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## CONTACT MADE IN WEST VIRGINIA

In one of the few seemingly reliable UFO contacts on the east coast a Parkersburg, West Va. man by the name of Woodrow Derenberger claims to have actually had a conversation with a being who emerged from a space ship near his home on Nov. 2nd, 1966.

Derenberger said it all started shortly before 7:30 while he was driving home from Marietta, West Va. As he approached the Route 47 interchange a "dark long object" traveling about the same speed as his econovan truck "cut in front of my vehicle and continued to travel at some distance sideways."

Derenberger described the craft as being dark, charcoal gray apparently made of some kind of metal and shaped something like an old kerosene lamp globe, having a flat bottom and a dome-like top. There was no visible lights and the object emitted a "fluttering soft noise" as it moved along the pavement, approximately 8 to 10 inches off the road, blocking the highway on his side.

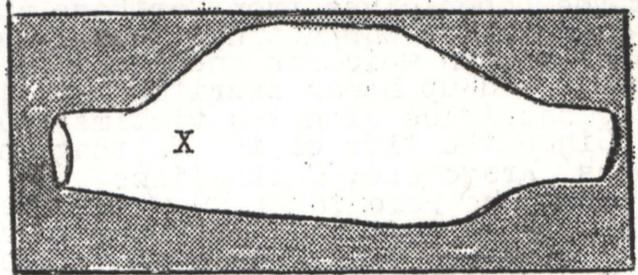
At this point, Derenberger said "a door in the side of the UFO opened, much like a car door, and a man stepped out." He approached Derenberger's truck and told him to roll down his window (the man was standing on the right hand side of the truck off the road on the curb). During the following "ten to fifteen minute conversation the saucer occupant communicated with Derenberger through thought waves or mental telepathy of some sort" with his lips being closed and an everpresent smile. The stranger was described as being six feet tall 35 to 40 years old "by our standards", 185 pounds, with dark hair slicked back and a dark complexion, "like a man with a good tan."

The being was wearing a top coat which hung between the ankles and the knees and a shirt buttoned at the neck, with trousers being visible below them. His clothing appeared to have "been made of blue material which had quite a shiny sheen, having a glistening effect."

The man then communicated, "Have no fear, we come from a country that is not nearly as powerful as yours. We mean you no harm, only happiness." Derenberger said the saucer hovered into a position 50 to 75 feet over the highway as the man spoke."

The being asked Derenberger what the lights were over there (pointing to Parkersburgh) and Derenberger replied that it was a city. The man then asked if this was a place people lived and Derenberger said it was only a place of business and the people lived in the outlying area. The intruder, then said "a similar place where I come from is called a gathering."

The man asked Derenberger if



Object as sketched by Woodrow Derenberger. X marks door way

he must work to live, and Derenberger replied that he did and then the man described himself as being a "searcher" and went by the name of "Cold."

Before parting the man said that "we" will make contact again and that he could notify local "officer" if he so wished. Then the man returned to the spacecraft and entered with another hand and another arm opening the door for him, and the vehicle rose directly up. Derenberger then went home & was visibly shaken, according to his wife, after which he called and related his experience to the Parkersburg Police.

Police said Air Force officers at higher levels would be contacted either in Washington or in Dayton, Ohio home of Project Blue Book.

Derenberger, who is the father of 2 children, attends church regularly and is willing to take a lie detector test or any other such device. Commenting further Derenberger said "It was the only time in my life that I can remember ever having been really scared."

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## MEL NOEL TO TAKE TRIP IN SAUCER!

According to reports received here contactee Mel Noel and others are supposed to take a ride on an Earth-made UFO sometime between now and the beginning of 1967. They'll make 3 stops in Europe and return to the U.S. and hover over some large city before landing. Representatives from TIME & LIFE are supposed to be aboard. Readers are reminded of similar promises made some years ago by Dr. George Marlo who was supposed to fly to Brazil in a saucer with a crew of inner earth people. Among those invited to go along were Jack Parr, Long John Nebel, Gray Barker, Ray Palmer, etc. To say the least no such trip ever was made. (Credit Mildred Higgins via Lucius Farish & Jim Capots, Jr.)



To the cultured Babylonians, who adopted the idea of the older people, and the Aztecs to the warlike Assyrians.

They were excellent astronomers we know; they could predict eclipses, had mapped the stars, and knew the revolution of the planet Venus. They understood the concept of zero as a number, and their calendar is famous.

They did not know the secret of using the wheel yet they still managed to build magnificent temples and pyramids. And then I found this curious bit of information.

