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FROM THE EDITOR.

This will be the last joint issue of 'Aquarian News' and 'Skywatch', which combined on a trial basis twelve months ago.

Due to changes within the structure of Aquarian Estates, 'Aquarian News' has been discontinued and therefore 'Skywatch' will in future be published on its own as was the case prior to 1976.

Greetings for a lighted Christmas, and may  
a new dawn glow upon the horizon.

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FROM THE AGE OF LEO TO THE AGE OF AQUARIUS (Concluded)AQUARIUS THE MAN: 2001 A.D. - 4000 A.D. (approximately)

"Grid up thy loins like a man, for I will demand of thee, and answer thou Me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare if thou hast understanding." (Job 38: 3-4).

The understanding demanded in the above quotation will come about in the new Age of Aquarius as promised by Jesus when He said: "When the Sign of Man shall come, he will enlighten you in all things."

The Age of Aquarius is the Age of Man and of Humanity. In this Age the race of men will move out of the adolescent stage into maturity. The focus and polarisation is shifting from the devotional-emotional level to that of the mind. Aquarius is a mental Sign and will bring about the development of the full mental potential of the race. As a leaf after growth in darkness breaks through into sunlight, so the human mind will expand into the light of the new Age - a light which will go on increasing, bringing fresh revelation of the divine potencies in the human being until the title "Son of God" will be recognised as the divine and royal prerogative of man in this Sign of "Man, Humanity and Brotherhood".

Aquarius is an Air Sign and its influence is dramatically visible in the conquering of space. In less than a century from the time the Wright brothers first flew their plane, mankind has reached the Moon and Mars. The ascendancy of the air has transformed our way of life and thought. Air, the element of Aquarius, is common to all - it is the universal breath which unites all peoples and is furthermore the symbol of the higher life in which freedom is experienced, and the soul comes to full expression.

The characteristics of Aquarius are synthesis, unity, co-operation, brotherhood and freedom. This means the conscious participation in the corporate life of the race - an attitude of inclusiveness with love and goodwill to all. Up to now man has stood in his own light - greedy, fearful, separative, self-centered - his own enemy. But the symbol of Aquarius promises a change in this condition. This period has been occultly called the "Age of restoration of what has been broken by the fall". The time has come when the separate parts can be re-united and the whole stand together again in its earlier perfection.

Every person who succeeds in helping himself renders a service to the whole, for every heightened response increases the vibratory rate of the race. The power in the hands of individuals today is great and never before has opportunity knocked so loudly and so insistently. It is therefore necessary to recognise the urgency of the issue, the necessity for a planetary viewpoint and of personal responsibility.

There is now the opportunity and need to put the concept of right relationships and goodwill into action. Right human relations depend on the ability to realise the individual relationship to the whole. The forces dispersed by the Christ two thousand years ago were to sow the seeds of the concept of universal Brotherhood. Now, with the onset of the Aquarian Age the seeds are sprouting and incredible growth is imminent.

After aeons of evolution the physical body of man is complete. The nervous system, which is the symbol of the soul and an outer visible form of an inner reality, is

fully developed. The body of man has become a suitable instrument for the expression of spirit. Humanity is therefore standing at the portals of the spiritual or superhuman kingdom and at this time all the forces of nature are gathered and aimed at helping those who are endeavouring to move out of personality focus and separateness into soul consciousness, the level from which Divinity can manifest on earth.

Aquarius is the Age of Enlightenment; its keyword is "I know". In this Age all that has been hidden will be revealed through scientific discoveries and knowledge. The release of the energy of the atom, and the discovery of nuclear power was the inauguration of the new Age and the beginning of revelation. Only in this Age will the true nature, correct understanding and right appropriation of "the Love of God" come about - that free-flowing, outgoing, magnetically attractive force which leads each pilgrim home to the Father's House. This underlies the most important aspect of life today, namely that of synthesis, inclusiveness and concern only for the good of the whole. The present era is the most dramatic in history - for the first time mankind is facing consciously, and as one humanity, the new stages on the evolutionary path. Each generation is given the joy of demonstrating the strength of the old foundations and the opportunity of building upon these foundations a structure that will meet the needs of the inner evolving life.

