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E D I T O R I A L

The aims and objects of contact with U.F.O.s and their occupants are a greater understanding of our universe and its inhabitants. From this search we hope to learn and implement a greater freedom; we feel assured that through this desire for knowledge we put into operation the law that within the desire fulfilment is born. It seems certain that in time further parts of the veil will be lifted, if only to satisfy that law.

Interplanetary travel as envisaged by our scientists is a prohibitively costly affair for one thing. Not only does the lifting off process strike us as an awesome battle with the forces of gravity in which the odds are working against the resources of men, but also in the physical sense the very space realm itself is not exactly our natural environment. In fact, we can only speak of a very limited freedom of movement there.

When thoughtful of the fact that the universe has brought us forth, it seems odd that in our apparent reality the same universal forces should work against us. It should be our right to be in harmony with these as a bird is in harmony with the movement of air. Today we seem to be awakening to this fact very rapidly. On several levels we are seeking to understand that beyond the law that action is reaction, there must be a more subtle way to utilise the free

power of our Universe.

Since everything that exists must be related to one principle, there is no reason to suggest to ourselves that this principle is beyond our understanding and use. In fact, when thinking of the extraordinary smoothness and swiftness with which the U.F.O's are able to move, and manipulate, one gets the impression that not only their movements, but also their beingness must be in harmony with an unknown (to us) law. The direction in which we may search for this understanding points strongly to the metaphysical realm, since the manifestation patterns of U.F.O's do not correspond with the laws known on our physical level of understanding.

A failing of the material scientist is that he often refuses to accept a metaphysical or spiritual direction or conclusion unless it can be subjected to, or based upon, physical research patterns. Nevertheless, the search to understand the nature of the higher energy fields is definitely on! Before the powers of these fields can be released for use by the human family, we may be rest assured that we will first have to understand the great relationship between the one Universal Mind and ourselves as well as all else.

Religion and science will meet when the blind faith that "all is related to One" will not only be verified by science, but will be so thoroughly understood as to revolutionise the awareness we have of ourselves and of the universe. This understanding alone will enable us to change the world into the expression of our highest ideal. What are now the unidentified phenomena, flying or not, will then be regarded and understood as "proceeding from the mouth of God", or, in other words, the going forth of an idea from those who consciously and individually represent Universal Mind, the creative principle.

The first phase of evolution is finished when the human family understands and implements this awareness and knowledge in terms of himself.

HOLES IN SPACE -
GONE WITHOUT TRACE INTO THE FOURTH DIMENSION

There was the authentic report of a Lancastrian Star Plane from England, when only a few miles away, sending a radio message to the Santiago Flight Tower notifying time of arrival - then silence. Nothing was ever heard of it again. Plane, passengers, crew just vanished. No wreckage was ever discovered. Another case - a military plane frantically radioed that the pilot was unable to see the horizon, he could not get his bearings, the sea appeared to boil and the wings of his plane hit something in the air - then again, silence. Five more planes were sent out to search the area; they also all disappeared, again leaving no trace. Many ships have vanished in this locality and so it is given a wide berth now by all forms of ships and aircraft. To date, despite intensive study and research, no explanation has arisen to account for this phenomenon.

However, in the latest report from the B.S.R.A. comes information which may give an answer to this baffling mystery which also appears related to the strange cases about ocean-going vessels at sea which have been found in good seaworthy condition floating unattended, showing no signs of passengers or crew and giving no clues as to their disappearance - viz. "Marie Celeste."

Returned from the Space/Time Continuum? Here is another puzzling incident which occurred during the month of June, 1950, in Times Square, New York - A man aged about 30, and dressed in the manner adopted many years ago, with silk hat, cutaway coat, black and white check trousers and buttoned shoes, suddenly appeared in the middle of the road intersection, gazing in amazement at the electric signs. Many people saw him, but none was able to tell where he came from. He just appeared from nowhere. Suddenly the heavy traffic unnerved him and frantically he tried to dodge it and before anyone could help him he was knocked down by a taxi and killed. At the morgue his clothes were searched for identification and revealed a bill from a livery stable at Lexington Avenue,

quoting: "To feeding and stabling one horse and washing one carriage, \$3." There were about \$70 in very old style currency notes, two gold certificates and a card bearing the name Rudolph Fentz with an address on Fifth Avenue, yet none of these articles showed any signs of age!

