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## GLOWING RED UFO OVER PADDY FIELD

On a Saturday night in August, 1986, two male witnesses had an encounter with a strange, glowing red UFO, a few hundred yards from the home of one of the witnesses.

The encounter, lasting only about ten seconds, took place at Polwatte, Ambalangoda in Sri Lanka. The witnesses had been returning from a funeral of a friend, about 8.00 p.m., when they both noticed a red light in the sky, at an elevation of 45 degrees in the dark sky. The light then dropped down, growing larger in apparent size and in a manner "as though it were rolling down some invisible steps in the sky". As it fell, its shape changed from spherical to elliptical and back again, quite a few times, lending weight to the belief that it was an ovoid object "rolling down".

When it stopped moving, it hovered over a paddy field (rice field), through which ran the dirt road on which the witnesses were stood. The road was elevated a few feet above the flooded paddy field. Unfortunately, one of the witnesses took fright at this point in time and started to run away. His partner, not wishing to be left alone in the deserted place also followed suit. They are not certain how the blood-red UFO disappeared for they did not turn back to have another look.

There are many details lacking in this preliminary report which need to be prised out of the witnesses during an interview, after which I hope to present a more comprehensive article.

Dr. Sarath de Silva.

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### Prof. Ponnampereuma on search for extra-terrestrial life:

## 'We are not alone in the universe'

Before long, we humans and planet Earth will know that we are not alone in the vast, expanding universe, said Prof. Cyril Ponnampereuma, Director, Institute of Fundamental Studies, when he inaugurated the first Science Day of St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya on Friday.

Addressing students of St. Peter's and several other city and suburban schools Prof. Ponnampereuma said a planned search was now on in the United States, Europe and Soviet Union for traces of extra-terrestrial life. "So far we have not succeeded. Who knows the life forms are only waiting for a signal from Earth to communicate with us," he said.

He explained how the search was conducted. Radio signals were sent to distant stars, which were really suns. The absence of life on Moon and Mars did not preclude that life would be absent throughout the universe.

Answering a question on whether the Earth was unique, he said in the Milky Way, where our sun was situated, millions of systems similar to our solar system existed. There were many galaxies, each of them with millions of solar systems. Conditions for the evolution of life existed in many of them, he said.

Prof. Ponnampereuma said all schools should organise science societies and encourage students to acquire scientific knowledge and attitude. He advised the students to observe and invent.

Rector Fr. Joe Wickremasinghe said the Science Day would help students to get interested in the physical and biological sciences. "The country needs chemists, physicists and biologists as much as it needs doctors and engineers", he said.

Prof. Willie Mendis, Vice Chancellor, Moratuwa University and Dr. P. R. Anthonis, Chancellor, Colombo University, were also present.

MARS AND THE WINDSCALE BLUNDER

On October 10th, 1957, an accident took place at the Windscale (now renamed Sellafield) nuclear plant in England, that was to have far-reaching effects and long-term consequences for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UK AEA).

The accident occurred during a routine process of maintenance called the "Wigner release". The immediate cause of the accident was described as the "application, too soon and at too rapid a rate, of second nuclear heating" to release the Wigner energy from the graphite, causing the failure of cartridges in the nuclear pile. The pile with the failed cartridges oxidised slowly, leading to a fire in the reactor.

The increased radioactivity resulting from this accident which was caused by human blunder was first detected between 11.00 and 14.00 hours on 10 October. That the accident happened, was not a secret.

By Saturday 12th October, when analysis of the neighbourhood morning milk was known, the Health Physics Manager at Windscale advised the Works General Manager that the distribution of the milk should be stopped. Radioactive iodine in the milk, was found to be at a level way above that believed to be a hazard to infants. Deliveries from twelve milk producers, within a two-mile radius of Windscale, were prevented with the co-operation of the Milk Marketing Board and the local police. From midday Thursday to midday Saturday, constituted a period of 48 hours during which radioactive vapours spewed out of the nuclear plant. Restrictions on distribution of milk were extended successively until it covered a strip along the coast, ten miles long and thirty miles wide.

On Tuesday, 29th October, 1957, the British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan stated in the House:

"The government are fully aware of the public anxiety that has been caused both generally and locally."

He revealed that the AEA had appointed a Committee of Inquiry of "eminent scientists with experience of atomic energy who are unconnected with the industrial group of the AEA under whose control Windscale is."

MARS AND THE WINDSCALE BLUNDER

On the same day, 29th October 1957, the Aetherius Society received several Cosmic Transmissions delivered through its Founder and President, Sir George King, whilst in Yogic, Samadhic trance.

