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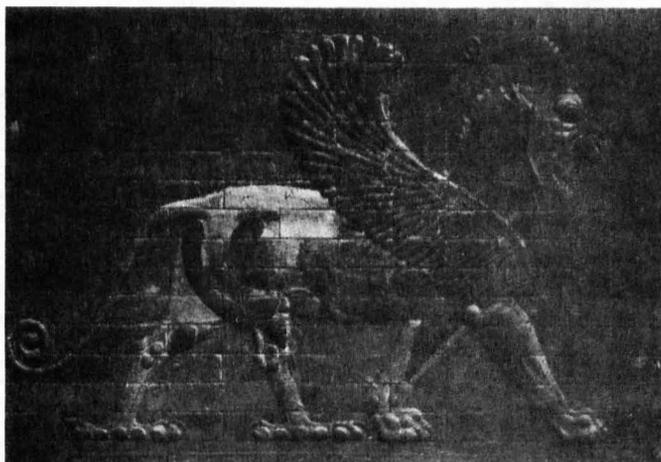
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THE ABOVE ILLUSTRATIONS show two of the possible body forms of Y'hova, the God of Israel. On the left he is pictured as a lion, and on the right as an ibex. According to the research done by ibn A'haron, who supplied these pictures, Y'hova was an extraterrestrial being. As Y'hova did not commonly travel among humans, and as ancient references are vague on this particular point, the precise physical form of Y'hova is not known. However, the ancient texts leave no doubt about the fact that he did have a physical body, and the various representations of it, though different, have many similarities. - The latest article in ibn A'haron's series begins on page 9 of this issue.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

We feel that this would be a good time to make a re-statement of SAUCER NEWS policy: Contributors are free to express their own opinions, whether or not these opinions co-incide with those of the editorial staff. SAUCER NEWS will publish any article which appears to be factual, well-documented, non-libelous, and interesting; but signed articles do not necessarily express official SAUCER NEWS policy.

We make these statements now primarily to anticipate in advance Major Keyhoe's reactions to the article by Michael G. Mann beginning on page 4 of this issue. We believe that Mr. Mann's charges are very reasonable and that, in the public interest, they definitely deserve a hearing. We know that the letters mentioned in his article are accurately quoted, but we have no way of knowing whether or not all his research is correct, as we do not have the time or facilities to check all his statements. Presumably if there are any inaccuracies in the article, one or more of our subscribers will point them out to us. Any worthwhile points thus raised will be published in our next issue.

Still on hand are a few copies each of back issues #2, 3, 8 through 11, 13, and 17 through 36. They are available at a cost of \$1.00 for any three. We also have the hard-cover book called Air Force Project Blue Book Special Report #14, with an introduction by Dr. Leon Davidson. This sells for \$1.00 per copy.

Are you on our special Newsletter mailing list? Since December, 1955, irregularly-issued Newsletters have been made available to SAUCER NEWS subscribers who want to be on the inside of the strange and baffling behind-the-scenes events in saucer research. These Newsletters usually contain material that we consider "too hot to handle" in the regularly-scheduled issues of our magazine. Any SAUCER NEWS subscriber in good standing can be placed on the special Newsletter mailing list for the price of \$1.00. Although no Newsletter has been published in the past few months, \$1.00 will entitle you to receive the five most recent ones immediately. A new Newsletter will be printed as soon as worthwhile material becomes available, and will be rushed out to those who are currently on that special mailing list.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A recent injury has made me decide to sell the majority of my non-fiction occult book collection - fourteen trunks full of hard-to-find items. There is considerable saucer material, and hundreds of booklets and magazines. All are in good condition and reasonably priced. I hope you will publish this, and that any of your readers who are interested will contact me.

FRANCIS BROWNLEY

1604 McArthur Drive, Jacksonville, Arkansas

I want to thank you for sending me a copy of the June issue of SAUCER NEWS by first class mail, and I must say you showed fairness by giving me this advance copy of your magazine in which your Lonzo Dove attacks me so viciously. While I plan to reply to Dove's charges in the September 1st issue of my Saucerian Bulletin, I do feel that his allegations are so ridiculous that no reader of yours in his right mind will believe them.

I might add, however, that my attorneys are scrutinizing this issue closely for any evidence of libel, and should this issue damage me in any way, I will be prepared to take legal action against both you and the author

of the attack. The article also alluded to a possible forthcoming article in which Mr. Dove may accuse me of writing the now famous State Department letter, which is tantamount to accusing me of committing a criminal act. Therefore I now give you ample notice that should this article be damaging and/or libelous, I will leave no legal course unexplored to prosecute both you as editor and the author, Lonzo Dove.

It is time that you halted your slanderous attacks on various civilian UFO researchers, and it would give me a great personal satisfaction to be one of the persons responsible for bringing justice to you and the people who conspire with you to halt honest research.

GRAY BARKER, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Gray Barker has agreed to publish my expose material on you, beginning in the next issue of his Saucerian Bulletin. Make no mistake about it, I am going to close down SAUCER NEWS! I am going to put an end to your exposes of people like Gray Barker, George Williamson, Adamski, and others. So live it up now, because SAUCER NEWS is on its last legs! As a matter of fact I might say that SAUCER NEWS has one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel.

Be careful on the Straith letter. Get in touch with Mr. James Maney of Oklahoma City, Okla. Mr. Maney got a piece of the State Department stationery - white seal, blue embossed - in April, 1957. He had written the State Dept. claiming to be a collector of letterhead stationery, and received blank stationery. He then sent it to Gray Barker in April 1959, after the Straith letter had been written. So Mr. Barker couldn't have written the letter in December, 1957, in that Mr. Maney still had the blank paper....Barker actually received the stationery, in that I have a letter from him in which he freely admits he has it right now.....I am trying to get Barker to send me the stationery to photostat. This then would be positive proof he didn't write the Straith letter in that he still has the blank paper, and this would blow to pieces any expose you plan on the Straith letter. So you better check your facts very carefully or you will make a complete fool of yourself on this Straith matter....

RICHARD OGDEN, Seattle, Wash.

