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- This issue is dedicated to George Earley -

YES, VIRGINIA, EVERY MAN (\*) IS A MINISTER!  
(another attempt at a semi-serious editorial)

We were watching late, late night television again the other night, when who should appear for a spot news interview but Kirby J. Hensley, head of the Universal Life Church. Hensley's church has received a lot of attention lately, because in various sections of New York State, hundreds of his ministers have declared their homes to be churches, and have used this as a legal excuse not to pay property taxes. Understandably, New York State is getting upset about this.

For those of you unfamiliar with the U.L.C., we will tell you briefly that it is the only church we've heard of that professes no creed; and anyone can become a minister simply by writing to Hensley and sending a "free will donation" of one dollar. Though Hensley publicly professes to being illiterate, we have in our files two 16-page issues of his magazine (called "Universal Life") from 1972. It is handsomely type-set, and is a professional-looking zine (unlike this one), consisting of religiously-oriented articles. There are also ads for marriage certificates (\$3 donation), honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees (\$20 donation), and the like. In spite of his alleged illiteracy, Hensley signs the certificates, writes books, and even ran for President of the U.S. in 1972. (He lost.)

On the TV interview, Hensley claimed to have between 5 and 6 million ministers, nation-wide. Regarding finances, he would only smile and say he is "in the black;" but if the claimed membership figure is accurate, and if each minister has sent in only a couple of bucks, then it is fair to say that Hensley has solved the problem of poverty in America - at least for himself.

So, - what does all this have to do with UFOs? Hardly anything, really - except that we once met Reverend Hensley in person at a Giant Rock UFO convention in California. As a member of the Press, your Editor was made a minister without even coughing up a donation. We still carry the card, and it is our understanding that we can perform a legally-binding marriage at least in the state of California. (No one has ever asked us to actually do so, however.)

If you've read this far, you are probably under the impression that this article is an expose of some sort. It is not, however. Whatever Hensley's motives may be, we earnestly believe that he has hit upon, or perhaps only stumbled upon, the very essence of true religion. Every man (\*) is a minister! In our humble opinion, it is all the other sects which are phony, to one degree or another - not Hensley's. If America guarantees freedom of religion, it is only Hensley who has discovered the ultimate freedom, and he is to be congratulated rather than cursed. Some would say that Hensley, with no creed, makes a mockery of religion, and that his money-grubbing makes it all the worse. We would argue that it is beyond the power of one man to interpret for others the nature of Ultimate Reality. Therefore it is, in our opinion, creeds that make a mockery of true religion - and need we add that Hensley's church has no monopoly on money grubbing!

So it is with pride - not shame or cynicism - that your Editor publicly declares himself to be a minister of the Universal Life Church.

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(\*) and woman

Several California addresses are given in "Universal Life" for different aspects of their church's activities. We are attempting to re-establish contact with Hensley. If we hear from him, we will print his current address in a forthcoming issue, in case any of our non-subscribers would care to join.

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Also in a forthcoming issue, we'll tell you how to become a legitimate member of the working press for under \$10.00. (Obviously, this is a totally different "bag", but we just thought we'd call your attention to it here.)

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THIS ISSUE'S ANTI-GREENFIELD NOTE: Rick Hilberg, writing in the Fall, 1976 issue of his "UFO Magazine News Bulletin" (3403 West 119th St., Cleveland, Ohio), has an article about the recent thirteenth annual meeting of the National UFO Conference. He concludes the article by saying: "I must seriously disagree with my old friend Allen Greenfield.....who recently characterized those who support this convention as somehow apart from the 'reality of the present.' I don't consider myself out of touch with the highly subjective Ufology movement, because of the simple fact that it is a subjective and wide-open field. Those who attended the Con all saw the ultimate nexus of all that is Ufology in a different and introspective way, but that is what makes everything so beautiful. Ufology can be so many things to so many different and intuitive people.....We are looking forward to next year, when Dale Rettig will host the fourteenth such gathering, in San Francisco....."

#### Ye Olde Mail Bag

UFO researcher Bill Lutters writes: "'Saucer Phews,' 'Saucer Booze,' or whatever - You and your sense of humor are still the greatest. It's great to see Jim Moseley back on the scene. I will always be a devoted fan. Maybe in the near future we will be able to rendezvous in Manhattan for lunch, like old times....

"It's too bad Keel doesn't play with a full deck anymore!....."