From police investigation it appeared the Fifth Avenue address was now a store and the present occupants thought it had always been a store. Nobody, it seems, had ever heard of Rudolph Fentz. No such name appeared in the directory. No one called at the morgue to claim relationship to this strange man. Finally, after exhaustive research, clues in the Missing Persons file traced back to Florida where in 1876 Mrs. Fentz Sr., who did not like her husband smoking in the house, sent him out for a walk when he mysteriously disappeared and was never heard of again. In the Missing Persons file of 1876 was a description of Rudolph Fentz and the address given on the card and livery bill, together with particulars of the clothing worn, all of which tallied most accurately with the man killed in Times Square, New York, in June 1950.

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Now think of that long lapse of time, 1876 to 1950, a matter of 74 years. Just where had he been in all that time?

This case was known to B.S.R.A. in 1953, but it was not until 1969 that an occult explanation of the Fentz happening was received by Marian Hartill, a channel, from Myron of the Ashtar Command. The information given is quoted in part: "I see you wish information as to what exactly happens when humans suddenly disappear from the earth without a trace being found of remains. This is a common occurrence, more common than is ever accepted; for in this day and age family ties are not as they once were and people travel far and wide.

"Picture two large spheres or balls one within the other, the inner smaller one being the third dimension, and the larger outer sphere being the fourth dimension. Now imagine that both these globes have been punched with holes, some very large, others very small. These two balls are constantly turning so as to make these holes both big and small

come in direct line with each other at one time or another as the Earth surface or inner globe turns.

"These holes are thinly covered with a vapour - like a sheer curtain hung over the opening - that has a very solid appearance but which is nothing more than a flap of vapour-like energy reflecting the true solid material on either side of it. This is why people are completely unaware of anything being amiss until they have passed through this vapour illusion and find themselves unable to find the hole back through; for remember that these holes are slowly turning and it is only seconds before the entrance is again overlapped.

"The human, finding himself in a vapour-like vacuum of the fourth dimension atmosphere, is in a state of shock and confusion. He can't find his way back through these moving holes and he cannot see where he is to get any bearings as to how to attract help. (Remember the pilot of the vanished plane saying he could not get his bearings.) He will on most occasions die quickly of fright, but many have been seen to live in a stupor-like state and calling for their relatives and friends for help."

↑ Surely the strangeness of these tales point to yet another vital reason why we should strive to understand our Universe?

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

"Q U O T E".

"I think the beings from outer space may not be very interested in our primitive civilization. After all, how many skin divers talk to fish?"

Dr. Stanton Friedman -
Nuclear Physicist, U.S.A.

CONTACT S.A. CONFERENCE.

AUGUST, 1973.

The second National Contact Conference was held at the Everglades Hotel, Lions River, in the foothills of the Drakensberg, over the weekend of the 10th/11th/12th August, 1973. Delegates attending came from the Contact branches of Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban. Our one regret was that there were no representatives from Cape Town or East London. However, we do realise that the great distance is a problem for members of these branches.

The party was made up of 29 adults and 4 children, the greater number of people coming from Johannesburg. We were also pleased to extend a very warm welcome to the two Pretoria members who arrived in the midst of the snowstorm late on the Friday night.

The conference proved to be most inspiring and stimulating, with interesting discussions, group meditations, a talk by Mrs. Elizabeth Klarer, Chairman of the Johannesburg group, long walks in the peaceful surroundings and pleasant chats in front of a roaring log fire. The snow was an added bonus, although this did prompt a suggestion that Skywatching weekends be held during summer rather than during the winter! It is with pleasure that we can pass on the news that the International Chairman of Contact, Mr. Brinsley le Poer Trench, has agreed in principle to the organising of a summer skywatching week for the southern hemisphere!

The harmony and fellowship was felt and commented on by all present, and the idea of holding an annual Contact Conference was heartily endorsed. Each and every one had something to give and come away having received love, light and fellowship.

Book Review.

"THE U.F.O. EXPERIENCE"

By J. Allen Hynek.

In 1952 Dr. Allen Hynek, while Director of Ohio State University's McMills Observatory, was invited to join the organisation of Project Blue Book as an astronomical consultant. As most of us know, Project Blue Book came into being in 1948 when the United States Government appointed an Air Force panel to investigate whether or not the world-wide reported phenomena of U.F.O.s could be verified and if so, whether or not this constituted a threat to the United States security.

When Dr. Hynek joined Project Blue Book he was determined to show the public that the true scientific method was certain to expose 'flying saucers' as unscientific. However, as the book sets out, this intention never materialised. For a period of 20 years, he remained a consultant to the Air Force and naturally he had access to all reports of the Blue Book files. He also testified several times before congressional groups which expressed considerable interest in the subject.

