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LISTEN UP!

Okay - firstly my apologies for the delay in the publishing of this issue. New business commitments underway since mid-summer have increasingly demanded more of my time than I ever anticipated. Consequently, this latest issue of *Enquiring* has been assembled over many months and I am, once again, having to look closely at the possibility of returning to a quarterly production - perhaps beginning next year.

Here I am about to reveal the content of those three mystery Southampton postmarked letters concerning crop circles, when "land artists" Doug and Dave turn up with their professed admission and claims of having created these patterns for the past 13 years with a bit of old rope and a plank. Curiously, the duo I understand are both residents of the Southampton area!

This is too important a link to discount and so I have delayed, yet again, revealing the entire contents of those letters until further investigations have been carried out. You will be informed soon, that's a promise.

Flight 19, or The Lost Patrol as it has been dubbed, [*Enquiring* Jul/Aug '91] remains missing it would seem. The five Avenger Torpedo Bombers found off the coast of Florida earlier this year are not the same aircraft that flew into oblivion in December, 1945. Why are they there, however?

GL

WHILE WHAT HAPPENED took place a number of years ago, 1952 in fact, my sighting of a UFO still remains very clearly in my mind and I will describe every detail I can recall.

The event occurred in Hunstanton, a small seaside town on the north coast of

Norfolk, and it was approximately 1130 pm on a very dark night, with no moon visible as far as I can remember. I was 19 at the time and roller-skating on a small rink by the sea-front. There were about twelve people on or around the rink also, although I cannot give the names of any of them as they were strangers to me, so I know no one can corroborate my story.

The rink had its own record-player and speaker system and it was on this that the first signs something unusual was occurring appeared. For the speakers started to whistle - softly at first and then steadily increasing in volume until eventually the noise became unbearable. It was a sound similar to that one gets from an amplifier if the microphone is held too near it. The attendant had to switch the system off.

Someone then shouted, "Look!" and pointed to the sky. We all looked up and above us, at a

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

CHRISTOPHER BY SUMMERS

height of 1,000 feet or so, was a circular disc. As we watched, it slowly descended to approximately 300 feet; nobody moved or spoke for we were literally rooted to the spot, as this 'Thing' was stationary above us.

It was large, somewhere around 50 feet in diameter, and the metal, or whatever material it was constructed from, seemed to me to be alive; it gave off a soft bluish glow. The centre of this disc remained still, but the outside rim, which was about ten or twelve feet wide, was slowly revolving. I didn't notice any undercarriage structure but there appeared to be windows, or ports, spaced around the centre portion of the craft. At no time did I see anything move behind them, they were very difficult to perceive anyway; due, I think, to the radiance that was given off by the whole machine.

For about three minutes it stayed in this position, then slowly it began to move eastward, gradually increasing its speed until what seemed no time at all its size decreased to that of a star and then it disappeared completely.

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Write to: Science Museum Brainwaves, Harrington Dock, Liverpool X, L70 1AX.



HEY KIDS!

BY GERRY LOVELL

JUST WHERE DID OWEN GO IN HIS NIGHTSHIRT OH!

IT WAS JUNE 3 (or 8), 1763, when Owen Parfitt disappeared from his elbow chair at about six or seven in the evening and no one ever discovered just where he went, or what happened to him. He had vanished seemingly from the face of the earth in the space of a few minutes.

Old Owen, for he was likened to Methusaleh, was a total cripple and variously described as being "as thin as a pea-stick" or "fat as a bishop's candle". He lived at Shepton Mallet, Somerset, where in his twilight years he was looked after by his sister Susannah and a neighbour.

Owen had once had a colourful and varied career, from taylor's boy-apprentice to sailor, smuggler, plus a period in the King's service. During these times he travelled the world, visiting India, America, Africa and other far-flung continents. It's said he was a "devil dabbler" and embraced necromancy. His life of adventure had culminated in that of a paralytic, semi-religious reprobate.

When the weather was clement, his sister and another woman would carry Owen from his bed to sit outside in order that the mattress could be aired. So it was that fateful evening, sometime between six and seven, Owen was clad in just his nightshirt and had been propped up on his folded greatcoat sitting in the elbow chair outside old Susannah's door.

There were workers in the field just opposite and about seven his sister came to remove him once again to the house. Owen was gone. Without a sound or disturbance, he had disappeared. In spite of searches carried out in the hay fields, meadows, outsheds, barns, wells, culverts and caverns, there was to be no sign of Owen Parfitt, or any clue as to what may have so mysteriously happened to him.

In the two centuries that have passed, it is said that Owen's faded greatcoat had been endowed with a faint, but unmistakable, odour, of sulphur. For years, villagers talked too about the strange and violent storm that suddenly blew up at about the time of Owen vanishing. It lasted non-stop for several days.

LEND ME YOUR EARS

SURGEONS GRAFTED A Channel Tunnel worker's right ear on to his leg after it was bitten off in a fight.