The Mayas had strange ideas of beauty. They flattened the heads of their babies by binding them between boards. Compare this if you will to the ritual which the Northwest tribes called the Kwakwilt Cannibal Society of the North Pole.

In the book FOUR PSYCHOCANALYTIC STUDIED by Theodore Rijk (a student of Sigmund Freud) we discover the significance of initiation and puberty rites with their elaborate and impressive ceremonials. These can hardly be overestimated in the religious life and social organization of primitive people.

Discussing puberty Rijk points out the many similarities in the rites of Savages. For instance in Australian Tribes (such as the Wonghi Tribe of New South Wales) a part of the ceremony is knocking out a boy's teeth. When this is done a loud humming noise is heard from an instrument called a bull-roarer (similar to a Shofar or Ramshorn). Women are forbidden to be present at these ceremonies. The initiation of young men as witnessed by Frazer in the Jabim Tribes of New Guinea takes place at intervals of several years. The principle rite consists of circumcision which is performed on all youths before they are admitted to the rank of full grown men. The operation is performed in the forest, and then the boys must be kept in seclusion for a period of time. After 3 or 4 months of seclusion the boys are brought back. Then a man passes between them saying "O circumcised one, sit down."

In the West of Ceram boys at puberty are admitted to the Kakian Association. The boys are led in blindfolded, followed by their parents & relations. Each boy is led by the hand by 2 men who act as his guardians (like the Hebrew God Parents), looking after him during the period of initiation. The high priest calls aloud upon the devils. A noise is heard outside made by men with bamboo trumpets. The youths who enter certain societies in the Congo are subjected to a number of tests and are then put into trance and immersed in the fetish house. Among the Kai people with the bull-roarer and the monster are named Ngasa, which means "grandfather" of the tribe. Again we see the many similarities developing here.

Among the Bukau, balum denoted the secret cult of the male Papuans which centers around an uncanny being to whom is ascribed all unfortunate events such as spring tides, earth-quakes, etc.

In Varua Levu, one of the largest of the Fijian Islands, a child was considered to be more closely related to his grandfather than to his father.

Among the Korescin Islanders the novices are led into a forest to a tree on which black ants run up and down, the tree is shaken until ants fall down and bite the boy's neck. At each blow the men give the candidates for circumcision a saying such as "If anyone does you harm spear him." This is quite a parallel to this procedure among civilized people; the ceremonial of knight-riding in the Middle Ages was associated with the admonition to avenge every future blow. Similar customs of the Australian and African tribes were done in America by the Indians there also.

Many of these rites were accompanied by fasting and observing certain dietary laws and water immersions.

The Arunta of Central Australia derive the institution of circumcision from god-like beings, just as the Jews in the Old Testament. The operation was introduced by the Manga Rkunjerkunka, who formed human beings in the primeval period; when it fell into disuse, or was badly carried out, two hawk-men came from the north and performed the circumcision with a stone knife on the men dwelling in the south.

By this time bits and pieces started to fit together. Cosmic gods, ramhorns, Grandfathers, etc. However I couldn't figure out the age difference between the Hebrews who performed the rite of circumcision at 8 days and the other tribes who did it at puberty. I began to wonder if some of these tribes were visited by men from outer space and given the same laws. I was to find the answer of the age difference in the Bible and then I was off to a study of extraterrestrial life never dreaming that looking up information about various ancient rites, whose origin is yet unknown, would set me on the "trail of the flying saucers." (TO BE CONTINUED)

#### DR. FONTES IN U.S. TO DISCUSS "SAUCERS"

Brazil's leading UFO authority Dr. Olavo T. Fontes was recently in the US to talk with Jacques Vallee & Prof. J. Allen Hynek about setting up a committee among the scientific community to study the UFO phenomenon on a global scale. The initial meetings were held in Chicago under a cloak of secrecy.

At the same time Dr. Fontes stated that UFO sightings in Brazil were considered SERIOUS BUSINESS by the government.

Already such an international group is being set up with the help of Edgar Simons of the Belgium UFO Study Circle and SEARCHLIGHT's own Timothy Green Beckley. It is expected that the group

will consist of scientific UFOlogists in a good 18 or 20 countries. Including many communist block nations. Already a giant step has been taken in that direction with the publishing of a major book entitled UFO'S AROUND THE WORLD which is now available from SEARCHLIGHT headquarters at only \$3.00. Chapters are included by Jacques Vallee, Frank Edwards, Prof. Oberth, Ivan T. Sanderson & many others. Some 18 countries are represented including Russia, Cuba & Red China. Many of our readers will find the various landing and contact stories from these foreign countries of major interest. Copies are IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE! We hope all readers will order a copy.

the use of which can only be guessed at. Carved in the walls of this room are many niches, the base of which are like bunk beds, they have hollows scooped out for the head and body as well as the feet of 4 foot high individuals, while some are even smaller.

