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EDITORIAL.

Looking back over the past three or four months, we certainly cannot speak of a spate of sighting nor of a definite and further breakthrough in understanding. However, we know through common sense and from experience that "they are still with us". We know the limitations of our perception, rather than to entrust it with the grand judgement "they are not".

We also know that as most U.F.O. occupants are in harmony with the universal plan, their behaviour is consistent with laws that govern their evolutionary status or awareness. This understanding will, or should, supply the basic answer to the worldwide phrased question that goes roughly as follows: "If space beings do exist, why do they not openly communicate and share their superior knowledge with us?". We have all heard the essence of this question many times, and we may even have been called upon to answer it. Questions like this one could become important levers to dispel ignorance and the greater one's understanding of cosmic matters, including ourselves, the better one can help to transcend established thought-patterns. A simple illustration might be sufficient to let the penny drop. As we are familiar with the story of the fall of man and the subsequent eviction from his spiritual homeland it will be appropriate to imagine a colony of convicts that is placed on a large island in the middle of nowhere. As no escape is possible from this island, guards are unnecessary but communication with the

outside world is very difficult. Naturally, after a good number of years, the inhabitants have forgotten that the establishment of the colony was the result of sin and lawlessness. Now what would the reaction of the world be if that colony was desirous of mingling with the rest of the world, and at the same time requesting technological advancement? Would we not be wary of giving these ex-convicts this freedom and power because of the harm they could cause to themselves and to us in their state of unbalance?

We can be fairly certain that in a situation like this we would first undertake to educate the colony intellectually, morally and spiritually before any thought would be given to handing over greater technological know-how. So we would first await the results of the efforts of the teachers who were sent there, and if the majority remained as obstinate as they were before and only a small number responded to the higher education, contact with the outside world would have to remain restricted.

It is not exactly complimentary to think of ourselves as a colony of ex-convicts, but we know that the term "fallen race" somehow applies to us. So we could see ourselves as the inhabitants of a remote island in the ocean of space, if you like, separated from the rest of the universe. Naturally we would like to establish communication again with the greater universe and share their advantages. However, first things first.

For many centuries the teachers have visited this outpost to lift up our thinking, to help us absorb the meaning of our greater reality. The last one who visited the Earth was the Christed One who came to introduce us to ourselves. We still commemorate his humble arrival to our planet; we still talk about his teaching when it suits.

But real Christmas has only visited the few. The invitation is a deepfelt urge to be. How can we prepare to join the greater life, but to experience the birth of Christ

within our beingness? It is with this thought in mind that we wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. May 1974 be a year of universal brotherhood, contact and understanding.

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THE ETERNAL SUBJECT

By Brinsley le Poer Trench.

This book by the International Chairman of Contact and well-known author, puts forward the idea that Ufo's and the Sky People were directly involved in the creation and development of Man, and leaves us with much to ponder over. Certainly, Ufo's seem to have been with us through the ages, with reports going back all through history of strange flying discs, cigars, triangular and star-shaped objects being seen in our skies. And it seems that their interest in planet Earth has not waned!

The Argentine has been a hive of Ufo activity over the past few years, and according to Spanish newspaper reports the Ufo's have a base in the depths of Lake Titicaca, which borders Peru and Bolivia. The author gives a number of saucer reports over South America, and wonders whether the authorities are aware of the bases and whether this fact has been covered up. Nevertheless, the author feels an informed public is a prepared public!

This book is illustrated with some excellent drawings of biblical Ufo events by the Yugoslavian ufologist, Kiril Terziev, and certainly one cannot help but read the bible with a new outlook after reading the chapter on Flying Saucers in the Bible and seeing the illustrations.

No Ufo book would be complete without some mention of the paranormal aspects of Ufo's, and yet, as Brinsley le Poer Trench states, neither Ufo's nor psychic phenomena have

actually been officially recognised by the powers that be. So he is attempting to show a connection between two subjects which officially do not exist! Nonetheless, a few chapters are devoted to teleportation, cloud Ufo's, telepathy, levitation, materialization and the effects of Ufo's on animals, and some interesting cases are quoted. Through these chapters, the author points out the similarities between the Ufo's and the psychic world, and suggests that some energy or radiation is the force used in all these phenomena, and that basically the same subtle force is being used, perhaps in a different way in all these aspects of the paranormal.

