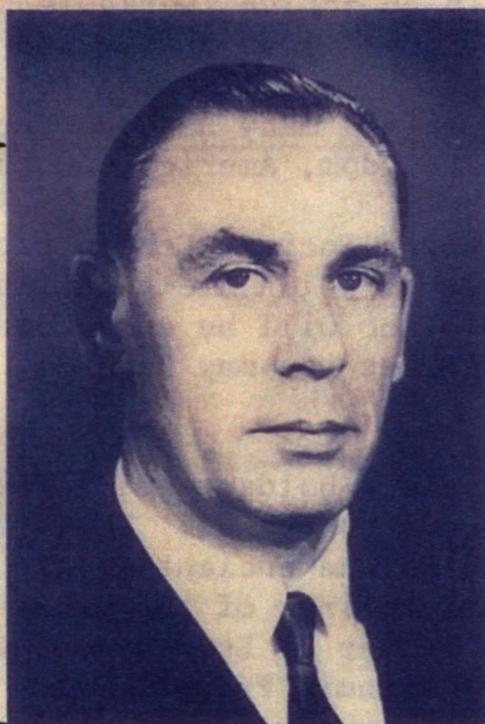


THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT
OF
THE AETHERIUS SOCIETY



THE KING
OF
TERRA -

A STUDY OF THE
AETHERIUS SOCIETY
PART II

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FOUNDER-PRESIDENT HIS EMINENCE
SIR GEORGE KING, O.S.P., Ph.D., D.Litt.

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THE KING OF TERRA: A STUDY OF THE AETHERIUS SOCIETY - PART 2

In the last issue of KALPA NAVA, the first part of the study of the Aetherius Society and its teachings was published. (See 'THE BUDDHA FROM VENUS' - An Interview with the Aetherius Society, KALPANAVA, Issue No. 7)

This issue sees a continuance of the interview conducted with Dr. Richard Lawrence, secretary of the European Sector of the Aetherius Society, at their headquarters in southwest London.

Whilst Dr. Richard Lawrence made some startling revelations when explaining the teachings of the Aetherius Society, reaction by our readers has been muted (perhaps stunned into silence!) but the introduction to the first part of the interview raised eyebrows in certain circles.

It is not our intention to embarrass governments or Atomic Energy Authorities in Sri Lanka, or elsewhere, but it is our intention to seek and publish as much as we can about UFOs and their overall impact on world society.

If the Aetherius Society was the first organisation in the Western world to reveal that there had been a devastating nuclear accident in the Soviet Union in 1957, the fact should be stated because no other political, scientific, religious or news organisation did so reveal at the time. Even the scientific journal which brought Dr. Zhores Medvedev's news about the accident, to Britain, on the 11th. November 1976 had to admit later that it had been "scooped by a UFO" when it discovered that the Aetherius Society had published this information in "COSMIC VOICE" nearly twenty years earlier. (See THE NEW SCIENTIST, Vol 78, No. 1100 of 27 April 1978 - "SCOOPED BY A UFO")

The point about all of this is that if the Aetherius Society has an extraordinary channel of information then its knowledge about UFOs should be taken as seriously as its revelations about nuclear accidents in a censored nation of the Communist bloc. The Society's predilection for prophecy is hereby given expression: it has a message about a major forthcoming UFO event - the arrival of a Master from another Planet. In the same style of open minded study we publish the second part of our interview with Dr. Richard Lawrence about the teachings of the Aetherius Society: 'The King of Terra: The Next Master Will Arrive In An Interplanetary Space-Craft'.

See EDITORS COMMENTS at the end of the series.

A STUDY OF THE AETHERIUS SOCIETY - PART 2THE KING OF TERRA: THE NEXT MASTER WILL ARRIVE IN AN INTERPLANETARY SPACECRAFT**"The Next Master Will Arrive In An Inter-Planetary Spacecraft"**

The Society's English-born Founder and President has earned quite a reputation as a prophet, Yogi and mystic extraordinaire. As an author he has been prolific, with books such as "The Nine Freedoms", "The Day The Gods Came" and "You Are Responsible" to his name but he is also a dynamic lecturer with an intrepid style, that of a forceful delivery coupled with simplicity, making for outstanding public appearances.

INTERVIEWER: there have been many prophecies of the coming of another Enlightened One, a Messiah. Does the Aetherius Society believe?

