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PFLOCK SOARS (LIKE MOTHMAN!) TO NEW HEIGHTS:



Karl Pflock

At last! Our esteemed "Smear" Contributing Editor and Fifth Columnist Karl Pflock's new book will be published on June 1st. A \$25 hardcover from Prometheus Books (publisher of our forthcoming "Shockingly Close to the Truth!"), it's "Roswell: Inconvenient Facts and the Will to Believe". We've not seen it yet, but know a good deal about it. Regardless of your position on Roswell, and especially if you think you know all there is to know about that infamous case, we're sure you'll want to read it. If your favorite bookstore doesn't have this book, ask them to order it for you, or get it from Amazon.com,

Barnesandnobel.com, or directly from the publisher at their 24-hour order #: 1-800-421-0351. Bob Girard's Arcturus Books (561-398-0796 or rgirard@aol.com) will be stocking it, too.

NEXT: OUR REPORT ON THE CLARKSBURG, W.VA. LIBRARY MINI-CONVENTION
and
MOTHMAN LIVES! - AT 330 MAIN STREET, POINT PLEASANT, W.VA!

On Saturday, April 28th, David Houchin of the Clarksburg - Harrison County (West Virginia) Library graciously hosted the third in a series of mini-conventions, based on the fact that the late, great Gray Barker left his books & papers to that institution. Barker, who died in 1984, was a life-long resident of West Virginia and a lifetime close friend of your "Smear" editor.

The mini-con consisted of short talks by your editor, plus Tom Benson of New Jersey MUFON; Antonio Huneeus, International Coordinator for MUFON, and Rick Hilberg of Cleveland, Ohio's UAPA (United Aerial Phenomena Agency).

On Sunday April 29th Moseley, Benson and Huneeus made an overnight side-trip to Point Pleasant, W.Va., on the Ohio River. In this area there have been sightings of a mysterious giant bird-like creature called Mothman, dating all the way back to World War I, and culminating in the late 1960s, when the Silver Bridge over the Ohio River collapsed, killing 46

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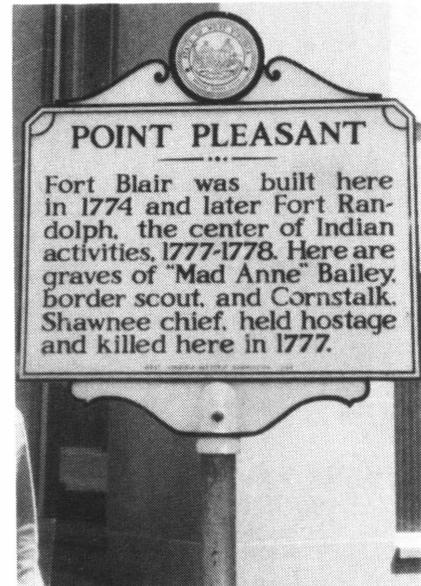
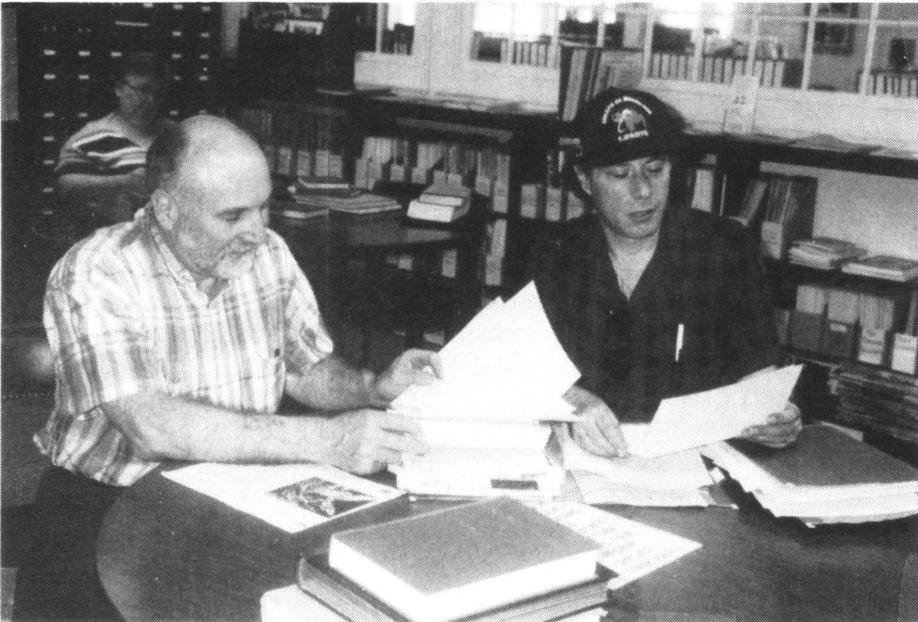
people. Some say that the collapse of the bridge was the result of an old Indian curse, from the period of the American Revolution.