Some very strange experiences have occurred to people all over the world during recent years. It is becoming obvious that ufonauts come from many areas - possibly some emanate from outer space; some from invisible universes or other space-time continuums to our own. Some of the visitors may be benevolent, others indifferent and some downright hostile.

Two contact stories quoted are most bizarre. In the one case Mrs. Dollie Hansen of West Akron, U.S.A., was in touch with the occupants of a Ufo and was offered a trip in their spacecraft. On the night in question Mrs. Hansen waited until 2.00 a.m. for her space friends. When a knock came at the door, she opened it to find a superbly built young woman with beautiful, dark chestnut, almost black hair, but this unusually beautiful girl had no features where her face should have been. However, Mrs. Hansen felt no fear and accompanied the young woman and was taken on her space ride, together with a crippled boy and two more people for whom a space ride had been requested.

Exactly two weeks later a Mrs. Vellacca of South Akron reported a contact with a woman, marvellously built, with beautiful long dark chestnut, almost black hair, but the woman had no discernible features where her face would be located!

The author puts forward a concept which he feels has

a great bearing on "The Eternal Subject" - the continuous visitations of people from other realms to our planet. Briefly, it is that the Sky People made and put us here, and they have not only continued to pay visits to our planet, but to interbreed with us. So perhaps we are a hybrid race, partly descended from super-intelligent Sky People and sub-intelligent ape men. Quite a thought! And could this explain why the occupants of the Ufo's today have such a great interest in us?

It is most encouraging to find that Brinsley le Poer Trench is optimistic about our young people and our future, although he does not deny that what some prophets of doom have predicted might come to pass! Certainly, we have a great task ahead of us before we can take our place in the galactic civilization.

We heartily recommend this book, and are sure that having read it you will want to read it again. It is a book which, although so simply put forward, covers many deeper aspects of ufology, and the explanations offered are worth a lot of thought.

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"Q U O T E"

A dignitary who likes to be different is Harlow Shapley the Harvard astronomer and former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He can't stand clichés. Instead of the familiar "Ladies and Gentlemen....", he sometimes opens an address with "Fellow primates....".

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FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD PAID FOR UFO PROOF

The "National Enquirer" of Florida has offered a reward of the staggering amount of \$50,000 for UFO proof, and had appointed a panel of five to adjudicate; almost one thousand reports poured into their office, and an interim reward of \$5,000 has now been paid for the following landing/sighting.

The report was sent in by the Features Editor of the "National Enquirer", Edward B. Camlin.

The award was to Ronnie Johnson of Delphos, Kansas, who discussed the landing with Rex Dutta, when the latter was broadcasting recently for two whole non-stop hours from Radio Vancouver (British Columbia) where listeners were asked to phone the radio station on the "hot-line"; and Ronnie Johnson did - from all the way across the Rocky Mountains! (Our readers may know that Rex Dutta is the author of Flying Saucer Message and Flying Saucer Viewpoint).

And the most conclusive proof of this sighting/landing? Angel Hair. And the radical alteration of the earth soil where the Flying Saucer landed.

The Report of the National Enquirer:

Among the facts that make the case of great scientific interest (and worthy of \$5,000 payment) are:

- 1) the sighting of the luminous object itself, close to for a substantial time as it hovered just above the ground and as its colours, of an intense "within-out" vividness changed from white, green, blue to red; pulsating.
- 2) the verification of Ronnie's parents, who, when called, saw the Saucer glide silently away.
- 3) the presence at the landing site of a ring of soil of altered chemical composition extending more than a foot below the surface, e.g.
 - a) the calcium content of the soil was 16 times that of normal;

- b) the soil contained a "mass of tiny crystals" of totally unknown origin - crystallised Angel Hair?
- c) at the time of the landing it had been raining and the ground was soggy; the landing site was bone dry. Staying dry for days when repeatedly inspected by the police, the deputy sheriff and visiting officials, although the rest of the area continued to be soggy in the showery weather.
- d) for more than 49 weeks after the landing the soil would not accept water; a teaspoonful of the soil sprinkled onto a bucket of water remained undissolved all that time; including soil taken from nearly 12 inches below ground level.
- e) pouring water onto the site was totally ineffective, it just ran off without being absorbed.
- f) no plants will grow in this altered soil.

