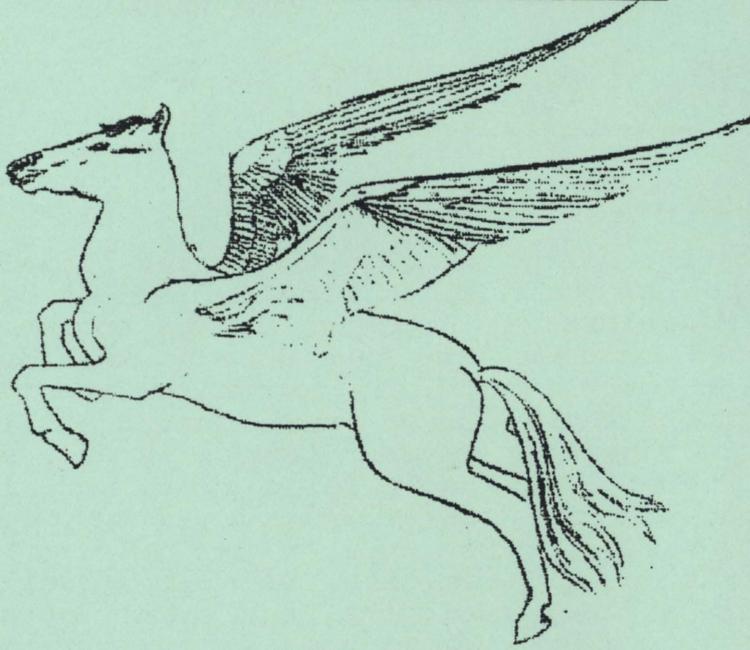


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FAREWELL TO THE CROPPIE GURUS

When the Circlemaker, having perhaps identified himself with a double autograph on Milk Hill, finally signed off with his magnificent Mandelbrot at Ickleton, it was too much to hope that the vested interests who have done so well out of the crop circle flap would immediately recognise that the party was over. The groups whose finely honed hoaxing skills were demonstrated so convincingly at West Wycombe in July 92 still responded for a time to the call for a rural romp in the dark of the moon, and the Wessex Sceptics continued their studies of the subtleties the "experts" would recognise as the marks of authenticity, each group still eager to gain a "George", the cereological equivalent of an Oscar, awarded only to a group whose hoax is pronounced genuine. Hoaxing lost its savour, however, when the withdrawal of the genuine phenomenon finally underlined the pitifully inadequate levels of productivity achieved by the pranksters. By the summer of 93, the fields around Silbury Hill no longer witnessed the interminable orations to camera of German freiherrn or Japanese vorticists, stocks of CCCS sweat shirts in the Wagon and Horses were way into negative equity and the future of Colin Andrews as a tribal totem of the Hopi Indians began to seem less assured.

It was of course predictable that the idealism and apocalyptic aspirations originally provoked by cereological phenomena would end in tears and tantrums for the high priests of the pictograms, for money was involved as well as personal pride. If there were spirits haunting the cornfields, then Lucifer and Belial must certainly have been among them, spreading bitter jealousies amid the aliens' corn. It is said that at one time half a dozen croppie gurus occupied a hill near Alton Barnes, and none was on speaking terms with his fellows!

In recent times the Phenomenon has produced American airships, foo fighters, Scandinavian rockets and crop circles, but always also UFOs. SIGAP was investigating them long before the circle flap began and will still do so now that flap is over. It may be of significance that the number of UFO reports seems to have varied inversely as the number of crop figures and is now on the increase again. Not only LITS, but also a more disturbing incidence of CEs 3 & 4 seems on the verge of proliferation. We shall continue to do our unobtrusive best to make sense of it all.

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WHAT THEY HAVE SAID

WINSTON CHURCHILL, Prime Minister, Great Britain.  
To Secretary of State for Air, July 1952:

"What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth? Let me have a report at your convenience."

H.MARSHALL CHADWELL, US Assistant Director of Scientific Intelligence:  
Memo to Director CIA, December 1952.

"Sightings of unexplained objects at great altitude and travelling at high speeds in the vicinity of major US defense installations are of such a nature that they are not attributable to natural phenomena or known types of aerial vehicles."

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL LORD HUGH DOWDING, RAF, August 1954.

