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COSMIC HUMANITY

A Brief Summary Regarding Extra-terrestrial Indications Surrounding the Human Phenomenon

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Governments are forced to scale back space exploration expenditures for economic reasons. Proponents usually rationalize such cuts by advocating a reallocation of scarce funds in order to answer social problems on Earth. Established human science continues its outright rejection of the alien visitations scenario, if not the proposition of the existence of intelligent life elsewhere in the Universe. Since completion of the Moon missions, no firm plans have been activated to continue to push back the frontiers of space by sending manned missions beyond Earth orbit. Social and political upheaval on Earth over the last few years, as well as the inability to accurately estimate acceptable returns on space investment, have lowered the priority accorded space exploration in budgeting processes and on social agendas. The scientific community has often overestimated or even misrepresented its abilities to solve strictly technical problems. Bureaucratic administrations are known to exceed budget guidelines, causing additional suspicions with taxpayers. When approving space related expenditures, officials are usually forced to defend their decisions by providing principal justification in the face of serious opposition. Their public explanations cite jobs created on Earth, the need to proceed due to the large investments already made, or the value of space explorations as a defense of a nation's technological leadership. One suspects that in addition thereto, political considerations and trade-offs are customarily involved in space exploration decisions, but rarely revealed, as is customary in human political dealings.

The point is that there appears to be no true philosophical basis upon which human space exploration rests. Human activity in space is evidently justifiable solely in material terms or else the necessary funds would not be approved by a constituency administering its business democratically. In view of the foregoing, it seems appropriate to recall the extra-terrestrial factors which fashion the character of humanity, influence its evolution and motivate its daily conduct. Perhaps the explor-

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ation of space is not a choice, but a necessity. Indeed, if space represents at least part of humanity's origin, as in the final analysis it undoubtedly does, space is humanity's destiny.

Firstly, the realm within which human evolution has heretofore progressed should be broadly recognized as universal rather than strictly terrestrial. Humanity's current Earthly abode represents but a tiny fraction of one solar system apparently embedded within a huge galactic structure of many, which themselves seem to represent only part of a vast cosmos. Any event on Earth is at the same time a galactic and cosmic event. Similarly, galactic or cosmic incidents invariably impact Earth. As yet unknown cosmic forces and laws may cause astro-physical circumstances leading to new extinctions on Earth. Historians have only recently begun to appreciate the role prevailing Earthly conditions play in humanity's economic development, and the social, scientific and political consequences that may arise therefrom. Life on Earth exists at the mercy of cosmic sufferance. It is irrelevant whether a superior intelligence or biological and mechanical processes alone established such life and continue to tolerate it. It is only prudent, therefore, for humanity to explore distant phenomenon which may affect the species' survival. The economic argument is rather irrelevant in view of the survival of humanity as a whole. In the final analysis, Earth-bound humanity's physical survival depends on extra-terrestrial particulars.

Secondly, space exploration inevitably unites all of humanity politically and socially. By paying taxes, every individual contributes to the missions. The single human astronaut travelling in space represents our species and we are all represented in the single astronaut since his mission would not have been possible without us. The blue planet Earth as seen against the blackness of space evokes a powerful sense of identity in most of us. This has recently been identified as the "Overview Effect"(1); it precipitated and became the symbol of the ecology movement, it provided the basis of the Gaia hypothesis which proposes that our planet represents a unified organism. In galactic and cosmic terms, the racial, religious and political issues dividing humanity on Earth are entirely irrelevant. Humanity's motivation for its own salvation is based on an extra-terrestrial rationale.

Thirdly, the human vantage, problematic due to scale, perception and relativity in the most elementary sense, expands significantly with the experience of extra-terrestrial endeavors. While it is true that significant differences of perception ex-

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ist between, say, humans and monkeys, the real question is whether or not the relative sophistication of human perception has truly continued to improve since independent insights, bestowed wisdom, or both, provided initial enlightenment. Riding spaceship Earth, monkeys and humans alike travel through space; space travel in and by itself is a universal phenomenon. Solely extra-terrestrial space travel and the manufacture of suitable devices and procedures represent a true difference. To measure humanity's evolutionary progress solely on an Earthly scale is deceiving, no matter whether monkeys or past human achievements serve as a template. Humanity's true wisdom and sophistication is measured primarily on an extra-terrestrial scale.

