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## E D I T O R I A L

There is evidence that, in spite of the necessity to produce an increasing number of specialists to cope with the ever expanding sphere of knowledge, there is also a marked intuitive urge in others to stay away from the diversity of specialisation in order to better understand the unification of both fact and phenomenon and its immediate cause.

Uri Geller, in doing his rounds, is doing a very valuable work which is greatly contributing to the unifying of parapsychology and ufology. While parapsychology investigates the psychological or personality phenomena which cannot be explained in terms of the existing understanding of biology or psychology, ufology investigates those aerial objects, forms, phenomena and related effects which also cannot be explained in terms of existing scientific understanding. As these two fields of research have meeting points, the psychic world begins to take serious notice of the UFO phenomenon and this increasing interest is now being expressed in psychic journals.

There cannot be any doubt that the book "Uri", Uri Geller himself, and Dr. Puharich, are dissolving many UFO doubts in the minds of this latter group. We will shortly see why.

Ivan Sanderson, in his book "Uninvited Visitors", sets out his belief that the greater part of the UFO phenomenon is a biological matter. One may remember that he advances the possibility that certain extra-terrestrial groups have the

ability to create aerial forms and robots in a biological sense.

As a result of his investigations and experiences, Dr Puharich says that the Hoova group of beings (see Book Review) have, amongst other powers, total control over biological systems, ranging from design (initial form) reproduction, healing repair, to the imprinting of feelings and ideas. This is a powerful statement as it closely approaches the definition of being truly creative. As mind-over-matter and the various ESP feats in the very field of present psychic and parapsychological research it is no wonder that Uri's power which he himself claims is given by these extraterrestrials, has become a focus of their investigations. And in that process of research the existence of extra-terrestrials may as a logical consequence become more acceptable.

Is the human race being conditioned to study mind and know its possibilities? As laymen we have been conditioned or we have conditioned ourselves, to believe that in this field we can do very little else but to watch the developments, that at best we can support the work and study the facts. To restrict ourselves to these roles is not only to miss the meaning of individual research and adventure, but is also to misunderstand that these researches intimately relate to us personally.

"Man know Thyself" is the gateway to greater freedom. To understand ourselves in terms of the working of our minds is a very profitable affair. To have a mind that matters we need to become aware that all our psychological patterns and reactions are sustained by our own vital force. To be freed of these patterns we need to reverse the process. By recognising and watching the patterns dispassionately (like an outsider) over a period of time, we withdraw its emotional force. This force, previously trapped in the lower strata of consciousness, will then become available as a fully conscious power. Is the price of watchfulness too high? To become a fully integrated individual while in the human experience is the projection of our more evolved brothers. Their guidance and release of knowledge is caught up by our aspiration and research to understand the hidden powers within ourselves.

BETWEEN YOU AND ME.

By Brinsley Le Poer Trench

In my last article, I discussed some of the evidence for the dropping by ufo's of "earthly" substances on the surface of this planet. In the present article I shall continue with this particular theme, and will suggest how the apparent "earthly" character of the dropped material may indicate the origin of the ufos.

On 6th February, 1966, a circular flying object made a brief landing near Aluche, a suburb of Madrid, Spain. It was seen by a group of soldiers at an ammunition dump, as well as by several civilians. As the object took off and passed overhead, the witnesses saw a large symbol-like marking on the underside or belly of the object. It resembled two curved lines with a straight line between them. This sight was subsequently widely publicized in Spain.

Sixteen months later, on 1st June, 1967, another "Saucer-shaped" object "bounced" at tree-top height through the air over the same suburb and over the neighbouring suburb of San Jose de Valderas. Again, this was a multi-witness event, with unrelated people reporting the object over that area from different vantage points. Like the earlier Aluche ufo, this one also bore a large symbol on its underside, and this was captured on film by two people who fortunately had cameras with them at the time and took pictures of the object. Some of these pictures were reproduced in "Flying Saucer Review", September/October, 1969.

