

# ANCIENT ASTRONAUT SOCIETY

**10th Anniversary World Conference**

**PROGRAM**

**August 6-7, 1983**

**Chicago**



# We were here . . .



**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**



**El Fuerte, Bolivia**



**Palenque, Mexico**



**Machu Picchu, Peru**



**Abu Simbel, Egypt**



**Lake Yaxha, Guatemala**



**Monte Alban, Mexico**



**Ayers Rock, Australia**



**Sakkara, Egypt**

**FRONT COVER:** First view of the Treasury through the Siq, Petra, Jordan. Cover photo by Marie Gieser.

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JAMES R. THOMPSON  
GOVERNOR

May 18, 1983

Mr. Gene M. Phillips, Founder  
Ancient Astronaut Society  
1921 St. Johns Avenue  
Highland Park, Illinois 60035

Dear Mr. Phillips:

As Governor of Illinois, I wish to add my personal invitation to you and your group to hold your 10th World Conference in Chicago on August 6 and 7, 1983.

Illinois is proud of Chicago's unequalled reputation as the convention capital of the world. Chicago can make you comfortable because of its many conveniences, and the hospitality there is matched only by its ease of accessibility.

Facts and figures will be available to aid you in your decision. But I want you to know firsthand that you will be welcome. Please accept my best wishes for the success of your conference.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Thompson".

James R. Thompson  
GOVERNOR

JRT:mf



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

HAROLD WASHINGTON  
MAYOR

May 23, 1983

May 23, 1983

Mr. Gene M. Phillips, Founder  
Ancient Astronaut Society  
1921 St. Johns Avenue  
Highland Park, Illinois 60035

Dear Mr. Phillips:

As Mayor of the City of Chicago, as well as personally, I am very pleased to extend a cordial welcome to the Ancient Astronaut Society on the occasion of your 10th World Conference, August 6th, and 7th, 1983.

Chicago is proud of its reputation as "Convention Capital of the Nation." We are quite confident that the unparalleled facilities of our city will enhance the success of your meeting bringing about the maximum in attendance.

During the few moments available to you during your business and technical sessions, please be assured that there are many regular and special events in the city for your mutual enjoyment and interest.

We hope that your group will return to Chicago many times in the future.

Sincerely,

*Harold Washington*

MAYOR

# Founder's Message

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by Gene M. Phillips

**Welcome to the Tenth Anniversary World Conference of the Ancient Astronaut Society.**

Since 1973, members of the Ancient Astronaut Society have travelled throughout the world in search of evidence to support the theories that a highly-developed, technological civilization existed on Earth before our recorded history, and that intelligent beings from outer space visited our planet many thousands of years ago. The evidence which has been accumulated and reported on is truly overwhelming, leaving no doubt that technologically-advanced civilizations flourished on Earth in eons past. From the surviving remnants of their accomplishments, we can only imagine the stupendous heights of culture and civilization which they achieved.

The written accounts which have survived of these past great civilizations describe technological wonders which we, even with our level of achievement, have not duplicated today and which we label as *myth*.

Based upon the evidence thus far accumulated, we are convinced that past cultures on Earth reached a pinnacle of technological accomplishment not yet achieved by modern science.

But we must still determine whether extraterrestrial intelligent beings influenced, directly or indirectly, the development of intelligence and technology on Earth. To date there is a very large amount of evidence of extraterrestrial intervention, but it is circumstantial or conjectural. However, logic dictates that intelligence in human beings could not have simply *erupted* overnight - in one giant evolutionary step forward.



Photo by Eric Lundahl

If human intelligence on Earth *did* occur all of a sudden, then surely it did not *evolve*, but was brought here - in one form or another. Mankind is, of course, the best evidence of the intervention of intelligent beings from outer space. Either we are their *product*, or we are their *descendants*.

We shall continue our search for the evidence which will *prove* that civilization, technology and intelligence *originated* in outer space.

**COME SEARCH WITH US!**

## Erich Von Daniken's Message

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The Ancient Astronaut Society was founded as an organization with no aspirations whatever for profits or property, and devoted solely to scientific, literary and educational objectives. As described by the founder "... an organization to be called into being which would pursue the ancient mysteries of mankind, free from commitments to any dogmas or doctrines."

One of the objectives of the Society is to promote scientifically-based research without the constrictions to which traditional science is subject. Further, we strive to impart knowledge to the interested layman as well as to the expert, which knowledge until now has not been found in the usual scientific literature. Our plans for the future include the establishment of a library/museum, the publication of an International journal and the inauguration of a professorship - a chair for "Ancient Astronauts: - at an American university.