Fourthly, compared to the total amount of matter which evidently exists in the whole universe, planet Earth and everything upon it amounts to practically nothing. There is no lack of evidence that most of the matter in the universe is dark and invisible(2). Therefore, virtually everything is extra-terrestrial and invisible. The big picture is essentially extra-terrestrial, planet Earth inconsequential.

The biological and historical development of human civilization on Earth, including humanity's aspirations, its endeavors and achievements, are all linked to extra-terrestrial events, discoveries and realities. Humanity has always explored space, until recently such explorations focused almost exclusively on planet Earth.

Successful agriculture, the dependable production of nutrition to efficiently satisfy fluctuating demand without harmful side effects, demands skills, not yet entirely mastered, to perceive both the seasons, which are born in heavenly vastness, and growth, which results from microscopic mechanisms. Any such exploration of both sides of the scale leads a thoughtful observer to reach conclusions about planetary and atomic motions, namely that Heaven and Earth are essentially the same, that the physics of both may be distinguished primarily by a difference in sensation. Moreover, the observer's conclusions may lead to the inference that it is possible to learn about things which are too immense or too little for visual observation, that fundamental truths, although concealed by scale, are knowable nevertheless. Truly remarkable progress breaks through perceptions which are solely visual or based on experience, into cognizance sufficiently complex and useful to require permanent recording for the benefit of future family members, tribes, the empire, the race, the species. The need to procure, perfect and preserve physical survival skills inevitably leads to the discovery of fundamental truths the origin of which are essentially extra-terrestrial.

Human architecture employs universally valid mathematical truths, thereby appealing to an instinctive sense of beauty through the reflection of harmony and balance. Depending on Order, Arrangement, Eurythmy, Symmetry, Propriety and Economy(3), Architecture attempts to emulate cosmic realities and the conditions under which life emerges. In many respects, our architecture attempts to emulate nature such as it is and as humanity idealistically would have it to be. In the symbolism of all religions a geometric construction representing the heavenly city or map of paradise has a central place(4). It has been speculated that the proportions and measurements of the Great Pyramid at Giza accurately reveal essential data regarding Earth and its place in the solar system. New Jerusalem, Atlantis and certain other mysteries employ precise architectural features to reproduce what the human mind perceives as universal ideals. Throughout recorded history, some of the most advanced architecture has evolved from or been implemented in, the

construction of places of worship. By recreating paradise, architecture serves as humanity's tool to play God, that most powerful extra-terrestrial force humanity has been able to imagine.

Humanity's philosophical thought is permeated by extra-terrestrial elements.

Some of the greatest poets have expressed thoughts and ideas using the device of extra-terrestrial images, and told stories rich in supra-natural elements and characters. The media have persistently exploited the extra-terrestrial topic. Some of the most popular movies ever released feature plots based on extra-terrestrial themes.

Religions represent perhaps the most obvious extra-terrestrial influence on humanity. Religions draw most of their inspiration entirely from extra-terrestrial sources. Throughout recorded history, no human author anywhere on Earth ever claimed to have independently created any of the religious texts contained in the original great books. The essence of divinity is its non-Earthly origin. The different Earthly religions rest on celestial revelations which were paranormally transmitted to Earth. Humans merely served as recorders of channeled wisdom. Although it has been proposed that religion essentially embodies speculation about what will happen after death(5), the wisdom of most religions consists primarily of a code of conduct presumably facilitating the peaceful coexistence of individuals, their mutual survival, in other words.

Secrets deduced from astronomical observations initiated by agricultural necessity are predisposed to mature into religions, or else generate different classes: the initiated few will seek to use their newly found wisdom for personal gain by selectively imparting survival techniques to the many in return for suitable compensation. After all, religions and oligarchies fail without healthy subjects who contribute gratefully.