One of these Transmissions was called "THE WINDSCALE BLUNDER" and given by an Intelligence with the code name: MARS SECTOR 8. The Aetherius Society published the full text of these Transmissions in its journal COSMIC VOICE, Issue No. 13 (December/January 1957/1958).

The Aetherius Society maintain that the Transmission "THE WINDSCALE BLUNDER" was given by a Martian Intelligence and was tape-recorded while it was being delivered. A quote from this Transmission represents a very serious charge:

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"I would like to make it known that your scientists have not in any way even attempted to give you a true account of the full damage done by the escape of plutonium dust and radioactive iodine and also strontium 90, from Windscale.

"Upon their heads then, does it rest!"

MARS SECTOR 8.

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On 8th November 1957, the British Prime Minister stated to the House of Commons in London:

"There is no evidence that this accident has done any significant harm to any person, animal or property."

This statement was made by Harold Macmillan (later the Earl of Stockton, now deceased) based on the report made to him by two Committees of Inquiry, one set up by the UK Atomic Energy Authority and the other set up on the 29th October, by the Medical Research Council.

It was 26 years later that the official truth emerged!

Headlines in the Daily Express of Friday, February 18, 1983 ran: "BRITAIN'S A-PLANT VICTIMS - 13 deaths from Windscale leak say experts".

The newspaper article explained further:

MARS AND THE WINDSCALE BLUNDER

"Britain's worst nuclear accident may have caused many cases of cancer, an official report revealed last night."

"The total estimated for the first time: 260 cases, 13 of them fatal. They are or will be, the victims of a raging fire in 1957 at the Windscale reactor in Cumbria, which was producing plutonium for atom bombs."

The report was issued by the National Radiation Protection Board (NRPB) set up in 1970. Since that time, British Nuclear Fuels (BNF), which runs the present Windscale plant for the reprocessing of waste materials has paid out nearly £500,000 (half a million pounds Sterling) in compensation to the families of cancer victims among the workers at what has now, cleverly, been renamed - Sellafield.

UFO researchers everywhere are urged to consider seriously the full implications of the texts of all the Cosmic Transmissions published by the Aetherius Society. That this information was first published by the Aetherius Society in 1957, should come to the attention of the scientific community and the flying saucer research fraternity. Although the NEW SCIENTIST admitted that it had been "Scooped By A UFO" with regards to the 1958 Soviet nuclear disaster (see KALPA-NAVA Issue No. 10: "HOW AETHERIUS BROKE THE NEWS ABOUT RUSSIA'S NUCLEAR TRAGEDY") this earlier 1957 Transmission about the UK accident at Windscale is not so well known.

The Aetherius Society should receive full credit for the proven publication of these Transmissions, as well as many more regarding the dangers of radioactivity, nuclear experimentation and the problems of nuclear waste disposal. The reader interested in pursuing the subject is recommended two books published by the Aetherius Society:-

(1) "YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE" published in 1961.

(2) THE ATOMIC MISSION - published in 1973.

Both books are written by Sir George King and are available from: The Aetherius Society, 757 Fulham Road, London, SW6 5UU.

Ananda L. Sirisena.

## New evidence of bacterial life outside earth, says professor

Evidence to support the theory that life originated in space and came to earth via comets is growing, Prof. Chandra Wickremasinghe, co-author of 'Life from Space' theory said.

Prof. Wickramasinghe, who returned to Cardiff, Wales after a lecture tour of Australia, said new evidence for the existence of bacterial life outside earth came from a re-analysis of the Martian soil and from a comet.

Answer to one of the main criticisms - whether bacteria can enter earth's atmosphere without being scorched by the heat generated by friction - he said study of earth's disc had shown small meteorites enter earth without being burnt.

"Tiny objects like bacteria are spared of being destroyed by atmospheric friction", he said.

Prof. Wickramasinghe maintained his earlier assertion that AIDS virus came from the space through comets. "I did not say Halley's comet sowed the AIDS virus. All I said was that this virus is a prime candidate to come in some comet 13 years ago".

He added: "Our point of view has been tht the genetic structures within all planet, and animals had their ultimate origin in genetic sequences that came to earth in the form of viruses. The first bacteria also came from outside the earth, from comets and these were later elaborated upon as new viral genes became added.

"Evolution depends on the availability of an astronomical assortment of the virl genes to supply all

the new developments needed for progress. Mutations are merely deleterious and at best can result only in "fine tuning" to the environment. If our genes arose from cosmic viruses then it is no surprise that certain viruses, for example influenza viruses, are specific to certain hosts. Here we are seeing merely the relics of an ancestral connection and recognition, not a host-parasite relationship, as is usually claimed".

He said the "Life from Space" theory was based on the experimentally tested poperties of bacterial replication and gene addition to known conditions in a wider universe.