The ancient astronaut hypothesis can explain a number of unsolved phenomena of early times, such as:

- The beginnings of life on Earth
- The emergence of intelligence on Earth
- The difference between the ape species and intelligent human beings (Darwin's "missing link")
- The prime origins of religions
- The original core of global mythology
- The descriptions of God in the Old Testament as "fire, earthquake, noise and smoke"-as in many ancient writings
- The list of the names of the "Fallen Sons of Heaven" in the Book of the Prophet Enoch
- The yearnings for God and the Devil, the age-old symbols of good and evil
- The depiction of the Judgments of God in prehistoric times
- Legendary early kings and ancestors
- The vanishing of religious and mythological apparitions "into Heaven"
- The origins of and motivations for the hitherto unexplainable edifices and constructions in prehistory and in protohistory



*Photo by Eric Lundahl*

- The time-shift effects mentioned in old writings
- The frequently-described fear of the advent of the gods
- The earliest sacrificial offerings for the propitiation of the gods
- The origins of ancient religious symbols and cults (sun cult, star cult and technical "appliances" such as the Ark of the Covenant and Solomon's flying chariot)
- The origin of countless religious-motivated rock paintings and drawings throughout the world
- The origin of cult idols and figures of deities in early history
- The origins of the giant figures carved or drawn on the earth as if to be seen only from the air

One thing is certain: there is much that remains unexplained about the past of mankind on Earth which occurred tens of thousands of years ago. We members of the Ancient Astronaut Society will strive by both conventional and unconventional means to lift the veil to the past.

# History of the Ancient Astronaut Society

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by Gene M. Phillips, Founder

September 14, 1983 marks the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the Ancient Astronaut Society, a tax-exempt, non-profit organization operated exclusively for scientific, literary and educational purposes. The objectives of the Society are to search for evidence to determine whether Earth was visited in the remote past by intelligent beings from outer space, and whether a highly developed, technological civilization existed on Earth before our recorded history.

The concept of an organization of lay persons to investigate such profound subjects as the origin of mankind on Earth and the possibility of intelligent life on planets other than our own, came to me while viewing a television special based upon Erich von Daniken's book, *Chariots of the Gods?* The challenges presented by von Daniken to the scientific community appeared to me to be based on logic and his explanations offered much more satisfying answers to the questions of the origin of life and the foundation of religions than did the speculations of some scientists. It became obvious to me that a new organization was needed to investigate such matters from a completely different point of view and with an open mind, not controlled by scientists and not affiliated with any established doctrine or dogma. I wanted to afford the opportunity to interested people around the world to become actively involved in the quest for the truth about mankind's past.

Recognizing that our subject matter knew no political boundaries, we established the World Conference, a two-to-three day seminar, to provide a forum for authors, researchers and interested lay persons to present their evidence and opinions. The World Conference is held in different countries in order to maximize participation by our members.

This Tenth Anniversary Conference is the ninth such World Conference to date. We are extremely proud of the calibre of the speakers who have participated in our Conferences. A listing of these members is included in this program on pages 12 and 13.

In order to disseminate information in our field to our members, we publish a logbook called *Ancient Skies*, in both an English and a German edition. The publication presents original articles in the field, often with new evidence not previously published anywhere. Published every two months, *Ancient Skies* is distributed to all members of the Society.

The most basic endeavor of the Society is the member field expeditions. Not just for selected "experts", the member expeditions are designed to enable anyone interested in our subject to travel to remote areas and to examine firsthand the fantastic evidence in the context of its natural setting. Not only does this give a better appreciation for the evidence presented in books, but more importantly it enables members to find completely new evidence, never before seen or considered. Not the usual tourist trip, the Society-arranged expeditions take the members to areas seldom visited by anyone, such as El Fuerte in central Bolivia and Petra, in southern Jordan. A listing of the places to which our expeditions have taken us appears on page 11 of this program.

We are pleased to state that almost every author in the ancient astronaut field is a member of our Society, many of whom write original articles for our logbook. Sales of their books number in the millions of copies around the world.

During the past ten years, members of our Society have presented hundreds of lectures and slide presentations on our subject and have appeared on countless radio and television programs.

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In order to stimulate membership and renewals, the Society offers free books in the ancient astronaut field for a two-year membership or a two-year renewal of an existing membership. To date we have distributed over 1200 copies of books to our members.

Our first book, *Le Livre des Anciens Astronautes*, was published in France. This work, which was capably edited by Jacques Bergier and Georges H. Gallet, is the Society's own story, told through the proceedings of our Second World Conference which was held in Zurich, Switzerland in 1975. The book was very successful in France. Our second book, *Neue Beweise der Pra-Astronautik*, published in Germany, is the proceedings of the Society's World Conference held in Munich, Germany in 1979.

With so much of the Earth's surface yet to be explored archaeologically, and with so many of our members around the world actively searching for evidence to prove our theories, we look to the future with great expectations.

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**BOOKSTORE:** WaldenBooks, Woodfield Mall, Schaumburg, Illinois will operate a bookstore throughout the Conference in the lower level of the Hotel.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Eric Lundahl of Highland Park, Illinois is the official Conference photographer.

**BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT:** Ruth Vallé and the Continental Duo.



*Ancient Astronaut Society World Headquarters  
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## Our Swiss Office

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We are pleased to report that we have over 1400 German-speaking members of the Ancient Astronaut Society, primarily in West Germany, Switzerland and Austria. Because of this overwhelming response, we established an office in Switzerland where we publish our logbook, *Ancient Skies*, in the German language for distribution to our European members.

The Swiss Office is operated by Erich von Daniken from his offices in Feldbrunnen, a suburb of Solothurn. Mr. von Daniken supervises publication of the German language edition of *Ancient Skies*, sponsors and organizes the World Conferences held in Europe, arranges local meetings for the members and organizes member expeditions originating in Europe. The German section has made expeditions to South America, to Australia and Easter Island and to Turkey, and immediately following the Tenth Anniversary World Conference in Chicago, a group from Europe will travel to Mexico to examine the ruins of Palenque and other archaeological sites in that country.