(Editor's Note: This is the same Mr. Ogden whom we accused some time ago of having written a hoax letter signed "Mr. X". Ogden has since threatened to sue us for \$250,000. It now seems obvious that he and Barker are working together to cover up the Straith hoax. Barker could have received the stationery from someone other than Maney. We are not frightened by these threats from Barker and Ogden, and we still plan to print Dove's article about the Straith letter in a forthcoming issue of SAUCER NEWS.)

Congratulations on your expose of Gray Barker, which was long overdue. Barker and his colleague Ray Palmer have been hoodwinking the saucer public with impunity long enough, and it is certainly high time that someone set the record straight! I will be looking forward to your expose of Barker as author of the Straith hoax letter....

JOHN J. ROBINSON, Jersey City, N. J.

Your June issue was the best yet in an ever-improving series. I have long suspected that Barker's "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" was a masterpiece of unadulterated sensationalism, but I never guessed that Barker himself could have caused the "Three Men" hush-up of Al Bender. Poor Bender! As Dove says, he must have just withdrawn from the saucer field to let the sensationalists and crackpots take over.....SAUCER NEWS is one of the few sensible voices in a field that is increasingly falling into the hands of the "True Believers"....

ROGER SIMPSON, Detroit, Michigan

WHO IS FOOLING DONALD KEYHOE?

- by Michael G. Mann -

I have been an avid reader of Donald Keyhoe's articles for a number of years. Besides his three well-known saucer books, he has many magazine articles to his credit. One of the very best was a story written in 1947 entitled "Secret Mission".

After reading Keyhoe's first two saucer books, I waited anxiously for his next revealing work. It was finally published in 1956, and was entitled "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy". The book was easy reading, fast moving, and extremely interesting. It was full of new and unusual claims that sounded almost too good to be true. Keyhoe told of Air Force and Government cover-ups, and he went on at great length about his constant battle with a body he called the "Silence Group". Keyhoe's information seemed just too amazing to be factual, and I therefore decided to investigate "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" further.

When people discuss the topic of Unidentified Flying Objects, the name that comes immediately to their mind is Donald Keyhoe. He has become to a large degree the leading spokesman of the field. Therefore his statements and claims by necessity must be correct and factual. A mistake on his part not only hurts him and NICAP but also hurts the entire field.

At a recent New York lecture, the late M.K. Jessup told of an amazing saucer occurrence. Since it was one of the ones that Keyhoe brought forth in his Conspiracy Book, I asked Jessup about the source of his information. He immediately replied that he was quoting from Keyhoe's book. I am now sure that if Jessup had bothered to check the data for himself, he would never have mentioned the case.

The case in question is found on page 264 of "Conspiracy", which I quote below:

When the moon was full, Dr. Kuiper stated, he had seen thousands of glistening white spots, apparently the tops of inverted cones. "These cones looked," he declared, "as if they had been turned out on a lathe from blocks of white chalk." In his report to the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Kuiper stated that these white objects - which British astronomers previously had called "domes" - could be seen all over the surface of the moon, though they were clustered most thickly near the moon's equator. He added, significantly, that though the strange cones were relatively recent features, their nature and origin were a mystery.

Here we have a case in which an eminent astronomer goes way out on a limb to make a perfectly ridiculous statement. If this were true, why hasn't this news become the most important bit of information of the century? Perhaps it is due to the fact that Keyhoe was a bit over-enthusiastic when he wrote the statement. I have contacted Dr. Kuiper, and this is what he actually has to say on the subject: "The bright spots which I observed on the moon are apparently small craters made by meteorite impacts. The dome craters are totally different in appearance and appear to be extinct volcanoes."

This is not a lone mistake in a large book, but just one of many. A major portion of the 14th chapter, which Keyhoe calls "The Burning Road" is devoted to the mysterious burning of a macadam road in Woodside, California. Keyhoe writes on page 196 of "Conspiracy":

At four o'clock in the afternoon, farmers living near Portola Road heard a loud explosion from some unknown source. Immediately afterward a

270-foot section of Portola Road's macadam surface was found ablaze. The fire was originating from dozens of strange metal pellets. Half an hour later, when firemen reached the scene, the surface of the road was almost boiling under the intense heat.....The burned area was in precisely the shape of a rectangle 70 by 270 feet. Mystified, Fire Chief Bolpiano notified the Air Force and the Army, but Intelligence officers and demolition experts could not explain the cause of the fire.



Donald Keyhoe

What this has to do with saucers is still a mystery to me. It would be important to include such a case in a book of Fortean phenomena, but in Keyhoe's book it is a bit out of place. And if Keyhoe had bothered to check the matter, he would have discovered that the "strange metal pellets" weren't so strange after all. I contacted Sheriff Earl B. Whitmore of Redwood City, California, who wrote me as follows: "This is to

advise you that it was determined that the fragments were pieces of cast iron pipe which had been shattered by some type of explosion."

"The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" contains many interesting cases, but by far the most important are the Kimross, Fort Lauderdale, and Utica sightings. After a week of extensive research, I came to the conclusion that the Kimross Air Force Base that Keyhoe mentioned didn't exist. Then I realized that he was really referring to Kinross Air Force Base in Michigan. The events of this case according to Keyhoe are given below: (Page 13 of "Conspiracy".)

At an isolated radar station, Air Defense operators were watching their scope in a routine guard against possible enemy attack. Suddenly the "blip" of an unknown machine appeared on the glass screen. The Ground Control Intercept officer took a quick look. The "unknown" was flying over the Soo Locks....In less than two minutes an F-89 from Kimross Field was streaking toward the locks. At the jet's controls was Lieutenant Felix Moncla Jr....Guided by Ground Control, Moncla climbed steeply toward the "unknown". Back at GCI, the controller watched the jet's blip on his glowing radarscope. As it moved toward the UFO's blip, the strange craft changed course....

Nine more minutes ticked by in the tense quiet of the GCI radar room. Gradually the F-89 cut down the gap....Suddenly the two blips merged into one. Whether the strange machine had abruptly slowed down or Moncla unaccountably had put on full power, no one in the room could tell. But one thing seemed grimly certain: The two machines were locked together, as if in a smashing collision. For a moment longer the huge, ominous blip remained on the glass. Then it went quickly off the scope.....As quickly as possible, search planes with flares were roaring over Lake Superior.....But no trace was ever found of the missing men, the F-89 - or the unknown machine. (End of quote.)

