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'THERE ARE NO EXPERTS IN UFOLOGY, - only some who have more knowledge and experience of events Ufological than others'. That sounds like a quote, though if it is, I cannot place the source (unless it be me!) Nevertheless to my mind it is certainly true, and before we criticise others for pursuing lines of thought and action dissimilar to our own, let us first consider whether our approach is not open to criticism also. It is very easy to denigrate others for being non-scientific, too scientific, prone to exaggeration or mis-statement, - there are very few (including myself) who at times have not been guilty in this respect, however accurate and dispassionate one may strive to be, - and many other faults, real or imaginary. The truth is that the truth may come from any source - quite possibly from numerous sources, and those who indulge in unjustified criticism of UFO researchers, UFO societies and their members, named or unnamed, should first ensure that their own actions, aims and methods, viewed through others' eyes, are above reproach.

NORMAN OLIVER.

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SKY-WATCH DATES, MEETINGS ETC.

THE SCHIRMER CONTACT CASE.

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"A few moments before 2.30 a.m. on December 3rd. 1967, Patrolman Herbert Schirmer of Ashland, Nebraska was cruising towards Highway 63 on the edge of Ashland. As he approached a highway intersection, the lights on his cruiser illuminated a strange, circular device on the highway ahead. 'At first, I figured it was a semi-truck that had broken down,' Schirmer recalled. 'The flickering lights made me think of that.'

A puzzled frown creased the young policeman's face. 'The lights on the thing really flickered when I hit it with my spotlight beam,' Schirmer recalled. 'I had never seen anything like it. I stepped on the gas and edged the cruiser closer.' Policeman Herb Schirmer then drove directly into one of the most extraordinary UFO contactee experiences in history. Ultimately, his entire life was changed by the encounter, reminiscent of the Barney and Betty Hill incident. Schirmer lived with nervous frustration for several months as he attempted to dredge up from his memory the details concerning a lost half hour. Even today, two years later, there are still details about the encounter that are locked deep in his mind.....

Following an ordinary UFO report to his superiors, Schirmer was investigated by members of the Condon Committee. He was flown to the University of Colorado headquarters for the UFO study group and placed under hypnosis by Dr. Leo Sprinkle. Dr. Condon and his staff were startled to hear Schirmer blurt out details of actual contact with crew members of a UFO.

Still later, through hypnosis and truth serum, Schirmer recalled the most important details of the lost half hour. He was struck by a mysterious 'ray gun beam' which temporarily caused paralysis. The beings used an 'electro-magnetic' force field to stop the motor, cut the lights and silence the two-way radio on his police cruiser. He was 'invited' aboard the flying saucer by a 'crew leader' and given information concerning the origin, guidance, propulsion and equipment on a flying saucer. Schirmer was given a 'cover story' in some manner, which led to his original report of an ordinary UFO sighting.

.....Although Patrolman Schirmer edged his police cruiser closer to the object on the highway at a few moments before 2.30 a.m., he did not return to the police station until 3.a.m. There was a time loss of at least 20 minutes. When Schirmer dashed into the police station, he gulped down several glasses of cold water. 'After I calmed down I wrote out my report,' Schirmer stated.

The report read: 'Saw a flying saucer at junction of Highways 6 and 63. Believe it or not!'

Schirmer concluded his night shift and went home. 'I had a headache and there was a weird buzzing noise in my head,' he recalled. 'I'd start to doze off, and the noise seemed to get louder. I also had a red welt on the nerve cord that runs down below the ear. The

welt was about two inches long, maybe a half-inch wide. I figured I had brushed up against something and dismissed it.....

Later, the Condon Committee flew Schirmer and a companion to Boulder, Colo., for additional tests. 'We got to Room 202 at Woodbury Hall on the campus at Boulder. Dr. Leo Sprinkle, a psychologist with the University of Colorado, put me under hypnosis,' Schirmer said. 'That's when we found out about the fuzzy white thing.' Schirmer said the engine of his patrol cruiser had stopped and the lights had gone out. An unofficial transcript of the Boulder session included:-
 DID YOU ATTEMPT TO DRAW YOUR GUN? I was prevented. DID YOU USE THE POLICE RADIO? I couldn't press the button, I was prevented. CAN YOU SEE THE FEATURES OF THE PERSON APPROACHING YOUR CRUISER? No, it is white. Very fuzzy. DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY COME FROM? Venus, Jupiter and other planets. Their home is a neighbouring galaxy. WHAT IS THEIR INTENT? They do not mean to harm us. WHY DID THEY LAND IN ASHLAND? They wanted to take some electricity from the power lines. HOW DO THEY DO THIS? (Long pause)....I cannot say at this time. HOW IS THEIR CRAFT OPERATED? It works against gravity. HOW DOES IT DO THIS? I cannot say. This is not the right time nor place. Following the hypnotic session, Schirmer was given standard psychological tests and spent several hours with staff members of the Condon Committee."

