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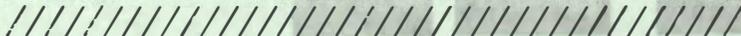
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THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK

Orthodox archaeologists have their problems, and the one which is causing them greatest concern at the moment is 100,000 persons with metal detectors apparently systematically looting sites nationwide. They first thought bugging sites with tin-tacks would frustrate treasure hunters' efforts, but as such devices are radio transmitters working on radar principles, to foil them aluminium foil is best used, or brass washers. A friend of mine bought one and has found great quantities of cinders and the occasional 20th. Century coin.

The archaeologists' denunciations of these plunderers is, of course, commendable.

However, what if not the abduction of artifacts, is the basic activity of archaeologists themselves? Do they not dig open tumuli in search of pottery and metal goods - yet would they similarly steal from homes of neighbours not in residence? Do they not take skeletal remains to place on view in glass cases in museums - would they do that to departed relatives?

Visit sites by all means, but the abduction of anything from them is to be deplored, as the sites are sacred and were so designed to function as precise instruments.

Orthodox archaeology's attitude is a monstrous pose, in the "light" of its own perpetrations of lustful site rape.

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Schoolchildren knocked on beech trees at Cam, Glos., on May 1 to "wake them up after the winter" in a revival of an ancient May Day custom.....Nigel Pennick's "Nuthampstead Zodiac" costs 3p + postage. Nigel planning to replace his magazine "Walrus" with "The Oracle of Albion....."

THOUGHTS, CRYSTALS AND COSMIC ENERGIES: SHAPE POWER
AND THE AETHERIUS SOCIETY

----- by COLIN -----
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Anyone who is prepared to submit to the discipline of some simple research and detailed explanation of the results obtained will readily acknowledge the existence of that system of alignments which are now termed leys. Although their presence is acknowledged, their original purpose is still a matter for speculation. There are reasons to believe that the purpose of the ley alignments was to convey some form of subtle energy across the land, and that this energy, when raised, controlled and directed by men, was of a beneficial nature to the whole of mankind and the lands in which they lived. As might be expected of any machine that was constructed from the materials that composed the very body of the planet, and were set within that body, the rocks, banks, stones and mounds that are surviving remains of this world-wide system can still carry a charge of energy when the cosmic generators of this power are correctly aligned. Researcher John Williams writes '...when the palms of both hands are palced in the correct position / on a standing stone / some people feel a spiral-like force which builds up and pushes them away from the standing stone either to the right or the left. It appears that this forces changes direction every month, six days after a new moon....' There are other researchers too, who have experienced similar fields of energy when touching these ancient stones or even being near them.

Some of the researchers of the last century have had the tenacity to investigate forms of energy and perception not recognised by orthodox science, and of these I start with Baron Karl von Reichenbach who worked in Vienna in the 1840s. He was an established physicist and chemist when he discovered that many people were sufficiently sensitive so as to be able to see streams of energy flowing from the poles of a crystal. His method was to place his chosen subjects in a darkened room for a considerable time, perhaps one or two hours. As their subtle vision improved, they noted that streams of what appeared to be light flowed from either end of a large piece of cystal; at one end the emission was blue and at the other yellow/red. When the subject placed a hand in the path of the 'light', a sensation of warmth was felt at the yellow/red end, while the blue end was felt to be cool. This energy Reichenbach termed the Odic Force, and during a multitude of exhaustive experiments found that it could be caused to flow along a cord into an adjoining room, where a sensitive would see a flame-like emanation from the end of the cord. He continued with his experiments and found that Od (to use his abbreviation) could be conducted by a number of materials, including glass, silk and rubber.

In 1939 Wilhelm Reich², a psychologist of the Freudian school, claimed to have tapped a source of cosmic energy. This he termed 'orgone', and he stated that organic substances absorb this energy which emanates from the sun. By the use of a box, constructed of metal on the inside and with an outer covering of organic material, he was able to charge this energy accumulator with the universal power. As a Freudian, Reich's theories of the importance of this energy when applied to the health of the human body are largely bound up with the sexula function, and a sluggish flow of these vital energies through the system was conducive to the development

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of a cancer. The American administration did not approve of Reich and harassed him constantly. Eventually he died in prison and the notes of his researches were confiscated by the government.

