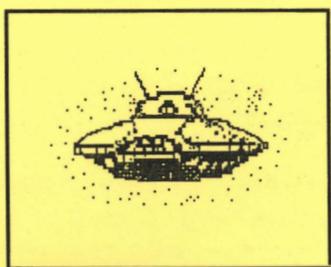


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### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

An important feature of the current co-ordinated attack on the validity of interpretative ufology is the attempt to stigmatise it as somehow unscientific. A straw in the wind of change is the dropping of the word UFO from the banner atop the cover of the current issue of NEXUS magazine, with substitution of the phrase "Future Science" in lieu.

One example of such futurity is the fatuous SETI project, which is examined in depth in this issue of PEGASUS by the famously pugnacious nuclear scientist Stanton Friedman. Finding his criticisms irrefutable, some opponents of interpretative ufology had recourse to an *ad hominem* attack, impugning Friedman's integrity and reputation as a scientist.

Leading the onslaught was Britain's only transsexual ufologist, but Friedman bit back, took her to court and obtained substantial damages, with full vindication of his standing as a scientist of international repute.

We haven't heard much from Jenny Randles since, but Friedman's article stands as a model rebuttal of the tendency to think that NASA and its associates are ever going to produce the "scientific" answers we are said to need.

"Nam et ipsa scientia potestas est,"\* as Bacon observed long ago.

G.M.

## UFOS: CHALLENGE TO SETI SPECIALISTS

Nuclear Physicist / Lecturer Stanton T. Friedman 5/02

Major news media and many members of the scientific community have taken strongly to the radiotelescope-based SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) program as espoused by its charismatic leaders but not supported by any evidence whatsoever. In turn, perhaps understandably, they feel it necessary to attack the ideas of alien visitors (UFOs) as though they were based on tabloid nonsense instead of on far more evidence than has been provided for SETI. One might hope, vainly I am afraid, that they would be concerned with The Search for Extraterrestrial Visitors (SETV). I would hereby like to challenge the SETI specialists, members of the scientific community, and the media to recognize the overwhelming evidence and significant consequences of alien visits and to expose the serious deficiencies of the SETI-related claims. I have publicly and privately offered to debate any of them. No takers so far.

Here are my challenges for the SETI SPECIALISTS (SS):

1. Why is it that SS make proclamations about how much energy it would take for interstellar travel when they have no professional competence, training, or awareness of the relevant engineering literature in this area? As it happens, the required amount of energy is entirely dependent on the details of the trip and CANNOT be determined from basic physics. If one makes enough totally inappropriate assumptions, as academic astronomers have repeatedly done down through history in their supposedly scientific calculations about flight, one reaches ridiculous conclusions. But it is not necessary, for example, to limit the flight to 1G acceleration, or to provide all the energy needed for the round trip at the launch, or to use an utterly foolish trip profile (as devised by a Nobel Prize winning Harvard physicist) that involves accelerating at 1G for half the outward-bound portion and the decelerating at 1G for the second half, etc. Do note that it only takes one year at 1G to reach close to  $c$ . [ $c = \text{speed of light} - \text{Ed.}$ ]

Cosmic freeloading can be very, very helpful in reducing fuel requirements and has been used for all our deep-space missions such as Voyager, Pioneer, Galileo, Cassini, etc. A splendid example of the wrong assumptions to make was provided by Dr. John William Campbell<sup>1</sup>, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at the University of Alberta, in 1941, when he attempted to compute the required initial launch weight of a chemical rocket able to get a man to the moon and back. Our successful

trips to the moon beginning in 1969, still with chemical rockets, showed that the weight he "scientifically" calculated was too high by a factor of 300 Million!! Dr. Alexander Bickerton<sup>2</sup> in 1926 proclaimed that it would be impossible to give anything sufficient energy to place it in orbit around the earth. Professor Simon Newcomb<sup>3</sup> "proved" in October 1903 that it would be impossible for a man to fly except with the help of balloons. This was two months before the first flight by the Wright Brothers (two very sharp bicycle mechanics). These three bright professors made a whole host of totally inappropriate assumptions because of their ignorance of the technical situations with which they were faced. They hadn't read the ample literature available to any professional seeking truth.

For example, Dr. Campbell assumed a single-stage chemical rocket, launched vertically and limited to 1G acceleration. He assumed much too low an exhaust velocity. The rocket had to carry a huge amount of fuel for use in the retrorocket supposedly required to slow down the rocket upon return to Earth. For Apollo we used multi-stage rockets (reducing system weight at each stage) launched to the East from near the equator (to take advantage of the Earth's rotation), a peak acceleration of many Gs (the faster the orbit, the less the losses to gravitation), the moon's gravitational field (to provide some free energy going in) and earth's atmosphere to do the deceleration upon approaching the earth, as highlighted, for example, in the movie *Apollo 13*. Cleverness was more important than power.

The exhaust velocity was certainly much higher than assumed by Dr. Campbell. Of course, Campbell knew nothing about fission or fusion rockets (on both of which I have worked). The latter uses D-He3 reactions, exhaust-charged particles which can be directed electromagnetically and which are born with 10 million times as much energy per particle as can be obtained in chemical rockets. Most academics in my experience and in their publications (i.e. Krauss<sup>4</sup>) are ignorant of the fact that the most powerful fission-rocket reactor propulsion system (Phoebus 2B, made by Los Alamos) operated at a power level of 4,400 Megawatts before 1970. Man has produced many controlled fusion reactions. See Luce<sup>5</sup> about fusion rockets. Any study of the history of technological development reveals that technological progress comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way. Pocket calculators are not built with vacuum tubes. Supersonic flight is not achieved with propellers. Lasers are not just better light bulbs. In short, the future is definitely NOT a mere extrapolation of the past.

2. Why do SS assume that radio is the ultimate means of long distance communication, when we have only had this kind of technology for

roughly 100 years? Just down the galactic street there are two sun-like stars (Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli) only 37 light years away and a billion years older than the sun. Of great interest is the fact that they are less than 1 light year apart from each other. It is good to see recent recognition of the fact that we can already, with our primitive technology, create laser signals able to be observed by other civilizations in the neighbourhood. Optical SETI is coming into its own. But remember, progress comes from doing things differently. What new communication techniques will we master in just 50 or 100 years??

