

EXTRACTS FROM ALTERNATE HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

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AN INTRODUCTION

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This booklet includes extracts from the first three volumes of the Alternate Horizons Newsletter.

To an individual unacquainted with the subjects dealt with in AHN, the material presented here may be difficult to understand....or to swallow. Even persons with a background in such subjects might find our formulations beyond the appropriate, while some might find us unnecessarily conservative in our approach.

I do not claim to have the answers to the mysteries of unidentified flying objects and other strange phenomena. I am not even certain that there are answers, or if there are, that they necessarily fall beyond the bounds of conventional knowledge. I do think that the alternate reality theory might well explain all or some of this. It is a far-out theory, perhaps, but I hope not an illogical one. Being fantastic and being untrue are not automatically the same thing. Travel to the moon is fantastic. The speed of light is fantastic. And so, perhaps, is the AR theory.

One may find the contents of this booklet to be somewhat jumbled, but this perhaps reflects the style of presentation used in Alternate Horizons Newsletter with it.

As is stated in one of the extracts: " The term 'AR' itself comes from 'alternate reality', and in a way this in itself sums up the theory.... "

If the impression in this material is that I consider the "force(s) behind the UFO phenomena" to be hostile to mankind, the reader might do well to rather take a stance of "not knowing" about this -- unless, of course, you do know. I really don't. For all I consciously know, that is KNOW FOR A FACT, UFOs may in the end turn out to be nothing. If they do have some objective reality, I am hardly in a position to say as of now what "their" motives are. I urge researchers and people in general to be quite cautious about their conclusions. We may be dealing with an armchair fad. On the other hand, we may be dealing with the most basic and vital of all problems.

The final section of this booklet reprints an article from AHN which may be useful to the researcher or would-be researcher in going into greater depth with this problem. Checking with some of this material may also indicate to the open minded that, while AR is a highly theoretical premise at this point, it is not without background evidence.

A word about the section on the "St. Simons Island, Georgia ghost photo": The 'thing' -- in my opinion -- may very well be a reflection of the moon on a tree. Don't buy the ghost idea, but don't reject it without reservation, either. After some considerable investigation, no clear-cut explanation has emerged.

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".... at least in my case, it is not completely clear as yet what we have hit on.

" Maybe it's just another theory like so many others: hoaxes; psychological solutions; natural phenomena; spaceships; 4-D ships or whatever. But I think we just MAY HAVE hit upon something of significance...."

(From Alternate Horizons Newsletter,
Volume 1, Number 1)

".... The AR theory does not rule out the possibility of interplanetary visitations, but rather says that this may be only a part of the explanation of the phenomena observed...."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 1) *

".... While on the surface the AR theory may seem to imply a mystical attitude, to the contrary it is an attempt to explain in objective scientific terms various phenomena previously relegated to mysticism and cultism. The AR theory firmly recognizes the basic concepts of logic and fixed reality...but maintains that if we are to fully understand the objective nature of reality, we must have an expanded frame of reference, a broaderview...."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 1) *

".... Just what is a reality warp? To explain this integral part of the AR theory in brief terms, it is the concept of some sort of 'door' between realities. Such a door might be natural or artificial; permanent or temporary, or semi-permanent....

" ...Background research in this area might begin with the discovery of two separate concepts: the so-called 'leys', or lines between ancient monuments, and the orthoteny theory, or the concept of straight lines in UFO reports....

".... Whether either or both alignment theories are true, the association of UFO and other fortan reports with the sites of ancient monuments may have some validity. The 'why' of it is not an easily answered mystery (assuming, for the moment, that a valid relationship exists)

" If such warps do exist and are artificial rather than natural we get around to the question of motive. In this context we are going to introduce a term with disturbing portent. That term, my friends, is 'BEACHHEAD'."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 3)

" 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...."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 5)

" 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...."

(From AHN, Volume 1, Number 5)

" History, it seems, is crawling with reports of parapsychological, fortean and UFOlogical phenomena. One need only pick up a copy of a number of books published by University Books (not to say that there isn't a cornucopia of data from other sources as well) to find a treasury of ARish data...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 1)

" We had been loaned a copy of Faries At Work and At Play, an unusual book by Geoffrey Hodson, a person supposedly able to see an invisible world beside our own. One of Hodson's 'visions' dated June, 1922 showed a remarkable similarity to a UFO-related incident which took place over 30 years later. The latter incident was part of the John Black/John Van Allen case, covered in Gray Barker's They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers and H.T. Wilkins' Flying Saucers on the Attack. The particular event in question is the observation allegedly made by Black on June 20, 1953.

" The description of the entity involved in the two cases was similar, at least insofar as the words go in our reading of them. The action described, at least partially, was the same (i.e., the drawing of a bucket of water)...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 2)

" The term 'AR' itself comes from 'alternate reality', and in a way this in itself sums up the theory....the theory - at least as I conceive of it - includes the thought that it constitutes an all-encompassing view of unusual phenomena of various sorts, from ghosts to flying saucers. It offers the idea that perhaps our own world is paralleled by one or more different worlds (or realities) which exist in something of a coequal state side by side, in a manner of speaking. It associates many of the phenomena previously relegated to the supernatural with this concept of alternate co-realities, and maintains that these phenomena may be manifestations of some kind of interpenetration of realities, either by natural cause or by design...."

