown us in the article edited by Adrian Berry that it is possible for us to visit the stars. So, the corollary must also be true, that the U.F.O's can visit us! Especially, if they are so much more advanced than us which many planets in the universe must obviously be.

It seems that the answer as to the point of origin of

the U.F.O.'s is a mixture of both the E.T. theory and the Parallel Universe one. Both may play their part in this cosmic conundrum.

A distinguished scientist, Professor Zopal of Manchester University, recently stated that if we heard any signals from a galactic civilisation then it would be wise not to answer them, as they would be so advanced and we would be like primitive savages to them. In my next article, I will give a contrary view and back it up with some evidence of a startling nature.

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U.F.O. SIGHTINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Last year saw a "saucer flap" over Britain during July, August and September; then Yugoslavia registered a large flap during October; Scandinavia had a turn over the New Year period, and now it seems as if South Africa is not to be outdone! We publish a resume of some of the many reports received.

- 25.6.72. PORT ELIZABETH: A couple saw a bright incandescent white flying object just after sunset. It plunged downwards before gliding off.
- 26.6.72. FORT BEAUFORT: Object appeared as a ball of fire about 1m. in diameter, changing colour frequently from red, green, yellow to white. First noticed at 8 a.m. hovering at tree-top height over a farm. Mr. B. Smit, the owner, fired at the object with a .303 rifle but it kept moving from behind one tree to another. Mr. Smit noticed a star-like protuberance at the right of the oval-shaped object, something that seemed to grow in size as the white light it emitted grew in intensity. He fired at the star and the object no longer changed colour once the star had been hit, but stayed a darkish gunmetal colour. The police were called and they also fired at the object, but this seemed to have no effect, but when anyone approached, it

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would move out of sight. The U.F.O. remained until noon, all the time in bright sunlight, before taking off. The police took photographs of imprints left on the ground by the U.F.O., and soil samples were sent to the C.S.I.R. in Pretoria. The object appeared almost nightly for 10 days - always hovering over thick bush on the farm, flashing, very bright, and sparking off colours. A man from England visited the police station to obtain details of the sightings, but his identity was not disclosed.

- 1.7.72. WELLINGTON, Cape: U.F.O. reported seen at 7.25 a.m. It was soundless, smaller than an aircraft and shining with a whitish flickering light.
- 3.7.72. DURBAN: At 6 a.m. a Mr. Hill watched a bright object zig-zag and move up and down over the sea, and when it reached the horizon it faded and only an outline was lit up before it disappeared. A similar sighting reported by various people at 7 p.m.
- 4.7.72. EAST LONDON: U.F.O. seen "hanging" over the house of Mrs. A. van Zyl near East London. Police called out, and they reported that the object disappeared, reappeared, and then flew off.  
QUEENSTOWN: U.F.O. seen by Mr. H. Prinsloo and family.  
DURBAN: A number of people reported seeing a pinkish object, which changed shape and colour, between 6 and 7 a.m. It seemed to hang over the sea and then disappeared just before sunrise.
- 5.7.72. KIMBERLEY: A "ball of fire" which changed colour was seen hovering over the Orange River Station. It shot off, reappeared  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour later over the station and then flew off once more.  
VRYBURG: A U.F.O. "as big as a house" was seen hovering at roof-top level by a group of young people, at 10 p.m. The huge ball of light appeared right in front of a car driven by Mr. J. Wessels along an open road. As they watched it turned from red to green, sparks flew from the side, it turned yellow and in a flash was gone.
- 6.7.72. PORT ELIZABETH: For nearly 35 mins. the staff of

the E.P. Herald newspaper watched as an egg-shaped light flashed and jerked about high in the sky. Mr. Allen, photographer, shot a full film and when printed this showed the object as changing shape from an egg-shaped blob to a squiggly line. In one picture a second object appeared - this looked like a banana of light with a comet-like streak pointing to the centre of the "banana". The objects emitted red, white and green lights. At infrequent intervals it seemed to break into two parts, which separated vertically and brightened visibly. Copies of the photos have been sent to the C.S.I.R. in Pretoria.