Dr. Lawrence: We certainly believe this. One of the Aims and Objects of the Aetherius Society is to spread this teaching, that another Master will come to Earth. The identity of this Being has not been revealed to the public at this stage. He will come, in our belief, in an Inter-planetary Spacecraft.

INTERVIEWER: Do you mean in a "flying saucer" or unidentified flying object, a UFO?

Dr. Lawrence: In a UFO "flying saucer", both very meagre descriptions of an Interplanetary Spacecraft.

The Next Master will walk openly among mankind and He will prove His origin beyond any doubt.

INTERVIEWER: Many scientists who have studied the UFO subject for a number of years, have given up because they have failed to solve the enigma. Science, as an established movement has been unable to explain the UFO phenomenon in its complex entirety. Does the Aetherius Society agree with those who say that the UFO subject is finished?

Dr. Lawrence: We do a public lecture entitled: "FLYING SAUCERS ARE HERE TO STAY". We do not have to ask, "Do they exist?" because there is proof of their existence.

More people in England have seen UFOs than have seen aborigines - and I say this is the best possible sense - yet you won't see people here questioning the existence of aborigines.

I am sure the same thing applies in Sri Lanka. Probably more people there have seen UFOs than certain other natural phenomena which we know to exist. You do not question these things, you take them for granted because you have reliable, testified cases. So it is with UFO's.

They have been reported by the most responsible citizens and a complete cross-range of people for thousands of years and particularly during the last thirty years. Their reports exist in government files.

We do not have to spend time proving their existence. We know they exist. You do not have to see one to believe in their existence!

The final part of this interview will be published in the next issue of KALPA-NAVA.

THE MYTH ABOUT MARS

The myth that there is no life on Mars is still being perpetuated! The following newscutting from the International Herald Tribune of 14 April 1983, states that Viking I found "no signs of life on Mars:

U.S. Craft on Mars Remains Silent

By George Alexander

Los Angeles Times Service

PASADENA, California — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has given up as dead the Viking 1 spacecraft on Mars since the unmanned probe has not been heard from for six months.

NASA officially proclaimed the craft's demise Tuesday. Engineers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory near Pasadena, California, are still hopeful, however. They agree that Viking 1's long silence is ominous, but they refuse to give up until May, when there may be another

opportunity to communicate with it.

The engineers have been controlling Viking 1 and 10 other probes from a flight operations center on the laboratory's grounds. They had been communicating with Viking 1 on the average of once a week.

But the communications began growing weaker last year, according to George Gianopulos, the Viking project manager. In November 1982, Viking 1 stopped sending messages altogether.

"We had been having a problem with its batteries," Mr. Gianopulos said. "They were showing signs of old nickel-cadmium units starting

to run down. And we've been aware that Viking 1's antenna may not be pointed correctly at Earth. But had this been all that was wrong, we should have been able to fix it."

The last commands to Viking 1 were sent in late February.

Viking 1 was one of two landers that settled on Mars in 1976, each having been dropped from an orbiting spacecraft. They were to look for signs of life on Mars (none were found), to analyze its soil, to monitor the planet's weather and to detect seismic tremors. The orbiters took pictures of the terrain.

Yet, as was reported in KALPA NAVA Issue No. 3 ("THERE IS LIFE ON MARS") the 1976 Viking mission did find unmistakable signs of life there. For the benefit of those readers who might have not seen the report from the Goddard Institute for Space Studies, here is the original newspaper cutting from the Daily Mirror (UK) of 4 February 1980. It should be noted that the Daily Mirror was not the only British newspaper to carry the story. On the same day, other newspapers in the UK carried exactly the same story.

Surprisingly, Dr. Jastrow's comments have received very little attention in the ensuing four years. Indeed, it seems that the scientific community has passively accepted that the space agency chiefs must withhold such important facts if they are going to face ridicule; but we ask again - ridicule from whom? From the public? But why should the public ridicule the idea of life on Mars?

Earthy life on Mars

THERE is life on Mars, says top American scientist Robert Jastrow.

Soil samples taken by the 1976 Viking space mission were tested for living microbes he says.

Dr. Jastrow, director of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies, reveals: "The tests gave a clear, unmistakable signal of life."

But, he claims, scientists have kept quiet about the findings because space agency chiefs fear ridicule.

THE MYTH ABOUT MARS

Ever since the mysterious explosion observed on the surface of Mars by the Japanese astronomer Tsuneo Saeki on 9 December 1949, there has been increased speculation about life of some kind on the surface of the Red Planet.