Leading from this room is a small narrow passage-way which leads downward, ending in another even larger underground room. A room which has narrow slit like entrances into other small caves which surround it. One opening, however, is a window into another cave, the entrance of which is covered by a huge slab of stone. This window looks down into what was evidently a prison, but how any beings 4 feet tall were able to manipulate the huge stone slab, must remain a mystery - perhaps for all time.

An opening in the wall opposite the entrance to this cave leads to a passage narrow and torturous, the entrance to the real caves. This passage ends on a pathway which extends along the side of a vast cleft in the earth, a pathway which leads ever downward to the long underground tunnels and series of caves which are reputed to allow the venturesome one to traverse the entire length of the island and EVEN FURTHER.

Legend has it that these passageways at one time connected with the underground crypts from which the Catacombs of Rome were created. This may very well be true for the reader must remember that the Mediterranean Sea was created after neolithic times by huge earthquakes and the shifting of the earth's crust. Therefore, while the ancient tunnels may have existed they might have been closed by cataclysms of this type, with only the knowledge of them coming down to us in legends which still persist.

There is an article written by; "Miss Lois Jessup", who is the secretary of the "New York Saucer Information Bureau" (better known simply as NYSIB) which appeared in an old issue of Riley Crabb's BORDERLAND SCIENCE (and recently reprinted in full in the book ENIGMA FANTASTIQUE by Dr. Allen available from Mr. Beckley at \$5.00). This article relates her trip to visit these caves, a visit which happened before the entrance of the caves leading from the 3rd chamber were sealed off. Her story relates a view of weird type beings in these vast caverns. For plain suspense it shouldn't be missed.

The tunnels under the "Hypogeum" have been sealed off ever since a school took 30 students into the caves and disappeared guide and all. It was stated that the walls caved in on them. Strange to relate however, searching parties were never able to locate any trace of these people and children.

It has been asserted that for weeks the wailing and screaming of children was heard underground in different parts of the island but no one could locate the source of the sound. If the walls caved in why the cavein could not be found and excavating to free those children, who were trapped underground, could not be undertaken remain unanswered questions.

How the children could live to scream for weeks later is another unanswered question. At any rate the underground entrance to the caves in Malta has been sealed off and no one is allowed to enter, NOR IS ANYTHING ALLOWED OUT!

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A W H E E L W I T H I N A W H E E L by Yolanda Pimentel  
PART TWO

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In part one of this series we discussed how the various customs of the North American Indian tribes were similar in many respects. The same is true of the South American tribes as we shall see from the following.

INCAS - Religious life centered on the worship of the God Viracocha, said to be the supreme deity. A Bearded white man, who created other gods, men and animals, and who had given culture to the people.

ARAUCANIANS OF CHILE - They prayed in public ceremonials and private rites to a SUPREME DEITY, or creator god, as well as to a number of lesser spirits. Certain Araucanian shamanistic practices, unknown elsewhere in South America, were curiously similar to those of Siberia and the Arctic; they included drumming on a tambourine (also done by the Tulama Tribe in Africa by adolescent boys prior to their circumcision), wearing the clothing of the opposite sex and other rites.

THE TROPICAL FOREST IN SOUTH AMERICA - Some of the spirits of these tribes were celestial beings identified with the sun, moon, stars, sky and clouds. A "Grandfather" culture hero, sometimes identified with the thunder god, had great influence among the Tupians. This Grandfather Cult promised a happier life in a future world in the Land of the Grandfather and led many Tupian groups to make long migrations to other parts of the continent in search of the promised country.

Group ceremonies included harvest and fertility rites. These special rites were taboo to women and children (a very common practice among many tribes) and were conducted during the initiation of boys into a man's society or an ancient cult.

Boys and girls were both subjected to certain rites and ordeals at puberty. Girls were whipped and sacrificed while boys were circumcised and had their noses pierced and were required to prove their courage by being tied in a bed of biting ants.

Some of the marginal Tribes and certain Carribean Indians are still so primitive that many of them have even forgotten how to make a fire and must carry burning brands on their travels.

MAYAS - Mayans worshiped Kulian (similar to Kohanim or Kohanimidol which is Hebrew for High Priest) the images of which show him to be very much like a white man with a beard.

Certain books and documents about these amazing people and the Aztecs and Toltecs and other findings show that they lived in lower Mexico, Guantamala, and Honduras by the year 2000 B.C.

One writer has compared the Toltecs to the inventive Sumerians, the Mayas