The ancient science of yoga postulates that an all-pervading cosmic energy termed 'prana' which we absorb with food we eat and the air we breathe, and by the correct direction of application of this energy the yogic student is enabled to achieve many apparently miraculous states. Patients of those healers who remove pain and disease by placing their hands upon the affected area often report a sensation of heat flowing from the healer's palms through them. And there are a wealth of folk tales of the healing power of the standing stones, particularly those with a hole through them. The Men-an-Tol stone in Cornwall is a large doughnut-shaped ring of stone standing on edge amid the bracken and gorse of the moors; the hole is large enough for an adult to crawl through, and in earlier ages children were passed through it as a cure for rickets. I believe that these varying descriptions all relate to manifestations of the same energy, the all-pervasive life energy of the universe.

The occultist's view of man has always been diametrically opposed to that of the modern scientist, who sees the mind of man existing as a biological function and with no real connection with the rest of the cosmos. The occultist, on the other hand, is aware that every part of creation that exhibits life (and his definition of life is much wider than that of the biologist) is constantly receiving impulses from all the other forms of life throughout the cosmos, and likewise is continually emitting waves of energy that interact with and affect all life. The ancient teachings of occultism are now being unintentionally supported by the researches of some individuals who use the methods of science but are able to approach the enquiry with unencumbered minds.

Two examples must suffice here, one from the U.S.A. and the other from the U.S.S.R. The Russian parapsychologist Edward Naumov³ has conducted many experiments with a Leningrad woman, Mrs Mikhailova (Kulagina). This lady has the ability to move objects at a distance solely by the power of her thoughts. She has been subjected to exhaustive tests by a large number of Russian experimenters, and films have been made of her ability to move such objects as the contents of a box of matches scattered across a table. In another filmed test she stood before a closed vessel of liquid in which was floating a raw egg, without the shell. By the power of her concentrated thought she was able to separate the white from the yolk, move it away, and bring them together again. These films have been shown on Russian TV and to international groups of parapsychologists. The ability of Mrs Mikhailova (telekinesis) is not unique, though she is probably the most developed exponent of it under scientific examination.

In America the Backster Foundation⁴ have been wiring the ultra-sensitive electrodes of polygraph (lie-detector) machines to plants, and are thereby able to record the bio-electric response of the plants to their environment. At one time researcher Clive Backster thought he would get some matches to light under the leaf of a plant that he had wired up to the polygraph. He was amazed to see that at the same moment that he thought of the idea the graph registered a typical reaction of fear and panic from the plant. This prompted him to conduct a series of controlled experiments in which living shrimps were dumped into boiling water at random times by the use of

machinery (so much for the modern methods of science), there being no humans aware of when this would happen. The results showed that at the exact moment the shrimps died, a profound emotional reaction was registered by the plant. Another example of plant reaction to human vibrations may be found in the case of the old Yorkshire miner whose massive leeks always scooped all the first prizes in the annual vegetable show. He said that his method was to go into his garden in the evening and sing to them.

For many years the laboratories of George de la Warr^o at Oxford, noted for their pioneering researches into radionics, have conducted a careful series of experiments on the reactions of growing plants to the thoughts and attitudes of humans. It has been found that plants tended with love and real concern flourished, while those which received the same treatment given with a grudging disregard did not develop to the same extent. Perhaps the old wives' tale of 'green fingers' should now be retermed 'green thoughts'.

The researches of Backster in America and De la Warr in England can leave no doubt that every moment of the day and night we are affecting all other forms of life around us, that there is a continual stream of radiation from the human mind and body. Imagine a non-human intelligence able to see these radiations as we can see light waves. To such an entity most of us would appear to be emitting random blasts of energy without control or direction. The part of man in the cosmic scheme is first to control his natural energies and then to direct them to a creative purpose. The great teachers who have appeared among mankind at different ages have all had this endeavour as their basic teaching, and have taught prayer as a means of achieving this control and direction. The object of prayer is first to elevate the thoughts so that the highest level of mental energy, for the particular individual concerned, can be contacted. Secondly to collect and control this energy, and thirdly to emit it in a controlled manner so that it will be of most use to other life forms. Because of the difficulty that men have in apprehending the nature and purpose of this force, it is termed spiritual energy, subtle energy or etheric energy. The word 'spiritual' has an unfortunate effect upon many people. I suspect that this is due to youthful experiences with dreary 'religious instructors' (such is the term used in our modern educational establishments) who, through their lack of proper training and understanding, turn what should be a study of vital importance and excitement into a tedious bore, so that any lively child with an alert and enquiring mind will immediately dismiss it as an irrelevant time-waster. If this is your experience, then a description such as subtle energy or etheric energy could equally well be used.

There is at present a group of people whose activities are likely to be of interest to those whose study is the ley lines and their possibilities of energy manipulation. The Aetherius Society^o is a cosmically oriented religious group that claims to be gathering, storing and redirecting energies of which today's science has no knowledge. Cones, pyramids and crystals are all used in their manipulations of these forces which they term spiritual energy. Apparatus has been designed specifically for the storage and radiation of these subtle energies, and it is in frequent use in the London branch and at the Los Angeles headquarters.