The public were very excited about the setting up of the Mars Committee in 1954 under the stewardship of Dr. E.C. Slipher of Lowell Observatory but the findings of the Mars Project were not made public.

When Dr. I.S. Schklovsky concluded (in 1959), from calculations on electromagnetic drag and tidal friction that Phobos, one of the moons of Mars was an artificial satellite, a scientific and astronomical controversy was set off from the Soviet Union. This controversy was accentuated in 1963 when a NASA official, Chief of Applied Mathematics, R.H. Wilson stated that Phobos might be a space base orbiting the planet Mars. Whatever the motives of NASA's probing of one of our two nearest neighbours - Phobos does have an eccentric orbit, rotating faster than the planet Mars itself - it is clear that conditions on Mars are not static and do change with time.

It is sad indeed if the most interesting astronomical and scientific discoveries are kept from the public. The point about the existence of life on Mars, whether it is more intelligent or less is not crucial, is that it is another one of those hammer blows chiselling away at the egocentric idea of life only on Earth.

Reports tell us that the scientific community may be ready to debate the old theory that life started in space and was brought to Earth by spores or spore-fields. It is apparent that science must progress at its own bumbling pace, tied down by its gross inertia and that ufologists must be prepared to leave science to its own speed and travel much faster. By the time science finds Life On Mars acceptable, ufologists may well have cracked at least one of the possible origins for 'flying saucers'.

For consider: even if UFOs originate many light years away, the technological gap represented by them also represent a time period of many, many thousand years ahead of man, thus an aeon compared to our brief history, during which the Planets Mars and Venus would obviously become bases because of their proximity to Earth. There is only one space conclusion possible for the origin of UFOs - they are interplanetary. Which is exactly what the US Air Force has concluded at least three times!



"The Joshua Flats Incident" on "Project U.F.O."

Taken from the files of Project Blue Book, the United States Air Force's special U.F.O. investigative unit. **PROJECT U.F.O.** dramatizes some of the most interesting sightings investigated by this special unit. Thirty per-cent of the over 13,000 sightings remain unexplained. **Major Jake Gatlin** (William Jordan), head of Project Blue Book, and his aide, **S/ Sgt. Harry Fitz** (Caskey Swaim), attempt to find natural explanations for these most unnatural phenomena.

When several prominent citizens of Joshua Flats report seeing an unidentified flying object, Air Force investigators turn, after getting nowhere with adults, to a frightened 11-year-old boy, in "The Joshua Flats Incident".

Major Jake Gatlin and S/ Sgt. Harry Fitz investigate the reported sightings for the Air Force, but are hindered by the great number of curious sightseers who comb

the town for evidence and the reluctance of some of the townspeople to reveal information.

Striving to find out if the sightings were genuine or were a hoax. Gatlin and Fitz determine that the answer might be forthcoming from young Pauley Ramirez — if he would only break his silence.

Robert Leeds directed from a script by Harold Jack Bloom.

PROJECT UFO

... If he would only break his silence

FROM THE TV PAGE
OF THE ISLAND
(SRI LANKA)

4 MARCH 1984

Mystery of gas in a pyramid

From Our Correspondent
Cairo

Strange happenings in the burial chamber of the Pharaoh Khephren, the second biggest pyramid at Giza, has led the Egyptian authorities to put it off limits to visitors for the time being.

Some tourists who had climbed into the burial chamber of the pharaoh on Monday complained to officials of the Antiquities Department that they had experienced eye irritation, headaches and nausea while in the chamber. The symptoms were attributed to some mysterious gas emanating from the burial chamber.