"We stress that the earth cannot be sealed away from cosmic biological contaminants. With millions of earth-like objects abounding the universe it is unwise to stick to a purely terrestrial theory of life", Prof. Wickrmasingh said.

## Life on earth has sibling in space?

IFS Director Cyril Ponnampereuma reported yesterday to the American Chemical Society that there is a high probability that life exists outside earth and that those life forms resemble terrestrial life.

Prof. Ponnampereuma, a pioneer in the study of the origin of life, told the annual conference he has evidence that indicates the genetic code which determines the appearance and make up of all living things evolved from a precise chemical interaction - one that would occur under the same conditions anywhere in the universe.

"The genetic code shows that life did not originate by chance as some scientists have predicted", he said.

"What that means is, extra-terrestrial life is more likely to be similar to life on planet earth. Also, it simplifies the scenario required for the evolution of life from non-life on earth".

Prof. Ponnampereuma, who heads the Kandy-based Institute of Fundamental Studies and the University of Maryland's laboratory of chemical evolution, has previously produced the building blocks of biological molecules - amino acids and all the five bases of the genetic material DNA and RNA - from spark discharges in a simulated pre-life earth atmosphere.

The work he reported at California yesterday is the first to describe how the biological molecules might have come together the way they did, leading ultimately to life as we know it.

He also announced yesterday that the recent experiments he and his co-worker, Dr. Nalini Seneviratne, and others have made in his laboratory have produced nucleosides - the bases linked with sugars.

He said he only needs to demonstrate that phosphate can link to these nucleosides to prove that the basic unit of a gene can be produced in the absence of life, under conditions that mimic the earth's early state.

## RIDDLE IN

□ IT'S time there was a government investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

For nearly two years I have been trying to attract official interest in a sighting which involved a UFO passing through an air force base and was followed for

## THE SKY

about three miles by a car driver.

If anyone has any information about this incident, which happened in south-west England, we will be pleased to hear from them.—Eric Morris, Cheshire UFO Studies Centre, Winsford, Cheshire.

From THE DAILY MIRROR  
(UK) 10 Feb. 1987

## UFOs sighted over Alaska

TOKYO, Monday, (Reuter) - The captain of a Japanese airliner said he saw three spaceship-like objects, including a huge "mothership", flying near his cargo plane for about 50 minutes over Alaska, Japan's Kyodo News agency reported today.

Kyodo quoted captain Kanetoshi Terauchi as saying he saw a huge globe-shaped unidentified flying object (UFO) with two small spaceship-like craft on the evening of November 17.

Interviewed in London, Terauchi said the big craft looked like a "mothership" and gave the appearance of two huge aircraft carriers put back to back.

He told Kyodo they accompanied his Japan Air Lines (JAL) special cargo flight 1628 from Paris to Tokyo for about 50 minutes or a distance of 760 km (470 miles).

In Tokyo, a JAL spokesman quoted Terauchi's flight engineer, Yoshi Tsukuda, as saying he saw unusual lights during the flight including "two lines of lights which looked like airplane cabin windows".

30 December 1986

From THE DAILY NEWS (SRI LANKA)

31 December 1986

## JAL pilot reports sighting UFOs

TOKYO, Tuesday (AFP) - A Japan Air Lines (JAL) pilot said Monday he had spotted three unidentified flying objects (UFOs) while flying over Alaska, the Kyodo news agency reported.

Kenji Terauchi, 47, said that he saw a ball-shaped object, at least 20 times the six-meter

(20-foot) width of a jumbo jet, and two smaller cube-shaped objects each about the size of a 40-meter (130-foot)-long DC-8 aircraft during a Paris-Tokyo flight on November 17, Kyodo said.

Mr. Terauchi said he noticed white lights on the two smaller objects blinking on and off when

his Boeing 747 jumbo cargo plane was flying at an altitude of 10,600 meters (35,300 feet), some 770 kilometers (480 miles) northeast of Anchorage.

The two smaller objects then disappeared but the huge craft, radiating two lights, circled around his plane for 30 minutes, the pilot added.

## PROF. IAN STEVENSON PICKS 1

American Professor Ian Stevenson, former Head of the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry, University of Virginia, U.S.A., was here in Sri Lanka last month to continue his studies on several persons alleged to be recalling their previous lives.

After a brilliant career as a professor of Psychiatry, Stevenson has proved himself to be the most serious medical scientist in the world to study exhaustively the phenomenon of rebirth (*psuchisme* - re-becoming).

Dr. Stevenson initiated his research on 'rebirth cases' in the mid fifties. His 44-page paper - "The Evidence for Survival from Claimed Memories of Former Incarnations" - was the prize winning essay of the American Society for Psychical Research. He came to prominence as a serious researcher on the subject in 1960.