" AR also goes on and says that there may have been interpenetration for as long as our own world has existed, and that there may have been a conscious intervention in human affairs from the outside for as long as man has existed...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 2)

".... at the present state of the art I cannot see categorizing the alternate world or worlds under any strict mechanical concept. The term '4-D' already throws a mechanical concept at you; a dimensional

one. Why dimensional? What proof is there that these hypothetical alternate realities are dimensional in nature? The idea of 'vibrations' has also been introduced. But what proof is there of this?"

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 2)

" the alternate reality mystery constitutes a challenge to the widespread concept that we pretty well know the score with regard to what is and is not reality. The threats are easy to see, if not so easy to avoid, and similarly the finer points of life are well known if not always accessible to everyone.

" In this secure world items like little men, flying saucers and other worlds beside our own but continually interplaying are not in the best of taste. If they must be considered at all, then by all means they must be considered in the most conventional terms reasonably available. It simply would not do to think that everything we do and say might be observed or...perish the thought...actually influenced from the outside. It wouldn't do at all.

" Ultimately, such reasoning, although it contains a grain of truth, has to be wrong whether there is anything to AR or not. It is somewhat abstract, but as I see it the fact that there might be something to the AR evidence...and indeed there might...in itself negates the type of thinking that says, for all practical purposes, that there simply isn't, or that constantly looks for the intellectually easy way out.

" But, existentially, attitudes are what they are. It isn't easy to talk about the possibility of real, honest-to-Crowley magical practice or natural reality warps at the North and South Poles in a world that is so damned gung-ho on getting a good job with a good education...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 5)

" On Sunday, August 25th, 1968 a skywatch was held in the Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia area. The office which serves as headquarters of the Foundation for Philosophic Advancement and other groups was the command post for this watch, held under the auspices of the Atlanta Watch Organization.

" It was an uneventful watch, perhaps the most uneventful in this writer's experience. At approximately 10:15 PM, however, we received a call of an unusual nature. I answered the phone and almost immediately recognized that what we had here was a 'contact' type call. Without waiting to hear what the specific nature of the message was, I handed the phone to Mr. Frank M. Campbell, III who was sitting across the desk from me. As far as I am able to tell my impulse to do this was based on the desire to have confirmation of the call.

" As Campbell listened I quickly activated a tape recorder on hand for the watch, and handed the mike to him. He managed to pick up a brief portion of the ward message. A part of the recording...which was made under less than ideal circumstances of a message which was difficult to understand in the first place...appears to state, '....you will discontinue this project or reap the result(s).'"

" The message, hoax or not, was technically impressive. It included a rather convincing voice speaking in monotone, with a background of some type of electronic noise...."

(From AHN, Volume 2, Number 5)

Editor's Note - Two extracts from Volume 1, Number 1 above, are marked with asterisks (*). These quotations are from an article which includes the following notation: " The Editor wishes to thank Mr. Donald R. Cook, Jr. for his assistance with the above article." As far as we know, with this qualification, all material herein written by Allen H. Greenfield.

(An article) "... by Diane Stepp in the Atlanta Constitution, November 24, 1967, tells a story of a ghostly phenomenon located at Christ Church on St. Simons Island (Georgia); the church graveyard. The story alleges that the reporter, Diane Stepp, another reporter and two Baptist ministers saw an apparition themselves while visiting the area.

" Other ghost stories of this island also exist.....

" James W. Moseley, Donald R. Cook, Jr. and the present writer did some actual field 'ghost seeking' on the night of November 27, 1968....

" When my photos from the island came back from being developed, one had not....The reason for this may have been that there was thought to be nothing of importance on it. But something of importance was on it....I finally did get it(developed)and something appeared on the print that cast a new light on our St. Simons Island trip. On the print you can see the illuminated church window, and perhaps a little of the church structure. It isn't much of a photo, insofar as the 'normal' aspect goes. But off to the left is what looks to be a frightening ghost-like thing. It may be a camera light leak, it may be a reflection of some kind. But even if so, the coincidence of this type of 'ink blot' showing up where it did when it did taxes coincidence. I am fully in the market for expert photographic opinion. Some rational explanation may exist, and I'm not going to jump gung-ho in the believers' column.

" BUT THIS THING LOOKS LIKE A GHOST. "

(From AHN, Volume 3, Number 1)

" Are the so-called 'men in black' a product of the modern UFO era? Or do they, like 'little men' and the UFOs themselves, have a record of historical antecedents in the same vein?

" In the UFO Sighter, issue for release June 16, 1969, we make reference to The Werewolf by Montague Summers (University Books, First printing March, 1966); an alleged werewolf case (circa 1603) involving an individual dressed in black (page 233).

" Eric Maple's The Domain Of Devils (A.S. Barnes and Company, Inc.) contains a number of apparent references to men in black, apparently associated with being a guise of the devil or demons (page 121, The Domain of Devils). Such references are also made in Maple's The Dark World of Witches (A.S. Barnes and Company, Inc.)