3. Why do SS make proclamations about how aliens would behave when, as physical-science professionals, they have no training, experience, or special insights as to how Earthlings, no less aliens, would behave, or what their motivations are. One might consult psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, lawyers, nurses, etc., but radio astronomers?? This is a field which, by its nature, has little to do with people other than those directly involved. We hear such comments as that aliens, once radio contact is established, would teach us about all the secrets of the universe. Just why would an advanced technological civilization share its secrets with a primitive society whose major activity (judging by how its wealth is spent) would certainly appear to be tribal warfare and for whom every new frontier is a new place to do battle? Earthlings killed about 50 million other Earthlings during WWII and destroyed 1,700 cities. Currently almost \$1 trillion is spent annually on the military while 30,000 children die needlessly every day of preventable diseases and starvation.

4. Why is it that SS take every opportunity to attack the notion of alien visitations without any reference to the many large-scale scientific studies? They act as though the tabloids are the only possible sources of UFO data. There are at least six large-scale scientific studies<sup>6-11</sup>, more than ten PhD Theses, and many dozens of published professional papers by professional scientists. These are all almost always ignored. There are, for example, thirteen anti-UFO books and dozens of pro-SETI books that don't even mention the largest scientific study done for the USAF. The work was done by the engineers and scientists at the Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio. They found that 21.5% of the 3,201 cases investigated were UNKNOWNS, completely separate from those cases deemed to provide "Insufficient Information." They found that the better the reliability of the reports, the more likely they are to be unidentifiable. Statistical cross-comparisons between the UNKNOWNS and the KNOWNNS showed that the probability that the former were just missed KNOWNNS was less than 1% for six different characteristics.

The basic rules for the lack of attention to the relevant data by well-educated but ignorant-about-UFOs professionals, especially SS, seem to be:

- i. Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up.
- ii. What the public doesn't know, I won't tell them.
- iii. If one can't attack the data, attack the people; it is much easier.
- iv. Do one's research by proclamation. Investigation is too much trouble and nobody will know the difference anyway.

How else can one explain such totally baseless, but seemingly profound, proclamations as "The reliable cases are uninteresting and the interesting cases are unreliable. Unfortunately there are no cases that are both reliable and interesting." (See Sagan<sup>12</sup>).

The fact is that 35% of the EXCELLENT cases in BBSR14 were UNKNOWNNS and therefore Interesting. Only 18% of the POOR cases were UNKNOWNNS. Surely, professional scientists are supposed to base their conclusions on study of the relevant data, rather than proclamations?

5. Why don't SS understand that there are very clear-cut national security aspects of the entire UFO problem, including the possibility of duplicating the far-out technology and the concerns with the impact on the public of any announcement? Clearly, if any earthlings could duplicate the saucer technology, the systems would make wonderful weapons delivery and defence systems. It is a lot easier to dream about distant civilizations whose existence will have little impact, if they can never reach here, or never have been here. Many quite extraordinary scientific and technological developments were conducted in TOP SECRET programs, including the development of the atomic bomb, the proximity fuse, radar, etc. There is overwhelming evidence, never noted by the SS, that the subject of flying saucers represents a kind of Cosmic Watergate, including the recovery of two crashed saucers in New Mexico in 1947<sup>13</sup>. According to Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tim Weiner<sup>14</sup>, the annual Black Budget (not under congressional control) was running at \$34 Billion several years ago. The NSA had openly admitted withholding 156 UFO documents even from a Federal Court Judge given a high security clearance. When these were "released" more than 15 years later, only one or two lines per page were

not covered by whiteout. I have received formerly classified CIA UFO documents on which only 8 words are not blacked out.

USAF General Carroll Bolender stated<sup>15</sup> that "Reports of UFOs which could affect national security... are NOT part of the Blue Book System." One should note that the very high-quality military monitoring systems operated by the Air Defence Command and the NRO and NSA produce data which is born classified and is not released to the public.

6. If the SS are truly interested in the SETI, why don't they examine the best UFO data instead of ignoring it? Without that data they have no evidence to support the many assumptions they make about ETI. For example, it is assumed that there is intelligent life all over the place, that some of this life is more advanced than we are; but that ET communications and flight technology are stuck at the level of radio and chemical rockets, and ETs are trying to attract our attention via radio!! No evidence has been provided that any of these assumptions are true. And yet these same SS insist on ufologists providing them with an alien body!! SS have been joyous about finding 37 radio signals out of several billion that were tantalizing. But they choose to ignore the 21.5% of 3,201 investigated UFO sightings that might indeed signal the existence of ETVs. The false reasoning is incredible. Since most sightings can be explained, therefore all of them can be. But since very few radio signals were thought to be intriguing, we should follow that path of study!

7. Why is the assumption made that aliens wouldn't know there was a technological civilization here until they picked up our TV or radar signals? We are already, although still in our technological infancy compared to a cosmic time frame, considering building a radio telescope with segments on opposite sides of the solar system that could directly observe earth-size planets around all the stars in the neighbourhood. Other civilizations in the neighbourhood could have done this a billion years ago. As Sagan noted<sup>16</sup>, signs of biological life could have been observed here on Earth by an alien spacecraft at our level of technological development two billion years ago. Why not assume that every library in the local galactic neighbourhood has known of our existence as a result of explorations done millions of years ago? One should note that Columbus did not wait for a smoke signal from the Western Hemisphere's natives before sailing westward. One of Magellan's ships sailed around the world in about two years. The Space Shuttle does it in 90 minutes. Progress comes from doing things differently.

8. Why is it that the SS don't understand that, at the end of WWII, it was

quite obvious to any visiting alien intelligence agents that soon (in less than 100 years) these primitive earthlings, whose brand of friendship is obviously hostility, could be traipsing around the local galactic neighbourhood? Three new readily-observable technologies: atom bombs, powerful V-2 rockets, and powerful radar systems set the pace. It is probably not a coincidence that the crashed saucers were recovered, in July 1947, in south-eastern New Mexico, near the only place on Earth (White Sands Missile Range) where all three could be observed.

