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**Jung peers  
into the  
mind to  
explain . . .**

# **THE MYTH OF THE FLYING SAUCERS**

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**THE RUSSIANS** have been responsible for most of the "flying saucers" sighted throughout the world in the past 10 years.

So says Dr Carl Gustav Jung, the Swiss psychologist, in his latest work, "Flying Saucers" (Routledge Kegan and Paul).

But they have not done it by filling the air with spaceships. They have done it by filling the human mind with fear.

The Communist threat of world tyranny leading to the arms race, with its H-bombs and ballistic rockets, says Jung, has put millions of perfectly sane people into a state of emotional tension.

When man feels frightened and helpless his primitive instinct is to look to the heavens for guidance.

Under duress of fear he convinces himself he sees something which he portrays as a sign, a warning or a symbol of hope.

That is the explanation of most of the flying lights, hovering spheres and other forms of unidentified flying objects reported from

most every country, says 83-year-old Jung, who is the last survivor of psychology's pioneer trio — Freud, Jung and Adler.

## **Messengers**

That is why millions desperately want to believe in the existence of messengers from some other world — messengers perhaps with power enough to compel warring factions on earth to settle their differences before they destroy themselves.

This explanation by the world's most experienced student of the human mind sounds far-fetched until it is considered in the light of evidence which he puts forward to support it:

The spate of postwar flying saucers is no new phenomenon. It has occurred throughout history, usually at times of widespread fear and superstition.

Thus, in 1566, an illustrated broadsheet published in Basle described high-speed globes behaving in typical saucer fashion.

● Basically the human mind has not changed much in the past 400 years.

Thus, in 1938, a U.S. radio broadcast of H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds" sent thousands fleeing into the streets.

Many of them were convinced they had seen Martians landing, fires and destruction.

● In the past, "things" seen in the sky have often been given religious significance.

Thus, medieval "flying saucers" were often described as having the shape of a cross.

## **Angels**

In World War I, there were many independent witnesses of angels of Mons—warriors in the sky who kept the Germans at bay.

It is typical, says Jung, that in a technological age like ours, the "things" should be seen as mechanical structures like spaceships with portholes and lights.

Many people dream about flying saucers, and analysis of these dreams supports the theory that objects come from "the unconscious background which has always expressed itself in images."

Jung does not claim that his theory explains all saucer sightings. He exempts those said to have been recorded on radar sets.

These have physical explanations, according to "Daily Express" science writer, Chapman Pincher.

Thus, one radar saucer sighting in Britain proved to be a weather balloon.

## **Profitable**

Many mysterious sightings of mass saucer flights have been proved to be small, migrating birds.

There is one aspect of the twentieth century flying saucer flareup which Jung ignores—the fact that many people have found them profitable.

Books written round out-



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rageous claims of meetings with men from other planets and actual flights round the moon have sold in thousands.

There is a brisk trade for saucer lectures, especially in the U.S.

"As I see it," said Pincher, "this astonishing credulity supports Jung's theory. People desperately want to believe in flying saucers."

As Jung puts it, "We have here a golden opportunity to see how a legend is formed, and how in a difficult and dark time for humanity a miraculous tale grows up of an attempted intervention by extra terrestrial 'heavenly' powers . . ."