"Of course the flying saucers are real - and they are interplanetary."

DR.HERMANN OBERTH, GERMAN ROCKET EXPERT, JUNE 1954.

"We cannot take the credit for our record of advancement in certain scientific fields alone; we have been helped..." by "...the people of other worlds."

LT.COL. GEORGE EDWARDS, USAF (Retd.)

"We know that the AF was secretly test-flying a real alien spacecraft."

GENERAL KANSHI ISHIKAWA, CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, JAPANESE AIR SELF-DEFENCE FORCE, 1967

"UFOs are real and they may come from outer space."

US SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER, MARCH 1975

"The subject of UFOs is one that has interested me for some long time...I made an effort to find out what was in the building at Wright Patterson...I was understandably denied this request...It is still classified above top secret."

US GENERAL DOUGLAS MacARTHUR, 1955.

"The nations of the world will have to unite, for the next war will be an interplanetary war."

REAR-ADMIRAL DELMAR FAHRNEY, US NAVY MISSILE SPECIALIST.

"Reliable reports indicate these are objects coming into our atmosphere at very high speeds and controlled by thinking intelligences."

ROBERT GALLEY, FRENCH MINISTER OF DEFENCE, 1974.

"If your listeners could see for themselves the mass of reports coming in from the airborne gendarmerie...they would see that it is all pretty disturbing."

DR. PIERRE GUERIN, of GEPAN (Official UFO Study Group) 1979.

"An intelligence controls the UFOs. And it is not ours."

COL. JOSEPH J. BRYAN III, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE US AIR FORCE AND NATO ADVISER.

"These UFOs are interplanetary devices systematically observing the Earth, either manned or under remote control, or both."

GORDON COOPER, ASTRONAUT - MERCURY MISSION.

"I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets."

GEORGE WARD, UK SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR, TO AUTHOR DESMOND LESLIE, 195?

"What am I to say? I know it wasn't a balloon. You know it wasn't a balloon. But until I get a saucer on the ground in Hyde Park and can charge the public sixpence a go to enter, it must be balloons, otherwise the government would fall and I would lose my job."

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**UFO REPORT**

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**WITNESS: Mr. Michael [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Pyrford, Nr. GUILDFORD, Surrey.**

**(Tel: 0932 - [REDACTED])**

On Sunday 18th April 1993 at 01.50 hours in the early morning, the witness was a passenger in a car being driven by his girl friend along the A3 double track road near Ripley.

He reports seeing for a few seconds only an object passing rapidly from right to left as viewed by both occupants of the car through the windscreen.

The object is described as being circular and of some 25 feet in diameter. It was spinning rapidly as it passed across their field of view at an estimated height of between 40 and 50 feet above the road. It was said to be enveloped in a 'white mist', which obscured any details of its form, though it appeared luminous.

The accounts of both occupants of the car are identical and thus mutually confirmatory. The witness went to some trouble to discover where he might make his report and seems quite credible, though all that can be said of the object is that it was unidentifiable and flying, and therefore can certainly be reported as a UFO.

The witnesses experienced no emotion other than surprise at the swift passage of the object and their inability to identify it. They did not stop the car and heard no sound from the object. There are no known reports of similar phenomena in the area concerned.

## THE PITCH HILL LINE

by Jimmy Goddard

On October 7th 1990, Eileen Roche and Gordon Millington were on Pitch Hill in Surrey, with the idea of organising a visit there on November 5th, the anniversary of a spectacular UFO sighting there. This never took place, but they were nevertheless to find something there that was to occupy them and a number of others for the following year, and the research is still continuing. They tried dowsing for any ley or earth energy lines that might be there, and they found a very wide, powerful band of energy that has not been equalled in any other so far found.

At the following Surrey Earth Mysteries Group meeting I decided to try to draw the line on the map, and noticed that it went through a number of interesting places - South Holmwood church, Holmbury Hill hillfort, and skirting Anstiebury Camp - as well as running along some stretches of straight track, and a number of straight edges of woods.

We had a field trip roughly once a month from then onwards, and investigated various sections of the line. We tried to take note of everything we could, whether it seemed relevant at the time or not, in case it might prove to be of value later. We picked up a number of other lines while on these trips, but they were mostly very narrow, usually about six paces wide. Occasionally we would find wider ones, but none to compare with the Pitch Hill line, which was consistently about 70 to 100 paces wide.