The ear will 'live' on the right leg of Patrick Neary, 32, for five months, until doctors are sure it can be successfully stitched back into its rightful place.

Source: Western Daily Press - 08.10.91

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"Witch or warlock urgently needed. Must be extreme."
This appeared as a Personal ad in my local newspaper recently. Seems the High Wycombe man "had loads of replies" - especially from the Glastonbury area, it was later reported.

MAORI LEGEND OF 'ASTEROID AIRBURST'

ASTRONOMER DUNCAN STEEL, of the Anglo-Australian Observatory in Coonabarabran, New South Wales, believes an explosion similar to the one which occurred above Siberia's Tunguska River in 1908 might have devastated part of New Zealand about 800 years ago.

Maori myth describes "the falling of the skies, raging winds, upheaval of the Earth, and mysterious devastating fires from above".

Steel believes a similar event involving an asteroid airburst may well have taken place over the Amazon as recently as the 1930's. Also above New Guinea in the 13th century. An Australian aboriginal story tells of a huge explosion of a falling star near Wilcannia, in NSW, and associated tales speak of strange rocks in the area.

HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE!

XENOTRANSPLANTATION - It means the transplantation of organs and tissues between animals. The idea has fascinated scientists for decades. Maybe ancient civilisations practised it? Certainly there is historical evidence to support the idea. Half-man and half-animal creatures appear frequently in the mythology of the world's earliest races.

Now, following advances in immunology and immunosuppressive therapy, together with a chronic shortage of organ donors, Xenotransplantation has stimulated widespread interest in the scientific community.

It's not likely we will end up with the body of a fish, but I for one have always enjoyed a *strange tale!*

LOOKING OUT FOR US

AFTER 65 YEARS of public service, the Royal Observer Corp ceases activity in September. Since 1955 the Corps formed the field force of the UK Warning & Monitoring Organization (UKWMO).

At least a handful of Ufo reports have come from members. Observations made while on duty at their protective posts scattered throughout the country.

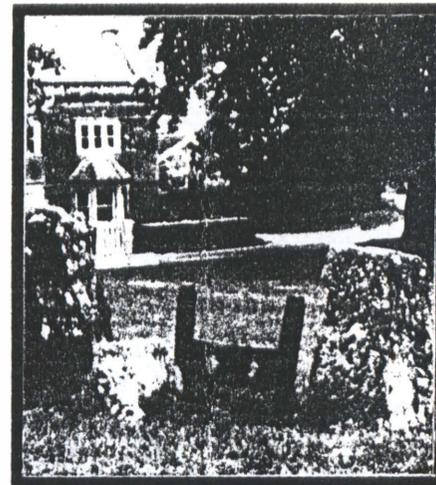
They used to report on aircraft activity during WW2 and still did until about 1955. The advent of faster and higher flying jet aircraft saw most of this reporting phased out then.

STOCKS & STONES

BY W GISHFORD EDWARDS

The village of Faulkland in Somerset is not the sort of place to attract much attention from tourists. It is a village you drive through on the way to somewhere else. It has a pub, a pond and a village green. The outstanding feature on the green is the stocks, a reminder of the day when justice was a rough and ready affair.

Of more interest than the stocks is the collection of large stones in the immediate vicinity. These are the remains of what was once a stone circle, nothing as elaborate as Stonehenge, but a smaller version of the circles at Avebury, Stanton Drew and similar sites. There were originally fifty stones arranged in an approximate circle of about fifty five feet in diameter. The stones themselves may be crude but their positioning was a matter of precision. As at all the other circles the stones were erected in a precise position relative to a geological fault, a fault which gives rise to a series of cracks or fissures radiating from a central point like the spokes of a wheel, and which can only be detected with a divining rod. These cracks are perfectly dry and have nothing to do with water. They are in one of the lower strata of the earth's crust, and are about as permanent as anything can be on this rather unstable planet. As might be expected, these cracks are not evenly spaced, nor are they of equal length. It was evidently the practice of the people who set the stones up to place each one over a crack, not at an equal distance from the centre, which would have been easy enough, but at the same distance in from the outer tip. This distance varies at different sites, but is always the same at any one site, give or take a couple of inches. At Faulkland this distance is six feet. What the significance of this was we shall probably never know, but no doubt it was connected with some religious ritual. This would account for the fact that the stones at all these circles invariably form an oval or egg-shaped pattern; this non-circularity and irregular spacing are not due to carelessness, but to strict adherence



The Village Green at Faulkland, Somerset.

to tradition. The two large stones on either side of the stocks are in their original positions, but the smaller one behind them has been moved, presumably from some other part of the circle to form a rather uncomfortable seal for the victim.

This particular form of geological fault is by no means uncommon, there are dozens of them scattered around the country. There is one under an orchard as Hassage Manor, about a mile away, and another in the next village, Norton St. Philip. How many of them have been used as sites for stone circles is, of course, not known, and there would not be much point in finding out; but it could be done, given time and patience.