In a letter to me, Captain George M. Karl Jr., Administrative Officer at Kinross Air Force Base, had this to say: "Files of the Evening News, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, for the dates 23 and 24 November 1953 report an incident taking place somewhat as you described, although no conclusions were attempted by the newspaper. The newspaper reports said the aircraft was flying over Lake Superior at the time it disappeared. The editor of the newspaper said that, as he recalls the incident, the personnel involved were stationed here at the time, while the assigned tactical unit was training at Yuma, Ariz."

Because of the lack of information in the above letter, I got in touch with Captain Harry E. Scarborough, an Information Services Officer at the 30th Air Division, Traux Field, Madison, Wisconsin. He was unable to shed any further light on the incident.

On Captain Scarborough's suggestion, I contacted Major Lawrence J. Tacker, a Public Information Officer at the Pentagon. His letter to me did not contain any additional information about the affair either! Isn't it amazing that Keyhoe could give such a detailed account of the case, while the Air Force has just the bare essentials on the matter. I was under the impression that Keyhoe got this data from the Air Force - although it might be possible that he acquired the data from the pilot of the "Unknown", in a private interview, of course!

I then sent Major Tacker the accounts of seven cases set forth in the Conspiracy Book. Each case was carefully copied onto a file card and mailed to the Major. His reply was short: "The seven cards with your letter are returned herewith as requested. The cases are not sightings which have been reported to the United States Air Force." These cases were all supposed to have been acquired from Air Force files, and yet the Air Force is unaware of them!

The next case I will cite is the Fort Lauderdale affair. On page 293 of his book, Keyhoe states:

On the afternoon of December 5, 1945, five TBM "Avengers" stood on the ramp at Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station.....At 2-10 P. M., the flight leader gunned his engine, and the first Avenger roared down the runway. In rapid succession the others followed, climbing into a clear blue sky. Cruising at 215 mph, the planes flew out over the Atlantic.....At 3-45 P. M. the Fort Lauderdale station received a strange radio message. In a worried voice the flight leader reported: "We seem to be off course. I'm not sure of our position." During the next hour more calls came in, each a little more tense. It seemed impossible for all five compasses to have failed. Yet how else could the pilots have become so utterly lost?....

A huge Martin Mariner flying boat was hurriedly dispatched to the scene.....Several minutes later Operations called the Mariner to check its position. There was no answer. For five taut minutes the base radio operator anxiously repeated the call. But the Mariner's radio, like the Avengers', was ominously silent....At dawn the escort carrier Solomons put out to sea with 30 planes to begin an aerial hunt. By now over 20 vessels were methodically combing the sea. Within two hours 240 planes were crisscrossing the sky from Florida to the Bahamas...But still there was not a trace of the six lost planes...

Months later a Naval Board of Inquiry formally stated that no trace had been found of the missing men or their planes.....Later an AP reporter at Fort Lauderdale asked the Navy if the mystery had ever been solved. There was still no clue, one station officer told him, as to the fate of the missing men."They vanished as completely," he said, "as if they had flown to Mars."

The above was one of the seven cases unknown to the Air Force. In

fact, the base itself was unknown to the Air Force! I have tried in vain to locate this base, but all attempts have drawn a blank. At least the Kimross Base existed. The closest I came to locating the base was in a reply I received from Lee Munsick. Munsick is the Director of the North Jersey UFO Group, and is a former associate editor of Keyhoe's "UFO Investigator". He is also a close friend of Major Keyhoe. When asked about the Lauderdale military base, he replied, "Re Fort Lauderdale in 'Conspiracy', there is no base there now and I don't believe there has been (I was there in March.) There is an airport however....I believe it is designated as Broward County International Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Broward County includes Lauderdale and abuts Dade County (Miami et al) on the north."

Here we have a statement by one of Keyhoe's trusted co-workers attesting to the fact that the base mentioned in Keyhoe's book is fictional. No wonder the Air Force has no record of the Fort Lauderdale case!

Moving on to the Utica Case, I came up against the same old problem. The base in question didn't exist! This time I gave Keyhoe the benefit of the doubt and checked further. I soon came to the conclusion that by Griffith Air Force Base, Keyhoe in his strange way actually means Griffiss A.F.B. Keyhoe's account (page 174 of "Conspiracy") is as follows:

An F-94 Starfire jet had been scrambled to check on an unknown near Utica, New York. When the strange blip first showed on Air Defense radarscopes, the usual swift check had been made. But no aircraft was scheduled to be at that point. Guided by Ground Control, the pilot climbed steeply while his radar observer watched the rear cockpit scope. By now the pilot could actually see the unknown - a strange gleaming object moving swiftly above. Pulling into a tight climbing turn, he started to close the gap....

Suddenly, as the plane streaked toward the UFO, a wave of heat mysteriously filled the cockpit. It was like the blast of a furnace....The pilot jettisoned his canopy and seized the ejection lever. He felt the jet jump as the radarman bailed out.....Looking back at the F-94, he groaned. The jet was plunging straight into the village of Walesville, New York. As he watched, horrified, it crashed in the heart of the town and burst into flames.....Four people were killed, two of them children, and another was seriously injured.

I haven't had a chance to check all the data myself, but a good friend, Mr. Jonas Kover, who is an excellent researcher and heads a large New York saucer group, did do a bit of research on the case. He traveled through the area and spent a considerable amount of time in Utica checking news clippings and talking to residents about the case. He drew a complete blank. This situation may have been caused by the long period of time that has passed since the occurrence. But it is not likely that people would forget such a tragic disaster!

From the material I have cited in this article, it appears that there are three possible conclusions that can be drawn: (1) Keyhoe was given the correct data on these cases, but twisted the facts to suit his own purposes and to increase sales of his book. (2) He is working for the Air Force, as has been claimed by many people, including Ray Palmer. (3) He is merely a pawn in a huge game being played by the Air Force.

Of these possibilities I am inclined to accept the third. My reasons are threefold: (1) Before the "Conspiracy" book, Keyhoe seemed to be a hard-working and factual reporter. (2) As he is one of the most important saucer researchers, he would be a prime target to be controlled by the Air Force; and what better way than to feed him false data to report to the public? (3) Keyhoe's data always comes to him under sinister cloak and dagger conditions.

