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ufos and esotericism

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by charles lear from the days of flying

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saucers in the 1940s and 1950s

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up until the present where many now

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prefer the term unidentified aerial

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phenomena

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uap investigators and researchers have

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approached the mystery

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using scientific methods however this is

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not the case for all who have sought

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00:01:05,270 --> 00:01:03,039

answers as to the source and purpose

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00:01:06,710 --> 00:01:05,280

of the reported encounters with strange

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things in our skies

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many have turned to esotericism in

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addition to science

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as a means of inquiry this approach has

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actually been present from the very

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beginning of modern ufology

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and those interested in the subject

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might consider looking into it

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even if only from a historical or

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sociological perspective

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esoteric is defined by the

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merriam-webster dictionary as

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00:01:31,670 --> 00:01:29,600

designed for or understood by the

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00:01:33,749 --> 00:01:31,680

specially initiated alone

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when one talks of esotericism in

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association with ufos or the paranormal

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one is usually referring to what has

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become known as western esotericism

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which is a term used to describe a

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loosely connected group of religious and

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philosophical ideas

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that deviate from judeo-christian

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beliefs and post-enlightenment

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00:01:53,910 --> 00:01:51,600

rationalism

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00:01:55,749 --> 00:01:53,920

by the late 19th century organized

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00:01:57,590 --> 00:01:55,759

groups and secret societies

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had developed around these esoteric

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ideas two of the most prominent being

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the hermetic order of the golden dawn

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00:02:06,230 --> 00:02:04,240

and the theosophical society

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00:02:08,150 --> 00:02:06,240

both of these adhered to the belief that

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00:02:10,469 --> 00:02:08,160

there is a group of cosmic beings

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00:02:12,790 --> 00:02:10,479

that can be contacted by adepts who wish

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00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:12,800

to receive ancient wisdom and advice

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00:02:16,229 --> 00:02:15,360

the theosophical society still exists

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00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:16,239

today

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00:02:20,949 --> 00:02:18,800

arguably the first group to investigate

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00:02:23,110 --> 00:02:20,959  
claims of a mysterious flying object

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00:02:24,309 --> 00:02:23,120  
was the borderland sciences research

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00:02:26,309 --> 00:02:24,319  
association

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00:02:27,910 --> 00:02:26,319  
formed in southern california by mead

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00:02:30,790 --> 00:02:27,920  
lane along with max

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00:02:32,869 --> 00:02:30,800  
freedom long bsra was an association

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00:02:35,030 --> 00:02:32,879  
dedicated to paranormal research

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00:02:36,070 --> 00:02:35,040  
and included parapsychologists

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00:02:38,949 --> 00:02:36,080  
spiritualists

60  
00:02:39,910 --> 00:02:38,959  
and theosophists their research methods

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00:02:41,750 --> 00:02:39,920  
included yoga

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:41,760  
kabbalistic technique and spirit

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00:02:45,110 --> 00:02:43,920

channeling their main spirit channeler

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was mark probert

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00:02:49,670 --> 00:02:47,760

the telegnostic from san diego the group

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00:02:52,150 --> 00:02:49,680

put out its first newsletter the round

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00:02:53,509 --> 00:02:52,160

robin in february 1945

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00:02:55,430 --> 00:02:53,519

it wasn't long before they were

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00:02:56,790 --> 00:02:55,440

investigating what they called the

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00:02:59,750 --> 00:02:56,800

aethership mystery

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the october 1946 issue of round robin

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has an article by mead lane titled

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welcome carita

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a sighting reported the lane via

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telephone by mark probert

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00:03:11,270 --> 00:03:09,040  
probert said he and a boy watching a

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00:03:13,350 --> 00:03:11,280  
meteor shower saw an object

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00:03:15,350 --> 00:03:13,360  
about the size of an extremely large

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00:03:17,509 --> 00:03:15,360  
plane with two reddish lights

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00:03:18,949 --> 00:03:17,519  
he said he saw it twice at first moving

81  
00:03:21,030 --> 00:03:18,959  
faster than any plane

82  
00:03:22,550 --> 00:03:21,040  
and then flying across the moon

83  
00:03:24,390 --> 00:03:22,560  
according to him the flapping of its

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00:03:27,270 --> 00:03:24,400  
swings was plainly visible

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00:03:29,030 --> 00:03:27,280  
he described it as somewhat luminous the

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00:03:31,190 --> 00:03:29,040  
boy fernando estevan

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00:03:33,110 --> 00:03:31,200  
corroborated probert's description

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00:03:35,350 --> 00:03:33,120

saying it was certainly not a plane

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00:03:37,589 --> 00:03:35,360

no plane could maneuver that way in

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00:03:39,430 --> 00:03:37,599

addition to those of probert and estevan

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00:03:41,430 --> 00:03:39,440

11 other witness descriptions from

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different areas around san diego are

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included

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after the witness descriptions lane