He visited Sri Lanka for the first time in 1961 on hearing of the first rebirth case study in this country - the story of Gnanathilaka, the four year old girl of Kotmale. Since then he has visited this country about 20 times. Each time he spent several weeks studying new and old cases.

### Interviewed by Dr. H. S. S. Nissanka

Besides several research papers on the subject, Dr. Stevenson has written five huge volumes - (i) Twenty cases Suggestive of Reincarnation. (ii) Cases of Reincarnation type Vol.1 Ten Cases in India. (iii) Cases of Reincarnation Type Vol.2 Ten Cases in Sri Lanka. (iv) Cases of Reincarnation type Vol.3 Twelve Cases in Lebanon and Turkey. (v) Cases of Reincarnation Type Vol.4 Twelve Cases in Thailand and Burma. All these volumes were published by the American Society for Psychical Research.

The latest to be added to this list is his study on birth marks linking the present lives to the previous lives.

In Sri Lanka, Dr. Stevenson collected data on about 200 children allegedly recalling their previous lives. He found these cases "mainly in areas around Galle and Matara in the South, in and around Colombo in the West, and in an around Kandy, Nuwara-eliya and Badulla in the Central highlands.

In 1973, for the first time he went to Jaffna in the North and investigated several cases in Tamil families.

# Memory violent de

Dr. Stevenson has several hundreds of research workers stationed in different countries who assist him in providing data on alleged recallings of past lives. With their help, he has collected about 2400 rebirth cases from all over the world, except Russia and East European Communist countries.

Geographically these cases are distributed approximately thus: Burma 700, India 600, Sri Lanka 200, Thailand 60, Turkey 150, Lebanon 150, North American region 200, West Africa 50 and Europe 50. Only a very few cases have been reported from strongly Ruman Catholic countries like Italy and France.

More information on cases are now coming from Australia, Japan, Middle East region and South American countries like Brazil. However, Dr. Stevenson has no information on any cases from Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines or Caribbean Islands so far.

He does not rule out the possibility of finding cases even from these countries. He recalled that, although Sri Lanka is a predominantly Buddhist country, there was no information on any case prior to the discovery of Gnanathilaka in 1960. Now there are more than 200 cases in Sri Lanka. Dr. Stevenson is hopeful of discovering cases from these countries too.

Dr. Stevenson has some cases from China in which, though under the communist regime, the people are predominantly Buddhist. He has had very little contacts with Russia and East European countries.

A leading Russian mathematician who corresponds with Dr. Stevenson on the subject is the first Russian to be interested in Dr. Stevenson's volumes on case studies in reincarnation. Although there are rumours of research by Russians on telepathy, Dr. Stevenson has not seen any Russian publications on physical research.

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Dr. Stevenson does not put all the 2400 cases under the category of recalling previous lives. Among them there are large number of cases unsolved and no verification was possible. Even the unsolved cases are not worthless because of the nature of information they provide. Some of those unsolved cases may be fantasies while some others may be memories of real previous lives.

Dr. Stevenson was rather reluctant to identify any of Sri Lankan cases as a fantasy. Simply because we haven't found the corresponding previous-life-family we cannot just dismiss any such cases as a fantasy.

Even unsolved cases should not be discarded as worthless. We should analyse them because they have interesting similarities as well as differences. In Sri Lankan solved cases we see high incidents of violent deaths - about 50 to 60 per cent.

In unsolved cases the violent incidents were even higher. Some of these cases cannot remember the names of the previous lives but they remember the mode of death.

Some children recalling their previous lives have given personal names of the people associated with the cases. But the percentage of recalling personal names is very low.

In Sri Lankan cases, most of the names are not specific. For instance one may say 'my name was Gunawathie'. But Gunawathie who, where and in which place? A name like Gamini may not be helpful to track down the previous-life-family at all. Very many Sri Lankan cases have not given any names. There are several cases from other countries which have given personal names and found the actual persons by those names.

There are certain differences between Sri Lankan cases and those of other Asian countries, like India and Burma. Some family cases are rare in Lanka. But in Burma about 60% are of the so-called family type.

The same village-cases, too, are few in Sri Lanka in which the distance between the present and previous families is great. For instance two families were found at Colombo and Matara or Badulla and Aluthgama.

In Sri Lankan cases dreams are very rare. In Burma or Thailand there is always a dream inspired by the mother of the child. The dream is about the deceased person. In the dream, sometimes, the deceased person visits the family. The recalling of the previous life by a child begins after such a dream. In some cases the child himself dreams of incidents of his previous life.

Dr. Stevenson maintains that these dreams can be given interpretations other than the rebirth phenomenon. When there is a dream, usually the evidence is weaker. Some dreams indicate wishes or expectations on the part of the members or of the child of the present family.