It is obvious from the very beginning that Dr. Hynek is a thoroughbred investigator who understands scientific procedure; he certainly is not carried away by emotional impulses. It must be this quality in him which made him aware of the emerging patterns of the sightings. He reasons that if U.F.O.s are indeed figments of the imagination, it is strange that the imagination of those who report U.F.O.s from all over the world should be so restricted to definite patterns! Indeed, he says: "Precisely because the spectrum of reports of strange sightings is narrow can they be studied. If each strange report was unique and their totality ran the gamut of all conceivable strange accounts, scientific investigation of such a chaotic panoply would be impossible. Scientific study presupposes definite patterns and a measure of repeatability, and



by and large U.F.O. reports lend themselves to classification within their domains of strangeness. It is these we shall pursue."

Dr. Hynek's first purpose in writing this book, then, was to construct prototypes of major observational categories of U.F.O.s rather than to present detailed accounts of individual sightings. As a consequence he rests the U.F.O. problem on the prototypes of the following categories: nocturnal lights, daylight discs, radar/visual sightings and close encounters of two kinds.

His second purpose is to expose the unscientific way in which the Air Force handled the Blue Book Project and the prejudice of its investigators. He is up in arms that the scientific world through the publication of the Condon report and the United States Government through the closing of Project Blue Book, has officially put an end to the speculation about U.F.O.s.

In October 1966 the University of Colorado and the U.S. Air Force entered into a formal agreement to establish a scientific committee to study the vexing problem of U.F.O.s with which the Air Force had been saddled for 20 years. Dr. E. Condon headed this committee, and two years later the Condon report (937 pages) was published. This report was responsible for the United States Government terminating all official investigation into the problem of U.F.O.s. When project Condon was only three months old, Dr. Condon has reportedly said: "It is my inclination right now to recommend that the Government get out of this business" (of U.F.O.s). "My attitude right now is that there is nothing to it." The Condon report seems to be spiced with the same spirit.

Dr. Hynek exposes the century-old reaction of the scientific world with the words - "It can't be, therefore it isn't." On the other hand, he explains that most U.F.O. reports are frustrating in the extreme, they contain so few facts that this lack alone has deterred several scientists from devoting time to the matter.

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It remains regrettable that people often remarked to Dr. Hynek, after their contact with Project Blue Book officials, that if they had an encounter again they would not report it. What investigations were carried out by Blue Book, and what questions were asked, were almost always aimed at establishing a misconception. Dr. Hynek has sometimes wondered if Project Blue Book could be a front, a cover-up of the real work being done by another agency secretly. For instance, it became clear that no Blue Book case had been given F.B.I. treatment, i.e. no case was followed through until every possible clue or bit of evidence was obtained. On the contrary, reports came in and were handled in a completely routine manner. Also, if the project was a full-fledged serious operation, the Air Force headquarters would have appointed high-ranking officers, but there were none.

However, although the Condon report and the subsequent ending of Project Blue Book closed the official U.S. door on investigation, there are many groups which will carry on trying to unravel the mysteries of U.F.O.s.

Dr. Hynek is confident that now the comedy of the so-called official projects are finished, serious work should begin. He says that for a directed objective study of the phenomena, the available data requires major organization, systematization, and the adoption of a uniform terminology for their description and evaluation. Only with such a system in operation will it be possible that the new phenomenon may direct man's consciousness to understand new universal principles.

"The U.F.O. Experience" is an important book - a 'must' for all those trying to maintain a balanced outlook on the U.F.O. question. And what a pleasure to be able to show this book by such a prominent scientist to any who still regard ufologists as 'cranks'!



"It is a capital mistake to theorize before you have all the evidence. It biases the judgment."

Sherlock Holmes - A Study in Scarlet.

BOOK NEWS

In December, 1969, the American Association for the Advancement of Science held a symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects, in which a number of physical scientists, two psychiatrists, one sociologist and one psychologist participated. The findings have recently been published in a book edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, both astronomers. Entitled "U.F.O.s - A Scientific Debate", this should make interesting reading and we are hoping that this book will shortly be available in South Africa.

S T O P P R E S S

The National Committee of 'Contact' South Africa has approached the International Chairman, the Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench, with a view to his coming out to South Africa next year on a lecture tour. It is with great pleasure that we can announce that he has agreed to tour under our auspices, South Africa, and also to include Rhodesia in his itinerary.

