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AS THE EGO TRIPS

Well, gang, here we are nearing the end of the first year of our Re-Entry into the UFO Field. How well we know what a great wave of Apathy greeted our first issue (labeled Vol. 23, No. 16 (*) for obscure reasons), this past February. At that time we were hard-pressed to fill up two pages with our ravings. Now, less than a year later, we are fighting hard to keep the Zine down to four pages (= 2 sheets); and meanwhile the volume of mail has increased tremendously if not superficially. From a circulation of slightly less than one hundred, we have grown to somewhat slightly less than one hundred thousand; and in our zeal to help re-elect Jimmy Carter in 1980, we have fought inflation to a standstill by keeping the price the same throughout this period.

In all undue modesty, we can't help remarking on the two recent Honors we have received (discussed in more boring detail in the Letters Section). These include our Honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Universal Life Church (601 Third Street, Modesto, Calif. 95351) and our appointment as New Jersey Director for Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), whose Western Division is headed by William Spaulding of Phoenix, Ariz. (Why this official act was not reserved for the Eastern Division chiefton, eludes us.)

Throughout, we have remained True to the high ideals and lofty goals outlined in the very first paragraph of Vol. 23, No. 16 (*): "At times we will be serious, at times we will attempt to be facetious, and at times we will not be certain whether we are being serious or facetious, and you will have to make up your own minds."

But, quite semi-seriously, it is you the vast multitude of non-subscribers who have made our Zine what it is today. Somehow, we have brought out the best (or possibly the worst) in many of you. We seem to have attracted a coterie (or "hard core", if you will), of frustrated satirists, complainers, chronic contactees, and just plain Heads - such as never has been assembled under one date-line before. Our semi-sincere thanks to each and every one of you, and may all your Christmases be jolly.

THE WORLD'S FIRST UFO CHAIN LETTER - by A. Nonymous

Dear Fellow Saucer-Freak:

Do you need rare and valuable UFO books? Let the gang here at the Church of Saucer worship tell you how to get them. We have run several of these chain letters in the past year and have, as a result, received many, many rare UFO books. We know, from first-hand experience, that many UFO buffs are deeply disappointed with their collection of books, photos, and saucer zines. Isn't it time that you woke up? Follow the instructions in this letter and you'll have the largest collection of saucer literature in your area!

This chain letter will bring you at least 22 UFO books if you follow the instructions carefully. Listed below are two different names and addresses. Your fee in participation is 2 UFO books. These books must be the rarest that you own! All that you have to do is mail your two books to the person listed in the #1 position. After you mail the books, make 10 copies of this letter and mail the copies to other buffs, lecturers, and assorted Saucer People.

Be sure to mail the books and duplicate letters within 48 hours, so that you do not break the chain!

(*) For a copy of this extremely rare, collectors'-item-type First Back Issue, send \$1,000 in coin, stamps, or unmarked bills to: Weird Book Tracers, P.O. Box 1984, Nome, Alaska. No checks please, and no trifflers.

Do not change the wording of this letter. If you do, a terrible thing or two might just, well, you know, "happen" to you. The only change that you are to make is in the names. The object here is to rearrange them. On your letter omit name #1, move name #2 to the #1 position, and put your name and address in the #2 slot. Dig? When your name reaches the #1 position, it is your turn to receive the free books!

In the past, several people that we know of, have, unfortunately, broken the chain. We have learned of the following cases:

Walter X broke the chain. Six days later the strange phone calls began. High-pitched buzzing noises, voices sounding like a speeded-up phonograph, vague threats to his life, family, and dog. Walter didn't understand. He was puzzled by the disappearance of his neighbor's pets and especially by the six black Cadillacs parked ominously on his street. It all came to an end when Walter's house burned down and his files were destroyed. The next day Walter, his family, and dog moved to another state.

Robert C. also broke the chain. It was quite an ordinary day. - Robert C. sat in his living room reading the paper. Cynthia, his wife, was busily preparing dinner in the kitchen. His wife stated later that she heard a slow knocking at the door and Robert getting up to answer it. After the door opened - an unearthly scream echoed through the house. Robert C. was found dead - his face transformed into a mask of unspeakable horror. It is believed that he saw the Evil One.

A well-known researcher, who must remain anonymous as this case is still under investigation, reworded this letter. Somewhere, we are sure, he deeply regrets this. His story began hours afterwards. Witnesses described it as the strangest thunderstorm ever to come up in their seemingly peaceful little town. The researcher was outside when the clouds started to gather. Through piecemeal reports it appears that he was struck by lightning and badly burned over 60% of his body. When the ambulance drove up, witnesses were amazed to see a large red automobile with the letters A-M-B-U-L-A-N-C-E scrawled hastily on the side in white paint. Four men hopped out and hustled him into the trunk. This researcher was never seen again - at least not in this world!

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT MAKE THE SAME FOOLISH MISTAKES. REMEMBER: UFO RESEARCH IS A DANGEROUS GAME!

SCIENCE-FICTION DEPT.

The following is a hypothetical telephone interview between your "Saucer Views" Editor and Mr. Joseph Fann - a man whom many people would consider to be typical of our loyal non-subscribers.

Moseley: Hello, is this Mr. Joseph Fann?

Fann: Yes, who's calling?

M: This is James Moseley, famous Northeast Coast UFO researcher.

F: Why do you limit yourself like that? I remember you from the Long John Nebel Show. You used to be really Big in the Field. But, golly, I thought you were dead or something!

M: Spiritually dead, perhaps; but still with my head above water and my feet in the sand.

F: Well, it's really an honor to get a call from a really.....

M: Please, flattery will get you everywhere. Now, may I call you Joe, Mr. Fann?

F: And may I call you Jim, JIM?

M: Not Jim Jim; just Jim.