Esoterically, religion may betray the existence of different extra-terrestrial forces following opposing agendas on Earth. The commonly accepted religious image places mankind at the vortex of competing positive and negative forces. Human religion's noble and catching axiom of doing to one's neighbor as one does to oneself, for example, is perversely turned into its opposite: what will one do to one's neighbor if one does to oneself as oneself does today: drink, smoke, overeat, abuse drugs, pollute and ignore? Also, many human quarrels have been and remain religious wars. TANTUM RELIGIO POTUIT SUADERE MALORUM(6). Yet, deep in the human heart rests the certain awareness that there exists a true God, a power which can save us. The character of this revelation, human religion's core dogma stipulating the existence of a single benevolent God, is, of course, extra-terrestrial.

One of the aforementioned great books, the Bible, is recognized as a collection of laws, morals and historic events. But the Old Testament is more: it is the most widely distributed and most commonly accepted record of one human group's intercourse with celestial, hence extra-terrestrial, entities. It is doubtful that the Old Testament's contents are fantastic or based simply on hearsay. The most astonishing particulars are not spelled out but rather implied or inferred. The Ark of the Covenant, one of the most famous objects named in the Old Testament, is described as a container holding items of openly acknowledged extra-terrestrial origin. The Old Testament contains numerous references regarding human interaction with or observations of what appear to be supra-natural entities. It must be remembered that the Old Testament's open references to such human proclivities as adultery, homosexuality, incest, infanticide, cannibalism and war do lend it a measure of believability.

Humanity's eternal quest to overcome material limitations is perhaps best illustrated in humanity's

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ageless attempts to uncover the secrets of immortality, infallibility, and omnipotence. These ideals are obviously of an extra-terrestrial nature since all life on Earth is subject to chaotic material cycles whose randomness would seem to preclude such absolutes. In addition, these human dreams lead to severe paradoxical problems in any material world: the individual desires to attain immortality, for example, despite the knowledge that an immortal mankind would soon exhaust Earth's ability to sustain all the immortals. It appears to be mankind's destiny to grow increasingly incompatible with Planet Earth. Humanity does not conduct itself in an Earthly fashion, that is to say humanity behaves cosmically, following an extra-terrestrial instinct.

The issue as to whether there exist more than one world is one of the supreme questions of philosophy (7). It has been submitted that the existence of highly developed extra-terrestrial civilizations is a nightmare for humanity(8) because it would question the purpose and dignity of human enterprise; as soon as humanity knows that somewhere in space "they" already have achieved everything, our science and culture, as well as every human struggle to achieve everything possible, would be rendered meaningless. Others warn of political chaos once human perceptions surpass the petty national and racial considerations that currently prevail. The issue of true allegiance has been mentioned as a reason among speculation as to why human governments might withhold UFO information, should such information exist. However, no human individual, group or decision would change the reality of the existence of extra-terrestrial intelligences. Only humanity as a whole could close its eyes and, by consciously choosing what to believe, decline to accept the facts. Fortunately, the record shows that humanity is not so inclined.

Humanity's beliefs, ideals and myths betray a yearning to escape a material world by creating and perhaps even recalling times and places which offer very different conditions and options. There is no obvious reason why the human mind, residing, as it does, in a physical body which exists in a material world, should promulgate spiritual ideals which restrain and contradict bodily demands and impulses. The human mind's spiritual inclinations also seem to conflict with evolution based exclusively on principles of natural selection. In conclusion, we then acknowledge a power transcending matter and, therefore, superseding Earth's physical conditions, a power which beckons from afar. It follows that humanity has a responsibility to explore every avenue of salvation and survival lest humanity be diagnosed as suicidal. Beginning to recognize who and where we truly are, space exploration is no longer a choice, but a duty under our race's obligation to exercise due diligence, come what may.