The first trip we went on was to visit the stretch of coincident track near Shellwood Manor. We found the edge of the line was near the edge of the path on one side, but extended far beyond it on the other. It was so powerful that it has always been easy to distinguish from other lines. Also on this trip we visited South Holmwood church, a very powerful site entirely taken in by the line. Later I was to do another interesting experiment there. The church was built in 1838 and has an interesting "subconscious siting" story - two local ladies were watching some boys playing on the spot and felt very strongly that there ought to be a church there. This mysterious phenomenon of subconscious siting of places of worship has been noticed many times before and was even more apparent in the modern evangelical church, the Tollgate Chapel, which we found later on the line. It is not limited to Christian churches either, as Woking Mosque, built in the nineteenth century, is the centre of at least six leys, and Chris Street's Earthstars axis ley passes through the Central Synagogue, Hallam Street, Westminster Cathedral, and a number of churches of other denominations.

Mention of this ley brings to mind a very striking experience on one of the Pitch Hill ley trips. We had followed the line to the point where it meets the Chris Street axis line, and we noticed a flock of birds, later found to be Canada geese, flying towards us apparently along the Street line. As they passed overhead, they changed direction and flew off along the Pitch Hill line! Possibly coincidence, but it made a great impact on us at the time.

Although I have been interested in earth mysteries since the sixties, I was new to dowsing, but of course having been bitten by the bug continued to do so on holidays and at other times when possible. I found that the frequency of occurrence of leys seems to be in inverse proportion to their width. The commonest are about six paces wide; ten-pace ones are slightly less common, and twenty to twenty-five paces quite rare, though I did find a few. Nothing so far has equalled the Pitch Hill line, however. It is something very special, but even now we don't know why.

It goes off the east coast, appropriately, near Leysdown on the Isle of Sheppey; in the other direction it goes through the Devil's Punchbowl at Hindhead and further west through the "rude giant" hill figure at Cerne Abbas in Dorset. We picked it up, strong and wide, in both places on different trips.

When on holiday in Derbyshire in 1991, I made another discovery which I was to find consistent everywhere. I dowsed the width of a ley that passed through the cottage where we were staying, and found to my surprise that it doubled in width for about an hour around sunrise and sunset. I tried this elsewhere and found that whatever the original width of a ley, it always seems to double at these times. I could hardly believe the Pitch Hill line could do so, but when I went to try it at South Holmwood Church, I was amazed to find it increased to a staggering 212 paces wide!

Later I was to find another surprising thing about the line, though I realise this must remain speculative because of the vast distances involved. When trying to plot the line as a great circle on a globe, I found it seemed to go through the immediate areas of three very significant places. One is Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world, and known to the native people as "Goddess Mother of the World". Another is Ayers Rock, sacred to the Australian aborigines and which makes a great impression on many white Australians and other visitors. The third is the area of the mysterious Lines of Nazca in Peru.

There is still much to find out about this amazing band of energy, and field trips will be continuing.

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#### SWIFT ACTION BY MIBs ?

On the evening of Sunday 13 June 93 Eileen Roche heard a pop radio station report that a UFO had been sighted by people on the Isle of Lewis.

So far as we know, no other radio station or TV network carried the report, nor does it seem to have been mentioned in the press. Did anyone else hear this report, or subsequently see it mentioned elsewhere? Or did Eileen channel it?

## UFOs AND REALITY

To the best of my knowledge and belief, no one knows precisely what UFOs are, where they originate or why they come here. That they do indeed come I take as axiomatic, bearing in mind the testimony of so many thousands of reliable witnesses from all over the world. If it is claimed that all these people are either lying or mistaken, then we must indeed have a psychological problem of incredible and hitherto unsuspected dimensions, even less susceptible of solution than the high strangeness dilemmas posed by the UFOs themselves.