About three miles from San Jose de Valderas, the object landed near a restaurant called "La Ponderoso". Its flight to that place had been observed by a large number of people, including the students of a Convent College. When, shortly afterwards, the local inhabitants went out to investigate the landing site, they found three rectangular marks in the soil, spaced so as to form an equilateral triangle having sides measuring about 18 feet. They also found a number of small metal tubes scattered around the site. Here we go again!

A boy opened one of these tubes with a pair of pliers, and found that it contained a liquid which quickly evaporated. The tube also contained two green plastic strips, each stamped with a symbol like the one seen on the ufo by numerous witnesses.

A few days later people in the area received printed circulars offering a reward of 18,000 pesetas for each tube forwarded to one Henri Dagousset, care of a Post Office box in Madrid. The circular contained a photograph of one of the tubes and details of its size. Later efforts to locate Dagousset failed. Why, it may be asked, was he offering such large sums of money for the tubes, the very existence of which, moreover, was known to but a comparatively small number of people.

The tube opened with the pliers was submitted to the Spanish National Technical Institute for Aeronautics and Space Research, where tests were carried out on it. Their analysis stated that the tube was composed of "nickel" of an extraordinary high degree of purity", and that the plastic in the strips was polyvinyl fluoride. This latter substance, incidentally, was not then available commercially, and was, in fact, at the time being made in small quantities for missile nose-cones by the Dupont Company in the U.S.A. So how did these samples of a rare and classified plastic material end up in a field in Spain? (1) (2).

In "The Eternal Subject" I suggested that the implications of the existence of these small tubes at this landing site were that the powers that be, that is the governments, were manufacturing some of the so-called "flying saucers". On that occasion I believe I fell into a trap. You see, at that time I did not have all the evidence of "earthly" substances dropped on earth or at landing sites by ufos discussed in this and the preceding article. This does not mean to deny, after all these years of research into overcoming gravity, that some kind of highly secret experimental craft of general "saucer" design has not or will not be developed and subsequently flown by governmental or military agencies. But I am absolutely certain that Earth Governments are NOT responsible

for ALL the ufos seen in modern times since 1897. No, something very strange is happening.

I would suggest that the evidence that I have so far presented for the near wholesale dropping of "earthly" substances all over the world, coupled with the way that mysterious "foreign looking" beings or people turn up at landing sites, or alleged landing sites - before eye witnesses have had time to report what they have seen or experienced - is extremely significant. This indeed, points up the possibility that the ufos are based on Earth, or use one or more bases on Earth, and that, furthermore, their owners have representatives or agents living among us.

When you think about it, there are still - despite our crowded urban areas - many places on this planet still only partially explored, such as interior Brazil and Colombia, as well as large tracts of northern Canada, the U.S.A., China, and the Soviet Union. It is possible, too, that there may be ufo bases in other lonely places; in the past it has been suggested that there may be ufo bases in the interior of Australia, parts of which still await exploration. With regard to Brazil, it must be highly significant that ufo activity is constantly reported from those regions which ARE inhabited by human communities.

In my contention there is a great deal that needs carefully looking at here. There are just too many anomalies, real or apparent, for matters to have a "normal" basis. But whatever the eventual outcome of any further investigations into these aspects of ufology, I hope that I have given you more food for thought.

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U F O. SIGHTINGS OVER S.A.

14.6.1974. HATTINGSPRUIT near Dundee: Mr. I. McCallum rose at 5.00 a.m., and looking outside at the clear sky saw a Ufo which emitted an intense white light. The object appeared to be the size of a Boeing 737 without wings or tail, and it snaked along the sky moving slowly. The object had eight intensely bright lights shining towards the ground almost as if it were searching for something, and when viewed through binoculars it seemed as if the lights which shone from 5.00 - 6.00 a.m., were emitted from eight portholes. On end view the object emitted a reddish light and moved in the direction of the flash each time a flash was emitted. At 6.00 a.m., when the side lights were switched off, the object almost resembled a huge star. After sunrise the craft could still be seen, with one light shining, and the sun reflecting off the body. Mrs. McCallum, who also observed the phenomena, ended up with "arc eyes" from the intense Ufo light. She had observed the object with the naked eye only, whilst Mr. McCallum had used binoculars for most of the time.