It might be of interest to step over the boundary into the next county and take a brief look at Stonehenge. This is sites on the same principle but with a difference. The stones we see today were set up at a later date than the ones we have been discussing, by people who were apparently more sophisticated, being more concerned with the symmetrical appearance of the monument than with tradition. It cannot be coincidental that the centre of the monument is exactly over the hub, so to speak, of a set of particularly long spokes. Some of the stones are on spokes and some are not, and not attention was paid to the varying lengths of the spokes. So it would seem that the stones on the green at Faulkland are more interesting than the stocks, the purpose of which is so much more obvious.

MONSTER WAS A GAS

WATER MONSTERS in a Bristol river captured local media attention in August and a Radio Bristol news reporter visited the scene, near Hanham Locks on the River Avon.

Reports of unexplained water spouts, as high as three or four feet in the air, had come from a ferryman and local boating enthusiasts. Unexplained thumping noises against the hulls of various craft were also acknowledged and I was more than a little puzzled.

It seemed inconceivable that something mysterious was causing these events. The river is, of course, tidal but linked to the sea some miles away via a series of locks and weirs that would be all but insurmountable to anything such as a seal or dolphin, for example. Besides, pollution in the form of factory waste has only been controlled sufficiently in the last few years to see a re-emergence of once abundant fish life in this stretch of the Avon.

An on-air investigation and conclusion was reached which dampened the spirits and enthusiasm of those involved at the scene. It appears that the phenomenon is nothing less than gas! Such a violent eruption from the mud and sediment on the river bed would seem to be the cause and

certainly satisfied the reporter on-the-spot.

It satisfied my enquiring mind too, on remembering that just a mile down stream lies one of the city sewage treatment and pumping stations. It's adjacent to the river and, if I tell you it's known locally as the *stink hole*, I presume its discharges into the waters of the Avon could be a contributory cause. Oh well, guess it turned out to be another c**p story! **GL**

L I G H T S

REPORTS OF LIGHTS in the sky seen in late July over Wiltshire and North Somerset and variously described by witnesses as "like dinner plates going round and round in a circle," "round bulb-shaped lights bouncing about the sky" and "white orbs of light, usually moving in a figure of eight," can almost certainly be accounted for by the powerful searchlights located at Stourhead gardens, in Wiltshire.

RNAS Yeovilton was bombarded with callers seeking an explanation, and it now appears that the fete champetre celebrations at the National Trust property was the root cause. The lights operating there are powerful enough to reflect off cloud cover at least two miles high. Batteries of lights like these are commonplace in the US. Around Orlando, Florida, for example, they can be observed nightly and are obviously still something of an unknown novelty in the UK. [Source: *W Wilts Adv* 1.08.91 / *Wells Journal* 1.08.91] **GL**

What The "Experts" Had To Say

"Hitler's horoscope is not a war-horoscope... If and when war comes, not he but others will strike the first blow."

— R H Naylor *British astrologer for the London Sunday Express, 1939.*

"The ordinary 'horseless carriage' is at present a luxury for the wealthy... it will never, of course, come into as common use as the bicycle."

— *The Literary Digest, 14.10.1889.*

From My Sick Files

Hold on to your stomachs - this is a real chunner!

A copy of the *Dumfriesshire Standard* published in September, 1859, reported on how a boy of six had become sick after eating a quantity of fruit. The unfortunate youngster was suffocating on his vomit and bleeding from both nose and mouth. A family member, when trying to help spotted something moving to and fro in the child's throat. Seizing it, he gave a tug and pulled out an eel - fully some 15 inches long.

The only explanation offered came from the boy's mother, who said that the child two years earlier had reported accidentally swallowing a small eel that had been swimming around in his pannikin.

A pet python called Charlie tried to swallow four-year-old Terri Paisey of Bristol, while the child's mother was with a boyfriend in another room of the house they were visiting.

The snake had already coiled itself around the child's body until only her head was visible, when mother Angela Paisey and the owner of the python Paul Tite ran back into the room on hearing screams.

"I thought she would be crushed to death. I thought I'd lost my baby," said Angela, who spent terrifying minutes wrestling with the snake before pulling Terri free. The child was taken to Southmead Hospital, where doctors operated to remove some teeth left in her leg. Tite, a self-employed carpenter, is now planning to find Charlie a new home.

[Source: *Western Daily Press* - 30.08.91]



Dark Age Given More Than A Ghost Of A Chance

Twenty years ago Robin Firman, co-author of a new book *'Ghostbusters UK'*, saw the ghost of a nun and this encounter changed his life forever. Now he is a parapsychologist, holds weekly seminars on the subject and is the guiding force of Grimsby Ghostbusters.