*The Swiss office is located in this elegant mansion at Baselstrasse 10, 4532 Feldbrunnen/SO, Switzerland. The offices and archives are located in the top floor.*

*Erich von Daniken in his archives, which contains hundreds of thousands of photographic slides, prints, books, magazines, articles and artifacts which he has gathered in his travels around the world.*





*Erich von Daniken in his private office.*



*The archives.*

*Ralf Lange in the Society's office in Feldbrunnen. Mr. Lange is Acting Editor for the German Edition of ANCIENT SKIES, substituting for the Editor Willi Dunnenberger, who is currently on leave-of-absence and making a world tour of his own.*



## Come Search With Us

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Membership in the Ancient Astronaut Society is open to the public. No special qualifications are needed to be a member, so long as you have an open and inquiring mind. We have members from all walks of life, of all educational and occupational backgrounds, and of all ages. Membership in the Society knows no boundaries, political, religious or otherwise. We are proud to report that we have members in 49 of the United States of America and in Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Netherland Antilles, Barbados, Trinidad, Bahamas, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, England, Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, West Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Canary Islands, Switzerland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, USSR, Italy, Sicily, Malta, Yugoslavia, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Israel, Iran, Egypt, Morocco, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Union of South Africa, Japan, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Fiji, Tahiti, New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand.

As a member you will receive our bi-monthly publication, *Ancient Skies*, which contains original articles of interest in our field and which keeps members up-to-date on events related to the ancient astronaut topic and Society activities.

Also you will receive a handsome membership certificate suitable for framing and a membership card.

Members may join for one year or for two years, at the dues rate then in effect. For a two year membership, or a two-year renewal of an existing membership, the Society offers a free book of the member's choice from the list of books in the ancient astronaut field then currently available.

The Ancient Astronaut Society is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. Contributions and donations to the Society are deductible for United States Federal Income Tax purposes.

To apply for membership or for additional information contact: Ancient Astronaut Society, 1921 St. Johns Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois 60035 USA, (312) 432-6230.



# Member Expeditions

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One of the principal activities of the Ancient Astronaut Society is the organization of expeditions to archaeological sites, museums and other places of interest where members may have an opportunity to examine the evidence first-hand. Travelling by jumbo-jet, DC-3, single-engine plane, hot-air balloon, cruise ship, hydrofoil, rubber boat, feluca, dugout canoe, train, cable car, limousine, taxi, private car, cattle truck, private bus, public bus, jeep, horseback, camelback, and on foot, Society members have been privileged to explore the following sites on six continents of the world:

AUSTRALIA	Sydney, Melbourne, Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, Darwin and Arnhemland
AUSTRIA	Vienna
BOLIVIA	LaPaz, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, El Fuerte, Tiahuanaco, Puma Punku and Lake Titicaca
BRAZIL	Rio de Janeiro
CHILE	Santiago
EASTER ISLAND	
EGYPT	Cairo, Alexandria, Giza, Sakkara, Memphis, Luxor, Karnak, Thebes, Valley of the Kings, Memnon, Edfu, Esna, Dendera, Kom'Ombo, Aswan and Abu Simbel
ENGLAND	London, Stonehenge, Silbury Hill, Avebury, Woodhenge, Salisbury and Old Sarum
FIJI	Suva and Nadi
GUATEMALA	Guatemala City, Flores, Tikal, Sayache, Seibal, Yaxha, Quirigua, El Baul, Monte Alto, La Democracia and Likkin
HONDURAS	Copan
ITALY	Rome
ISRAEL	Jericho, Masada, Qum Ran and Jerusalem
JORDAN	Amman, Jerash, Mt. Nebo, Kerak, Madaba and Petra
KENYA	Nairobi, Mt. Kenya, Masai Mara
MALTA	Valetta, Temples of Hagar Qim, Mnajdra and Tarxien, Hypogeum and "cart-ruts"
MEXICO	Mexico City, Tula, Teotihuacan, Villahermosa, Comalcalco, Palenque, Yaxchilan, Bonampak, Agua Azul, Lake Miramar, Lake Petha, Tenosique, Merida, Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Sayil, Labna, Kabah, Oaxaca, Monte Alban and Mitla
NEW ZEALAND	Auckland, Glow-worm caves, Orakei Korako Thermal area, Rotorua and Maori village
PERU	Lima, Trujillo, Chan-Chan, Great Wall of Peru, Casma valley, Chanquillo, Pachacamac, Puruchuco, Ica, Nazca, Paracas, Humay, Arequipa, Toro Muerto, Colca-Majes Canyon, Cuzco, Sacsayhuaman, Keenko, Tambomachay, Pisac, Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu
SWITZERLAND	Zurich, Bern, Solothurn and Feldbrunnen
TAHITI	Papeete and Moorea
TURKEY	Istanbul, Ankara, Hattuscha, Cappadocia, Adiyaman, Nemrud Dag and Malatya
WEST GERMANY	Munich
YUGOSLAVIA	Zagreb, Crikvenica, Postojna Caves