Edited excerpts from tape recordings of the sessions included:-
 "....'almost 2.30 in the morning....something in the road ahead.... Probably a truck with a flat tire....turning on my bright lights.... hitting the spotlight....lights flickering real fast....My God! What is that thing? Wha....leaving the highway and going up in the air.... hmm....that's an old field....nothing can land there....I'll follow... Wahoo 408...hmm....radio don't work....Hmm, what happened to the enginewhere's my lights....' '....It is shaped something like a football....flickering lights...silver glow underneath it....tripod legs are shooting down from under it....it is settling down on the field... Damn right! I'm afraid....I'm shaking....I am being prevented from leaving....something in my mind....I wanna go home.....prevented... Oh no! THEY'RE COMING TOWARD THE CAR!....Trying to draw my revolver... prevented....Something in my mind....One in front of the car is holding up an object....stuff shoots out of it and goes all over the car.. hmm....It is funny stuff, like a greenish gas....My God! This can't be ...it can't be....stuff all around the cruiser....He's pulling something out of a holster...points at the windshield....bright flash.... like a camera bulb....bright....I can't answer. The bright light paralyzed me and I blanked out!'......"

The craft's occupants were described as about 4½ to 5 feet tall, with a pronounced chest and muscular, wiry appearance. They walked rigidly. Their heads were rather thin and long. They wore tight-fitting helmets and had thin eyebrows above cat-like eyes. The faces were oriental in appearance with slit-like lips.

With acknowledgements to SAGA and thanks to Lucius Farish for his prompt assistance in sending the issue concerned.

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As readers will have seen, we now have a new cover design. There were fourteen entries in all for the competition, many of them of a high standard. The designs were judged by the Committee, those members who were aware of the origin of any of those submitted - this included the Director - not being allowed to take part. The result was a win for Brian Banfield. Congratulations Brian - and our thanks to those other members who went to so much trouble in submitting their designs.

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Report from the Birmingham U.F.O. Investigation Group:-

"A DIVIDING U.F.O."

On May 4th. 1970, we interviewed a Mrs. Christine Powell, of Hall Green, Birmingham, concerning the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object which she had made the previous evening.

On Sunday May 3rd., Mrs. Powell was in bed at her home, and being unable to sleep, was looking at the sky through her bedroom window. After a while, at approximately 11.30 p.m., she noticed a bright round object in the sky which appeared to be growing larger. The object grew until it was about the size of a cricket ball held at arms length, then it divided into two objects of a similar size as the original one. These objects then remained motionless for some time. The witness became frightened and did not leave her bed to investigate further. She eventually fell asleep with both objects still in view.

Mrs. Powell's dog, which was with her in the bedroom, was apparently aware of something unusual, as he appeared restless, barked and eventually left the room altogether.

The weather on that particular night was warm and dry with no wind. There was intermittent cloud but many stars were visible. There was no moon.

Mrs. Powell described the object/s as sharply outlined, self-luminous and "...glowing as if they were white hot..." she heard no sounds during the time of observation.

Mrs. Powell is in her early twenties and has one young child. She is employed as a secretary in Birmingham. She had no prior knowledge of UFOs or flying saucers and has never read any books or magazines concerning them. After talking to her I was satisfied that she had given an accurate account of something very unusual which she had seen on the evening of May 3rd. She herself could suggest no logical explanation for what she had seen, but was emphatic that she had not fallen asleep and dreamt the whole episode. Her bedroom is at the rear of the house and overlooks open playing fields. This seems to rule out the possibility of streetlamp or car headlight reflections.

Alan Crowe 8/5/70.

A report on skywatches to date will be given in the September issue.

SKY-WATCH PROGRAMME

SOUTHERN WATCHES: AUGUST 15-16 PETERSFIELD, HANTS., SEPTEMBER 19-20 RECVLVER, KENT, OCTOBER 10-11 WARMINSTER (HEAVEN'S GATE). Contact Charles Carpenter, 162, Wickham Way, Beckenham, Kent OR Lincoln Richford, 14, Playfield Crescent, London, S.E.22. NORTHERN WATCHES: AUGUST 15-16 SEPTEMBER 19-20 MAM TOR, CASTLETON, DERBYSHIRE. Contact Eric Richards, 57, Lord Lane, Failsworth, Manchester, Lancs.

 The September 19-20 watch will be held in co-operation with the Essex UFO Group, the main purpose being to carry out a Triangulation Experiment. There will be two groups situated on opposite sides of the Thames, one at S. Manningfield, Essex (E.U.G.), the other at Reculver, Kent (COS-MOS). The aim is to get an accurate altitude fix on any UFO seen during the skywatch. To achieve this your participation is needed. This will at the same time be a 'normal' skywatch which amongst other things will include attempts at telepathic communication. Press coverage is anticipated, - a further reason for as many members as possible taking part. Contact either of the Southern Field Officers as above.

SCORITONTHE BIASECTED BOOK.

(CONT'D.)

"Cromwell's Pub." This was mentioned in the second verse of the doggerel I'd received with the two halves of the book. It had quite a significance, for this was the pub at Holne where I had met and recorded Bryant on a number of occasions. On a wall of the pub there is a plaque stating "Oliver Cromwell slept here." This is NOT mentioned in THE SCORITON MYSTERY: it IS mentioned in SEQUEL TO SCORITON, but this had not been published when I received the book and verse. This would seem to indicate therefore, that it was the work of someone quite conversant with all the details.

"Markab." This is a star in the constellation of Pegasus, not one of the brightest of stars and not referred to often by name. So, - why pick this star? BUT, there were FOUR references to it in the second paragraph of my own article in the Autumn '68 BUFORA Journal which had not been published when I received the book and verse.