" We gather that Britain may have actually experienced a 'wave' of such cases, perhaps beginning at the time of the Elizabethan post-Reformation era (Domain, page 121.)

" Are we perhaps dealing with, in men in black cases, something akin (or directly related) to visits by 'demonic' entities similar to those reputed to have taken place in past eras? "

(From AHN, Volume 3, Number 4)

P L E A S E N O T E

This material does not necessarily reflect my current thinking on a given topic.

---- Allen H. Greenfield

In our article, "Tenets of the Alternate Reality Theory" (UFO Sighter, issue for Fall-Winter, 1968-69), we present a list of theoretical points related to the Alternate Reality or AR Theory. In that article, we did not go into detail on the kind of background material which might tend to support this general line of hypothetical enquiry. The present work provides references which interested researchers might find useful in the pursuit of investigations in this general area.

We do not claim to have thoroughly researched all works listed, and some may yield little of interest in this direction, though we regard this as somewhat unlikely. Most or all works listed have been given at least some attention by us. However, the field seems open for much greater attention than has been given to our knowledge to date.

(A) THE MULTIPLE STATES OF REALITY - non-fiction

Microcosm and Macrocosm .. An Approach To The Synthesis Of The Real .. By Michael M. Hare .. Julian Press .. This work may be of extreme importance to AR study. It appears to approach its subject from a rather technical mathematical viewpoint. Considerable research value might be gained if an AR-oriented researcher with the necessary technical background would devote some attention to this book.

The Unexplained .. By Allen Spaggett .. Foreword by Bishop James A. Pike .. Signet ..

The Enigma Of The Poltergeist .. By Raymond Bayless .. Foreword by Susy Smith .. Ace Books ..

Astral Projection .. A Record Of Out-Of-The-Body Experiences .. By Oliver Fox .. Foreword by John C. Wilson .. University Books ..

* Some observations: In the case of the latter three works and others dealing, presumably, with parapsychological subjects, the AR researcher might seek clues to the origin of presences of a poltergeistic or apparitionistic nature. One might look for clues to the nature of alleged alternate realities and to a method of inter-reality translation in cases of "astral projection". The possibility of a poltergeist/apparition/astral projection and AR linkage might become apparent to the researcher in studying the case headed "Aston" in Flying Saucer Review's "The Humanoids", page 4.

(B) THE MULTIPLE STATES OF REALITY - fiction

The Incomplete Enchanter .. By L. Sprague De Camp and Fletcher Pratt .. Pyramid Books ..

Three Hearts and Three Lions .. By Poul Anderson .. Doubleday ..

Assignment In Nowhere .. By Keith Laumer .. Berkley Medallion Books ..

Glory Road .. By Robert Heinlein .. G.P. Putnam's Sons ..

* Observations: If a person has difficulty in grappling with the basic

idea of alternate realities and/or alternate reality translations, any or all of these works may be of help. Laumer's Assignment In Nowhere offers explanation of what "AR" is on page 51. All four works listed offer descriptions of inter-reality translation: The Incomplete Enchanter, pages 12-13; Three Hearts and Three Lions, pages 16-17; Assignment In Nowhere, pages 37-39; Glory Road, page 46-48. There are other examples as well.

In Glory Road, page 133, the AR notion is linked to UFOs and other esoteric phenomena.

It might be an appropriate disclaimer to state that we do not infer here that the authors of these works necessarily take the AR idea literally; to them, this may be simply a literary device. But the fact remains that in these fictional works one may find much of use in relation to the Alternate Reality concept.

(C) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FROM PREHISTORY FORWARD - non-fiction

Flying Saucers From The Moon .. By Harold T. Wilkins .. Peter Owen Limited .. The material in Chapter VIII, pages 153-199, may be of considerable value in establishing a history of strange phenomena similar to that recorded in modern times, prior to the present century and stretching back many centuries.

The History of Atlantis .. By Lewis Spence .. Foreword by Leslie Shepard .. University Books.

Atlantis .. The Antediluvian World .. By Ignatius Donnelly .. Edited by Eggerton Sykes .. Gramercy Publishing Company ..

Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects .. Dr. Edward U. Condon, Scientific Director .. Daniel S. Gillmor, Editor .. Introduction by Walter Sullivan .. Bantam Books .. Section V, Chapter 1 by Samuel Rosenberg (pages 481-502) may be of considerable aid in dealing with UFO history.

The Morning Of The Magicians .. By Louis Pauwels and Jacques Bergier .. translated by Rollo Myers .. Avon Books ..

* Observations: An AR-oriented researcher might concern himself in dealing with the above and other related works with clues to the possibility of an alternate reality interrelationship explaining some of the manifestations of prehistoric technology and manifestations of strange phenomena in historical times.

(D) INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH OUR OWN REALITY- non-fiction

They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers .. By Gray Barker .. Tower Books ..

Beyond Unseen Boundaries .. By Brad Steiger .. Popular Library .. Pages 25-26, "What of the Flying Automobiles" may be of a particular interest.

(From AHN, Volume 3, Number 4)