Dismissive of scientists, Firman points to their "entrenched attitudes" and is even more scathing of Fundamentalists. "There is no point in talking with to them, as it's like talking to a 'flat earther' and therefore no debate is possible, or valuable, or worthwhile."

Firman believes that the "fundamentalist attitude" is "creeping across the earth," and warns that it could herald "a new Dark Age" for us all.

His new book should be on bookshelves now and if you want to contact Grimsby Ghostbusters or Robin Firman, write c/o 4 Weelsby Road, Grimsby, Sth Humberside, DN32 0PP. Tel: 0472-79768.

IS THAT THE CHAIN BEING PULLED?

SO FEARFUL is Annabelle Chard of meeting one of her spooky ancestors, she has moved the bathroom of her 900-year-old home nearer her bedroom. A grey old lady is said to haunt the landings of The Manor House, Axbridge, Somerset, in search of love after dying of a broken heart so legend runs.

"It's a dark and spooky house," said Annabelle. "I'm not superstitious, but there's an atmosphere. I heard the story as a child and to this day I am apprehensive of being there alone."

GROUPS OF ALIEN beings were reported being seen in Bristol during July, according to Richard Tarr, South West regional co-ordinator for *Quest*.

In local press reports he described them as being "nearly four feet tall, white grey, with large heads and almond-shaped eyes."

This would tie in very nicely with those brainy Japanese scientists on their "secret" mission in the West Country, to acquire research data in support of their plasma theory!

SPACE AND TIME BY RON BRICE

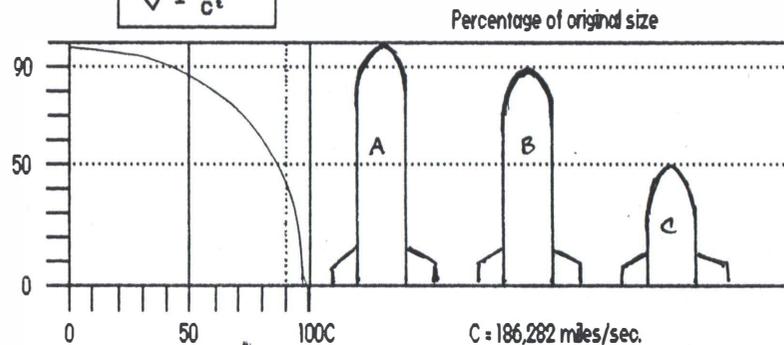
How often has it been said that you can work out any problem by logic alone? But there is a limit as to how far logic can in fact go. There are even simple problems within geometry which are without mathematical proof. Let me, therefore, tell you of a science that is far more intuitive than logical, yet it explains things that Newtonian mechanics fails to explain.

Einstein's 'theory of relativity' is based upon the fact that light moves at the same velocity within any system - even if they are moving relative to each other. This means that time in each system is changing in order to keep the velocity invariant.

Take the example of two solar systems moving relative to each other, at a velocity of 95% the speed of light, (i.e. the Earth in our solar system and a planet in a neighboring one). A person spends a year on that planet and on arriving back on Earth finds that three years and four months has elapsed. He then spends another year on Earth, before returning yet again to the other planet. Upon reaching his destination, once again he will find that three years and four months will have passed since his year spent on Earth. So you see, the time passing in each system is slowed relative to that of the other. This apparent contradiction in terms takes on a whole new perspective when dealing with relativity.

Space contraction is yet a further effect of relativity. An example is given in the illustration below and is a function equivalent to the equation:-

$$x = \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}} x'$$



A: Rocket when on Earth B: Rocket moving at 50% C: Rocket moving at 90%
 D: If the rocket could travel at the velocity of light it would be completely flat. Also, whilst one second had passed within the rocket, infinity would have passed outside and also the converse would be time. The latter point being imaginary, as it would require an infinite amount of energy to place it at the velocity of light. I don't propose to give proof of this here, as space is limited.

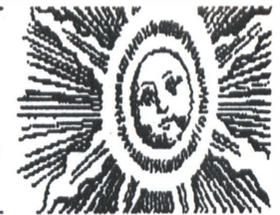


To Follow

"How can a soul look and remain arrogant!"

"What would they or could they tell us about God!"

A Star



YOU HAVE PROBABLY gazed out one night into the void. Out into the very depths of the Cosmos. You have no doubt wondered at times, pondered on the mysteries of the entire Creation, guessing as to what secrets the velvet vaults of space contain. Just what lies out in the infinite expanse of emptiness, hidden from our curious eye. On a clear night, those myriads of twinkling stars, studded as gems in satin, surely cannot fail to arouse just a little of our imagination and awe. It perchance may have a dual effect. To grasp our status in humble perspective may not pass by the nimble conception of our awareness nor escape the over-ripe perception of the intellect. How can a soul look and remain arrogant?

If we consider the evolution of the Universe, paying particular attention to our own tiny planet, we can make certain reasonable assumptions. In terms of Cosmic Time, our little world has had a pretty short life to date, as has our solar system. Many worlds, systems and galaxies have had infinitely longer in Creation than we.