The new Age is therefore, above all, one of action - the building of the new; the active participation in the Divine Plan of establishing a new culture and a new civilisation on earth, a structure through which the divine qualities of Light, Love and Spiritual Will can be expressed. The new Age will emerge largely according to humanity itself - according to the shift in consciousness, the adaptation to the new vibrations, and according to the total collective effort and reception of and reaction to the newly available energies and influences. Humanity is the agent of Divine Intention, the substance with which the hands of God must work. This is the meaning of man's "essential divinity" and because of this the new Age will depend for its quality upon the extent to which individuals are

true intermediaries between spirit and form. Already the unfolding of a new consciousness within humanity can be seen, bringing about a new man, a new society and a new world - the new heaven and the new earth.

In this Age of Man, man will attain enlightenment through his own conscious effort; the Piscean dependency on an intermediary has no place in the new Age. Of this Master D.K. says, "..... I have told you nothing that would lead you to offer me that blind obedience and the foolish devotion which the emotional aspirant offers the Guru and Master whom he is as yet unable to contact. Nor will he make that desired contact until he has transmuted emotional devotion into unselfish service to humanity."

Man has come of age, and his mind can and will assume its true function which is an understanding of its purpose, which is to serve as a vehicle through which the Creator is manifesting on earth. We have moved into the era of the occultist, of active participation in the creative processes of life, of conscious co-operation in establishing a spiritual kingdom - the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Religion in the new Age will include mind and spirit; it will be the science of living, the regeneration of man through self-knowledge. The mentally polarised humanity will practice the science of invocation and evocation, i.e. the invocative appeal of humanity, and the evocative response of the greater life to that appeal. Ceremonial and ritual will play a major role, as the Seventh Ray of Ceremonial Order or Magic is now, at this time, coming into power. The powerful influence of sound, colour, perfume, symbolic action, rhythmic movement and the use of mantrams will form the basis of spiritual unfoldment. The Seventh Ray activity is also bringing about contact with and co-operation between the human and Deva kingdoms.

Leo, ruled by the Sun, is the opposite Sign of Aquarius. The sun is the outer symbol of the Spiritual Sun, the Source and Creator of our Solar System. The sun will therefore once more form an integral and significant part of the religious ceremonies in the new Age. The Light of Truth, emanating from the Spiritual Sun will be reflected into the hearts of men.

The Aquarian energies of science (knowledge) and action will find their greatest outlet in the active and scientifically-minded West, which will be carried forward into spiritual realisation. The unfoldment and expansion of consciousness will primarily come about through scientific discoveries revealing the basic unity of all in creation, and the fact that whatever affects one affects the whole. This will motivate action aimed at the building of a social structure embodying co-operation, sharing, inclusiveness and love, bringing into outer manifestation the Brotherhood of Man.

This transformation on the planet will be inaugurated by the Reappearance of the Christ, an event which is generally expected at the turn of the century.

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Through the window of science we see the dawn of the Age of Enlightenment..... Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

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The dawn of man is breaking, be in hope;  
 All stars are gathered in his horoscope.  
 The brute man of the planet, he will pass,  
 Blown out like forms of vapour on a glass;  
 And from this quaking pulp shall rise  
 The superman, child of the higher skies.  
 Unfettered, he will break the ancient bars,  
 Laugh and reach out his hands among the stars.

Edwin Markham.

Except the Christ be born again tonight  
 In dreams of all men, saints and sons of shame,  
 The world will never see his kingdom bright.  
 Stars of all hearts, lead onwards thro' the night  
 To that far sky where mystic births begin,  
 Where dreaming ears the angel-song shall win.  
 Our Christmas shall be rare at dawning there,  
 And each shall find his brother fair,  
 Like a little child within:  
 All hearts of the earth shall find new birth  
 And wake no more to sin.

Vachel Lindsay.

## LEARN TO BE

Be at peace. Striving gets you nowhere; it simply leaves you exhausted and frustrated because you never seem to be nearer the goal. Just learn to be. When you have ceased striving, creep into my loving arms like a weary child. Encircled in those arms, feel the peace, comfort and complete Oneness with Me; feel yourself melt into Me.

It is all so simple, so natural, but its very simplicity prevents man from doing it. He is forever trying to complicate matters, making Me so inaccessible that it is impossible to reach Me direct. He thinks he has to do so by devious routes, great suffering and striving. How utterly foolish! What a complete waste of precious time and effort! I am within each one of you. Recognise this constantly; accept the simplicity of it. Walk and talk with Me at all times in all places.