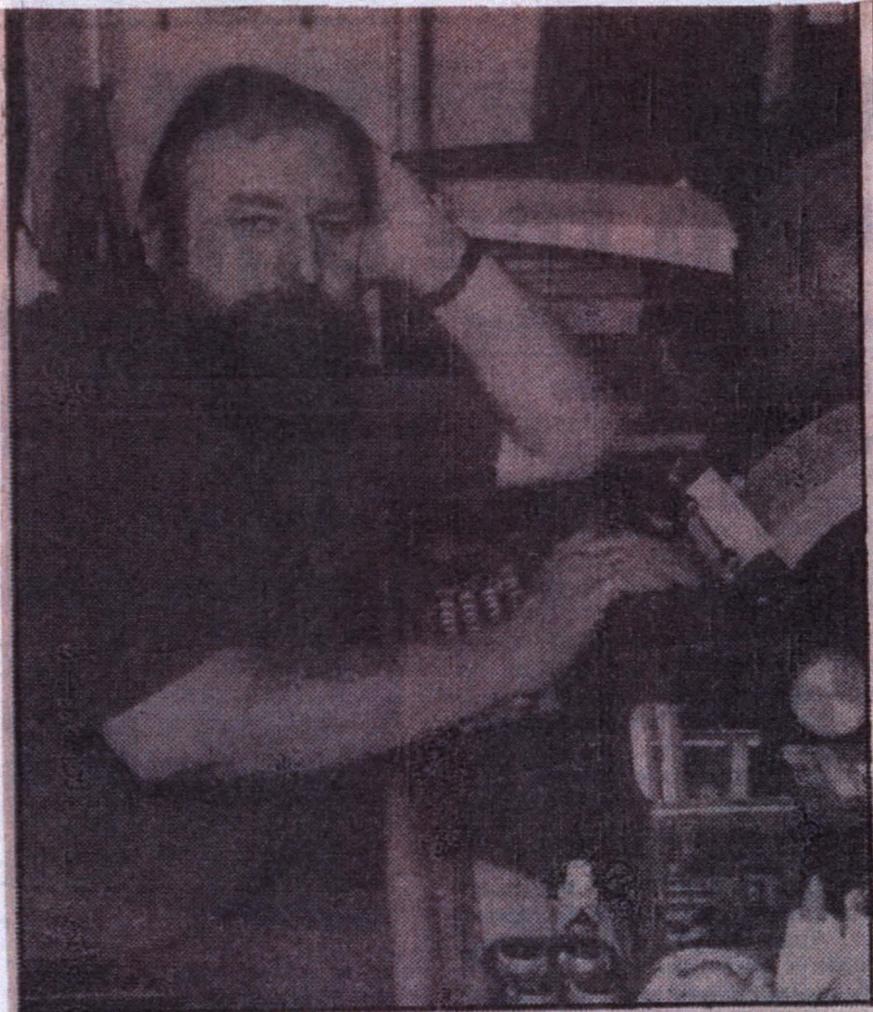
On Tuesday, one of the experts who spent more than an hour in the chamber said the gas was gone and the chamber was "pure". He added that the pyramid would be reopened.

However, a spokesman for the Antiquities Department said that, though the gas seemed to have dissipated, the authorities would wait for the test reports before reopening the pyramid.

He speculated that the gases could have seeped into the chamber from subterranean pools of water known to exist beneath the Giza plateau.

FROM THE
TIMES (UK)
WEDNESDAY
18 APRIL,
1984

WHO DID BUILD
THESE PYRAMIDS?



Michael Moorcock: totally sceptical about the UFOs

The non-believer

BELIEVERS in UFOs and other manifestations of outer space may be shocked to learn that Michael Moorcock did not attend the third UK international UFO congress at High Wycombe over the Bank Holiday weekend, and what's more he won't be at London's fifth Psychics and Mystics Fayre today at the Cunard Hotel, Hammersmith. Britain's most widely read science fiction author does not, I'm afraid, believe in a word of any of it.

I am a little saddened. I have been reading Moorcock's fantasies for the last 25 years, from the early Elric of Melnibone sword and sorcery sagas, onwards and I did think he might be a believer in some kind of alternative world. But no.

Incidentally Moorcock reports that the boom in science fiction

has now collapsed with some US publishers cutting the genre off their lists entirely. He is secretly pleased, partly because he is moving away from the medium. Ever since he began writing, when he was turning out 75,000-word fantasies about Elric in three days, Moorcock has aspired to reconciling all forms of fiction.

How well he is succeeding can be judged from his latest book, *Byzantium Endures*, which is to be followed next spring with *Laughter in Carthage*. "They incorporate certain ideas of mine about the scientific utopia myth.

I've tried to take the narrative form of the nineteenth century and subject it to the psychological effect of the modern world..." And the man has the nerve to say he doesn't believe in UFOs.

FROM:

THE SUNDAY TIMES
4 SEPTEMBER 1983

"ATTICVS" by

BERRY RITCHIE

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

If the search for Truth could be boiled down to nothing more than belief (or disbelief) then science would be meaningless....

There are many science-fiction writers who profess similar non-belief in UFO's (See KALPA-NAVA ISSUE NO. 6: "ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S VIEWS ON UFO'S")

Perhaps they fail to realise that Truth cannot be changed by belief or disbelief.