Whatever the reason, the Point Pleasant area has had a lot of bad luck through the years, not the least of which was a series of visits in the late 1960s by researcher John Keel, who eventually wrote a book called "Mothman Prophecies". This book is, as we speak, being made into a motion picture, though for some reason it is being filmed near Pittsburgh rather than Point Pleasant. When this movie hits the silver screen this Fall, we predict that Mothman - now in semi-retirement - will make a big comeback! "Mothmania" could almost become another Roswell. Wheee!

All in all, our trip to West Virginia was a good one, and we hope to do it again someday.

NEWS BRIEFIES:

When you reach the Letters section of this issue, you will see that in spite of our very conservative views about the Roswell Incident, your editor has been invited to speak at next year's annual Roswell Festival, in July, 2002. We are proud indeed of this invitation!...Meanwhile, we will of course be appearing at the 38th annual National UFO Conference





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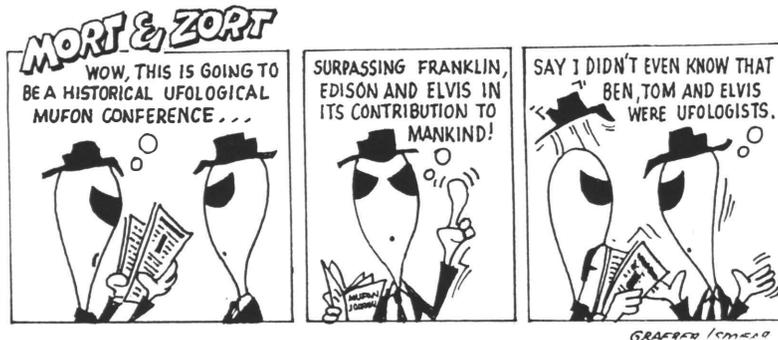
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TOP LEFT: Tom Benson and Antonio Huneus do Serious Research in the Gray Barker Room of the Clarksburg - Harrison County Library. - BOTTOM LEFT: Benson, Huneus, plus saucer fan Ed Mitchel & wife pose in front of Criminal Records, Web home of the legendary Mothman. Mothman was not available for interviews, unfortunately.

(NUFOC) in Austin, Texas on the weekend of Sept.14th-16th. Check the Web for details, at: www.nufoc.net... "Smear" is on the (cursed) Internet, but your editor is not. Therefore, any significant UFO or related news stories from the Net or elsewhere are of great interest to us. Send us whatever you think we may have missed, and the Space People will Bless you for having done so!...



In our last issue we quoted part of the remarks by UFO author Harold E. Burt in the April MUFON Journal, regarding the upcoming MUFON Convention in Orange County, California (near L.A.); Due to limitations of Space, we were not able to give you Mr. Burt's remarkable remarks in full. Here is the complete text of what he is quoted as having said:

"The work being done by the speakers in this year's symposium will eventually be recognized as more important to mankind than the work of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison, and the Wright Brothers. Their efforts were limited to this planet and elementary physics. MUFON Symposium speakers take our understanding of physics, consciousness and science beyond the boundaries of our planet and our limited experience. If you could go and witness the Declaration of Independence being signed or the Wright Brothers flying for the first time, would you go? Of course you would. For the very same reasons you should attend the MUFON Symposium 2001"...Unfortunately, your editor will have to miss this historic event!

...A depressing item from jolly old England informs us that the British Flying Saucer Bureau, founded in 1953, has closed down because of the lack of UFO sightings in recent years. Denis Pluckett, whom few of us have heard of, founded the Bureau together with his father Edgar. At their peak, they had about 1,500 members.