There is always a slip by an official or a blunder made by the Silence Group, or some such thing. This tends to prove that there is a policy of slipping Keyhoe bogus data under the guise of good information.

As I have stated above, since 1956 much of the material released by Keyhoe has become quite questionable. As an example, take this statement that Keyhoe made on a New York television show. Keyhoe said that he didn't care too much for the theories of Dr. Donald H. Menzel. He then stated that the Harvard astrophysicist has been in his field for a mere three years. For those who heard this, I would like to inform them and Keyhoe that Dr. Menzel has been in his field of study since 1921, a period of 38 years. Is this a short time? It seems that the Doctor has been "in his field" before Keyhoe even thought about flying saucers. To quote Dr. Menzel, "I am aware of the many wild claims that he (Keyhoe) makes in his books. On the basis of many assumptions and hypotheses, he builds up the best possible case he can for flying saucers from outer space. I do not consider his qualifications as ample for an understanding of the phenomena involved."

In a recent letter to me, Major Tacker at the Pentagon had this to say about Keyhoe: "The Air Force has asked Major Keyhoe for data or evidence which would prove UFOs are interplanetary space ships. Major Keyhoe has not supplied the Air Force with this information."

Although there is an enormous amount of incorrect data and misleading information in "Conspiracy", I have in this article chosen only a few examples as representative of the book. But for those who still are not satisfied and convinced, I have saved Keyhoe's most fantastic blunder for last. It appears on page 264 of the book:

Within a few days after this report became public, I learned of another moon study - this one supposed to be secret. For months astronomers at Mount Palomar had been observing the moon, making long observations whenever conditions permitted. Not only had their photographs confirmed the existence of the mysterious bridge, reported by Wilkins, but a spectrographic analysis had proven it was constructed of metal....

This was the statement that had made me suspicious of "Conspiracy" in the first place. I contacted Dr. Milton L. Humason, a well-known Palomar astronomer. His letter to me reads in part: "The case of O'Neill's bridge was investigated at our Mount Wilson Observatory by Dr. Dinsmore Alter. In Dr. Alter's opinion the bridge did not exist. Major Keyhoe erred when he stated that spectrographic observations of the bridge had been made at Palomar."

Actually, a check on Keyhoe's claim was unnecessary, because his statement in the book is completely ridiculous. A spectrum shot of a metallic object on the moon would not show it to be metallic. Instead, the metallic surface of the object would reflect everything around it, causing the spectrum to pick up the surrounding area and not the area in question.

In closing, I would like to state that I have written this article not in any attempt to expose Keyhoe, but merely to show him and those interested that for quite some time he has been the recipient of misinformation. It is my hope that one day he will wake up to this situation and once again begin to report factual material.

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EXTRATERRESTRIALISM AS AN HISTORICAL DOCTRINE
 PART FOUR: K'VOD Y'HOVA; THE GLORY OF THE LORD
 - by Y. N. ibn A'haron, B.D., S.T.M. -

At the close of the last installment, further discussion of "The Presence and Glory of the Lord", as mentioned in Exodus XXXIII, was promised.

In the intervening months, this promise has become easier to fulfill by virtue of three facts. First, the book-length manuscript on which this series is based, has been completed. Secondly, a substantial collection of source material has been gathered into one place for reference, which was impossible during the writer's nomadic period, fortunately now at an end. Lastly, the facilities available for this research have been enhanced by the addition of a Hebrew typewriter. This new equipment has made possible a greatly increased correspondence with scholars throughout the world, and has cut in half the time required for copying literary extracts for inclusion in this series.

Many readers will see no reason for including such information in a technical article. Most of these, however, are the same people who can see no reason for the series, to begin with. Those who recognize the cultural significance of new information about the personality and biography of the god of Israel will, at the same time, recognize the importance of adding to our sources for, and enhancing our understanding of, this new information.

In order to insulate against any charges of science fictionalism in the course of my extraterrestrial research, it seems best to begin the discussion of "The Power and the Glory" by giving a brief history of the manner in which my study of extraterrestrialism began.

While checking a manuscript of the Book of Genesis in Aramaic, the author had occasion to seek in the Rabba, or traditional folk literature, relating to that book. The Rabba failed to supply the necessary information, but led to an older work called Sifra Reshitta. Among the European Jews, this book and others like it are considered heresy, but the Near Eastern seminaries rely heavily on this large corpus of pre-Babylonian Aramaic works for religious inspiration and source material. Many sifre parallel the Old Testament in regard to the material with which they deal, and are for that reason designated by the name of the Biblical book to which they are thought relevant. Thus, the Reshitta is thought to be part of the Safruth, or literature, about Genesis.

My research dealt with the theological question of "The Presence and Glory of the Lord", also known as the Divine Immanence. Starting with Genesis 3:8, I proceeded to explore what the commentators had to say about such diverse subjects as Sanctuary, Holy Reserve, Divine Wrath, Elohist Descent, etc.

The verse with which I was dealing was not sufficiently clear in the Hebrew to enable me to say whether the Aramaic was faithful to the original or not. It ran as follows: "And they heard the voice of Y'hova, of Those from upon High, progressing through the garden at first star-shine." The help I might expect from the European commentators is graphically illustrated by Rashi's brilliant exposition on the word V'shimu in Hebrew, which means "and they heard." Rashi says, "What did they hear? They heard the voice of the Lord walking in the garden." This "great scholar" has thus done nothing more than repeat what should be obvious from reading the verse itself!

Deserting the Europeans then, I turned to the Reshitta, which began its discussion of the subject with a passage I had heard before, in the Aramaic Razayah, or Songs of Holy Praise, for the Day of Atonement in the Near East liturgy. The sentence rang with the perfect cadence of the true Majian, which reads in its translation:

"The Lords from another World came,
Those from upon High from the Shining Morning-Star."