I am here to lift all burdens, to give answers to problems so that you become free to do My work. How can you do My work when you are tied up with yourself and your problems and feel weighed down? You must be free to rise, to move freely in those higher dimensions, to feel at one with Me, to function in Me, through Me and with Me.

You need no intermediary once you have accepted this Truth. I AM THAT I AM. I am within you direct your whole life.

Live fully in the Now. Leave the past behind. Know that all is very well. Let Me use you more and more. Allow nothing of the lower self to stand in the way.

Extract from 'God Spoke To Me' -  
Eileen Caddy of Findhorn.

## GOD KNOWS YOUR NEED.

God knows every need of your body, your soul and your spirit. Learn to be calm and still, and do your best with love in your heart. If you do your best, God will do the rest. Now trust in your best, and in God.

Extract from 'The Quite Mind' -  
White Eagle.

FIND YOURSELF

Refuse to be contented with the emotional effusions of the crowd and claim your heritage of creative thinking. Cultivate an attitude of calmness within yourself, of quietude and serenity. Beneath ordinary emotions lies the depths of the human soul, where the real YOU abides. At the heart of every human being there is a CENTRE OF SILENCE. Everything worthwhile in human life stems from these unplumbed depths and is born out of their silence. Great sorrow and tragedy are silent. Unsuspected loneliness is silent; deep sadness of the human heart is silent. Flashes of inspiration and genius are silent. Great and abiding love is of very few words also.

Every experience is a window, opening on the Divine. It is thus of paramount importance that we accept with equanimity both pleasant things and those that are hard to bear, as carrying a silent message from the Divine within us. An attitude of grateful acceptance is an essential factor of growing wisdom.

Cultivate fearlessness, courage, justice, forgiveness; forgive when it is hard to forgive, when there rises a mean desire to retaliate. Resentment is easy; forgiveness means strength. It takes a Man to practice it.

Take kindness for a watchword - never failing kindness and understanding. Try your best to get along with others. It is easier to do it if we look upon them as fragments of the One Universal Self. Stand for Principles, not personalities! Most of our struggles are involved with personalities, all of which are reduced to impalpable dust a few years hence. Is it worth it?

If we wish to grow inwardly and become greater and nobler, we will be tested over and over again. Life is a series of awakenings, and each awakening is a birth into a larger sphere of life. Each birth has its pangs, therefore growth is often painful. The chrysalis of the lower, personal selfhood must be broken through before the butterfly - The Soul - can emerge into the freedom of the sky.

Commune with Space; go out and look at the ocean, at the mountains, at the fields; go out at night and let

your eyes and your mind roam over the immensity of the starlit sky, which is but the outer symbol of your own Immensity within. Visualize yourself as a potential god-like being, trying to unfold and express Its inherent strength.

Man now faces the uncharted seas and the limitless vistas of a new era. The portals of that era are wide open today. Beyond stretch infinite horizons of growth, of achievement and knowledge. A new Sun is rising over the far-flung fields of human life, and the Wind of the Spirit sweeps over them, bringing the tidings of a new Spring in the life of mankind.

Boris de Zirkoff.

### THE END OF THE YEAR.

We stand once more at the end of the year  
 With mixed emotions of hope and fear,  
 Hope for the peace we long have sought  
 Fear that our hopes will come to naught...  
 Unwilling to trust in the Father's Will,  
 We count on our logic and shallow skill!  
 And, in our arrogance and pride,  
 Man is no longer satisfied  
 To place his confidence and love  
 With childlike faith in God above...  
 But tiny hands and tousled heads  
 That kneel in prayer by little beds  
 Are closer to the dear Lord's heart  
 And of His Kingdom more a part  
 Than we who search and never find  
 The answers to our questioning mind,  
 For faith in things we cannot see  
 Requires a child's simplicity...  
 Oh, Father grant once more to men  
 A simple childlike Faith again,  
 Forgetting Colour, Race and Creed  
 And seeing only the heart's deep need...  
 For faith alone can save man's soul  
 And lead him to a Higher Goal,  
 For there's but one unfailing course -  
 We win by Faith and not by force.

Helen Steiner Rice.