NEWS & VIEWS

Flights of fancy

ADRIAN BERRY takes a sceptical view of the much publicised UFO sightings

*Trifles, light as air,
Are, to the jealous,
confirmations strong
As proofs of holy writ.*

—Othello

OUR photographer Paul Armiger was standing beside St Paul's Cathedral when this huge alien spacecraft came roaring over his head. He knew its occupants must have flown all the way from Alpha Centauri to kidnap the Dean . . .

Well, actually, he didn't see the matter quite that way. The "spacecraft" was one of his buttons, which he had snipped off and held in front of his camera on invisible string. It turned out as a beautiful example of a faked UFO picture, which all too often are published in earnest in sensational books and newspapers.

Only a fortnight ago, a national Sunday newspaper published a front page UFO splash that was as shameless in its impudence as it was revealing in its estimate of the intelligence of its readers.

"UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK — AND THAT'S OFFICIAL!" it screamed in World-War-III-declared sized print. But what exactly had landed in Suffolk? Something, surely, that would justify all this furore.

But no. All that had happened was that a United States Air Force colonel at RAF Woodbridge had seen an unexplained light in the surrounding woods. That was all. The newspaper ran its ridiculous story, and two days later a ranger from the Forestry Commission showed how the

strange light could only have been the rotating beam of the Orford Ness Lighthouse five miles away.

His demonstration coincides with publication of a most salutary book on UFO sightings by Mr Philip J. Klass, a senior editor of AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY, who has devoted a large part of his life to tracking them down.*

Mr Klass's conclusions are straightforward. "Ninety eight per cent. of UFO sightings," he says, "are simply misidentifications of prosaic, if sometimes unfamiliar objects by basically honest observers."

Good examples of these are President Carter's misinterpretation of the planet Venus, and the beam of the lighthouse, flickering eerily through the trees, which so bewildered the unfortunate colonel at Woodbridge.

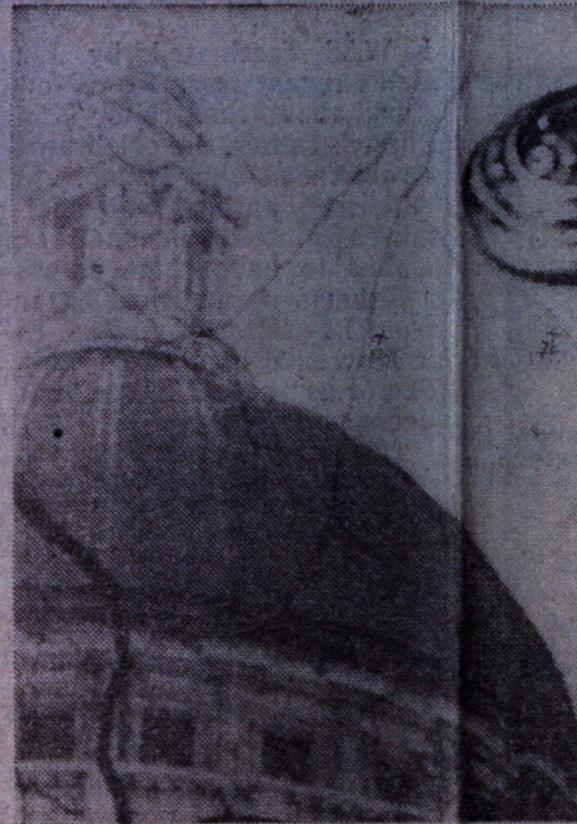
But the rest, about 2 per cent., says Mr Klass, are "self-delusions or hoaxes by persons who like to spin tall tales and become instant celebrities."

Such people invent the wildest fantasies which are often embroidered by gossip until everyone believes them. They have been seized by the occupants of flying saucers carried off, stripped, examined, interrogated.

On other occasions, whole towns are wiped out by UFO

*"UFOs: the Public Deceived," by Philip J. Klass, (Prometheus Books, 10 Crescent View, Loughton, Essex, £13.45).

The Daily Telegraph, Monday, Oct



Flying saucer or jacket button? — play tricks in skilled h

attacks, and eminent scientists testify to the truth of these atrocities of cosmic origin.

The only problem, when one looks into these stories, is that usually the town cannot be found on any map and never existed, and that the scientists did not utter a word of what they were quoted as saying, their remarks having been invented by unscrupulous reporters.