Unless these lines are carefully preserved in the mind, and their source remembered, the factual basis of this work is bound to be overlooked. In a space-conscious generation, it should not be taken for granted that the popular science and space station lore so common to our TV and movies, has penetrated the veil of religious preoccupation characteristic of Americans. The Immanence of the Lord is a sacred study, and all consideration of it must of necessity partake of dignified anthropomorphism and of subtlety. The predominance of this subtlety leads, however, to the untrue suspicion that the anthropomorphism is allegorical and representational.

This point is vital to our subject. The impression of the Bible as an allegorical work is largely the result of our wishful desire to think that no age was ever as great or as powerful as our own. Those whose attention is completely taken up with sacred studies, and who are isolated from the world at large by high walls of linguistic separation, know nothing of all this sophistication. "Each word is true; not one shall be added nor one subtracted." (Deuteronomy.) The God of Israel to men like this is a real being, different and distinct from all others - certainly not gross, but certainly not a myth or allegory. Given the choice, they would, by preference and belief, lean toward the literal rather than the allegorical interpretation.

Imbued with this ideal, the author began a discreet search for further information about the Divine Immanence. The subject had intentionally been treated as esoteric by the Rabbis, and inasmuch as his studies were in philology, not theology, too much open curiosity on the student's part would have been thought unseemly, and cause for a lecture on "Respect for the Mysteries." Thus compelled, the author continued his search in the same direction as that in which it had begun.

Progress was slow from that time until further texts could be mailed in from the Middle East. Copyists had to be found, and the Arab authorities had to be assured that no treasonable statements were contained within the shipments. Gradually, word associations developed, of which the author made notes, and when the headings of these notes were used as the subjects for research, his troubles were over. The seventh such heading was "The Presence and Glory of the Lord". Early in the course of the reading entailed by this research, this phrase associated itself with verbs referring to travel, and situations featuring a display of God's power over men. It was eventually apparent that this Mystery surrounded not only the extraordinary instances of God's dealing with Man, but even the most ordinary ones, such as His commissioning a worshipper for the service of prophecy.

A great deal of nonsense surrounds the office of the prophet of Israel, and the spirit in which prophetic utterances should be interpreted. The Bible, on its own authority, is nothing if it is not history. Clever men try to turn the simple realism of the prophets into tableaux of narcotic ecstasy. The ability of the prophets to see into the future is seized upon as an excuse for regarding these men as unstable and therefore untrustworthy in their accounts of the events which befell them. The bad logic of this view is easily demonstrated. The prophets, because of their unusual insight and social objectivity, were able to paint realistic pictures of future happenings. Succeeding generations, astonished at the extent to which the events of their age had been predicted, came to think of the prophets in supernatural terms. The question to be asked is, "How did the prophets see the future if they could not see the present?" Indeed, careful students are agreed that the great prophets did nothing more than extrapolate the probabilities of future social

and cultural developments from conditions extant in their own day. "Erekh ben yomo," goes the proverb, i. e., a panoramic view of the world's future history is to be gained from the study of one's own times.

The language of the prophets has also been the source of much confusion. The flowery bent of a man's prose should not be taken as a reflection on his veracity. Indeed, the language of Ezekiel the Prophet is almost childish in its poor syntax and its gaping repetition in awe of what he had seen. Of all the prophets, fewer problems of textual criticism surround the personality of Ezekiel than that of the others. Ezekiel was the last of the prophetic writers to live before the reforms (and falsifications) of Ezra were to take effect. His work is to be considered as the last in which the Mosaic conception of the Diety is reflected. His experiences in dealing with Those from Upon High are painstakingly set forth in the first and third chapters of the book that bears his name. The following translation is from the Hebrew, but the meanings of controversial words are those given by the Middle Eastern authorities and not by the European apologists:

In the thirtieth year and the fifth day of the fourth month, I was in the midst of the exile camp on the K'var River when the skies were opened and I was shown sights of Those from Upon High. And I saw that a revolving construct was coming from the north, - a great mass, spitting forth fire which illuminated it on all sides. From its center, from the midst of the fire, came an electric spark. Four beings were visible from the midst of the fire, and they were as flaming spheres, with lightning going about among them illuminating the fire. I saw the beings, and I saw that there was a disc on the ground surrounding the beings in all four directions. The appearance of the discs and their tactics resembled those of a magnet; and the shape of each one was as that of the others; and they would perform maneuvers, as when one wheel would go through the center of another. All four would move simultaneously and they would not swerve as they moved. Each of them had an outer rim, and their outer rims appeared to have holes all the way around.

As the beings would move away from each other, the discs would stay near them, and when the beings rose from off the ground, the discs would also rise. When the great construct would move about, they would follow it; and as the great construct moved about, the discs would rise in their ranks, because a being had gone from the construct into the disc.

And the shape over the head of the being was a transparent dome, and the beings were gathered beneath the dome. And there was a voice from above the dome, and all about there was a reddish glow. Also, there was a throne and a man upon the throne, with an electrical charge surrounding him like fire, above his knees and below. Just as the rainbow which appears in the clouds on a rainy day, such was the brightness all around. This was the K'vod Y'hova - The Glory of the Lord, and when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice speaking:

"Rise and go unto the exile camp at Tel Aviv."

And the great construct raised me up, and I heard behind me a great noise, as the K'vod Y'hova moved from its place. And the construct carried me, and I traveled in the bitter heat of the construct, and the Yad Y'hova - the Presence of the Lord, - was present in great force.

The important detail of Ezekiel's sighting lies in the connection established between the movement of the construct (ru'akh) and the dislocation of the gravity device (k'vod) which operated through the flowing current (yad) which was the Presence of the Lord. The operation of this principle is characterized as electromagnetic. (Khashmal is mentioned twice, once in connection

with tarshish.) When this machinery is in operation, furthermore, it produces a great deal of light and heat, to the extent of oxidizing the atmospheric gases in the neighborhood of its exhaust. (I refer specifically to the use of the word tarshish, and to nogah and esh, both of which occur a great number of times.) Aircraft employing the K'vod principle were generally disc-shaped, although the shape of the great construct (ru'akh) is not specified. The word mass (anan) is, however, used to describe the construct. A sphere might be inferred from this. In Exodus this theory is called into question by an association between the cloudy mass and the "pillar of fire", which was cigar-shaped.