Again, this indicated someone close to the affair being involved. "Four Plotters." Up to this point, my views had tended towards the 'Scoriton Mystery' having been made up by Bryant, but the above details made me think again. After making a number of searches and again going over a great deal of the 'evidence' I made out a short list of six names. This has since been narrowed down to five, and when just a little more evidence is obtained and that number becomes four, things should really get interesting!

One further point is all I have space for in this issue. Ed. Blandford has asked me what the postmark on the book was. In fact, it was that of the main sorting office for S.E. London, - Borough S.E.1. which, to say the least, wasn't very helpful as presumably was intended. Those of you with a leaflet I published in November '68 may well remark that on it the postmark is given as Hammersmith! This was a deliberate mis-statement on my part at the time, designed to produce a certain response, which, I am glad to say, it did!

Norman Oliver.

(To be continued.)

MAILBAG.

"....Reading the mass of published literature on the UFO phenomena, I am often struck by the sharp differentiation between the scientific school of thought and the mystical or esoteric approach. The scientific observer attempts to analyse the physical manifestations of the phenomena in scientific terms within the fields of scientific thought that are accepted as norm by the established scientific community. As a consequence he is only interested in the physical sightings and other physical manifestations such as result from reported landings, e.g. Geiger counts, size and depth of depressions etc., and will ignore any manifestations not within this realm on the premise that 'as they cannot be, therefore they are not.' Condon is perhaps the supreme example of this 'backward' way of thinking. The observer tackling the problem from the mystical angle on the other hand, tends to hang his theories on Greek myths, Egyptian pyramids, the Second Coming, Armageddon and any other mystical teaching with which he is conversant, all of which are discredited by the scientists as being without physical proof.

In truth, if we could only see it, I would tend to think that the division between the scientific and the mystical or spiritual is not nearly so closely defined as we think. The mystical has an element of the scientific in it and vice versa, and the two blend and intermingle in a way that we cannot clearly perceive. This distinction between the scientific and the non-scientific (for want of a better word), is initiated at 1V form level at school, perpetuated through to V1 form and consolidated at university, where we can either read pure or applied science or the arts, and never the twain shall meet.

This purely artificial distinction does not help us in looking objectively at the phenomenon as a whole, which in point of fact whether we like it or not, has both elements in it. As soon as we attempt to look at one facet 'objectively' to the exclusion of the others we lose our objective approach.

This may be the reason why some 'amateurs' without a specialist's background or an occult school of thought are able to see the problem in a wider context.

I feel, however, that we must endeavour to consider all aspects of the phenomena - physical, mystical, psychic, mythological etc. and only eliminate them if they do not fit the observed facts. After all, the scientific evaluation of the last twenty years of sighting reports, and the mutterings of the last twenty years of the prophets of doom have not got us anywhere near a rational answer. Let us broaden our fields of vision and attempt a scientific evaluation of the psychic manifestation, and a spiritual analysis of the physical aspects, and perhaps we might get somewhere."

Rodney Higgins, B.Sc.

".....I am in agreement with the policies and ideas presented in COS-MOS, in addition to your stand on the contactee aspects of the UFO mystery, and the Journal's course of action seems commendable..... Looking forward to future editions of COS-MOS.

Dennis Stacey, Editor,
SPACECRAFT REVIEW.

".....I will give you a little something that may be of use..... it is part of a great deal I am 'taking down' daily, and no hoax this either.....

'I can only tell you what little I know. You were contacted during sleep but it is of little consequence. These aliens as you sometimes call them are a race apart from mankind and not to be tampered with.'

.....this comment only applies to the 'small gentlemen', and there are indeed a - shall we say - 'higher group' on another plane very much concerned with our advancement."

Ed.L.Blandford.
(Ref: 'THE DREAMERS', - May issue.)

Dear Friend

4th. April 1970.

Please keep this letter as proof of my knowledge that the Apollo 13 Moon mission will be a failure. I will write again after the time warp opens.

Haig Dulwich, London.

Dear friend,

undated (postmarked 20th. April.)

The first week in May 1970 will be a very eventful one for you and your team of flying saucer fanatics. You would be wise to take time out from employment to cope.

Yes these flying objects do exist but they are not from beyond the Earth, they are from the Earth, but not the present Earth.

Be careful of the motor traffic this week.

Haig Dulwich.

The two letters reproduced above were received without any indication of the sender, both being in similarly disguised handwriting. Whilst anonymous, they were certainly not in any way vicious, and it is interesting that the first one was in fact received by me well before Apollo 13 was launched. Presumably the time warp opened between the first and second letters! But why, what and/or where is it? Are the time travellers from the past or the future? COME ON HAIG, - DON'T BE VAGUE! (Watch for the next thrilling instalment! There's bound to be one!) ED.

Deliberate Mistake

The Deliberate Mistake in the last issue was in the penultimate paragraph on page 9, where 'May Journal' should have read 'July Journal'. No correct entries were received.

