

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

# SEEING IS BELIEVING

Gossamer-like threads settle all over the place in a small country town in New South Wales. "Spider webs", say the insect specialists from the Museum. "Angels Hair, from an Unidentified Flying Object", say the UFO pepole.

Both rush to be quoted, then send representatives to go and take a closer look. At a far distance we read our papers and take our choice according to our predispositions about flying saucers and our liking for naturalistic explanations.

Some of us still would not be any wiser, however, if we were covered in the stuff. Spiders we know about; flying saucers take a lot more swallowing. The UFO men will have to do a lot of hard talking before they convince anyone.

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Most of us, unless downright derisive about the whole business, will prefer to remain agnostic on the score of interplanetary visitors. We would need to find ourselves herded aboard a saucer by little green men and to be on our way to Mars before we would begin to be convinced.

**"I will believe in flying saucers when I see one,"** might be our long-

suffering plaint when pressed hard by an apostle of UFOs.

Come to think of it, how will I recognise the first saucer that I come across? If I see crescent shapes in the sky trailing clouds of luminous sparks, will that satisfy me? Or will I demand the full green-man treatment?

The other night I thought it was a sky-rocket I saw. There have been times when I thought it was strange behaviour by a shooting star — well perhaps I will just be agnostic until it happens to me.

## Religious Agnostics

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The world is full of agnostics. Religious agnostics too — even some clergymen. The derisive ones can put on a very superior air when they say, "If God wants me to believe in Him, then why doesn't He do something to prove Himself. Convince me!"

What would we be asking for when we say that? Sky-writing perhaps? Claps of thunder when we thought that nobody was looking?

**Would I really know what to look for when God gave me His proof? Perhaps there is enough already and I have been predisposed to miss it.**

Wouldn't it be a terrible thing to find yourself on the way to Mars in a Flying Saucer you didn't believe in?

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