The very proximity of K'vod aircraft caused lightning bolts to go forth from one to the other, from which we may deduce that a polarity principle was involved, whereby the discs would travel in pairs, one negatively charged, and the other positively oriented. Before any conclusions are drawn as to the circular mode of travel which would seem logical in this case, it is necessary to reiterate the words of Ezekiel that the discs did not swerve as they moved, but rather described right angles in respect to one another as they moved further apart, each in a different cartographic direction.

Ezekiel follows this account with a diary of his missions as an agent of Y'hova, for such was the true role of the prophet. The soothsayer is not to be confused with the prophet in this respect.

An interesting note which lends credence to the details of Ezekiel's account occurs during his description of a debauch which took place in the Temple at Jerusalem. Ezekiel was sent to investigate, equipped with a shovel and other needed equipment, by means of which he uncovered a clandestine entrance to the Main Hall. His description of the evils and abominations taking place therein is hair-raising. Ya'azanyahu ben Shafan was the host at this affair, with all the elders of Israel in attendance. Their only excuse to their god was that "Y'hova could not see them, for he had left the land." The differing tone of the later books of the Bible gives us cause to wonder if the deity did not take advantage of the evil-doings of that era in order to do that very thing. At any rate, Ezekiel's description marks the end of the operational aircraft in the Jewish tradition, although flying carpets persisted for a very long time, as objects of literary convention.

Note: Ibn A'haron will conclude his series on "Extraterrestrialism as an Historical Doctrine" with a postscript article entitled, "How to Build a Saucer", to be written exclusively for SAUCER NEWS. - Also of interest to SAUCER NEWS readers will be an article appearing in the October issue of "Fantastic Universe" science fiction magazine. It is entitled "The Sinister Flame", and contains more fascinating material on the new science of extraterrestrialism.

SPUTNIKS AND FLYING SAUCERS

- by Justin Case -

For years we Americans have been complacent in our belief that we were well ahead of the Russians in all forms of science, including nuclear physics and rocketry. But this belief was rudely shattered late in 1957 when the Russians launched their first two Sputniks in alarmingly rapid succession, while we were engaged principally in talking about what we were going to do. President Eisenhower found it necessary to deliver two Science and Security talks to the public, first partly to soothe our suddenly-awakened fears, and secondly to warn us that we must make a determined effort to catch up with and exceed the Russians in the space race. Our U. S. Navy Vanguard project was speeded up in a vain effort to put the first American satellite into orbit. The repeated failures to do this were so widely publicized throughout the

world that American prestige rapidly deteriorated while that of the Russians grew.

Furthermore, ever since their first Sputnik, the Russians have been intensifying their cold war on us. Despite the recent visit of their Deputy Prime Minister, which seemed to indicate a break in the cold war, it is now (March, 1959) more intense than ever, with a crisis over Berlin rapidly approaching.

What is the effect of all these developments on the flying saucer mystery? By flying saucers, I mean those UFOs that have been seen visually and tracked on radar, that accelerate and travel at fantastically high rates, and that make very sudden and sharp changes in direction of flight - all of which appear to be intelligently directed.

The foregoing developments lead to several conclusions:

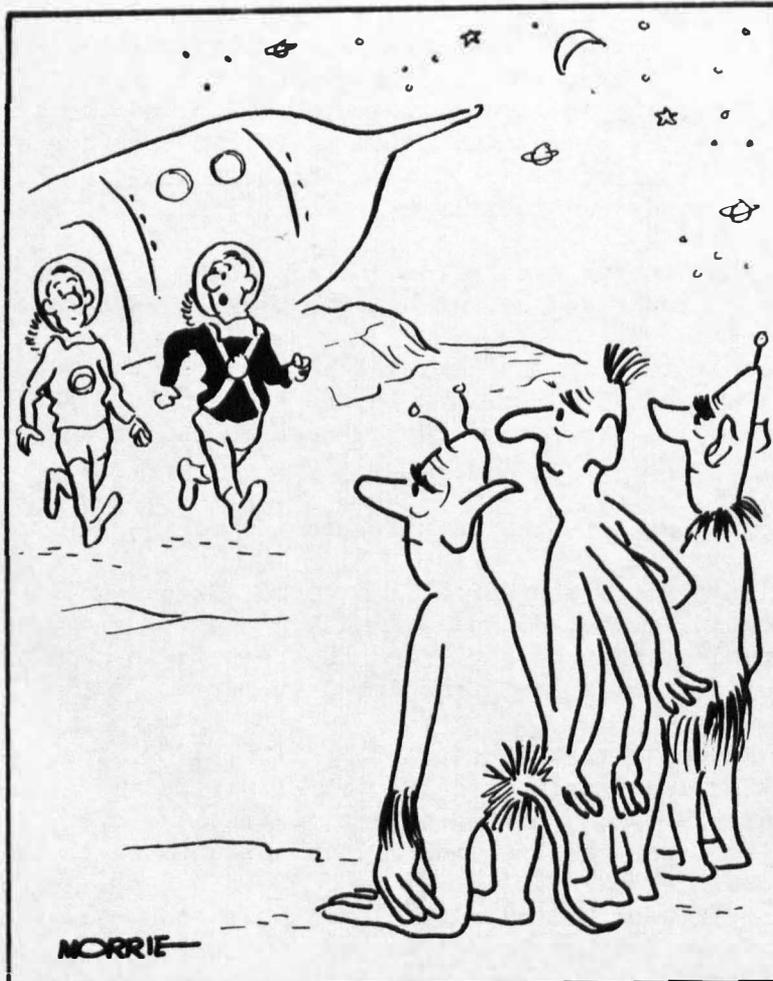
1. Flying saucers are not secret U.S. devices. If they were, President Eisenhower would have told us so in his Science and Security talks in order to restore both confidence in ourselves and our prestige throughout the world. But to date, no government official has sought to bolster our morale by claiming that we have anything as advanced as flying saucers. (Such devices as the AVRO saucer are much less advanced than the real UFOs.)

2. They are not secret Soviet devices. If they were, the Reds would be boasting about them and openly flying them everywhere. They would now be dictating to the free world instead of continuing to wage propaganda wars.

3. Since they are not secret devices of either the U. S. or of Russia, they are not Earth-made devices, for no other nation has the enormous scientific resources or industrial wealth to produce such craft.