It is very misleading to say generally that all reincarnation cases are cooked up stories by the parents and other elders. In very many cases the children continued to talk of their previous lives despite threats by their parents.

Some of the parents do so because their religious taboos and hence opposed to the doctrine of rebirth. For instance a child brought up in a Catholic or Communist family may find no freedom to talk of his previous life.

Even in the countries where the professed religions accept the doctrine of rebirth, some parents have done their best to discourage their children talking of the previous lives. For instance, in Sri Lanka, India and Burma there is fear among the parents that the children with the ability for recalling previous life are doomed to be short lived.

Study of birthmarks and deformities in rebirth cases studied by Professor Ian Stevenson illustrates the nature of the phenomenon of Karma and rebirth.

Finally, according to Professor Stevenson, after a scientific study of well over 2000 cases from different parts of the world, he has come to the point that the doctrine of rebirth or reincarnation is the most plausible hypothesis with which those verified cases could be explained.

**Astronomy**

# New magnetic field found in Milky Way

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter) - Astronomers have discovered a powerful new magnetic field in the Milky Way that could give new clues to how stars are formed, the National Science Foundation (NSF) said today.

The new magnetic field, about 2,000 light years from earth, is twice as strong as any yet detected in a star-forming region of the Milky Way, three American astronomers and one French astronomer said in an NSF report.

The field is also 20 to 30 times more powerful than the average magnetic field found in interstellar space, said the report by Americans Thomas Troland, Richard Crutcher and Carl Heiles and

Ilya Kazes of the Paris observatory.

Troland, from the University of Kentucky, told Reuters that magnetic fields can either impede or accelerate the formation of stars.

"The implication (of the discovery) is that by knowing the strength of a magnetic field one will be able to estimate more carefully just how significant the field is in the overall star-forming process," he said.

Troland said the new magnetic field, which as yet has no name, surrounds a newly forming star - the latest addition to the several hundred billion already in the Milky Way, the galaxy of which our solar system is a part.

**Space**

# Telescope proposed to search for extraterrestrials

WASHINGTON, Thursday (Reuter) - Four astronomers writing in papers published today have suggested putting a giant space telescope aloft to search for earth-like planets possibly harbouring living creatures.

The four, from the Massachusetts institute of technology physics department and Steward observatory at the University of Arizona, said the telescope would look for oxygen in the atmospheres of planets of neighbouring stars, a strong indication of life.

Their detailed suggestions on how a hunt for extraterrestrials could be organised were contained in this week's issue of the magazine "nature".

But Neville Woolf, an astronomer from the University of Arizona, told Reuters in a telephone interview it was unlikely that the technology for putting up such a telescope could be developed before about 2010.

"We are talking about a monstrous telescope with a 16 meter (52.5-foot) mirror," he said. (In comparison, Woolf said, a space telescope which was to have been orbited in August in the U.S. space shuttle program was only 8.2 feet (2.5 meters) in diameter.

"It would do incredible things for astronomy but it is not something one can imagine happening within the next 25 years", he said.

## Pyramid secrets

Cairo (Reuter) - Japanese experts using advanced electro-magnetic scanning devices have started prospecting for secret chambers in the great pyramid of Giza southwest of Cairo, Egyptian antiquities officials said yesterday.

## Pyramid puzzle

Nazlet el-Semman, Egypt (UPI) - A high-technology study of the Great Pyramid of Giza has revealed that unexplained cavities make up at least 15 per cent of the structure, the chairman of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation said.

Bernard Burke, an astronomer at the Massachusetts institute of technology, said in his nature article that it would be necessary to put the telescope into space to avoid interference from earth's atmosphere

"A high oxygen abundance in the atmosphere of another planet would be a strong indication that life existed there," he said

Woolf and his two Arizona University colleagues Andrew Cheng and J. Angel, said in their article that once the telescope was aloft a number of interesting candidate stars would lie within its range.

# Looking beyond for origins of life

Excerpts from the Presidential address by Prof. Cyril Ponnamparuma at the Eighth International Conference on the Origin of Life at Berkeley, California, USA.

"Man is naturally a philosopher," said Aristotle. It is perhaps this fundamental nature of the problem of the origin of life that holds such excitement in this field and has brought us together.

No question is so profound or embraces so many different disciplines as the problem of the origin of life. Indeed it is this very transcendental nature of the problem which has made many wonder whether it can be approached from a scientific point of view.

Although it has been a question uppermost in the mind of man, it had generally been relegated to the realm of metaphysics. It is only during the last two decades that many laboratories in the US and abroad have geared themselves to study this question. Since 1970 this development is largely a result of the stimulus provided by this society.

