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Following this procession of logical thought, most UFologists will put up their hands in despair and say "where else can they come from?" It smacks more of desperation than of a systematic effort to trace UFOs to their lair. Of course, while I am at it, I will concede that a very few people in the UFO field are carefully analyzing the situation, and have come to the "space ship" conclusion because of one fatal error on their part, which I will discuss in more detail as I continue this series.

We are faced with this question: Is there an overwhelming case that shows that UFOs exclusively come from interplanetary or interstellar sources? I stress the term "exclusively" for very specific reasons, which will become clear as I elaborate further on my ideas. Does this evidence state that UFOs come from outer space and nowhere else?

If flying saucers are space ships, it stands to reason that they would be spotted by our intricate tracking equipment enroute to Earth from some point far in space. If we possess the technology to trace Mariner IV on its lengthy voyage to Mars, we could most certainly find a fleet of "mother ships" thousands of feet in length, flying here from Mars, Venus, or parts unknown. Yet not a single UFO has ever been tracked by high altitude radar coming from any point beyond the Earth's immediate environment. Yes, they're seen quite near the Earth. And if we can believe Major Keyhoe's somewhat sensational account in the January, 1965 issue of "True", they were carefully surveying the first two-man Gemini capsule while it was in orbit on April 8, 1964. Astronauts seem to have spotted UFOs quite frequently, but only a few hundred miles from the surface of the Earth.

So, dear reader, have you an explanation for that paradox? Oh, please don't invoke those wearisome allegations about censorship! Maybe there is a determined and systematic suppression of this information by all of the great nations. But the way these "classified" sightings leak out all over the place like a sieve proves quite conclusively that a secret of such magnitude couldn't be kept for very long.

Accordingly, we are left with the fact that UFOs exist; that they appear to be craft that far surpass anything we have developed. We know they aren't going out of their way to avoid being seen, other than staying away from the larger cities, except in rare cases. If the forces behind the UFOs wanted complete secrecy, they would conduct their surveillance on so circumspect a level that sightings would be few and far between, and certainly not to be taken seriously.

So we return to the question with which I began this essay: "From where do flying saucers originate?"

To discuss that question with more authority, we must first examine a substantial segment of irrefutable evidence that has been largely ignored by most UFO researchers. This area of evidence is generally relegated to the category of "superstitions" and occult phenomena most materialistic-minded people prefer to think about only as sheer nonsense.

In my next article I shall commence to discuss this relatively unexplored area of evidence. Also, I will begin to propound a new hypothesis that may account for the known evidence about the UFOs better than any explanation offered thus far. I caution the reader not to prejudge Eugene Steinberg and people like him too readily without giving him a hearing. It will require a large number of articles to even scratch the surface of what I believe to be a fascinating idea, so don't jump to any hasty conclusions as to what I'm driving at yet. You may be in for a big surprise.

I would hope that, when I have clarified my thoughts - even if you aren't convinced by what I say - you will at least be amused by the vividness of my imagination. Or is it imagination?

(Editor's Note: The above article was originally earmarked for the UFO Sighter as the first of a series. This series may now be continued in the AHN, but in either case is published here for its considerable individual worth, as well as its benefit as the possible opening gambit of a new series.)

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ALTERNOTES - As reported by us elsewhere, strange things took place in relation to the 1967 Congress of Scientific UFOlogists in New York. In the Volume 3, Number 2 edition of Timothy Green Beckley's outstanding Searchlight (3 Courtland Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901) an article discloses various harrassments of the convention staff prior to the Congress. Not mentioned were the auto difficulty encountered by Howard Menger; the broken foot of Dr. Frank E. Stranges..... Recent plugs for the AHN (unsolicited by us) appeared in the abovementioned Searchlight and in Gray Barker's excellent Spacecraft News (Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301). We here return the compliment....

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THE ENCHANTED CAVERN

by AHG

".... A few years ago I would probably have regarded a publication in the vein of Alternate Horizons Newsletter as 'crackpot' matter. But time makes many changes, it seems....."