4. Neither the U. S. or Russian governments believe that flying saucers contain intelligent visitors from space. If they did, they would immediately stop the cold war. They would immediately join in mutual defense against a common enemy that possesses tremendously powerful craft. When and if this happens, it will be the best clue that flying saucers come from space.

5. Our Air Force still does not know what flying saucers are. If they knew, they would have no reason to conceal the solution from us, now that it is evident that UFOs are not Earth-made devices and that our government does not believe they are in-



"Remember, no fraternizing with the opposite sex; whichever they are!"

telligent visitors from space. The Air Force does not have enough scientific evidence to warrant any conclusions about the identity of UFOs.

6. Therefore it is safe to say that flying saucers have not landed, they have not contacted anyone, and they have not left any proof anywhere of their presence or identity.

The advent of the Sputniks has reduced the flying saucer mystery by eliminating the probability that they are Earth-made devices. This is an important step in the solution of the mystery.

This means that flying saucers still might be intelligent visitors from space, or they might be some form of phenomena beyond our present knowledge. Intelligent people will readily admit that the mystery has not yet been solved. This leaves the various Lunatic Fringe groups as the only ones who believe they know what flying saucers really are.

THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS AIRPLANE CRASH

- by Bob Barry -

First, I would like to outline a report that appeared in the Seattle Post Intelligencer, Seattle, Washington, on April 2nd, 1959. The report states:

An Air Force C-118 transport plane, wrapped in flames and streaming a tail of fire, plunged to earth with four men aboard 15 miles east of McChord Air Force Base, Washington. There were no survivors. Col. Robert E. Booth, commander of the 1705th Air Transport Group, to which the plane was attached, said a radioed report from the plane indicated there had been a mid-air collision. Col. Booth said the pilot radioed about an hour and fifteen minutes after taking off from McChord on a routine training flight, "We have hit something, or something has hit us."

Col. Booth further stated that the pilot called "Mayday", the international distress signal, and reported he was heading back to the base. Then came the words, "This is it!"

That was the last contact with the stricken plane. "It would appear there was some kind of mid-air collision prior to the crash," Col. Booth said. It was reported that two bodies were found buried deep in the ground by the impact.

That concludes the report of the Seattle Post Intelligencer of April 2nd, 1959.

Robert Gribble, director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Group (national headquarters at 5108 Findlay St., Seattle, Wash.) sent a group of investigators from his UFO organization and forwarded the results to me for release in this district. I submit that report from Mr. Gribble:

Subject: C-118 Air Force Transport crash on April 1, 1959.

Additional information in reference to previous report:

1. The C-118 was struck by an unknown object near Mt. Rainier. A large part of the horizontal stabilizer was knocked off. This was found in the hills on the north side of Mt. Rainier.

2. Witnesses in the area of Mt. Rainier stated that the C-118 was flying at tree-top level and was headed north. It seemed to be fighting for altitude. The plane was not on fire.

3. For some unknown reason, the plane did not land at McChord Air Force Base, but instead, turned away from the field, still flying at very low altitude. It then struck trees on Crooker Heights, damaged #4 engine, and tore

open the wing tank, which then caught fire and turned the plane into a flying torch.

4. After A.P.R.G. (Aerial Phenomena Research Group) made our first visit to the Sumner-Orting area, near the crash scene, the entire area was placed under a state of semi-martial law. Troops were moved in from Fort Lewis to interview residents of the area and to instruct them not to discuss the crash with any strangers.

5. The body of the fourth member of the crew has not been found, as of April 23rd, 1959.

6. The "shredded" condition in which the plane was found, is still a mystery.

This concludes the first report from Mr. Gribble, mailed to me on April 23rd. The following newspaper article was also part of the April 23rd report from Mr. Gribble. It is from the Olympia, Washington, Olympian, and is dated April 2nd:

Strange Sky Object Reported by Couple Traveling in Country: Did a mysterious, high-speed light in the sky have anything to do with carrying a four-engine Air Force Transport to the earth in flames Wednesday evening, and killing all four crewmen? It may never be known, but the report of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Loomis of Offutt Lake is being studied by the air safety officer at McChord Air Force Base for possible clues to the air disaster that occurred in Pierce County.

Loomis, who operates a general store in Littlerock, and his wife were returning home from Tinino about 8-30 Wednesday evening, when they spotted the brilliant aerial object. Loomis explained it this way: "My wife was driving. We were coming from Tinino toward Offutt Lake when I noticed off in the sky to my right an extremely bright light; It seemed to blink or go out, and then it would appear again. We watched it in relationship to the Nelson brothers' home, and it really traveled northward at a high rate of speed, and I mean it was fast. It was just over the tree tops."

Loomis said the object definitely was not an airplane. He said that when they arrived home and heard of the crash, they began to wonder about the sighting, since the object appeared to have been traveling in the direction that would lead it toward the big transport that apparently was crippled in mid-air. Last-minute reports from the pilot stated he either hit, or was struck by, something in the air.

A public information officer at McChord Field said Thursday that he had received unofficial reports that Army troops at Fort Lewis were practicing with parachute flares Wednesday evening - which may give a clue to the bright light seen. However, only one object, traveling at a high rate of speed, was seen by the Loomis couple, and the Air Force authorities are suspicious enough to be checking it thoroughly.

Further reports received by this writer from the Aerial Phenomena Research Group, point out several incidents preceding and following the crash which definitely make the entire case highly unusual to say the least. These incidents are listed below:

1. At 7-00 P. M. on April 1st, a series of mysterious aerial explosions shook the North Seattle area.
2. At 7-20 P. M., the entire Seattle area was shaken by a tremendous aerial explosion. Damage was reported.
3. At 7-45 P. M., Mr. Sam Snyder of Graham, Washington (near the

crash scene) said that his wife and a house guest witnessed a brilliant glow through the timber in the direction of the crash scene. After dying out, it was followed by a second glow, which soon disappeared. (Notice that this took place before the crash of the C-118 according to the A.P.R.G. report.)