## World Conferences

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In order to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and evidence in the ancient astronaut field, the Society sponsors conferences in different locations of the world to permit the maximum participation by its members. World Conferences have been held in the United States, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Brazil, West Germany, New Zealand and Austria. In 1985 the World Conference will be held in Zurich, Switzerland. Sites for Conferences thereafter will be determined, with consideration being given to Canada, England, Mexico, Peru, Egypt, Denmark and the USSR. During our first ten years, members from 20 different countries have delivered lectures and slide presentations at our World Conferences, including:

Prof. Dr. CARLOS MANES BANDEIRA (Brazil), PhD, archaeologist, speleologist, educator and author

Dr. MANFRED BARTHEL (West Germany), PhD, documentary film maker and author

JAMES B. BEAL (USA), aerospace engineer

JACQUES BERGIER (France), nuclear scientist and author

JUDY and RALPH BLUM (USA), UFO researchers and authors

JOSEF F. BLUMRICH (USA), aerospace engineer and author

DOLLY BONACCORSI di REBURDONE (Italy), underwater researcher and author

Baron JOHANNES von BUTTLAR-BRANDENFELS (West Germany), lecturer and author

Prof. Dr. JAVIER CABRERA (Peru), medical doctor, archaeologist and author

EDUARDO B. CHAVES (Brazil), journalist, publicity man and author

RICHARD T. CROWE (USA), Celtic researcher and lecturer

RODNEY DALE (England), mechanical engineer, linguist and author

Dr. ERICH von DANIKEN (Switzerland), Dr. Hon. Causa, research-traveller, lecturer and author

ULRICH DOPATKA (Switzerland), librarian, lexicographer and author

Dr. JAN FEIKE de BOCK (New Zealand), PhD, geologist and UFO researcher

W. RAYMOND DRAKE (England), customs official and author

ROBERT EARLE (USA), mechanical, metallurgical, and nuclear engineer and author

Dr. FRIEDRICH EGGER (Austria), PhD, nuclear physicist

WALTER ERNSTING (West Germany & Ireland), science-fiction author

JOHANNES FIEBAG (West Germany), geologist, researcher and author

PETER FIEBAG (West Germany), philologist, historian and author

MAX H. FLINDT (USA), scientific researcher and author

Dr. RICHARD P. GERMANN (USA), PhD Hon., chemist and author

REX GILROY (Australia), museum director and field archaeologist

Dr. IRWIN GINSBURGH (USA), PhD, physicist and author

FRANZ GISIN (USA), professional decorator and designer, lecturer and UFO researcher

SERGIUS GOLOWIN (Switzerland), author and lecturer

VAUGHN M. GREENE (USA), engineer and author

Dr. STUART W. GREENWOOD (USA), PhD, aerospace engineer, lecturer and author

REINHARD HABECK (Austria), survey technician, cartoonist and author

GERD von HASSLER (West Germany), journalist and author

Dr. SIEGFRIED HERMANN (West Germany), PhD, editor and author

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Prof. Dr. PHILIP A. IANNA (USA), PhD, astronomer and author  
Prof. Dr. ENVER IMAMOVIC (Yugoslavia), PhD, educator and author  
Prof. Dr. IGNACIO ITURBE (Mexico), medical doctor and professor of medicine  
GUADALUPE ITURBE (Mexico), lawyer and economist  
Rev. JACK A. JENNINGS (USA), Presbyterian Minister and author  
Prof. Dr. DILEEP KUMAR KANJILAL (India), PhD, educator, Sanskrit scholar and author  
Dr. JOSIP KOTNIK (Yugoslavia), PhD, author, lecturer and journalist  
PETER KRASSA (Austria), journalist and author  
MICHEL LAMBERT (Canada), design consultant and exhibit director  
WALTER-JOERG LANGBEIN (West Germany), theologian and author  
HOMER R. LATHROP III (USA), educator, lecturer and author  
GERARDO LEVET (Mexico), mechanical engineer, researcher and author  
Dr. DUNCAN LUNAN (Scotland), PhD, astronomer, editor and author  
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ZECHARIA SITCHIN (USA), industrialist, journalist, linguist and author  
BRAD STEIGER (USA), author  
GERHARD R. STEINHAUSER (Austria), author, lecturer and editor  
ROBERT K. G. TEMPLE (England), scholar, astronomer and author  
ANDREW TOMAS (USA), research-traveller and author  
PETER TOMPKINS (USA), lecturer and author  
LASZLO TOTH (Hungary), mechanical engineer  
TOM VALENTINE (USA), author, lecturer and publisher  
JOHN W. WHITE (USA), educator, editor and author  
D. R. P. WOOD (New Zealand & Australia), UFO researcher and lecturer

# ANCIENT ASTRONAUT SOCIETY

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Holiday Inn — O'Hare/Kennedy, Rosemont, Illinois