- 7.7.72. PORT ELIZABETH: Object, similar to the one photographed on the 6th, was observed by a number of people, reports coming in from as far as Despatch and Uitenhage.
- 10.7.72 WELKOM: At 7 p.m. 25 people sighted a U.F.O.
- 11.7.72 DURBAN: Mrs. Bullen and friends saw a circular flashing scintillating object at 11 p.m. It hovered high up, changed direction and moved off after 15 minutes.
- WILDERNESS: Mysterious light seen over the sea.
- JOHANNESBURG: L. Blumberg and family saw a U.F.O. at 2 p.m. and drove round the Cyrildene Hills for 20 mins. "chasing" the object.
- 13.7.72. DURBAN: Several firemen on duty in the harbour watched a white object which glowed and flickered come across very fast and fly inland.
- 16.7.72. ODENDAALSRSUS: Bright balloon-like object seen by a number of people over the farm of Mr. Marais. It changed colour and varied in brightness before disappearing.
- 19.7.72. DURBAN: Entire staff of Police Radio Station saw a U.F.O. which hovered over the city for several hours. Members of the public also reported sighting the object, described as like a large bright star (not the morning star which was clearly visible). It seemed to spin as it changed colour. As the day lightened the object rose slowly straight up and disappeared.

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- 20.7.72 DURBAN: Dozens of people saw a dome-shaped object, which seemed to shoot sparks. Sighting also reported from Oribi Airport, South Coast.
- EMPANGENI: Mr. Bicks watched a U.F.O. for 1 hour. It changed colours, giving off flashes like bursts of flame from below the dome.
- TONGAAT: Police spotted bright object which was changing colours as it moved over the sea.
- 21.7.72. DURBAN: Many reports came in of glowing objects seen over the harbour.
- 22.7.72. PIETERMARITZBURG: At 1 a.m. Messrs. McDuling & Barker were travelling to the town when they were confronted by a giant dazzling white light, which seemed to have settled on Mpushini bridge. As they approached they were blinded by the light and had to stop the car and switch off the car headlights. The object, as high as the car, was blocking the entire road. It suddenly shot straight up into the sky and vanished, and the police could find no trace of the object.
- 25.7.72. EMPANGENI: Rainbow-coloured object sighted at 4 a.m.
- 29.7.72. UMTATA: Rev. Holman and a dozen other people saw a U.F.O. "as big as the full moon" trailing a shower of sparks and changing colours.

And now for the cherry on the top! Has a U.F.O. landed near Durban? Your guess is as good as ours. On Saturday, 29th July, a man from La Lucia discovered a flattened, circular patch in a sugar cane field just beyond La Lucia on the Natal North Coast. A Natal Mercury reporter contacted the Durban Chairman of Contact, and Mr. Frank van Vloten (National Secretary and I.C.M.) went out to examine the area. It was a perfect circle in the shape of an annular ring, about 12 feet in diameter with well-defined edges. The sugar cane in the ring was completely flattened round the edges - the rest of the cane in the field being about 10 foot high. Outside the circle were two small circles about a foot in diameter (maybe for the leg supports). A little distance away there was another

patch of flattened sugar cane, but this was not in the shape of a well-defined circle. There seems to be no logical explanation for this circular patch of flattened sugar cane in a remote part of the farm which is quite inaccessible. So .....

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RAY FROM BEYOND OUR GALAXY.

Physicists at Melbourne University and Case Western Reserve, U.S., have detected a gamma ray source which they believe is coming from a variable star outside our galaxy, viz. A.P. Lib. This announcement follows a Russian disclosure that five Soviet physicists have detected a gamma ray source from the variable galaxy 3C.120. Both announcements were made at the recent 12 international Cosmic Ray conference in Hobart, Tasmania.

If this gamma radiation does come from these stars the two announcements represent the first detection of such ray sources outside our galaxy. It could be classified as important as the discovery of radio galaxies in early 1950 and x-ray galaxies in late 1960. The gamma ray source was detected by a spark chamber in the gondola of a balloon flight at Langreach about 18 months ago. The Russians made their discovery by the use of special gamma ray telescopes launched aboard two cosmos satellites.

(Thanks due to Heralds of the New Age,  
New Zealand.)

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If the world's nations get just a little more care-  
less about rattling their missiles, the future may get  
brighter .....for a few seconds.

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IN PASSING .....

Man has for centuries been fascinated by the night sky and surely very few people have not pondered on what lies "out there". However, the heavens, constellations, signs and planets mean one thing to the Hierarchy, another thing to the astronomers and still another thing to the astrologers, whilst they are quite bewildering galaxies of light to the average citizen. And yet, somehow, no-one can remain unmoved by it all.

Modern astronomy has progressed tremendously over the last century, and we have at our disposal highly sophisticated equipment, but much was known by other earlier civilizations, and the Ancient Wisdom, too, has much to teach us. Long before man had landed on the moon, it was common knowledge amongst esotericists that the moon is nothing more than a dead form - and from the esoteric view simply an obstruction in space, which must some day disappear. Also, according to the esoteric teachings, there are many disintegrating constellations unknown and unrecognised by our scientists; and not all the intra-mercurial planets, nor yet those in the orbit of Neptune, are yet discovered, although they are strongly suspected.