It might be said that certain people have "too much imagination." But perhaps the opposite is true. Perhaps they seek fame by inventing UFOs because they have no imagination at all.

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Telegraph, Monday, October 17, 1983



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real one landed, and if the inter-
national news agencies were
functioning normally, most of
the world would know about it
within a few hours.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

More stuff and nonsense from sceptics.....

However, KALPA-NAVA has never shirked from a study of ALL aspects of Ufology, including the phenomenon of scepticism.

BELOW: Sir Fred Hoyle battling the inertia of science with his not-so-new theory on the extraterrestrial origin of life. It is interesting to note that Hoyle is sceptical about UFO's too. He is also a science-fiction writer! Professor Wickramasinghe on the other hand is open minded and does not dismiss the subject entirely.

From THE SUNDAY TIMES 20 NOVEMBER 1983:

Hoyle's star spores

THE WAY OUT theory that life reached earth from outer space achieved scientific respectability last week when its originators, Britain's best known (now retired) astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle, and professor Chandra Wickramasinghe of Cardiff University defended it against critics at the Royal Astronomical Society.

"It used to be regarded as a non-subject", Wickramasinghe commented. "It is the first time a scientific society has considered it appropriate to discuss the matter".

Among those appearing for the theory was Dr Hans Pflug from Giessen in West Germany who has found structures like fossilised bacteria deep inside meteorites. But similar claims have been made in the past and

most of his audience remained sceptical.

Other speakers attacked one of the key pieces of evidence for the life from space theory: the way interstellar grains, which Hoyle and Wickramasinghe claim are bacteria, absorb infra-red radiation. The same pattern, critics asserted, could be produced by a mixture of chemicals.

During the past few years, a number of quite complex organic chemicals have been identified in outer space. Though the meeting seemed to produce no converts to the life from space theory, the idea that chemical precursors to life might have reached the primitive earth from space seemed to be generally acceptable.

Bryan Silcock

From LONDON'S
ALTERNATIVE MAGAZINE
(LAM): AUSTRALIA &
NEW ZEALAND NEWS.
24 MAY 1983

Just a small pro-
portion of this
entertainment budget
would suffice for a
slice of serious UFO
research.....

Daily Mail,

December 31, 1983

2010 ... A Space Answer!

IF 2001—A Space Odyssey (Mon., BBC 2) were to be filmed today it would cost more than £18 million.

Seen by millions, it took 18 months to film and cost £4½ million a huge budget for 1966-67.

Yet the long-awaited sequel is going to weigh in at a mere £13½ million.

Shooting starts next month in America on 2010—Odyssey Two. It is being written and directed by Peter Yama, who made Capricorn One, and the outer space thriller Outland.

The story deals with the voyage of a Russian spacecraft back to the site of the original spacecraft left by astronaut Keir Dullea, and shows what happened.

UFO Sightings

MELBOURNE: The TAAF and the Victorian UFO Research Society are continuing to investigate weekend UFO reports in central Victoria, despite suggestions that a rock band is behind the mystery.

Hundreds of people claim to have watched bright colored lights over Bendigo on Friday night and again from Ballarat on Saturday night.

About 50 people climbed on to the roof of Bendigo's tallest building, the hospital, to watch for the UFOs. The sightings were broadcast over the local radio station.

Radio 3BO announcer, Mr Paul Davis, first reported the lights from his window at 11pm.

"I could see them changing colors from green, white and yellow to blue," he said.

Ballarat radio 3BA announcer, Mr Randy Smith, said he was sceptical of the sightings until

his father called him at about 7pm on Saturday.

"He told me he could see lights to the north-east, towards Bendigo, so I went outside and had a look," Mr Smith said. "There was no mistake, I could see lots of colored lights."

Mr Davis said one caller said the lights looked like laser beams and could have belonged to a rock band.

A spokesman for the weather bureau said low clouds and atmospheric inversions could have caused ground lights to be magnified and reflected into the sky.

But the UFO Research Society believes there were too many widespread reports on a clear night to ignore the possibility of a UFO.

The society's president, Mrs Judith Magee, said the society would send observers.

And the RAAF says it will continue to investigate by sending comprehensive questionnaires to observers.

Police chief's UFO photos are for real

PICTURES of a UFO taken by a policeman are genuine, scientists said yesterday. They admitted: "It can't be an aircraft."

The policeman, a senior officer, sent photographs of a mysterious round object hovering above North Yorkshire to Arizona's Ground Saucer Watch—the world's leading authority on "flying saucers".