# Skywatch

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## EDITORIAL

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a year filled with happiness and endeavour of the highest kind. We also include in these good wishes from our Contact group all our brethren in other places; those upon other planets and other solar systems, and those blessed souls upon the Inner-Earth.

We look forward to a year of heightening awareness between all who work for the Brotherhood of Man and Nature; may we continually see our beautiful plant - this village Earth - held within the Light of Love.

This will be the last issue of the combined magazines Aquarian News and Skywatch. We are told Aquarian News will change its form and will be coming out in a new guise at a later date. From Contact's side we have had all praise for the combination of the two magazines and if any of our readers would like to receive the new magazine which will take the place of Aquarian News, please feel free to write in to this address and your names will be included on the new lists. All our readers are invited, when in Durban, to go out to Aquarian Estates and see for themselves the development.

Skywatch, of course, goes on. We would appreciate any helpful comments on the improvement of the magazine and articles from our other groups are always welcome.

## THE CASE FOR A HOLLOW EARTH.

A talk given at the National Seminar of Contact S.A. in August 1976 at El Mirador Hotel, Drakensberg, by Frank van Vloten.

We have been purposely secretive about the series of three lectures on your programmes because we want to present evidence which we hope will make you think seriously about this world in which we live. This evidence is not presented with the idea of trying to convert you from what you already believe to be the facts in the world around you, but rather to stimulate your thoughts along new lines (possibly) and to let you form your own conclusions, whatever they may be.

This first lecture will deal with the nature of this planet on which we live, and whether our present knowledge of it, either from what we were taught at school, or what has since appeared in print, seems to be correct in the light of what facts there are, which researchers can uncover but which may not necessarily be common knowledge in the sense that the news media print them.

Let us go back, for a start, to what we were all taught at school about the formation of the earth. As I remember it, (not from personal experience but from what I was told!) the earth was originally a mass of hot gas which spun off from the sun and then, over the aeons of time, gradually cooled into a liquid ball which had a solid outer crust. On this solid crust, land and sea masses formed, the central core being liquid and the origin of all volcanoes. This ball rotated on an imaginary axis which we call the North-South axis, from pivot points which are called the North and South Poles. These Poles are the true geographic North and South Poles, and not to be confused with the magnetic poles, there being a considerable discrepancy in the distance of the North and South magnetic poles, from the North and South geographic poles. Navigation charts are continually revised because

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the apparent positions of the magnetic poles change constantly with respect to the geographic, or true, poles. In the vicinity of the poles, there were assumed to be ice caps.

Accepted scientific thinking today, does not hold this concept any more. Instead, the earth is regarded as having a layered structure: the outermost layer is the crust, beneath that is a liquid mantle, and then a solid, inner core. This information was provided by the Institute of Geological Sciences in London, who said that this knowledge was gained from the way shock waves of earthquakes are bent as they pass through the earth. They also said that the earth's magnetic field was generated by circulation movements in the liquid mantle.

Talking for a moment about the North magnetic pole, an article in Scientific American magazine some years ago stated that the Russians, after having conducted their own geomagnetic studies, had discarded the old idea that this pole was a single point and instead, had said that it was a line approximately 1,000 miles long. Bear this in mind. I shall refer to it later.

We were also taught at school, that the earth is not completely round, but is spherical in shape, with flattening at the poles and a bulge at the equator. This view is still held today, and the earth's shape is attributed to the effects of centrifugal force as the earth rotates on its axis, where the substances in the region of the equator are thrown outward with greater force than those materials near the poles, where the centrifugal force is not so great. You can perform an experiment for yourself with a stone and a piece of string. The longer you make that piece of string, as you rotate the stone on the end of it, the greater will be the force exerted on your hand, provided that the speed of rotation is the same in all cases. This flattened shape of the earth's surface is shown on maps of the overall structure of our earth.

It is an accepted thing that scientific

opinion on any subject changes over the years as more evidence and knowledge on that subject is brought to light. The same must, I think, apply to our earth. As an example of this, it was discovered as recently as 1958, during the International Geophysical Year, that the earth was surrounded by what are now known as the Van Allen Belts, which are zones of intense radiation surrounding the earth, but which have gaps at the polar regions. Soon after their discovery, the magazine Scientific American carried an article on them, complete with drawings of their shape. From these it appears that they look rather like doughnuts, with the proverbial holes being at the poles. An interesting thought now arises: could the true shape of the earth tend towards that of a doughnut, especially when we consider the flattening at the poles?