One of the basic shapes which is used for the collection of cosmic energies is the pyramid, and various groups of investigators

have found that this shape can exercise some strange properties. In Derbyshire a group of Aetherius Society members constructed a pyramid large enough to accommodate a person inside, based on the dimensions of the great pyramid of Gizeh and aligned with the compass points as that construction is. It was set up in the attic of a house and the occupants immediately began to notice the increased energy flowing through the rooms below. When sitting within the structure, the palms of their hands grew hot, and in one case it was 'equivalent to putting them in a tub full of really hot water'. On another occasion when the pyramid was put into operation, the pulsations felt within the region of the solar plexus (one of the seven psychic centres of the body) were so strong that the pyramid was quickly dismantled, and at other times psychic phenomena were observed in the house.

In Czechoslovakia there are on sale small pyramids made of styrofoam that are successfully used as razor blade sharpeners (there is apparently a shortage of razor blades in the Eastern countries). How and why these pyramids work is uncertain, but by placing a razor blade underneath one, at a specific height from the base and aligned with the points of the compass, a blade will retain its keen edge and can be used repeatedly, far longer than it could be without the use of the pyramid. It is manufactured by a patent taken out in 1959 by Karel Drbal³, a pioneer of radio engineering and an investigator into parapsychology. It seems that the crystal structure of the razor edge becomes deformed with use, but these crystals can be 'realigned' by placing the blade under the pyramid shape. The use of styrofoam is one of manufacturing convenience. The original experiments were done with a pyramid made of glued cardboard, and therefore it seems that it is not the material that is of importance but the geometric shape and dimensions employed, an idea which is largely alien to our present technology. French researchers have found that the pyramid shape prevents decay and causes quick dehydration in organic substances placed underneath it. Sheep's brain left in position for forty-nine days showed no trace of decay.

Although the pyramid is a shape of great antiquity, it has never been generally used in architecture other than in buildings of a religious mystical purpose. But in its modified form of the cone, it is associated with certain characters of legend. The possessors of supernormal powers, witches and wizards, traditionally wear a conical hat, while the simpleton or dunce, so noticeably lacking in brain power, is made to wear a hat of the same shape. Religious architecture the world over uses this shape or derivations from it. The pointed steeples of the Christian church is a familiar landmark for every ley hunter, and across the world domes, minarets and cupolas mark the sites of religious buildings. C.W. Leadbeater, an early Theosophist, wrote a book on The Science of the Sacraments⁷, describing in detail the shapes of the etheric forces formed during the performance of the Mass by the celebrant and congregation, and he advances the argument that ecclesiastical architecture is designed to conform and contain these forcefields.

The Aetherius Society have stated that one of their long-term aims will be the construction and operation of a 'Shape Power Temple'. The published sketches of such a building show a modernistic design with a T-shaped plan. There are three conical towers, one at the end of each arm, and where the two arms meet is a dome surmounted by a sphere. On either side of the long arm there would be a large fountain. The main altar and transmission room would be within the sphere, where the crystal batteries and energy radiator (see details below) would operate.

The Czech researcher Karel Drbal has found that people living within spherical constructions experience beneficial effects, and in Canada a hospital for schizophrenic patients has been constructed with some trapezoidal rooms, which was found to be a beneficial environment. There is every probability that the shape of our buildings has an effect upon the unseen currents across the earth's surface and therefore upon man himself, and it is only to be regretted that so many of the modern buildings that are erected with ignorance and haste are of a boxlike construction.

The Aetherius Society have constructed batteries designed to store spiritual energy. The medium in which this energy is stored is ground crystal, and it is probably of significance that granite has a naturally high percentage of quartz crystals in its composition, usually between 20 and 40 per cent. Quartz has many interesting properties: when subjected to pressure or tension the crystals develop positive and negative charges on alternate prism edges; it can have a frequency measured in millions of vibrations a second, and plates of quartz are used for frequency control in electronic communications equipment. It is not an uncommon mineral, and many if not all the standing stones and stone circles must contain a large amount of this substance. The possibility that these stones were erected to store and release energies of higher frequencies than we are aware of is not easily dismissed.