## Cosmochemistry

In the study of the origins of life, the question extends beyond earth. We are not only involved in the study of the origins of life on earth but in the entire universe. The process that led life on earth but in the entire universe. The process that led to life on earth much have occurred elsewhere in the Universe. From our point of view, the chemistry of the earth becomes cosmochemistry.

At the University of Maryland, I have the opportunity of teaching a course entitled "Life in the Universe" to the beginning students in the Humanities. They listen to me with disbelief, then with awe, and finally a smile lights up their faces, when I tell them that the periodic table that hangs on my wall is identical to the ones that hangs in a classroom in a lecture hall on a planet around a star in the constellation of Andromeda.

A Professor of Chemistry will be explaining that table, who knows at the very moment, and perhaps doing it in a better fashion. This significance of the chemical uniformity that may exist in the Universe has been brought home to us largely by the studies undertaken in the name of chemical evolution. At the end of a lecture on the origins of life, a stellar astronomer once remarked to me that although he had studied the burning of hydrogen for years, this was the first time he learned that it had anything to do with life.

## Search for Extra-terrestrial Intelligence

The experiments have begun in laboratories Berkeley and Chicago, from the analysis of primitive mixes to the meteorites that have fallen, and the exploration of other planets, the pinnacle of a study is the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence.

In 1960 the first meeting on Communication with extra-terrestrial intelligence was organized by Cameron in secret at Greenback Observatory. Professor Calvin will correct me if I am wrong though when Stockholm had announced the award of the Nobel Prize to Professor Calvin, they were hard pressed to finding out where he was to give him the good tidings because no one was told where this meeting was taking place, for fear that fellow scientists might call this group a bunch of nuts to talk about extra-terrestrial intelligence.

Today, SETI is one of those activities that have captured the imagination of mankind. Groups have sprung up in many places. A dedicated effort is being made with a number of radio telescopes. Several searches have been undertaken both in the United States and the Soviet Union. These dishes will be the ears of the world straining for the distant sounds. It is a line item in the NASA budget.

The discovery of extra-terrestrial intelligence will be perhaps the most momentous event in all human history. We may be heirs to the wisdom of ages. The history of human endeavour, almost everything we cherish can be traced to a handful of books, the Bible, the Sacred books of the East, to Aristotle, I name a few.

Think of the floodgates of knowledge which would burst open when a thousand such libraries literally written in the sky are awaiting detection and discovery and interpretation. All the petty tasks of everyday life pale into insignificance when we think of such a momentous possibility. The advantages that may accrue to humanity are almost beyond comprehension.

Perhaps the most advanced civilizations have achieved an era of peace and prosperity. We can benefit from their experiences. If we could learn from our extra-terrestrial neighbours to live in peace without destructive wars, we would perhaps learn the greatest lesson of all human history.

# Animal warnings of UFOs

by Shanti de Silva

Gary Flatter could not believe his eyes as he jammed on the brakes of his truck. Crossing the road in front of him was a menagerie of animals - seven rabbits, a raccoon, a possum and several cats.

At the same time he noticed a high pitched noise. Gary glanced over to the field where the animals had come from and to his amazement he saw two silver suited figures staring at him.

It was October 22, 1973 a year when a lot of UFO sightings were reported. When he turned the spotlight on them, he saw that they were about four feet tall with egg shaped heads that seemed to be covered by gas masks.

Far from being upset by the light they began putting on a show, jumping high into the air and floating down again. Then they flew off into the darkness leaving a faint red trail.

A few days earlier, Paul Brown had seen two beings matching Flatters description as he drove near Danielsville, Georgia. He told police that a bright light passed over his car with a swishing sound and he saw a cone shaped object land on the road some 300 feet ahead of him.

He skidded to a halt and, as tiny figures emerged from the object, he grabbed his gun from the glove compartment to defend himself. They advanced no further, returned to their craft and quickly took off.

At Goffstown, New Hampshire, Rex Snow ordered his dogs to attack two silver suited figures cavorting in his backyard shortly after midnight on November 4, 1973. The German shepherd dog trained to obey commands bounded towards the intruders, but when she got within 30 feet of them they curtailed their activities and just stared at the dog.

The dog stopped in its tracks, glowed at them, then slunk back past her surprised owner and lay down inside the house, whining and clearly frightened. Snow overcome by fear quickly followed his dog indoors and watched the weird beings through the window.

They seemed to be luminous, with over-sized pointed ears, dark egg shaped recesses for eyes and large pointed noses. Their heads seemed to be covered by Ku Klux Klan-type hoods of the same colour as their suits.

The figures seemed to be picking things from the ground and putting them into a silver bag. Their movements seemed to be slow and very deliberate. After some time they walked off to a nearby woodland.