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tells his readers

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00:03:49,270 --> 00:03:47,280

what we are about to do will delight our

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00:03:49,990 --> 00:03:49,280

enemies make the blood of our best

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00:03:51,990 --> 00:03:50,000

friends run

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00:03:53,670 --> 00:03:52,000

cold we are going to declare our

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00:03:55,830 --> 00:03:53,680

personal editorial

101  
00:03:57,030 --> 00:03:55,840  
present and tentative acceptance of

102  
00:03:58,949 --> 00:03:57,040  
certain psychic

103  
00:04:00,309 --> 00:03:58,959  
mediumistic and clear audient

104  
00:04:01,990 --> 00:04:00,319  
communications

105  
00:04:04,070 --> 00:04:02,000  
lane then includes a statement by

106  
00:04:04,869 --> 00:04:04,080  
probert who received information about

107  
00:04:07,429 --> 00:04:04,879  
the object

108  
00:04:07,990 --> 00:04:07,439  
by his clear audience according to

109  
00:04:10,309 --> 00:04:08,000  
probert

110  
00:04:12,229 --> 00:04:10,319  
the object called a carita was sent to

111  
00:04:15,190 --> 00:04:12,239  
our planet by people from a far

112  
00:04:17,110 --> 00:04:15,200  
off planet it had ten thousand parts was

113  
00:04:18,150 --> 00:04:17,120

made of balsam wood coated with a thin

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00:04:20,229 --> 00:04:18,160

layer of alloy

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00:04:21,990 --> 00:04:20,239

and the wings were operated by small yet

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00:04:23,990 --> 00:04:22,000

powerful electric motors

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00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:24,000

the people who sent the ship did so to

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00:04:28,070 --> 00:04:26,160

make contact and hoped to make a landing

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00:04:29,430 --> 00:04:28,080

before a group of scientists at an

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00:04:31,749 --> 00:04:29,440

isolated spot

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00:04:33,030 --> 00:04:31,759

after this the aethership mystery was

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included among the group's

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investigations

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in 1950 bsra published the aethership

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mystery and its solution

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00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:41,840

a booklet for public information written

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by mead lane

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00:04:46,870 --> 00:04:45,040

among lane's conclusions were that the

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mystery ships materialize

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out of the etheric plane known as

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etherea that little men may have

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actually been

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00:04:55,430 --> 00:04:53,919

our size but shrinkage may have occurred

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00:04:57,430 --> 00:04:55,440

during materialization

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00:04:59,110 --> 00:04:57,440

that then present-day science was not

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00:05:01,189 --> 00:04:59,120

equipped to deal with the mystery

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00:05:02,629 --> 00:05:01,199

and that the occultism of today is the

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00:05:04,870 --> 00:05:02,639

science of tomorrow

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00:05:07,029 --> 00:05:04,880

a modern-day swedish researcher who has

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00:05:08,710 --> 00:05:07,039

looked deeply into esoteric influences

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00:05:10,790 --> 00:05:08,720

on ufo investigation

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is hokum blankfest a doctor of

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00:05:14,629 --> 00:05:12,960

philosophy and director of the institute

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00:05:16,510 --> 00:05:14,639

of contemporary history

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blankfest was one of the founders in

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00:05:20,390 --> 00:05:17,840

1973

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of the archives for ufo research now

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archives for the unexplained

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and is still active with the

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organization today blunkfist wrote a

151  
00:05:31,110 --> 00:05:27,919  
book on ufos in esotericism

152  
00:05:31,749 --> 00:05:31,120  
published in 2013 titled return of the

153  
00:05:34,390 --> 00:05:31,759  
gods

154  
00:05:36,310 --> 00:05:34,400  
ufos in the esoteric tradition it has

155  
00:05:39,830 --> 00:05:36,320  
not been translated to english

156  
00:05:41,270 --> 00:05:39,840  
but in 2017 blankfest released the pdf

157  
00:05:43,510 --> 00:05:41,280  
collection of his blog

158  
00:05:45,830 --> 00:05:43,520  
hokum blankfest's blog titled

159  
00:05:47,830 --> 00:05:45,840  
esotericism and ufo research

160  
00:05:51,430 --> 00:05:47,840  
a selection and compilation of blog

161  
00:05:53,749 --> 00:05:51,440  
entries 2013-2017

162  
00:05:56,150 --> 00:05:53,759  
blankfest informs his readers that the

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founders of sweden's ufo movement in the

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1950s

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were active members of the theosophical

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society adyar

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according to him when the contactees

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came to prominence

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after the 1953 publication of george

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adamski's book

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the flying saucers of landed co-authored

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with desmond leslie

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there were two camps among the world's

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ufo researchers

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those who were open to the claims of the

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contactees and those who dismissed them

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outright the contactees claims of

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communication both verbal and psychic

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with otherworldly beings fit in with the

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beliefs of the theosophists

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because most of the swedish ufo

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researchers were theosophists

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sweden became a contactee friendly

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country blankfest identifies the main

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influence in the development of sweden's

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ufo movement as edith nicolaisen

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who founded the new age publishing

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company parthenon

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according to him nicolaisen and the

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three women making up parthenon's

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board were all active members of the

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theosophical society adyar

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nicolason began a correspondence with

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adamski

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in 1954 and published his and leslie's

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book in swedish the first ufo book

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published in that language

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in nineteen fifty seven there was a

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shift in 1966

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with the publication of a book by k

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the flying saucers documents and

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theories gren was the swedish regional

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director of the american-based aerial

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research organization apra was very

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scientific in their approach to the

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and dismissive of the contactees renton

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was also scientific in his approach

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and his book had an influence among

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swedish researchers

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ufo organizations in sweden began to

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form that were more science-based and

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the most prominent of these

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was ufo sweden formed in 1970. the

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organization is still

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active today and manages afu blunkfest

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was a member in 1973 when he helped

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found afu

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and is still an active member today in

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spite of the organization's emphasis on

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science

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those with esoteric beliefs were and

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still are

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welcome to participate today many

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researchers around the world approach

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the ufo mystery

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with a combination of science and

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esotericism

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the esoteric aspect ranges from

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entertaining the idea that we are being

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contacted by intelligences

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that exist in another dimension to

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attempts in initiating contact by

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psychic means

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dr j alan heineck jacques villa and john

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all researchers with backgrounds in

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science greatly influenced the adoption

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of this approach

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as they all came to the conclusion that

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science alone was not up to the task of

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solving the mystery

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as valid as this sort of approach might