(All these facts are common to many other landing sites - there have been 1 800 landings in Argentina alone this year from January to June; as vouched for officially by the Argentine government - but not reported by the press here. The landing site in Valcuse (France) in 1954 still shows the same properties on its soil, 19 years later, and the lavender in the fields around still refuses to grow in that circular patch which is bare, dry and still has the "tiny white crystals" showing).

The National Enquirer had the soil analysed, separately and independently, by eleven different laboratories: "a great number of individual items of strangeness involved, which remain unexplained even after a long series of chemical, optical, electronic, and other physical tests carried out by eleven university and private laboratories."

- 4) the ring of soil of the landing site and the bark of the surrounding trees glowed brightly for several days.
- 5) also the ring of soil differed markedly from its immediate surroundings not only in chemical composition but in appearance.
- 6) the soil samples have stumped laboratory researchers. They are particularly baffled by tiny white crystals embedded in the soil. So far, these crystals have defied laboratory analysis, but tests are still being conducted.

7) the panel carefully investigated the possibility of a hoax, but are completely satisfied that the sighting was real.

And the panel awarded the huge reward! The even larger reward of \$50,000 is still to be won, and entries should be sent to the National Enquirer, Lantana, Florida 33462, U.S.A.

So much for the sensible, practical, provable, payable, scientific stuff that so clouds earthling eyes. What about the important aspects that the nuts and bolts missed? Let's examine these other facts:

"The soil and surrounding trees glowed for several days".
Why? How?

Why did the family dog react to the hovering Saucer, before Ronnie noticed it? Why did the same dog "burn" his nose and eyes when it snuggled/sniffed the landing site as soon as the Saucer left?

Why did Ronnie's mother get "her finger numbed" when she poked the soil on the Saucer's departure? Why did both the "burns" and "numbness" wear off soon when removed from the site?

What did Ronnie and the dog feel/sense/experience then? What is the inner change in them now? What was the force-field that did these things on the physical and on the subtle planes? Especially the subtle planes? Why was Ronnie chosen? Out of millions of earthlings? Was it chance? What was the design?

Why leave those "tiny white crystals?" Mysterious. To urge our curiosity/investigation? To what? Why?

Flying Saucers seldom do things just by chance, just for the obvious. We need to improve that dead-state of "having-an-open-mind-BUT" to a genuinely enquiring venture from the known into the unknown. Usually there are deep lessons to be learned by each of us, alone, by our unique effort, overcoming fear, overcoming selfishness and turning to "evolution back to Oneness, to the balance point between give - take, between love - hate."

We earnestly recommend that you read Chapter One of Flying Saucer Viewpoint which urged a deeper approach to Saucer investigation, and which offered general directions of so doing. Some day we earthlings will have to face the questions listed above; to understand Angel Hair; to go beyond just nuts and bolts.

Let's start now.

(Viewpoint Aquarius).

SIGHTINGS OVER SOUTH AFRICA.

20.9.1973. ROSETTA:

Mr. and Mrs. J. van der Westhuizen watched a large, orange-coloured light for about three quarters of an hour late at night. The object moved horizontally at high speed, went on and off twice, and seemed to disappear in a blue-green streak. Later on it reappeared, remained stationary lower down in the sky, and after a while slowly descended behind a mountain.

3.10.1973. DURBAN:

Six Berea residents watched a Ufo through binoculars for more than half an hour at about 8 p.m. It was a pulsating, blue-rimmed object, but the colours inside continually changed from red to green and yellow, and it was lost to view while still quite high from the ground. The same evening reports of a sighting over Jacobs and the Bay had air traffic controllers searching blank skies and scurrying to their radar, only to find a blank screen.

11.11.1973. PIETERMARITZBURG:

Mr. Val Marwick, an ex-pilot, watched a large white light for about 5 minutes as it moved across the sky around 6.30 p.m. He looked through binoculars but could discern no other features, and as he put the binoculars down and looked up, the object had disappeared.

STARTLING NEW DISCOVERY

One of the most inspiring and thrilling of recent disclosures of Astronomers, is that there is a great empty space in the North, in the nebula of the constellation of Orion, a heavenly cavern so gigantic that the mind of man cannot comprehend it, and so brilliantly beautiful that words cannot adequately describe it.