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September 14, 1993 marks the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Ancient Astronaut Society.

MEMBERS RESPOND TO MAX FLINDT'S ARTICLE "IS MATHEMATICAL ABILITY EXTRATERRESTRIAL?" IN ANCIENT SKIES 20:3.

I. Max Flindt leads us at length through the extreme importance of the mathematical requirements via computers in space flight until we are faced with the highest angular precision requirement for re-entry of the spacecraft into the Earth's atmosphere. This is true for us as humans with our present level of intellect and the materials we use to construct our spacecraft. Is it not a little arrogant to assume that the occupants of alien spacecraft, who must be thousands of years ahead of us intellectually, still use materials that burn up when entering a planet's atmosphere?

The swiftness with which UFOs are described to move when carrying out various manoeuvres, would burn them up anyway, inside our atmosphere. So it seems extraterrestrials have other means of protection for their craft, perhaps a protective cloak of something we do not understand. This is a perfectly valid suggestion for it is a well known fact that they are able to materialize and de-materialize their craft in addition to many other capabilities not understood by mankind. Many reports of UFOs describe movements of almost instantaneous changes of speed and direction and this point alone would solve atmospheric entry, so I feel sure our level of intellect and theirs is like comparing counting on your fingers to the latest hi-tech computer.

When we speak of extraterrestrials, our conventional scientific restraints and the materials we use must be abandoned, for we are dealing with a realm that is very different from ours in every way.

Extraterrestrials do not require to be associated with atmospheric burn-up as it affects us nor the mathematics to prevent it; they are probably thousands of years beyond that stage of space travel and, depending on their path of evolution where they may have developed variable speed propulsion in space, they may have never encountered the problem.

I do not agree that man's mathematical ability is derived from extraterrestrials. I suggest that it is one of many abilities that is derived from our basic ability to think on a very high level. I say this because many animals and other creatures display the ability to think, from ants and spiders to sharks and elephants. So if we have inherited anything from extraterrestrials it is probably the ability to think on an ascending level, and thought can be applied to any subject which, in turn, means our future extends to infinity. Pat Delgado, 4 Arle Close, Alresford, Hampshire SO24 9BG ENGLAND.

II. Does man's mathematical fluency represent proof of a past alien-human hybridization? Is our proficiency with numbers evidence of an earlier extra-terrestrial tinkering with the human genetic code?

Max Flindt enunciated the provocative hypothesis that since a primitive human math ability would have been valueless in propagating further generations of homo sapiens, it must have arisen from extraterrestrial genetic experimentation on our forebears. However, that proposition immediately sparks the question as to how those alien visitors acquired their own mathematical competence. Even if morphologically different from man, their development from primitive beings to advanced entities would not seemingly have benefitted initially from an innate mathematical sense any more than ours. One, of course, could argue that they, too, were subjects of a genetic experiment by yet other aliens. But, the same argument again applies to those ETs, and so on ad infinitum.

Rather than extraterrestrial intercession, human
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mathematical ability may well be a subset of the brain's capacity for abstract reasoning. Intelligence definitely was a factor in the survival and expansion of the human species, and as man's brain expanded, his ability to deal with intangible concepts, such as mathematics, developed as a concomitant.

Moreover, there is even some evidence that primitive man may have utilized mathematics, or at least arithmetic, on a very rudimentary level. Some caveman of a bygone era came to the realization that if several males and females formed a group, they would have a better chance for survival, such as in terms of mutual protection. But, he also realized that such a contingent could not become unmanageably large, or the band would not be able to move swiftly in times of danger. So, he actually engaged in counting, although not using Arabic numerals. Those troglodytes who invoked such elementary abstract cogitation enhanced their chances for survival, and may thereby have laid the foundation for modern man's mathematical sophistication.

Hence, while I am persuaded by the astronomical data that the universe is literally teeming with life and by the paleoanthropological evidence that ancient astronauts once explored terra firma, I am dubious of the hypothesis that man's ability to add two and two is due to extraterrestrial rewiring of the human brain! Dr. Franklin R. Ruehl, P. O. Box 847, Glendale, CA 91209.