In 30 years they have examined 1,400 pictures but have confirmed only 42 as UFOs.

The officer, who photographed the UFO five months ago, said: "It was covered in red lights, pulsating in rhythm. It was visible for about 30 seconds."

Two other UFOs have been reported in Yorkshire during the last three years.

FROM:
THE DAILY MIRROR
WEDNESDAY

4 APRIL 1984

From: THE DAILY
EXPRESS

NEWS & VIEWS

27 SEPTEMBER 1983

So could the odd couple blow YOUR mind ?

RUSSELL TARG fixed me with a beady stare and said: "I will now prove that you have the ability to be psychic.

"Close your eyes and imagine that I am going to take something from my coat pocket. What do you picture?"

I concentrated hard and told him I could see a box. "Draw it," he ordered. I sketched an odd-shaped box on my notepad.

Targ produced a pen-knife from his pocket and placed it over my drawing. It fitted the box shape perfectly.

Awesome

A cheap trick? Not if one believes the compelling patter of physicist Targ and his psychologist sidekick Keith Harary, two Americans who insist that the para-normal is distinctly normal.

The odd couple — who appeared in last night's BBC2 Horizon programme about extrasensory perception — see truly awesome implications in the current welter of mind-over-matter experiments.

"The American and Russian governments are spending billions on psychic research," says Targ, 49, who spent 10 years at the Stamford Research Institute in the States. "But most laymen and even many scientists do not believe in ESP."

Dollars

Targ claims to have played the New York commodities market and come up with half a million dollars using psychic powers. But the other side of ESP is less jolly, he reveals.

For instance, there are reports of psychically gifted people being able to spy more effectively than the most sophisticated satellites.

And a Russian now living in America tells of one experiment in Moscow which nearly killed a man 500 miles away. The man using telepathy concentrated on "strangling" his subject.

The subject tried to tear unseen hands from his throat and lapsed into unconsciousness.

ADELLA LITHMAN

For further details on experiments in telepathy and ESP see these books:

- 1) MIND-REACH by Dr. Russell Targ & Dr. H. Puthoff. Jonathan Cape 1977
- 2) BEYOND TELEPATHY by Dr. Andrija Puharich. Doubleday & Co. 1962
- 3) THE SEARCH FOR PSYCHIC POWER by David Hammond. Hodder & Stoughton, 1975.
- 4) PSYCHIC EXPLORATION by Dr. Edgar Mitchell. Putnams, 1974.
- 5) YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE by Dr. George King. The Aetherius Society, 1963

EDITORIALFALLEN DOWN A BLACK HOLE

It can be laborious but it has to be done. When newspapers and magazines which have a wide and treasured readership publish articles about UFOs or reviews about UFO books, much of the nonsense written by sceptics gets read in a blandly acceptable manner. Seldom does one see persuasive arguments against the fallacious thinking of self-styled 'rationalists'.

This editorial attempts to compensate for two recent examples. One appears elsewhere under the banner "Flights of Fancy". The other one is so basic that it could be called the "NULL DULL HYPOTHESIS".

To deal first with Adrian Berry's 'Flights of Fancy'.

"Would alien visitors," he asks cleverly, "Really seek information about humanity from the dullest and least reliable of mankind?"

The answer could well be yes and why not? Even an idiot has a point of view and why shouldn't a dullard as well as highly intelligent people be studied if one is trying to assess the intelligence range and psychological scope of a whole and diverse race of warring species on a sadly declining world?

By no means is it proven that UFO contactees are simple and unintelligent, even by our methods of IQ estimation. Quite the opposite may be true. Contactees may in fact possess a cosmic awareness lacking in others.

As for reliable: are leaders of nations, top scientists and the rest of the creme de la creme always reliable? By whose standards? Maybe the intelligences behind UFOs have different yardsticks for measuring intelligence and reliability. It maybe that they also take into account a psychic quotient latent within human beings when they choose contactees. Unless we know exactly how and why they do anything, the question as posed is merely a projection of our traits onto possibly alien and superior intelligences.

Extending the argument to the technical, scientific angle, he asks: "Would they really rush through our skies in disc-shaped vehicles with abysmal aerodynamic qualities?"

If their method of propulsion allows the disc shape to be the most practicable, then why wouldn't they? The rest of the argument is so puerile that an alien intelligence could well be forgiven for not selecting scientists as suitable mediums for contact. If an intelligent scientist was found for contact, he or she probably wouldn't have the courage to publicise the event!