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ESSEX UFO NEWS Essex reports: views, theories of Essex Ufologists.
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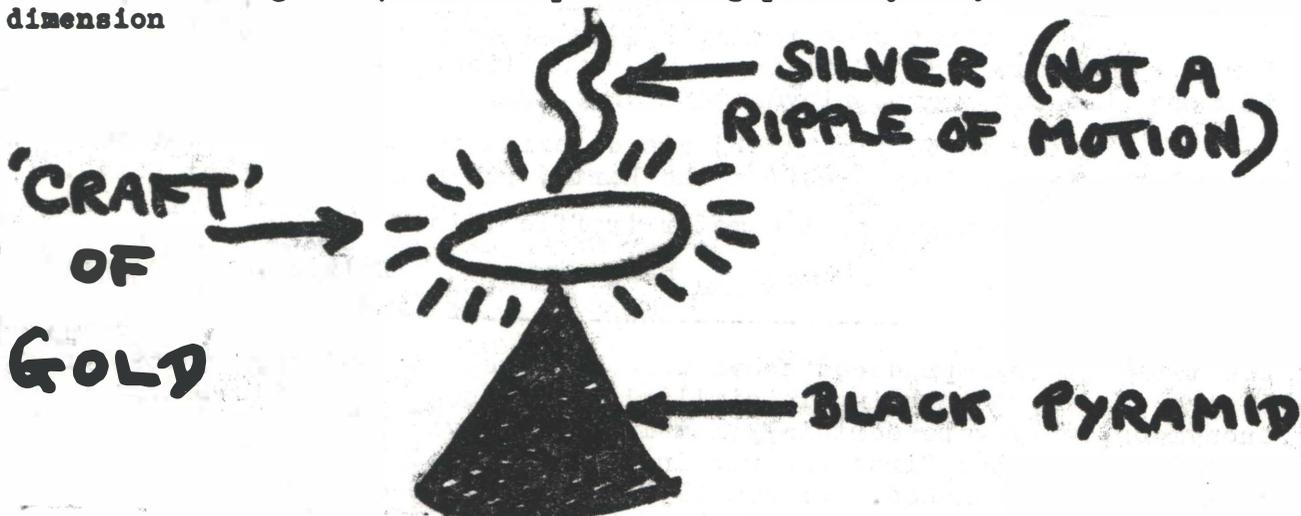
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GREAT TRUTHS FORMING IN THE VOID ?

What one can only describe as a singularly unusual experience befell John Roseweir, former vice-chairman of CONTACT U.K. and I on the night of January this year when we were at Cradle Hill, Warminster, focal centre of so many inexplicable aerial phenomena for the past five years.

Singular because it was the first UFO of this particular type ever seen in our quarter of the country. Silently, it glided into view at exactly 9.30 p.m. from the south-west and hovered for a total of twenty seconds almost due south of where we were positioned on the hill proper, by the now-familiar white metal gates.

The ellipsoid was pure gold in colour and suspended at a height of about fifty feet above ground level, between Cop Heap and the Warminster Downs edged by West Wilts Golf Club greens. Over the sun-disc aeroform was a silvery plume which, in spite of a fairly stiff south-east breeze, was motionless and unwavering, and from the bottom portion of the UFO a dark triangle or pyramid shape could clearly be seen at a later phase. Both observers estimated the 'craft' to be no more than a mile distant from the viewing base, the ellipsoid being probably of 30 feet overall dimension



Immediately prior to this, we were quietly discussing megalithic crosses and monoliths, also the recurrence of the figures '3' and '9' in progressive stages of UFO sightings and research, significance of the Great Pyramid at Gizeh, recent 'haywire' and inconsistent scientific instrument readings of what power lies beneath the area of the Sphinx etc., difficult to compute with any degree of finality.

In my last book I mentioned a special 'visitor' on the morning of August 27th. of 1967. Then, on exactly the same date in 1969, we had a definite UFO landing at Warminster with 13 witnesses present - far more convincing than one poor soul on his own. Well known researcher Norman Oliver gave us unexpected backing in this true story, which the cynics - as usual, bless them - were still inclined to deride as 'far too fantastic to credit.'

He affirmed publicly, that 'An interesting point is that there were several people camping out on the Copse with scientific equipment,

including a geiger counter, who asked to be shown the spot where the figure appeared. Whilst the geiger counter worked normally elsewhere, the reverse of what might perhaps have been expected occurred at the spot where the figure had been seen; the geiger counter 'packed up' and registered nothing! This was tested several times to make sure the counter itself was not at fault, but with the same result.'

I mention this corroboration, because it was a complete surprise to Warminster 'regulars' unaware that other watchers were present besides the 13, who included an ex-naval commander's wife.* However, to return to the 'pyramid' sighting saga.... August 27th. of 1967 and 1969 brought minor revelations - and the digits of the month date may be of importance difficult to assess at present... $2 + 7 = 9$. Perhaps August 27th. of 1971, following the logical sequence of a '3' in the pattern, will be especially significant.

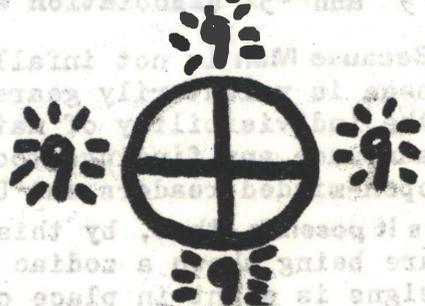
On January 18th. ($1 + 8 = 9$) at 9.30 p.m. (another '9' and '3'), the dark pyramid appendage dangling from the bottom of the UFO seemed to sidle sideways and land at a point near Cop Heap after the glowing golden craft winked brightly three times and vanished. The plume at the top dissolved simultaneously. What did it all mean? And how often we have wondered precisely that, after so many strange sightings at Cradle Hill!