## Schedule of Events

### SATURDAY, August 6, 1983

- 9:30 a.m. *Gene M. Phillips, USA*—Opening Ceremonies, Introduction of Speakers, Welcoming Address
- 9:50 a.m. *Erich von Daniken, Switzerland*—Welcoming Address
- 10:00 a.m. *Andrew Tomas, USA*—Address - Vaults of Time
- 10:45 a.m. Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 11:00 a.m. Recess
- 11:15 a.m. *Vaughn M. Greene, USA*—Address - The 6,000 Year-Old Space Suit
- 12:00 noon Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (not included in admission)
- 2:00 p.m. *Dr. Pasqual S. Schievella, USA*—Address - The Irrational Response of Scientists to the Ancient Astronaut Hypothesis
- 2:45 p.m. Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 3:00 p.m. Recess
- 3:15 p.m. *Walter Ernsting, Ireland*—Address - Fantasy, Science and Mistakes
- 4:00 p.m. Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 4:15 p.m. Recess
- 4:30 p.m. *Gerardo Levet, Mexico*—Address - Ancient Rock-Molding Techniques - Myth or Reality?
- 5:15 p.m. Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 5:30 p.m. Close
- 7:00 p.m. GALA BANQUET COCKTAIL HOUR - Cash Bar
- 8:00 p.m. GALA BANQUET DINNER (not included in admission)

### SUNDAY, August 7, 1983

- 9:30 a.m. *Gene M. Phillips, USA*—Slide Presentation of Member Expedition to Petra and Malta
- 10:00 a.m. *Richard T. Crowe, USA*—Address - Mysteries of Ancient Ireland
- 10:45 a.m. Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 11:00 a.m. Recess
- 11:15 a.m. *Dr. Stuart W. Greenwood, USA*—Address - Ancient Astronauts - An Aerospace Engineer's Search for Evidence
- 12:00 noon Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch (not included in admission)
- 2:00 p.m. *George T. Sassoon, England*—Address - The Holy Grail - An Extraterrestrial Object?
- 2:45 p.m. Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 3:00 p.m. Recess
- 3:15 p.m. *Zecharia Sitchin, USA*—Address - The Earth Chronicles
- 4:00 p.m. Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 4:15 p.m. Recess
- 4:30 p.m. *Erich von Daniken, Switzerland*—Address - The Strategy of the Gods
- 5:15 p.m. Audience Participation Discussion Period
- 5:30 p.m. Close

## Andrew Tomas Chico, California, USA

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### Vaults of Time

Ancient Egyptian papyri describe vaults in which the Sun Kings buried treasures. The Greek historian Herodotus wrote about these secret repositories and temples. Flavius Josephus, the Hebrew chronicler of the 1st Century, likewise recorded this legend. Ammianus Marcellinus, the ancient Roman writer also mentioned these crypts. Arab scholars of the 10th Century left remarkable accounts of these vaults of time. The scriptures and folklore of India perpetuate the memory of treasures hidden by the stellar teachers of mankind at the dawn of history. China, Tibet and Mongolia cherish a tradition of subterranean storehouses with artifacts from a past civilization founded by the extraterrestrial civilizers of mankind. Records of the conquistadors speak of a treasure in the earth left by Quetzalcoatl before he departed for the stars. South America preserves a tale of museums in caves established by legendary rulers. Travellers, explorers and initiates of certain secret fraternities have claimed to have penetrated into these grottoes. A tradition so old, strong and universal deserves an unbiased examination by students of astro-archaeology.

Born in St. Petersburg, Russia before the Revolution, Mr. Tomas has lived in Asia, Australia and Europe for many decades. Between 1927 and 1931 he worked and studied in California, where he returned in 1977 and became an American citizen. Andrew Tomas has spent a lifetime researching the enigmas of history and science, having produced 60 volumes published in 17 countries. His book *We Are Not the First* is one of the leading publications in the ancient astronaut field. His latest book *Mirage of the Ages* is available from Exposition Press, New York.



*Scheduled for:*  
Saturday, August 6, 10:00 a.m.

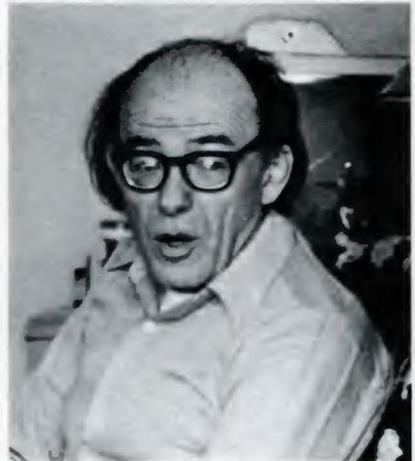
**Vaughn M. Greene**  
San Bruno, California, USA

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## The 6,000 Year-Old Space Suit

Mr. Greene served in the Army of Occupation in Japan during the Korean War and has worked for the Ryan and Convair Aircraft Companies and for the U.S. Navy (MSTS). After his first book on gold diving, Mr. Greene published *Astronauts of Ancient Japan* and now *The Six Thousand Year-Old Space Suit*. A student of phenomena in Japan and the Far East, Vaughn Greene analyzes in his latest book the incredible similarity between the 6,000 year-old Dogu statues of Japan and modern-day space suits.

There are over thirty points of similarity between the 6,000 year-old Dogu statues of Japan and the modern Apollo/EMU space suits worn by the US astronauts to the moon. Such items as lenses, rivets, belts, quick release pins, earphones, rubber cuffs, to name but a few. There is no way a prehistoric tribe of savages could have known such technology unless they had been visited by beings from space. Supporting this theory are the remarkable accounts found in Japanese legends, Shinto mythology and ancient Far East folklore which mention visits to Earth by extra-terrestrials.