4. During the early hours of darkness, exact time unknown, mysterious lighted objects were seen in the sky from Kent, about 20 miles north of the crash scene, and in Carbonado, about 8 miles southeast of the crash scene. They were also reported in the Mt. Rainier area. Sightings of these mysterious objects in the Orting area were confirmed on April 2nd in a telephone conversation with Orting's chief of police and the public information officer at McChord Air Force Base. However, the information officer at McChord said the objects were "flares being dropped by parachute during a parachute jump exercise at Fort Lewis," which is located next to the air base. Mr. Dolwood, who is news chief at Fort Lewis, denied that such an exercise was in progress on the night of the crash.

5. Witnesses in the Sumner area stated that, as the C-118 passed over their area, none of the four engines were running. The same witnesses said that two parachute-like glowing objects were following the plane. The witnesses also noticed that a portion of the tailpiece was missing.

6. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Orting said they saw three or four parachute-like objects in the air as the plane passed near their home. The Air Force had no comment regarding these objects.

7. At 10-00 P.M. another series of mysterious explosions shook the Seattle area.

8. About 10-00 on the morning after the crash, an anonymous phone call was received at A.P.R.G. Headquarters in Seattle, which stated that radar at McChord Air Force Base had picked up UFOs prior to the crash. The public information officer at McChord neither admitted nor denied the validity of this statement.

The A.P.R.G. report continues:

On Saturday, April 4th, a group of A.P.R.G. investigators went to the Orting-Sumner area to investigate the reports of UFOs seen in the area prior to the crash. We had been advised, in a telephone conversation with Mr. Fred Emard, Orting's Chief of Police, that he would be glad to furnish us with information regarding the sighting of mysterious lighted objects, but we would have to come to Orting so that he could see who he was talking to. We obliged.

Upon arrival in Orting, we found the Chief in conference with an Air Force colonel. The town was alive with Air Force brass.

After waiting about 25 minutes at the Chief's home for an interview, we finally were able to see him. He announced that he had nothing to say to members of our group, and then left. We were advised that any statement Chief Emard had for our group could be made through McChord Air Force Base! The Chief, and the other officials of Orting, had been silenced. This was a statement given to us by a source close to Chief Emard. It is not a theory on the part of the A.P.R.G. investigating team.

Since the crash, the Air Force has been working frantically and silently, trying desperately to silence anyone and everyone who witnessed the crash or who have any information pertaining to the crash. Residents of the Sumner-Orting area have been advised not to discuss the crash with anyone. They have been bluffed into submission. Airport tower operators at some local airports have been forced by Air Force officers to sign affidavits compelling them to remain silent about the crash. If they don't sign, they lose their jobs!

One gentleman, who was one of the first to arrive at the crash scene, talked frankly and freely of what he had seen and heard. Then he too was silenced. His experience with the crash was bad enough, but his experience with censorship left him really shaken up!

The citizens of the Sumner-Orting area are silent and scared. They know something is wrong, but they can't put their finger on it. What is the Air Force trying to hide? Did the Air Force radar see a UFO hit the C-118? Were there eye-witnesses to the collision which the pilot reported? Is this the reason for all the secrecy?

We of A.P.R.G. have heard a lot about Air Force censorship regarding UFOs. Many of our members were reluctant to believe these reports. However, the Air Force actions in connection with the crash of the C-118 have shocked these members into a reality which they shall never forget. They have experienced this censorship first hand! We of A.P.R.G. were advised, through a source in Orting, to mind our own business, or else. We called their bluff, and continued our investigation.

Air Force officers have not been successful in their desperate attempt to silence all witnesses and all sources of information. We have received a considerable amount of information which is still being checked out. Much of this information is of a startling nature, and must be supported by additional data before being released.

Thus ends the report from the Aerial Phenomena Research Group of Seattle, Washington. This group is to be complimented for their excellent work in digging out many unknown facts pertaining to the crash of the AF-C-118 transport.



RECENT NEWS STORIES

INDIANA FAMILY CHASES SAUCERS: On the night of July 9th, James F. Baker and other members of his family driving with him, chased a group of unidentified lights for several miles on a highway near Columbus, Indiana. Said Baker: "We saw three lights moving very slowly in front of us, and we thought at first that they were on an airplane with engine trouble. There was no sound. I think I could have thrown a rock and hit them, they were so low. These blinking orange lights then moved out of their triangle formation. It gave us quite a start. Later they came back together and we started chasing them towards Columbus." Baker estimated the speed of the lights at 15 mph, until he started chasing them. They then increased their speed and finally streaked off into the sky and got away from him. Local officials identified the lights as belonging to three airplanes flying in a triangle formation, but this explanation does not fit the facts as told by Baker.

SAUCER BRIEFS: An Ocean City N. J. newspaper article dated July 24th states that oval-shaped UFOs buzzed docks and guest cabins in that area. The report was made by Mrs. Thomas McGrath, of Upper Darby, Pa., a newspaper woman who was spending the summer at Ocean City. She said that she was working on the family boat when two saucers came down around the boat, with a third saucer behind it. The three objects then circled around the nearby guest cabins, and disappeared into the sky....A French scientist named Dr. Marcel Pages asserts that he has discovered a way to build a flying saucer capable of traveling through the cosmos at almost unlimited speed. His plan is simply to eliminate the earth's gravitation by a rotating electric field. (Shades of Otis T. Carr!) Dr. Pages claims to have been working on his theories for the past 40 years, and recently presented them to the International Congress of Satellites and Missiles in Paris.....At 10-30 P. M. on July 16th, a Superior, Nebraska resident named Jim Chapman claimed that, while he was on his way home from a ball game, a UFO followed him along a highway. When he changed his direction of travel, the UFO did also. Finally Chapman became "plain scared", and headed back to where he could find someone for moral support. Chapman eventually came upon two other people, and the three of them reported that the UFO followed them in the same way, changing direction whenever they did. It was at a 30-degree angle in the sky and about a quarter of a mile away, according to the witnesses.....



Dr. Carl Jung's controversial UFO book has been published in English, and is called "Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies". There has been a great deal of dispute concerning Jung's personal opinion on saucers, due partly to Jung's own ambiguous statements in the book and elsewhere. The truth seems to be that Jung is not nearly as interested in the physical existence of UFOs as he is in their psychological implications. The illustration at the left, from Jung's book, shows a saucer sighting in 1566 A.D.