14.6.1974. SALISBURY: Miss T. Moriarty described a Ufo which sped silently over Salisbury at night as huge, round and spinning. The object had a huge light at the bottom and smaller lights all around. It stayed in one place for about 2 minutes then moved off at high speed.

9.7.1974. PORT ELIZABETH: Dozens of people in this area reported seeing a strange object flashing through the sky shortly before midnight. It was described as a big shining light leaving a bright trail in the sky, and was visible for about 2 minutes. From the Transkei, East London, Maclear and Komga came reports of an object which seemed as though it were ablaze with fire, a streak of light stretching 30 m. behind it, and heading towards the sea. A former R.A.F. fighter pilot, Mr. E. Jones, said the electrical wiring in the house started reverberating at the same time he sighted the Ufo. He stated that the object appeared to be twice the size of a jumbo-jet and was observed for 1 minute.

9.7.1974. BLOEMFONTEIN: Residents reported seeing a white ball pass low over the city at about 11.25 p.m. It emitted red flames from the back as it travelled.

9.7.1974. GRAHAMSTOWN: Five men saw a bright object with its main body the size of a moon, and what looked like coloured tennis balls breaking away from the main body, which came streaking out of the sky and passed over the Monument. One of the men commented that it looked like an aeroplane burning at first, glowing green and orange, with a broad tail like a streak of fire.

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IN PASSING ....

By Guest Writer - Ray Martin.

"Contact" fills a vacuum and has a great contribution to make but this is only possible provided that we all conduct ourselves, our statements and our investigations with circumspection and with an emphasis upon the evidence of our own eyes and that which we know to be fact. If we wish to obtain the co-operation of legitimate scientists, we have to beware of airy-fairy attitudes, and that which I call the "Fourth Dimensional Syndrome". In other words, "If you can't explain it, relegate it to the fourth dimension". In so doing we are not only abandoning the prime position of true research, which is to be ready to admit that our theories are but theories, and that we really do not know anything for certain, but by so doing, we are denying ourselves the right of being considered as anything other than deluded cranks and crackpots.

In Skywatch No. 29 a "Scientist" explains a message from outer space as meaning that the people who sent it live in the "fourth dimension", because the man in the piece was pointing at a square. This prompts me to ask, was he a scientist, or one of the crackpots?

In the first place, the existence of a fourth dimension presupposes a universe parallel to our own, invisible to our instruments in its entirety, which means that all the frequencies of its spectrum, including both radio and television frequencies along with all the others, would be out of coincidence with our three dimensional universe, and therefore, to all intents and purposes, would not exist. How then, would we pick up a fourth dimensional signal on our receivers? All mumbo-jumbo aside!

Secondly, in mathematics the square of the number represents a number multiplied by itself ONCE. It is simplicity itself, as is all mathematics - nothing but pure logic.

Surely it is obvious that if a race of people on a distant planet, our earth, had developed sufficiently to receive a televised message, their mathematical knowledge would be on a par with their technology, and able to receive and understand more complicated symbols than the square, which, lets face it, is only two dimensional! No, I must look upon this interpretation as one more manifestation of the fourth dimensional syndrome.

My interpretation - assuming that the alleged decoding was the correct one, and not misplaced enthusiasm over an unusual pattern of static - would be like this: "We are duplicates of yourselves as you can see from the pattern, and, we emphasise this by showing you the square which indicates the first step of an ever repeated pattern - ad infinitum".

It is reasonable to assume that if there was in fact a message, it came, by the very nature of the transmission, from somewhere very close to us, in our own galaxy, and in our own three dimensional universe, from people like us who, at the time at which the message was transmitted had no knowledge of rapid, i.e. long distance, space travel, but who at the same time, had assumed, and it appears quite rightly so, that whosoever received the message would be basically a humanoid type, a type which this, if true, gives us reason to believe is fairly universal.