We know that there are people whose emotional and intellectual balance is so insecure that such reassessment of their cherished and comforting world picture as an impartial study of the UFO problem may demand is seen as unacceptably threatening. Since they already know that UFOs do not exist, they see no point in considering the evidence impartially and seize upon any alternative explanation, however improbable, which leaves intact the familiar basis of their world. This attitude they usually like to describe as "scientific", yet they are not objective scientists but subjective believers, men of such faith as those who refused to look through Galileo's glass because they already knew from Aristotle that our earth was the centre of the universe and that it did not move. Ufology is not for them; it is for any who are willing to consider carefully and without prejudice such evidence as we have.

It must be admitted that this evidence is very far from being the kind of evidence we would like, but it is all we have and we must do with it the best we can. All our information is undeniably anecdotal or hearsay, yet in everyday life we do not invariably disvalue or discount such knowledge. Some time ago my wife acquired at an exhibition in Vancouver two enamelled vases which purported to come from China. Indeed, there was a whole pavilion filled with goods and salespeople who were all said to have come from China. Thousands of people at that exhibition accepted this claim without demur, purely on hearsay evidence none of them had ever tested empirically. There is nothing either stupid or unscientific about this, for one understands that what is being accepted is not proven truth, but simply a hypothesis that China exists and is the source of such goods and people.

Hypotheses are, by definition, merely provisional explanatory paradigms which can be ranked in order of probability largely on the strength of supporting evidence. The empirical test of a journey to China is unavailable to most of us, but we accept the testimony of those who claim to have made it because the weight of supporting evidence increases the value of its probability rating to virtual certainty. The probability that landed UFOs and entities associated with them have interacted

with humans is certainly less, but must still be estimated as well above zero by any who have assessed the evidence impartially.

Meaningful research into the nature of UFO phenomena can best be conducted on this basis, namely the evaluation of probabilities in such a way that, while no hypothesis is excluded from consideration, neither is any regarded as having achieved validation. This is the essence of the scientific method and hence the basis for the claim that ufology represents a genuinely comparative scientific evaluation of UFO phenomena.

Through careful comparative study of the effects on people exposed to the proximity of UFOs, James McCampbell (1987) was able to infer that many and possibly all UFOs are surrounded by a complex electromagnetic field and to specify in considerable detail the dimensions of its components. In similar fashion, ufologists hope, by consideration of a selection of significant and well-reported cases, to attempt an elucidation of various more general questions confronting anyone trying to obtain a coherent view of the available material. Though there can be no prospect of finding definitive answers, there is always hope of progress through trying to ask the right questions and assessing the probability of such tentative answers as may suggest themselves. In the end each makes his own individual analysis according to his interpretation of the evidence available.

We should first, perhaps, consider the epistemological question of how far we can rely on the validity of the sense data witnesses receive from UFOs and their occupants; whether the fields they project may be not only physical but also psychic, insofar as there is evidence that UFO entities are often able to control the perceptions of humans they encounter. McCampbell (ibid.) has offered a convincing explanation of the physical paralysis they have frequently inflicted, but a comparable and often simultaneous form of mental control remains still unexplained. Entities are sometimes perceived as normally human, at other times as bug-eyed little monsters, robots or blond, blue-eyed demigods. Are these all varied projections of a single underlying persona or simply the four differentiated types they appear to be? At the macro level we can similarly ask whether the multitude of UFO events are merely the epiphenomena of a single underlying entity, often known as 'The Phenomenon', or as they seem to be, products of autonomous individuals or groups.

Ufonauts have often claimed extraterrestrial origins but there is certainly no need to accept uncritically a claim which may be merely an avoidance of the question, either because the true answer might be thought beyond comprehension by the witness or simply from a desire to mislead. Now that discoveries in subatomic physics have supported the possibility of alternative universes spatially coexistent with our own planet, the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) of UFO origins has certainly come to seem less plausible, especially in Europe, though still popular in the USA, where many ufologists still cherish the hope

of grabbing a landed UFO and kicking its tyres to assure themselves of its objective reality!

Though the UFO problem in its present form is generally thought of as dating only from 1947, there are also suggestions that, perhaps in a form more believable by contemporaries, the Phenomenon has existed throughout recorded history and even beyond. Some would like to locate its origins in the fabled land of Faery, the little folk who for so long peopled the Celtic consciousness.