Less depressing to your "Smear" staff is the fact the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.), of which "Saucer Smear" is the official organ, was founded in 1954. Thus we have knocked off still another outfit that might claim to be older than ours!

Incidentally, "Smear" Contributing Editor Karl Pflock has long believed that the Space People, whoever they may be, started observing our Earth in the mid 1940s, and then left in the early 1970s, having completed their Mission. This, if true, would nicely explain the fact that sightings have dropped off so much in the past 25 years or so.

Another possibility is that we Earthlings have improved our ability to properly identify UFOs!...

On the weekend of March 23rd-25th, our olde pal Stanton Friedman was the star speaker at this year's annual UFO festival in Aztec, New Mexico. The Aztec saucer crash, alleged to have occurred in 1948, is on ground even more shaky than the Roswell, N.M. crash of 1947. Almost no one really believes that anything interplanetary ever happened at Aztec. But the local library sees the UFO theme as a legitimate fund-raiser, and Stan, who will go anywhere for money, was there to help them. Way to go, Stan!...

THREE MIND-BENDING CONFERENCES REGARDING OUR ALLEGED E.T. VISITORS:

On May 8th, a major news conference was held at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City, featuring former astronaut Brian O'Leary and others. The purpose was disclosure of startling new evidence of past intelligent life on Mars - mainly, a female face a mile and a quarter wide. Also other artificial structures. Involved in this event were long-time N.Y.C.

publicist Mike Luckman and others whom we know.

Then, on May 9th, the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. hosted an even more startling news conference, with a public briefing following on May 12th. Here ufologist Dr. Steven Greer (no longer practicing medicine) assembled a group of about twenty people with alleged first-hand evidence of alien visitation. Among them was retired Army sergeant Clifford Stone, a man with an ever-expanding imagination; former Air Force Intelligence officer Major George Filer, who writes a column for the MUFON Journal; Dr. Carol Rosin, billed as "former spokesperson" for the long-deceased Wernher Von Braun; and a far-out New Hampshire University professor named Dr. Ted Loder. Loder believes that "there is an inter-stellar war and a covert military-industrial group that is brainwashing Earthlings."

Dr. Greer's views make him sound a bit like a later-day George Adamski. Says he: "We have identified insiders and scientists who can prove, in open Congressional hearings, that we do possess classified energy generation and anti-gravity propulsion systems capable of completely and permanently replacing all forms of currently used energy generation and transportation systems." In other words, we're talking about (nearly) free energy! Even if there is a small amount of truth in all this, do you really suppose that multi-billion-dollar industries are going to step aside and allow the whole world to turn Green? Herr Bush Jr. and millions of people like him would never allow it!

Finally, also on May 12th, there was supposed to be the first-ever UFO Internet Convention, featuring (again!) Clifford Stone, Stanton Friedman, Robert Dean (eek!) and several others. Why Friedman lent himself to this, we really don't know.

The main topic of the Internet Con was to be a certain saucer fragment. Says the pre-Con hype: "Is this an actual piece of a flying saucer? Is this a piece of the Roswell craft? This is the material you've only heard about, material so controversial it was banned from network television. Now you can see for yourself! Sign up now!...For only \$9.99 you will be able to see, hear and witness the entire convention from your computer..." One warning: "Due to the graphic nature of this broadcast, it is not suitable for persons 18 years of age or younger. You must be at least 18 years of age to view!..."

Unfortunately, the first-ever UFO Internet Con was cancelled before it ever could be seen! Some say hackers were involved in this. Others say there were dire threats; or, maybe not enough people signed up to make it worthwhile. According to Friedman, it was the same saucer fragment shown at the 1997 Roswell Festival, which from chemical analysis turned out to be nothing of any importance. Egads!

TIMOTHY McVEIGH KNEW WILLIAM COOPER, THE FORMER UFO LECTURER!

A recent article in the Arizona Republic newspaper confirms the fact that mass-murderer Timothy McVeigh once visited ufologist Bill Cooper and asked Cooper for help - but he wouldn't say for what purpose. McVeigh was also a regular listener to Cooper's right-wing radio program, which he now broadcasts from an isolated hilltop in Eagar, Arizona.