During any one century, because the progress from no space technology to deep-space travel takes such a comparatively short time, it doesn't seem likely that there would be any other civilization in the local neighbourhood going through the same transition. They are either ahead of us or behind us. Of course we would be of interest to them; if for no other reason than the equivalent of national-security concerns. Compare the world's budget for national security with that for radio astronomy. One reasonable purpose from that viewpoint for visiting here would be to ensure that we don't go out there until we get our act together. The word quarantine comes to mind. Does anybody really believe that aliens would want this primitive society out there before we get our act together and can even qualify for admission to the Cosmic Kindergarten?

9. Why is it that SS seem to assume that aliens would want to deal with them? They don't speak for the planet any more than ham radio operators speak for their countries. If their annual budget were even \$100 Million, that is miniscule compared to the \$1 trillion for national security.

10. Why is it that SS so often try to stress how big and how old the universe is? In fact the sphere centred on the sun and having a radius of only 54 light years includes 1,000 stars, of which about 46 seem to be sun-like and suitable for planets and life<sup>17</sup>. At least two of these sun-like stars are 1 billion years older than the sun. If my car were stolen near my home in Fredericton, New Brunswick, it wouldn't make much sense to suggest that the thief might be any one of 6 billion Earthlings. It would appear to be much more likely that the thief was one of 725,000 New Brunswick residents or one of only 50,000 Frederictonians. The odds of finding the thief would be greatly enhanced. Note, too, for example, that residents of Zeta 1 and Zeta 2 Reticuli, being less than one light year apart, could directly observe planets around the other star.

11. Why do SS focus on the Drake Equation which supposedly tells how many inhabited planets there are capable of sending radio signals? There is no evidence to support the many assumptions that are made and it takes no

account of the processes most important for the distribution of intelligent life on Earth, namely migration and colonization. We have data on one planet in one solar system at the present time. We don't even know how many civilizations there may have been here on earth 10 million or 200 million years ago. Heinrich Schliemann had to dig down 75 feet to find Troy dating from just a few thousand years ago. How much of earth has been explored that deep, let alone the much greater depth that would be needed to tell us about civilizations that were lost due to asteroid collisions or nuclear wars or continental drift since hundreds of millions of years ago? One might just as well throw a dart at a dartboard with numbers on it.

12. Why are proclamations made by SS that aliens can't possibly be humanoid, as described by UFO witnesses? We have no catalogue of aliens in the neighbourhood, combined with travel schedules, so that we could predict how many would have three heads or four eyes, etc. After all, these claims of non-humanoidness are based on the assumption that any ETI has developed indigenously and independently of life from anywhere else and that there has been no migration or colonization. Funny how the laws of physics and biology might even suggest that there are favoured directions for how things develop. For example, we find few examples of mammals with three legs or three eyes. There may well be advantages to certain configurations. Colonization and migration would lead to the dispersal of particular features. Proclamations without data are hardly scientific. Reports from all over Earth indicate that humanoids are visiting in strange vehicles with extraordinary capabilities. This, of course, does not mean that all aliens are humanoid. Presumably the ammonia breathers go to Jupiter.

13. Are the SS really unaware that public-opinion polls have consistently shown that believers in alien visitations outnumber non-believers and that the greater their education, the more likely people are to accept ETV? Two polls of engineers and scientists involved in research-and-development activities<sup>18</sup> even showed that 2/3 of those who expressed an opinion believe that some UFOs are ET spacecraft. After all, certain knowledge that Earth is indeed being visited would provide the best incentive for bigger budgets for space exploration. Of course, if aliens are indeed visiting, then the Radio Telescope Search for ET signals would seem a useless exercise and might indicate that the SS have been on the wrong track all along. Learning sign language might be more productive in terms of Communicating with ETI. I have twice heard independent reports of military personnel recording radio signals from a UFO that was being monitored by nearby military radar. One wonders how many similar instances there have been.

14. Why do SS, who should know better, or at least should have done their

homework, so often pronounce that it would be impossible for anyone to withstand the "enormous" accelerations of UFOs so often observed for brief times? They quote no data to support their pronouncements, despite the huge amount of data that NASA and others have compiled over the past half century. It turns out that trained and properly constrained humans can withstand "enormous" accelerations, for significant times, so long as the acceleration is in the appropriate direction vis-à-vis the body. Astronauts are launched while on their backs for a good reason. For example, a pilot can perform a tracking task while being accelerated for 2 minutes at 14 Gs. That is from zero to 36,000 miles per hour in 2 minutes. They can successfully withstand 30 Gs for one second. Dr. Paul Stapp's rocket sled reached over 600 mph in the early 1950s and he successfully withstood 43 Gs when slowing down more rapidly than expected. Data should take precedence over proclamations.

15. Why do SS cite the Fermi Paradox as though it demonstrates that nobody is coming here or that we haven't been colonized, perhaps many times, in the past? Fermi was well known at the University of Chicago for trying to teach by asking questions. Remember that he assumed it would only take a few million years for the entire galaxy to be colonized once those activities had begun. The beginning could have been a billion years ago.

16. Finally, there seem to be no signs that either SETI leaders or UFO debunkers are willing to note the false reasoning of their own kind. This lack of internal evaluations provides a scientifically unhealthy and dogmatic, almost cult-like atmosphere, with charismatic leadership, a strong dogma, and irrational resistance to outside or new ideas. Scientists and journalists have a serious obligation to study the relevant data rather than to make pronouncements having no factual basis. Does the end (presumably public rejection of flying saucer visitations and enhancement of the status of SETI) really justify the means of misrepresentation based on ignorance and arrogance? Ufologists are, in contrast, very critical of each other. Party lines should be for politicians, NOT for scientists.

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## **U.S. SCIENTIST SAYS SCORES OF UFOs FLY AROUND THE SUN**

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina caused terrible havoc to the Gulf Coast in August 2005, U.S. meteorologist Scott Stevens declared that the natural catastrophe had been generated by Russian scientists. This time around he accused NASA of concealing data relayed to Earth by SOHO, an orbital solar telescope.

SOHO is a joint project by NASA and the European Space Agency. It is currently at a distance of 1.5 million kilometres away from Earth. The orbital telescope takes pictures of the solar flares and prominences as well as comets that fly past the Sun.