If intelligence, either single or multiple, underlies the UFO phenomena we naturally wonder whether it is such that our own understanding can encompass, for it is unlikely that the motives of a truly alien intelligence would ever be comprehensible to us or ours to it. Perhaps, however, our modern Visitors are simply in new guise the Ancient Astronauts of the early religious writings who in the beginning may have seeded the Earth with mankind and continue to observe and perhaps also control their experimental farm.

These are but some of the thoughts human imagination has engendered as it contemplates the Phenomenon and tries to come to terms with it. Some think of UFOs as benevolent precursors of the dawning Age of Aquarius while others find reasons to mistrust or fear them. Certainly contact with UFOs has brought injury and even death to some, though how far the harms were intentionally inflicted is often questioned. Indeed, it seems possible that there is more than one sort of UFO entity, since there have been cases of healing as well as harming, but whatever view you take of them UFOs must certainly be of concern to you and your children. They are up to something, and we don't know what, but they are not going to go away!

GORDON MILLINGTON

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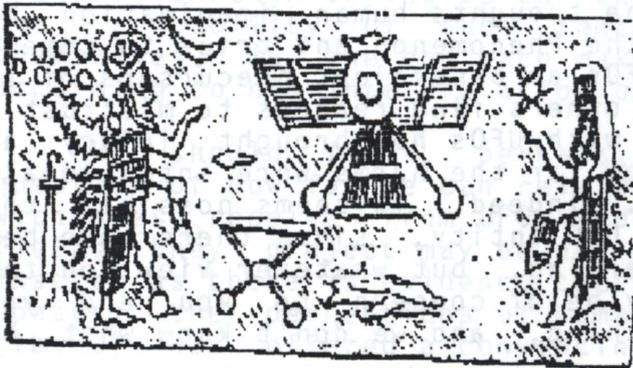
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## ANCIENT ASTRONAUTS DEPICTED ON CYLINDER SEAL

According to Zecharia Sitchin, Nefilim spacefarers from Nibiru, the tenth planet of our solar system, were commuting four hundred thousand years ago in the astrological age of Pisces from their base on Mars to Earth.

Millennia later they narrated their history to the Sumerians, who recorded it on clay tablets, baked hard in the Mesopotamian sunlight. Some of these took the form of cylinders which, when rolled out on the wet clay, produced a pictorial record of the events narrated. The picture below depicts the passage of a spacecraft between Mars and Earth.

The craft itself is the central feature of the seal, and resembles the symbol of the home planet Nibiru, the winged globe. Solar panels extend on each side and below each is an antenna. Underneath lie two fishes, symbol of the Piscean age in which the event is occurring.



To the left of the picture, one of the Nefilim "gods" (as indicated by his headgear) wears the wings which identify him as a member of the corps of astronauts and extends his hand in greeting. His location on Earth is shown by the symbols of the moon above him, and the seven balls to indicate the seventh planet, counting from outside inwards towards the sun.

On the right, a fellow astronaut stands beneath a six-pointed star (indicating Mars, the sixth planet). He reciprocates the greeting with his right hand, and in his left he holds some kind of instrument. He wears a helmet with visor and breastplate, and the lower part of his suit resembles a fishtail, perhaps for use in an emergency splashdown in the ocean.

Zecharia Sitchin has just published the fifth book of his celebrated "Earth Chronicles", entitled "WHEN TIME BEGAN - The First New Age". (Avon Books, New York), which pays special attention to Stonehenge and other megalithic remains.

All five of the Earth Chronicles and the sixth book, "Genesis Revisited", are obtainable in paperback at about £5 each from Specialist Knowledge Services, Saint Aldhelm, 20 Paul Street, FRCME, Somerset. Ball 1DX.

## SIGAP ACTIVITIES

Our meeting on 14 May consisted of two video presentations from Quest International, recordings made at their Leeds conference by Roy Lake of London UFO Studies, who was present at the meeting and gave a helpful commentary on a number of aspects of CE4s, including the footage on hypnotic regression, which provoked some interesting observations from psychiatrist Lucien Morgan, also visiting. The second section consisted of some remarkable high-speed photography of UFOs over corn fields on Salisbury plain, each visible only for fractions of a second, but caught by the fast speed of the camera frames.

On July 7th we held another of our casual social evenings, when members just drop into the bar of the Stoke Hotel any time after 8 pm, and join informal discussion groups, lubricated by a jug or so of Ruddles ale.