For the past three years, Cooper has been a wanted man, regarding a warrant for his arrest, re failure to pay income taxes. (Cooper is a hard-core tax evader, by his own admission.) The Feds are afraid to storm Cooper's house, fearful of another incident such as those in Waco, Texas and Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Eventually Cooper, who is always armed, is bound to be arrested.

We knew Bill Cooper quite well years ago, when he was a regular lecturer at Tim Beckley's UFO conventions in various western states. Mr. Cooper was obviously a highly-opinionated right-wing extremist, but he was an excellent speaker and a very interesting drinking companion. Cooper stopped lecturing on the UFO circuit when Beckley hinted that he should pay taxes on his lecture earnings. We kid you not!

PFlock PTalk / UFOLOGICAL BLASPHEMY
by Karl Pflock, Our Contributing Editor & Fifth Columnist

This time, another first for Pflock PTalk: a guest column. Recently, one of this feature's secret agents intercepted a copy of a letter from ace "Smear" cartoonist and very thoughtful ufologist Matt Graeber to another of that all-too-rare breed (thoughtful ufologist, not cartoonist). It appears here after Matt concluded that our threatened disclosures (e.g., his taste in alien women) would be worse for him in the long run. Now, without further hoopla, heeerrrrre's Matt!

Dear X: Thanks for the recent packet of information...and your comments on NICAP and CUFOS.

Actually, I'm not at all surprised... I've come to the realization that "shoddy stuff" like this is common in ufodom, and that the quality of many of the so-called investigators is even worse. Thankfully, few of the groups and self-appointed UFO experts that I've written to over the years ever responded. So, I wasn't presented with the task of discovering what ufoologists they really were. The truth is that few are actually qualified to give objective opinions on the cases that they've botched.

They tend to jump at conclusions, grasp at straws, invent data, or suppress it, while sprinkling the above with just enough technical jargon to make it sound like they've done their homework. But a closer examination of their efforts tends to reveal that they have missed the obvious and sidestepped the probable when the data went against their beliefs and preconceptions about the cases in their charge.

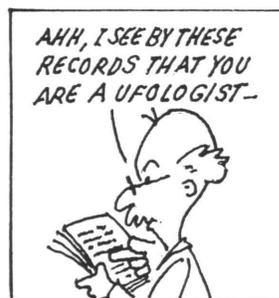
This is precisely why I feel that you've taken on a monumental task... For despite your best (and obviously very sincere) efforts, your data base is always in danger of contamination by unreliable sources (both poor observers and overzealous investigators), not to mention hoaxers and charlatans who often become UFO celebrities (e.g., Adamski, Van Tassel, "Prof." Carr, Lt. Col. Corso, and many others - especially those in the Holy City of Roswell. Eck!)

However, I do feel that you can trust the judgment of a few researchers, as long as you take their personal UFO agendas (mine included) into account and do not expect them to perform precisely as you would on any given case study or investigation. This has been the main reason for the lingering paralysis of ufology. For the major UFO groups, ufology became a dogma, not a multi-disciplined approach to a puzzle. What's more, collecting dues and putting out a trendy newsletter became their main concerns, not resolving the enigma.

If you really think about it, it seems that the experts do not really want the UFO phenomenon to be resolved. It would be their end, too! Besides, the phenomenon (as it is) is an industry unto itself. It is part of our national lexicon and a contemporary fact of our folklore. For some, it's even a New Age religion of sorts!

One man's ufology is another man's ufoology - and vice versa. Regards, Matt.

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MISSIVES FROM THE MASSES:

DAVE SWINK of the International UFO Museum & Research Center (IUFOMRC) in Roswell, New Mexico, writes as follows:

"I'm very happy you can be one of our VIP speakers during the UFO Festival in July, 2002. I'm sure our audience will be appreciative. I'm really excited that your new book will be available then too. That will be a real PLUS for all of us.

"As I stated before, you should not have any out of pocket expenses except personal phone calls, so you are welcome to have fun and enjoy the festival...I'll count on you for July 2002.

"Thanks again for your enthusiasm!"