Several thousand photographs have been already taken. Some are posted on the NASA website. However, a larger part of them are still unprocessed by specialists owing to an immense amount of data coming from SOHO. This is hardly surprising since researchers still have not had time to study thousands of photographs of the Moon, Mars and Venus taken by the U.S. and Soviet probes.

Rumours about UFOs being photographed by SOHO have been circulating for a long while. NASA would not comment on those rumours or blame irregularities during the transmission of digital images to Earth.

Scott Stevens maintains he has analyzed all photographs available in the SOHO archives. He claims to have found several perfectly identical objects on the photographs taken over a number of years. Therefore, the researcher says, it would be only logical to point out that UFOs would never have been objects of the same size and form if stardust or residual solar plasma had really caused those "irregularities."

"I am confident that UFOs are flying in the vicinity of our star," says Stevens. "I am talking about a fleet of UFOs operating near the Sun. I believe that both NASA and the U.S. government are aware of the existence of a certain civilization whose spacecraft are capable of resisting extremely high temperatures. The powers that be are simply afraid to admit the fact. They haven't yet decided on the tactics," says Stevens.

Another theory of Stevens's has to do with extraterrestrial activity involving UFOs near the Sun. According to the theory,

UFOs are usually photographed by SOHO prior to large solar flares caused by some experiments conducted by aliens.

"The statements about UFOs causing solar flares are absolutely groundless," says Sergei Yazev, chief researcher at the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute of Solar and Terrestrial Physics. "We might as well assume that an increase in the flux of high-energy particles before a flare will cause that interference looking like UFOs on those pictures. Owing to design characteristics of the SOHO photographic equipment, the telescope will always produce a picture of some winged object in case of a photo session involving some bright spot, be it a comet or a planet. The "wings" will be horizontal in any case. Should SOHO photograph a spacecraft, the picture will have the image of "wings" always pointing at different angles," Yazev adds.

In the meantime, Earth is in for global cooling as opposed to a global warming. And the Sun is to blame, according to Habibullo Abdusamatov, researcher at the Pulkovo Astronomical Observatory near St. Petersburg.

The scientist believes that there is a 100-year cycle of solar activity apart from the well-known 11-year cycle.

"The solar radiation flux should decrease sharply by the mid-21st century, says Abdusamatov. "Earth will receive less heat than before. A similar global cooling already occurred in Europe, North America, and Greenland in 1645 – 1705. The astronomers maintain there were virtually no solar flares during the above period," says the scientist.

The historical records indicate that the Vikings left their settlements in Greenland, and the rivers in Europe were ice-clad almost every winter due to extremely low temperatures, which dropped to 40 degrees Celsius.

Abdusamatov reckons that Earth's global cooling could begin in 2012 – 2013. The solar luminosity should reach its minimum in 2035 – 2045. The global cooling will follow after a delay of 15 – 20 years. The global cooling will probably last about 70 years just like the last one in the Middle Ages. However, a decrease in the intensity of solar radiation is a usual natural phenomenon. It has nothing to do with the activity of "little green men."

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“Sorry, sir - this often happens during a close encounter . . . ”

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## **THE WOODBOROUGH BRIDGE** **CROP FORMATION JULY 14th 2003**

By Andrew J Buckley, with additional comments by Jim Lyons

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On the morning of 14 July 2003 I witnessed the creation of a crop formation close to the Kennet & Avon canal, about half a mile due south of Woodborough Hill, near Pewsey, Wiltshire, UK. The formation appeared within a period of a few minutes or less, coinciding with the close

proximity of two unmarked, probably military, helicopters. Some of this incident was captured on film and the following report details what I experienced over a period of three hours.

On the morning in question I had decided to walk to Woodborough Hill, after leaving my car parked in Woodborough village at 09.15 hrs. This walk normally takes about thirty minutes and the route is via the Kennet & Avon canal and Woodborough Barns, along a public right of way. On reaching the canal bridge (known as Woodborough Bridge), I stopped to take in the view and scanned the surrounding crop-fields to the north. This I repeated at regular intervals until I reached the summit of Woodborough Hill at 09.45 hrs.

I can confirm with absolute certainty that there were no unusual ground markings / crop formations present in any of the fields south of Woodborough Hill, which would have been easily visible either from the canal bridge, the farm track, or the summit of the hill. From this location, at about 10.00 hrs., I noticed two dark-coloured helicopters manoeuvring at very low level near Woodborough canal bridge. Through binoculars they appeared to be Apache Longbow 'gunships' as deployed by the Army Air Corps. In order to obtain a closer look, I ran down the track towards the canal, but after a period of only several minutes both helicopters flew off in the direction of Warminster to the south-west.

I arrived at the canal bridge at about 10.30 hrs and almost immediately became aware of a very loud rumbling noise which seemed to be approaching from the west. Suddenly two very large helicopters appeared, black in colour, with no obvious markings or serial numbers, and fully armed. I was quickly spotted by the pilots and one of the aircraft flew towards me and took up a very low-level hovering position near the canal bridge. Feeling very vulnerable, I took cover behind some bushes adjoining the bridge. My attention was drawn to the other helicopter, which had descended to ground level about several hundred yards over the field to my right. The crop below the helicopter was swirling violently as a result of the downbeat of the rotor blades and I noticed that an unusual apparatus was hanging beneath the fuselage which was about five feet in diameter, black in colour, spherical in shape with a short tube-like protuberance beneath it and pointing at the ground.

After a few seconds I was somewhat taken aback to see and hear what appeared to be an explosive updraft of colourless steam or water vapour from the surface of the crop directly underneath the fuselage of the helicopter, which covered an area of approximately 100 feet. This was accompanied by a loud hissing or sizzling sound, similar to that of rapidly cooling steam under pressure. The effect of this rising 'vapour' was to forcefully hit the underside of the helicopter, causing it to pitch and sway. Perhaps for safety reasons, the pilot rapidly ascended to a slightly higher

altitude. After a matter of several seconds the 'vapour' dissipated, leaving an indistinct mark in the crop. I barely had time to deploy my video recorder, which had been packed away in my rucksack. Glancing at my watch, it was apparent that about four minutes had elapsed since the appearance of the helicopters.