One of the most interesting activities of the Aetherius Society is their 'Prayer Teams' on certain charged mountains. If we are still suffering as victims of organised 'religious instruction' received as children, then 'prayer' is an embarrassing word. Contrary to what we were taught, it has nothing to do with supplication and entreaty directed towards an irascible old father figure somewhere up above. It should primarily be a means towards controlled thought. Occultism has always taught that thoughts have a tremendous power, but this has never been understood by most men. It can be truthfully stated that thought at one level or another is responsible for every manifestation on this physical earth. When groups of Aetherius Society members gather together on certain hill or mountain tops, they endeavour to use this method of controlled thought to release subtle or spiritual energies and benefit our planet and mankind in various ways. The metaphysical philosophy that supports their activities is involved with other subjects not connected with the discussion in this article, and I will not attempt to deal with it here.

The Society say that there are nineteen of these charged mountains on the planet, and nine of them are within the area of Britain. In the West Country there are Holdstone Down, Brown Willy and Yes Tor, all familiar names to ley hunters in that area. Scotland has Ben Hope and Creag-an-Leth-Chain, Wales Pen-y-Fan and Carnedd Llywelyn, while the other two are in England, Coniston Old Man in the Lake District and Kinder Scout in Derbyshire. The other mountains are distributed thus: 4 in the U.S.A., 2 in Australia, 1 in New Zealand, 1 in France and 1 in Switzerland. The nineteenth is Mount Kilimanjaro in East Africa. Each of these charged mountains is in fact a huge storage battery of this cosmic power. Of interest to ley hunters is the statement that these mountains are linked together by a system of underground channels through which flow streams of a mineral substance which constitutes the lifeblood of this planet.

When the members of the Society climb one of these heights in order to release the energy stored there, they make great use of

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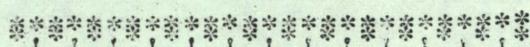
mantra, the ancient Hīndu science of sound vibrations, and specific formations are adopted by the group whilst they chant the Sanskrit mantras. A triangular shape is often used, with all the group facing towards the apex, and other shapes often used are the circle and the semi-circle. While the large group of members builds up a potential of energy, there is a smaller group termed the 'Prayer Team' whose efforts are directed towards controlling the energy, either to release it immediately to the world to help mankind through one of its numerous crises, or to store it in one of the crystal filled batteries, from which it can then be released through an energy radiator at the most suitable time.

In 1969 an experiment was conducted to send energy from Los Angeles to Arizona, over a distance of 450 miles. There had at that time been a severe drought for five months and the native Indians who still exist in this part of the world were suffering and their crops were failing. The result of this attempt was considered generally successful: after the end of the two-hour transmission period, which took place at night, rain began to fall and continued for several days. A continual activity of the Society in recent years has been the directing of the subtle energy into what are termed the 'psychic centres' of the planet. This is done at sea by discharging the energy stored in one of the batteries through an antenna which is trailed underwater from a boat. The Aetherius Society claim that this practice has been instrumental in averting the threatened inundation of the American west coast which seismologists and New Age prophets alike have been forecasting for many years.

We are used to thinking of science and metaphysics as being two distinct and mutually opposed studies, but the gradual awakening knowledge of spiritual engineering, crystalline structures and thought force fields as well as the resurging acknowledgement of the importance of the cosmically inspired dimensions used to create the shape power of the stone circles and temples of antiquity, as exemplified in John Michell's City of Revelation, are causing thinking man to realise that cosmically 'all is one', and there can be no division in a universal scheme in which man, if he is to survive, must be an essential co-operator.

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Garnstone Press' stock list for January-December 1972 includes a number of works of interest to ley hunters. These include "Mysterious Britain" by Janet and Colin Bord; "The Timeless Earth" by Peter Kolosimo; a revised edition of John Michell's "The View Over Atlantis"; a second impression of Alfred Watkins's "The Old Straight Track"; and "Alfred Watkins of Hereford" by Allen Watkins.

"A CHEMICAL ROMANCE" - Jenny Fabian (Talmy Franklin).

Miss Fabian makes no attempt to create a plot or give her cast characterisation; simply revealing a dozen thinly disguised pop and underground figures whose sole motivation is to drop acid and have sex (no romance in the Mills & Boon vein here). Generous use of adverbs becomes irritating. There are no ":" or even ";". Hardback graffiti is alive and well in Knightsbridge. The book is hardly amusing. Altogether there is little to commend it, though it is enjoyable on superficial level, and a comment on counter-culture to the grey world.

Hamish Hamilton has dug up our pal Glyn Daniel's novel "Welcome Death". In "Books and Bookmen", reviewer Leo Harris thinks "it comes near to parody, at least read with 1972 eyes." The same might be said of his archaeological writings.

From Blond and Briggs in September comes "Dreams About H.M. The Queen and other members of the Royal Family."

Colin Wikson reviewed "City of Revelation" in June "Books & Bookmen".

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