STANTON FRIEDMAN, Nuclear Physicist, etc., writes as follows:

"...I am really puzzled. You say you disagree with just about everything I said in my last letter. Can you be more specific? Are you saying Dr. Donald Menzel wasn't connected with the CIA, NSA, cryptography, etc? Are you saying I wasn't telling the truth about the Klass claims about my income? Are you saying that the MUFON Journal article about MJ-12 wasn't inaccurate? Or that I was lying in my refutation?

"Yes, I can understand the comment in your letter about intuition and common sense being enough and there is no need for archival visits. That is true if one wants to settle for imaginative, fictional proclamations having no basis other than wishful thinking. However, if one is concerned with facts, data, truth, verification, validation, substantiation, then archival visits are of enormous benefit in getting at the truth...I could list many more than 30 important pieces of factual data that are derived from archive visits, including several about Menzel. Nobody knew, in the UFO world, before my publication of my research results, of Menzel's close connections with the intelligence community and with many other members of the MJ-12 group. Did you?..."

"Jim, obviously you have the right to feel whatever feelings you want about Menzel and everything else. But let's not try to pass them off as truth or the results of research. They are fantasies!"

Stan later sent another very long letter commenting unfavorably on Karl Pflock's last column (about Menzel), but unfortunately we have no space for same. Sincere apologies. - Editor.

CHRISTOPHER ALLAN writes:

"I think Karl (Pflock) has his time-line slightly wrong regarding the Menzel affair, and this may well provoke Stanton Friedman into an angry response. Let's wait and see.

"I am pretty certain that Dr. Menzel mentioned his 1949 sighting in New Mexico in his first book, published in 1953...Therefore Brad Sparks' discovery of this in 1976 is hardly relevant. Also, it follows that Menzel did not try to suppress the sighting, but merely brushed it off as a 'trivial mystery', if that is the right phrase. (Menzel did have a later sighting from a plane over Alaska, which he attributed to the star Sirius.)

"The Wilbert Smith memo that Karl refers to was circulated, by Friedman, in 1979 (not 1982). Extracts are given in 'The Roswell Incident'. Stan had gotten it from Arthur Bray, a Canadian ufologist, strongly pro-ETH, the year before.

"According to Stan, he first learned the names of the MJ-12 members when Bill Moore read them out to him over the phone, soon after receiving

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the Eisenhower Briefing Document (EBD) in December 1984. It was at that point that Stan first heard about Menzel being associated with MJ-12.

"It is true that the other members were no surprise to Stan, as he and Bill Moore had been researching the archives of Vannevar Bush for at least two years and had discovered all these names (including Menzel) among Bush's papers in the National Archives. I have no reason to doubt Friedman's sincerity here - Menzel's name (over the phone) did come as a genuine surprise to him; the other names did not. One can surmise that the forger(s), (e.g. Moore/Doty) put Menzel on the list to cause consternation and confusion. After all, who would fall for it? Who indeed? Stanton Friedman for one!

"In early 1985 Stan went about researching Menzel's past, consulting numerous archives that he claims were never seen before by anyone. This is the crucial point. He may be right - I just don't know. Nor, probably does anyone else.

"Naturally Stan's discoveries about Menzel's long so-called 'double life' were just what he wanted - proof that Menzel was a 'double agent' in matters ufological. Hence Menzel was a fake, his 3 books were also fakes, and MJ-12 was therefore most probably authentic.

"This is in essence the Friedman argument, and he sticks by it, whatever we skeptics say. What Stan cannot and will not concede is that even if he was the first to discover this 'double life' career of Menzel, it has no relevance to ufology at all!..."

And, the above-mentioned WILLIAM MOORE writes:

"...Your apology is accepted - with the request that in the future if & when you plan any similar 'scoop', you have the decency to inform those involved prior to publication (whether it be me or anyone else.) The problem here was not so much in what you said or how you said it, as it was the fact that I was completely blindsided. In these days of ultraconservative mind-sets and relative intolerance toward anything 'unusual', someone in a different employment situation than mine might well have stood to lose their job over something like this. The words self-indulgent and insensitive come to mind, but I'll let the matter rest....

"As for 'Mr. Krass', anyone who delights in being referred to as a 'devil' can't be entirely well in the head - which, of course, is what I've said about him for years. The world has too many creeps of his kind as it is; therefore I have come to regard the prospect that there shall soon be one less of them as something of a blessing for mankind. In other words, since the man seems to prefer devils, I certainly don't wish to do anything to spoil his impending appointment to meet a lot more of them. 'Nuff said..."

