

The Cult Of The Two (1)

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[From the Moderator: Heaven's Gate stuff is off-topic for this list. I'm passing through a few messages because the topic is "hot," but most discussion should take place elsewhere, unless there is a link to Area 51. -- GC]

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Part I

I first heard about the Heaven's Gate cult in January, 1994, only back then they were calling themselves "The Total Overcomers" or "The Overcomers". It was during a board meeting for the UFO organization I chaired that one member presented a flyer she had gotten from a friend about a group of people who were giving presentations about a "level above humanness" and UFOs. The board member also said she had seen them interviewed on the ten o'clock news by a local TV station.

No one on the board of directors had ever heard of such a group so we began to investigate. I contacted all the facilities where they had given their presentations in Dallas and got descriptions of the group and their claims. I left a message on the voice mail station they had set up and they soon returned my call. Two women spoke with me, one on each extension. As I was to later discover, they always spoke in pairs or twos. Whether this reflected some system of organization or in reverence to the title the leaders once used, "The Two", I do not know. Eventually I arranged for them to come to the town where I lived and talk about what their group.

I never told them I represented a UFO organization because I wanted them to speak just as if we were any audience they may be trying to reach with their message. Neither did the other two board members who came to the meeting acknowledge their involvement in the study of UFOs and related phenomena and we all pretended to be complete strangers.

Right on time, four of "The Total Overcomers", 3 females and one male, arrived at the clubhouse reserved for the meeting. I had brought some cokes, vegetables, chips and dips for refreshments after the meeting. The thin, lank "Overcomers" began eating the snacks as if they had not eaten in days! They were all above average in height, wore the same, very short hair styles, tennis shoes, the women wore no make-up, no jewelry and all dressed in baggy, shirts and pants. They took it upon themselves to arrange the seating in the room so that they sat in four chairs at the front of the room facing the audience.

Due to the impromptu nature of scheduling the meeting in just two days, only a few people showed up. Counting myself and the two other board members, there were a total of about ten to eleven people in attendance. I asked the four Overcomers if I could video tape the meeting and they agreed. One of the board members also audio taped the presentation for back up.

They told us they had been in the "classroom" for eighteen years and their "Elders" had decided they were ready to go out into the world and find the others who had been "implanted" with a certain "deposit of recognition" regarding that Kingdom Level's existence. They said they had been "separate from the world" - practicing "non-sexual, non-mammalian behavior" for the past 18 years. According to their handouts, "If you don't want *out* of the human kingdom, you don't want *into* the Kingdom Level Above Human."

They spoke for a long time about how religions have "unknowingly" become victims of slavery to Luciferian forces or "space races" as they called them and who represent themselves as "gods" but are nothing more than technically advanced humans "clinging to human behavior" from previous civilizations. They said these beings use the "discarnate" (spirit) world to keep humans

preoccupied with their addictions and travel in "primitive UFOs". ("The Next Level-the *true Kingdom of God* has the only truly advanced space-time travel vehicles, or spacecrafts," according to their flyer.)

The four Overcomers described the "Level Above Human" as a PHYSICAL Kingdom Level above the human kingdom "with souls, minds and *bodies* - not just spirit". They claimed that beings from the "Level Above Human" would come down in their ships and take "crews" who had been taught to transcend their humanness and give them "new" bodies which would be better suited for survival in the "Kingdom Level Above Human". They described human physical bodies as only *containers* (like "suits of clothes") for souls which are our "true identities".

Two of the Overcomers, the man and one woman seemed to do most of the talking but said none of them were "leaders" of the group. They spoke of how the "24 Elders" had been teaching them to overcome their humanness. They said sometimes they would get up in the morning and their classrooms would be totally rearranged. The Elders, they explained, said this "program" was to keep them from becoming fixed on anything remaining the same and to teach them to accept the unexpected. They spoke of the "Elders" with great fondness and affection.

During the entire 2 hour 16 minute meeting, all four Overcomers sat very straight in their chairs, hands folded in their laps and their feet either crossed or flat on the floor. If one crossed his/her feet, the others eventually mimicked this stance. Usually they all sat with very proper posture, hands folded in their laps and both feet flat on the floor.

Near the end of the meeting they accepted questions from the audience. Those in attendance were very open and expressed genuine interest in the philosophies described by the four speakers. At one point, the male Overcomer said most people of the world had been programmed or "brainwashed" to believe Luciferian lies. I asked him how he knew his "Elders" had not brainwashed THEM into believing in the "Level Above Human" as mind control is a very subtle process. For the first time, he reacted with intense emotion and yelled, "HOW DARE YOU!!" A very visible "ripple" could be seen flowing through all four speakers and they all looked very pointedly at the male. He seemed to blush for a second then sat back in his chair while the female speaker to his left calmly resumed the conversation with me. He had reacted as a "human" and they all seemed to disapprove of this.

They said that only adults could come with them and if anyone wished to join them, they had to leave with them right then. I asked them their names and they each told me names different from the ones they had told me on the phone. I asked them why they kept changing their names and they said because there were family members trying to locate members who had joined them and these people did not want to be found. When asked if they had a mailing address, they would only give a P.O. Box in Richardson, Texas. They said the telephone number used on their fliers was a temporary voice mail and would soon be disconnected.

We thanked them for their time and they climbed into a late model economy car and left. The next day I called and spoke with them further. Two days later, when I called, the phone was disconnected. I wrote a review of the investigation and posted it on a UFO bulletin board on Prodigy. A couple of days later, the man and one woman from the group who gave the talk called and expressed anger about my post on Prodigy. I asked them how they had read my post and they said they "monitor" all UFO bulletin boards. I told them I had a right to my opinions and they said, "We'll be WATCHING you!" I asked them if they were threatening me and they repeated that they would be "WATCHING" me. I said that was fine with me as I would be "WATCHING" them too!

During the investigation of this cult, I was in daily contact with Dr. Karla Turner, a researcher in Arkansas (she passed away in January, 1996) and Barbara Bartholic, a researcher in Oklahoma. As I described the group and some of their philosophies to Barbara, she said it sounded a lot like an old UFO group led by a man and woman from the seventies who called themselves "Bo and Peep", or "Him and Her" or "The Two".

Barbara said they had once invited her to witness the "landing" of the UFOs who they believed were coming to pick them up and take them to the stars. She and a camera crewman from a local TV station arrived to film the event. The night was very stormy and the rain was coming down in torrents. Barbara said many "strange phenomena" occurred but no UFOs or ships ever landed and the group moved on. Before they left, she did manage to interview several members including Applewhite. That tape still exists.

Acting on Barbara's tip, I began researching everything I could find on "Bo and Peep". Dr. Turner also communicated with various researchers and investigators around the country and they began sending me all kinds of old newspaper clippings and information about the cult until I had a file almost

an inch thick!

Dr. Turner tried everything she could to locate the group and attend their next lecture. When they were scheduled to appear at a New Age church in Arkansas, she went to the church, several miles from her town, but the Overcomers (who were then calling themselves "The Level Above") had cancelled and did not show up. Dr. Turner was beside herself with frustration. Then at the Ozark UFO Conference in Eureka Springs in April of 1994, she discovered the group had just appeared next door at the "Lone Star Bar" (a make-shift bar for conference attendees and researchers) that Saturday night and she had just missed them once again. She was hopping mad because she seemed to come so close but not close enough. But the next day they showed up at the conference and she finally got her chance to interview the group.

To Be Continued.....(Much more to the story.)

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