Our life, on the Cosmic Time Scale, must be in terms of seconds from the aeons, if not infinity, already logged in the Celestial Record. Further; when considering our own brief planetary history, the appearance of homo-sapiens was but a moment ago. So: here are we, plump in our conceit of Universal import, with all the grandeur and experience of a fleeting moment; speculating as to the likelihood of an extraterrestrial intelligence approaching our own dizzy heights! If we are to be reasonable, it is far more likely that any other intelligent life forms would be infinitely in advance of our own development; in fact, it would seem incredibly unlikely to be otherwise.

At this point it would be well to elaborate on the terms 'in advance' and 'development'. "An advanced intelligence from outer space." How often have we met this cliché; in books and films; on TV and radio and more frequently in childrens' magazines and comics, about which I am more concerned. Dare I suggest the hidden psychology of such an idea; the subtle extension of our greatest ill? A subservience to and worship of the intellect! We are all too familiar with the preaching of a better way of life from the theologians and prophets; from the philosophers and intellectuals too! Even the youth of the day have invariably had their say and this is perhaps more true today than ever before. One can only guess at the views on such Earthly affairs of any supposed aliens. What would they have to say about our economy, our religions and social behaviour? Could they give wise council; or do they suffer the same troublesome afflictions as we? What would they or could they tell us about God?

All supposition for intellectual digestion perhaps; but not of my intent. Fred Hoyle once talked of 'Galactic telephone exchanges' and considers our problem to be one of subscription. One day, perhaps, we will know the truth. As to by what means, I wonder; I submit that it will be through no process of the intellect!

Written by andrew hennet



CHINESE THROWAWAY



THE BEIJING GOVERNMENT banned 25 books for spreading superstition in China. They included books on fortune-telling and customs, plus ways of identifying character from a person's carriage. The ancient philosophy classic, *The Book of Change*, also came under the chop!

Source: ITN Worldwide (Oracle)

NEW AGE GRADUATES

MYSTICAL GLASTONBURY, in Somerset, now has its own University of spiritual knowledge. The town and its legendary association with Joseph of Arimathea, King Arthur, leylines and a giant surface zodiac, is already a Mecca to thousands of New Age travellers and tourists.

The University of Avalon opened on September 16 and is currently based in the back room of a bookshop and library, run by author and historian Geoffrey Ash, one of the founders.

The Fall program includes weekly and weekend courses on *Moving In Time And Space*, *Advanced Course In Parapsychology* and *The Goddess In Glastonbury*. Courses, during this first term, are an average of £50 for 10 weeks, with concessionary fees for local residents.

Further details can be obtained from: The University of Avalon, 8b Market Place, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 9HW. Tel: (+44) 0458 33933

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Why Lenin Had A Vacant Expression

ROOM 19 at the Soviet Scientific Academy in Moscow has held a secret for the past 70 years that few in Russia even guessed at. There were rumours, of course, but with Glasnost and the more recent upheavals within the fabric of the Soviet Union, that secret is out.

An interesting Japanese TV news report took the viewer behind a heavy steel door in a high security area and revealed that, all along, Vladimir Lenin's brain had been missing - from his head, of course!

About 360 brains are stored in Room 19. Just why, now appears a little unclear to the Russians. Perhaps it seemed like a good idea at the time. Anyway, Lenin's brain resides there along with that of Joseph Stalin, other politicians and scientists.

They are not a pretty sight. Each brain was sliced into 20 micron thick wafers and these adhere to thousands of glass slides, all neatly filed away in huge wooden file cabinets. Now two staff members at the Academy are arguing over who actually has Lenin's brain. Seems there has been a mix-up!

Source: FNN JSTY13.09.91

LTS twice in one issue?! Yes, I know I took the step of announcing the non-publication of such reports a few issues back. The following account has an interesting addition. Unfortunately, both mother and daughter who were witnesses wish to remain anonymous.

It was in the final week of July when the pair reportedly "saw something sparkling in the sky at 12.10 am," near their home in Melksham, Wiltshire. "It was very big and when we stepped out of the car we could see clearly that it was a spaceship," claimed the mother. "My daughter and I were really scared - we decided to wake up my son and mother-in-law to have a look."

The businesswoman tried telephoning the police, but the light disappeared before they had arrived. "It vanished and left behind

CROP CIRCLES TAKE TO THE AIR

incredible circles of smoke in the sky," said the 38-year-old, who claimed that she had not mistaken it for either the moon nor an aircraft.

"I have not seen a crop circle in a field but they sound similar to patterns left in the sky from the UFO," she added.

The obvious suggestion that this light was, in fact, a flare springs readily to mind. Given that Wiltshire has a high ratio of military camps and training grounds. This would also explain the smoke trails and "sparkling" effects. But just look how the crop circle phenomenon has invaded almost everyone's lives!