With my video camera now deployed, I ran down the track in order to obtain a clearer view of the incident. Almost immediately, the helicopter carrying the sphere-like apparatus swiftly gained altitude and moved off in the direction of Pewsey to the east. Meanwhile, the remaining helicopter, which had been making repeated low-level passes, perhaps in order to distract me from observing his colleague, also flew off in the direction of the military ranges over Salisbury Plain to the south. At this point I distinctly remember checking the time-clock on my video camera, which read 10.41 hrs.

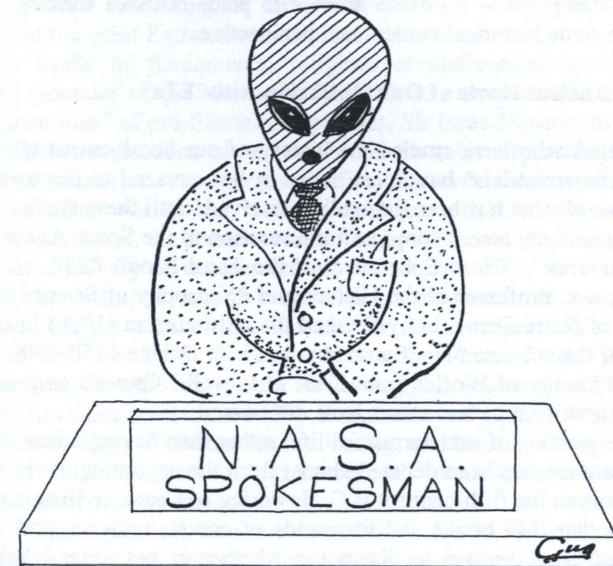
What happened next is still not entirely clear, because the last thing I remember is noticing a new crop formation (the Woodborough Bridge formation) precisely where the second helicopter had been hovering and beneath which the 'water vapour' had risen from the crop. The following forty-five minutes were completely lost to me, because at 11.30 hrs I again found myself standing on the summit of Woodborough Hill without any memory of having walked to the hill from the canal bridge. Interestingly, the time-clock on my video camera inexplicably 'jumps' from 10.41 hrs to 11.24 hrs in a single frame. This is definitely not an edit or as a result of having paused or of stopping the camera. The time-clock had been accurately set and tested three weeks previously and I had installed a new lithium battery. Despite this confusion, what is certain is that between 10.30 hrs and 10.41 hrs on the morning of 14 July 2003, coinciding with the presence of two unmarked helicopters, one of which deployed what appeared to be some exotic form of technology over the surface of the crop, a new formation appeared in a matter of seconds, which definitely wasn't there before 10.30 hrs.

It is possible that the pilots, whether military or otherwise, were vectored to this location because they had prior knowledge of the imminent appearance of this formation, possibly in order to record or participate in its creation, for reasons we do not yet fully comprehend. Enquiries with the Ministry of Defence would no doubt prove fruitless, although there can be little doubt that the military are implicated in incidents involving the crop-circle phenomenon, evidence of which has accumulated over the years through research and video recordings.

Later on the morning of 14 July I was able to make a thorough ground survey of the formation, which was fairly typical of other similar 'pictograms', with a neat and tidy ground or floor 'lay' with very little obvious damage or breakage of the crop stems and seed heads. There was

no evidence of any mechanical pressure having been applied via the use of stomping boards or a garden roller. I would be very interested in contacting other researchers should they have further information regarding this formation, particularly aerial photographs, detailed ground surveys and, perhaps more importantly, any results of crop sampling and testing from this formation. I would be happy to exchange research material, and would be intrigued if anyone else has also witnessed the above incident or obtained video footage, or has experienced harassment from low level military helicopters in Wiltshire or Hampshire. I can be contacted at the following email address: [andrewjb68@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewjb68@hotmail.com)

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“...so we thought we'd come clean on the conspiracy theories...”

## **CONTEXT AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DISCOVERY OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE:**

A Whitepaper by Richard C. Hoagland 1989

One of the things I have tried to understand, as my research and that of others has revealed ever more suggestive data supportive of the phenomenal idea that these objects in the Viking images could in fact be artefacts, is the curious "historically anomalous" position of the agency which took the pictures in the first place: NASA.

Despite "a billion dollars plus" spent by Viking in the Search for Life on Mars, NASA has refused throughout these ensuing thirteen years to even once re-examine its original "political" position on these images -- that the objects they contain are merely "tricks of light and shadow" -- despite now-published and peer-reviewed good science to the contrary. This reaction, increasingly at odds with both outside scientific assessments of our work and rising public calls for swift resolution of this question, has resulted in this paper -- a serious attempt to place NASA's curious "non-reaction" in some historical context and perspective.

### **The Ancient Roots of Our Obsession with 'ETs'**

Scholars who have studied the history of our involvement with the idea of "extraterrestrials" have been more or less amazed to discover the ancient roots of what has been generally perceived, until these studies, as a minor and relatively recent "pop" cultural reaction to the Space Age -- you know, "Star Trek", "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", "ET", etc. Dr. Michael Crowe, Professor of the History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Notre Dame, has published the most current (1986) in-depth treatment of the subject: "The Extraterrestrial Life Debate 1750-1900: The Idea of A Plurality of Worlds from Kant to Lowell." Crowe's own words summarize best what he and others have discovered:

"The question of extraterrestrial life, rather than having arisen in the twentieth century, has been debated almost from the beginning of recorded history. Between the fifth-century-B.C. flowering of Greek civilization and 1917, more than 140 books and thousands of essays, reviews, and other writings had been devoted to discussing whether or not other inhabited worlds exist in the universe . . . the majority of educated persons since around 1700 have accepted the idea of extraterrestrial life and, in numerous instances, have formulated their philosophical and religious positions in relation to it."

Notwithstanding Crowe's all-too-familiar Western Civilization chauvinism -- that all human intellectual thought began in Classical Greece -- he is pointed in the right direction; it is amply demonstrable that we are heir to several thousand years of intense preoccupation with ETs prior to the Greeks -- such as Sumer's fascinating "Oannes Myth," and their attribution of their entire civilization and culture to visitation and specific instruction by a representative of an advanced extraterrestrial society, in about the 4th Millennium B.C. (the full "Oannes Legend" is carefully cited in detail in *The Monuments of Mars* -- see RESOURCE). The ancient documents and cosmologies that Crowe then cites as evidence for Grecian origins of human ET curiosity -- such as Epicurus's "Letter to Herodotus" - - actually reflect an already very old tradition, which the Greeks (along with all their other supposed cultural "inventions" -- according to Stanley Kramer, noted "Sumerologist" at the University of Pennsylvania) simply passed along to us from Sumer, several millennia before.