On February 18th. this year (again $1 + 8 = 9$) I had to report Warminster Chamber of Commerce dinner locally. While there, incidentally, a guest-of-honour, printer Mr. Arthur Maidment, president of Salisbury Chamber of Commerce, confided that he and a friend recently saw a most peculiar light formation in a village near the city, telling me: 'This sort of thing is not unique to Warminster, you know.' (Perhaps Ufologists might care to interview him one day to get the whole story?)

At 7.20 p.m. on February 18th., I went for a short stroll up Elm Hill before setting out for my reporting date. Again the 'pyramid' - carrying UFO manifested, in about the same sky region betwixt downs and Cop Heap. Once more the '3' and '9' aspect struck me. 7.20 p.m. ($7 + 2 = 9$) on the 18th. It is dangerous and negative, obviously, to think subjectively: it is alien to my job as a qualified news reporter who always seeks the objective angle of any story.

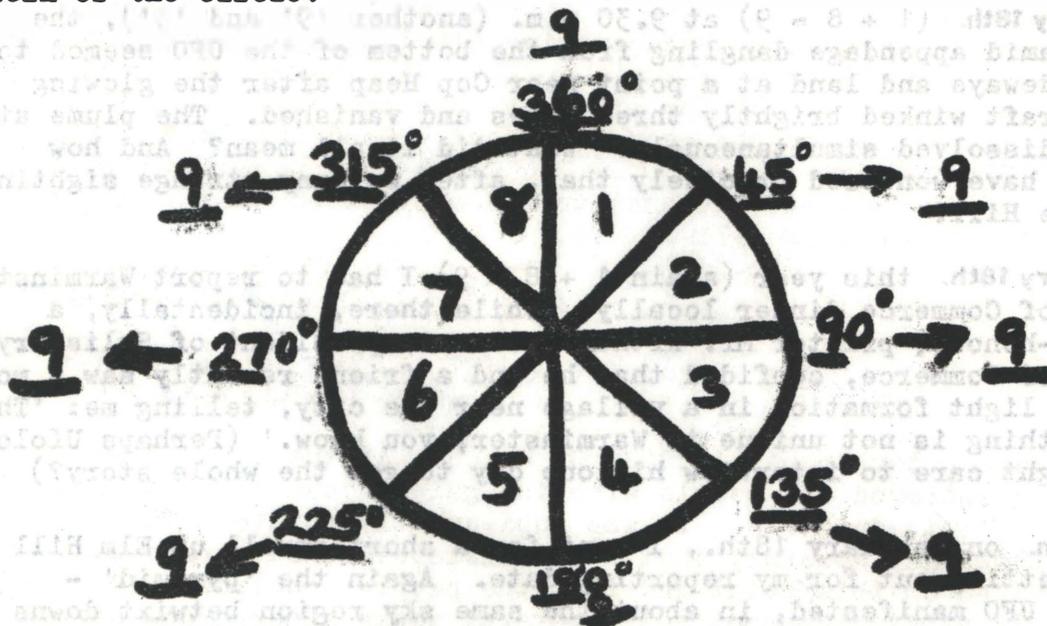
But what does the reader think of the following, which came after much concentrated thought on this three and nine mystery that occurs with strange frequency in the UFO pattern of late? My mind, free from mundane considerations, was simply open to ideas that filter through all minds occasionally - and should be welcomed if not of egotistic volition.....

First, against a dark backcloth, a silver circle appeared. Then a cross lighted up the centre. And from each end of the cross formation the figure '9' flashed with tremendous brilliance. Here, in a brief illustrated form, is what I saw:-



But even more vividly, as a sense of drama awoke within me and my startled eyes tried to make my brain understand something even more inexplicable than any of the genuine UFO sightings I have been privileged to witness, the pattern expanded and I became aware of the following:-

The cross became of the dimensional status of a Union Jack, with the circle filled by eight instead of the former four sections in separation. Then the number '90' began to flicker at the right, on the second line down, then at its side... Excitedly, my brain raced and came up with the rather shocking revelation that '9' must be the most significant figure perhaps in the entire universe, not just on Earth, together with the '3' that the spiritual and scientific factions among us recognise as having importance. Here, then, is the completed pattern of the circle:-



You will note that it is literally full, chock-a-block of 'nines'! Add any two numbers together and the answer is always a NINE. For example, 360 and 180 total 540 = 9. Or 270 with 225 = 495 = 18 = 9... Do you follow the reckoning? Try any random or deliberate additions, and you cannot escape the finality of that nine.... In my third and final book on UFOs, which will tell how one of the Rolling Stones pop group, Mick Taylor, came to Warminster and saw aerial wonders, how Patrick Moore and Bob Chapman fared in visual experience of the unworldly etc., this '9' and '3' association will be dealt with more fully.

Because Man is not infallible, nor ever will be until his consciousness is voluntarily geared to the overtones of Universal Truth and the indivisibility of matters scientific and spiritual, I dare not announce any findings too prematurely. Here are a few thoughts for open-minded readers and Ufologists to mull over, however:-

Is it possible that, by this circle and its divisions and additions, we are being shown a zodiac of great antiquity in which the number of signs is eight in place of twelve? Could therefore, this be a zodiac

for the planet Earth or some heavenly body? The cross and the 9 together are more than symbolic, I feel intuitively, and it could be that we have established a link; and that it is in the ancient esoteric astrology which predates Babylon and Chaldea, but the question must be: Which people and where? Also - so important and vital to further Ufological progress of true purpose - WHY?...The '9' is virtually jumping off the paper, just as it did off the perimeter or edges of my vision at the time it manifested so weirdly.