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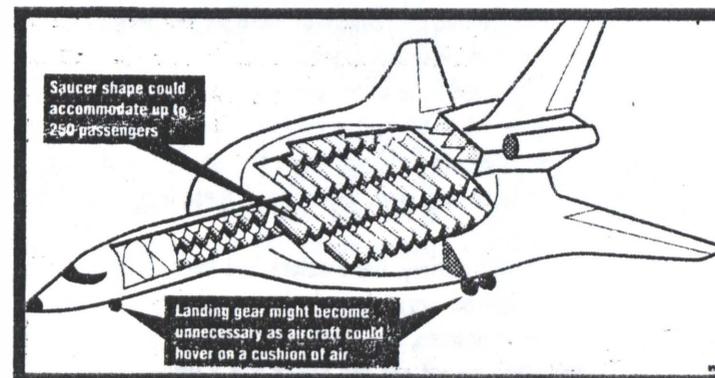
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Although the technology exists to build it today, this BAe designed revolutionary aircraft was bypassed in favour of Concorde.

This saucer-shaped aircraft was first sketched by British Aerospace engineers at Hatfield, Herts 30-years-ago. It was dubbed "too unconventional" and never got off the drawing board.

... Enquiring

VICTORIAN TALES OF MONSTERS

Victorian newspapers were often full of it. The readership of that era demanded it. So strange stories were often used to brighten up otherwise sober accounts of skirmishes and wars in some far-flung corner of the Empire.

They seemed to peak around the mid 19th century and were sometimes outrageous in their content and claims, stretching imagination beyond all reasonable bounds. It can make research difficult and often confusing, given that news accounts were regularly picked up by many of the small provincial newspapers, who perhaps would not commit them to print until months afterwards.

While Fortean research can often be frustrating, like Charles Fort I have never found it dull!



WHAT WAS REPORTED as being a "large winged snake" was spotted by workmen at a Welsh colliery in June, 1852.

The men had just finished work one afternoon and were on their way home when one of them, Thomas Rees, noticed the creature and called to his companions. The miners were able to approach quite closely to the reptile before it suddenly took off and flew at a low and slow pace for some 100 yards.

The Garnant Colliery employees hotly pursued it until the flying snake landed and took refuge in a heap of coal. In spite of removing great quantities of coal, the men were never able to dislodge it.

In March, 1856, the *Inverness Courier* carried a story concerning a freshwater serpent, or "water kelpie," seen regularly in the preceding weeks by the villagers of Leurbost, Lewis, in the Highlands of Scotland.

One of the nearby inland lakes had become its home and several witnesses described it as having the appearance of "a huge peat stack." Others affirmed that a "six-oared boat" could pass between the huge fins which were occasionally visible.

All agreed in describing its form as like a huge eel, up to 40-feet long. It was even reported to have swallowed a blanket left on the bank of the lake by a girl herding cattle.

A June, 1857, issue of the *Port Elizabeth Mercury* related how a Mr Capper, proprietor of the Sunday Island Ferry, encountered the remains of a sea serpent washed ashore near Cape Padrone, Algoa Bay.

It proved to be a creature with a long serpent-like body, some 80 or 90 feet in length. It had an enormous head and a mouth furnished with a formidable row of serrated teeth on both jaws. When closed, these teeth "dovetailed together."

Unfortunately, the creature had been dead for some time and was already in an advanced state of decomposition. The report concluded that the "serpent's" head was cut off and placed into a wagon "which could scarcely contain it."

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THE HISTORY BOOKS decree differently, but we all know that it wasn't Columbus who discovered America, it was the Norse...or even the Babylonians!

Anyway, a 15th century one-eyed clerk named William Worcestre kept a tatty notebook of various events in his lifetime and in it are regular references to a mysterious 'isle of Brasil.'

Now the property of the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, the notebook is almost a Pepys version of everyday life in the mid-to-late 1400's. Worcestre jotted this down for the year 1480: "On the 15th day of July, the ship belonging to (text blank) and to John Jay junior, of 80 tons, began a voyage from the port of Bristol... to the Isle of Brasil, to the west of Ireland."

While this island has nothing to do with the country of that name, (the former South American Portuguese colony did not receive its name until 1511) it is possibly linked to the place with 'Brasil-Wood.' The latter is found growing in both Labrador and Newfoundland - areas reputed to have been visited early in 1360 by a Oxford friar, no less!

What did take ships so far west in the Atlantic? Not a sense of adventure or exploration, but cod. Even now, this fish is found in abundance off the Newfoundland shores.

If you want to learn more about these interesting times in history, then 'THE COLUMBUS MYTH' (Simon & Schuster - £16.95) published October 14, will reveal much more.

SEVEN HUMAN TEETH found earlier this summer in the remote badlands of southern Ethiopia, near the Kenya border, are thought to be between 3.7 and 4.5 million years old.