*Scheduled for:*  
Saturday, August 6, 11:15 a.m.

# The Irrational Response of Scientists to the Ancient Astronaut Hypothesis

**Dr. Pasqual S. Schievella**  
Port Jefferson, New York,  
USA

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That extraterrestrial intelligences visited Earth in antiquity and altered the course of human history is an old hypothesis, which has been offered anew by Erich von Daniken and other writers in the field. As a historical hypothesis, the merits of the ancient astronaut theory should be weighed against the available evidence with rigorous scientific scrutiny. Unfortunately, critics of the theory, and particularly scientists, have attacked both the hypothesis and its proponents with outrage and abuse. Evidence has been dismissed with ridicule and the theory has been assailed with fallacious reasoning and an appeal to "authority". Equally disturbing is the stony silence of so-called "experts" regarding the evidence supporting the ancient astronaut hypothesis.

Born in Bayonne, New Jersey, Dr. Schievella was educated in philosophy at Columbia University, earning the BS, MA and PhD degrees. He is founder and president of the National Council for Critical Analysis and the editor of *The Journal of Critical Analysis* and *The Journal of Pre-College Philosophy*. Former Chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Jersey City State College, Dr. Schievella, now retired, continues to teach as an adjunct professor at New York Institute of Technology and Suffolk County Community College. Author of many articles and books in the field of philosophy, Dr. Schievella has written a yet-unpublished biography of Erich von Daniken. His most recent book yet to be published is a fictional dialogue with "God" on the philosophy of religion, written for the lay person.



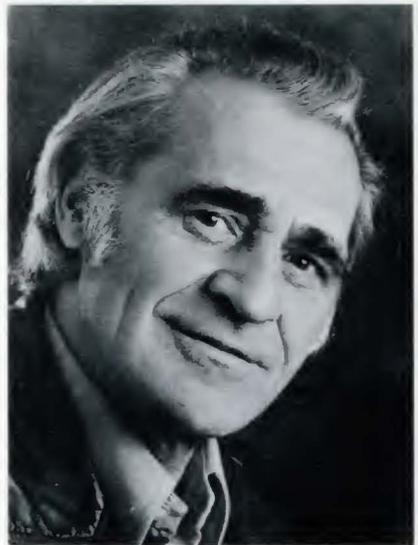
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*Saturday, August 6, 2:00 p.m.*

**Walter Ernsting  
(Clark Darlton)**  
Youghal, County Cork, Ireland

**Fantasy, Science and  
Mistakes**

Walter Ernsting was born in Koblenz, Germany in 1920. Drafted into the Army in 1939, he was captured by the Russians and spent several years in Siberia, until he was released in 1950. After a long illness of many years, he began to write in 1955 under the pseudonym Clark Darlton. He became publisher of Utopia Magazine and has become one of the most prolific science-fiction authors, with over 300 such novels to his credit, in addition to translating another 100 science-fiction novels from English into German. He is one of the founders of the *Perry Rhodan* series in the science-fiction field. In 1971, Mr. Ernsting wrote *The Day the Gods Died*, which was translated into English in 1976 and has been published in eight languages. In 1981, Walter Ernsting left Germany for Ireland, where he continues his full-time professional writing career. Mr. Ernsting is a five time winner of Germany's Best Science-Fiction Award.

There is a close relationship between the human imagination, be it most speculative, and scientific research. There exists a number of examples of utopian ideas which have become reality and of scientists engaged in research projects motivated by such utopian schemes. Fantasy is in fact the forerunner of many scientific discoveries. There are still many strange things to be found on our planet, if we travel with an open mind and listen attentively to what people have to say.



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Saturday, August 6, 3:15 p.m.

## Ancient Rock-Molding Techniques — Myth or Reality?

**Gerardo Levet**  
Naucalpan, Mexico

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Advanced technology was used in the construction of the massive stone works found at archaeological sites throughout the world, including the Pyramids of Egypt and Mexico and the incredible stone constructions in Peru. Mundane theories such as the chisel, lever, ramp and slaves, and soft rock should be discarded as totally impracticable.

Mr. Levet is a Mechanical Engineer with several patents in the field of machine design. He is co-Director of the Mental Engineering Institute in Satellite City, Mexico and an investigator in the fields of astro-archaeology, bio-energy, meta science and other advanced endeavors. He was honored by the Polyclinic of the University of Guadalajara for his investigation in the electro-medical field. Gerardo Levet is the author of two books in Spanish: *Mision Vital en el Planeta Tierra* and *Por Los Caminos Sinuosos de la Mente*.



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Saturday, August 6, 4:30 p.m.

## Gene M. Phillips Highland Park, Illinois, USA

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## Society Member Expedition to Petra and Malta

Born in Beaver, West Virginia in 1926, Mr. Phillips was educated in business and law at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (BS with Honors and Order of Cincinnati), Harvard Business School (MBA), and Northwestern University School of Law (JD and Order of Coif). Mr. Phillips is a practicing attorney in Highland Park, Illinois. Since he founded the Ancient Astronaut Society in 1973, Mr. Phillips has earned a world-wide reputation in the field through extensive reading and research and visiting archaeological sites throughout the world. He has presented many lectures and slide presentations and has appeared on several radio and television programs. Mr. Phillips is the President of the Society and the editor of the English edition of the Society's publication *Ancient Skies*.