III. Your article is quite correct if you use as your authority the prevailing assumption that our life is completely physical. The following explanation may complete your assumption by adding the dualistic nature of body and mind.

If you rely on science as authority you are not admitting that we have many aliens living on Earth who are from many worlds far from our solar system. You also are ignoring the spiritual body which gets its thoughts from the universal mind and converts them through the physical brain into conscious action. Our great scientists with super brains, such as Nicola Tesla and Albert Einstein, were very receptive to thoughts from the spiritual mind.

We have been told that our present civilization is the sixth one to inhabit Earth. The civilization before us was the Nefilim, who were responsible for the Giza Pyramid in Egypt about 9,000BC. This validates the fact that mathematics was used by a civilization which came to Earth millennia ago. This is the greatest prehistoric edifice on Earth. No amount of engineering or architectural knowledge could build such a complex structure today, which is proof of extraterrestrial origin.

As a member of the Ancient Astronaut Society I have been on several world-wide member expeditions to sites of huge monolithic structures built by prehistoric civilizations. Your only untruthful statement is the admission that we were partly from another planet not using mathematics. As I pointed out, extraterrestrials did not need mathematics for space travel. Their higher mental power derived from a greater age than we exhibit, as well as the ability to tap into the source of the eternal mind. Their space travel uses a cosmic force faster than the speed of light. We have to transmit a metaphysical force into a physical force that can be used in a computer, as you explained in the case of the space shuttle.

We live and operate from two inseparable bodies, one physical and one spiritual, or metaphysical. Space travel must recognize both aspects of the life force of mankind and its origin if higher forms of development in anthroposophy will be needed in space travel. Lawrence Blazey, 537 Juneway Drive, Bay Village, OH 44140.

IV. Of course, there is absolutely no doubt that "mathematical ability" is definitely extraterrestrial.

The article is very well written and is, indeed, electrifying in that some of the radio signals received do warrant a second look. But I have read and understand that radio signals have bombarded Earth since many, many years and our scientists have tried to decode these signals, without much success. The search for extraterrestrial intelligence has been going on for decades, prior to this article and those who believe know definitely that there is life and intelligence in space, outside our solar system. So far, there has been ample proof of extraterrestrials landing on our planet, though it is not considered by some to be conclusive. But we know from Erich von Daniken's books that the Earth was visited by extraterrestrial beings several times and impregnated our women, resulting in greater intelligent beings. Even the Holy Bible mentions this in the very first chapter of Genesis.

Regarding the discovery of a planet circling another sun outside our solar system is, I believe, nothing new. I remember reading a few years ago that a planet was discovered circling Barnard's star, 6.1 light years away. If the article refers to this star, then it is, indeed, a great event, but nothing new. If it is other than Barnard's star, then it is an event of great magnitude but, certainly not the first. Undoubtedly some convincing arguments have been put forward in the article and if life exists on any planet outside our solar system (which I believe it does), and if proved, it will be the greatest event of all time. Rustum D. Patel, No. 2, K.R. Irani Building, Katrak Hall Compound, Katrak Road, 122 Depot Lines, Sadar, Karachi, PAKISTAN.

SAY WHAT?

In an article on the Maya Civilization published in Time Magazine, August 9, 1993, the following statement is highlighted on page 48:

"PLAY BALL The Maya ballgame was both ritual and recreation. Spectators gambled on the competition's outcome. The solid rubber ball, which may have symbolized the sun or the moon, was kept in constant motion in the air, mimicking planetary movements. The players may also have attempted to reenact the battles they had won. Human sacrifice frequently provided the grisly finale of a game: either the defeated players were decapitated and their heads possibly used as balls, or they were tortured to death when the winners trussed up their bodies into human spheres and bounced them down pyramid steps."

Is this an example of an archaeologist gone mad, or is it the result of a journalist trying to emulate an archaeologist? Gene M. Phillips.

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