### **The 'Extraterrestrial' Roots of 'The Enlightenment'**

Crowe's recounting of the involvement of more recent historical figures in the great Extraterrestrial Life Debate is more original -- from the written works of fundamental religious revolutionaries, such as John Wesley (founder of the Methodist Church), to extraterrestrial musings of that "great man" of pre-Einsteinian physics, Sir Isaac Newton, to discovery of detailed conversations carried on around the subject by such geopolitical giants as Napoleon -- and amply confirm that even theoretical interest in ideas of other worlds has had a remarkable effect in shaping human thought -- and thus the current world. Rather than merely making the claim that "the discovery of extraterrestrials would powerfully influence human ideas," the historical record reveals direct evidence that the extremely ancient, widespread belief in extraterrestrial life has repeatedly and directly affected life on Earth -- beginning with Sumer 6,000 years ago. Furthermore, its captivating hold on leading philosophers and intellectuals of what has since been termed "The Enlightenment" (c. 1700-1800) -- from Descartes to Kant -- reveals the fascinating, and heretofore unappreciated, extent to which the quest for "extraterrestrials" actually created the context for the rise of modern science.

Which makes all the more inexplicable NASA's adamant refusal to either take a second scientific look at the anomalies on its own Viking photographs -- the first demonstrable hard evidence favouring the existence of extraterrestrials in the millennia-long history of this debate -- or to take new and better pictures of Cydonia, when the unmanned Mars Observer mission returns to Mars, in 1993.

Why -- against the historical backdrop of documented, overwhelming interest in the idea of "a plurality of worlds" -- this apparent paradox?

### **The Search for Extraterrestrials as Inspiration for Major Astronomical Discoveries**

One of the most revealing new insights regarding the history of questions relating to extraterrestrial intelligence is the extent to which the science of the times followed prevailing religious doctrines on the subject - - contrary to our general understanding of how science has supposedly developed.

Countless quotes from the technical papers of legendary scientific figures of the 18th Century -- the heyday of the Enlightenment -- ranging from men like Immanuel Kant (and his Nebular Hypothesis -- how solar systems form) to Sir William Herschel (and his theories of star distribution and formation in the Milky Way) make clear that their revolutionary insights and discoveries were impelled by something other than pure "science."

Their theories, which have led directly to our present understanding of the Universe were, it turns out, inspired in significant measure by a search for extraterrestrials! -- by a fundamental acceptance and pursuit of something termed "the doctrine of the Plurality of worlds." This basically religious inclination was spurred by a deep theological conviction, pervasive in those times, of "the principle of plenitude" -- the assumption that a truly Infinite God could not help but create an infinitude of other, habitable worlds . . . if not of inhabitants themselves.

### **The Rise of Modern Science -- and the Rejection of 'the Plurality of Worlds'**

Only increasingly sophisticated telescopes and other instruments of astronomical research (which eventually enabled the acquisition of real information on the stark inhabitability of the other planets in this solar system) finally produced the sharp divergence of scientific thinking -- beginning with the question of extraterrestrials -- from this curious religious heritage. This break thus marked the true beginnings of "rationalist science" -- and an increasing intellectual embarrassment by later scientists over the religiously-based cosmologies which originally gave birth to the idea of "a plurality of worlds." At its height it was a sweeping theological assumption that populated even the surface of the sun with "beings whose organs are adapted to the peculiar circumstances of that vast globe" (according to one memorable quote from Herschel).

### **NASA's Intellectual Timidity Based on Fear of Intellectual Embarrassment?**

It is easy to see, in this brief overview, one element of NASA's obvious discomfort with reawakening ideas relating to even a formerly inhabited planet in the solar system. Much of current science seems to operate by "fear of intellectual embarrassment"; with a history like this, it's no wonder that the idea of a plurality of worlds seems more appropriate, in the eyes of some NASA scientists, to the Book of Common Prayer than to the pages of the scientific journal ICARUS!

But this is not the whole sad story of "extraterrestrials and modern science."

### **The Scientific Death-Knell to 'the Plurality of Worlds'**

By the beginning of the twentieth century all scientific expectation of actually verifying the existence of extraterrestrial intelligence had, essentially, died -- with the singular "anomaly" of a continuing intellectual flirtation with a place called "Mars."

With this one, agonizing exception -- which almost single-handedly destroyed modern astronomy and modern planetary science, according to Carl Sagan -- that should have been the end of it, no more "God given Plurality of Worlds"; the new scientific evidence in hand simply made life-bearing planets -- except for Earth (or "earth-like" worlds, like Mars . . . ) -- impossible.

The rapidly ascending theory of planetary formation, in the early decades of this century, was now focusing on planets as "random by-products of near stellar collisions" -- events calculated as so rare that, in the entire several-billion-year history of the Milky Way Galaxy itself, there had been literally only one near-collision, with the resultant freak creation of the sun's nine planets!

Thus, by virtue of the immense distances separating stars, sheer statistics argued implacably against more than "one or two" collisions in the entire history of time and space. Meaning that in all the Galaxy -- if not the Universe -- we were quite alone . . . .

### **The Scientific Resurrection of the Nebular Hypothesis -- the Modern Basis for a Real 'Plurality of Worlds'**

The scientific process, if it is properly pursued, has a way of quietly continuing, leading to continuing developments in fundamental theory, new observations which throw out old ideas, etc. Within a few more

decades, by the middle of the century -- the 1950's -- from the confident, premature pronouncement that Earth was undoubtedly the only inhabited planet (with, of course, the possible exception of Mars . . .) in the entire Galaxy, several fundamental astronomical breakthroughs came about -- and with these came a return to a Galaxy potentially filled with stars as central suns, orbited by countless other worlds . . .

In 1959, as the Space Age itself was just dawning, two astronomers proposed a radical approach to actually establishing contact with all the new potential beings on all those new potential worlds far beyond the solar system -- they proposed that technology might enable "ET to phone home" -- or at least, try "to ring up good ol' Earth."