Snow rang the police, but before they arrived, he saw the woods light up eerily and then become dark again. The police were convinced that Snow has seen nothing odd or frightening, despite the fact that he was shaking like a leaf and very pale.

On August 30, 1973, reliable witnesses in 22 towns in Georgia had claimed that they had seen strange crafts in the sky. On October 3 a deputy sheriff and four park rangers watched a saucer-shaped object, the size

of a two bedroomed house, manoeuvre over Tupelo, Mississippi, the birth place of Elvis Presley. They described the object as having red, green and yellow lights.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek who established a Centre for UFO studies at Granston, Illinois, collected 1,474 authenticated sightings of UFOs during that year alone.

Senator Barry Goldwater, formerly a major general in the USA Air Force Reserves said, "I've never seen one myself, but when Air Force pilots, Navy pilots and Airline pilots tell me they have seen something coming up on their wing that wasn't a plane, I've got to believe them."

Major General John Samford, a former director of intelligence in the US Pentagon admitted, "Reports have come in from credible observers of relatively incredible things".

A Gallup poll at the end of 1973 showed that 15 million Americans believed they had seen a UFO, and 51 per cent of the adult population believed that the UFOs were for real.



An unidentified flying object can be seen on top - a picture taken in Switzerland sometime ago.

UFO enthusiasts Gary Storey claims he exchanged messages with an unidentified object that flew past his brother-in-law's house in Newton, New Hampshire early on Thursday 27 July, 1967.

Storey had set up a telescope to observe the moon when a bright glow had attracted his attention. Changing lenses he focused upon it and saw a series of lights flashing in sequence along the side of what seemed to be a large disc.

On impulse Storey's brother-in-law flashed a torch three times. The object suddenly went into reverse without turning around, then it dimmed its lights three times in answer to the torch.

The two men, both former radar operators in the armed services, could not believe their eyes. They flashed again and again in varying numbers and they flashed back each time.

Suddenly they heard a jet approaching, the object then extinguished all its lights until the jet had gone. Storey said "We thought it had left, then it reappeared, an oval shaped white object at least ten times brighter than it had been before".

The two way flash light conversation began again.

The strange craft responded to one long and one short signal repeating exactly the number and duration of every flashed message during nine or ten pauses. Then it flashed all its lights once more and disappeared behind a line of trees.

Several scientists and UFO organisations investigated the claims of the two men but none could find a conventional answer to the sightings. The local Minister vouched for Storey's brother-in-law and his sister saying they were god fearing folk who would not lie or seek publicity.

Their evidence was added to the dossier of sightings that suggest UFOs may be manned by intelligent beings keen to make contact with us humans.

When two UFOs arrowed in on August Country Club, Virginia, William Blackburn got the shock of his life. Blackburn lived nearby Wyncesboro, was working alone at the club when he spotted two objects in the sky.

He watched as the smaller of the two circled down to the ground, landing on 18 yards from where he was standing open mouthed with amazement.

Three extraordinary beings emerged from it, each three feet high and wearing shiny suits, the same colour as their craft. One had an extremely long finger, and all possessed piercing eyes which seemed to look through you.

The aliens advanced a few paces towards Blackburn. Although he held a double edged axe in his hands, he was frozen with fright and unable to move. They uttered some unintelligible sounds turned and went back into their ship, going in through a door which seemed to mould itself into the ship's shape.

Then Blackburn said the ship flew up and disappeared. Blackburn told UFO investigators that he reported the incident to a government agency - refused to say which one - and had been interrogated then warned not to mention what he had seen anyone.

## Water diviners from Space

Farmer Pat McGuire claimed that 5,000 acres of ranch near Laramie Wyoming, were transformed from a dry sagebrush desert into a fertile grassland because aliens on a UFO gave him a piece of good advice.

McGuire, his wife and eight children and a cow who live on his farm all say that unidentified flying objects of varying shapes and sizes have hovered over their home for almost seven years. They appear to have been about 300 feet wide and about 60 feet high and there seems to be no limit to how fast they can move.

McGuire told reporters that at first they were very frightened by them.

One evening in 1976 my brother-in-law and I sat on a porch watching a UFO hovering over a young calf. We heard the calf bawling for quite sometime and then the UFO took off.

The visits continued, but the cattle were left alone from then on.

McGuire and his family gradually lost their fear.

Then one day the aliens made contact with the farm and took him on board their craft. He recalled the event under hypnosis administered by Dr. Leo Sprinkle, a para-psychologist with the University of Wyoming and watched by an assistant psychiatrist.

In his trance, McGuire described the aliens as being about six feet tall, with large eyes, thin lips and bald heads.

They told him to drill a well in high plateau country, near his ranch.