TREE RINGS STUDIED in a remote part of northwest Tasmania, support the idea that rapid global warming is taking place. A joint Australian-US team has obtained evidence suggesting that temperatures in the past 25 years have risen more rapidly than at any time since AD 900.

ASTRONOMERS THROUGHOUT THE world recently thought their instruments were faulty or that they were looking at a galaxy. Halley's Comet - its 76-year orbit last took it past Earth in 1986 - had suddenly grown from a faint point of light to something approaching 2000 times brighter. Speculation centres around two theories: Either the comet has ejected gases from its core, or it collided with something.

UNDER Review

An occasional look at some of the publications received in exchange and available to the reader.

- ◆ **NEXUS** - 'Impressive' is the first word that springs to mind when reviewing this Australian *alternative news* publication. It is a definite heavyweight among a field of lightweights and is full of thought provoking and enlightening articles.

I can't praise this magazine enough. It's my kind of reading and the July/August issue contains yet another theory concerning crop circles. This time from Australian Chris Illert, a theoretical physicist and mathematician. Could the "glyphs" be an alien message "telling us how to build a matter-antimatter drive for a starship?" - I wonder?!

64pp - 6 issues pa - A\$18 yr A\$35 2 yrs - Editor :
Duncan M. Roads, c/- PO Mapleton, Qld 4560, Australia.

- ◆ **THE GATE** - In a neater format size from earlier in the year, this US magazine has maintained a high standard of content which is ably compiled by editor Beth Robbins. From hauntings, to monsters, to UFO's and some neat illustrations from contributors, there is a lot packed in to this periodical. It looks out on this strange world of ours and helps us to make some sense of it. All-in-all a well presented package from the Colonies.

18pp - 4 issues pa - \$2 ea / \$8 4 issues - O'seas \$10 - Editor :
Beth Robbins, P O Box 43518, Richmond Heights, Ohio 44143, U.S.A.

- ◆ **NUFOG-JOURNAL** - You don't have to be fluent in Flemish to understand this Belgian UFO magazine. Written ably in English, the issue I reviewed (#2) gets down to the nitty-gritty of the Belgian UFO flap of 1990. Lots of sighting reports and some evaluation here. It's a straightforward, no frills-round-the-edge, kind of publication. I can't believe the editor received a complaint that issue #1 had page-numbers which were considered by someone to be too large! ... Take a hike!!

16pp - ? issues pa - Subscription info not known - Editor :
Broux Marc, 2 Koning Albertstraat 40, 3500 Hasselt, Belgium.

NEW ADDRESS INFO

Editor of **ENIGMAS**, Malcolm Robinson, has been on the move again. If you would like to know more about *Strange Phenomena Investigations*, or its interesting magazine, then write to Malcolm at, 41 The Braes, Tallibody, Clackmannanshire FK10 2TT, Scotland. Tel: 0259 - 215808.

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Forgive me if I am wrong - but the world of the UFO investigator can, to someone like myself, seem almost an incestuous one. A world where, sometimes, commonsense gets pitched out the window in favour of something fresh or different to believe in. Something, anything, to get jaded juices running again. A theory, an idea, or even a supposed statement of fact, can often travel faster than native drums. Even the patently ridiculous will receive consideration in some quarter.

It's this kind of obtuse verbage that bothers me. For it has the effect of diluting and obscuring any positive gains there might be in determining the real nature and cause(s) of the UFO phenomenon. A smoke-screen, if you like. But a self-created one.

As an example - let's take the story that has been in circulation for quite some while concerning the US Air Force F-117A, or *Stealth Fighter*. If we are to believe some reports from America, this aircraft has a alien propulsion system and much of the instrumentation, engine configuration etc., is purely cosmetic - designed to fool the rest of us.

If the US government really is in possession of this kind of hardware, why are they persisting in spending billions of dollars annually on defense contracts with American

A LOOK THROUGH THE SMOKE-SCREEN

by Gerry Lovell

industry? Why, for example, are NASA's Langley Research Centre scientists actively pursuing techniques to ultimately produce an endothermic-fueled jet, capable of breaking Mach 5? Even developing cryogenic fuels, or supercold liquids like *Dyltherm*, designed to chill the leading edge of planes at plus Mach 4. WHY - if the technology has already been placed in their hands?

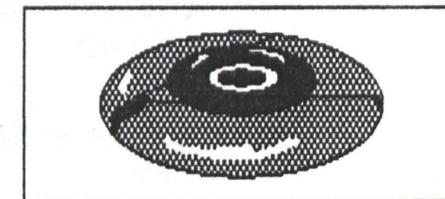
Within the unfathomable depths of Ufology, those who pursue the answer(s) with a dedication and handhold on reality owe it to the rest of us not to allow the blind to lead the partially-sighted.

UAVs ARE UP THERE !