Let the sceptics make their own way in future - not have everything put on to a plate for them to dissect according to their own ego. We now officially retire from the scene, for Truth finally must be arrived at by personal and individual experience, and one cannot get that by sitting comfortably in an armchair. With onset of illness my fellow-researcher Bob Strong has lost almost four stones in weight in less than a year.

That he is on the mend now, recuperating slowly, is because he has given up a long and physically exhausting task, sick and tired (as I am) of the carping criticisms of the minority, who bedevil and belittle the enormous importance of the sacred subject. Good luck to all open-minded Ufologists everywhere.....The Truth will percolate, with patience. The UFO enigma may constitute a many-sided coin of the Unknown; but Truth equates them all!

*Arthur Shuttlewood,
Easter, 1970.*

* See 'Warminster Special', COS-MOS No. 6. At the time of writing this article I believed the people with the geiger counter to have been there on the night in question. It was subsequently pointed out to me by Chris Trubridge, however, that I had misinterpreted a tape-recorded conversation on this point and that the people concerned did not inspect this particular spot until several weeks afterwards. Nevertheless, this in no way invalidates the strange behaviour of the geiger counter.

Norman Oliver.

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ABOUT COS-MOS

BY BELGIAN BEACHES

We are indebted to Jacques Bonabot of Groupement pour l'Etude des Sciences d'Avant-Garde who publish Visiteurs Spatiaux for sending details of the following incidents to Janet Gregory.

THE OSTEND INCIDENT

This case occurred some years ago in Ostend; the witnesses were Miss Marjorie Meath of Birmingham and a boy friend.

It was a summer's night and they went for a walk by the sea; after a while they sat down for a rest and were astonished to see a strange woman 2 to 3 metres in height, dressed all in white and with long golden hair, walk towards the sea holding her arms straight out in front of her as though sleep-walking. She was quickly followed by six other women similar in dress and appearance also walking in a somnambulistic manner.

Without awaiting further developments, both witnesses left panic-stricken, returning to their hotel. Miss Meath's father stated that he, in company with others had also witnessed the same occurrence.

THE HEIST-ON-SEA INCIDENT

LOCATION Heist-On-Sea is a small seaside town in Belgium lying between Zeebrugge and Knokke. Like most coastal towns it has one main street, with other narrower streets and avenues leading off to cottages and villas.

THE INCIDENT ITSELF This took place during July 1969 and was subsequently recorded by M. Marnix Maertens who was told about it by a young man named Noel with whom he struck up a holiday friendship.

It was about 10 p.m., and Noel was sitting with his girlfriend on a bench in the President General Willemspark between the Route Royale and the beach. The girl became aware of a soft sound in the bushes behind them which consisted of short hazel trees and marine grasses; they both looked round and saw a white form amid branches a little way back.

Terrified, the girl ran off; Noel stayed, and when he looked again he saw the phenomena hovering above a little sandy spot free of trees. It appeared as a pyramid-shaped object, completely white, some 10 to 12 feet high and 2 to 3 feet wide, conjuring up in Noel's mind the impression of a 'human pyramid'. It remained motionless, illuminating the surroundings, and then Noel too became afraid and also left. The object - whatever it was - had only been noticed in the first instance because of the continuous background noise, and neither of the witnesses remained to see the manner of its disappearance.

Later, Noel told some of his friends about the strange incident and M. Maertens drove the witness back to the spot in his Fiat 600, but could find no marks of any sort. He tried 'light effects' with the car's headlamps, but none of these produced an effect similar to the apparition. The following day, the girl confirmed the incident up to the point where she had run off, frightened by the white light.

UFOs AND RADIATIONBy Eric Livingstone.

In this article I would like to outline a method, by which, scientifically, we might prove the existence of UFOs. Primarily, this would involve the subjecting of plant life in the near vicinity of a landing, to Fluorescent Analysis.

The reasoning behind this I now hope to make clear to the reader.

Whatever the motivation of the UFO, I think most people agree there is a large amount of ensuing Electro-Magnetic Radiation. This is shown by the reports of radio blackouts, car engines stopping, burns and rashes on the skin, magnetic anomalies, smell of ozone etc.

Now Electric-Magnetic Radiation covers a wide range, from long Radio Wave right down to the Cosmic Rays. Visible light is a very small part indeed of this spectrum. The scientist uses a unit known as the Angstrom for wave length, so he would say we can see from Red 8,000 to Violet 4,000 Angstroms. On this scale, Cosmic Rays, the shortest known, are 0.01 of an Angstrom. So you can see that, although physical effects are apparent, detection of almost all of Electro-Magnetic Radiation requires the use of instrumentation.

In this short article I propose to deal almost entirely with Ultra-Violet Radiation (Black Light), its effects upon plant life and use as an exciting agent in regard to Luminescence, that is energy transfer to parts of molecules which are responsible for light emission only.