".... But just what is the A-R theory? At this point it would be difficult to give a set definition of it. As we understand it, however, it is essentially an all encompassing theory linking UFOs to far more than merely the visitation of space ships from other planets. Among its basis tenets is the perhaps frightening concept of no less than continuous cosmic intervention in the affairs of mankind....."

From an unpublished editorial

We wrote the above as part of what was to be an introductory editorial for the first issue of the Alternate Horizons Newsletter. It did not make the final version, but what it says was true enough. Now, as then, we do not have enough conclusive evidence to prove that there is anything to the AR theory, even to our own satisfaction. But two things are apparent to us: (A) If true, the AR theory bears literally mind-staggering implications, and (B) there is an extremely vast store of largely unexploited evidence which possibly points in the direction of an AR conclusion. The problem is to cull the disjointed information from its diverse sources; sources such as, e.g., medieval accounts of AR phenomena.

The AR problem is a difficult one to deal with. Though not totally imprescriptable, specific research from exactly this kind of angle is, as far as we can ascertain, without precedent. Nonetheless, scientific methodology does not require previous experience in a specific area. One thing we need is an organized effort to index the material for ready reference in research. It is our own impression that we are faced with an 'iceberg-type' problem. We see only a small portion of the over-all matter. The vastness of it all is in itself a serious deterrent to research. When one does not know where to begin, one is perhaps naturally reluctant to begin anywhere.

But begin we must. It might legitimately be asked whether there is anything crucial about solving a problem that seems to have been around for ages upon ages. On the surface this argument might ring true until we make a few parallel references. Social problems, disease, etc. have also "been around for ages", but this makes them no less crucial than any important problem of more recent vintage. The enduring problems, we believe, are by their nature the worst and therefore the most in need of solution.

For several years the present writer "wandered around" the UFO field urging fellow enthusiasts to get more active. Perhaps one of the reasons our arguments fell, for the most part, on deaf ears was because we had nothing of any apparent consequence to suggest people do. For some time we fell into the "write your congressman" routine. But this was not a cause. Rather, it was a dodge.

But now we do have something. We have fallen upon a theory of possible earth-shaking implications. It is a hypothesis of great challenge and, possibly, critical importance. And there are, this time, things to be done. We can take care of the field research and the extrapolation from the basic evidence. But we need that basic evidence. We need those old accounts of mysterious appearances and disappearances; and we need the new ones as well...cases can be checked if they are recent enough, if the trail hasn't grown cold and if we hear about them. What about little men cases, old and new? Let's not forget the saucers either. No, we don't want a lot of trivial cases which are not our basic concern here and are available to us for reference in considerable quantities under present arrangements. But how about those cases near ancient monuments and sites? These could be of considerable importance.

It is vast. But any scrap of evidence could potentially be of enormous help. Of course, you might have other things to do. But then

Alex Hamilton's cow lay butchered all over the countryside. He lost his cow but had he known more he could have counted himself lucky that it wasn't HIM instead of the poor beast. You gotta cow?

M O R E A B O U T B R O O K S V I L L E by A.H.G.

Since the John Reeves contact of about two years ago, Brooksville, Florida has allegedly been a hyperactive area for UFO and related incidents. In March of 1967 I visited the area with St. Petersburg UFOlogists Ron and Joan Whritenour. I can state that I am more convinced about unusual goings-on in that area by far now than I was prior to my trip. One thing that impressed me particularly about the Reeves case itself was the perhaps universal acceptance on the part of UFOlogists in the area that something strange had indeed happened to Reeves. This included people from varying factions in the UFO field...including some persons you would not normally expect to defend a contactee such as Reeves. Another impressive point which unfortunately has not been widely publicized is the depth of the phenomena in the area, as well as its continued nature. Observations in the area ranged from actual contacts to "lights in the sky" seen by a number of people in the area. Included are reports of "yeti tracks" and actually at least one "eyeball" observation of such an animal. An interesting, if minor point includes a breed of insect allegedly not noted in the area before the Reeves case (at least some



people in the area allegedly hold with this view). I observed these insects in great abundance --- sickening abundance --- when Reeves took us out behind his house to show us some tracks allegedly left after his contact in December, 1966. As Reeves lifted several pieces of covering tin (see photo) I could see no tracks of an obvious nature, but I could clearly see a number of these insects.