This line of reasoning implies something more than just the flattening of our earth at the North and South poles. It implies that somewhere in the argument, there must be talk of a hole somewhere, in this case in the vicinity of the poles. Does this concept sound very strange to you at this moment? You may like to think back to the concept of the earth's surface which was held in the Middle Ages, when, for a long time, it was regarded as being flat. Then along came the astronomers and the explorers, who finally exploded this view of the earth's being flat. The situation now, is somewhat comparable to that existing then; man is never in favour of change unless circumstances and physical evidence forces change upon him, and only then does he accept it reluctantly.

However, I am not trying to force anybody to change his ideas this afternoon. I said a moment ago, that physical evidence was usually necessary for this. Bear with me for a while, and I think I will be able to show you evidence which, in my opinion, cannot be dismissed out of hand.

Early this century, two books were written by American authors, based on the scientific reports of the Arctic explorers. The first, which

appeared in 1906, was by William Reed, entitled "Phantom of the Poles", and the second, in 1920, by Marshall Gardner, was called "A Journey to the Earth's Interior - or - Have the Poles really been discovered". Gardner apparently did not know of the existence of Reed's book, since, in his extensive bibliography, he made no reference to it. Both of these men put forward the idea that the earth was neither completely solid nor liquid, but instead was like a hollow shell of a certain thickness, with two holes in the polar areas. Access to the surface on the inside of the shell was gained through one or another of the holes at the poles. Although Reed did not suggest this, Gardner in addition put forward the suggestion that, inside this shell, there was a central glowing ball of a certain diameter which provided light and heat for the inside surface.

In all probability, this concept of the earth as being a shell with a hollow interior, lit by a central ball or interior sun, has been put forward even before Reed's and Gardner's time. In case you find visualisation difficult, think of one of these modern round lampshades, with holes at the top and bottom, and with the light globe centrally suspended inside the lampshade.

Let us consider now, on what grounds these two authors based their conclusions. Gardner postulated that originally, when what was to be the earth, was but a glowing mass of circulating gas, this glowing, turning mass cooled in such a way as to cause the heavier particles to be thrown to the outside, by centrifugal action, where they clustered together to form a crust. What was left at the centre of rotation, came together by attractive or gravitational force, to form a central nucleus of flowing matter which would later form the central sun. Centrifugal force near the axis of rotation, passing through the two poles, would be least, and particles of matter in those areas would drift about and not be part of the outer crust. Therefore, there would be holes in the crust in the polar regions.

Whether or not Gardner was correct in his conclusions of the mechanism of the formation of our planet, only time will tell. He did, however, base these conclusions on astronomical evidence as well as the results of polar expeditions. There is a reproduction here, of Donati's comet, as seen in 1853, showing a crust and a central sun or nucleus. Two other interesting pictures are photographs of a hollow shell nebula in Lyra, and a spiral nebula, which does make Gardner's conclusions fall within the bounds of credibility. Coming a little nearer home, Gardner maintains, again on the grounds of astronomical observations, that Mercury, Venus and Mars are all hollow, with central suns, and in the case of Mars, there is a succession of photographs here, for you to see, showing a light projecting beyond the surface of the planet, in the region of the so-called polar snow-cap. Gardner maintains that this light is a reflection of the central sun inside Mars, and the intensity of the light is far brighter than would have been the case, had it been the reflection of the Sun's rays from the polar ice cap. Similar lights have been seen from both Venus and Mercury, by an eminent astronomer of the calibre of Professor Lowell. He maintains that our own aurora borealis and aurora australis are reflections of our central sun on the clouds which are almost always above the poles. In fact, Gardner is of the opinion that all planets are hollow, with central suns of nuclei, since it is the basic pattern according to which solar systems are formed from the primordial nebulae from which they originate.

Reasoning further, it is not illogical to conclude that those parts of our planet earth which are relatively inaccessible may be studied by analogy and examination of the same parts on other planets. I refer in particular to the polar areas. You may say, we know all about these, explorers have reached the poles (geographical, that is) many years ago, the continent of Antarctica contains the Scientific bases of many countries which have been established for some time, and there are no great

secrets still to be revealed about the structure of the world on whose surface we live.