It also indicates that (a) they have received similar transmissions themselves; (b) that they have had direct contact with others like themselves; (c) that they are within 15 light years of ourselves and through some freak of transmission have picked up one of our own early TV signals. By the very nature of TV transmission they must have a highly accurate idea of just where we are, to be able to do this, but at the same time it would place them in the range of say Vega or Alpha Centauri - as I do not believe that our Solar system is inhabited by any beings other than ourselves.

If there is a fourth dimension of the sort envisaged by our

run of the mill enthusiast - and I do not deny the possibility - I would imagine that they would have sufficient problems of their own within their own "Infinite Universe" without courting even more trouble in ours.

I feel that the answer to the materialisation-dematerialisation or fourth dimensional aspect of Ufo sightings is that these very obviously advanced persons from our own, and the only known, for certain, universe have mastered to a high degree the Unified Field - the fourth dimension of the mathematician - which would enable them to travel really vast distances at incredible speeds, covering intergalactic space in the twinkling of an eye. For the Unified Field implies that all points in time and space at any given moment are one, and that time and space therefore do not technically exist, or, are for the moment in a state of suspension, and therefore in an entirely different context to the traveller. Under these circumstances travel from one part of the universe to the other would be virtually instantaneous.

Of course, there would be a danger of arriving at the end of your journey to find that you had - for want of a better word - rematerialised in the middle of a planet or a star, but since the preponderance of space over solid objects in our universe is so vast, the chances of this taking place would be so minimal as to be absolutely remote. None the less, it would require a technology that was many thousands of years in advance of our own, and planetary resources beyond our wildest dreams. Who knows, it is but a theory!

Out of some 48 sightings I have had since 1936 I am prepared to concede that 12 were of extraterrestrial origin, and of these 10 sightings were made in broad daylight where I was able to bring binoculars to bear upon the object and, with the exception of the 1936 sighting, my wife, or some other person was present on each occasion.

Let us endeavour to evaluate any information in a truly unbiased and scientific manner, dealing with facts as facts and theories as theories, and not by believing in something because we would like it to be true. Let us not mix oil with water!

PHILIPP HUMAN - A TRIBUTE.

Early in 1967 The Hon. Brinsley Le Poer Trench wrote to Philipp asking him to start a branch of an International Flying Saucer Organisation called "International Sky Scouts", in South Africa. As a result this organisation was started. The name was later changed to Contact S.A., and branches were established in Durban, Johannesburg, Pretoria, East London, Cape Town and Rhodesia. Philipp was appointed Chairman of the Durban Branch. Due to other commitments in the same field he resigned as Chairman and continued his work with a correspondence network that encircled the globe. As he was a quiet humble man, very little of what he did became generally known. His intimate friends, however, knew him to be an indefatigable worker for his favourite subject - U.F.O.'s. Finally, we can pay him no greater compliment than to include a tribute to him by his only daughter, Cassandra:-

My father, Philipp Human, died in the Parklands Nursing Home during the night of 11th June, 1974. He died as he lived: in peace, fearlessness and in control of his destiny. For the many people whom knew him, his absence will be felt keenly, for it leaves the world bleaker and greyer; those who loved him will never fill that void. Even in our greatest joy my mother and I will miss the sharing of it with him.

He was an accomplished man whose talent ranged through many spheres. As a musician, he was a sensitive and versatile pianist who played at his first concert at the age of six. He had a beautiful tenor voice and, in his younger days, he sang in and trained church choirs. He was a qualified music teacher and a Fellow of the Royal College of Music.

Those who came to know him during the last twenty years will remember him, however, not so much for his music, but rather as a seeker after some universal and eternal verity in a world of violent change. The best description of his search will be found in his own words, as he wrote in a letter to a friend six months before he died: " I have made an 'in depth' study of extra senses of perception, astral travel, telepathy, telekinesis, Spiritualism, Bhagavad Gita, Upanishads, Teachings