That evening the Whritenours, some local people and I went to a good observation point near some large power lines. At about 7:00 PM we observed a brilliant hovering object far in the distance. The object finally "flared up" and vanished into thin air. We thereafter moved to several different locations, winding up back at the Reeves home. During the course of the evening we saw several additional UFOs, but these were more dubious phenomena.

The whole atmosphere of our skywatch was one of weirdness; a spectacular sunset; the hum of the power lines; a wall of corrugated metal making weird sounds in the mild wind. The Brooksville area is a standing argument in favor of the concept of reality warps. More on Brooksville is projected for a later issue.

AHG

THE ALTERNATE REALITY THEORY: WHY IT MAKES SENSE
By Allen H. Greenfield

If there is anything at all to the UFO business (and I reserve the right to continue to use the word "if"; nothing has been proven yet, after all), it seems to us that the likelihood of the popular theory that flying saucers are

manifestations of visitation by intelligent entities from another planet or planets is not adequate to explain the phenomena as reported by the witnesses.

I submit that the reports of ghost-like attributes in UFOs show that no purely physical explanation will suffice without first eliminating these reports in some way¹, while the physical manifestations in such cases as, e.g., Socorro, New Mexico show also that no purely non-physical explanation will suffice either.²

Likewise other less popular theories such as space animals (does not explain landing, occupant reports); 4-D (assumes too much on non-systematic information about the nature of UFO associated entities).

NO SINGLE POPULAR THEORY EXPLAINS ADEQUATELY EVERY ASPECT OF THE MYSTERY.

Except one. That is the "alternate reality" or "AR" theory.

To get at the heart of the UFO enigma, one should recognize several basic truths. (A) UFOs are not noted to be associated with outer space. They have not to our knowledge been traced coming to earth from space, but rather have over the ages appeared to be closely associated with the Earth. (B) UFOs have at various times demonstrated properties associated both with physical and non-physical phenomena. (C) UFOs, by their characteristics have shown themselves to be -- apparently -- in the same category with such phenomena as ghosts, fairies, earth sprites, myths et cetra, et al. (D) UFOs must be viewed as an apparently long-lived phenomenon closely linked to the history of mankind³.

So, what does this mean? It means that we see no remarkable differences between "little men" and brownies; between "space ships" and "flying dragons". From the vantage point of the AR theory these phenomena are one and the same... viewed by the witness either in his own terms, or being accurately viewed, but being different manifestations of the same general type of phenomena.

From here we can go in one of two directions: We can state the above, followed by one of two "Therefore's": "...therefore UFOs are also as mythical as these other manifestations of superstition and ignorance" OR "...therefore these other phenomena may be real, in light of the prospect that UFOs may be real." As there is considerable body of circumstantial and some physical evidence of the latter, it bears following through on.

Here we come to a most crucial point, for in light of the above we can no longer consider the UFO as an isolated, albeit interesting problem. RATHER WE CAN NOW VIEW IT AS A POSSIBLE KEY TO A RADICAL HISTORICAL REVISIONISM...one which maintains that non-human entities, who, in a manner of speaking, live right here on Earth, have taken a considerable role in shaping the course of human history.

Awesome though this concept is, there is nevertheless a massive, though disbursed accumulation of supporting evidence. If one can accept the initial tie-in between the folklore of all the nations of the world and the UFO phenomenon throughout our history, one may readily see the implications. Sorcerers! Werewolves! Magic! Real! All real!

If you catch the thrust of all this, things might begin to fall immediately into place. The unicorn may be a fabulous animal in our world, but maybe he is as typical in THE WORLD BESIDE US as the horse is here. Maybe in that world, the horse is the myth, the unicorn the reality! Somehow, at times and places, these worlds touch or merge in some way to one extent or another. When they do, it is then that men see unicorns. And dragons. And werewolves.

Keeping our feet on the ground, though, we realize that quite legitimate question can be leveled as to the foundation of this admittedly sweeping concept.