But is this state of affairs really so? If we do a little research on the subject, we shall find that this is not the case at all. Take, for example, the narratives of the famous polar explorers, Cook, Peary and Nansen. All three of them went, at various times, on journeys of exploration to the North pole. Originally it was thought that both Cook and Peary had reached it and that it was then a question of who had reached it first. Upon investigation by learned scientific Societies, it was found that each one's account was unsubstantiated by competent witnesses who would otherwise have travelled as companions to these great explorers. Instead, they travelled alone with only one or two Eskimos to help them. Their calculations were made at times when the sun was at such a low altitude above the horizon as to make their computations worthless. Regarding Nansen's efforts to reach the pole, he freely admitted that for a period of about one year he was lost, and didn't know his exact position with any degree of certainty. He could therefore not claim to have reached the North pole either, and in actual fact, none of these three explorers, nor anyone else who has travelled towards it on either land or sea, can claim undisputably to have reached the pole.

Why is this, you may ask, surely all these men had compasses to help them? Yes, indeed they did, but the further North you go, the more the compass needle dips vertically, instead of pointing horizontally. When the needle is actually vertical, you can then say that it is pointing towards the North magnetic pole. As I mentioned earlier, the Russians in modern times found that the North magnetic pole was not a single point, but a line about 1,000 miles long. Bear in mind also that the magnetic and geographic poles do not coincide, in fact there is a considerable discrepancy, of some hundreds of miles between the two, and you can see what the problem was, and still is today, for those

who use magnetic compasses in the vicinity of the North pole.

What about gyro-compasses of modern times? These have also been found not to work reliably within two hundred miles of the North pole. The only other guidance system, which was used some years ago by the atomic submarines Nautilus and Skate, the inertial guidance system which depends for its action on sensing the direction of the earth's rotation, was also found not to give reliable results when approaching the geographical North pole. This was because the closer the axis of rotation is approached, the less becomes the actual speed of rotation. This means, in effect, that even today we have no instrument, dependent upon terrestrial conditions, which is capable of indicating with any degree of certainty, the exact position of the North pole - that is, if it does exist on the surface of this planet at all.

You may wonder at this last statement. Well, Marshall Gardner was quite convinced that, because of the polar openings North and South, and their estimated size, the true geographical poles were not on the earth's surface at all, and in fact were in mid-air. If you look at the diagram of his conception of the earth's hollow structure, you will see that the polar openings are each 1,400 miles in diameter, while the earth's crust, or the thickness of the shell, is 800 miles, and you can therefore see what he meant by the poles being in mid-air. Therefore, if you agree with his ideas, it is physically impossible for anyone to reach the true geographical North pole, either on land or sea. A question which may arise in your mind, is that of the commercially advertised airline passages over the pole. The answer to that, in actuality, is that commercial aircraft do not fly within 150 miles of the North pole, for the reason previously explained, that is, that they have no equipment which will tell them exactly where they are, and that they simply cannot afford not to know their precise positions at any moment. The same reasoning applied to the two atomic submarines, Nautilus and Skate - neither of them in

reality went anywhere near the North pole.

Yet another question which comes to mind, is that if one starts to enter one or other of the polar openings, surely one would realise what was happening. The answer to that is two fold. In the first place, somebody starting to enter the curved lip of the opening would not realise at all what the situation was, because of the immensity of the opening. A shell which is 800 miles thick means a curvature of 400 miles radius, which is very gradual indeed and not normally noticeable without very sensitive measuring instruments. Secondly, the polar areas are almost always covered in cloud, except for a few rare occasions. If you consider how far you can normally see, even on a very clear day, you are doing well, very well in fact, if it is between 50 and 100 miles. This means that a hole with a diameter of 1,400 miles is many times larger than the visible horizon on a clear day, and you would therefore not be able to see the other side at all, when standing on the lip of the opening. You would have to go some considerable distance away from the hole, for example several hundred miles above the earth's surface, to realise just what it was that you were looking at. This is exactly what has been done, by means of a satellite launched as part of the space programme, and the photographs taken on one of those rare occasions when the polar atmosphere was free of cloud, are here for you all to see. There is one discrepancy, however - in the one showing the circular North polar opening, no evidence is seen of a central sun, which is not in accordance with Gardner's theories. What I shall tell you about, a little later on, however, will seem to substantiate what he said as being correct - but you must form your own opinions of this.