On October 2nd our chairman will be giving the BUFORA lecture at the London Business School, Regent's Park on "Zecharia Sitchin and the Ancient Astronauts". The meeting starts at 6.30 pm, admission £3.00 visitors, £1.50 BUFORA members.

### EXCHANGE MAGAZINES RECEIVED:

OVNI - Newsletter of the Phenomenon Research Association.

SKYLINK - London UFO Studies.

One of the happier by-products of the Crop Circles were the witty drawings by Merrily Harpur, of which the one opposite now seems very relevant!



## ARE THE UFOs EVIL?

by Gordon Millington

Students of UFO phenomena cannot avoid developing hypotheses, bundling them into explanatory paradigms in the hope of drawing nearer, if not to a final solution, at least to a better understanding of the problem. These are by definition provisional, yet in every sphere of intellectual endeavour there are some who cannot live with uncertainty. They demand answers where as yet there are none, and will therefore create the certainty they crave. This emotional satisfaction will quell the mental discomfort induced by uncertainty, especially when shared by others of like mind.

Such was apparently the case with groups of fundamentalist Christians in the 1970s who, perturbed by the inexplicable character of UFO phenomena and yet unable to dismiss them as totally illusory, the usual defence mechanism in such cases, came up with a solution of some ingenuity which effectively reconciled the problem within their personal religious context. They decided that the ufonauts were imps from the astral, sent by Satan as part of his ongoing plans for the subversion of mankind.

Representative of this philosophy is a book entitled UFOs - What on Earth is Happening?, and subtitled The Coming Invasion, by John Weldon and Zola Levitt (Bantam 1976), the source of all subsequent page references. The authors' position is not one liable to much change over time and still has its adherents. It certainly cannot be disproved, and on the flyleaf of their book they summarize it thus:

"We are not the first people in our world's history to see UFOs. Records of sightings exist from all periods, but to-day's sightings are accelerating in number. We think demons are behind this startling phenomenon, and we think their activity is connected with the upcoming Tribulation period."

The demons to which they refer have no connection with the Socratic daemon, but are the fallen angels of biblical theology, expelled from Heaven for rebelling against God and henceforth implacable enemies of both divinity and humanity, working against mankind by tempting him to make use of occult powers which will encompass his downfall. "As thinking members of a global society about to be brought to its final denouement by the activity of incredibly evil forces," they warn, "we mean to sound an alarm." (p.99) They are warning of the coming of Antichrist, a diabolically clever and very evil ruler mentioned in the biblical book of 'Revelations', and they believe the UFOs to be his allies and agents.

The writers did not, like most of their American compatriots at that time, embrace the Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis, arguing first that there was no evidence for the existence of planets outside our own solar system and secondly that in any case demons needed no planetary bases and could operate anywhere; in this sense only were they accepted as extra-terrestrial, since they were not held to be native to Earth. The authors give an exhaustive list, supported by biblical references, of the powers demons are said to possess, correlating these with reported behaviours of UFO occupants. The fallen angels are said to imitate good spirits and provide predictions, accurate initially but finally proving false; to control human minds and perceptions and assume human form, making physical contact with mankind,

materialising or dematerialising at will, but always having the intention to harm and often the power to kill. (p.84) On a point of logic, though it may be true that both demons and ufonauts possess such powers, it does not therefore follow that each must necessarily be equated with the other.

Our authors are indeed unduly willing to ascribe great powers to the ufonauts, asserting for instance that their craft never crash or suffer malfunctions. They are also rather naively impressed by the "star map" supposedly recalled by abductee Betty Hill and "located" in space by Marjorie Fish. Though the recall under hypnosis may have been honest enough, the "map" itself is patently spurious and ludicrous as a navigation aid. Desire to identify UFOs with occult evil easily leads to further logical fallacies, such as the following:

"Darkness is common to both UFOs and the occult. Coven rituals among witches, black magic ceremonies, seances etc. are invariably performed at night or in darkened rooms. Much of the automatic writing experienced by occult adepts occurs between 2.00 a.m. and 4.00 a.m. Similarly, UFOs prefer the night hours." (p.108)

So too of course do cats, badgers and all manner of nocturnal creatures not notably diabolical, and there have been plenty of daylight UFO sightings. Though it is to the writers' credit that their researches have provided them with plenty of valid UFO information, it is too often used to insinuate assertions the facts simply do not support. If UFOs do have evil connections, we shall need better proof of it. Similarly, UFO manoeuvres are said to be "scientifically" impossible (p.109), yet it is acknowledged that they do occur, in which case they can only be impossible in the light of some unscientific definition of science, for the impossible can never happen.