Orestes Wilson writes: "Your stinking Newsletter is probably the worst UFO bulletin currently available to the public at the present time. But I enjoy every word of it, especially any news from Gray Barker.....I could easily decipher the glorious letter from J. Oberg. So, who needs a typewriter? Betty Moseley's drawing is fine. It's an exact image of a character next door, whom we call Dirty Harry....

"The sex life of Venusians and Martians was discussed in detail, about 5 years ago, in the Oregon Greater Albany newspaper, in Albany, Oregon. The Editor, whose name I forget, claimed to have met them on the beach of the Pacific Ocean."

Steven Elliott, UFO editor, writes: "Was glad to see (in 'Saucer Screws') that Burt - er - Curt Sutherly has come to the correct, unavoidable, and only possible intelligent conclusion as regards my overwhelming popularity in UFOdom. Perhaps if Burt were to follow in the footsteps of greats such as myself, his name, too, will become a household word. I can't speak for Greenfield and Barker, but Sutherly's statements notwithstanding, I certainly don't mind aspiring ufologists such as you comparing themselves to more famous UFO personalities such as I.

"As always, I'm looking forward to your next ish. Even if it weren't for the excellent contents, I would anticipate receiving the mag just to find what new outrageous title you have dreamed up."

Curt Sutherly, alias Xerox, writes: ".....Oberg's letter (in 'Saucer Screws') was terrible. After meeting and conversing with the man (alien??) briefly at the '75 Fort Smith fiasco, I thought he'd be able to provide UFOdom at random & large with more of an insight into who and what the ultraterrestrials (not extraterrestrials) really are. But all he managed to do was throw greater suspicion upon himself that he is, actually, a MIB or CIA spy. To top all this off, when I bumped into him at Fort Smith, it was during breakfast, where he was sitting with none other than Phil Klass! Does this tell you anything??....."

Saucer contactee Jennings H. Frederick writes: ".....I wish it understood that I gave the location of Zarcon's organization in Space for your readers, so that they might assist me in locating just where in Space this Being indeed comes from. I am of course referring to all those amateur astronomers who might be on your mailing list.

"In my fifteen years of studies I have worked for NASA (indirectly), constructed hundreds of experimental rockets, sent at least two designs for toy rockets to manufacturers who stole these designs from me, and developed my own liquid rocket propellant. This is just to give your readers a much better understanding of my Research activities.

"Sometimes I doubt your Newsletters and the nutty things you say; yet sometimes folks think I'm a nut and insincere. Anyhow, I much appreciate your Newsletters, and hope to receive more....."

From UFO personality Laura Mundo, regarding her unfortunate feud with former co-worker Connie Grzych: "You hit it right on the head, as usual (you are such a smart little boy) when you said Our Big Falling Out in Novi (Michigan) was the 'ole N. P. of B.' You better watch out, when you take its name in vain and don't fall down in obeisance, especially this coming Halloween - we will be writing obits in our newsletter columns about you!!

"We did not receive a form letter from Ms. Connie Grzych, our former co-worker, telling her side of why the Flying Saucer Info Center moved its Workshop from Novi, so we have no idea what she said. But we did not tell, in our last newsletter, of her over-dosing on tranquilizers mixed with wine, at which time Laura almost had a stroke, trying to keep her conscious until help got there, to get Connie to the hospital. Her husband said he didn't care if she lived or died, when Laura called him at work, to come home to help. Connie had done this previously, and it's not easy to live with....."

Wow! Glad we survived Halloween! - Editor.

Melvin C. Fart, alias Ted Zilch, writes: "I have personally investigated thousands of Fartean Phenomena cases. Usually the Fartean Phenomenon is accompanied by a sound - anywhere from an almost inaudible squeak to a thunderous roar. The sound cases are the easiest ones to trace, particularly when there are multiple witnesses. Silent Fartean Phenomena are the most difficult to investigate. In fact, these are most often assigned to the 'unidentified' category, and thought of as being possibly extraterrestrial.

"There are many civilian Fartean groups. One of my favorites is the Tucson-based Aerial Fartean Research Organization (AFRO). However, the most scientific of them all is Ground Fartean Watch (GFW), based in Phoenix. Under the guidance of William Spalding, Ground Fartean Watch has developed a computer odor analysis program. Using this sophisticated system, (in which a computer actually sniffs the Fartean Phenomena), and with Bill Spalding's educated nose, Ground Fartean Watch has analyzed over 500 unidentified odors. Out of these 500, Spalding has classified 20 Fartean cases as bona fide - meaning that the Fart is probably extraterrestrial. The remaining 480 have been blamed on Stanton Friedman!"

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The question: What is the caption of this picture?



The answer appears inverted, below.

"Who farted in the UFO?"