There is one other thing which I would like to mention at this stage, and that is the well-known Piri Re'is Map of Antarctica. It dates back to 1513 some centuries before Antarctica was discovered, and had been made by a Turkish Admiral from originals, which must have been drawn before the ice age, and which showed part of the coastline which is now

under thick ice. It could only have been made by observations from the air, and the evidence therefore points to intelligent beings some 10 000 or more years ago, who had flying machines of some sort. There is a photograph of part of it here, and on it you will see what may indicate an opening in the South polar region.

I come now to what I mentioned earlier on, and that is, the evidence of the physical conditions which were experienced by the polar explorers at about the turn of the century. These narratives are available to us all, and were what Marshall Gardner based his statement on. Basically, they all tell the same story and there is no conflict of opinion amongst them. In a talk of this nature, I can give you only a brief summary, but all the same, I think you will find it interesting.

#### Point No.1.

As I mentioned earlier, the polar explorers all found that their compass needles pointed vertically downward as they approached the pole. The Russians found that the North magnetic pole was not a single point, but a line about 1 000 miles long. Raymond Palmer, a very well-known American Writer on UFOs, has suggested that this concept be carried even further and that the North magnetic pole is a circle which lies on the rim of the polar opening. This would account for the long periods during which the needles pointed vertically, even if the adventures concerned had rounded the lip and had even travelled a little way into the interior.

#### Point No.2.

Capt. Nansen, Lieut. Greely and others found, that when they reached what they thought was the farthest Northern region of the polar area, the weather became warmer instead of colder and in some cases, became so unbearably hot that they had to shed some of their clothing. There seems to be no explanation for this in terms of what we have been led to believe. Both William Reed and Marshall Gardner believed the interior of the earth to be at a sub-tropical temperature of about 76<sup>0</sup>F which prevailed throughout. The warmth would come from the

central sun and one of the main areas where heat would be lost, would be through the polar entrances. Could this not account for the warm winds which blew on the explorers?

Point No.3. Abundant game and animal life has been seen in these farthest North regions. Nansen was puzzled by fox trails, apparently well-fed, and many animals are known to migrate North in winter, and not South. In his book, Reed quotes Capt. C.F. Hall as saying that he saw seals, game, geese, ducks, mush-cattle, rabbits, wolves, foxes, bears, partridges, lemmings and others. Lieut. Greely wrote in his book "Three Years of Arctic Service", of having seen birds not known to us, also butterflies, mosquitoes and flies. If the interior of the earth is warm, surely all this animal life could have come from there? What is the alternative explanation?

Point No.4. Why is there so much dust in the northernmost areas of the Arctic? Nansen complained bitterly about it and was even quoted as saying, "Let us go home! What have we to stay for? Nothing but dust, dust, dust!" It was black dust that he complained of, which came over his ship in large black clouds, and coloured the snow black when it fell. It was analysed and was found to consist mainly of carbon and iron, in all likelihood being of volcanic origin. There are no known volcanoes in the Arctic regions, the nearest being hot springs in Iceland, more than a thousand miles away. Could this dust have come from a volcano in the earth's interior? It seems to be a fairly likely possibility, carried by the warm winds through the polar opening.

Point No.5. What causes coloured snow in the Arctic region? Snow has been seen to be coloured red, pink, green, blue and yellow. It has also been analysed and found to be of vegetable origin, probably the pollen of certain flowers. As no flower on the surface of the earth is known to produce an effect such as this, is it so unreasonable to suppose that these flowers grow inside the earth's interior and that the pollen is then carried out through the polar entrance, by the warm winds?

Point No.6. It is know that all icebergs are composed of fresh water, and yet the oceans are saline. How is this explained, and how are icebergs formed, since nobody has yet seen this happen. In passing I may mention that it is on record that a Russian fisherman in Tongoose, Siberia, in 1799 discovered a huge elephant, which later turned out to be a mammoth - long ago considered extinct - en-cased in a huge block of ice as clear as crystal, and in a perfect state of preservation. Now, icebergs cannot be formed on the outer surface of the earth from the fresh water which flows in rivers, down to their mouths at the ocean, because inland it is always colder than at the mouth and therefore the water at the mouth would be the last to freeze and the first to to thaw. Reed put forward the explanation, that the inner surface of the earth contained rivers, which eventually flowed towards the polar openings. When it reached the colder regions on the outer surface, it started to freeze. Further flow from the interior would freeze progressively, until a huge mountain of ice was built up. When the warmer weather arrived in the summer, these huge mountains of ice thawed loose and drifted slowly south in the ocean.