F: Jim?

M: Jim.

- to be continued -

(What mysterious supernatural force drove Moseley to telephone Joseph Fann? Why are they so suddenly on a first-name basis? Why is Moseley such an egomaniac? For the answers to these and other mind-blowing questions, be sure to read the next episode of "Science-Fiction Dept."

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Ye Olde Mail Bag Again

Patricia Barringer of the Universal Life Church writes: "Thank you for your vary

kind letter and the article you sent. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I read it to Rev. Hensley (he really can't read or write), and I haven't heard him laugh so much in ages.

"Due to the publicity, things have been pretty hectic here at Headquarters, but I took the time to check our files again and I found you at the p.o. box address, as having been ordained on September 28th, 1968. You have been with the Church longer than I have, and I thought that I was one of the old timers.

"I am enclosing your Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree....."

Lou Wiedemann, Vice President of Vestigia and ardent UFO researcher, writes: "I read the first part of 'Saucer Phews' and I gulpingly exclaimed, Jeez, Ole Moseley has risen to new heights of degradation! Such scatterbrained scatology! But then I speculated on the validity of studying certain body functions as unexplained phenomena:

"Take yawning, for instance. It is an involuntary act resulting from drowsiness, generally explained as adding extra oxygen to the system. In fact, however, most yawns do not include a 'deep inhaling' component; the O₂ theory does not hold up. What then does the yawn achieve? Think about it!

"Even human sneezing is quite odd. The apparent purpose of this involuntary blast is the expulsion of nasal irritants. However, people do not really sneeze through their noses; the major force is expelled orally. (If you don't believe this, hold your mouth shut for your next sneeze, and you will likely blow your eyeballs out of your head!)

"How to tie these two puzzles to Ufology? I can suggest one way: Consider the reported facial characteristics of many aliens. Rudimentary slits for a nose, and a very small, lipless orifice for a mouth. Not very conducive to decent yawning or sneezing, is it? If aliens can't yawn or sneeze, and if human yawns and sneezes do not serve the traditionally-assigned purposes, then what are we to make of it?.....

"Will you have 'Saucer Flus' out in time for the epidemic?"

Yes, we made it just in time! - Editor.

Larry Stephens, UFO researcher & publisher, writes: "Frankly, your magazine is refreshing after reading dull tables of content, charts of speed, charts of shape, charts of colors, and charts of these charts. I do not give a hang (pardon the pun, you cattle rustlers), what anyone says about you. Your material reflects what I most want Ufology to reflect: a humanity, a humanness, a humaneness!.....Of course, despite the fact that I am a country boy, I do find some of your language offensive to my stiff sensitivities, but you do your Thing - whatever it is!"

FAKE ADVERTISEMENT

It should be called to your attention that Todd Zechel (alias Ted Zilch) of GSW is selling perfumed models of the Travis Walton UFO. This realistic-looking craft is very detailed and the craftsmanship is professional. These models are advertised for \$10.95 each, and would make a wonderful gift for persons confined to a rest home during the Christmas holidays.

I purchased one of these models for a gift. However, prior to gift-wrapping the detailed miniature, I had Mr. Johnson, our consultant in electronics, put in two D-cell batteries to check if the model performed as advertised. Upon placing the model on an overhead supporting string (which is the trick that many UFO photographers use), we depressed the two "action" buttons, and the metallic craft started to rotate, and clouds of pine-smelling odors were being emitted from the craft's periphery. We were so happy, as this was a real "nuts and bolts" experience. Then the second button was depressed, and a crepe-paper blue beam came out of the side of the model and struck the ground. We all were amazed and felt we were being pushed to the "edge of reality."

Parents should note that this is not just another toy, but a safe toy and a wonderful Xmas gift. Upon a close examination of the bottom of the disc, one can see the following metal impression stamps: "Made in Japan by APRQ" and a Good Housekeeping seal of approval: "The National Enquirer Toy Foundation."

Todd has said that additional accessories will be available in the near future.

- William H. Spaulding
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Dear Jim:

It is my distinct pleasure to announce your appointment to the position of New Jersey Director for Ground Saucer Saucer Watch. This appointment is made with the full knowledge and concurrence of the Director of Ground Saucer Watch, William H. Spaulding, Phoenix, Arizona.

Among your duties as New Jersey Director are: (1) Coordinating and aiding investigations in your area; (2) Promoting Ground Saucer Watch as an organization by bringing our efforts to the public's attention; (3) Encouraging the support of our organization by members and non-members, with either their financial contributions or sales of GSW materials; (4) Retaining your great sense of humor--which serves as a constant reminder that all of us have a tendency to take ourselves too seriously.

There will undoubtedly be some eyebrows raised and some derogatory comments made about this appointment. The so-called "purists" will no doubt be rankled. However, it is our judgement that past efforts by certain organizations to exclude you from the mainstream of Ufology have been grossly unfair--and downright silly. Who is to say your contributions to Ufology have less merit than other's contributions? After all, it was through your persistence and sacrifice that George Adamski was finally proven to be a hoaxer. I have personally reviewed much of your early work, and I think I'm safe to say that you were making an honest effort to be objective and to report UFO events as accurately as possible--rather than the way you personally construed them.

Ground Saucer Watch understands that your current publication is satirical in nature, and we fully expect that we will continue to be just as much parodied as in the past. We will not attempt to impose any conditions on what you might say about us--especially in light of the fact that we enjoy jokes about ourselves as we do about others.

Ground Saucer Watch anticipates a long and fruitful relationship with you. As New Jersey Director, you will have an opportunity to enhance and promote what we believe is the most effective UFO research organization in existence.

Those of us who know you well feel that our lives have already been enriched by your wit, charm, and warmth.

Sincerely;



W. Todd Zechel
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