of the Masters of the Far East (Baird Spalding), Annalee Skarin, and the writing of Joan Grant. Also everything I could lay my hands on in the saucer field. I also studied the Bible, but as my horizon enlarged, I gradually withdrew from this book with its many contradictions, and since I now no longer believe in an eternal Hell or Heaven, I put my Bible aside. I never could understand why the history of the Jews had to be immortalized in such lurid detail by a God Father .. I do not condemn the churches for proclaiming that the Bible is God's greatest gift to man, but I think I have better books in my extensive library. We all seek the 'Pearl of great price' consciously or unconsciously, but since we are all voyagers during eternity, and all are on different levels of understanding, it is best if we make our own decisions and live by a code which is in keeping with our stage of evolution.. I have discovered that man is 'god' in **very truth**, and that his mind is capable of reaching tremendous heights, and can penetrate the veil that surrounds the ancient wisdom through which he can rediscover his true 'source' and return to his Father. Then all things are added. But first find the Father within!"

While he was in hospital, he asked me to read aloud the following extract from the Bhagavad Gita, and I asked John Elliott to read it out at his cremation service, for it stands as the ideal to which he aspired:

Who hateth nought

Of all which lives, living himself benign,

Compassionate, from arrogance exempt,

Exempt from love of self, unchangeable

By good or ill; patient, contented, firm

In faith, mastering himself, true to his word,

Seeking Me, heart and soul; Vowed unto Me-

That man I love! Who troubleth not his kind,

And is not troubled by them; clear of wrath,

Living too high for gladness, grief, or fear,

That man I love! Who, dwelling quiet-eyed,

Stainless, serene, well-balanced, unperplexed,

Working with Me, yet from all works detached

That man I love! Who, fixed in faith on Me,

Dotes upon none, scorns none; rejoices not,

And grieves not, letting good or evil hap

Light when it will, and when it will depart ...  
Linked by no ties to earth, steadfast in Me,  
That man I love !

My father will be remembered by man, for it was not so much WHAT he taught people that mattered, but that he had the rare gift of making people look within themselves for truth, and the young people who shared that experience of him with me in their striving for maturity, also share my grief. My father was a gentle man.

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CONTACT S.A. CONFERENCE - AUGUST, 1974.

The third National Contact Conference was held this year at the same venue as on the two previous occasions - Everglades Hotel, Lions River, in the foothills of the Drakensberg - over the weekend of the 16th/17th/18th August, 1974. It proved to be a most enjoyable weekend with members making the most of the fresh mountain air, long hikes (and for those who felt fit - climbs) and congenial atmosphere.

Unfortunately, due to the petrol restrictions, only three members from Johannesburg were able to attend ( including the Chairman of the Johann-sburg branch, Mrs. E. Klarer) and a special vote of thanks is extended to them for the effort made. The rest of the party of 22 was made up of Durban members.

We realise that distance and the petrol restrictions do create a problem, but we are hopeful that in future members from all over South Africa will be able to attend the National Conferences . This is an ideal way of promoting fellow-feeling and giving an extra spurt of enthusiasm to members of Contact S.A., and certainly each and everyone of us has something to give - and in the giving, receives.

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"There is nothing so far removed from us as to be beyond our reach, or so hidden that we cannot discover it".

Descartes.

Book Review.

" U R I ".

By Dr. Andrija Puharich.

In this unusual but most fascinating book, Dr. Puharich gives the life story of Uri Geller, the twenty-seven year old Israeli, who has attracted world-wide attention for his mind-over-matter and ESP feats.

The book is the result of two years of study which were marked by numerous inexplicable happenings and also by a breakthrough into the understanding of a transcending reality which is beyond the grasp of the average man. Apart from being a neurologist, Dr. Puharich, as a result of his interests, has set up his own laboratory for the study of ESP and parapsychology. Although he thoroughly understands scientific procedure, both Uri and himself have experienced many spontaneous phenomena which by their very nature would be impossible to repeat under laboratory conditions. The reader will discover in Uri a new type of supernatural power which so far he has used to produce a variety of phenomena with an unheard of regularity. It is no wonder that the psychic world follows Uri's movements and developments closely.