As Mr. le Poer Trench is going on a lecture tour of the United States early in 1974, he will probably come to South Africa during our winter period. We hope that he will be able to give a couple of lectures at each of the main centres, but the programme is still very much in the initial stages.

As 'Contact' is a non-profit-making organisation, we hope that members will kindly contribute towards the expenses incurred in bringing our International Chairman out to South Africa. We know that the traditional South African hospitality will not fail us.

SIGHTINGS OVER SOUTH AFRICA.

18.6.1973. DURBAN:

Mr. Peter Mostert, his wife and two sons, observed a large bright yellow circle of light at about 6.15 p.m. It rose above Howard College then drifted over to Westville, rose up at right angles and disappeared. Afterwards a fairly bright light travelling from South West to North East moved across the sky - travelling very fast - and this object was followed by six others, evenly spaced one behind the other. One of the objects seemed to be slightly above the others, and they flew in formation and veered off out of sight.

On the same evening a couple living at the Bluff observed a bright object travelling across the sky at about 6.00 p.m.

28.6.1973. SPRINGS:

Mr. and Mrs. I. Roberts of New Township, Springs, returned home at 9.15 p.m. and found a saucer-shaped object, with a dome on the top, apparently resting on the lawn in the back yard of his house. It was about three metres high, and even wider. As Mr. Roberts reached the back gate and heard its low-pitched droning, it rose into the air emitting a thick smoke and shining with a bright orange light it disappeared into the sky, surrounded by a haze of some sort.

8.7.1973. PRETORIA:

On the last night of Skywatching Week, Mr. Walter Beck and Mr. P. Besaans observed six unusual objects within a period of one hour. They were very large, bright and round and seemed to travel at terrific speed.

8.7.1973. CAPE TOWN:

Four members of the Cape Town branch of "Contact" spent the night at Du Toit's Kloof, and at 9.00 p.m. were skywatching

at the Worcester side of the pass when they noticed a bright golden object over the mountains. The object travelled over the mountains before disappearing. The group of four people then proceeded by car to the top of Du Toit's Kloof pass for further skywatching, and once more observed a bright golden object travelling towards them. They flashed the car lights, and the object seemed to expand in size. It looked like a four-cornered star and then as it veered off to the left and turned, the side appeared to indicate some dark outline of a superstructure. The back was glowing red and in the centre of this superstructure was a blinking red light. The front leading edge was an incandescent gold-coloured light emanation.

19.7.1973. WHITE RIVER (E.Tvl.):

At approximately 9.25 p.m. Dr. J. Marais and two colleagues observed a bright object through binoculars. The object, showing a bright blue light which changed to red, travelled across the sky from north to south, and was visible for a period of about ten minutes. Dr. Marais had another sighting during April and is keen on skywatching. He has been a pilot for a number of years.

Besides these reports of sightings which we have received, the Chairman of the Cape Town branch of 'Contact' has notified us that there have been a number of interesting sightings down in the Cape which he hopes to investigate further. Apparently a number of people, including policemen, have observed cigar-shaped and orb-shaped craft giving off streaks of flames. These craft have also been seen in the area near Melkbosch where a Nuclear Electric power station was to have been constructed. It is interesting to bear in mind at this stage that uranium has been discovered in the Beaufort West area.

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IN PASSING ...

It seems that astronomers are going all out to ascertain whether or not there is extraterrestrial life, and we hope that in the not too distant future there will be sufficient scientific evidence to prove what so many people "know"!

Russia recently launched two unmanned spacecraft to Mars, dubbed Mars 4 and 5, which should reach their destination in about six months' time. Speculation is rife that a TV-equipped instrument package might again be dropped on the Martian surface as in the case of the Mars 3 mission, which was unfortunately not successful. The unit ceased sending signals after only 20 seconds.

Meanwhile, American space scientists have recently constructed a replica of the planet Mars based on photographs and data relayed by the Mariner spacecraft. NASA's next probes of Mars will be in 1975, when it is planned to soft-land a capsule containing instruments and colour-TV cameras, and who knows at this stage what the results will prove? Two Pioneer spacecraft are at present speeding towards Jupiter and later this year NASA plans to launch a flyby of Venus and Mercury.