The revelations were made possible by gigantic lenses, plus long exposures of photographic plates which in turn can be further magnified. This increases the vision of man so tremendously that he is able to peer into the depths of interstellar space and glimpse the vastness of infinity itself. What has been found corroborates the words of Job: "He stretcheth out the North over the empty place". (Job 26:70). In a book entitled "Early Writing" published in 1848, the writer says: "The Powers of Heaven will be shaken at the Voice of God, the Sun, Moon and Stars will be moved out of their places. Dark heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted .. and rolled back. Then we could look up through the open space in Orion whence came the Voice of God: The Holy City will come down through that space".

Modern astronomers all agree that there is a huge opening in Orion which is perhaps more than 16 740 000 million miles in diameter. The diameter around the earth's orbit is 186 000 000 miles, which distance in itself is incomprehensible to man - yet, the opening into this heavenly cavern of Orion is 90 000 times as wide. In other words, we could put 30 000 solar systems like our own, with a sun in the middle of each, across the entrance of the opening in the North, and still have room to spare.

But surpassing the immensity of its size is its exquisite beauty and the luminous colours that are unlike any upon earth. Professor Larkin of Mt. Lowe Observatory gives us the following description of it :

"These negatives (photographs) reveal the opening and

interior of a cavern so stupendous that our entire solar system would be lost therein. I have watched it since the days of youth in many telescopes of many powers. But never dreamt that the central region is the mouth of a colossal cave. Human speech is impotent. Pen of writer and brush of artist alike are lifeless and inert in any attempt to describe this interior."

In the depths of the Orion nebula are torn, twisted and riven masses of shining glass. Irregular pillars, columns of stalactites in glittering splendour and stalagmites from the mighty floor. The appearance is like that of Light, shining and glowing behind Herculean walls of Ivory and Pearl, and studded with millions of Diamond-shining stars.

There must be some reason why all this grandeur is lavished on this one spot in the Heavens, why the coloured area hue peculiar to Orion is studded around the opening so that they appear as a pavement of starry sand.

John saw the Holy City coming down from God of Heaven (Rev. 21:12). In Matthew 25:31 we are told that the Son of God shall come in His Glory and All the Holy Angels with Him. No wonder the astronomers (many of them not religious) say they seem to feel as if they were in some Mighty "Presence" while scanning this great outburst of grandeur extending for trillions of miles through space.

(Morse Fellowship, U.S.A.)

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The sun is so large that, if it were hollow, it could contain more than one million worlds the size of our Earth. There are stars in space so large that they could easily hold 500 million suns of the size of ours. There are about 100,000 million stars in the average galaxy - and at least 100 million galaxies in known space.

Who says it's a small world?

IN PASSING

Some time ago in Skywatch magazine we reviewed the book "Uninvited Visitors" by Ivan T. Sanderson. How many of you have read the book by now? Or do you perhaps remember what the essence of his book is?

Briefly, Ivan Sanderson believes that the evidence shows that the greater part of the Ufo phenomenon is a biological matter, and sets out to enlarge the reader's concepts of organisms. He compares the unusual aerial forms photographed in 1958 by New Zealander, Trevor James, with unicellular life-forms such as the amoebic ones. Further, he proposes that not all Ufo's are objects or machines manufactured by intelligent beings, but could be cosmic life-forms with their own pattern of existence. Or maybe some are a combination of these two possibilities. Some extra-terrestrials may have the knowhow to construct machines along biological lines; these could have been copied from existing life-forms which have already adapted themselves to life in space. He also faces the possibility that intelligences are able to breed these animals or life-forms, or even create them, by purely bio-chemical means.

Bearing this in mind, one can but wonder about a recent report in a Dallas, Texas, newspaper. Apparently a space "thing" suddenly appeared in the back yard of Mrs. Marie Harris. It came from the sky, was a jelly-like mass which pulsed, foamed and resisted all efforts to kill it. It grew rapidly in size but then shrivelled up and died before researchers had time to study it fully.

The "thing" started out the size of two cookies, and grew to the size of about 16 cookies in a couple of weeks. By the time scientists were called in, it had grown to the size of 32 cookies. Tornado weather struck Dallas, and heavy rains seemed to wash the blob away overnight - but the next morning it was back and three times as big and in three sections. Then it shrivelled up and died.

Scientists confirmed that the "thing" had come from the skies, and was a collection of spores which constantly land on the earth's surface from the atmosphere. Arnold Dittman, the researcher, stated:

"These spores come from God knows where. It is in fact a bacterial mutation which nature creates whenever conditions are conducive to its growth".