THEY HAVE BEEN around for a while, but UAVs, or unmanned aerial vehicles, were so successful in the Persian Gulf that the US Military has now authorised a new generation.

Some were classified, like the *Shadow*, illustrated below. This drone is a six-foot diameter saucer that uses a single-ducted fan to boost itself into the air, then diverts thrust like a Harrier and flies as a lifting body.

There are aircraft-shaped UAVs and others designed like a bat. Were any of these responsible for UFO reports apparently logged during Desert Storm?



**BOOKS
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IT**

**Stones
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Tracks**

by
Jimmy
Riddle

**MY ALBUM
OF
DEJA VIEWS**

Lord Snowden

Biblical Perspectives And Visitations By D Walmsley

IT IS GENERALLY agreed that ancient literature indicates contact with intelligencies seemingly beyond our earth plane. The Bible, specifically, is at best a conglomeration of myth mostly absorbed, and sometimes distorted, from the eastern mythological sources long prior to biblical times.

For example, the full Christmas story as applied to Jesus has been repeated many, many times B.C. anyhow, and was adopted into Christian mythology by Paul who was brought up in the Mithrian traditions (whose feet did he sit at? Check up and find out!) after his severe attack of conscience brought on by sunstroke. As so many are brainwashed and sincerely believe these and suchlike stories, how much else that has been written in good faith is likewise fabrication? Could this also apply to various interpretations put on past 'visitations'?

I suggest interested readers get hold of some of the Vides, there are many 'quoted' instances of aerial visitations of great similarity to modern phenomena, as well as 'christmas stories' complete with stars and wise-men and attendant paraphernalia, first written after handed-down legend about 8,000 B.C.

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The Crab Nebula is believed to have been formed in 1054, when Edward the Confessor was King of England.

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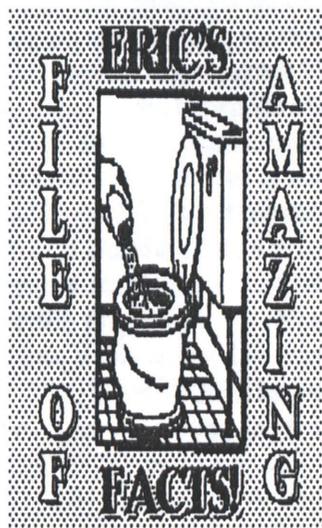
In the 6th century BC a Greek philosopher called Heraclitus estimated that the Sun measured only about 1 ft across.

#10

Venus rotates east to west, in the opposite direction to all the other planets.

#17

A scientific word describing a process in the human cell is 207,000 letters long.



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**JUST WHO
IS
OUT THERE**

ULRICH MAGIN
Stuhlbruderhofstr. 4,
6704 Mutterstadt,
Germany.

Pub: 'Bilk'
(Worldwide Cryptozoology)

BRITISH EARTH MYSTERIES SOCY.

David Barclay,
40 Stubbing Way,
ShIPLEY,
West Yorkshire,
BD18 2EZ.

Pub: 'The UFO Debate'

**STRANGE PHENOMENA
INVESTIGATIONS**
Malcolm Robinson,
41 The Braes,
Tullbody,
Clockmannanshire,
FK10 2TT.

Pub: 'Enigmas'

CROP CIRCLE STUDIES
2 Blenheim Crescent,
London,
W11 1NN.

Pub: 'The Cereologist'

**INDEPENDENT UFO
NETWORK**
84 Elland Road, Brighouse, West
Yorkshire HD6 2GR.

Pub: 'UFO Enigmas'

...AND WHAT IS GOING ON

◀ Lend An Ear

The Cereologist's have their first Annual Conference on Saturday and Sunday, September 7 & 8, at The Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury, Somerset. Guest speakers include George Wingfield and Busty Taylor.

◀ LEMC Prog

The Autumn 1991 Program of London Earth Mysteries Circle commenced in September. On Oct.8 Lillian Storey asks 'Who Is The Real King Arthur,' and Oct.22 Patrick Dixon will conduct a talk entitled 'Geologos; Mysteries Of The Earth'. For further details, contact Rob Stephenson at his new address; 18 Christchurch Avenue, London NW6 7QN. Tel: 081-459-0652.

10,000-YEAR-OLD CALENDAR

THE DISCOVERY OF a tiny etched bone fragment has led French archaeologists to conclude that the European calendar is twice as old as was previously thought. It means that Stone Age Europeans already had a clear understanding of the basic elements of astronomy some 7,000 years before Stonehenge was even constructed.

Recovered from a cave in south-west France, the four-inch piece of bone has been incised with marks recording the lunar and solar cycles over a period of three years. It even logs both summer and winter solstices.

Hopefully, it will be possible to reproduce a drawing of this interesting discovery in the next issue of *Enquiring*.

A SAND PAINTING that five Tibetan monks had been constructing, one grain at a time in San Francisco since April 12, was destroyed by a disturbed woman.

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