This may or may not be the true explanation, but it is a possible answer also for the tidal waves which are encountered in the polar regions very often, and for which vulcanism does not appear to be responsible. It may be, that each time a huge iceberg is released into the ocean, it causes a tidal wave for some distance.

Point No.7. This observation is possibly the most important one of all. Nansen found, as he pressed on in the farthest northern region, that the North-South horizon gradually became foreshortened, while the East-West horizon remained constant. A likely explanation of this, is that at that particular point, Nansen was starting to travel around the curved rim of the polar opening, and into the hollow interior. From whichever side you approach the opening, you can see that the curvature, which would cause foreshortening of the horizon, is always great-

est in the North-South direction. Peary and Cook also noticed that the further North they went, the longer it took for the sun to appear above the horizon. This also ties in with the fact that they, too, were at that time situated on the curved rim of the polar entrance.

I come finally to what, to your ways of thinking, you may regard as the most convincing evidence of all, because it happens to be relatively recent - and yet it could be the most puzzling. I refer, in particular, to those flights in U.S. Navy aircraft made by Admiral Richard Byrd, to those regions beyond the poles. Admiral Byrd was a polar explorer of modern times, whose integrity was beyond question, and the instruments he had at his disposal were the best available.

It is on record that Byrd made at least four flights, and possibly more, over both poles. The Encyclopaedia Britannica records that he and his co-pilot flew over the North pole in May 1926, and over the South pole with three companions in November 1929. In 1947 he made a second flight over the South pole, and in January 1956, flew over the South pole for the third time. On the latter two occasions, Byrd flew for 1,700 miles and 2,300 miles beyond the poles, over land and not water, until lack of fuel forced him to return to base. In all likelihood, there was a fifth flight, also over the North pole in 1929, which is not recorded but which has been authenticated by Byrd's radio operator of both the 1926 and 1929 expeditions, who happened to live next to Raymond Palmer, the author whom I mentioned previously.

During 1929, a newsreel was shown in America's theatres which documented each of Byrd's flights to the North and South poles, in colour, and showed a land beyond the North pole with its mountains, trees, rivers, and a large animal walking in the undergrowth and identified as a mammoth.

Today, this newsreel does not exist and all knowledge of it is denied, but there are many hundreds of people who still remember it and what it

showed. It is quite possible that officialdom has suppressed it. Just remember, that on official maps of the poles, there should be nothing visible except ice and water!

Yet, at the same time, other evidence bears examination. Before Byrd made his trip to the South pole in 1947, ostensibly to establish a satellite base there, he said over the radio: "This is the most important expedition in the history of the world."

On the 13th January 1956, Byrd and the U.S. Navy flew to a point 2,300 miles beyond the South pole. The entire distance was stated to have been accomplished over land. Remember, that Antarctica is entirely surrounded by water, and that no matter in which direction he went, he would have had to travel hundreds of miles over water to have flown for 2,300 miles. The press and radio went so far as to announce that "On January 13th, members of the United States expedition accomplished a flight of 2,700 miles from the base at McMurdo Sound, and penetrated a land extent of 2,300 miles beyond the pole."

Just before his death in 1957, Byrd stated publicly, " I'd like to see that land beyond the pole. That area beyond the pole is the centre of the great unknown." To back this up, the Russians made this pronouncement, "Exploration and research have shown that an enormous region of the earth's surface, and correspondingly large realms of the unknown, may be brought within the compass of human understanding in a very few years."

Do you still think, ladies and gentlemen, that we have nothing much more to learn about this planet on whose surface we live? Perhaps what I have told you this afternoon will stimulate some of you into researches of your own - I hope so.

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## *The Great Invocation*

**From the point of Light within the Mind of God  
Let light stream forth into the minds of men,  
Let Light descend on Earth.**

**From the point of Love within the Heart of God  
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men,  
May Christ return to Earth.**

**From the centre where the Will of God is known  
Let purpose guide the little wills of men -  
The purpose which the Masters know and serve**

**From the centre which we call the race of men  
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out  
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.**

**Let Light & Love & Power restore the Plan on Earth.**