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THE HIDDEN EFFECTS OF WEIGHTLESSNESS.

"The way is now opened for the intricate testing of how the physical and mental bodies of man reacts to space living, and how his emotional state might differ from when he is on terra firma.

But the thing which is not immediately apparent is this: Weightlessness has an enormous impact on man quite outside the physical differences, since once man has lived outside earth to experience non-gravity for a prolonged period, his etheric (bioplasmic) body begins to separate more easily from the physical. The person then becomes more sensitive to unseen influences and his imagination has freer rein. He returns to earth and although he may keep his feet on the ground, his mind might well be in the clouds, or he may experience an extended consciousness.

This new state could be most uncomfortable if it is not recognised for what it is - a slipping in and out of alignment, as it were, with strange consequences of vision, heightened hearing and so on. Thus some of the reactions noted, like palpitations, high temperatures, blackouts, etc., and thought to be entirely traceable through the purely physical, are not in fact so. Although some of the conditions will be easily adjusted, those that incur the loosening of the etheric body will certainly cause some difficulties, yet in due time they, too, will be controlled.

However, before proper control may be established the cause must be recognised. The cause comes from the Subtle body, the effect is physical and so misleading. It will be seen from this that future Sky Men will be a new breed; those who will have extended senses and what is more, will control those senses."

(Given to Verity.)

26.6.1973. T.V. media reported that doctors were finding other complications in regard to prolonged living in space, and say they may have to curtail the time groups spend in space. Could this have anything to do with the above impressions received by Verity, long before Skylab men returned to earth?

(Thanks to Heralds of the New Age.)

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NEWS FROM DATA RESEARCH

By Derek Mansell.

So far the number of Ufo sightings for 1973 has not been vast. There have been a few sightings, however, which have proved rather interesting.

One in particular, featured the sighting and filming of a "fireball" type object on January 11th at Thame in Oxfordshire. The fluorescent orange dome seemed to be rotating at tremendous speed and was seen to hover, descend and climb more than once during its observed flight and at one stage it became partially translucent. The object was spinning in an anti-clockwise direction, about a vertical axis, and varying in brightness, according to its speed of travel.

Interesting news has been received from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic of a large Ufo "flap" which occurred between August and December of 1972. The breakdown reads as follows:

1. For the Dominican Republic September was the month of the greatest number of sightings, whilst they were more prolific in Puerto Rico during October.
2. The first reported "landings" in the Dominican Republic occurred in September and October.
3. The first reported "contact" with "occupants" took place in Puerto Rico and three incidents of telepathic contact were noted in addition.
4. The "flap" was well covered by radio, television and newspapers, and the topic was well presented to the public.
5. Puerto Rico is 8 900 square kilometres in area and the Dominican Republic 48 500 square km. The "flap", being as extensive as was reported, may be considered as more intense and of greater density in comparison with previous concentrations of Ufo activity in other areas.
6. This "flap" showed a complete gamut of sightings, landings - with and without "contact", the presence of clouds and cigar shapes, animal abductions, incidents of animal reaction to the presence of Ufo's, written messages, telepathic messages, good photographs and even a "healing" by a Ufo.
7. The largest number of sightings occurred after dark. Colours observed in association with the Ufos gave no indication of a fixed pattern, although orange was noted as recurring many times.

No doubt Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic witnessed an extraordinary Ufo "flap" - the largest ever to occur in these countries. This Ufo activity was somewhat reminiscent of a "flap" which occurred in the United States during 1965-66 and another in Spain in 1968.

MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

DURBAN: December, 1973: NO meeting.
January, 1974: Wednesday, 23rd at 8 p.m.
February, 1974: Wednesday, 27th at 8 p.m.

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

JOHANNESBURG: December, 1973: Monday, 3rd at 8 p.m.
January, 1974: Monday, 7th at 8 p.m.
February, 1974: Monday, 4th at 8 p.m.

Meeting Place: For further information in connection with
these meetings, kindly contact Mrs. E.
Klarer, at 1 Murray Gordon Mansions,
67 Jan Smuts Avenue, Johannesburg.

CAPE TOWN: December, 1973: Saturday, 29th at 8 p.m.
January, 1974: Saturday, 26th at 8 p.m.
February, 1974: Saturday, 23rd at 8 p.m.

Meeting Place: 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.

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