THAT the UFO of today bears a remarkable resemblance to the Alexandrian flying shield does not seem to us to be a point worthy of serious contention. THAT UFOs are seen to vanish in mid-air in much the same way that ghosts are seen to disappear is obvious to us also. THAT both folklore and UFOlore are permeated with "little men" accounts is hardly argueable. The basic argument rests, therefore, on whether all of this is objective phenomena, or all psychological in nature. The debate, in one form or another, is perhaps as long as the time that has elapsed since the first men began observing them. Animist or spiritist; archetype or objective phenomenon. The objective, non-observational evidence is on the slender side, but it is present. Two examples should suffice; The Lonnie Zamora case where physical mementos of the sighting remained stands as a positive point of evidence, while the absence of Andrew Lang, to his family and friends and those who have heard of the case, certainly provides a chunk of negative evidence. Something funny seems to be going on after all.

We therefore further submit that (A) there is some objective, as well as massive amounts of subjective, evidence of manifestations which we cannot explain either in conventional terms (when they are interconnected) or in the terms the popular UFO theories, and (B) once one accepts the premise of the AR theory one can gain a perspective on human history otherwise not possible. It is therefore proposed that work be done in the area of SUCH A RE-EXAMINATION to determine (1) What evidence there is for this theory in historical sources; (2) In light of this concept what is the history of mankind in true perspective, or at least, a widened perspective; (3) Finally, what, if anything can and should be done by us in light of this? How, if at all, should we change the basic drives of our lives, having lived before in blatant ignorance and now emerged, for the first time, into the light?

NOTES:

- (1) References: Crabb, Kor, Lund case, etc.
 - (2) See Erdmann, "Servomechanisms of the Mind and UFOs", UFO Sighter, various issues.
 - (3) See works of ibn Aharon, Drake, Trench, Thomas, etc.
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RECOMMENDED READING:

The Incomplete Enchanter, L. Sprague deCamp and Fletcher Pratt
Flying Saucers Through the Ages, Paul Thomas
"Realm of the Saucers", Peter Kor, Flying Saucers Magazine

A R B O O K S H E L F & L I B R A R Y

The following works are suggested either for reading or reference purposes:

THEY LIVE IN THE SKY! Saucerian Books, 1967, \$5.95 271 pages by Trevor James

ENIGMAS OF THE PLAIN, Edited by Jimmy Goddard, Wynchlands, Walton Bridge Road, Shepperton, Middlesex, England. This brief mimeographed booklet is of value in examining the relationship between UFO phenomena and ancient monuments.

AHG ON ALIEN MOTIVES

by A.H.G

"Why are they here?" ... The question has been asked in just that way so often that the words have actually become trite. Nevertheless the motive or motives behind saucer operations is one of the basic problems that remain unanswered.

A clue or perhaps a full answer may be found if we go under the following premise: Whereas the history of UFOs has been observed to be interrelated with the history of mankind and whereas there are indications that UFOs have had a bearing on the history of mankind, THE MOTIVATIONS OF THE UFO OPERATORS MAY AT LEAST BE PARTIALLY DEDUCED FROM HUMAN HISTORY.

Before we go on we wish to acknowledge immediately that we are not in any way attempting to assert that the UFO-nauts have been the sole source of the ups and downs of human history, but rather that they may have been one of the contributing factors. For example, if we come upon an era of human history where status is known to have been generally poor, we can conclude that this was perhaps an era where the "anti-human" element among the UFO-nauts was on the ascendant, while the converse would indicate an era of "pro-human" influence.

That there are pro-human and anti-human groups in the first place has been discussed by the present writer elsewhere. We are here not trying to determine THAT THERE ARE such groups, but rather, under the assumption of their existence, what they are after.

By general consent the worst era of historical times for mankind was the period known as the Middle Ages. What were the characteristics of this era? There was widespread ignorance, religious fanaticism, feudal government, plague and assorted misery. And one other thing: Magic. Lots of magic: witchery, werewolves and goblins are as much a part of the medieval period as the Crusades and the knights in no-so-shining armour.

So we see that the medieval period was dominated by misery and magic. This is not to say that all was bleak during this era. Indeed, the human spirit is such that evil conditions sometime bring out the best in man and this was as true in some instances during this period as it has been throughout history. But the muck and the filth; the bizarre beasts and thoughts are undeniable.