Having ruled out the ETH, the Christian fundamentalists needed a tenable origin for the occult UFOs they were postulating and found it in an early, unsophisticated exposition of the parallel universe theory. "This parallel world, as we are styling it," they wrote, "is a very full world, occupied by a variety of beings and entities, rather like the world we can see," (p.130) and went on to remark (p.113) that weak spots in the earth's crust produce corresponding weaknesses in its "psychic envelope", "gateways" through which occult entities from this parallel world can enter our own.

There is some support for this view in Charles Bowen's account of the Spectre of Winterfold (Flying Saucer Review, Vol.14, No.1 1968) which occurred at Hurtwood near Cranleigh in Surrey, haunt of the eerie 'Surrey puma'. It was in November 1967, towards the end of the major British UFO flap of that year, and took place near Pitch Hill, where UFOs have since been sighted. A young couple from Woking, driving home at night through the narrow, lonely lanes, stopped to wipe a misted windscreen. Philip Freeman got out of the car to do this and became aware of an unpleasant, sulphurous odour. Returning to the driver's seat, he saw a blank, featureless 'face' looking in through the passenger's window, faintly luminous and reaching an arm over the car's soft top. His companion, Angela Carter, seeing the horror in his looks, averted her eyes. Philip felt terrified and physically chilled. He managed to drive off, for he had not stopped the engine, and glimpsed the creature again in his rear view mirror. Similar incidents, such as the Flatwoods monster which emerged from a UFO in West Virginia, have been reported from the USA, and the sulphurous smell would certainly accord well with medieval ideas

of diabolism.

Angela was probably wise to veto Philip's macho suggestion that they turn back to see the entity in the beams of the car headlights if it is true, as Weldon and Levitt assert, (p.106) that the proximity of an evil spirit produces nausea and actinic burns. They compare these effects with those reported by humans who have undergone a close UFO encounter of the third kind (CE3) and equate ufonauts with elemental spirits invoked by cabalistic magic. They also suggest (p.146) that the magnetic fields produced by UFOs may produce hallucinations through their effect on the brain. "We believe", they say, "demons can induce a whole series of experiences that, in fact, never happened." (p.147) It all depends, of course, on what you mean by 'happened'.

They instance a number of people said to have been deluded by these demons and pay special attention to Uri Geller, whose psychokinetic demonstrations have attracted widespread scientific interest. It appears that in June 1974 Geller claimed, in an article published in Psychology Today, to be merely a channel for energy directed through him from another universe, and in collaboration with Israeli physician Dr. Andrija Puharich, to have been in communication with various extra-terrestrial entities. Some of these are described as android computers, others as humanoids from the unknown planet Hoova, where the normal lifespan is allegedly one million years. Another group claim to be from the far future.

Geller and Puharich are said to feel uneasy about their experiences, wondering if they are being made the victims of some enormous joke, but the fundamentalists have no doubt that demons are manipulating them and are certainly not joking. "Quite simply," they say, we think the demons are preparing the coming of Antichrist," and the UFOs are said to be producing the kind of changes in the collective psyche of mankind that will usher in the Great Tribulation of the seven - year rule of Antichrist, "the full wrath of God", who will, however, have first collected up all the Christians and placed them somewhere safe before the tribulation starts. Since all this is predicted in the Bible, it is presumably held to be inevitable, but Weldon and Levitt do stress that salvation is available to all who choose to avoid the tribulation by embracing Christianity. Moslems, Buddhists and Jews, not to mention agnostics and atheists, they say, can expect a hard time from Antichrist, who is coming fairly soon. "Concrete predictions of the prophets, such as the restoration of Israel, the common market, world ecumenism, famine and a host of others are present in the world right now, and they implicitly announce the end." (p.153)

The true function of UFOs in the scheme of things is thus said to have been revealed to the fundamentalists - they are here to warn us against getting tribulated by the future world dictator and their evil intentions have thus been subverted into salutary warnings for humanity.