It all started in a stately garden of an Arab neighbour, where Uri, 3 years old, found himself gazing at a bowl-shaped object descending from the sky and the huge figure of a man from whom emitted a ray of light that bowled him over and then caused him to fall into a deep sleep. It seemed that from that moment onward supernatural powers and abilities were given or activated. At the age of seven Uri discovered that by wishing the schoolhours to pass more quickly, his new watch would respond immediately, although much to his chagrin the school-hours remained just as long.

He now became aware that he could influence and exert the power of mind-over-matter in several ways. This ability developed and went almost unnoticed until he reached the age of twenty-three, when he was discovered by people in the show business and Uri became an entertainer. It was through this publicity

that Uri became known to Dr. Puharich, who went to Israel to investigate.

Briefly, the results of his study show clearly that Uri possesses the following abilities:  
The spontaneous repairing of watches and clocks and moving of the hands of a watch without touching it;  
Telepathy - He has been tested for his ability to duplicate line drawings, to guess correctly the names of cities;  
Clairvoyance - His ability to read the face of a die inside a steel box repeatedly;  
Forming an image on a film sealed in darkness;  
Bending metal objects such as keys, forks, spoons, etc.;  
Erasing patterns from videotape;  
Dematerialising objects in one place and materialising the same objects in another place; and the ability to control by mental means certain laboratory instruments and affecting the performance of computers, radios, television sets and audiotape recorders.

The reader will come to the point that he will ask what it all adds up to. Both Dr. Putarich and Uri insist that his powers are given and in some measure controlled by extra-terrestrials from the planet Hoova, which is located beyond the Milky Way. This group of space travellers first landed on Earth 20,000 years ago on what is now Israel. They indicate to be responsible for a number of developments on this planet. According to Dr. Puharich it seems that great achievements rest on three sciences unknown to man :-

- 1.. The power to cause objects to disappear and appear elsewhere.
2. Total control over biological systems ranging from design, reproduction and healing repair to the imprinting of feelings and ideas. (Remember Ivan Sanderson's book "Uninvited Visitors" ).
3. The ability to travel across time in what we would consider to be no-time.

These Hoova beings seem to be well-disposed towards earthman, but on the other hand they have misgivings about carrying out an intelligent communication in the near future.

Nearly all voice communication between these beings from

Hoova, Uri and Puharich were imprinted on magnetic tape; very often the recorder would start by itself and after a conversation, invariably the cassette would disappear from the tape recorder after the contents had been transcribed. These conversations indicate that for a long time to come Uri and Dr. Puharich will be used to prepare the minds of people here to accept that not only are there many other civilisations in the universe, many of these are so very advanced to be beyond our present level of understanding.

Uri is used in his capacity to entertain (or should we say "educate") people to accept the concepts of mind-over-matter and ESP in general, while Dr. Puharich as a scientist will perceive ways and means not only to urge the scientific establishment to review its traditions, but also to become the broadcasting station to the world at large.

Of such a nature is his book "Uri", an essential piece of information to those who take the UFO question seriously.

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BOOK NEWS:

The latest book by Erich von Däniken, his fourth, has just been published. Entitled "In search of Ancient Gods", this book is, in von Däniken's own words, "pictorial evidence for the impossible". Beautifully illustrated with photographs in black and white as well as colour, one can only wonder at what might have been in ages past.

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" Q U O T E "

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance ; that principle is contempt prior to investigation".

Herbert Spencer.

MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

DURBAN: Sept: Wednesday, 25th at 8 p.m.  
Oct: Wednesday, 23rd at 8 p.m.  
Nov: Wednesday, 27th at 8 p.m.

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

JOHANNESBURG: Sept: Monday, 2nd at 8 p.m.  
Oct: Monday, 7th at 8 p.m.  
Nov: Monday, 4th at 8 p.m.

Venue: Kindly contact Mrs. E. Klarer, at  
3, Cottage Place, 394 Rifle Range,  
Towerby, Johannesburg, for details.

CAPE TOWN: Sept: Saturday, 28th at 8 p.m.  
Oct: Saturday, 26th at 8 p.m.  
Nov: Saturday, 30th at 8 p.m.

Venue: Kindly contact Mr. Andre Nestel at  
16, Poplar Avenue, Bergvliet, 7800,  
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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