Misery. Above we noted that in eras of human misery one can point to the dominance of the anti-human elements among the Outsiders. And magic. Elsewhere we have discussed the possibility that what we, in our own world, consider to be myth (or magic) may in fact constitute the equivalent of physical laws in alternate worlds thus making levitation there no more unnatural than gravity is here. If this sounds unlikely at best to you, remember the now vogueish 'orthodox scientific' concept of antimatter. This is rather unsophisticated when compared to what we are saying, but it at least shows that the laws that operate here don't necessarily work everywhere.

Which brings us, finally, to the crux of the matter. If the misery of the times betrays the 'control' to be in the hands of the anti-humans, what does the magic show? Here it is: IF MAGIC CONSTITUTES THE NATURAL LAW OF THE ANTI-HUMANS' WORLDS, AND OUR WORLD WAS PREVADED BY MAGIC WHILE THEY WERE IN 'CONTROL' OF IT, THEN PERHAPS THEY WERE TRYING TO WARP OUR ENTIRE WORLD INTO THEIR OWN! Whether their reasons are to make us into "cattle" for their own use or something else, the concept in itself is staggering.

But the most staggering thing of all is that it makes sense.

WHY CALL THIS "FUN" By Allen H. Greenfield

Perspective is a hard thing to hold on to. The UFO field exists in a perpetual state of unreality and this only intensifies the problem. Maybe an individual UFOlogist pays lip service to "serious interest", but in the inner recesses of his mind it's all an unreal fantasy; a pastime; a hobby.

Occasionally, it hits home as real. Like when you go to a UFO Convention with fun on your mind. Then you get a call around three or four A.M. that tells you that Frank Edwards is dead. God. Oh, God, it is real. It is a real world with real, real flesh and blood people who get sick and die like everybody else.

So maybe, if this world is real...maybe the business about saucers and men in black is real, too. Certainly at the 1967 UFO Convention in New York the stories of not so "funny" business were present. The crowds were big, the scope was quite, quite large. And there were the spies. Or the rumors of spies.

* ~~The stories ran from the bizarre to the intriguing. Like the one I heard that the late Ed Ruppelt was seen at the convention. Or the more credible story that a certain famous UFOlogy team, or part of it, was there, but apparently incognito.~~

* Then there is the weird business centering around Dr. Edward U. Condon, head of the government-sponsored UFO project. He was there, alright. He even stood when Chairman James W. Moseley identified him from the rostrum. But he was very much camera shy.

O. K. But

THE STORY WAS AROUND THAT EVERYBODY WHO TOOK HIS PICTURE GOT THEIR PICTURE TAKEN AS WELL BY AN UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS.



There were also little things of no probable importance. But still interesting. Like the call Tim Beckley got from somebody who was supposed to be a government man. Or the funny business with the Library of Congress woman. Or the mix-up in one of the slide programs.

How about the two men who reportedly came to the closed sessions with a concealed tape recorder*. Several people were recording the meeting quite openly but the report goes that these two took pains to go unnoticed and in so doing were more noticeable than they would have been otherwise. The story even goes that they were caught via camera in the act.

So, nuts can carry hidden recorders. But do nuts go around skilfully breaking into the rooms of at least three UFOlogists including the present writer? Here is one of those funny kind of stories where the intruder or intruders seem skilled yet leave distinct calling cards as if to leave a deliberate trail. Also, at this writing nothing appears to have been taken, although assuming for the moment the lack of a logical explanation, there is some reason to believe that some files were photographed. This too, of course, could be part of a false trail.

But who, why? Some or all may be some kind of imagination and/or standard procedure. But maybe not, too. The June 1, 1967 Non-Scheduled Saucer News Newsletter (#28) discloses that a letter to all commands dated March 1, 1967 over the signature of AF Lt. General Hewitt T. Wheless, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff discusses the problem of AF officer impersonations in connection with UFO cases. Perhaps in this context at least the "mystery men" business isn't so funny to the Air Force.

So saucerers die like everybody else. And people actually do see saucers.

So, what's so damned funny?

Footnote:

* or transmitter.