A fascinating slide presentation of highlights of the Society's 1982 Member Expedition to Petra, in Jordan and to the Mediterranean Island of Malta. Petra, immortalized in poetry as the "rose-red city half as old as time," was lost to the western world until 1812, when the Swiss explorer, John L. Burckhardt, made his way into the mysterious rock city disguised as a Bedouin sheik. In 1836 John Lloyd Stephens became the first American to visit Petra. Hidden in rock mountains of southern Jordan, Petra is one of the most inaccessible and seldom-visited archaeological sites in the world. The island of Malta contains some of the oldest structures in the world, believed to pre-date the world deluge. Also, the now-famous "cart-ruts" of Malta - mysterious tracks of uniform gage cut into the rocky surface of the island, offer a fascinating subject for study.



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Sunday, August 7, 9:30 a.m.*

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## Mysteries of Ancient Ireland

**Richard T. Crowe**  
Chicago, Illinois, USA

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Scattered across the Irish countryside are the remnants of a once-great, highly-advanced, technologically-sophisticated civilization, now vanished from the Earth. Stone carvings, stone and bronze artifacts and ruined monuments record this past glory. Now we can begin to decode the mysteries of the enigmatic round towers, the Newgrange Passage Grave, the Fairy Folk, the bronze technology and the Irish mythology, which tells of visits to Ireland by strangers in flying crafts in ancient times.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Crowe was educated in English literature at De Paul University (BA and MA). A noted expert on the world of the unexplained, Mr. Crowe is a freelance writer, lecturer and popular TV and radio talkshow guest. His special interest in folklore, legend and ancient mysteries has resulted in his extensive travels throughout the United States and to Ireland, England and Scotland. Mr. Crowe is a member of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained and a board member of the International Fortean Organization, being the head of the Chicago Fortean Circle. He has collected a large variety of stone and bronze Irish artifacts. Mr. Crowe was featured on the ABC-TV show "That's Incredible!" during the 1980-1981 season.



*Scheduled for:  
Sunday, August 7, 10:00 a.m.*

## **Dr. Stuart W. Greenwood** College Park, Maryland, USA

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## **Ancient Astronauts - An Aerospace Engineer's Search for Evidence**

Born in Sheen, Surrey, England in 1924, Dr. Greenwood was educated in mechanical engineering at University of Bristol (BS), McGill University in Canada (MS) and he was awarded the PhD in aerospace engineering from the University of Maryland. His professional experience includes the fields of jet engine development, fluid mechanics and aircraft propulsion systems. Dr. Greenwood served for nine years as a Member of the Council of the British Interplanetary Society and is the author of several articles on the ancient astronaut hypothesis. He is currently Engineering Manager of the University Research Foundation, a non-profit affiliate of the University of Maryland.

Treating the ancient astronaut hypothesis in the general framework of the search for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence presents scientists with a challenging problem. One test of the hypothesis is the extent to which it will be progressively re-inforced by subsequent analyses conducted by scientists in differing areas of specialization. Archaeology and ancient literature enable us to postulate that flight operations were conducted within our Solar System, focusing attention on apparent evidence that departures and landings were toward the East.

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Sunday, August 7, 11:15 a.m.*



## The Holy Grail - An Extraterrestrial Object?

**George T. Sassoon**  
Warminster, Wiltshire,  
England

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After Jerusalem fell to the Crusaders in 1100 AD, the Knights Templar spent nine years digging on the site of Solomon's Temple. They found a magical object which was brought back to Europe in great secrecy. This object gave rise to the legends of the Holy Grail, a miraculous vessel which, among other things, dispensed heavenly food. The Grail appears to be identical with the Ancient of Days, an object described in great detail by early Jewish secret traditions. According to these traditions, the Ancient of Days was given to the Israelites by God, and it fed them with manna during their forty years' wanderings in the desert. Afterwards, it was preserved as a sacred relic, but it disappeared at the destruction of the first Temple, having been hidden and the hiding place forgotten. Probably the Templars found the object, and developed their own cult which has come down to us today as Freemasonry.

Born in London, England in 1936, George Thornycroft Sassoon is the son of Siegfried Sassoon, England's First World War soldier-poet. Mr. Sassoon was educated at Oundle School and Cambridge (honors in natural sciences) and then worked in the electronics industry, in which he is currently a consultant when not engaged in farming his estates in Wiltshire, England near Stonehenge and in the Isle of Mull, Scotland. His interests include obscure languages, the unusual and the unexplained, and ham radio with emphasis on satellite working and computer applications. Mr. Sassoon has written numerous technical articles and co-authored with Rodney Dale two books, *The Manna Machine* and *The Kabbalah Decoded*.