The modern, scientific "SETI Paradigm" -- the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence -- was born.

### **The Politics of SETI -- Even Recognizing ET Artefacts as Opposed to ET Signals**

Morrison and Cocconi, the two astronomers just cited, proposed using microwave-radio equipment -- technology developed for the fledgling science of radio astronomy after World War II -- in a bold program of interstellar listening for signals. The SETI Paradigm that they created by announcing this proposal was simply this: that, because of the vastness of the interstellar night and the immense difficulty of even approaching a reasonable fraction of the speed of light with any spaceship technology known to human science (especially in the 1950s!), any truly intelligent entities seeking conversation with other intelligent entities, separated by the almost inconceivable interstellar distances, would inevitably turn to radio transmissions . . . and "phone" their messages at the speed of light between the stars.

That was thirty years ago . . . and the idea that it will always be easier and more economical to send radio transmissions than to send a fleet of spaceships, like the ancient theological obsession with "a plurality of worlds," has now become the new, unquestioned wisdom of the age-old Search . . .

All opposing scientific concepts -- such as the very real technological possibility that spaceships might someday be good enough to do the job (to a truly advanced race of interstellar beings) -- were quietly banished. If it isn't a radio signal, whispering in from somewhere deep in interstellar space, no one currently looking for ETs is even interested . . .

And therein lies the second cause of NASA's rejection of our Intelligence Hypothesis: there simply can't be artefacts on nearby planets!

Not only are they all demonstrably lifeless (after all, not even a microbe lurks beneath the Martian sands, according to Viking's trusty life

experiments) -- so there's no-one "home" to build such artefacts -- all possibilities for visits from beyond the solar system have been effectively ruled out -- by the basic "theology" of the SETI Paradigm itself: to travel is engineeringly too difficult . . . and too expensive!

### **The 'Ultimate' Reason for NASA's Apparent Fear of the Intelligence Hypothesis: It's on the Wrong Planet!**

And, if "they" -- interstellar beings with a spendthrift propensity for wandering around the Galaxy in spaceships -- by some miracle had visited the solar system, "they" certainly wouldn't have wasted great amounts of time and energy building silly "pyramids" and "faces" on the surface of a dead and battered Mars! Shades of those fantasies about canals . . .

Because . . . when all else is said and done . . . that's the ultimate reason NASA, by their own admission, hasn't bothered to scientifically examine one frame of Viking's Cydonia photography: the planet Viking photographed.

### **The planet Mars itself.**

The ultimate reason NASA hasn't taken seriously our Intelligence Hypothesis is simply this: Mars is scientifically bad news!

No other single planet in the solar system, or in the history of the pursuit of the plurality of worlds, has been more abused or ridiculed than Mars. With the scientific excesses and downright vicious name-calling of the last century over the "reality" or "non-reality" of Martians still ringing in their ears, planetary scientists -- not a generally courageous lot -- are loath to reopen anything even remotely resembling the "circus" that surrounded Schiaparelli's Canals . . . Lowell's "valiant canal-constructing Martians" . . . or Orson Welles' Invasion . . .

Or, in the words of Sagan:

"It became so bitter and seemed to many scientists so profitless that it led to a general exodus from planetary to stellar astronomy . . . the present shortage of planetary astronomers can be largely attributed (to this)."

### **Conclusion**

If Sagan's assessment is correct, the present treatment of the entire issue of the "Face" by NASA and its small cadre of planetary scientists (led, it must be noted, by Carl Sagan) -- who vividly recall the sad and bitter scientific history of Mars and its "canals" too well -- is driven by a fervent fear that history will once again repeat itself -- only this time, in

addition to intellectual embarrassment, the stakes are now perceived as cataclysmic: potentially, a disastrous loss of funding from Congress, and with that -- as NASA is the only game in town which pays for "looking at the planets" -- the imminent destruction of the very profession of "planetary scientist" itself!

Or, as one planetary researcher put it to me candidly: "If you keep this up, you will destroy the planetary program!"

Which, of course, is a revealing personal statement -- regarding the nature of true scientific curiosity versus the desire for security . . . pursued merely in the name of "science."

Ultimately, now that "good science" (as acknowledged by many reputable researchers in a variety of fields) has been done outside of NASA with regard to Viking's Cydonia photography, the disposition and implication of what's on those images lies not with "science" or with fearful men and women pretending to be scientists, . . . but with people.

The meaning of potential artefacts on Mars is almost incalculable -- and must lie somewhere nearer that millennia-old quest for answers to what Albertus Magnus termed "one of the most wondrous and noble questions in all Nature" than to NASA's 13- year timid and myopic "non-response." So, how do we find out?

The problem, ultimately, is not with most scientists not really being "scientists," or with an agency called "NASA" worrying more about survival than with scientific Truth . . . but with our own individual response to "Do we really want to know . . .?"

Because the wonder of this data is: we can.



## LETTERS

Dear Pegasus,

I thought you might like to know we saw something strange in the sky on the TEMS [Travel & Earth Mysteries Society] field trip on 25 June. I was with five other members, eating a meal at Joy Galloway's house in Cuffley after a field trip -- it was the day after the anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's sighting, which had in earlier days been called Flying Saucer Sighting Day.

It was about 8.15 p.m., and Lionel Beer drew my attention to something in the sky outside the conservatory window. It was a small, black,

round object moving at a constant speed. I thought it was a small helium-filled balloon and said so, but when I looked at it through a pair of low-powered binoculars I could see that it seemed to be a disc shape tumbling over and over, repeatedly showing a circular and then a flat shape. Lionel also looked at it through the binoculars. It continued to travel steadily until it went out of sight behind trees - it was seen for approximately two minutes. It was a warm, lightly-clouded evening after a sunny day, with very little wind at ground level, though this could have been different at its height. The trajectory could easily have been that of a balloon, but the tumbling motion and shape seemed to suggest otherwise.

Also, you might like to drop in at my new website at: <http://www.egyouth.fsnet.co.uk/triangle>

All the best, Jim Goddard.

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Dear Pegasus,

I'm currently researching a specific case from the UK which transpired in May of 1957 and was hoping that you could help me out with a particular reference to the case.