America's National Academy of Sciences has also recommended a programme for intensifying ALL astronomical explorations over the next ten years. The new technology of the past decade has apparently exposed a host of phenomena that cry for further examination, and on the strength of this the National Academy of Sciences has asked for three new conventional optical telescopes and an optical array telescope. Further plans are the building of a Very Large Array radio-telescope (VLA) on the elevated plains of San Augustin, New Mexico. Astronomers plan to use the VLA for highly detailed pictures of radio galaxies and quasars, keeping track of the distribution of high energy particles and magnetic fields, and tracing the evolution of violent events in the galaxy. Princeton astronomer Donald Morton says: "The universe is sending us information on all wave-lengths and it is our job to miss none of it".

THE MOON'S INFLUENCE

A recent issue of the Evening Standard carried an article describing what has become of a selection of the Apollo lunar astronauts. Curiously enough each man mentioned in the article had undergone some kind of change.

Three stood out as being really noteworthy. First there was Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon. To quote: "He reveals that the constant ballyhoo and publicity drove him to a psychiatrist." Why only him?

Secondly there was James Irwin, the sixth man on the moon. Again to quote from the paper, "He had a religious experience on "that lonely outpost of rock." He is an evangelist now, and leads the 'High Flight Sondkin' in Colorado." Again, why only him?

Finally, look at the case of Ed Mitchell, command pilot of Apollo 14. In the words of the article, "he has stated a life-time commitment to the study of consciousness... ESP is only the beginning. We will go well beyond that in our work" Speaking on Pete Murray's programme, Ed Mitchell remarked on his ability in thought transference since his moon walk. He told us that his college where experiments in ESP have taken place, had compelling proof of man's faculty in this field of the psychic and it was his opinion that everybody had this ability to a greater or lesser degree - in some cases only a little training was needed. He had no doubt at all about the existence of intelligent life in other parts of the Universe - in other galaxies - but thought probably not as we know it in our own solar system.

The factor which appears to link these three, and indeed other instances perhaps less dramatic, is that all are related to permanent change in the psyche of the man concerned. But is this not very strange? Surely astronauts are picked for such qualities as a 'cool head', emotional stability, and are generally not considered 'impressionable'? And yet a substantial proportion seem to have undergone an emotional

or psychological change for better or for worse fairly soon after their voyages.

Mankind has always been aware, more or less, depending on culture, that the moon exercises influence over him. The word lunatic is derived from it, and many mental illnesses are now acknowledged to follow a lunar cycle of activity. Occultism supplies the rationale for this seemingly malign influence that the moon has. It teaches that the moon was, long ages past, the scene of a stage of evolution prior to that now taking place on earth. That which remains of that scheme now is analagous to what remains after the death of an individual - a disintegrating corpse and a dissolving etheric double or ghost. We are left in fact with the dregs of the moon, the higher principles, its inner nature, now having departed. Is it this "sidereal corpse" whose subtle emanations have such a strong influence on the lower nature of man?

So what influence has extremely close proximity to this corpse had on these astronauts? The effect seems similar to that which happens to "chelas" or disciples - those who take the steep path of spiritual development, natural psychic forces are brought to bear on the disciple's inner nature, such that nothing, no characteristic or trait, remains hidden. All latent qualities, good or bad, must be brought forth.

In a mild way it would seem that close association with the moon has a similar effect on the astronauts. These are men of a similar stage of evolution to ourselves with many faults, yet many strengths. The moon's intensified psychic influence seems to have found the widely assorted strengths and weakness of these men, and brought them forcibly to the surface.

A. Warcup.
"Viewpoint Aquarius".

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MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

DURBAN: Sept: Wednesday, 26th at 8 p.m.
 Oct: Wednesday, 24th at 8 p.m.
 Nov: Wednesday, 28th at 8 p.m.

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

JOHANNESBURG: Sept: Monday, 3rd at 8 p.m.
 Oct: Monday, 1st at 8 p.m.
 Nov: Monday, 5th at 8 p.m.

Venue: Kindly contact Mrs. E. Klarer, at
 1, Murray Gordon Mansions, 67, Jan Smuts
 Avenue, Johannesburg, for details.



CAPE TOWN: Sept: Saturday, 29th at 8 p.m.
 Oct: Saturday, 27th at 8 p.m.
 Nov: Saturday, 24th at 8 p.m.

Venue: Kindly contact Mr. Andre Nestel, at
 2 Uplands Road, Milnerton, for details.

PRETORIA: Kindly contact Mr. Walter Beck,
 postal address P.O.Box 4226, Pretoria,
 for details of the new 'Contact' group
 which is starting in Pretoria.
