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### Re: Information needed on VanTassel

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Date: Mon, 30 Mar 98 18:34:21 PST  
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> Date: Fri, 20 Mar 1998 19:37:32 -0500  
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> > Date: Fri, 20 Mar 1998 07:52:23 -0000

> > I am doing some research for someone who emailed me asking for  
> > help to find information on VanTassel, I have been unsuccessful  
> > and was hoping someone here could help.

> Jerome Clark's The UFO Encyclopedia, vol. 2, Pgs. 390-391 discusses Van  
> Tassel at length. Van Tassel died in 1978. Sources are also given. This  
> book is in print or available through inter-library loan.

> Tom Benson

Tom,

Thanks for the plug. The same information appears in the paperback abridgement, 'The UFO Book', available in your local bookstore.

Though almost forgotten today, George Van Tassel was arguably the most influential contactee of the 1950s, maybe of all time, even more so than George Adamski. The modern contactee movement begins with the public channelings Van Tassel began in southern California in January 1952. His 'I Rode a Flying Saucer!' appeared the same year, predating the Leslie/Adamski 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' by nearly a year.

Jerry Clark

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