Moore sounds pretty damn insensitive, himself! - Editor.

RICHARD DOTY, another key player in the MJ-12 drama, has written us a long letter, of which we can only reproduce a small part here:

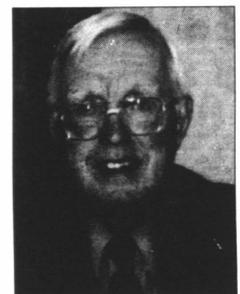
"...Gildenberg mentioned in his article that I was Falcon, and appeared live on the 1988 UFC Cover-Up program. Obviously, Mr. Gildenberg

sidelines

SNORTING THE DOG: Burglars who broke into a house in Essex found some powder in a pot marked "Charlie" and tried to snort it thinking it was cocaine. It was really the ashes of Dee Blyth's beloved dog. A policeman called to investigate found the ashes arranged in coke-style lines. *Worcester Eve. Mail, 13 Oct 2000.*

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John Schuessler

doesn't know his facts. On October 14th, 1988, I was a cadet in the New Mexico State Police Academy, Santa Fe, N.M. Unless Scotty beamed me up from Santa Fe to Los Angeles, I did not appear on that show! Robert Collins appeared live on that show. Go accuse him of being the Falcon! The person code-named Falcon was an employee of the Defense Intelligence Agency and was identified by Phil Klass some years ago. However, because the disclosure of this information and identity of Falcon would make Mr. Klass look like a fool, he failed to disclose Falcon's true identity!

"Paul Bennewitz did obtain classified information during his adventure. That information had nothing to do with UFOs. It did have something to do with an NSA project. That is why NSA took over the investigation of Paul..."

Saucer researcher ED MITCHEL writes as follows:

"Commander Moseley:

"I truly enjoyed touring West Virginia with you and Tom Benson and Antonio Huneeus. I managed to acquire a copy of the documentary 'Whispers from Space' and just finished watching it. You were in fine form, as usual. I found Ralph Coon a refreshingly different biographer. Yet, the thing I found conspicuous in its absence was the presence of Gray Barker. Of course, I never met the man, but the innocence and sense of wonder that permeate his writings were nowhere to be found except in portions of your interview.

"I arrived in Clarksburg with a very high opinion of Gray Barker. When I left, I actually thought somewhat more highly of him. Clearly you expended much effort to make the event the success it was. It was a pleasure meeting you, and I hope to have the pleasure of doing so again some day."

A very nice letter, indeed! - Editor.

And, ROB MARTIN writes:

"...Well, here's my situation: A year or so ago I stumbled across your 'Saucer Smear' website while chasing down some bit of Ufology or another, and very much enjoyed what I read. I soon broke down and mailed in a 'love offering' for a directly mailed paper version of your 'zine, and I recall how the price of that love offering is of no set amount. As I am cheap by nature and poor by design, I recall haggling with myself over how much to send. As well, I vaguely recall worrying over whether too little might be considered an insult to thy glorious Supremiosity. After...ohhh...maybe 10-15 seconds of deep worry and concern, I believe I settled on \$25.00 as a likely-sounding amount, but I cannot now recall exactly.

"Whatever I sent, it prompted a year's worth of 'Saucer Smear' sent directly to my door, when joy, laughter, and other benefits ensued upon receipt of each new issue. One of the 'other benefits' reaped after I'd completed reading your wonderful magazine came when I used it to line my cat's liter box - and she was promptly cured of her rectal cancer. I now plan to construct a hat made from your magazine for my mother-in-law!..."

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An estimated 100,000 Japanese are worrying about the weight of their souls, rather than their bodies. Their guru, former baby-care specialist Yuji Taniguchi, has told them that if their inner spirits are heavier than 10 kilograms they will die before the end of May. However, those with lighter souls will be rescued by a giant spaceship that can carry 100 million passengers, according to a channelled space alien called Maria. People will reduce the weight of their souls, Mr. Taniguchi claims, if they practice chanting: "What's your name? I feel wretched about myself, oh yay, yay."

Source: *Far Eastern Economic Review*.