I am reliably informed that the case appeared in a previous issue of the 'Pegasus' Journal from 1970, specifically the May/June issue. At the time the editor was Ron Toft, and it looks like details of the case were forwarded on to him by Omar Fowler. Although I have the majority of details from the case, I still wish to track down a copy of the original article in question for my own reference, if possible!

After recently contacting Omar, he was kind enough to give me your contact details. Omar mentioned that in the past he has sent most of his copies of the 'Pegasus' Journal through to you, so hopefully you might be able to help with my request.

The case in question happened in May 1957, near Winkleigh airfield, approximately twenty miles or so from Exeter, the witness to the event was a Mr. J. Payne a tanker driver from Yeovil in Somerset; details of the case as follows:

May 1957 around 04:50 - Mr. Payne decided to pull onto a disused runway at Winkleigh airfield for a cup of tea, whilst sat in his cab he

noticed what looked like a submarine-shaped object parked on the runway which appeared to have a large 'fin' positioned on either side. Curiosity getting the better of him, he decided to leave the cab and walk towards the object to get a better view. Unfortunately as he got near to the object he found that his path seemed to be blocked by some unseen force field, *it was like walking into an invisible air cushion – you could actually lean against it.* The object then appeared to shoot upwards into the sky at an estimated height of around 1200 feet then headed off in the direction of the North Devon coast.

After watching the object disappear from view, Mr. Payne walked over to where the object had been and discovered a circle of blackened powder approximately 50' in diameter. Additionally upon arriving at his final destination in Torrington Mr. Payne noticed that his watch appeared to be 20 minutes slow.

Regards, David Sankey, [www.davidsankey.com](http://www.davidsankey.com)

*Can any SIGAP member help Mr Sankey? Unfortunately the Pegasus archive that I have is incomplete, missing the 1970 issues. Does anyone still have a copy of the May/June 1970 Pegasus? or any re-collections of the Winkleigh Airfield case? If so please contact Pegasus. Ed.*

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*Members who wish to express any opinions, ideas or comments are invited to write to Pegasus at the address on page two. We reserve the right to edit any submission. Ed.*

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## **NEWS IN BRIEF/ SIGHTINGS ROUNDUP**

**From Heathrow Airport's Newspaper, *Skyport*, 14 July 2006** - Perhaps someone or something wants ET to phone home, or maybe it was a trial of the latest military technology. The truth is out there, somewhere. And Staines residents Terry and Mary Haley would like to know it, and clear up exactly what the 'dark, spherical object' they saw over Heathrow's skies was.

It was just before 9pm on a clear evening in June, and the Haleys -- who are not UFO enthusiasts -- were sitting in their patio in Hytheheld Avenue, flicking through the newspapers.

"It was getting a bit chilly, so I got up to get a jumper, and that's when I saw it coming towards us in the sky between the

hedge and the church," Terry, a retired British Airways worker, said. "It looked like a large, dark rock, about the size of a jumbo jet. It was spherical and illuminated at the front, perhaps the sun was glinting off it, and it was travelling at a steady pace and not on any of the normal flight paths. Then, after a few seconds, it turned left and flew off. All the time it didn't make a sound, which is amazing for something that size. I've never seen anything like it."

And the former BA aircraft engineer should know, after a lifetime of fixing jets up close. "I grabbed my wife and she couldn't believe it either, she said it was quite frightening," Terry said.

Although the whole incident lasted for about a minute, the Haleys were so fixed on the object above them that they did not even think about fetching binoculars or a camera.

"It didn't have a constant light on it, or a particular colour -- the best way to describe it would be as illuminated," Terry, 65, added.

The UFO sighting, which happened on June 9, has left the couple scratching their heads ever since. Mary has searched for an explanation on the internet, but has so far drawn a blank. National Air Traffic Services (NATS) said no unusual aircraft were reported at the airport on that day, but it would not be the first time a UFO has been recorded in the Heathrow vicinity. Ministry of Defence (MoD) archives released this year revealed UFO sightings in Heathrow, Richmond, Hounslow and Isleworth in 2003.

The MoD record for the Heathrow sighting reports: "A ball of light with no colour passed under an aircraft, front to back very fast."

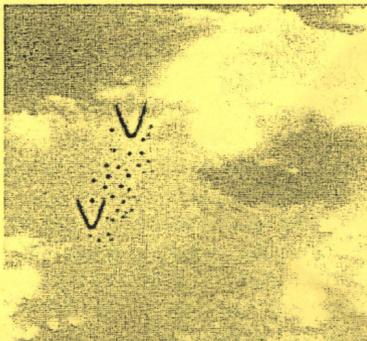
Terry, who is not a conspiracy theorist or even a fan of the *X-Files*, is still baffled. "I've never had an interest in aliens and that kind of thing, I'll only believe it the day they walk up to me in the street. People will probably think I'm some kind of nutter talking about this, but I know that I've never seen anything like it. I could be persuaded that it was some kind of military aircraft, the Americans hid the Stealth bomber for so long despite lots of sightings, didn't they, so I guess anything is possible."

By Aidan Jones.

**Article in *Izvestiya (Russian Newspaper)*, 01 Aug 2006, p12.** - In the closing days of July many residents of Moscow's Khimki suburb and neighbouring villages observed a UFO in the

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form of two V-shaped constructions that appeared to be linked by an invisible thread and surrounded by spherical particles. The particles were falling towards the ground but disappeared before reaching it.



It was an ordinary summer's day, mostly sunny but with occasional clouds appearing. Two V-shaped "jackdaws" appeared in the direction away from the sun and were shifting slowly to the right of the observers. The "jackdaws" and the particles scattering from them were visible both through binoculars and with the naked eye, and the two objects appeared to be firmly joined by an invisible thread or by some force, and moved in perfect synchrony. The objects' flight was observed by many people of both sexes and various ages and professions.

The strange object may, of course, be linked with aviation. Sheremetyevo Airport is located very close to Khimki, several aircraft enterprises are based in the town itself, and there is a special aerodrome which they use for testing their 'products.' One may also speculate that these were some kind of balloon or parachute of unknown design. Readers are invited to send in their explanations of what this strange object might have been.

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\*For knowledge itself is power (From Page 2)