S P E C I A L
A N N O U N C E M E N T
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We regret to announce the demise of the Secretary of the Sri Lanka UFO Register, Mr. Sumana Walgama.

We pay tribute to the sterling work that he did in his post as Secretary, co-relating all the UFO reports and news items that came across his desk and dealing with the general correspondence that such a job entails.

We send our condolences to his bereaved family.

MAY HE ATTAIN NIRVANA AND
FIND THE PATH TO THE RELEASE FROM THE WHEEL OF
REBIRTH.

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In the next issue.....
UFO Lands in Sri Lanka!

UFO Squadron Dazzles 30,000 at Soccer Game

A brilliant squadron of UFOs dazzled more than 30,000 spectators at a Brazilian soccer match, pulsating with bright-orange light as the strange fleet passed overhead.

While the awed mass of spectators stared in disbelief, the glowing UFOs crisscrossed each other's paths and at times merged into each other.

'Their Color and Brilliance Was Beautiful'

"Their color and brilliance was beautiful!" said Army Reserve Maj. Jose Maravieski, who was in the stadium in Campo Grande, Brazil, March 7. "There were four of them going from west to east — two were big and two were smaller."

"I've never seen anything like it," declared Joao Viegas, the stadium maintenance boss.

"The four objects passed right over the stadium. They appeared on one horizon and disappeared over the other."

And Roberto Cunha, a civil engineer, told The ENQUIRER, "I had gone to buy my son a hot dog, and when I got back to my seat everybody was hypnotized by spectacular lights in the air. There were four disk-shaped objects emitting very bright, pulsating, pumpkin-colored light as they flew right over the stadium.

"Then the four objects merged into two. It looked like they were crisscrossing. The whole thing lasted about a minute and a half."

At a city airport, a member of the Brazilian Air Force was also stunned by the incredible UFO display.

"About 9:30 p.m. I saw the huge orange-colored UFOs coming toward the airport," said air force serviceman Levy Goncalves.

"I thought it was strange because there were no flights scheduled for that time of night and those didn't look like planes anyway.

"Suddenly one of them made three consecutive 90-degree angles, then rejoined the others.

"To my knowledge, no human-made aircraft can make the kind of maneuvers those things did.

"I don't know where these things came from, but they weren't from this planet."

The very next day, in Presidente Prudente, Brazil, the entire military police squad was put on alert after Cpl. Donizetti Torres spotted another UFO.

"I couldn't believe my eyes!" Donizetti said. "A huge object about 3,000 feet up was changing colors from red to green to blue to orange.

"At first it stood still, but then it wobbled across the sky, descending about 1,500 feet.

"Finally it took off at a speed so fast it's hard to calculate."

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SRI LANKA'S FIRST UFO?

Although there was a wave of UFO reports from Sri Lanka in 1954, the Sri Lanka UFO Register has in its files reports pre-dating 1947.

Historically, the earliest documented UFO in Sri Lanka must be the aerial craft that Ravana used to abduct the Indian princess, Sita.

Readers familiar with the ancient Indo-Aryan epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharatha will know of the ensuing struggle to free Sita and her return to India.

In the Ramayana it says:

"The Puspaka Car, that resembles the Sun and belongs to my brother, was brought by the powerful Ravan; that aerial and excellent car, going everywhere at will, is ready for thee. That car, resembling a bright cloud in the sky, is in the city of Lanka."

(Ramayana - translated by M.N. Dutt, 1991)

To continue the story - Ravan abducts Sita and carries her off in his celestial Puspaka. Sita weeps and begs Ravan to let her go, crying out for help to the forces of Nature:

"Darksome woods of Panchavati, Janasthana's smiling vale,
Lowering trees and winding creepers,
Murmur to my Lord this tale,
Speak to Rama that his Sita,
Ruthless Ravan bears away."

(Ramayana - by Rohesh Dutt).

Eventually, Rama seeks out Ravan and in the aerial battle which follows Ravan is shot down. The rest is history, as they say.

There are authors who have suggested that the terrible, awesome weapons described in the Mahabharatha (such as Kapilla's Eye, The Brahma Weapon and Indra's Dart) clearly tell the story of an ancient civilisation on Earth that destroyed itself aeons (or Kalpas) ago.

An interesting detail mentioned therein, "The mighty vimana of Ravan....., flaming like fire" could be navigated at will.

Sri Lanka's first UFO may have been many thousands of years ago.

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