It was, therefore, with great excitement that it was learnt that astronomers now seem to be on the brink of "discovering" a tenth planet. Astronomers have been encouraged in their search by irregularities in the orbit of Neptune, which some suspect could be caused by the gravitational pull of a mysterious planet.

Recently a scientist from the University of California, Joseph L. Brady, announced that he may finally have found the elusive planet. His "discovery" has been made by analyzing the erratic behaviour of Halley's comet which comes into view every 76 years (next appearance - 1986) as it nears the sun in its elliptical and far-ranging orbit.

Brady checked historical observations dating back nearly

1700 years, and found a peculiar irregularity: on each approach to the sun, Halley's Comet shows up as many as four days earlier or later than its predicted arrival date. That variation seemed to indicate that some unknown force must be influencing the comet's motion. Could it be the gravitational tug of a planet beyond Pluto?

For four years Brady fed into a computer mathematical models of a ten-planet solar system, seeking the characteristics of a still undiscovered planet that should cause the irregularities in the comet's orbit. Gradually the description of Planet X emerged: it would be three times as massive as Saturn and nearly 6 billion miles from the sun. It would take 464 years to complete a single trip around the sun, and the plane of its orbit would be tilted at an angle of approximately 60 degrees from the general orbital planes of the planets. Strangest of all, its motion would be retrograde.

It now remains to be seen whether a photograph of Planet X will be obtained. Brady is hopeful that a sharp-eyed astronomer, scanning photographic plates, will some day detect a dim pinpoint of light reflected from far-off Planet X.

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Project the theory of U.F.O's to a hypothetical, similar situation in the depths of the ocean. What do the denizens of the deep think and feel about the divers, cameras, submarines, etc., that invade their dark domain?

I can just hear the intelligentsia of that realm saying to one another:

"But there can't be intelligent life up there! Too much oxygen, not enough water, and the light would kill them. They're probably refractions of light from our own system".

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U.F.O's OVER THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

By: Michael Hervey.

This book is a well-documented history of U.F.O's in New Zealand and Australia, and has had very good reviews. The author has obviously made an extensive study of his subject, and his research extends over a period of twenty years.

In the course of his studies, the author found that virtually the first reference to U.F.O's was made in an ancient Indian transcript, which dates back to some 3,000 years B.C. They are described as "sky ships that could ascend vertically, halt, descend, travel thousands of miles without making a sound, and looking like pearls in the sky".

Many well-known people have expressed their belief in the existence of U.F.O's, and some of those mentioned are: the late Lord Dowding, former President Truman, Professor Harry Mersel (Professor of Physics at Sydney University), Dr. Walter Riedel (former German rocket scientist) and Dr. Harlow Shapley (Emeritus Professor of Astronomy, Harvard University). Besides this, hundreds of sightings by pilots, scientists, doctors, policemen and ordinary men and women are quoted.

With surprising frequency reports are received of sightings over military installations, and in this book mention is made of a sighting over Australia's biggest bomber base at Amberley, during 1965.

An interesting case concerning the Apollo 8 capsule is given. On December 29th, 1968, the crew and passengers of a Pan American Boeing 707 which flew into Sydney, sighted the Apollo 8 capsule after its return from the moon. The captain, J. Marcum of California, told reporters that he was amazed to find that "there was a curious red and yellow object flying underneath the spacecraft. I can only guess what it might have been, but it disappeared very quickly without leaving a trail".

New Zealand airline captain, Bruce Cathie (author of

Harmonic 33) is quoted on his theory of the "grid system" which he propounded after sighting a U.F.O. His theory was so startling that the U.S.A. sent a Pentagon official to interview him.

One cannot read this book and not be convinced that the U.F.O's do exist, because of the ample and conclusive evidence which is set forward. The book is a paperback, priced at R1.00, and obtainable only through the post from Hampton Press, HENLEY, New South Wales 2111, Australia.

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Talking of books - did you know that "Chariots of the Gods?" by Erich von Daniken has been issued as a paperback by Corgi Books? Perhaps another book for your U.F.O. shelf!

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Extract from:

THE STORY OF THE HUMAN AURA.

By G.S. White, M.D., Ph.d., L.L.D., F.R.S.A. (London).

Ants have a system of instructing the unborn ant, through the touch of the egg, so that out of thousands of eggs laid at the same laying, each will hatch its young endowed with impressions, or commands, given to the individual egg.

If man in comparison to his size, could "wireless" his desires as well as the ant, he could easily talk with inhabitants on distant planets by the energy from his heart.

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