Fluorescence, light emission not continuous, never exceeds one second, and Phosphorescence persists when excitation is stopped. To simplify it, if an object is Luminescent it glows, if Fluorescent, the glow stops as soon as the exciting source is stopped. An example is Fluorescent Strip Lighting; when you switch the current off the glow ceases at once. Phosphorescent, the glow will continue after the exciting source is stopped. An example here is the luminous hands of a clock, - after you switch your room light off the glow will continue for some time. Without broaching this aspect again, I hope the reader will call to mind many sighting reports that include the above phenomena, including the changing of colour in Fluorescent Street Lighting, which is perfectly feasible under certain conditions with different wave lengths of Ultra-Violet Radiation.

U/V Radiation runs from the near U/V 4,000 - 3,000 Angstroms down to the far U/V around 136 Angstroms. It is used and studied in many branches of science, although here we are only concerned in regard to its use in Fluorescent Analysis, that is, the examination of specimens under U/V light.

Now in a plant's living leaf the absorbed Light Quants are converted into Chemical Energy in the process of assimilation in which form they are used for the reduction of Carbon Dioxide.

A well Assimilating leaf would exhibit a weaker Fluorescence, as most of the absorbed energy is not emitted, but is taken up by chemical reaction.

Leaves respond to U/V Light by turning a bronze or dark colour and sometimes appearing shiny. If the dose of U/V Light is sufficient

the plant dies. What I am suggesting is that we subject plant leaves from the near vicinity of a UFO landing to Fluorescent Analysis. We could then tell if the leaves had been subjected to some Electro-Magnetic Radiation.

I am of the opinion that depending on the amount of energy the UFO requires, so depends the Wave Length of its Radiated Energy.

Radioactivity I know, has been found to exist at some UFO landing spots, but this would require that the UFO in question has been using a very large amount of energy. Under normal conditions I believe these craft do not use excess energy for their motivation. It is possible that according to the amount of energy used, so the amount of Electro-Magnetic Radiation from the UFO could vary, sometimes being in the Infra-Red (heat) range moving through the visible spectrum (Red to Violet) then on into the near and far U/V, X-Ray and Gamma Rays. This, of course, could account for the various colours, and for the fact that the UFO sometimes shimmers and disappears, although it can still be picked up by radar.

I still wonder whether it was more than a coincidence that the Scientific Director of the American Investigation of UFOs, Dr. Edward Condon, was for a time associated with the big American Corning Glass Works who specialise in glasses and filters for U/V study, or that the University of Colorado, where the investigations were made, were then carrying out a study on the effects of U/V Radiation on plants.

The reader will realise that we have barely scratched the surface of this subject, but it does offer something tangible that a scientific body can investigate and prove or disprove, and this surely is the criterion we must set for Ufology.

STOP PRESS from the magazine of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society of Adelaide:- Vol. 3. No.4

A student at Urrbrae High School, John Hurst reported a sighting in the Windsor area of South Australia. This occurred on Sunday December 7th, 1969, a month after a previous sighting by four schoolboys.

The craft was seen from a dirt road off the Port Wakefield Road and hovered about four feet off the ground some fifty yards away. It was watched by John and adults for a while. Taking off it changed shape and size. The grass was flattened all round and indicated a diameter of about thirty feet.

A sketch accompanying the report depicts the saucer as being rather of the 'Mexican Hat' variety, though somewhat flattened and rather more bulbous with four portholes on the side visible. - ED.

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A new quarterly magazine. Features include UFO articles, book reviews, UFOs and the Bible, Leys and other interesting items.

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REPORT FROM RHODESIA

This report has been extracted, exactly as printed, from the "Sunday Mail", Salisbury, Rhodesia, dated February 8th. 1970. It came to my notice in one of Harold Chibbett's excellent Newsletters, being contributed by Judith Gee to whom many thanks.

"If you were a Martian, scouting around planet Earth for somewhere that reminded you of the old country, you might well show more than a passing interest in Mrewa.

The dusty red earth, the sparse scrub, the sudden rugged hills. The barren rock formations, the general air of loneliness and desolation could all combine to make you think you'd stumbled on a home from home. What better place, then, for two sober and upright members of the community to report that they had seen Unidentified Flying Objects moving through the sky?

Smug city dwellers who no doubt scoffed at the report last week by Patrol Officer Walthew and Police Constable Munyavi might have second thoughts if they were to stand at dusk at the foot of the lonely kopje over which the three mysterious objects were seen to hover.

CONVINCED.

Certainly, despite relentless leg-pulling from colleagues and friends, the policemen have not changed their story.

Although he now sounds wary of what he says, Patrol Officer Brian Walthew, who refused to be photographed, is still firmly convinced that he saw some thing - three somethings - in the night sky above Mrewa at 9.35 p.m. on Friday, January 30th. 1970.

'Oh, there's no doubt about that,' he said, as he chatted about his experience in the cool of the small police station at Mrewa. 'I saw something - we both did - but I still can't say what it was.'

Flying Saucers?

He winces at the word

'I've never believed in flying saucers and I still don't.'

What then?

He shrugs. 'It must have been a natural phenomenon of some sort...'

But what natural phenomenon is circular in shape, some 50 feet across and hovers, giving off a red glow, 500 feet above the ground?

DUTY.

Once again P.O. Walthew shrugs. 'That's just it. I don't know. I've thought about it a lot, but I simply can't place any interpretation on it at all.