McGuire consulted geologists and drilling experts a few days later. They told him that the land was 7,400 feet above sea level and he had no hope of finding water there.

But McGuire went ahead regardless even though his neighbours called him crazy. He bored his way through the upper crust and struck a massive underground stream just 350 feet down. So 8,000 gallons of pure soft water were gushing from the desert every minute.

In 1980, after studying McGuire's claims both while he was conscious and under hypnosis, Dr. Sprinkle said "I believe the craft appearing over his farm could be good-will ambassadors of an alien civilisation.

I believe that people like Pat McGuire are being chosen to spread the word that they are amongst us. And I believe that full scale contact will be made over the next decade or so.

Was the Star of Bethlehem a UFO?

# Jesus as Pilate's predecessor saw him

By Captain Rupert Y. B. Peiris

Dante, the celebrated poet of Italy says: "Often a retrospect delights the mind."

In 1935, almost half a century ago, when I was the Moratuwa representative of 'The Ceylon Daily News' and 'The Observer' and Mr. H. A. J. Hulgalle was Editor of the Daily News, Mr. Ulic De Mel was the Editor of the Observer and Mr. H. Kay was the news editor, I managed to unearth a valuable document titled "A Portrait of Jesus - a contemporary sketch."

It is a genuine document of great historical value a most informative, edifying and inspiring document which I cherish and read with relish now in my old age.

The following letter is said to have been written by Publius Lentulus, Predecessor of Pontius Pilate as Governor of Judea. The original copy in Latin is in possession of the Caesarian family in Rome.

The following is a translation from the Italian for the "Ave Maria", the famous Italian newspaper from the original Latin:-

I have learned, O Caesar, that it is thy wish to know what I will now relate to thee that there is a man living here of great virtue named 'Jesus Christ' who by the people is called a 'Prophet' and say that He is the Son of God the Creator of Heaven and Earth and of all things that are therein and have been made.

In truth, O Caesar, wonderful things are every day performed by this Christ. He raises the dead to life and heals all maladies by a single word.

A man of noble stature and of very beautiful countenance in which such majesty resides that those who look on Him are forced to admire Him.

His hair is of the colour of the fullripe chestnut, and from his ears down to his shoulders it is of the colour of the earth but shining. It is parted in the middle of the forehead after the manners of the Nazarines.



His forehead is smooth and very serene. His face is free from wrinkles or spots and with a slight colour. His nostrils and lips cannot be reasonably found fault with. The beard is thick and like hair divided in the middle.

There is a look of terror in His brave eyes. The eyes are like the rays of the Sun, and it is impossible to look at Him steadily in the face on account of their brilliancy.

When He reproves, He terrifies, when He admonishes, He weeps and makes Himself loved and is gravely cheerful. It is said that He was never seen to laugh but He was seen to weep. His hands and arms are very beautiful. In conversation He is charming, but He seldom engages in it, and when He does converse, He is very modest of countenance.

In person, He is the most beautiful man that

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could be seen or imagined just like His Mother, who is the most beautiful young person that was beheld in these parts.

But if thy Majesty, O Caesar, desires to see Him as you wrote to me in your former letters, make it known unto me and I will send Him to Thee at once.

In learning, He is an object of wonder to the entire city of Jerusalem. He never studied at all and yet He knows all sciences.

He wears sandals and goes bare-headed. Many laugh at seeing Him but in His presence and when speaking to Him they fear and tremble.

It is said that such a Man was never seen or heard in these parts.

In truth, as Hebrews tell me, there was never heard such advice such sublime doctrines as this CHRIST teaches, and many of the Jews hold Him for divine and they believe in Him, while many others accuse Him to me as being contrary to Thy Majesty, O Caesar.

I am very much annoyed by these malicious Hebrews. It is acknowledged that He has never done any harm to anyone but good. All that knew Him and have dealings with Him say that they have received from Him benefits and health.

But to Thy Majesty, O Caesar, to thy obedience I am most devoted. Whatsoever Thou shall command me will be executed. Farewell.

From Jerusalem, the seventh indiction, eleventh Moon of Thy Majesty, the most faithful and most obedient, Publius Sertius, Governor of Judea. (From The Ceylon Daily News, Thursday, April 9th, 1935.

To sum up, the above letter written by Publius Sertius, Predecessor of Pontius Pilate as Governor of Judea, is living evidence of the innocence and holiness of Jesus.

His successor Pontius Pilate too who was afraid of the mob stated that he found no guilt in that man Jesus, and washed off his hands.

The Very Rev. Father M. J. Legoe in one of his public utterances stated: "When Pilate said *Quod scripsi scripsi*" it was the only redeeming feature in feeble Pilate, for he (Pilate) spoke the truth."

I conclude with Horace's words:- "He is armed without who is innocent within."

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