BOOK REVIEW

WHEN TIME BEGAN - THE FIRST NEW AGE by Z.Sitchin. (1993)  
Avon.

This is the fifth volume of the writer's monumental work, THE EARTH CHRONICLES, and will be found most rewarding by readers familiar with the preceding volumes. Nevertheless, Sitchin tries to supply all information essential to his exposition, very necessary in a work containing much astronomical mathematics. This is unavoidable when, as he remarks, "in ancient times astronomy and religion were linked: the priests were astronomers and astronomers were priests", for they were arbiters between mankind and the revered "gods", the ancient astronauts from Earth's tenth planet, Nibiru.

Sitchin begins by showing how our measurements of Time are based on units derived by the "gods" from Nibiru's orbital period of 3,600 earth years. From them the ancient Sumerians received a sexagesimal (i.e. based on 60) mathematical system, still evident in our continuing use of such units to measure hours, seconds and degrees. He goes on to demonstrate the relevance of this system to analysis of religious structures all over the world, from Stonehenge to Tiahuanacu, all of which bear the imprint of design by the astronaut "gods".

At a time when there is much talk of the dawning New Age, as the precession of the equinoxes moves the first point of Aries relentlessly towards the sign of Aquarius, Sitchin finds significance in comparing the oncoming of this age with the situation (about 60 B.C.) when our present Piscean age began.

Great changes in all aspects of life occurred at this time and Sitchin asks what the impending New Age may be expected to bring.

"Celestial Time," he concludes, "... does not progress in the direction of Earthly (and all Planetary) Time, counter - clockwise; rather it moves in the opposite direction, matching the orbital (clockwise) direction of Nibiru. Celestial Time does flow backward, as far as we on Earth are concerned; and therefore, in zodiacal terms, the Past is the Future. Let us examine the Past."



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## NOTES AND NEWS

RALPH NOYES, appearing on SKY Television's documentary "UFOs - No Defence Significance?", claimed that in the 1980 Rendlesham UFO crash the MoD enforced a news blackout and failed to issue any statement at the time. They only admitted the validity of the Halt Memorandum two and a half years later, when it had already been released in the USA.

A 42 year old female abductee in a UK case reported by Tony Dodd described her abductors as being of two types, 6 foot tall humanoids with blue eyes and long blond hair, accompanied by small 3'6" tall Mongolian types. This resembles very closely the report in the Aveley (Essex 1974) abduction.

AT THE END OF MARCH, an army team of 14, commanded by a woman officer, set up camp at Gopher Hill in Alton Barnes and erected six 40 foot antennas in an arc centred on Avebury, linking them to a tent full of electronics. It seemed a bit early for corn hoaxers, so folk thought they must be skywatching for UFOs!

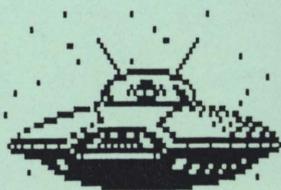
MRS. DOROTHY SERGEANT, an English lady of mature years, told how she was recently visiting her sister in Iowa, USA, when their car had a puncture. Neither could change the wheel, but soon a car appeared "from nowhere" and three blond, blue eyed men in white suits jumped out to help. One lay down in the mud to jack up the wheel, but his suit remained immaculate notwithstanding. Refusing any payment, the men drove off and some distance down the road their car began to shimmer into transparency, finally vanishing in a flash of white light of great brilliance. Beats the RAC any time!

A GERMAN FILM CREW, shooting near the celebrated Groom Lake, Nevada, claim to have filmed a classic disk - shaped UFO with portholes around the central dome.

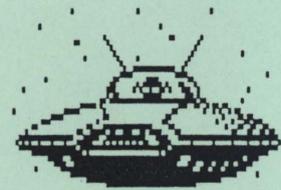
MRS. CHRISTINE BROWN of Peckham reports seeing two triangular red lights at 6.30 am on 5 April 1993, one each side of a large airborne object. The red lights suddenly shot off in opposite directions and the centre object blinked out some minutes later.

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SAY TEN THOUSAND WITNESSES.)



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