*Scheduled for:  
Sunday, August 7, 2:00 p.m.*

## Zecharia Sitchin

New York, New York, USA

## The Earth Chronicles

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Born in Russia and raised in Palestine, Mr. Sitchin attended the London School of Economics and graduated from the University of London, where he majored in economic history. A leading journalist and editor in Israel for many years, he acquired a profound knowledge of modern and ancient Hebrew, other Semitic and European languages, the Old Testament, and the history and archaeology of the Near East. Mr. Sitchin spent nearly 30 years in gathering and synthesizing the data for his writings of *The Earth Chronicles*, the first two books of which have been published as *The 12th Planet* and *The Stairway to Heaven*, both of which are available in paperback from Avon Books, New York. Mr. Sitchin is a member of the Israel Exploration Society, the American Oriental Society, and the Middle East Studies Association of North America.

Since man was first able to gaze heavenward, he has pondered the mysteries of the universe, immortality and the elusive afterlife. A combination of the most recent archaeological discoveries and the ancient texts and artifacts leads to astonishing revelations about man's timeless quest for the sacred Stairway to Heaven, as well as astounding conclusions about the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Sphinx, the monolithic platform at Baalbek, and other mysterious monuments whose true meaning has been lost for centuries. As we venture into space, it is no longer impossible to believe that a civilization on another planet more advanced than ours was capable of landing its astronauts on the planet Earth some time in the past. Our own probes into deep space will soon confirm the decipherment of records and cosmology of the ancient Sumerians, that our very existence on Earth resulted from numerous visits to Earth hundreds of thousands of years ago by intelligent beings from another planet in our solar system - Marduk.



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## The Strategy of the Gods

Erich von Daniken  
Feldbrunnen, Switzerland

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The former NASA engineer, Josef Blumrich, proved in his book, *The Spaceships of Ezekiel*, that the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel described realities and not visions. In Chapter 40 of the Book of Ezekiel, the prophet also gives an exact description of his visit to a temple on a "very high mountain." Based upon Ezekiel's description, Erich von Daniken found the ruins of such a temple at Chavin de Huantar, high in the Peruvian Andes. The details of the temple in Peru and Ezekiel's description are so strikingly similar that it cannot be dismissed as mere coincidence. The finding of this temple raises some new questions: Who copied Solomon's Temple in South America? Who flew Ezekiel from Babylonia to Peru and back?

Born in Zofingen, Switzerland in 1935, Mr. von Daniken was educated at the College Saint-Michel in Fribourg, where even as a student he occupied his time with a study of the ancient holy writings. While managing director of a Swiss first class hotel, he wrote his first book, *Chariots of the Gods?*, which was an immediate bestseller. Since then he has written *Gods from Outer Space*, *The Gold of the Gods*, *In Search of Ancient Gods*, *Miracles of the Gods*, *Von Daniken's Proof*, *Signs of the Gods?*, *Pathways to the Gods*, and his latest work, *Strategy of the Gods*. His books have been translated into 36 languages and have sold almost 50 million copies throughout the world. From his books two full-length films have been produced: *Chariots of the Gods?* and *Messages of the Gods*. Of the more than 1300 lectures which Mr. von Daniken has given in 25 countries, over 250 were presented in universities. Fluent in five languages, Mr. von Daniken is an avid researcher and a compulsive traveller, averaging 100,000 miles each year to remote spots on the Earth which enables him to examine firsthand the phenomena about which he writes. Erich von Daniken won instant fame in the United States as a result of the television special "In Search of Ancient Astronauts", based upon his first book, which inspired the founding of the Ancient Astronaut Society. He has been a staunch supporter of the Society and has participated in all its World Conferences, having sponsored and arranged many of them. He also operates the Society's office in Switzerland and oversees the publication of the German edition of *Ancient Skies*. Mr. von Daniken was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree by the University of Bolivia and received the Huesped Illustre award from the cities of Ica and Nazca in Peru.



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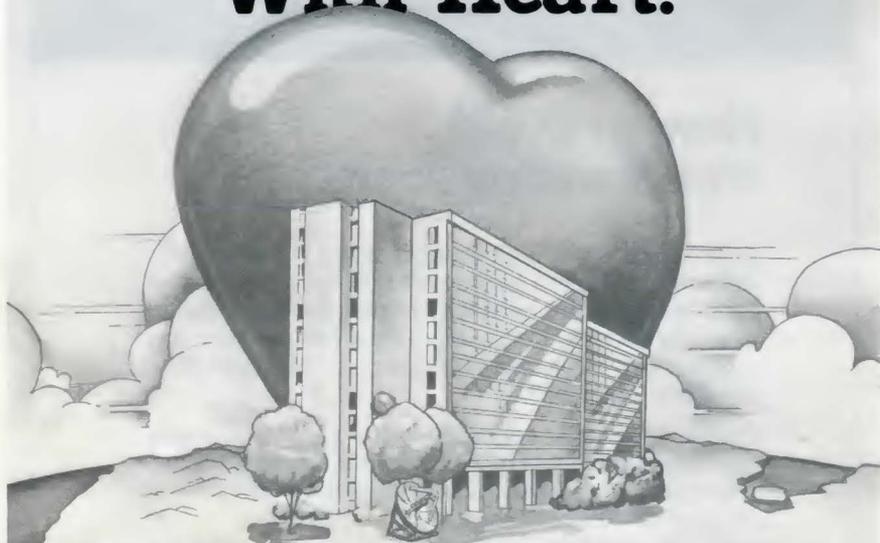
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