'I just felt it my duty to report what I saw. If someone else can offer an explanation I'd like to hear it.'

Subsequent police investigations have determined that there were no freak conditions in the area at all that night. No electric storms, no fires. It was a clear night.

One mystery, though, has been cleared up. The lights of the policemen's Mini-Moke, which cut out, had nothing to do with the objects in the sky.

ILLUSION

'Apparently this has happened on this Moke before', said P.O.Walthew, 'It gets shaken up on bumpy roads, and some of the lights can go off for a while. They didn't cut out until after the three objects had disappeared, and in any case, only the headlights went: not the side-lights or the dashboard lights.'

He paused, reflecting on the incident, then went on: 'You know, if I'd been on my own, I'd probably have put it down to optical illusion: tiredness after a long day. But Constable Munyavi saw them first. He drew my attention to them. And he's not the kind of chap who sees things. He's a very solid, dependable sort.'

The nagging doubt at the back of P.O.Walthew's mind, however, is that more than seven days after the incident, no one else has yet come forward to report seeing the same thing.

There are only a handful of Europeans in the area, most of them with the District Commissioner's Office.

TRUST LAND

Some laugh outright at the thought of UFOs over Mwera; one or two think there might be something in it, but why, they ask, hasn't anybody else reported it?

And this is where the case for the defence takes a real knock.

For this so-called flying saucer country, some 30 miles into the bush from the D.C.'s office, is the heart of the Uzumba Tribal Trust Land - the home of thousands of tribesmen.

The kraal of Chief Nyajina himself is at the very foot of the kopje behind which the objects vanished.

Yet, on the night of Friday, January 30, nobody saw anything.

Chief Nyajina is an intelligent and well-spoken man, and a broad grin spread across his face as the presence of a reporter and a photographer was explained.

'NO, sir,' he replied, shaking his head emphatically. 'None of my people saw anything.'

No lights in the sky?

'No lights.'

No big objects hovering over the hill?

The grin grew even broader. 'Certainly not.'

He explains that there could have been no fires on the hill, either then or at any time, since the place is sacred, and out of bounds to tribesmen. (My underlining - ED.)

PRAYERS

Apparently only the chief and his relatives can go there, which they do once a year - in September - to pray for rain.

The chief's refusal to let anyone set foot on the kopje is so emphatic that one fears for the safety of any visitor from space who tries it.

So Messrs. Walthew and Munyavi stand alone. Or do they?

The Sunday Mail has discovered that this is not the first instance of UFOs sighted over Mwera.

One was spotted two years ago - but the man who saw it, farmer Steve Adams, has kept quiet until now because, in his own words, 'I didn't want to appear a fool.'

GLOWING.

Last week, Mr. Adams told his story to The Sunday Mail.
 'My wife and I were driving along the Mtoko road at about 11.30 at night when we saw this object approaching through the sky.
 'It was glowing, and appeared to be about 40 feet long. It looked like an aeroplane without wings, cigar-shaped.'
 He switched off the engine, but the object, which was about 500 feet above the ground was making no discernible noise.
 'It crossed the road about 400 yards ahead of us,' said Mr. Adams. 'It was going at terrific speed, and it started to circle a hill. We raced after it, but it disappeared behind the hill, and when we got round there, it was nowhere in sight.'

Could it not be that the solution might lie in the answer to just one question - namely: WHY IS THAT HILL REGARDED AS SACRED? And might not the answer just possibly be that - far from their safety being in question should visitors from space set foot on that hill - THEIR PRESENCE AND THAT OF THEIR CRAFT IS THE REASON? - ED.

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COS-MOS: September 19 (A.G.M.), October 24, November 21, January 9, January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24.
 BUFORA: September 5, October 3 (A.G.M.), November 7, December 5, January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3.

Full details to be announced and meetings cards issued, but COS-MOS speakers will include F.O.Gardner, F.R.G.S., Dr. G.G.Doel, M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P. D.M.R.E., Mollie Thompson, John Cleary-Baker Ph.D., and Rodney Higgins B.Sc. BUFORA speakers will include Gordon Creighton, M.A., F.R.G.S. F.B.I.S., Alan Watts, B.Sc. F.R.Met. S., John Michell Charles Bowen and the Rev. N.J. Cockburn, M.A. All meetings begin 7p.m.

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The following CONTACT U.K. meetings have been arranged:-
 September 12. Alliance Hall (next Caxton Hall.) Brains Trust. 7.p.m.
 October 31 Caxton Hall Speaker, Mrs. Mary Cain. 7.p.m.
 November 28 Caxton Hall Speaker to be announced. 7.p.m.

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My apologies to all those to whom I owe letters. This particular issue has taken upwards of 60 hours of spare time in preparation alone: combined with all other COS-MOS and UFO activities, the time available to me for answering correspondence over the last month has regrettably dwindled to zero. All letters WILL be answered however, so please don't think I've forgotten to reply! Norman Oliver.

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IN OUR NEXT ISSUE:- Articles by John Cleary-Baker Ph.D., Kenneth Lloyd Larson and others: UFO news and reports including a special item. ALSO: A COS-MOS EXCLUSIVE: Extracts from Arthur Shuttlewood's third and final book, due for publication early in the new year, will appear in COS-MOS, commencing with the September issue!

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Despite additional pages, we regret that a number of items have had to be held over to our next issue owing to pressure of space.

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